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Sweden

A Swedish lake provides the setting for this latest attempt on the world's outboard speed-boat record. The existing one is 68 knots. Challenger is Swedish engineer, Ferdinand Grums.

At this speed, Grums lies flat on the floor of his boat.

Even that didn't do the trick. His best time was 61 knots - well under the world record.

London-Brighton

Veteran drivers in cars of the 1890's move off from London's Hyde Park. Occasion is the annual veterans run down to Brighton.

Half-way mark was Crawley in Sussex. Those that survive are nipping along gaily at a steady 10 miles an hour. With their poor brakes and uncertain steering, veterans go gingerly among their modern successors.

Along Madeira Drive, Brighton came the few successful survivors.

Others, way back on the route found a new turn of speed, and a bit of energetic handling.

Belle Vue, Manchester

We thought the Sakri-Mills affair had put a stop to uneven matching. Apparently it hasn't. There was another slaughter of the innocents at Belle Vue, Manchester, when British champion Bruce Woodcock battered Frenchman Georges Martin into defeat in seven minutes. Martin (wearing striped pants) was clearly not in Woodcock's class. In the intervals of his 3-round beating, Martin's seconds got in a lot of good work, but the Frenchman himself was just another stepping stone on Woodcock's way to the stars. Coming up now is the knockout.

B.B.C. commentators made the fight sound a good one. Pathe sports cameras show that Woodcock still has a long way to go before he's in the Joe Louis class - and his way there ought not to be cluttered by any more fights with straw champions.

Paris

At the Paris Aircraft Exhibition, Great Britain stole the show, which was formerly opened by M. Bidault. U.S. manufacturers couldn't get their exhibits over because of strike trouble in American factories. The rest

of Europe provided one or two show planes but British models (like this and following ones) were the centre of attraction - to Russian eyes, especially.

With France's Comaran transport the one exception, the show was a triumph for British workmanship.

London

In London's Grosvenor Square, wartime home of America's armed forces, contributions begin for the £20,000 needed to erect a memorial to that greatest of contemporary Americans, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Lord Mayor, Sir Bracewell Smith, and city deputies lead in subscriptions which are limited to 5/- for any one person.

Modelling the statue, to be finished in two years, is Sir William Reid Dick, R.A. Final work in bronze will be 10 feet high.

Meantime, we remember this man who was, to all Britons, not only a great man, but a personal friend.

Castle Irwell

On the racing calendar, it was the November Handicap. But for sportsmen, from start to finish it was a final magnificent tribute to veteran rider Harry Wragg. The season's last big race it packed Manchester's Castle Irwell meccuruse. Punters put their money on French favourite Demot, but the horse broke a fetlock.

Here's the finishing stretch. Harry Wragg rides Las Vegas, number 6, to win by three quarters of a length. The horse was a selling plater - bought originally for a mere 400 guineas. Harry Wragg's riding put Las Vegas right among the season's top winners. On his last race, a final showing of the skill that made Harry Wragg world famous as the "Head Waiter."