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a bird like the egret but pink or rose, giant <sup>white</sup> cranes  
~~that~~ with black necks and a red spot at the base of its  
neck. I needed a bird book. Finally we landed at  
Columba on the Paraguay River. Nature had pushed up a  
few hills and made a dry spot for a city on the edge  
of the river. It winds so <sup>that</sup> it would take eight  
days to go from there to Curitiba, our destination, by boat,  
but we could make it in a few hours. We left our  
little tin bird there and proceeded in a hydroplane of about  
the same size. Part of the time we flew so high that  
our shadow disappeared and was replaced by a spot  
of light. Can Billy explain that? It is too much for me.  
When we were only moderately high we could see  
pumps of alligators on the sand banks. They looked just  
like Oscar at our distance. Finally we plunged down  
and lighted on the river and pulled up to the shore.  
There was a photographer then to take our pictures as  
we landed and we may have appeared in the local  
paper. We are taking it easy to day, but tomorrow  
morning at 4 we shall start by auto to join Dr. Burke  
where he is studying a yellow fever outbreak. He has  
reported the absence of *Stegomyia* in the houses and  
it looks as if we might be dealing with another of those  
steg-less outbreaks. In the meanwhile a control service  
had been started here in Curitiba, the capital of Mato Grosso.

Last evening, tired as we were, we had  
to attend a reception and dance given by the  
Interventor to celebrate the 2nd anniversary of his  
administration. We had no dress clothes, but neither  
did most of the guests at this popular affair. The  
orchestra was the funniest you ever saw at so formal  
an occasion. About ~~six~~ negroes with white sailor caps  
played. Most of them had banjos, one played the clarinet, one  
had a drum, and one had a violin. The violinist had  
a red ~~to~~ bandanna tied round his head & we concluded he  
was a toothache. A cigarette stuck out of the exposed part of his  
face. Evidently a concession in recognition of his self sacrifice.

lots of love to all