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IRISH GRAND NATIONAL.

Fairyhouse was looking its best in the brilliant Easter sunshine and the Irish Grand National drew the usual array of motor cars packed tight by the side of this lovely course.

Let us take a look at some of the horses ~~xxxxxxpaddock~~ as they parade in the paddock. Excitement is mounting and the fine day brought put a great crowd for this popular meeting.

A field of sixteen and a distance of 3 1/2 miles to go. ~~They're~~

~~off~~ <sup>All eyes are on</sup> ~~Gaumont British News~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ cameras are busy

~~filming~~ this exciting open handicap. They're at it, hammer and tongs, and at the end of the first time round, there was

not much in it. They're running neck and neck, but soon the pace is telling. Shaun Peel raced ahead, one length, two

lengths, separated this Irish horse from Sterling Duke. It was

an outsider trained in Ireland that pulled ahead to win by 2 1/2 lengths. Then Sterling Duke, and 20 lengths behind Pontet.

So Shaun Peel won the Irish Grand National of 1939, and I'm so glad I brought my beer and sandwiches.