

# LONDON ON WATER RATIONS NEXT WEEK?



## OFFICIAL ULTIMATUM LAST NIGHT

### "More Economy, or Restrictions in Seven Days' Time"

## MINISTER'S WARNING

Sir Wm. Prescott.

LONDON MAY BE PLACED ON WATER RATIONS IN A WEEK'S TIME.

Drastic warnings concerning the greatest drought on record were issued last night by the Metropolitan Water Board and by Sir E. Hilton Young, Minister of Health, speaking in the House of Commons.

## BILL TO MAKE GERMANY PAY

### Chancellor to Aid Holders of Dawes and Young Loans

The Clearing House Bill, introduced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons yesterday, aims to secure payment to British holders of the Dawes and Young Loans in respect of which Germany has declared a moratorium.

Much interest has been aroused by the fact that the Bill will also "authorise the imposition of restrictions on imports from certain foreign countries."

It is assumed that this relates to provision against the contingency of reprisals by Germany on British trade.

## ABDUCTION CHARGE

A man who was arrested in Hounslow-road, Twickenham, yesterday afternoon, will appear at Brentford Police Court this morning charged with taking away and decoying a five-year-old girl.

**I**F the lady who, whilst shopping on Saturday last, was heard to remark that her housekeeping money was insufficient (and that her family had no appetite for Breakfast) will go at once to the nearest grocer and purchase a packet of "Force," she will learn something to her advantage.

# FORCE

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FULL WEIGHT  
10 oz PACKET

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD announced that unless there is very considerable reduction in consumption during the next seven days restrictions will be imposed.

SIR HILTON YOUNG said he was not satisfied sufficient attention was being paid to the "pinch" imminent in August and September. Compulsory powers would be used if needed. (See page 5.)

"Urgent appeals made from time to time on behalf of the Board for rigid economy in the use of water have been responded to by very many consumers, whose co-operation is much appreciated," stated the Board.

"The response on the whole, however, has been disappointing and inadequate.

"A very large number of consumers are still making no effort to assist in meeting the difficult situation brought about by the unprecedented drought.

"In these circumstances the Board are compelled to give notice that unless there is a very considerable reduction in the total consumption of water during the next seven days compulsory restrictions will be imposed at the expiration of that period in order to conserve adequate supplies for domestic, health and trade purposes."

Sir William Prescott, chairman of the Board, said in an interview that if restrictions are imposed, use of water for gardens, playing fields, parks and car washing would be forbidden.

"There is no sign of substantial rain and no indication that the drought is likely to end," he said.

"It becomes daily more clear that the Board must act prudently, look ahead and conserve its reserves for essential needs, such as domestic, health and trade purposes. These needs must be the Board's primary consideration.

## GREATEST DROUGHT

"This present drought exceeds in magnitude any we have ever experienced, so far as official records go.

"Nothing can be more vexatious than to see sprinklers in full play in gardens not only during the day but during the night.

"To the Board any restrictions are exceedingly distasteful. We shall not impose them if we can possibly avoid them. But we cannot take undue risks."

Sir William explained that 80 per cent. of London's supply came from the River Thames and the River Lea, so that if there was heavy rainfall these rivers would quickly be replenished.

The remaining 20 per cent. came from deep wells in Kent, the level of which had fallen very low. One well now had only 17ft. of water.

## WATER-WASTER FINED £4

Summoned for fixing a rubber hose to a water service pipe of the Barnet District Gas and Water Company and for using the company's water for other than domestic purposes, Neil Mackenzie, of Elmsdale-gardens, New Barnet, was fined £4 at Barnet yesterday.

Prosecuting solicitor said that officials saw a hose which was connected with a tap in the house running on to the defendant's lawn.

The chairman said the Bench took a very serious view of the case. He hoped the Press would stress the vital importance of everybody saving water as much as possible.

## DIED ON BOWLING GREEN

While playing bowls on Richmond Athletic Club bowling green last night Mr. Arthur Sandy, seventy-four, of Elm Grove-road, Barnes, collapsed and died.

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A remarkable study in black and white at Ascot yesterday.

## PAGEANT OF FASHIONS

### Ascot Fuchsia Shade Backless Gowns

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Ascot, Wednesday. One of the most cosmopolitan crowds of recent years gathered here to-day to revel in England's finest racing pageant.

In a score of languages and dialects, they expressed admiration of the brilliant scene after the arrival of the Royal Party.

They saw, in between little showers, the splendid courage of exquisitely-gowned women.

In contrast to yesterday's caution, the women displayed a daring prodigality, which was translated into a hundred combinations of colour.

Dazzling young beauties swathed in billowing backless confections vied for attention with ensembles of black and white, while a particularly lovely fuchsia shade was to be seen everywhere.

The height of sartorial daring was attained by a stately woman of magnificent carriage who wore a hat measuring a yard in diameter.

## LARGE HATS FAVOURITES

Large hats, in racing vernacular, were odds-on favourites, with the piquant small hats, perched at a precarious angle, among the "also rans."

In the Royal Enclosure a gorgeous splash of colour was supplied by a group of Indian women, among whom were Lady Bomanji, wearing a richly embroidered sari of deep purple and silver, and Miss Bomanji, whose sari of glowing peach and silver enhanced her dusky beauty.

Two other Indians, wearing rich-hued turbans with their European clothes, stood next to two Chinese women, wonderfully groomed in Western tailor-made suits.

Several Siamese men and women, to say nothing of representatives of many of the European nations, emphasised the universality of Ascot's appeal.

I was amused to overhear the Aga Khan giving good advice to a young friend.

"On a racecourse," he said, "keep your ears shut and your eyes open."

## STRING OF WINNERS

### Five "Firsts" in Two Days for Mr. Frank Butters—Second Time Lucky

Mr. Frank Butters, the Newmarket trainer, will have reason to feel pleased with his successes at Ascot.

On the opening day he won the Queen Anne Stakes with Spend a Penny for Sir Alfred Butt, the Coventry Stakes for the Aga Khan with Hairan, and the Prince of Wales' Stakes for Mr. T. Lant with Achtenan.

Yesterday he had two more successes, both carrying the colours of the Aga Khan. Felicitation won the Churchill Stakes and the Chesham Stakes went to Shahali.

But he had one surprise, and that occurred when Light Brocade was unplaced in the Coronation Stakes. Still, his five winners in two days has been a feature of the meeting so far.

Perryman was the winning jockey on Achtenan and Shahali. E. Smith rode Spend a Penny. Gordon Richards was on Hairan and Fred Fox steered Felicitation.

To-day, Mr. Butters will be represented by Young Lover and Felicitation in the Gold Cup, and he will saddle Flying Coot, Vermeil II, Hindoo Holiday, Badruddin and Creme Caramel in other races.



Mr. Frank Butters.

## 'SCRAP THE SAFETY LANES'

### M.P.s PROPOSE PETITION TO THE KING

Four M.P.s have tabled a resolution in the Commons praying the King to annul the Minister of Transport's regulations for pedestrian "safety lanes" in London.

The resolution is in the names of Sir William Brass (Con.), Mr. Lovat-Fraser (Lab. Nat.), Captain Strickland (Con.) and Major G. Lloyd George (Ind. Lib.).

It will be debated in the House of Commons next Wednesday.

Sir William Brass said last night:—

"There ought to be perfectly simple instructions both for the pedestrian and motorist, letting them know exactly what they have got to do with regard to the crossing places.

"The simple way of dealing with the problem is to do what is done in Paris—make every pedestrian crossing place a sanctuary or right of way for the pedestrian.

"One of the consequences of that would be the removal of the crossings to places where there are no traffic light signals.

Pedestrian crossings in congested areas ought not to be at places where there are traffic lights, because that only results in confusion.

"The crossings should be placed where policemen can control both vehicular traffic and the pedestrians at peak periods.

"I consider that the pedestrian crossings in London have been put at the wrong places, and that this is responsible for the ambiguous regulations that have been issued."

Mr. Oliver Stanley, Minister of Transport, said in the Commons last night that the organisation representing pedestrians was not consulted before the crossing places were instituted.

## BUS-DELAYED TRAFFIC

Double-decker buses driven practically empty through the streets of London in non-rush hours were said by Lord Kilmaine, in the House of Lords last night, to be one of the main causes of traffic delays.

Lord Plymouth, who replied, said he had no doubt that the problem of empty omnibuses was engaging the attention of the L.P.T.B.



The Shah of Persia and the President of the Turkish Republic at Angora. During the official celebrations the unshakable friendship of the two countries was emphasised.