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More than a hundred elephants were in the final procession of the Festival of Peharera. From all over Ceylon people pour into Kandy to take part in the 14-day celebrations.

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The casket containing the sacred tooth of Buddha is borne from the temple through the streets along a three-mile route. The Festival originated over 2,000 years ago to mark Ceylon's victory over invaders from Southern India; but for the past 300 years it has been a religious observance only.

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The American Navy's Super Constellation wasn't carrying a Flying Saucer; that part of it was a radome, a new word for a new idea. It contained a lot of experimental radar equipment ~~equipment~~, enabling the engineers to see further, on the ~~radar~~ screen, than ever before. More than that the experts in the know won't say. The strange thing is the queer looking apparatus - rather like an umbrella for wet flying weather - didn't prevent the Constellation flying more or less normally.

In the international cross country championship at Namur, Belgium, ~~the~~ 30 competitors came from five countries, ~~England~~ Some hit the hay in the early stages. Riders came from England, Belgium, Holland, ~~Switzerland~~ and Denmark. ~~The~~ Sweden ~~became~~ an ~~important~~ ~~part~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~competition~~ ~~and~~ ~~finally~~ ~~finished~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~lead~~.

(crowd)

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Near the finish Lundin, ~~Switzerland~~ Sweden, was <sup>brilliantly</sup> overtaken by Jeff Smith on a B.S.A. [A dramatic win for Jeff.]

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A boat with the longest legs in the world was tried out at Hamburg. It's a hydroplane, with propellers in the ~~hull~~ feet and when it gets up speed it automatically rises and skims the surface, supported by feet only. On this test the hydroplane reached 30 m.p.h. With more powerful engines it could easily double that speed. At least that's what the designer believes. If he can get financial backing he'll build a hydroplane designed to take 300 people across the Atlantic in ~~2 1/2 days~~.

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