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SWIM HARBOR TO TEST EFFICACY OF GREASE

*Two Youths, One Coated, and
Girl Help to Discount Theory
in Chilly Dash.*

Two young men and a girl attempted to swim from Pier A, the Battery, to Bedloe's Island yesterday in an effort to settle the dispute among swimmers as to the value of grease in aquatic marathons. One youth failed to reach his goal.

The test was made under the direction of Bruce Grant, President of the International Professional Swimmers' Association, which includes Mille Gade Corson, Ernst Vierkoetter, Ethel Hertle and William Sadio Jr. Those who made the effort were Miss Sally Winchell, 20 years old, of 64 Vermilvea Avenue; George Manning, 22, of 22 Eames Place, the Bronx, and Prem Gary, 20, of 1,967 Sackett Avenue, the Bronx. All wore bathing suits.

Before they plunged into the cold water at 1:10 P. M. they were thoroughly examined by Dr. Winfield Scott Pugh, medical adviser for the Swimmers' Association. Dr. Pugh tested their heart action, blood pressure, respiration and general physical condition.

When they arrived at Bedloe's Island, he again examined them and from this information estimated the effect of the grease. Only one swimmer, Gary, was coated with grease, and following the test Dr. Pugh announced that he could find no comparative difference in the condition of the three.

Despite this strong tide, Miss Winchell finished in less than 56 minutes and Gary touched the island a few minutes later. Manning, who taught Miss Winchell to swim a year ago and has trained her since, was taken from the water a quarter of a mile from the island, suffering with cold and fatigue.