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AROUND BRITAIN

Gales pound the South Coast of England. Heavy seas sweep harbour walls. Shipping is everywhere held up. Inland, with heavy rains flooding many parts of the country the lives of ordinary citizens are held up, too. In Shrewsbury the more fortunate residents move on hastily erected catwalks, but those living in more deeply flooded areas rely on rowboat transportation for their shopping expeditions. It's a change to queue up in your own front bedroom, anyway.

Steadily rising to sixteen feet above its normal level, the Severn threatens riverside dwellings from Shrewsbury to the Bristol Channel. But it takes more than high water to call a halt to Britain's longest suffering vacation. Housekeeping still makes its target. When a woman has learned to wash without soap, she's not likely to complain of too much water.

Neither did a day of rainsqualls daunt Canadian Bill Waterton, Gloster's chief test pilot, from an unofficial crack at lowering world airspeed records.

In a standard Meteor fighter, he challenges both elements and transatlantic claims to the title.

Bursting along under low cloud, Bill touches six sixty miles an hour, eight miles above the record. Record-breaking also, in its lack of publicity, is the wedding of David Niven.

With none of the ballyhoo usually associated with the wedding of a film star, David walks out of the South Kensington Registry office a widower no longer.

Not unaturally, the groom claims most of the attention, but we ought to tell you that the bride is blonde - and beautiful - and Swedish.

At Portsmouth's Civic centre, the Prime Minister of Irak and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin sign a new Anglo-Iraki Alliance. Providing for close economic and military co-operation, the conclusion of this treaty marks a new relationship between the two nations and confirms, says Mr. Bevin.....

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