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AROUND BRITAIN

At Cheltenham we are there for the twice postponed National Hunt Steeplechase. With sunshine and the latest fashions on parade, nobody minded much if the beckies did have another day out. We pick up the horses on the last lap with Maltese Wanderer way ahead with Major Daly up. And here the winner goes over the last jump. Coming up behind are Seda II and favourite Parantham.

Dun N,aa throws his rider at the last fence.

Maltese Wanderer goes past the post a comfortable winner. Coming in second Seda II and Parantham. Good jockeyship of Major Daly decided the race for Maltese Wanderer. A 6 to 1 shot came off.

Five weeks after flood waters swept across the Fenlands, farmers and troops are still fighting to prevent further flooding. 30,000 acres are now under water. Thousands of tons of potatoes and grain have been destroyed. The cause of the damage is the latest 300 ft gap in a floodbank of the River Trent near Norton. A barricade of 17 ton amphibious tanks was breached by the sudden rise in water. The fruits of two weeks labour and toil which partly cleared some of the land were swept away. To seal the breach an 800 ton pontoon crane came over from Holland. Dutchmen who helped to close Walcheren dykes are there to operate it. They will rebuild the banks of the Trent gap. 60 ft holes made by the rushing water will be filled in with chalk and slag interwoven with rushes and sticks. 10,000 tons of clay are also needed to do the job.

A Pathe reporter is there as the Pontoon grab crane goes to work. The barrier wall must be strengthened and a start made to reclaim the land.

The Pathe plane flies over the Solent. Down below the 85,000 ton liner "Queen Elizabeth" runs aground on bramble bank at the entrance to Southampton harbour. Homeward bound from New York she carried more than 2,000 passengers and a crew of 1200.

16 of Southampton's most powerful tugs pulled and pushed to move the world's biggest liner back into deep water. A low neap tide was running when the Q.E. went on the sandbank. The passengers were taken off in tugs. A survey of the liner is to be made before she sails again.

Budget Day 1947 and the Government's third budget. M.Ps arrive at the House of Commons to hear the Chancellor's balance sheet. With some

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up, some down taxation charges Dr. Dalton mixed good news with bad and finished up still claiming to be the Chancellor with a song in his heart. Inside the famous red dispatch box with news of one shilling's increase on 20 cigarettes - a lift in earned income allowance from one eighth to one sixth - a rise on pipe tobacco of 1/2 an ounce. These were the highlights of a "save the dollars" budget. Dr. Dalton told M.Ps his income tax plans at 5.28. Two minutes later our opinion pollsters passed the news on and recorded these "man in the street" opinions.

5.40 brought a women's angle.

But 5.45 really caused a riot. Cigarettes went up a shilling and this is what they thought about it.