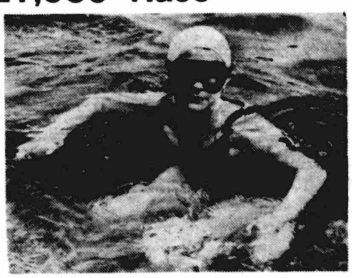
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English Girl Leads Women In Thrilling £1,000 Race





THREE OF THE GIRLS—Left to right: **Margaret Feather,** of Scarborough, who at 17 is the youngest in the race; **Elna Andersen,** of Denmark, a physical training instructor at a Bristol school, who gave up an attempt on the Channel recently after two hours 20 minutes in the water; and 21-year-old **Eileen Fenton,** of Dewsbury, Yorkshire, who teaches divinity and games at a Hali fax High School.

TWO BREAK CHANNEL RECORD

SWIMMING the English Channel for the third time, Hassan Abdel Rehim, 41-year-old Egyptian Army officer, today won the £1,000 international race and set up a new record for the swim—10 hours 52 minutes.

It was a thrilling finish. Eleven minutes after the Egyptian landed, Le Morvan, the Frenchman, came in at St. Margaret's Bay, his unofficial time being 11 hours three minutes—two minutes better than the record.

AT 1.25 P.M. IT WAS REPORTED THAT MARET HASSAN HAMAD (EGYPT) WAS 300 YARDS OFF SHORE AT DOVER BREAKWATER.

The leading woman competitor when Rehim landed was Eileen Fenton, 21-year-old Yorkshire games mistress.

Twelve of the 24 who started had dropped out.

One of the last to give up, Kamberos, the Greek, claimed he was being attacked by a school of Tope.

Watched by crowds, Rehim, in a blue dressing gown and with a huge smile on his face, stood in a launch and gave a victory gesture with both arms over his head as he was brought into Crosswall Quay.

Holidaymakers and fishermen cheered him.

Last Mile Sprint

Rehim told a reporter smilingly: "I am ready to swim back."

Rehim's trainer said that he had used the crawl stroke throughout.

"He had to make a sprint in the last mile and a half because we knew the Frenchman was near," he said.

"In the last mile he gained 40 minutes on the Frenchman — a marvellous spurt."

Thought He Had Won

Le Morvan said: "When I saw the Dover cliffs I thought I had won. Everyone was saying that I was first, but I didn't know that Hassan was so close behind. I fired towards the end, and Hassan was not tired. He kept making spurts."

It was the first time that he had swum the Channel, and he said that he had only one hour's training in the sea before he made his attempt. On the way across he took some liquers and had a cup of champagne.

A mile behind the leaders was burly Sam Rockett, a 31-year-old factory foreman from Mitcham, Surrey.

Just before the 34-year-old Greek, Panagiotis Kamberos, gave up the race, all seemed to be going well. Then a voice came out of the mist from the boat accompanying him: "Being attacked by school of tope—warn all swimmers."

15ft. Fish Circled Him

A moment later the voice said that Kamberos had been taken out of the water to avoid injury from the angry fish.

Under the rules he was automatically disqualified.

When Kamberos was taken out of the water he trembled and sobbed with disappointment.

Andrew Koritsas, a friend who was in Kamberos's boat, said: "Kamberos had been swimming for eight hours, and was going well, when a 15ft. fish looking like a shark began to circle him.

"We tried to drive it off with our motor-boat, but without result. Then we tried to harpoon it with oars. The fish, which had been looking for an opening, suddenly darted at Kamberos.

"We were only just in time to save him. As we dragged him from the water the fish made a vicious smack with its tail. It turned on its side and we saw a wicked set of teeth.

"After Kamberos was safely in the boat, the tope was joined by a school of four others. They followed us for some miles."

Among those who had to give up earlier was Dr. George Basil

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Miner Gave Life For His Mate

A 44-YEAR-OLD miner, Mr. Samuel Statham, of Newbold Verdon, lost his life while attempting to rescue his mate who was trapped by a fall of roof which also injured another miner at Desford Colliery last night.



Mr. S. Statham

He was struck on the head by another fall and killed instantly. Mr. Statham leaves a wife and child.

Commenting on the tragedy a veteran miner said the action of Mr. Statham would have merited the V.C. on the battlefield.

The first fall, which was not a particularly heavy one, pinned a miner by his legs, and Mr. Statham, hearing his shouts, rushed to his assistance.

It was while he was in the act of releasing the trapped man that he was struck by a large piece of coal which fell from the roof.

The two injured men, Mr. Reginald Gulliver, of Chapel Street, Ibstock, and Mr. Herbert Sykes, of Donington-le-Heath, were taken to Leicester Royal Infirmary.

The afternoon shift despite the imminent danger of a further collapse liberated the three men.

£12,000 Winner Did Not Claim

MRS. EILEEN GOODSELL, 36, of Maidstone Road, Wigmore, Gillingham (Kent), who has won £12,616 on a treble chance pool says: "I did a permutation last week and didn't know how to check it back. Consequently I didn't send a claim in because I didn't think I'd won anything."

Mrs. Goodsell forecast 19 winning columns out of 20.

She has been married 14 years and has a son, David, aged 8.

Her husband is a corporal in the R.A.F., and is due out in another six months time after eight and a half years service.

SHIP'S OFFICERS BLAMED FOR TEACHER'S DEATH

COLOMBO'S City Coroner found today that "due to gross negligence on the part of the ship's officers" a metal lamp fell from the mast of the 10,699 ton Italian ship, Surriento, fracturing the skull of a British schoolteacher, Miss Elizabeth Deacon.

Miss Deacon (28), of Sherbourne, Dorset, died on August 15 before the ship reached Colombo.

She was travelling home with her companion, Miss Marion Shipway, of Stogumber, Somerset, with whom she had spent two years travelling in Australia.

The Coroner held that the officers were negligent in failing to secure the lamp to the mast in such a way as to withstand the normal hazards of a voyage.

U.S. TYPIST SWIMMER GETS A CAR

MISS Florence Chadwick, a typist, who broke the English Channel swimming record earlier this month, was given a new motor car and a parade down Broadway, the main business street, when she arrived back in San Diego, California. The car was one of several gifts.



Shots Wake Up Family As Blaze Gets Cartridges

WAKENED at midnight by the sound of a fusillade of shots downstairs, a Long Whatton farmer, Mr. H. R. Orrill, Ivy House Farm, thought someone was trying to break into his home.

As more shots rang out, he rushed to his bedroom window and cried: "Who's there?" Everywhere was silent.

Seconds later came more shots, and sound as though someone was hammering on the kitchen door.

With his wife he went downstairs. He found his kitchen ablaze.

The shots were coming from the kitchen cupboard. Cartridges stored there were exploding with the intense heat.

Unable to enter the kitchen because of the heat, Mr. Orrill played a hose on the flames from the backyard.

Soot Believed Cause

Then Loughborough firemen arrived and the flames were soon extinguished.

Damage was confined to kitchen carpets, clothes, and furniture.

The fire is believed to have been caused by a faulty chimney flue. Soot caught fire after the occupants had retired for the night, and fell down on to a carpet underneath the chimney.

Tree Stops 3,000-foot Ravine Plunge

AS THEIR CAR plunged off a Swiss mountain road and careered down a 50-foot slope towards a 3,000-foot ravine, the driver and passenger were certain nothing could save them.

"We thought our number was up," said the driver, Mr. Colin Tyson, of Noyna, Mere Road, Wigston Magna, today.

The car bounced and somersaulted headlong down the slope, careering into six trees.

Then it crashed into a seventh. And stopped.

"The slope led to a sheer drop and it was just good luck that a tree finally stopped us," added Mr. Tyson, who was flung out of the car.

His passenger, Mr. J. Guest, a teacher of Leicester College of Art, remained dazed in his seat.

Their car had been negotiating "Coin du Mort" ("Death Corner") on the narrow gravel road from Morez to Geneva.

A rescue party brought them to safety. Apart from a severe shaking and bruises they were unhurt.

A crane was used to lift their car back to the road.

It was still roadworthy and after a rest Mr. Tyson and his companion resumed their journey.

Mr. Tyson is a well-known fencer and is a member of the Leicester Fencing Club committee.

Mr. Guest is now on a visit to his parents in the north of England.

'KOREAN WAR OVER BY FEBRUARY'

—Official U.S. Forecast

UNITED STATES Secretary of Defence, Louis Johnson, estimated on July 25 that the Korean war would end by about February, 1951, if the United Nations' High Command adheres to its plans to push back the North Koreans only as far as their pre-war border.

This view was given to a House of Representatives defence appropriations committee on that day, and was released today.

Mr. Johnson told the committee: "The Korean situation, I hope, is a six to eight months' proposition."

He indicated that the decision two years ago to withdraw American Occupation Forces from Korea and write it off as a base was made at levels above the military.

Release of this news coincided with reports from Korea that North Korean troops were massing at four points for a last all-out effort to "end the war in August."

The points are: Kunwi, south of Waegwan, 20 miles north of Masan, and at Chinju on the south coast.

Aircraft Strike

Bombers and fighters winging off at dawn today, struck incessantly at concentrations of North Korean troops up and down the Naktong River.

Late dispatches from the

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R.A.F. PLANES JOIN IN

ROYAL AIR FORCE Sunderlands are working with the British Fleet off the Korean West Coast to tighten up the blockade, United States Naval Headquarters said today.

A Sunderland flying boat squadron from Hongkong, under the command of Squadron Leader Michael Helme, has been carrying out long night patrols along the west coast for the past fortnight, headquarters said.

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