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CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

GRUELLING CONTEST IN PARIS.

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France's biggest cross-country race starts. No less than 1500-runners crowd the Bois de Boulogne on the take-off. The ground is frozen hard, and

the going is difficult. Still, cross-country running is a nice warm pastime on a nice cold day. The frosty air keeps the pace fast. Cold spectators

have the pleasure of watching some of the competitors take a freezing foot bath. Lonlas, champion runner, is leading. Rene Lecuron,

another favourite, becomes exhausted, and has to give up well before the finish

with only a short distance to go. The Belgian

Honorez makes a terrific burst of speed, but he's left it too late,

and although he reduces Lonlas's lead, he finishes second after

a magnificent race. One of the reasons Lonlas ran so fast was that France's late

minister of education, Monsieur Henri Pate, was waiting to congratulate him.