

Girl Swimming Champion of France to Visit America

PARIS, Feb. 19.—Miss Suzanne Wurtz champion girl swimmer of France, plans to visit the United States for the first time this year and compete in a number of aquatic events.

Miss Wurtz celebrated her twentieth birthday Christmas day 1920. Despite her youth, she has beaten with ease every French woman swimmer competing against her and nearly all the men. She succumbed the first time against a woman when she swam against Miss Susan Bleibtrey, the American star, after the Olympic games.

The little French star—for she is very slight of build compared with most women swimmers—first learned to paddle at the age of 8. When she was 12 years old she won second place in a championship race, being beaten only a yard over a distance of 500 yards.

In 1913 she won the French women's championship and she has held it ever since. Five times she has captured the famous 5 and 8-mile swim

across Paris, beating male and female swimmers. In the annual Seine swim in 1918 she finished fourth behind Norman Ross the American world's champion beating all Frenchmen entered, and in 1919 she finished second being beaten only by Lieutenant Duvauc, champion of the French army.

Miss Wurtz holds all French records from 100 yards to five miles. Furthermore she has won 18 diving championships and holds the world's record for high diving for women.

Mrs. Louetta Allred and Miss Dorothy May Pfleger of West Second street, have as their guests for the week end, Mrs. H. F. Walker and Miss Thelma Anthanet Johnson of Two Harbors. A theater party and a luncheon have been planned for the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Max S. Greenblatt, Milwaukee, Wis., formerly of Hibbing, announce the engagement of their daughter, Valeria, to Isadore M. Block of Oshkosh, Wis. Mr. Block is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and Miss Greenblatt is attending Wisconsin university.

Miss Gertrude Ward, Pitt street, left last week to be the guest of her sister, Miss Grayce Ward of Minneapolis for several weeks.