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The opening of the flat racing season at Ascot hadn't the famous pre-war assortment of fashions, but in numbers and enthusiasm the crowd was equal to the best in peace time years. Thousands got there in spite of wartime travel trouble - their bikes crowding the once packed car parks.

Excellent sport and good weather made it a fine "back to the flat" for the onlookers. They're off to the start of the first Division of the Sunninghill Handicap.

Mr. Redman's "Prawn Curry," with E. Smith up, made all the running. Formerly owned by the Aga Khan "Prawn Curry" won handsomely, with "Selester," second, and "Lewie," third.

Most winners were well backed and the usual "I've got a horse" experts were there. The sign language of the tic-tac man has to be seen to be believed.

A field of twenty-nine got away well in the mile and a half Bagshot Handicap.

"Misty Morning," owned by the veteran trainer R. G. Dawson, led nearly all the way.

"Misty Morning" proved himself just too good for "Star Lever" and came in to win strongly by a length and a half. War and peace time racing have this in common. The horse with your money on it still plays follow-my-leader.