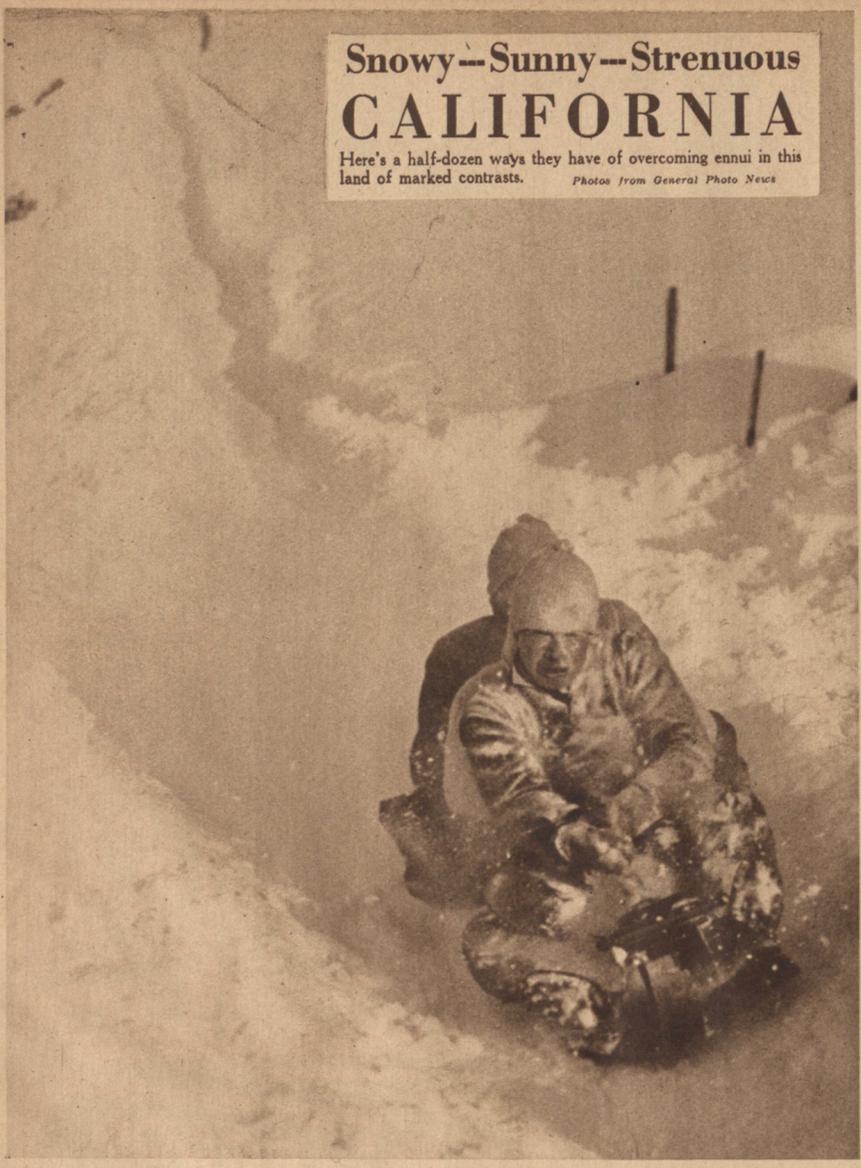


Snowy--Sunny--Strenuous CALIFORNIA

Here's a half-dozen ways they have of overcoming ennui in this land of marked contrasts. *Photos from General Photo News*

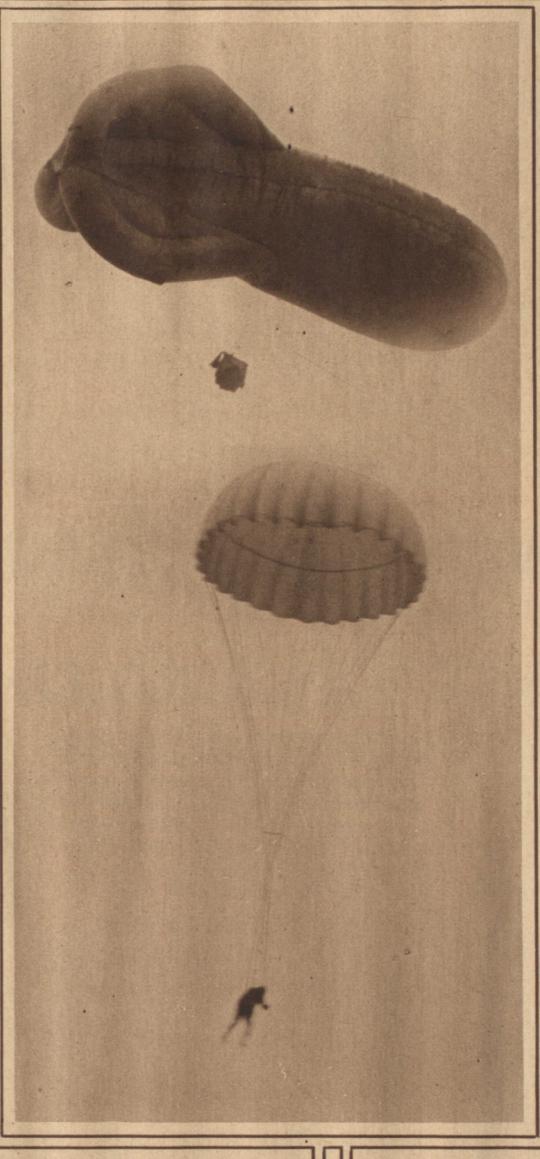


Left—Whoever heard of tobogganing in California? Yet here is a snow bespattered couple of speed fans hitting it up at sixty miles an hour (more or less) down an honest-to-goodness toboggan slide at Truckee.

Riding piggyback on your best fellow's shoulders while he guides an aquaplane at a high rate of speed behind an irresponsible motorboat is considered, and justly so, quite the most exciting sport of all at Balboa.



Some shark! The finny man-eater was adding an unpleasant zest to the bathing at a Pacific Coast resort until the lifeguards went into action and landed him high and dry. When it comes to fish stories a "native son" yields to no one.



Left—One of the training stunts at the U. S. Balloon School, at Arcada, Cal.—parachuting from a kite observation balloon. A demonstration of the way our observers made their escape when the Huns fired incendiary bullets into their balloons. The fragile-looking, scalloped-edged parasol insures a thrilling but safe descent—that is, nearly always.



Left—Here's the way a lifeboat goes over the top on the California coast. Stroking a crew against this powerful surf takes strength plus. Just how much of the Pacific Ocean the photographer who took this picture carried back to his dark room is not recorded.



Snowballing near the Golden Gate by a winter edition of a real (or should we say "reel"?) Girl of the Golden West. Judging from the wind-up, it looks as though the umpire will have to call it a strike.