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GRAND STEEPLECHASE - The great race at Auteuil provides many thrills and serves as splendid inauguration of the Grande Semaine. -France-

Picture:- Auteuil, the Ascot of France ! All French society flocks to this beautiful--

--course for the event of the racing season !

The starter presents the horses to the crowds. Under a glorious sun, the well-groomed animals shine like fine silk. The attendance is almost a record.

A brilliant opening for France's Grande Semaine of the Turf !

Tangled political problems are put aside--

--for this day. They're off ! Twenty champions of the steeplechase make a magnificent start! "El Hadjar", "Derby", "Trocadero" & "Duc d'Anjou" are in the first bunch, well placed! The pace is fast for the beginning of the race. But in a steeplechase, the victory goes not to the fastest, but to the best jumper. They have all taken the fence without mishap, and the speed is well maintained on the flat. But there are several difficult points on this course which usually take their toll of casualties.

The President, Monsieur Albert Lebrun is here,--

--with his wife, watching the race as keenly as anyone present. The first water-jump claims only one victim. Two others have fallen out--

--"Dambach", and "La Fregate". More thinning out on the--

--flat before getting over the long stretch water jump !

The slow motion camera shows the magnificent action of these thoroughbreds. Fine jumping !

Now comes the great test ! The crowds are going mad with excitement. "Duc d'Anjou", "El Hadjar" and "Strelitz"

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are fighting it out between them. "Duc d'Anjou" has passed them both and wins from "Strelitz" by a head !

A wonderful race ! The sport of Presidents as--well as Kings. A popular victory for Monsieur Leon Tacquet, the owner, and his young jockey Tremeau.