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NEWS IN FLASHES

Ski-jumping on the Hampstead Alps thanks to the scaffold-builders and a shipment of 60 tons of snow from Norway. And that's one of the crates they nearly tamed. Norwegians are here for the London Challenge Cup, whilst Oxford and Cambridge, with veterans of 2-weeks training in Norway, contest the Universities cup. Proceedings are opened by Henrik Lindeman and Vidar Wilhelmson, Norway's 13-year-old mascots.

Here goes Henrik. Whatever happens there's a nice bed of straw at the other end, to see he doesn't go too far. Now Oxford's captain, Douglas Mackintosh, takes off from the 80-foot starting-point. If he wasn't dark blue before, he will be now!

Here goes Svein Hass, 21-year-old Norwegian student. On the big jumps take-off speed touches 55-miles-an-hour. Last year's Cup winner was Arne Heel. These contests are very popular; but for economy maybe we ought to hold them in the Haymarket to save straw.

To London Airport from the Far East comes Private Fergie of the R.A.S.C. Sentenced to 10 years for shooting of a Korean teacher whilst on sentry duty in Korea, he was freed when the C-in-C British Occupation forces in Japan quashed the court martial sentence.

After two trips in vain, Mrs. Fergie couldn't be there.