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A million people made sport their escape from a world where material values still reigned supreme. Thousands of others found comfort in faith. At Stockport in Cheshire a three deep queue forms daily outside St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. They are all talking about seven-year-old Pauline Byrne and a bunch of roses. Nearly six months ago, Pauline went to Church here. On a statue of the Virgin Mary, she placed a bunch of golden roses. Today, 180 days after, these flowers have neither faded nor shed their petals. The Catholic Church does not claim that this is a miracle. In a cold matter-of-fact world, (whatever is the significance of this act of faith), it is there for all to see. As the pilgrims went back to their every day life, other happenings claimed their attention.

Fire struck Goole dockyard in Yorkshire. As Pathe cameras fly over the port, smoke pours from a gutted warehouse. Within a few minutes, the roof and floors of the four-storey building caved in.

Only twisted girders now remain. Damage is set at a million pounds. 800 tons of sugar - a week's rations for two and a half million people - was among the food destroyed.

The week also brought to the people news of great moment in world affairs. For Burma it meant independence after a long period of domestic strife. At Downing Street, Prime Minister Attlee and Burma's Premier Signed an Agreement which will make Burma an Independent country outside the British Commonwealth of Nations. As the signatures were appended to the new Treaty, few Burmese would predict the future course of events. Would independence bring to Burma domestic upheaval similar to that suffered by her neighbour India? For the latest report from Pakistan told that the unholy communal bloodshed was in no way abating. Civil war has so far brought death, to more than fifty thousand people. In the trail of murder and arson come the refugees. Their suffering is the new tragedy of India. Already, a million and a half have been exchanged between the two Dominions. Another two million are preparing for their trek. Many will never reach their new land. To them may come starvation and death.

While the two Indian Dominions struggled for the ideals their leaders had proclaimed, momentous events in France were making history. From the turmoil of