

SWIMMING THROUGH PARIS - - 350

competitors contest the annual five-miles 'open' race on the River Seine.

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A swimming race through Paris. "Women and children first" says the starter, and as there are no children off go--

--the women. Every Paris Bridge over the Seine --

--is crowded. There go the male competitors. There are now three-hundred-and-fifty swimmers in the river race. Still, there's plenty of water--

--for them all, so don't let's worry about over-crowding.

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The championship-holder TARIS is gradually forging ahead, and is reducing his handicap.

It looks like the Dover-Calais route in the channel swimming season !

There are Gallini and Boone, both Belgian swimmers of international fame.

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TARIS has overtaken the women now, and is leading. The course, by the way--

--is five miles. Bercy Bridge is passed, and Notre Dame--

--is in sight. There it is, and very wonderful it looks !

The water is getting choppy, and swimming--

--is more difficult. Some of the three-hundred--

--and fifty who started full of hope are now nearly full of water. TARIS is well ahead. This is the--

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--finish. Debilly Footbridge ! TARIS passes the
winning flag a full five minutes before the place
gets crowded with arrivals of the 'also-swims'.