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NEWS IN FLASHES.

That wonderful woman, Queen Salote of Tonga, went to the Mitchell Library, Sydney, to do some research. Some old manuscripts were believed to shed light on the history of the Friendly Islands of which she is Queen. Their first-known western visitor was Abel Tasman, who also discovered Tasmania. Queen Salote's a favourite wherever she goes. Millions remember her at our own Queen's coronation. She's just as popular in Australia.

Summer provided half-a-gale for Kiel Regatta, with all the yachtsmen prepared for some tough sailing. Very soon after the start, and long before they'd completed the first leg of the course, they knew this was a race strictly for experts only.

It was the sort of day when crews were undecided whether to stay on board or get out and swim for it. They settled on fifty-fifty.

Exhilarating enough for anybody. How nice to be back on dry land, where they could get wet inside.

Seven feet two was the astonishing jump of American champion Johnny Thomas. Just to make quite sure, the stewards of the Amateur Athletics meeting at Bakersfield asked him to do it again. So, the record-holder from Boston University got airborne for the second time. Seven-feet-2, there's never been a high-jumper to compare with Johnny Thomas.