

"Fill her up" was the Easter call, as Britain's motorists went on a petrol-coupon ~~binge~~ binge, and joined the stream on the not-so-open roads to the country or the coast.

Swinging round the round-a-bout can only mean one place, "Happy Hampstead" And, as usual, the stay-at-home Londoner tried his luck.

While the holiday-makers were getting away from it all - some 800 emigrants were sailing away from Britain. They were among the 1,000 passengers in the "Empress of England" - making her maiden voyage to Canada.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

Gliding out of Liverpool, the 25,000 ton liner shows her modern lines

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The last word in luxury travel, this "tourist-class" liner, ^{has all the} ~~_____~~ ^{specious} sun lounges and modern cinema. ^{She is} commanded by Captain de Hautville Bell ~~_____~~

MEANWHILE THE "MAYFLOWER'S"

~~_____~~ Commander Villiers (in 17th-century ^{of Plymouth} dress) received from the Mayor - goodwill offerings ^{For} ~~_____~~ America...

Then, escorted by little ships, the "Mayflower" began her maiden voyage across the Atlantic..... the spirit of Devon men and their brave vessels lives on. ~~_____~~

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Yes, sailing little ships has played a major part in Britain's history... To-day, it's a popular past-time - though lazing on the beach at Hastings was a pleasant holiday "escape" until the 1957 invasion began....

Another couple of gallons and - on to Winchelsea, where civic personages of the ancient Cinque Port celebrate "Mayor-making Day" - a custom that began in Napoleonic times... ~~_____~~

Among the dignitaries was the "look-out" man; ~~_____~~ He's ^{still} paid 25/- a year to ~~look~~ keep watch for French invaders... ~~_____~~

Now to a famous race-horse who resisted French invaders in the 1955 St. Leger. Remember Meld ~~_____~~ winner of three classics and £43,000 in prize money?