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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

At Euston, after five days of discussions, Union Chiefs - this is James Figgins of the NUR - sign an agreement with Railway Executive Chairman John Elliott and a strike is averted at the cost of higher fares.

Mount Pleasant, Britain's largest post office welcomes a postman from one of America's smallest towns, Mr. Lincoln Kilby, of Vandalia, Missouri. His townsfolk financed his trip over here to study the British way of life. Till machines can read, sorting must still be done by hand, so things look "much like home," so far. Through Mount Pleasant three and a half million letters a day pass - a million of them through the electrical franking machines. Only the latest mechanical aids could make the vast volume of work possible. Huge conveyer belts, for instance, cope with a quarter of a million parcels daily - over two thousand tons of them!

No don't worry. America's not going to take over the post office as well. That's just a souvenir for Mr. Kilby.

Speakers' Corner, Hyde Park, has an unusual invasion of women. They're still hot up about that eight-penny ration and the regular Hyde Park orators find themselves surrounded with angry housewives. Good business is being done with a petition for which three million signatures is the target. Hyde Park is the most famous place in the world for letting off steam. It may make things a little difficult for the regulars, but if the ladies want to have a go, well, it's better here than at home, isn't it?