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WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Harlem

Smoke and flames engulf a tenement building in Harlem, coloured quarter of New York. The blaze spreads like a forest fire through the 7-storey building, where a hundred-and-twenty-five people are crowded into 14 apartments. Miraculously, no lives are lost, though 10 firemen are injured in rescuing (by ladder) families trapped on the upper floors. But nothing can save the tenement.

Dover

By train to Dover come a party of children - all orphans of war - the first of 400 to spend a month's holiday in Belgium free. Money left over from collections made at the time of Princess Elisabeth's wedding, is providing this royal vacation.

Colin Bett, every inch a soldier's son in his going-away uniform, is among orphans entrusted by the Mayor of Dover to a Belgian chaperone, as the boat leaves for Ostend. Happy days ahead!

Idaho

America's winter-sports season closes at Sun Valley, Idaho, with the Harriman Cup downhill race. Some of the world's best skiers hurtle down the slopes of Mount Baldy, the fastest run in the U.S.

France's Olympic champion shows the perfect way to finish up.

And here's another way to finish.

Boston

The Amateur's Boxing championship reaches its walloping climax in Boston. New York's heavyweight champion Newkirk (in striped trunks) meets Rex Layne, of Salt Lake City. Nothing sordid about this scrap.

Breaking from a clinch, Layne floors Newkirk with an uppercut haymaker and gets the verdict. Honolulu's Lopez Oliver (in white trunks) meets McClendon of Cleveland, in the 12½-stone class. Oliver wins the decisive way - with a clean K.O.

At 10½-stone, Linscott, of Grand Rapids, defends his title against Oakland's coloured Maurice Harper, in the best bout of the evening. Ten thousand fight fans see the 18-year-old Harper pile up a ration-book full of points against the former champion. But there's dynamite in that left hand - and here it comes! A schoolboy wins a new Amateur Crown.