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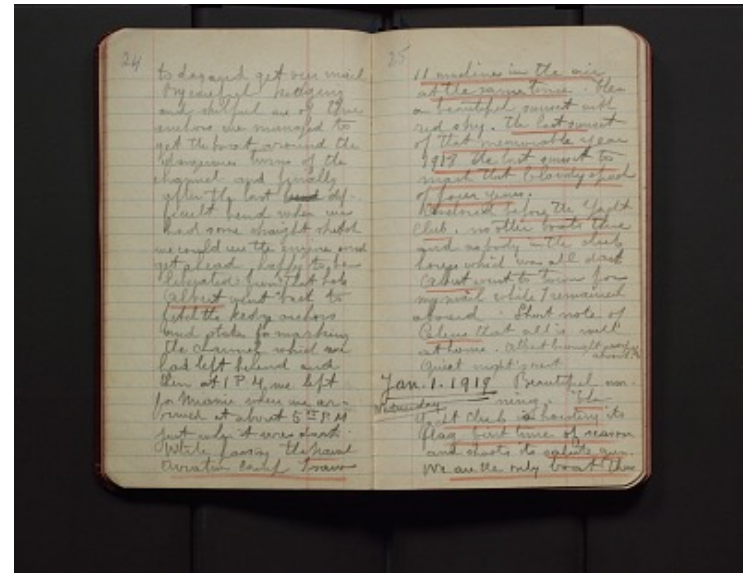
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to day and get our mail By careful kedging and skilful use of three anchors we managed to get the boat around the dangerous turns of the channel and finally after the last ~~bend~~ difficult bend when we had some straight stretch we could use the engine and get ahead, happy to be liberated from that hole Albert went back to fetch the kedge anchors and stakes for marking the channel which we had left behind and then at 1 P.M we left for Miami where we arrived at about 5:15 P.M just when it was dark. While passing the Naval Aviation Camp I saw

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11 machines in the air at the same time.
Then a beautiful sunset with red sky.
The last sunset of that memorable year 1918 the last sunset to mark that bloody epoch of four years.
Anchored before the Yacht Club. no other boats there and no body in the club house which was all dark Albert went to town for my mail while I remained aboard. Short note of Celine that all is well at home. Albert brought newspapers aboard. Quiet night's rest
Jan. 1. 1919
Wednesday Beautiful morning. The Yacht Club is hoisting its flag first time of season and shoots its salute gun. We are the only boat there



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