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The U. S. Navy tries out a new self-inflating life-boat, latest advance in the never-ending battle for greater safety at sea. It's like an aircraft escape dingy, but much bigger - fifteen feet long, with an insulating cover. Survivors can climb aboard thirty seconds after pulling the inflation cord. It takes fifteen people, and it carries drinking water, food, and first aid kit, signalling apparatus, and paddles.

We're in the rubber dingy - how are you, Jack?

Science is also helping safety at New York's Idlewild Airport, where airliners making bad-weather landings are guided to the runway by brilliant streaks of light. The pilot makes an instrument approach, and the flashing lights are the first ground objects he sees through fog and rain.

Each lamp produces a split-second flash of more than thirty million candlepower. The line starts 3,000 feet from the first runway beacon - and it can be seen in the very worst conditions, a reassuring pointer to a safe landing.