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RESCUED COUNTESS: I'LL TRY THAT SWIM AGAIN

By KEN ROGERS

A BEAUTIFUL countess will ignore the two brushes with death she had in one week—and again try to swim round a rocky headland that fascinates her.

American-born Mimi, Countess of Coventry, said yesterday: "Sure. I'm going to do that swim again. I like a challenge."

Lady Coventry, 29—former actress Mimi Medart—was twice hauled unconscious from the sea near St. Catherine's Rock, Tenby, Pembs.

She is recuperating at The Plas, an 18th-century mansion at Llanstephan, Carms, after a stay in hospital.

She told me yesterday: "I have swum around this rock a hundred times. A good swimmer likes a challenge."

She shuddered as she recalled her two ordeals. "Those ugly rocks . . ." she said.

COUNTESS MIMI . . . "challenge."

Cramp

The FIRST RESCUE was ten days ago. Of it, she said: "I had cramp which I couldn't fight off." The crew of a pleasure boat rescued her.

Of the SECOND RESCUE—last Saturday—she said: "I got into difficulties after cutting my leg on barnacles."

Once again, she was picked up by a pleasure boat crew and 15-year-old Amanda Turnbull, of Cardiff, gave her the "kiss of life."

Said the countess: "It was just bad luck on both occasions—but I will not be put off from trying again."

Her marriage to the Earl of Coventry was dissolved last year. He visited her after the rescues.

But the Countess said yesterday that there was no reconciliation.

40-hour week almost certain

By JAMES BEECROFT

THE way was opened yesterday for a forty-hou week for nearly 3,000,000 engineers by th middle of next year.

This emerged after the Executive of the Confeder tion of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions decide in York to accept a three-point plan. Under this plan the present basic 42-hou working week would be cu by one hour from Decembe —and the employers woul also consider another cu of one hour next year.

There would also be join talks by Confederatio chiefs and engineerin bosses on most aspects the £200,000,000 packag deal offered by employe two months ago.

This plan will be pu before the Engineerin Employers' Federation London on August 27.

If they approve, almost certainly they wi a meeting of employers an union leaders will set th seal on this pact.

DON'T SEE HUSBAND, WIFE TOLD

BUS driver Ralph Simmons yesterday got a High Court injunction ordering his wife, Olive, to leave him alone.

Mr. Simmons, of Manor-road, Leyton, Essex, had alleged that his wife:

CALLED at the bus garage where he worked.

STOPPED him in the street to talk to him.

THREATENED him in a public house.

The reason, he claimed, was a "systematic process of pressure" by his wife to make him drop a divorce case.

Under the injunction Mrs. Simmons must not molest, interfere with, threaten, pester, or communicate with her husband in any way.

HE CAN'T GO INTO A PUB FOR A YEAR

A twelve-month ban on entering public houses was imposed as a probation condition on Thomas Blackwood, 22, of Freegrove-road, Islington, London, at the North London court yesterday. He admitted having an offensive weapon—a milk bottle—at a pub.

Dentist Brian takes lead

BEARDED dental surgeon Brian Toms, 29, took the lead yesterday in the Mirror Class Dinghy National Championships at Plymouth.

Brian, who recently left the Navy after serving as a Surgeon-Lieutenant on the 20,000-ton repair ship H M S Ausoria, said: "My Mirror dinghy has given me lots of thrills."

Results:

1. No. 811 Spectre—B. Toms.
2. No. 69 Hucaires—R. Latimer.
3. No. 984 Tracey—M. Davis.
4. No. 14 Mimi—H. Taylor.
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