

KIDNAPPERS IN LONDON LETTER

196 Fleet Street, E.C.4. Thursday. In a subject of urgent discussion to-day, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, announced that the French, German and Italian ambassadors separately and jointly had each in turn his Government's questions for ensuring the safety of the kidnapers. Arrangements have been made for Mr. Eden and the three ambassadors to meet together to discuss the question. When the text of the agreement has been finally transmitted by the British Government to the other two parties, the object will be to ensure the utmost to prevent further information that the review of cases and women by the King on the 27th June, will be the latest ever seen in this country. The party to be accompanied by the King will be the same as in the previous year, and the same number of civil-servicemen will be present in the parade. A comparison between Japan and Scotland was drawn by Mr. R. R. Smith, who addressed Dundee Rotary Club members last night.

WATER POURS FROM ROCK

Has Duncannon, Co. Tyrone, discovered a modern Moses? A member of Duncannon Rural Council yesterday maintained that they had, and that the "Moses" should be well paid for producing water from rock. For years the Council had vainly endeavoured to obtain a domestic supply for the village of Drumcann and on the advice of water diviners, blasted through forty feet of rock. Not a trickle was found.

"WORLD TENSION" "Unknown's" "Poems Win Prize"

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Hawthornden goes to Woman

An almost completely unknown—Miss Ruth Pitter, who has published five volumes of poetry, which have hitherto received comparatively little attention, is the 1937 winner of the Hawthornden Prize for literature.

Too Many Trippers

The need for a "spread-over" of the summer holiday period to avoid congestion in August and comparative quietness in other months, was urged at the conference of the Association of Health and Pleasure Resorts at Ryli yesterday.

PEAK SACRILEGE FOR BUTLER

Lord Sysonby of Great Tangle Manor, Womersley, near Guildford, underwent blood transfusion at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, yesterday in a vain effort to save the life of his butler, Alfred Jackman, who had been found with gunshot wounds.

Japs Have No Swear Words

A comparison between Japan and Scotland was drawn by Mr. R. R. Smith, who addressed Dundee Rotary Club members last night. Japan, he said, had sea, mountain and valley, river and loch, and was, to the world, a beautiful country. Mountains were on a grander scale than in Scotland, and the roads were of a higher up to 4000 feet.

Taxes on Honours Abolished

The Imperial Conference is approaching the end of its labours, and in accordance with its timetable the final plenary session will be held at St. James's Palace next Tuesday. Most of the committees which were set up to complete their work and submit their reports for a report to the Conference have done so.

Stamp Fees Diked, £350 Baronetcy, £100 Knighthood, £30

The Finance Bill was again before the House. Lieut.-Col. Colville moved an amendment to abolish the stamp fees in connection with certain ancillary documents relating to honours.

GERMAN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Heinrich Mottek (46), a German tutor in Oxford, who told a friend that he had always regarded himself as fortunate in escaping from Germany alive, was admitted to Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, yesterday suffering from wounds on the throat and wrist.

MEANS DEATH "A MONTH" SWASTIKA ON TUTOR'S DOOR

The friend, who is representative that Mottek had told him recently that he found a swastika on his door, and said, "That was the last I saw of him. I shall be dead within that time."

Workmen Unearth Bones at Perth

Bones which may prove to be human remains have been unearthed by workmen excavating in Perth. The discovery was made at the rear of the Bank of Scotland premises in St John Street.

STORMS FOLLIED HEAT WAVE

The thunder and lightning, accompanied at some places by sudden squalls, which wind changed a rather warm summer evening in a few minutes into a period of chill.

SCOTTISH FARM WAGES AREA COMMITTEES TO FIX RATES

The measure designed to regulate agricultural wages in Scotland was read a second time in the Commons last night without a division. Mr. Elliot, Secretary for Scotland, moved a second reading of the Agricultural Wages (Scotland) Bill.

DUDEEN MAN TO RETIRE FROM RECTORY OF PAISLEY ACADEMY

Mr. George Aimer Russell, M.A., B.Sc., F.R.S., who will retire from the rectory of Paisley Grammar School at the end of the current session, is a son of the late Robert Russell, who was long associated with the firm of James Grimmond & Co. of Dundee, and is a brother of Mr. Frank Russell, the well-known Dundee bookbinder.

PROFITS TAX

When the clause dealing with the National Defence Contribution were reached Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, proposed to refer to the House those clauses which were put forward by the House as a whole.

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RECLUSE Leaves £6000

Mr. Louise Harriet Parker, an 80-year-old widow, who died in her home last December had a net estate of £6,000, with property valued at £2,000, with net property of £4,000.

WRAPPED UP IN WORK

He was absolutely strapped up in his work to the exclusion of everything else, and his health was in a wretched state at the last week of his life.

NEW PLAN TO FILL TOWN JOBS

Mr. Caldwell, who is deputy chairman of the local employment advisory committee, has suggested a new plan to fill town jobs.

NO MORE CANVASSING OF COUNCILLORS

The question tackled here is to stop the canvassing of councillors, reported by Mr. H. Ford at the Lord Provost's Conference on Wednesday.

TRAINING CENTRES

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MARKERS FOR "OPEN" AT CARNOUSTIE

Employees of Dundee Corporation are to be allowed time off from work to act as markers in the Open golf championship at Carnoustie on July 5-6.

HINT OF NEW MUNICIPAL LAUNDRY

The possibility of a new municipal laundry being set up at Maryfield Hospital was suggested by Dundee Public Assistance Committee meeting last night.

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PERTH PAGEANT PRINCIPALS

Arrangements for the pageant which is the centenary of the Perth Division Liberal Party, will be held on 18th June are now fairly well advanced.

CANADA'S WAR-TIME PREMIER

SIR ROBERT BORDEN DEAD. Sir Robert Borden, the Canadian wartime Prime Minister, died yesterday at his home in Ottawa, Ontario.

FIRE TEAM SECOND IN BRITAIN

English teams were the decisive victors yesterday in the national competition for the Fire Team Shield between England and Scotland, held at the headquarters of the St. Andrew's Association in London.

But English Wins Ambulance Shield

The results were: 1. Tyndale (220 out of 240); 2. Duff (210); 3. Harwich and Parkstone (200); 4. Aberdeen (180).

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