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THE ST. LEGER.

An off-the-war interlude.....

One of the year's biggest crowds... including a fair proportion of fans from the Forces, was at Newmarket to see a dozen colts and fillies contest the final classic of the season... Miss Dorothy Paget's colt STRAIGHT DEAL is favourite, carrying 9 stone and a load of responsibility. The Aga Khan's UNIDAD and Mrs. MacDonald-Buchanan's TROPICAL SUN are also well fancied, while HERRINGBONE is well down the list.

As the tapes go up, they get away to a clean start, STRAIGHT DEAL leading with RIBBON close by.

The favourite is still ahead, RIBBON's going well, with the filly HERRINGBONE well back. You'll recognise Harry Wragg on HERRINGBONE by Lord Derby's colours, plain black with white cap.

HERE's where Wragg gains by his patience. He is bringing up HERRINGBONE with the leaders, and challenges the tiny filly RIBBON.... Now is the moment! Harry Wragg takes Herringbone through the field... 'filleting' it with the speed of a fishmonger on a Friday. She's nearest the camera - number eleven.

A thrilling finish! HERRINGBONE first, RIBBON second and the favourite third. A case of 'ladies first', although courtesy has nothing to do with it. It's the sixth St. Leger win for that grand old sportsman Lord Derby. May his shadow never grow less.