

WAITERS' RACE.

1/10/54.

Here on the fashionable Kurfuerstendamm in West Berlin is the German Waiters' Annual Race..... the Waiters' Derby. Their burst of speed, will surprise anybody who thought a waiter would never move quickly except to avoid being ^{trapped in} caught by a cobweb. ~~4~~

Another section was the race for barrel-rollers. ~~M~~ Unfortunately in this group the favourite refused to start because the newspapers didn't tip him. ~~4~~

POWER PLANT FLOODED.

In the Salzburg district of Austria --- waters of the famous spas that are supposed to cure complaints, are now causing a complaint themselves. In blasting the main mine of a newly-built power plant --- great floods of water were released --- and ran amok. Damage is colossal; and the thermal springs themselves may be rendered useless. ~~16~~ ~~6~~

DIVERS FOR OIL.

In the Gulf of Mexico, geologists are looking for oil under the seabed; but even a geologist hates to share a bed with a porpoise. Specially-equipped aqua-lunged ~~skin~~ divers are probing about beneath the sea --- looking for evidence of that vital need of the twentieth century --- petroleum..... getting as big an audience as a man ~~x~~ making a hole in the road. ¹⁵ ~~6~~ The divers bring up samples of coral and shells, that indicate to the oil men a likely spot to start drilling..... to feed the insatiable creations of the machine-age. ~~8~~ ~~4~~

UNDERWATER SWIM.

Included in the 1954 swimming feats --- here is a novel one from San Francisco. Jack Lalanne, wearing a frogman outfit, attempting ~~to~~ go swim the famous Golden-Gate-Channel under water. With a balloon attached --- to mark progress for the escort ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~submarine~~ His efforts were successful --- the first man to swim across the strait below the surface. ~~4~~ ~~2-3~~

JAP TYPHOON.

These pictures were taken on the Japanese coast, immediately after the typhoon which swept across the northern island of Hokkaido; the worst typhoon Japan has known. ⁹ The major catastrophe befell the train-ferry Toya Maru --- here seen keel upwards after capsizing with the loss of many hundreds of lives. In this great disaster, four other ferries foundered, cargo ships ran aground or sank in deep water. Over a thousand smaller craft, were ~~smashed~~ smashed or sunk. ~~26~~ ~~4~~