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WHITSUN ROUND-UP

This is Canvey Island on Whit Sunday. Canvey, the little seaside resort devastated in the great flood disaster. Today her golden beaches are thronged with holiday-makers, drawn by the warm welcome of the proud people whose home this is. Only a few months ago, it seemed impossible that Canvey could ever recover. The sea walls had been breached and the water had gushed in to destroy homes and families.

A courageous people these, unafraid of the heavy task that lay ahead. Quickly they built new walls that disaster might not overwhelm them again. Speedily they repaired their shattered homes, and in their hearts prayed that the visitors would return. Now it is Whit Sunday. Canvey is bright, not only with the summer sun, but with hope. Tragedy is in the past and they look ahead confident that all will be well.

At Forest Gate, East London, a tube train, carrying railway workers, collided with goods wagons in the early hours of Whit Sunday morning. There were only a few minor casualties. Traffic was held up for some hours, but now the first passenger train goes by. Packed with holiday makers, its destination the East Coast.

Whitsun usually sends the crowds scurrying away from London, but not when the Coronation's just around the corner. Splendid decorations are everywhere adding further pomp and pageantry to the old city. And what if the temperature's around the 80 mark - you don't see sights like this every Whitsun. With every street in town gay with bunting and triumphal effigies, can you wonder that people have got the Coronation fever.

Led by the Grenadier Guards, Australian troops march to Buckingham Palace to take over guard duty for twenty-four hours. All the fifty-four men who are being given this honour have been hand-picked from the Australian contingent in London for the Coronation Procession.

The crowd shouts "Good Old Diggers" as the Aussies take over from the Second Battalion the Grenadiers -- slouch hats replace bearskins as guard is kept outside the London home of Her Majesty the Queen.

In the British Games at the White City, Jimmy Peters, number 6, has a crack at beating the one hour record, which means that he goes

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just as far as he can in exactly sixty minutes. The runners take a quick shower in passing as the great crowd watch Peters, now lying second plugging on, despite a blistered heel.

Peter's hour is up! He's covered 11 miles, 186 yards, and beaten the English record. But back luck, Jimmy is just 151 yards short of the British record. Now for the start of the two-mile international. Gordon Pirie sets a cracking pace right from the word "Go," but keep an eye open for No. 2. He's Chris Chataway, the 22-year-old Oxford Blue.

Despite the blazing heat, they're still keeping a terrific pace. Now watch Chataway open up in a typical last-minute burst.

Thirty-five yards ahead of all the rest, Chataway comes storming in in eight minutes, 19.6 seconds, to become the third fastest runner over two miles in the world.