

Sixteen jolly contestants seemed to be starting off on a holiday splash when they entered the water at Cap Gris Nez at the grisly hour of quarter to six in the morning. You'd never have guessed it was the annual cross-Channel swimming race and one of the toughest of all sporting events. ^

Observing progress from the air was the man who sponsored this year's race --- Mr Billy Butlin. It was the first time the swimmers had been accompanied by a helicopter.

The winner was an Egyptian --- Abdel Heif --- in eleven hours ~~fixy~~ forty four minutes!

And --- here ~~thé~~ is the battleship King George V --- occupying herself in waters that turned out to be not quite great enough. She's stuck fast. The thirty-five thousand ton warship which helped to sink the Bismarck during the war, was being towed by tugs into the Firth of Clyde to be laid up with what is known as "the mothball fleet". Wind and water proved to be too much for the tugs, and the King George V was aground on shingle. After suffering the indignity of squatting there like a mud-turk~~le~~ for twelve hours, she was towed off on the next tide.

Here's a visitor to London who is accepted as one of the keenest financial brains of modern times. Dr Schack~~t~~ --- the German economist and banker.

And here's a visitor to the United States of America --- the kind of visitor that any country can well do without. Sweeping in from the Atlantic Ocean across the coast of North Carolina --- the latest hurricane cut a path of destruction through the town of ~~Wixmxtxtanz~~ Wilmington. This was the latest of the series of hurricanes to rage across America --- tearing down buildings --- and bringing torrential rainstorms and floods.