



HOUSE OF LORDS,  
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Thursday, 8th March,

11.00 am Cabinet, No. 10

2.00 pm Front Bench Meeting

3.00 pm HOUSE  
[Rehabilitation of  
Offenders - Committee]

5/5.30 pm Adjourned Council, Lincoln's  
Inn (Pearce)

~~6.30 -~~  
~~8.00~~

~~Speaker's Reception  
(and Lady Hailsham?)~~



In view of Rail sit<sup>n</sup>: bicycled. 45 mins. Bomb at Sc: Yd: in car, 100lb. There are said to be 4 going off to-day. Ireland (Ref<sup>m</sup>.) Sc: yard bomb timed for 1500. Entered Cab by Whitehall (further bomb scare: unfounded. Man mending car battery — wires visible caused suspicion).

Cancelled Speaker's reception (Inn business)

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1545. On the Woolsack ab<sup>n</sup>: 1515 Dobson informed me of bomb at Bailey. Am awaiting further report — then will repair timber if poss. Outside, car. Casualties. No thing further known yet. Ambulances audible. There was another ? at Horticultural <sup>? Whitehall</sup> Hall just before 1500 when I was changing. Blast audible but not identifiable as bomb.

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Black headed Gulls in their Summer plumage. The first I saw about ten days ago.

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1700 Went to CCC bicycle. Traffic immovable. area cordoned and full of glass. Evidently a big blast. The road was cratered. The bomb vehicle was in pieces flung over an area of about 200<sup>x</sup> radius. Windows shattered throughout street and round the corner past St. Sepulchres and as far as Ludgate Hill. Inside building quantities of glass. Pools of blood in the press room and shorthand writers room which were wrecked. Trail of blood disappearing into a demarcation of building. Courts intact. Apparently warning given wh: had effect of bring people out on to concourse. Safer inside or ? evacuate thro' rear. No hard information about casualties inside building. One uniformed attendant still on duty was cut. Saw some of the staff, most had gone home. Arrived in Street, cleaning up in full operation. Only Kitchen Brown & Jewell set 9 Mar (Jury in murder has retired).