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**RYDE WOMAN'S ESCAPE FROM PARIS.**

During the week-end Mrs. **Madeleine BATT**, wife of Mr. Bernard BATT, of Ryde, with her young children Anthony and Marie, reached the Island after escaping from Sevres, Paris, three days before the Germans occupied the city. About 18 months ago she went to live with her widowed mother, who with her brothers fled southwards from Paris on the approach of the enemy and of whom she has since received no news. Mrs. BATT and her children entrained as far as Rennes, where the railway track had been blown up. With her children she obtained the help of a British officer, and they were brought in an army lorry to St. Malo and taken to St Heliers, Jersey. Here Mr. BATT met his family and brought them home on a steamer which contained over 500 children. There were incredible scenes at St. Heliers, where they saw people offering £10 and more to be brought to this country.

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