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Francis flew from Chicago to Michigan City on the 9th, and Havens flew to South Haven, Michigan, where again he was stranded with high winds and extremely rough water until the 11th when he flew from South Haven to Pentwater, Michigan. Martin started from Chicago and flew to Lake Harbor, near Muskegon, Michigan that day. High winds again hampered the flyers on the 11th and 12th and caused some damage to the planes, necessitating minor repairs. On the 14th Havens flew on to Charlevoix, Michigan, while Francis remained at Pentwater and Martin flew from Lake Harbor to Pentwater. On that day Francis decided to call it quits and packed his plane for shipment back to Chicago. Johnson hit some floating wreckage and badly damaged his hull trying to get away from Robertsdale on the 12th, which put him out of the race.

On the 15th Havens and Verplanck pushed on, passing through the Straits of Mackinac at 10:30 A.M., and proceeded on to Point Lookout in the Bay of Au Gres on Lake Huron at 7:35 P.M. after their best day of flying, covering 260 miles. Martin was disqualified at Pentwater for

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