

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Picture.:- The Mayor of Newcastle and city officials opens the largest fair--

--in Britain. It covers 42 acres, and is part of the--

--Town Moor Festival celebrations. One of the side-shows--

--is a circus, and the lioness in residence has celebrated the event by producing three cubs as her contribution--

--to the general whoopee. Rather a nice motherly gesture on--

--her part, don't you think R

In Scotland, storm havoc has caused the wreck of a bridge at Dunblane. A few minutes after a goods train had passed over the lines, the brick work of the bridge collapsed, leaving the metals without--

--support of any kind. Following traffic was immediately diverted, and a gang of workmen was rushed to the spot, to start rebuilding the destroyed portion. A nearby road was practically washed away, and the district temporarily isolated.

At Paris 66 competitors took part in a walking race from the Place de la Republique to Strasbourg, a distance of--

--over 200 miles. Many nationalities are represented. Godart--

--of France arrives first at Nancy, but at Strasbourg the first home--

--is an Alsatian, Romans, and he's welcome to the prize.

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