

Getting ready for the take-off at Floyd Bennett Field New York Harry Richman and Dick Merrill loaded their plane with ping pong balls for buoyancy ~~in case they came down in the sea.~~ And then they took off for their great attempt to fly to England and back in 33 hours. They ~~didn't~~ didn't manage it in quite that time but on the other hand they didn't come down in the sea. They landed in a very small field at Llandilo in Wales with only twenty gallons of petrol to spare. Their time for crossing the Atlantic was easily a record. Dick Merrill undertook the flight because he got a kick out of the speed, and Harry Richman because he's fond of a dangerous adventure. Once he was engaged to Clara Bow. After a night's rest at Cardiff they ~~took off again for~~ <sup>went on to</sup> Croydon where they were greeted by a huge crowd ~~as a fitting end to a great flight.~~

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~~At the same time~~ Mrs Beryl Markham has put Britain on the flying map again with a magnificent achievement. Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly solo from ~~west~~ <sup>west</sup> to ~~east~~ <sup>east</sup> and Jean Batten crowned her great record with a crossing of the South Atlantic. Now Mrs Markham has ~~been~~ brought off the most wonderful flight ever made by a woman. ~~As this~~  
Before she left we asked if it was her ambition to be the first woman to fly from England to America. Is your plane equipped with wireless? Will the flight entail much flying at night? <sup>+++</sup> As the plane took off from Abingdon aerodrome it is easy to see how bad the flying conditions were from the unsteadiness of the cameraman's plane. Nevertheless this ~~time~~ plucky British girl scored a great triumph in her most brilliant flight Well done Mrs Markham. We salute you, the new Queen of the Air!

*But the weather reports were not by any means good when Mrs Markham took her seat in the cockpit.*