

States holders are confined to the sprints and the shorter distance runs. Great Britain's stars holds a majority of the long distance running records.

London, Feb. 20th.—Josef Guillemot, the French Olympic Champion runner, on Saturday won the 29th running of the Cross Country Championship of France. There were 342 starters. The ten mile course was heavy, Guillemot finished virtually alone, leading his nearest contender by 220 metres. His time was 55 minutes 45 1/6 seconds.

London, Feb. 19th.—Cup tie temperature in association football circles rose with a bound Saturday, and prewar records of games were exceeded by the number of spectators at the eight matches in the third round of the cup played Saturday afternoon. These aggregated around 350,000 and upwards £2,000 sterling was paid to witness these games. Today's papers are related over the fact that three Metropolitan teams, remaining in the competition, emerged successfully. This is London's largest representation left among the eight clubs to contest, at the fourth round to be drawn tomorrow since professionalism was legalized. The next round will be played on March 4th the cup holders, "Tottenham Hotspur" had a very stern fight to oust "Manchester City" although the half time score was 2-0. After the interval "Spurs" made the mistake of concentration on the defence and the 54,000 people watching them, including Sir Eric Geddes, began to doubt if they would be able to keep up their end to the blow of the whistle. The only big surprise of the day was "Millwall's" defeat of "Svansea" which had hitherto made a formidable display in the competition. The former's victory was largely due to Keen at centre, who scored all four goals easily, the best individual performance of the day. "Arsenal" had practically a walkover and the game was also notable for the play of the wonderful Veteran Jack Rutherford who gave White both his goals and scored one himself. Another wonderful performance was gallant little "Stokes" draw with "Aston Villa", although it is impossible they will score a victory in the replay on the Birmingham club grounds.

Dublin, Feb. 20th. Fourteen thousand British troops are now left in Ireland according to a statement issued by the Publicity Branch of the Irish Republican Army. Fifty military barracks and 150 police barracks have been taken over by the Provisional Government.

Dublin, Feb. 20th.—Delegates to the Ardara, or National Sinn Fein convention which meets tomorrow, were already gathering in large numbers this morning. About 3,000 representatives from all parts of the country are entitled to attend. The ostensible purpose of the convention is to decide the future constitution of the Sinn Fein Government. By the decisions and final vote will be re-

vealed the comparative strength of the supporters of Eamon De Valera and Arthur Griffiths among the Sinn Fein Clubs throughout Ireland. It is widely believed that the convention will result in a complete cleavage of the organization and the formation of two bodies pledged respectively to the Anglo Irish treaty and to holding out for a republic. Opinions differ as to the duration of the convention some expecting it to last a week and others predicting only one day's session. If a split occurs, the question of the disposition of the party funds will become acute. Some believe they will be amicably divided, proportionately to the respective strength of the factions, while others forecast a hot controversy and a difficult settlement. Forecasts as to the division if one occurs, vary greatly, but most observers expect a small majority for the Free State advocates.

New York, Feb. 20th.—Leading European exchanges today mounted to the highest quotation in 3 years. Their advance was accompanied by further strength in grain and cotton markets, which was attributed to foreign buying. Demand sterling of British bills sold at \$4.39, a gain of 1 1/2 cents over the week end. The heavy buying of this remittance suggested covering of an urgent character. Demand bills on Paris, Brussels and Italian centres were ten to seventeen points higher, but the German mark collapsed to the years low level of 44.100 or 5 1/2 points under last week's best price. Exchange of the central European powers, including Austria, Poland and Czechoslovakia, also eased. Reaction of 2 to 10 points in Danish and Swedish quotations were regarded as logical declines from their recent steady gains.

Ottawa, Feb. 20th.—The power and authority of the Canadian delegates to the economic and financial conference, which opens at Geneva on March 7th, have been defined by the Government. Each of the Canadian delegates is appointed a commissioner and plenipotentiary of the Dominion of Canada, with full power to conclude treaties, conventions of agreements in connection with the conference, and to sign them for and in the name of His Majesty the King, in respect of the Dominion of Canada. The Canadian delegates are Sir Charles Gordon and Edouard Montpetit, both of Montreal.

London, Feb. 20th. A semi-boom condition prevailed in the gilt edge section of the Stock Exchange today. Huge orders were executed as soon as the market opened, and others poured in throughout the day. The recent reduction in the discount rate of the Bank of England and its deposit rates, the withdrawal of the Government's five per cent notes and recent reports of trade conditions were apparently responsible for turning the attention of the investing public to the gilt edge section. War loans, consols, home rails and other good

yielding gilt edge securities were the most active and prominent in the upward movement, which extended to a smaller extent to foreign bonds.

London, Feb. 20th.—Six hundred-weight of gelignite, sufficient to blow up half the city, was found by Glasgow police in ash bins in the rock courts section of the east end. No arrests have been made.

London, Feb. 20th. The United States joined in the praise of Mr. Balfour head of the British mission at the Washington conference, in his welcome to the homeland when the American ambassador addressed the Pilgrims Society dinner tonight at which three hundred persons were assembled.

London Feb. 20th. The Hon Sir A. Griffith Boscawen replying to a question asked in the House today said the result of the foot and mouth disease in the United Kingdom had been the slaughter of 17,037 cattle, this number having been authorized to be killed up to yesterday. The minister said that he had been advised the proposed methods of isolation were ineffective. The Ministry of Agriculture, he stated, did not regard the outbreak as an epidemic and believed it was now well in hand.

London, Feb. 20th.—Submitting a supplementary vote of \$1,500,000 in the House today for police forces in Ireland Sir Hamar Greenwood said this represented the final charge upon tax payers for policing Ireland. Since the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty six thousand officers and men of the R. I. C. who had been recruited in Great Britain and 16,000 of all ranks of the auxiliary police, had been disbanded. The force in Southern Ireland was now almost entirely Irish and predominantly Roman Catholic, he added.

London, Feb. 20th.—The India Office announces that the commissioner in Assam, has informed the Government from Kanaighan that in the town of Sylhet on February 15th, while the police were dispersing a meeting that had been forbidden they were attacked by a large body of men armed with clubs. The police fired on the mob inflicting 8 casualties but themselves lost 3 killed and three wounded. Reinforcements arrived on the 18th and there have been no further disturbances.

New York, Feb. 21st.—The early raw sugar market was quiet and while prices were unchanged at 2 1/2 for Cuba's, cost and freight, equal to 3.66 for centrifugal, there were large offerings at the level. No sales were reported. The raw sugar future market was active, but prices showed little variation and at midday were unchanged to two points net lower under realizing and trade selling. There were no changes in refined sugar, with fine granulated quoted at 5.10 and with good enquiry reported. Refined futures were without transaction.