

## OBITUARY

From "the Times" Newspaper 1930 Mr C.D. Im Thurn. "**The Zinoveiff Letter**"

**Mr. Conrad Donald Im Thurn**, whose name came into prominent notice two years ago as that of the intermediary through which the famous Zinovieff letter was brought to light, died at 28, Eaton-Terrace, S.W.1, on Saturday, after a year's illness. Mr Im Thurn, who was 47 years of age, was the son of the late Mr. J. C. Im Thurn, of the well-known City firm. He was educated at Radley, but ill-health did not permit him after leaving school at once to enter the family firm. During the War, however, he served with Home Forces, and later was seconded for special duty at the Home Office. Of recent years he had been engaged in financial business in the City. Mr Im Thurn's part in the disclosure of the Zinovieff letter, which figured so largely in the General Election of 1924, was first made public in the House of Commons on March 19th 1928. The Labour Party, with Mr MacDonald as their spokesman, had moved, after the "Frances Case" for a further inquiry into the origin and career of that document. In his reply Mr Baldwin was able to read a statement by Mr Im Thurn, to whose honesty and patriotism Mr. Baldwin paid tribute, disclosing how a copy of the document reached the press. Briefly, Mr Im Thurn stated that a business acquaintance in touch with the Communist Party had revealed to him the existence of the document and procured a copy for him. In his disgust at the advocacy of sedition and in his determination not to let the people vote in ignorance for a Treaty with a loan to its authors Mr Im Thurn sent a copy to the Foreign Office and to the Press, after an interval sufficient to ensure the security of his informant. He had no regrets, and had no rewards of any kind. Of the authenticity of the document Mr Im Thurn had at no time any doubt. Mr Im Thurn Married in 1906 [*Jun Q 1a/1187 St. Marylebone*], Miss Ysabel Anita Brooking [*b. 1883 Tacna, Chile, d.o. George and Elena Brooking*]. She survives him with one daughter [*Ursula*], who is a medical student at the University College Hospital, and one son [*John*], who is at Stowe School. The funeral service will be at St Michael's, Chester-square, to-morrow, at 12 noon, and his burial will be at **Butleigh**, Somerset. It is requested that, there be no mourning and that no flowers be sent.



From "the Times" newspaper March 19th 1930 The funeral service of Conrad Donald Im Thurn was held yesterday at St Michael's Chester-Square. Family and others Mrs Y.A. Im thurn, Mr Bunty & Mr John Im Thurn sons, Mrs Im Thurn mother, Miss Im Thurn sister, Mr Herbert & Richard Im Thurn brothers, Mrs Richard Im Thurn, Mrs Gilbert-Smith, Mr & Mrs Oscar Ashcroft, Mrs Percy Koppel, Mrs Clarke, Mr G Knowles, Miss Mildred Im Thurn, Miss Florence Im Thurn, Dr. R.M. Im Thurn, The Earl of Laudersale, Major Guy Kindersley, M.P. Mr Bevan, Sister Page, Mr R.A. Simson, Miss Hardie Jackson, Mr Grenville Prier, Mrs S.M. Causton, Mr J. Randell Mulvane (Jupp Hatch & Co ) Mr & Mrs Charles Brooking, Mrs Drysdale, Mrs J. Michell, Colonel Fleming, Miss Vance, Miss Saunders, Mrs Percy Simdon, Mr T.C. Toulsham, Miss Addington, Miss Goodyear.

**Grigory Zinoviev** – executed in 1936

The Zinoviev letter is now considered to have been a forgery.

From the "**Gazette**" newspaper 9th Nov 1914 Private Conrad Donald Im Thurn from the Public Schools Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment. Dated 10th Nov 1914. Conrad Donald Im Thurn Lieutenant in 1917 Hampshire Regiment.

### Inscription on gravestone

In memory of Conrad Donald im Thurn 1883-1930

*I am the way, the truth, and the life,  
I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly*

**Im Thurn** double grave in Butleigh churchyard

