

Olympic flop



The 1900 Olympics in Paris, only the second in the modern series, were a failure for all sorts of reasons

Tacked on to the World Exhibition, which also hosted its own sporting championships, some entrants did not even know they were competing in Olympic events. Various sportsmen refused to compete in finals staged on Sunday, adding to the confusion. Spectators were few because they did not know where events were being held. When they did turn up for the discus, one competitor chucked all three throws into the audience