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Boat Show

London: With a breezy New Year greeting, the National Boat Show ~~with~~ ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{opened at Olympia} ~~at~~ ^{at} Olympia. And, fascinated by an array of craft, from a coracle to a large

lifeboat - a charlady decided to swop her mop for a "red duster" (2)

Among two hundred exhibits for pleasure or adventure, this is the "Orenda" - the home-made yawl in which two amateurs made their hazardous fifty-six day crossing of the Atlantic. (2)

The Show ^{- sponsored by the "Daily Express"} also brings a link with ~~the~~ ^{hardy} mariners of old, when Commodore Brock presented a block of Canadian White Pine to fashion a new figure-head for the "Cutty Sark" S.

And with ~~the~~ ^{advertised} holiday ~~seasons~~ already in ~~the~~ full swing - here's your chance for a cruising holiday - with lots of lovely companions.../

Railway

Essex: "Batter late than never" chorussed daily travellers from Southend (Victoria) station. For, after waiting nearly fifty years, their line has been electrified to Shenfield - and the Mayor of Southend made an inaugural run.

The completion of this extension means electric travel all the way to Liverpool Street. On the return run, the Mayor took over the controls - and Southend gets a new line in seaside attraction.

Budapest to-day

Hungary: At the end of a tragic year, these pictures reveal life to-day, in Budapest - where a brave attempt was made to celebrate the festive season. Already, adverse weather ^{HAS} ~~conditions~~ ^{have} added to the suffering in the shattered capital; ~~the~~ food and fuel are in short supply.

But a proud defiant spirit is symbolised by the "freedom flags," flying alongside black banners of mourning.

For those ^{left} ~~left~~ behind, there's a hard life ahead - for many are bereaved and destitute.

~~Armoured~~ ^{Armoured} sentinels once imposed their will on a stricken ~~the~~ city. But to-day, as the tanks are leaving Hungary, a Nation begins the uphill task of reconstruction.