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Downwardly mobile: Priti Patel arriving in Downing St last night
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PRITI SHAMBOLIC

- Patel jets back to resign at No.10
- Second minister to go in a week



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RAIL DRIVERS' 28% PAY RISE TO END STRIKE

Deal finally reached with bosses after months of hell for commuters

ONE of Britain's longest rail disputes looked to finally be ending last night as train drivers accepted a 28.5 per cent pay rise.

Aslef members voted overwhelmingly to take the offer from Southern bosses after 18 months of strikes and working to rule over

by **AIDAN RADNEDGE**

new trains with doors operated by drivers rather than guards.

In a major climbdown, the company has also promised a second worker will be on

all services unless there are 'exceptional circumstances' such as staff calling in sick.

The pay rise will be implemented in stages over five years but drivers could end up on nearly £80,000, including overtime.

The RMT union, which represents guards,

said last night it remained in dispute with Southern. But the strike disruption on the network has been worst on days when the Aslef drivers have been involved. The deal

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Endangered: Paddington is modelled on the spectacled bear



Meet the real Paddington

PADDINGTON 2's cinema release tomorrow will have everyone falling once again for Michael Bond's beloved bear. Lucky, then, that ecotourism company Inkaterra has launched three-night Andean Spectacled Bear Programmes over in 'deepest, darkest Peru'. These itineraries provide rare access to Inkaterra's rehabilitation

centre for endangered spectacled bears, which neighbours its luxurious Machu Picchu hotel. Shadowing an expert keeper, you can assist them with feeding (no marmalade sandwiches, sadly) and monitoring. A guided tour of Machu Picchu is also included.

From £1,030pp full board, inkaterra.com



For... THE GREAT PYRAMID

Scientists have excitingly revealed a huge void inside Egypt's most famous structure, its purpose and contents as yet a mystery. Undetected for 4,500 years, the mysterious cavity is 'the size of a 200-seater airplane', according to co-discoverer Mehdi Tayoubi.

For... SUPERSTITIOUS COUPLES

As 18 is a lucky number in China, luxury Scottish wedding venue Dundas Castle - its modern part propitiously built in 1818 - is offering couples a free piper if they marry at the venue in 2018. But only for services on - of course - the 18th of each month.

dundascalles.co.uk



GOOD WEEK



Beach heaven: Your cycling journey follows the beautiful coastline in north-eastern Brazil

BRAZIL IS

Ride along wild beaches and attend Rio de Janeiro's Carnival on a new cycling adventure, says **Richard Mellor**



Party time! Finish your epic trip at Rio de Janeiro's Carnival

AS cycling grows in popularity, so too do long-distance biking holidays. None, however, are more exotic than a new small-group tour following north-eastern Brazil's beautiful coastline and finishing in Rio de Janeiro to watch the famous Carnival.

Simply called Carnival, the trip splits into two guided sections and guests can tackle one or both. To do the whole thing you'll need to be able to spare more than £7,000. It will take one month and you'll ride 1,740 miles (2,800km). 'Lots of cycling

experience isn't necessary,' explains Cristiano Werneck, who scouted the tour for US operator TDA Global Cycling, 'but being used to long hours in the saddle will definitely make the tour more pleasant.'

Alternatively, pick a section and costs will be adjusted accordingly. Starting from Recife on January 7, the first is called Beach Hopping and includes immense stretches of wild, sandy shores interspersed with palm trees, shifting dunes and remote fishing communities. A rest day offers a chance to admire Salvador's colonial architecture.

BAD WEEK



For... SWEDERLAND

As so many people confuse Sweden and Switzerland (no, really), airline Swiss is offering 24 contest winners tours of non-existent 'Swederland'. The trips to Switzerland led by Swedish guides will delineate both countries and erase Swederland forever. swederland.com

For... BUDGET BARCELONA

Analysing typical traveller costs across the country, a City Break Cost Index by rental firm Spain-Holiday.com shows Barcelona as Spain's most expensive city right now. Jerez, famous for its sherry and dancing Andalusian horses, is cheapest.



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