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NEWS FROM GERMANY.

This new German fire extinguisher certainly looks effective - but in case you think someone has switched off the fire at the mains, the demonstrators start a man-sized bush fire which can't be switched off, just to prove that their new gadget really does work. Novel thing about this new invention is that instead of liquid or foam, it sprays powder.

The demonstration is staged for the benefit of the crew of a passenger ship which has just been equipped with the new extinguisher. They should have plenty of confidence in it when they see how it copes with a burning petrol wagon - which is not a thing to play around with. So now you know what to do next time you're in a fire - take a powder!

Over to something cooler - the world-famous ski-jumping contest at Oberstdorf, with 51 ace jumpers from ten nations doing their best to take your breath away. The winter's so mild that there isn't a great deal of snow in these parts - so lorryloads of it have been brought from higher up the Alps.

After all, wherever the snow comes from, it feels the same.

Recknagel is Germany's hope - and he makes a splendid jump of 250 feet.

But his most formidable rival is the Russian Kamenski, who won the event two years ago, and is all set to repeat his triumph.

Kamenski's jump - 254 feet, so he's done it again!