

Oxford Boat

Henley - where ice-breakers of the Thames Conservancy Board, fitted with a special ~~flail~~-attachment to break up the jagged sheets of ice - prepare the famous Regatta course for the Oxford Boat Race Crew.

The Dark Blues boat, too, is fitted with protection at the bow - for this first proper outing on the river, since they moved from Wallingford - in the hope of finding better conditions. *break up.*

Christopher Davidge, who stroked Oxford to victory in 1952 (and now serving in the R.A.F.) is coaching the crew - who are hoping for warmer conditions for the great Centenary "Battle of the Blues?"

Hillary

New York - where the top of the Empire State Building holds no terrors for Sir Edmund Hillary, who, with his wife, made a recent ascent to this ~~man-made~~ man-made pinnacles.

This platform is 85 stories up - about 1000 feet above the teeming city. Sir Edmund, as we all know, made the most gruelling climb on earth to the top of Mount Everest. This time, he ~~did his climbing the easy way~~ - and took the ~~lift~~.lift.

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Littleton-on-Severn - where servicemen are trying to save the £800,000 prototype of Britain's newest jet airliner - the Bristol Britannia - in a race against the tide.

The Britannia crash-landed on the frozen river mud-banks - after an engine caught fire - during a demonstration flight.

The plane was piloted by "Big" Bill Pegg (of Brabazon fame) who skilfully set her down on the mud flats - thus preventing ^{more} extensive damage to his valuable craft.

^{Salvage-} Early attempts ~~to salvage the airliner~~ were unsuccessful, and at high tide, she was almost submerged. ^{LATER,} tanks ~~have~~ entered the battle, to try and save the Britannia from the sea...