

Manchester Goes Dry.

It takes a lot to shake Manchester, the birthplace of the rain coat and umbrella; but the city which can always guarantee a wet wicket at Old Trafford has had a setback.

Water...of all things.. is likely to be rationed.'

Taps are dry in many Lancashire villages..and while folks variously blame the drought on "T'wireless,..!Atom Bomb.. and t' Guverment ", the fact remains that the position won't improve without a fortnights heavy rain.

The Leeds and Liverpool Canal, normally one of the busiest waterways in England, could hardly float a ~~water-bus~~ ~~children's boat~~, in places, let alone a barge.

While Manchester takes much of its water from the Lake District, the key reservoirs, nearer the city, are almost dry. Source of a daily supply of over twenty million gallons, all that is left is a sickly stream which is nursed through the mud in the direction of the outlet ..and Manchester, where the housewife faces new vexation and says "It never rains but it pours I wish it would "

The old lad's stillalright. He's on the club supply .