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PORTUGUESE WINS CHANNEL SWIM:

The scene is Cap Gris Nez on the French Coast - where seventeen swimmers from all over the world grease up in preparation for the Great Marathon International Cross-channel swim. Twenty-seven year old Brenda Fisher is there for Britain. And so - with a little French atmosphere, they get ready to start.

Portponed once due to a cross-channel wind of near gale-force, the race holds useful prizes for the winners ., . one thousand nine hundred pounds, and a silver cup value 1,000 guineas. Piza Beltran of Mexico, followed by the eventual winner, Baptista Pereira of Portugal.

Not one of the newsreel cameramen finished the course, according to official reports, but here's grandfather Ted Harnie of Scotland, with heather in his cap for luck.

Brenda, daughter of a Grimsby trawler skipper, winner of the Daily Mail Cross Channel swim and Channel record holder, seems quite at home. And now it's the U.S.A. represented by Robert Payneur.

Egypt's Marie Hassan Hamid strikes out strongly. Somewhere in front is Pereira and he's tiring rapidly so here goes ... England can't be far away and there to spur them on are the famous white cliffs. Pereira floats for a moment prior to the last assault as well wishers swim out to meet him. And now there he goes. Twelve hours twenty five minutes of hard swimming lie behind him, with sips of port wine to keep him going and he's made it!

The 1,000 guinea cup and five hundred pounds goes to Pereira. Now Hamid makes for the shore to collect his £250 second prize. It's the end of a gruelling contest with little between the Portuguese and the Egyptian who now scrambles ashore only twenty four minutes behind his rival.

Pereira still has enough strength to give the thumbs up sign. A carpenter by trade, it's his lucky day. And now let's give a cheer for the first woman ashore - Britain's Brenda Fisher.