

**CHANNELVICTORS
 ARE CRITICIZED
 FOR EQUIPMENT**

**Controversies Over Nearly
 Every Successful Effort
 Recalled**

CAP GRIS NEZ, France, Sept. 17.—The critical comment on Gertrude Ederle's channel swim is nothing new in this peculiar sport. There have always been doubters and scoffers in channel swimming.

Except possibly for the swims of Henry Sullivan and Charles Tott, the two Americans who crossed in 1923, criticism has been heard about all the successful crossings.

The controversy over the swim of Captain Matthew Webb in 1875, the first man on record to conquer the channel, has been going on for over fifty years. The most reliable information on record is that Webb jumped off a Dover pier and swam to the French coast, where he was helped aboard a boat where he was able to touch bottom. Details of his swim are meagre, but every time channel swimming comes into the limelight arguments are heard that Webb never swam the channel, and that if he did he did not abide by rules. Since there were no rules at the time, and that there are no records disproving his claim, the arguments always fall to be convincing.

Ever since 1911, when Bill Burgess swam the channel, there have been wisecracks that the swim was not on the square. These do not disturb "Old Bill," and those who know him personally could never think that he

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The swim of Tirabochi, who held the record that Miss Ederle broke, has always been looked upon with suspicion in certain quarters because he wore a "rick" suit that covered him from his neck to his ankles. What this suit was made of, and how much it could be made to assist the swimmer, have been questions asked by his critics, who point out that he kicked the suit off before he landed.

Colonel Bernard Frieberg, the English war hero, wore a suit similar to Tirabochi's in his attempt last year, and again this year. Omer Perreault, the Canadian, also wore a full-length suit this year. If either had succeeded, he would probably have been subjected to criticism also.

Miss Ederle was gassed in public on the beach and wore nothing except

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 FOLLOW MISS BROWNE**

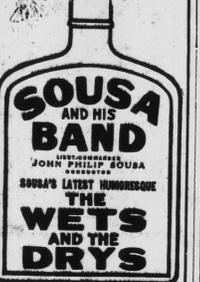
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ship and the final round of the Davis Cup eliminations between France and Japan that it is the player and not the game that attracts the ordinary citizen who has to support the game in these big stadium days.

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