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Mr. Gerald F. MacMullen,
c/o San Diego Union-Tribune,
San Diego, California.

Dear Jerry:

Yours of the 20th has been received, and I was not really disappointed about the "Star of India," for I feared the thing would not be feasible as far as she is concerned. However, your other suggestions are fine. I have written to Mr. Seaborn and will advise you just as soon as I get a reply.

Cecil B. DeMille has several square riggers and I will get in touch with him at the earliest opportunity and put the idea up to him. He has one fine looking ship at Craig's shipyard, and if her spars are not of the telegraph pole variety, she should be a corker for the race, for she carries a whale of a rig and has pretty good lines. DeMille has a lot of other ships, but this one is the only really fast looking one of the bunch. She is the one used in the "Yankee Clipper." Perhaps he will be greatly interested, especially if he can arrange to have a sea picture come out about the time the 1928 race starts. I will wait to see how Seaborn takes the idea before approaching DeMille. Then, if DeMille is interested, some of the other movies may jump in too.

Let me know when you hear from Lubbock, and we will try to get the request made through the Pacific Coast Yachting Association so as to pack a lot of weight. If any of the others have shown signs of life, that will give us another argument.

Maybe, as you say, the whole thing is a pipe dream, but it can do no harm to try, and it would be one of the greatest things ever done in the sport of yachting if it can be put over. It would be one last grand blaze of glory before the square rigger joins the Dodo. Let's keep ding-donging at the thing between now and 1928 and I believe we can get two or three square riggers in the race.

*Sincerely,
Rip.*

