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This is the Cable ship Recorder --- lying at anchor in the Thames off Gravesend. Her side is badly heled after a collision with the Danish vessel Uruguay. Despite the severe damage, there were no casualties in either ship.

The Recorder was launched at Walker-en-Tyne --- built as the largest vessel, of the Cable and Wireless Fleet for repair and maintenance work in the Far East. This collision is extra tough because she was on her way to London to set out on her maiden voyage veteran CARS.

Arriving in Liverpool is the Stanley Steam Car, born nineteen hundred and six. It is one of the American team of ancient motors, here to take part in the first Anglo-American veteran car rally.

This is the Ford Model K --- another distinguished old gentleman of the year nineteen - o - six. Here's how the steam car gets the rally programme includes up steam. Thekwing an eight-hundred-and-fafty mile tour from Edinburgh to Goodwood.

Vast crowds in Rio de Janeiro attended the lying-in-state of President Vargas --- the man of Brazil who took his own life, rather than resign the Presidency that he had held for a quarter of a century. And as the coffin was borne towards the airport, for the last journey back to his ranchlands in the south--- the streets were packed as never before. The death of Vargas called for military patrols in the streets of all the big cities; as this huge state of South America fell into the grip of political unrest.

E.D.C.

In Paris the spectacle of political uncertainty is more familiar; here the National Assembly debates the French attitude confidence towards E.D.C. The Government had decided not to make this issue the occasion of a vote of confidence; and the French Parliament refused to ratify the agreement under which Germany would re-arm once more. After the session, the French Prime Minister stated that he would go to Britain to consult again with Sir Winston Churchill