

TOUGH BOTTLE STEALS PICTURE.

Two ambulance aircraft were christened at Washington by the wife of President Truman - the first ~~lady~~ lady's first public appearance. However, the real star of the occasion turned out to be the champagne bottle. It just wouldn't break, ~~making a sort of dumb protest that with bubbly at its present price they might at least have used it to launch a battleship.~~

Realising she was up against it Mrs. Truman determined to smash that bottle if it took till the end of the war. *apparently*

*the bottles shattering it*

In the shape of the First Lady's military aide the bottle met a new opponent, and took him in its stride.

By this time it was only a question of how long the aeroplane would hold together.

A naval officer pointed out the hammer under the nose, and the fate of the bottle was sealed. But what a fight it put up.

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1. TITLE: SUSPENSE AT AIRPORT -- STUBBORN BOTTLE DELAYS CHRISTENING
2. At the National Airport, ambulances with wings -- one each for Navy and Army -- ready to be christened by Mrs. Harry S. Truman, who, with her daughter Margaret, will do the honors in her first public appearance. But Mrs. Truman is in for a surprise. By an oversight, the champagne bottle -- unlike this one -- hasn't been properly prepared -- etched to break the glass on impact. And glass cutting is behind successful christenings like these. Now, Mrs. Truman, unaware that her bottle is not prepared.
13. Refusing to be rattled, the new first lady joins in the crowd's laughter. Let's see how her military aide meets the crisis.....
14. To the Navy, forewarned is fore-armed. Here, "armed" means a hammer! Watch it, just under the airplane's nose! And even the hammer misses on the first try!
15. All's well that ends well. Despite the stubborn bottle, Mrs. Truman sends off the hospital planes with her blessing.