

The King was a cadet at the College before the first World War. His future son-in-law, Lieutenant Mountbatten, also graduated from here in 1939.

The Cadet's bearing demonstrated the high standard expected of the Navy. Despite the reduction in the home and overseas fleets, the College's training programme remains unaltered.

Yet the week's most colourful story came from India. In Jaipur, capital of Rajputana, it was the Dasshera Festival. Pamela Mountbatten, one of Princess Elizabeth's bridesmaids, watched the Durbar. Nearly 1000 miles away, there was fighting at Kashmir, which may lead to war between the two dominions. In Jaipur Palace yard it was a peaceful scene, as the Maharajah blessed his subjects and received the homage of his nobles.

Although the Maharajah's state now comes under the Government of India, he still exercises considerable influence.

As the month opened, it brought news of another air disaster. On the highest ridge of Hymettus, a few miles from Athens, lie the remains of a Swedish Skymaster. On a routine flight from Ankara, it crashed into the mountainside in stormy weather. The plane's 36 passengers and crew of 8 were killed instantly.

As Pathe's cameramen reached the wreckage, rescue parties came up the mountain side. Too late to help, theirs was the task of carrying the bodies down to the villages.

As on the Greek Mountainside, it was also a rainy day in Scotland, as Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Mountbatten went to Clydebank. The happiness of the Princess at being with her fiance for the occasion was evident. The event was the launching of the liner Caronia. With the wedding date now only a short time ahead, the Princess said:-

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A 40,000 crowd packed the shipyard to offer congratulations to the Royal couple. In pouring rain, they heard the Princess launch their vessel:-

When completed this 34,000 ton liner will tour foreign countries to tell the story of the supremacy of British shipbuilding.

The Caronia is the largest liner now being built in the world. It is another contribution to Britain's merchant fleet by the workers of Clydebank. As the Princess said, it is such craftsmanship that will enable the nation to solve its problems.

As the young couple said farewell to Scotland until their return to the Highlands for their honeymoon, they heard of more wedding gifts

arriving at Buckingham Palace. From the French President, Vincent Auriol, and the French Government comes a porcelain service. Artists of the Sevres national porcelain works were specially engaged to fashion this present.

On each plate will be encribed a capital letter "E" and a crown.

The world, despite its present perplexity, sensed the mounting excitement as the great day drew near.