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CYCLE RACE ACROSS EUROPE:

Thirteen hundred miles through three countries - that's the gruelling programme of the Prague-Berlin-Warsaw cycle race, which has grown to the status of an annual classic. The British team - Stan Brittain, Blower, Jackson, McNeil, Cough, and Rae - do well in the Czechoslovakia leg, but the grim German weather they find heavy going.

Best British performance comes from Stan Brittain himself, 27-year-old Merseyside dockyard joiner. Against very tough opposition, he wins two daily stages, and climbs from sixth to second place. Break-downs don't hold up the race - team trucks are always close at hand for on-the-spot replacements.

There's a back tyre off! But not to worry - there are plenty more where that came from!

Every second counts in a race like this - for even after nearly a fortnight of hard riding, only a few minutes separate the leaders' aggregates. The British team wins sixth place, and Stan Brittain, is second in the individual placings. Nice going against the finest cyclists in Europe!