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Good Evening, Everybody:-

The anxiety over that missing yacht the Curlew, is growing more tense every hour. The latest is that not only Navy seaplanes are preparing to join the Coast Guard ships in the search; Uncle Sam's Navy dirigible, the Akron, also left its moorings to patrol the ocean and find the boat.

According to the New York Sun, there are today more than one hundred units of the Coast Guard looking for her, for the Curlew. She is only a 49-foot ketch, and she carries a crew of not more than six men.

But there's one thing about being lost at sea these days. You have a host of people searching and trying to save you.

The Curlew has been missing four days now. The last of the other 27 yachts that started on the same race was a Bermuda fishing sloop which entered the harbor of Hamilton, Bermuda, under sail today. All 27 boats met foul weather and high seas immediately after they started.

Meanwhile eighteen persons ^{have just been} ~~were~~ rescued from a grounded yacht ^{on} ~~off~~ the Pacific Coast, ~~today~~. They ha^d ~~ve~~ been drifting in the fog without food since Saturday night.

The yacht left Santa Monica, California, for the island of Santa Cruz, on Saturday. Late Saturday night ^{she} ~~the yacht~~ became ~~is~~ lost in the fog, and ran out of fuel. All day Sunday and Monday she drifted hopelessly until she grounded on a reef. The yachting party was finally rescued ^{today by} ~~by the county~~ life guards in a light surf boat. All the passengers were ~~both~~ exhausted and terrified.

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FLIERS - Follow Lead

But there's no discouraging the spirit of the adventurous. Two aviators from the Southwest hurtled into the air from Floyd Bennett field, ~~on~~ L.I., at five o'clock this morning, and headed for Harbor Grace on another trip around the world. These aviators are Jim Mattern and Bennett Griffin. They are hot after the round the world record of their friends, Wiley Post and Harold Gatty. In fact, they hope to be back in New York within six days.

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At one o'clock Eastern Standard Time this afternoon, a plane which was presumed to be that of the round-the world fliers, was seen near St. Johns, Newfoundland. It was wandering in a heavy fog and rain, seeking a landing place. A note was dropped from the plane asking for directions. Meanwhile the heavy rain and fog were lifting north of St. Johns.

The fliers finally made a landing at Harbor Grace
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at 2:57 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. They had been wandering
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around for more than two hours in the fog and rain over north-eastern Newfoundland. They had overshot their mark considerably. The point where they had been seen when they asked for directions was near Cape Freels, one hundred and twenty-five miles north of Harbor Grace.

Mattern and Griffin reached their first destination just as the government had ordered all local wireless stations as well as amateurs to be on the lookout for them.

From my dizzy perch, far up on top of the World's Tallest Building, where I watch the news of the day, it looked like perfect flying weather. But, evidently it wasn't so good in Newfoundland.

GERMAN FLIERS

The papers are full of adventure stories tonight.

All this follows appropriately on the finding of those two German aviators in the Australian Bush. This, to my mind, is one of the ~~most~~ dramatic tales of the year. I happen to know ^{some of} that ~~and~~ Australian Bush country, and for a couple of men to have kept themselves alive there for seven weeks was quite a feat. They're lucky.

For five days Captain Bertram and his mechanic were adrift at sea without food or water. According to a United Press dispatch ~~to~~ the Chicago Daily News, on one occasion a steamer passed not more than a mile away from them. Their desperate and futile efforts to attract attention only left them weaker.

When they finally drifted ashore, they lay prostrate on the beach for quite a while. Then they made their way into the Bush and for seven weeks lived on snails, gum - the Australian gum trees exude a gum that is not at all bad to eat - also shrubs and such game as they could knock down. ~~In a dispatch from~~ A dispatch

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from Berlin informs us that Captain Bertram intends to continue his flight from Australia to French Indo China by way of Batavia, Bali, Celebes, Borneo, and the Philippines.

POLITICS

You may have thought there would be a lull in the political world today. ^{At any rate for a change I haven't commenced} ~~But the aftermath of the convention was~~ ^{with political news.}
~~still evident in rumors and speculations.~~

Well, The most important developments ^{today} are these:

According to a report in the New York World Telegram, assurances of growing support for Governor Roosevelt came from several quarters. ~~today.~~ (Tammany leaders openly said they were positive Al Smith would soon come out for the entire Democratic ticket. Mayor Jimmie Walker of New York announced that he would support Governor Roosevelt and, of course, the platform.) Mayor Hague of Jersey City, ~~New Jersey,~~ came out with a similar statement. Connecticut Democrats also promised to be in line. ^{All of these were Al Smith followers.}

On the other hand, though Tammany pledges its faithful support for the Democratic nominee and platform, an episode occurred yesterday which is considered significant in some quarters. ^{Newspapers today are commenting on that} ~~There was an~~ Independence Day celebration ~~yesterday~~ ^{evening} at Tammany Hall. When Al Smith's name came up there were

wild cheers. But a telegram from Governor Roosevelt brought only mild applause. Of course, this will not necessarily mean anything in November.

On the other side of the fence there is the refusal of the Republican Progressives in the West to support President Hoover. This is taken to mean that they will get into the ring on Mr. Roosevelt's side.

(Governor Roosevelt ^{is back} ~~was~~ in Albany ~~today~~ attending to his job of being Governor ~~of New York~~. He ^{has just been} ~~was~~ visited by his ^{running} ~~companion~~ ^{mate} on the ~~ticket~~, Speaker Garner. It is understood that they discussed campaign plans. Some of the reporters also made a guess that the bulk of the speech making in the campaign will be allotted to Speaker ~~Mr.~~ Garner. But no such plans have yet been officially announced. When Mr. Garner resumed his seat as speaker of the House of Representatives today, he was greeted with terrific applause accompanied by rebel yells.

Before starting his campaign for the presidency, Governor Roosevelt is going on a short vacation. He's going to

take a week's trip along the New England coast as far as Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in a forty foot yawl. His four sons will accompany him. In fact, that yawl will be manned entirely by Roosevelts. The Governor will act as navigator. The offspring will be the crew, not only to handle the ship, but to do all the cooking and washing.

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In point of fact some of this came out this afternoon during a debate in the Senate. Mr Bingham said he expected all the Democratic Senators to vote according to the Democratic plank during the rest of the session of Congress. To which Senator Tydings of Maryland, a Democrat, made a counter suggestion. If the Republican side of the Senate is so anxious to draw up legislation in accordance with the Democratic plank, he said, why doesn't some Republican do the same thing for the Republican straddle plank? He then asked, "Will any Republican who wants to draw up a resolution in accord with his party's prohibition plank please rise?" Nobody rose.

Meanwhile in the House, Representative Britten of Illinois, a Republican, was trying to make life difficult for Speaker Garner over this beer question. According to a U. P. dispatch to the Trenton Times, Mr. Britten called upon the Speaker to carry out the wringing wet platform adopted by the Democrats in Chicago.

Why not let's have a vote on beer today, said the Illinois Congressman. The Speaker replied that there is no measure of that character before the House.

"Oh, yes there is," replied Mr. Britten. "It's the O'Connor-Hull bill," ^{Then} ~~and~~ ^{and} he added:— "It would raise four hundred millions in taxes." He pointed out also that the Democratic platform favors it. Speaker Garner replied, "The Chair does not recognize the gentleman for that purpose."

Oh yes, and the leaders of the country's prohibitionists were in convention today in Indianapolis. Tonight they are reported to be still looking for a standard bearer and a platform.

There are about 400 dry delegates at this convention. ^{According to a} ~~U.P.~~ ^{U.P.} dispatch to the Louisville Times, they are waiting to hear from Senator Borah of Idaho, whom they want to nominate for President. The delegates are prophesying that if Mr. Borah accepts he'll poll 10 million votes in November.

The keynote speech of the Chairman attacked both the Democrats and the Republicans for their prohibition planks. In fact they seemed to be just as angry with the Republicans as with the Democrats.

BONUS

(The Bonus expeditionary forces marked up Capitol Hill in Washington today and then marched right down again. They made a brief demonstration on the Senate steps with songs and speeches and boos for President Hoover.)

Meanwhile their Commander-in-Chief had flown to New York to get food. There's only \$45.00 in the bonus army's cupboard, which means the cupboard is bare. ^{and} It takes \$700 a day to feed the boys.

KIDNAP

Rumors persisted today that Haskell Bohn, the kidnapped son of that St. Paul millionaire, would be returned to his parents tonight. Scores of persons connected indirectly with the family or the police confidently predicted that the 20-year old boy would be released. They did not, however, give any reasons for this belief.

BOY

Probably you remember that 15-year old boy, the lad who had infantile paralysis and spent nine months in a steel respirator. Well, I am sure you will be glad to hear that today he started on a trip to the beach without his crutches.

Herbert, for that's the boy's name -- Herbert's fight ~~has~~ attracted attention all over the country. He still gets hundreds of letters from people who watched his gallant struggle for health.

PALMA

Another popular hero has put on the ball and chain. Our old friend Ralph de Palma, the famous ace of automobile races.

It became known today that he was married Saturday in Las Vegas, Nevada. The bride's name is Marion Leggett.

Ralph begged the Justice who married him to keep it out of the papers. He said if this marriage ~~of his~~ became known, it would muddle up an argument he's having with ^a ~~the~~ former Mrs. De Palma ~~over a property settlement.~~

The Speed King said he was on his way to Boulder Dam to look for a job.

IRELAND

Well, the Irish are one up on John Bull in their latest squabble. According to a dispatch to the New York Evening Post, President de Valera of the Irish Free State, has scored heavily over J. H. Thomas, John Bull's Secretary for the Dominions.

Last night in the House of Commons Mr. Thomas got through a bill authorizing the British Government to levy heavy duties in imports from Ireland. This was by way of getting back at the Irish for not paying the land annuities due. But today Secretary Thomas is being heavily roasted by the Liberal Press in England. The issue, say the Liberals as well as the Labor Party, should be arbitrated. If Great Britain's case is clear, it will be certain to win before any neutral tribunal. Outside of the Liberal Party in England, the housekeepers at large are not at all keen about this tariff war with Ireland. People in general are afraid it will raise the price of meat in England.

BASEBALL

The baseball world is all excited today about a fight which is different from both that which happened in Chicago last week and the prizefight in Reno last night. I mean the scrap between Bill Dickey, the catcher of the Yankees, and Carl Reynolds, out-fielder, of the Washington Senators.

The latest is that Bill Dickey was suspended today by the President of the American League, and the Yankees are minus their first string catcher. This is not such good news for the Yankees. They started the Fourth of July with a lead of nine and a half games, which is not such a dusty lead. Pennants have been won with less. ^{and} There is an old superstition that the team leading the League on July Fourth wins the pennant. —
Maybe.

But on July Fourth the Yankees dropped two games. And perhaps that's an omen.

Anyhow, that fight in Washington yesterday gave the fans quite a thrill. The extraordinary thing about it is that

both Dickey and Reynolds are usually the calmest and least pugnacious souls in all baseball. It seems that Reynolds was trying to score and ran Dickey down at the plate. In so doing he knocked the ball out of the catcher's hand. As they picked themselves out of the dust Bill Dickey wound up and took a better poke at Reynolds than either Sharkey or Schmeling landed in their fifteen round tango two weeks ago. When the row was over, ^{Catcher} Bill Dickey found himself sent to the showers, and Outfielder Carl Reynolds was in the hospital with a broken jaw. Some sock, that.

So now the Yankees are praying for the recovery of Carl Reynolds. Because their best catcher is suspended until Reynolds' jaw gets better.

And I'm suspended for the day and so I'll say

So Long until Tomorrow