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At Twickenham - Scottish hopes were high when England (in white) kicked off in the Calcutta Cup battle. For having beaten both Ireland and Wales, the Scots had only to defeat the "auld enemy" to "tripple-crown" their grand fighting recovery (FRING UP)

But England had other ideas and took the lead when Hazell kicked a penalty goal (BRING UP)

Scenting their first victory of the season, the home side erammed on the pace and Sykes raced over for a try (BRING UP)

Six points up - England then relaxed their grip (BRING UP)

Skipper Angus Cameron seized his chance to rally his side by drop-kicking a magnificent penalty goal (ERING UP)

The reverse shocked England into top gear once again - and another fine passing movement gave Ian Beer his first international try (ERING UP) So into the second half, with England leading nine-three and "Tug" Wilson, the London policeman, almost pulling off a "smash and grab raid" for more points (ERING UP)

Then came the spirited Scottish rally, inspired by a Cameron try, that ha d England defending desperately - to win by nine points to six (ERING UP)

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"The Boat went down stern first and we cleared the boat, all hands were cleared before she capsised.

"Mr. Suckling when the boat swamped you were in charge of the engines I take it". 'Yes, I was in charge of the engines at the time". "What were they doing". "They were going full ahead and we were going into pretty heavy sea". "Was die under control" "Yes, well, under these conditions it is very difficult to keep the boat head under the sea; but we were doing prett well. We got to within 200 yards of our own ship and we went down."

The Stratheden's Master, Cap.. Cummins, tells how the rescue began (BRING UP) SOUN

"We arrived on the scene in very tempetious weather, blowing a gale and high seas and very heavy swell indeed. Our boat was launched and got away very well and picked up men".

And these are pictures - actually filmed on board the liner - which show the launching of the ill-gated lifeboat into those raging seas (ERING UP) These are the heroic men who went to the rescue - eight of them went to their doom (ERING UP)