

Leading the Nation in traditional Eastertide rejoicing - St. Paul's Cathedral echoed the age-old message of renewed hope ~~amid~~ ^{AMID} ~~split~~ in our troubled times. A service was held in the Garden of Memory - a link with that first Easter Day, two thousand years ago.

So the holiday week-end began, and casting aside ^{thoughts of the} ~~worries about the~~ National economy until Tuesday morning, some holidaymakers visited Woburn Abbey - and so helped their guides, the Duke and Duchess of ~~Rutland~~ Bedford to solve their financial problem, the upkeep of one of the Stately Homes of England.

Adding more colour to this ~~picturesque~~ country scene was a meet of the Oakley Hunt, and the ~~Rank~~ Duke and Duchess ^{WISH} ~~wishes~~ the members a "good scent" - for one of the last outings of the season.

A toast to a "good day's sport" - with tough going for Reynard the Fox - before he merges into the Spring landscape to enjoy his hard-earned ~~freedom~~ holiday...

From the thrill of the chase to the patient manoeuvring of sheepdogs "Scott" and "Nell" - during a show at Ballsbridge, Dublin.

Owned by a champion ploughman from Wicklow, the two dogs were playing ducks and drakes - and the geese were the first ones home.

~~Had~~ ^{ONE} week-end visitor to Brighton ~~who combined business with pleasure~~

~~Mr Malenkov, the Soviet Minister for Power Stations, toured an electricity works, and then got some more Western ideas, from local youngsters!~~

^{WAS GETTING} ~~IT'S MR MALENKOV, SOVIET MINISTER FOR POWER STATIONS, WHO COMBINED BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE WHEN HE TOURED AN ELECTRICITY WORKS.~~

Then a real Western visitor dropped in - "The King of the Wild Frontier" ^{himself -} the screen Davy Crockett, ^{cap} ~~played~~ played by Fess Parker, complete with coonskin ~~cap~~ and ancient flintlock.

And this rendezvous could well have been a "mountain top in Tennessee" That "coonskin parade" at London Airport took ^{SOME OF} the shine off the traditional Easter Parade in Hyde Park.

But despite a bitter North-Easter - there was a warm welcome for Film Star Adrienne Corri - whose hat of blue straw, complete with rosebuds, revealed the "feminine touch"!