

For nearly a month --- Fleet Street has been the deserted village of London.

For nearly a month --- instead of burying their heads in the newspaper as they travel to and from work, people have been able to exchange sparkling conversation.

For nearly a month --- man without his paper has been like a robot without his electronic brain; Well, now --- let's see what's been happening. The Boat Race --- won by Cambridge with a margin of sixteen lengths.

The Grand National --- thirty entries; and thirteen of them completed the ~~course~~ course.

Winner by twelve lengths --- Quare Times.

The F.A. Cup --- and gallant ~~xxxx~~ York City became the first Third Division side to force a replay in the semi-final --- but they lost it to Newcastle.

England beat Scotland in the Wembley international --- and Stanley Matthews once again proved himself the architect of victory.

Rugby football continued its business as usual --- although this match showed some unusual business.

Too bad there was no special edition when Chelsea went top of the League.

Pat Smythe won the Algiers International with a faultless round on Prince Hal.

The Epsom Spring Meeting on Epsom Downs; and a win in the Blue Riband Trial Stakes for Her Majesty the Queen with Sierra Nevada.

A satisfying moment for the royal trainer --- Captain Boyd-Rochfort. (UP)

Don Cockell arrived in San Francisco to start training for his world-heavyweight challenge to Rocky Marciano.

This was followed by a visit to Buckingham Palace by Sir Anthony Eden --- who returned as the new Premier of the United Kingdom..... and who announced a ~~few days~~ later a General Election, ~~set for~~

Hard upon that announcement came the fourth Budget of Mr R.A. Butler --- with relief in Purchase Tax for textiles --- and cuts in Income Tax.

Taking up his new appointment as First Sea Lord --- Admiral Earl Mountbatten of Burma went to work at the Admiralty --- in the office held by his father, Prince Louis of Battenberg, at the outbreak of the First World War.. This is the only instance on record, of a son following his father in the post of First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff. It is interesting at this time to look back upon the spectacular career of this remarkable man --- who entered the Royal Navy as a cadet at the age of twelve and served with distinction in 1914 - 1918. In the early months of the Second World War he was captain of a destroyer flotilla; and in 1941 he won the D.S.O. and was twice mentioned in despatches. ^

The name Mountbatten will always be ~~xxxxxxxx~~ associated with the destroyer H.M.S. Kelly --- which was sunk by enemy action and, in the tradition of the Royal Navy, went down with guns blazing.

But he was no blue-water Navy man. He knew the value of each fighting arm; and in 1942 he became Chief of Combined Operations. These pictures --- with the famous General Orde Wingate ⁱⁿ Burma --- recall Admiral Mountbatten's selection in 1943 for the vital appointment of Supreme Allied Commander in South-East Asia --- the war against Japan.....an appointment culminating in the Victory Parade in Rangoon; ~~total victory~~

And Singapore; it was to Admiral Mountbatten that the Japanese in this area surrendered.

