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MRS. LINDSAY'S FATE "EXECUTED AS A SPY."

In reply to inquiries concerning the fate of her sister, Mrs. Lindsay, aged 60, who was kidnapped and whose house was burned last March at Coachford, County Cork, Mrs. Arthur Benson has received the dreadful intelligence which is conveyed in the subjoined letter. Mrs. Benson asks us to say that no reply has been given to her request for news of the fate of James Clarke, Mrs. Lindsay's butler, and that she is making a further inquiry on this point:—

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DAIL EIREANN.

Department of Defence.

23th July, 1921.

MADAM,—In accordance with instructions from the President, I have made inquiries from our local Commanders into the case of Mrs. Lindsay. The information sent us is that she was executed as a spy some months ago. The charge against her was that she was directly responsible for conveying to the enemy information which led to the execution of five of our men by the British Authorities, to the death of the sixth, from wounds received in action, and to a sentence of 25 years' penal servitude passed upon a seventh.

Mrs. Lindsay wrote a letter to General Strickland pointing out the consequences to herself should our men be executed. They were executed, nevertheless. Five days after their execution in Cork barracks, the sentence which had been passed on Mrs. Lindsay, and suspended pending General Strickland's reply, was duly carried out.

We regret the circumstances and the stern necessity to protect our forces which necessitated this drastic action by our local Commanders.

CATHAL BRUGA,
Minister for Defence.

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