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From St Peter's Italian Church in London's Hatton Garden --- a Roman Catholic Procession, in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. ^{In it} Behind the statue, walked His Eminence Cardinal Griffin. There were colourful groups in the national costume of their several countries; representatives of far-off Poland --- and even ~~some~~ exiles from the Ukraine. PARATROOPS.

Flying above Salisbury Plain are military transport aircraft, taking part in a demonstration of the latest-technique parachute-drop. And now --- for every parachutist --- comes that awful moment when he would like to change places with the ^{fellow} ~~blot~~ who does the pushing.

The drop was carried out in fast time with no casualties --- though with at least one narrow escape! And it finished with the new feature, of dropping heavy equipment from tailloading aircraft --- including twenty-five pounder guns.

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