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**SLIDE, TOMMY, SLIDE!**—With his mouth wide open, Tommy Ebbets slides across home plate at Ebbets Field with a run for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Umpire Art Gore signals safe as Cincinnati Reds' catcher Walker Cooper reaches for the ball. Brown scored in the second inning of the afternoon game on a hit by Pee-Wee Reese. Dodgers won the game 11-8, in their first place fight with St. Louis.

**Plucky But Vain Attempt By Girl To Swim Channel**

By Alvin J. Steinkopf  
DOVER, England, Sept. 6.—(AP)—Exhausted and hysterical, Shirley May France today was hauled from the water six miles from her Dover goal, ending a plucky but vain attempt to swim the English Channel.

The 17-year-old Somerset, Mass., girl did not quit. She begged, cried and even fought to be allowed to carry on.

But her father, J. Walter France, and her coach, Harry Boudakian, were sure they knew better. Dover's white cliffs gleamed too far away. Some of the worst tides were still to be fought, and the girl was moaning and numb with cold after being in the water 10 hours. Actually she had swum about 30 miles through changing tides which swept back and forth.

Her failure dimmed dreams of movie stardom, of riches and fame. Her attempt was one of the most pretentious channel swims of all time. A large international press corps watched from official and specially-chartered boats. Search planes circled overhead. Running accounts of her progress were broadcast.

She had hoped to be the 29th- and youngest—swimmer to conquer the stretch of buffeting water which standard reference works say is 23 to 22 miles wide. She also had hoped to beat the 1926 woman's record of Gertrude Ederle who swam the distance in 14 hours, 31 minutes.

Shirley May started the swim against the advice of her father. "Like leading a lamb to slaughter," he said when she walked into the water in rain and darkness at Cap Gris Nez, France.

During the swim he pleaded for her to give up. "Please do what Daddy wants you to do," he shouted. "Please baby, you're hurting yourself."

For an answer, she threw herself on her back and tried to swim away.

For 20 minutes France and Boudakian pleaded.

Shirley, give up! your breaking your Daddy's heart," France cried.

Finally, Boudakian reached over and pulled her toward the boat. "Please, oh please, leave me in," she moaned.

She struggled to pull away. Two boys, John Tenme, 16, and Tony Briery, 16, jumped in and held her against the rowboat. That dis-qualified her.

Crying hysterically, "look how near it is," she was dragged into the boat.

She slumped down, utterly exhausted. Her father, in tears too, wrapped her in his arms and said: "Never mind, baby. We can come another year, sweetheart. You did fine, you did fine."

She was brought to Dover in a pilot boat.

**Retains Title With Amazing Comeback**

By GAYLE TALBOT  
FOREST HILLS, N.Y., Sept. 5.—(AP)—Apparently hopelessly beaten after losing the longest set ever played in a United States championship tennis final, Pancho Gonzalez of Los Angeles made an amazing comeback today to defeat Ted Schroeder in five thrilling sets and retain his title.

Scarcely one of the 13,000 in the stadium could have given Pancho a ghost of a chance after he dropped a gargantuan opening set 16-15 and submitted weakly in the second, 2-6. But from somewhere the big Mexican-American shelled up the guns that enabled him to overcome his fellow Davis Cup ace, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, in the final three sets and send the crowd home babbling.

It was a genuine thriller, as it had promised to be. Enough drama was packed into the first set alone to do a half-dozen finals. Pancho's almost-unbelievable rally after that one.

It required an hour and 18 minutes to play. There was not a service break until Schroeder finally broke Pancho in the 36th game. The points in the gigantic affair were 104 for Schroeder, 101 for Gonzalez.

The longest previous set in a championship final was played in 1930, and saw Johnny Döeg win it from Frank Shields, 16-14. Gonzalez went through the second set like a sleep-walker, scarcely offering resistance to his racing, net-playing rival.

Just what happened to Schroeder thereafter no one will ever know. Certain it was that he let up in the third set and permitted Gonzalez to break his serve three times. Ted at 26 was conceding seven years to Pancho, and his plan plainly was to take full advantage of the 10-minute rest period after the third set and come back full of beans in the fourth.

But, somehow, the Wimbledon champion's strategy backfired on him. As another well-known player put it: "Ted let up too far and gave Pancho a chance to get his confidence back up to get the fourth set playing like an angel, to square the struggle.

With the chips down, they served, and Schroeder, who had led in the final set, it was impossible to split the two apart at that point, though Schroeder looked a little slower than he had when the match began.

It finally happened in the ninth game. Pancho closed in to win three of the first four points against Ted's delivery. And he got the next on a brilliant placement, but lost the next point.

That was all Gonzalez needed. He hadn't lost his own great serve since the second set, and he didn't lose it now, though Schroeder took him to duce. It was over, and Schroeder ambled up to the net with a wide smile to congratulate the fellow he had defeated seven times in eight previous matches.

Mrs. Margaret Osborne Dupont, 31-year-old Wilmington, Del., major, became a two-time women's champion by routinely outwitting Doris Hart of Jacksonville, Fla. 6-4, 6-1, in a final that consumed only 43 minutes.

Miss Hart, 28, and possessed of an exciting set of strokes when she is "right," went down today without much of a struggle after leading 2-0 and 4-3 in the initial set, from there on she was too erratic, especially from her backhand, to give the champion any bad moments.

The final of the mixed doubles championship had to be postponed until tomorrow because of darkness.

SROVEL, Somersetshire, England (CP)—Eric-Cen. H. Nelson, who died recently, asked his ashes be scattered over the special cemetery where he buried his dogs.

**Newfoundlanders "Lured" Into Confederation**

WINNIPEG, Sept. 7.—(CP)—Newfoundlanders were "lured" into Confederation by promises of baby bonuses and bigger old age pensions, John G. Higgins, opposition leader in Newfoundland's House of Assembly, said here yesterday in an interview.

Mr. Higgins, returning home from the Canadian Bar Association's annual convention at Banff, Alta., said that the Island is prosperous today and "would be better off in both good times and bad if it were independent."

He said that the Progressive Conservative Party which he heads is composed largely of those who wanted self-government. He added: "Of course if we got into power we wouldn't necessary move to get out of Confederation. But if a slump were to come the Confederation issue might come up again."

**Level Head Needed When Bullion Near**

VANCOUVER, Sept. 7.—(CP)—How would you like to work alongside half a million dollars' worth of gold?

Employees of the Dominion government assay office here do it frequently, but it doesn't affect their equilibrium in any way.

"Why, it's just like a bunch of cheese to us," said one man, as he gazed at a pile of dull, yellow bars on a table.

Workers casually wander around the office with carts bearing the bars, each sufficient to keep a man financially happy for the rest of his days. As government merchants, the employees buy and value gold daily. This is the only office of its kind outside the Royal Mint at Ottawa.

The precious yellow wealth arrives from the provincial mines by air or air express. Some consignments are in powder or nugget form, which are melted down into ingots and assayed.

More than \$4,000,000 worth of gold passed through the office in 1948. In the late '30s, it was common to have twice that amount.

Originally opened in 1901 to cope with the influx of gold from the fabulous Klondike fields, the office has been doing a thriving business ever since.

**Sport Snapshots**

By VAL SEARS  
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
VANCOUVER, Sept. 7.—(CP)—Being a "grand old man" isn't easy.

Take Robert Paul Brown, Vancouver Capilano baseball manager, who celebrated 50 years in baseball last week. He should be Vancouver's "grand old man of baseball" but it doesn't seem to fit. Keith (Vancouver Sun) Matthews says Bob Brown is too spirited a person to be popular. His feelings, now controlled by age, often carried him away.

Popular or not, baseball fans from all parts of the country paid tribute to the "mellow old fox of Fifth Avenue" for his half-century of baseball last week with a show of gifts and a scroll from the St. Louis Sporting News, baseball's national paper.

—He's Grown Up—  
Walter (Babe) Pratt, the home-rod brakeman, has finally got a

**CHINA SEA TYPHOON**

HONG KONG, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The Royal Observatory said tonight a typhoon is building up in the China Sea. It urged residents and business firms in this Crown colony to close storm windows. Winds of gale proportion are expected tomorrow morning.

**INQUEST ADJOURNED**

HAMPTON, N. B., Sept. 7.—(CP)—An inquest into the death of Robert Duncan McKay, Clace Bay, N.S., opened here tonight and was adjourned until Sept. 21 after nine witnesses testified.

Clancy (Vancouver News-Herald) Loranger recalls that Maple Leaf manager Conn Smythe once referred to Pratt as "the best defenceman I ever had, but he never grew up."

The 210-pound defenceman was picked as the Coast League's most valuable player last year.

**Toronto Negro Wins Decision**

LONDON, Sept. 8.—(CP)—Frank Orlando of Toronto tonight punched out an eight-round non-title decision over the British welterweight boxing champion, Henry Hall.

The 22-year-old Toronto Negro weighed 149 to Hall's 149 1/2.

In the main event, before a capacity crowd of 10,000 at Hazytonia arena, Dave Sands of Australia won the British middleweight title by knocking out Dick Turpin in the first round of a scheduled 15-rounder.

Sands, who holds the Australian middleweight, lightweight and heavyweight titles, floored Turpin for nine counts twice before putting him to sleep for the night.

Sands weighed 155; the former British middleweight champion scored 117.

Promoter Jack Solomon said he hopes to match the Australian half-oeste with the world middleweight King, Jake Lamotta of New York.

**Remember When**

By The Canadian Press  
Howie Morenz returned to the National Hockey League's Montreal Canadiens after two years with Chicago Blackhawks and New York Rangers, 13 years ago today. Playing in his 14th N. H. L. season, Morenz was in top form until his leg was broken in Montreal. The "Stratford Street" died in Montreal March 8, 1937.

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**C.C.F. Party Names New Treasurer**

OTTAWA, Sept. 7.—(CP)—A.M. Nicholson, former C.C.F. member of parliament for MacKenzie, Sask., is to be appointed full-time treasurer of his party as the first step in a three-year organizational plan, David Lewis, national secretary, announced today.

Mr. Nicholson, who has been spare-time treasurer of the C.C.F. since 1943, was defeated in last summer's general election. He had been a member of the Commons since 1940.

**Big Ben's Birthday**

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tending to the winding of the clock, which is done by electric motor. London pigeons roost in the tower among the bells, for apparently pigeons do not mind the noise of the striking, though it resounds with a tremendous clangor and the reverberation, sounding like a swarm of bees, goes on for a long time afterwards.

Right by Big Ben stood the House of Commons. It was flattened by a bomb during the blitz and yet Big Ben remained. He bears some honorable scars—the glass on his dial was shattered, they are still working on the brick-

work above his face and some of his stone work is in splinters. It's amazing that he survived so well. When you think of his position—hang in the heart of everything, right on the river and Westminster Bridge, with Waterloo Station nearby.

Looking over London from Big Ben is one great pattern of evocative history. It's a great city, there's no doubt of that, and once it's in your blood, it will hold you always, this sprawling, rambling, ragged, shabby, beautiful, lovable London of ours.

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