

# YANKEE SWIMMERS SUFFER FROM LONG JOURNEY TO POOL

Daily Jolting Received on Rough  
Road to Les Tourelles  
Causes Alarm.

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From reports that have trickled back to this country from time to time, the American swimmers, particularly the girls, have been training under difficulties. From the main training camp at Rocquencourt to the pool at Les Tourelles, where the Yankee mermen and mermaids have been working, runs a rough and winding road and the several hours spent daily in bumping uncomfortably up and down in the light motor buses used, have not proved beneficial to the athletes, geared to a high notch of mental and physical condition.

That this Rocky Road to Dublin stunt has not been exaggerated was brought out with startling clearness yesterday when the swimmers held their final relay trials for the championships which began Sunday at Les Tourelles. Several distinct upsets were recorded, swimmers of established reputations falling before those of lesser ability and it is felt that the defeated have suffered to a greater extent from the tedium of that long ride to Les Tourelles more than their conquerors.

Gertrude Ederle, of Manhattan, considered to be without a peer among the feminine swimmers of the world has been in poor condition for some time, and although she did not compete in the trials yesterday, some doubt is felt as to whether she will be at her best Sunday.

## Miss Wainwright Beaten.

A real upset was furnished when Miss Helen Wainwright was defeated yesterday by Euphrasia Donnelly of the Indianapolis A. C. in the final test to decide the fourth member of the women's 400 meter relay. Miss Donnelly is a fine swimmer but a veritable novice compared to Miss Wainwright, who was a member of the 1920 Olympic team, and who up to the time she sailed for France this year was moving along with greater speed than ever.

The relay is now definitely chosen and will consist of Ethel Lackie, Illinois A. C., Miss Donnelly, Mariechen Wehselau, Honolulu and Gertrude Ederle, Women's Swimming Association.

In the men's trials for the 800 metre relay, a few more rather surprising results ensued. Sam Kahana-moku, brother of the world famed "Duke," and considered one of the strongest swimmers of the entire squad was eliminated along with Richard Howell of Northwestern University, known to be the leading middle distance waterman in the middle west with the exception of Weissmuller.

Harry Glancy, of the Cincinnati Y. M. C. A., Ralph Breyer, also of Northwestern and Wallace O'Connor, of Venice, California, were the swimmers chosen to aid the peerless Weissmuller in the 800 metre relay.

Weissmuller, by the way, seems to be the only swimmer of the entire squad who has not felt the effects of the aforementioned grind. Johnny is in perfect form and is thrashing through the water in faultless style and his coaches confidently predict that he will record new marks both in the 100 and 400 metre swims, the latter in which he will meet the sensational Australian youth, "Boy" Charlton who entered this race especially to have a crack at our leading swimmer.