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SPORTS NEWS:

Champion walkers from seven nations compete in the Italsilva hundred-kilometre race at Saragno, Italy - and they're full of fight, even though it's four in the morning, cold, wet and with 62 miles ahead of them!

England's Don Thomson, of Metropolitan Walking Club, takes an early lead, though there's tough competition from Werner Ljunggren of Sweden. Twenty-two-year-old Thomson already has a London-to-Brighton victory to his credit, but this race is a dozen miles longer. Can he keep it up?

Here's John Ljunggren of Sweden, winner of this event for the past two years. But yard by yard Don Thomson pulls away from him, and finally rumps home the victor by over 13 minutes. Three Britons and three Swedes capture the first six places between them - the other five nations just don't get a look in!

Twenty starters are off in Czechoslovakia's Grand National over the most difficult on the Continent - and it's a miracle that any of them finish at all! Four miles three furlongs, with thirty obstacles, weeds them out faster than you can count.

Here's the Irish Bank. The horses don't care what it's called - they just don't like it!

Maybe our arithmetic's all wrong, but how come there's still so many left? They must have been off at least twice by now! You can lead a horse to water, but as likely as not he'll make you drink it.

Believe it or not, one horse actually won. His name was Furios. He's have to be!