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Cross-Country

Liverpool: Real winter sport conditions for the Inter-~~Country~~^{COUNTY} Cross-Country Championship. In fact, the going was so treacherous that some of these hardy sportsmen protested; but few missed their favourite form of relaxation.

Among ~~the~~ 276 starters - were Gordon Pirie and Ken Norris leading the field after the first mile.

During the last lap, Ken Norris (last year's winner) turned on the heat - and Pirie (who had fallen several times) slowly dropped back. ~~slowly~~ - Running on alone, Norris covered the seven mile course in 37 minutes 34 seconds - to retain his individual title.

Pirie, who finished sixth) offers congratulations ~~to the winners~~

Graziani Funeral

In Rome, many thousands (their right arms raised in the Fascist salute) paid final tribute to a former ~~national~~ hero - Marshal Graziani - as his cortege made its way to the Church of St. Robert ^e Ballarmino.

In 1950, Marshal Graziani (former Viceroy of Abyssinia) was sentenced to nineteen years for collaboration with the Nazis ~~in 1941~~

German rail crash

Germany: Grim aftermath of a ~~terrible rail disaster~~^{crash} on the bridge spanning the Aller River, ~~at Warden~~^{NEAR BREMEN}, when a goods train (with seven petrol waggons) jumped the rails. A passenger train coming from the opposite direction, ~~crashed~~^{HURTLED} into the wreckage.

The petrol trucks exploded, starting a fire which burned ~~throughout~~^{throughout} the night. The driver and fireman of the passenger train were killed.