



NEWS OF THE WEEK

WHEN SECONDS COUNT

After what seemed to many an unbeatable handicap of two races to none, the American yacht *Rainbow* came from behind and took the next four in a row to keep the famous America's Cup safe.

The racing was probably the closest ever, and never before has England seemed to have had a better chance to defeat the defender. Both English as well as Americans were betting on *Endeavour* to succeed where so many of her predecessors have failed. For the first time in years the English boat had an owner-skipper which is in itself a tremendous advantage: Captain T.O.M. Sopwith is a true sportsman and a fine sailor.

It is a shame that at the last moment Sopwith's crew struck, and he was obliged to ship an amateur crew, which, while they gave everything they had in effort, were not as smooth in the pinches as the professional sailors of *Rainbow*. In these races that are won by times usually well under a minute, each second gained in the handling of sails is a second that counts in the final result.

Many of the reports of observers of the races state that in their opinion Harold Vanderbilt is the more finished racing skipper of the two, and attribute the result to this. We remember Sherman Hoyt, America's premier small boat sailor, saying to us one night in a smoky cabin aboard a schooner while we were running up the Sound, «As long as boats use headsails, England will never lift the cup». This was some years ago and yet how true it has been. When the critical reports of the races come in, in each is something about the challenger's difficulty with her Genoa jib, or the statement that the English boat was a trifle slow in setting her balloon.

Just how much these last races were marred by protests is hard to ascertain from here. *Endeavour* flew its flag of protest in two races and *Rainbow* in one. None of these were allowed by the committee and the races stand as run: *Rainbow* four, *Endeavour* two. Whether or not the allowance of these protests would have made any difference in the final result is something that will be discussed wherever yachtsmen gather.

Mr. Sopwith has stated that he will not challenge again, so England must look next time for another sportsman and will be lucky if she finds such a one as he.

A WEEKLY IS ALWAYS READ

QUEEN OF THE SEAS

The Giant new Cunarder hitherto known as No. 534, was launched by Her Majesty the Queen of England on Wednesday, in the presence of the King and the Prince of Wales, and an estimated crowd of half a million spectators, and royally named «Queen Mary».

Tremendous precautions had been taken by the firm of John Brown and Co. to ensure a smooth launching for the huge ship. The Queen performed the ceremony by pressing two buttons, one of which started the vessel on her journey to the water, while the other broke a bottle of Empire champagne over her bows.

The King in his speech referred to his great interest in the enterprise, for all the world knows what a keen sailor His Majesty is. Sir Percy Bates chairman of the joint Cunard-White Star Line, stated that it has been decided to begin work on a sister ship at once.

All the workmen engaged, as well as every Britisher, must feel with the Post Laureate, when he says:

«I long to see you leaping to the urge
Of the great engines, rolling as you go,
Parting the seas in sunder in a surge
Shredding a trackway like a mile of snow.»

TOO LATE

In line with the Federal Government's intense efforts to put an end to the kidnapping «racket» in America, is the capture in New York City of an alien strongly suspected of having had considerably to do with the kidnapping of Colonel Lindbergh's small son over two years ago. At that time 50,000 dollars was futilely paid in an effort to rescue the child. The money was in bills which were very cleverly marked, and since then a constant search has been kept up for these bills. They began to appear recently in a gasoline filling station in New York City. The passer was apprehended and found to be a German, in the country under a false passport. He has not, so far been able to account satisfactorily to the police as to how this money came to be in his possession, although he has resisted the third degree to which he has been subjected.

UN SEMANARIO ES SIEMPRE LEIDO

OUR CHILDREN

In a trice October will be upon us and the new school term begun. To the childless this is of very little importance, but fathers and mothers who are interested in and love their children know that, they will feel a sense of emptiness steal over them as they say good bye to those for whom they sacrifice everything.

Living abroad presents a rather more complex question to the conscientious parent than does living at home in England or the United States. Apart from sentiment, there is the financial end of the matter to be considered. How many people living within their means can really afford the luxury of sending children to be educated at a first class or even an average Public School? I know several who do so, but very few who can afford it.

Here in Palma we have several educational establishments. The Ecole International, at Porto Pi, under the headmastership of Mr. L. Ray Ogden, takes children of both sexes and of all nationalities from an early age. The teaching is modern, sympathetic and efficient; in addition, the school runs a holiday camp in the summer, which is greatly enjoyed by the children, as well as being of inestimable benefit to them.

Mrs. Dina Moore Bowden is doing very valuable work with her Mallorca Junior Club. In addition to professionally directed progressive study groups, there are opportunities for handicrafts and classical and folk dancing. The work is based on the project method which stimulates both the cooperative and independent work of the child.

The Allen-Rossello school is on modern lines too, though this school has perhaps more Spanish children; while there is also a German school, under Prof. Mayer, used very considerably by the children of German residents.

For many years now there have been facilities offered the foreign colonies for educating their children in Barcelona. The Germans, Italians, French and even the Swiss, have schools established and subsidized by their governments. They see the importance of a national education. The English, despite their almost proverbial patriotism do absolutely nothing in this respect. In Barcelona it has been left to private enterprise, and in some cases even sacrifice to supply the need.

The English School of Bonanova was originally founded for the children of the British Colony so that they might have a sound English education without incurring the heavy expense of going to school in England. American children have from the first received a hearty welcome. The better class of Spaniards, acquainted with the advantages of English educational ideals have also sent their children to the

school. English children, many of whom are likely to spend a great part of their lives among Spaniards, learn to understand and sympathize with Spanish ideas and people.

Under the expert guidance of Mr. R. A. Armstrong of Balliol College, Oxford, assisted by a large English staff the school has grown to its present size. Teaching ranges from the Kindergarten stage to the University entrance examinations. The English School, is in fact, the official Oxford University Centre in Spain. It is no mean feat that, without any official assistance, the school has maintained the high standard of education that it offers.

On a much more modest scale but without lacking enthusiasm, is the little English school situated at Pie de Funicular, just beyond Sarriá, known as Mr. Hall's School. Founded and conducted by Mrs. Hall, this school which takes only the younger children of English and American parents, has gradually grown until an assistant teacher has had to be employed.

Captain Harvey, the tutor who lives at Bonanova, has also been working here for several years. He is very well thought of by the parents of his pupils, and very much appreciated and liked by the pupils themselves...a rare happening.

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More About Endeavour

The inevitable post-mortems on the fact that Mr. Sopwith failed to win the America's Cup for England, are now taking place. Many American sportsmen are sorry the Englishman did not win. But all agree that *Endeavour* was the faster boat, and was beaten by the superior handling on the part of *Rainbow's* crew. Even Mr. Sopwith himself admits that he sailed badly in the last race. That Genoa jib, and when and how to use it, seems to have had a big share in determining the destination of the cup.

As to the protests, they have all been overruled or withdrawn. But there seems to be a feeling that the races for the famous old mug are between a lone English sportsman and gentleman, and a Big Business syndicate. The English have always believed that the game's the thing. The Americans, with all their splendid qualities, are apt to attach too much importance to the prize.

Famous Cricketer Better

We are glad to be able to report that Don Bradman, the famous Australian batsman, is considerably better from his sudden attack of appendicitis although his condition is still serious. All sportsmen join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

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Mallorca Junior Club

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The Club announces that Mr. Geoffrey Holdsworth will carry on the History project, linking it in a vital manner with English literature. M. Edwin Visser of the Fellowship, Switzerland, will direct the progress of students preparing for either the English, French or German Matriculations. Herr Fritz Wigman, widely experienced in the specialised field of children's art, will organise this branch, emphasising puppets.

An Italian Princess

Amid great rejoicings, in which the whole nation has joined, a daughter has been born to the Crown Princess of Italy, who used to be Princess Maria José of Belgium. The child has been baptized Maria Pia.

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PALMA THE IRRESISTIBLE

From the boat to the bustle and intimate hum of Palma life, with no intermediate stage whatever, such is the lot of the visitor arriving on the Barcelona boat—and this despite the fact that it is but six in the morning. That, to most of us unintelligible, conglomeration of noise...welcoming families, complete with all the children and dogs; porters; taxi-drivers; odd, unplaceable quayside habitués; all talking and laughing at once and endeavouring to tell, we presume, the latest news to their friends on deck...comes to be an essential feature of life in Palma. Lighthearted, perpetual chatter, punctuated by the rattle of impossible trams, and the strident notes of motorhorns is, to the newly arrived visitor the most striking thing about the city.

Colour and Noise

It takes quite a while to emerge from the first impression of noise, and when this has decreased, as it suprisingly does, colour is superimposed upon one's mind. There are the cool green piles of melons, so many that it hardly seems possible they can ever all be used, oranges, of course, and lemons; while the small shops wink gaily with the baskets which so attract the eye; and above all the bright, multi-coloured tiles which adorn the shop-fronts and stairways. But having realized that Palma is noisy, and brilliant, with the hard white glare of sun and shade, the next stage which the visitor reaches is appreciation of the friendliness of the place. Exploration goes on unendingly, in a leisurely fashion, with much peering into dim courtyards and wrinkling of noses at strange smells, but after all such wanderings there is fascination to return to the main Rambla with its variety of «ports of call». By a discreet choice of hour and «port» much can be gleaned of the life and interest of Palma's leading lights (and lamplighters). Here are Spanish ladies attentively squired and fanning themselves in the approved manner; next door has all the air of France, and beyond again comes the guttural herald of the Teuton; while through orange curtains may be glimpsed earnest card players who let nothing interfere with their daily game of cribbage. It is here that all the interesting details of local politics, morals, society, and the like are circulated (with appropriate comments and embellishments!)

Could it be Lena's?

It is surprising to find business and pleasure so intermingled. Perhaps it is because the former is treated (it would seem) with a more Spanish casualness than elsewhere, and the custom of breaking off anything strenuous in order to go out and seek a little refreshment (this custom must, of course, facilitate the business in hand!) adds perhaps the most potent reason for appreciation of Palma as a

place in which to work as well as to holiday. Also behind these orange curtains can be got as nearly English tea as possible, and those so minded (and we met them) can even get a little lettuce or perhaps an egg to help them on the way till dinner time! A veritable «home from home»... which comment is intensified by the personality of the presiding genius (or should it be genia?)

Thus is Palma itself a place of very easy personal contacts, but no mention of the city is complete without a word on the commanding presence of the Cathedral. Whether from the quayside, standing out as the setting sun lays his last fingers upon her, or seen amid the roofs and shutters of the City from the hilltops of Bellver, the Cathedral commands attention with the indrawn breath of satisfaction and awe. A guardian presence linking sea and shore, man and nature; surely this is what the mediaeval builders have bequeathed to the island in their striving to portray the glory of God.

« I Want to be Lazy »

And so a holiday in Mallorca goes on, made up of warm days — and nights — spent mostly in so clear a sea that the ripples of the sand below can all be seen; in walks up pine-clad mountain ways in «joyful companie» to come back in the twilight to the welcome of C'as Catalá and the cheery service there; moonlight bathes and picnics (attained after braving the ocean in a sorry boat with a boatman who turns out to be «well known to the police», though with a very competent M. C.) Watching the dancing at Fiestas — at which is glimpsed a very real and serious concentration upon the dance and none of your easy jazz; — wandering round small shops in vain efforts to decide what exactly to take home and for whom; going in search of the San Francisco church and being eventually led there by a workman and his dog, who had rescued us, hopelessly lost, at our wail of «San Francisco», and once there revelling in the shadowed cloisters and droning of the monks; and the unforgettable evening when, from the end of the jetty, with all Palma before us, the sun set behind the mountains leaving pinks and purples of all degrees of intensity to the west, with a white-silver moon across the water to the east.

All these joys and many others set a spell over a holiday on the Island. A spell which will undoubtedly prove irresistible and draw us back again to seek fresh enchantment and old friends.

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An English Home in Majorca

By Joan Malcolm

The rafters in my bedroom are a lovely, faded blue. They slope down to the long, low window and cast blue shadows on the carpetless cement floor. Most of the old *Fincas* — or country houses — have these blue rafters, but their origin is obscure.

«It is the custom», replied the proprietor on enquiry. «Do you not like them, Señora?»

And I have to admit that I like them very much. They are so much more decorative against the whitewashed ceiling and walls than the naked beams.

When I go out of my bedroom I descend three steps and turn at right angles on to the main staircase. Nearly every room stands thus apart, with its tiny staircase entrance, and its own sloping roof and outside walls. It took me a long time to run the reason of these «detached» rooms to earth, as «It is the custom, Señora», seems to be the stock reply to all enquiries on this Island. It appears that in the old days blasting was unknown, and, as the ground is rocky and uneven, the houses had to be built unevenly also, with every room on a different level and carrying its own tiled roof. The result is most picturesque and each Mallorcan house has, perhaps, half a dozen separate roofs, sloping at every conceivable angle and facing north, south, east and west indiscriminately.

The room I am writing in would, in England, be called a converted attic. But three other rooms on lower levels have the same bamboo-thatched ceiling over wooden beams, with cement oozing (and it *does* ooze — looking for all the world as though it had been squeezed out of an icing tube) through the cracks. There is a Moorish Arch separating one end of the room from the other, and if I glance to the right I look out through a small, barred window set high in the golden-brown wall, to where grey crags, reminiscent of the Dolomites, tower against a quite celestially blue sky. To my left a much larger window, frames a panoramic view of the Sóller valley and the Puig Mayor, the Island's highest peak, all bathed in sunlight, whilst I am cool and shaded and feel very much set apart in a world of my own.

Gabriel the Gardener

Below me the gardener works spasmodically. His name is Gabriel and he is eighty-four. Yet he toils up the mountain-side every morning with his heavy and primitive tools slung on his back. These consist usually of a pick-axe, a pair of shears, a ball of bass, a sharp clasp-knife and a piece of twine. With these Gabriel works wonders. The ball of bass is his chief delight, and, eager as a small boy, he forms the most elaborate «cats-cradles» round my rose trees, crossing and criss-crossing until only the heads remain, peeping shyly forth as from a lattice window. The bass exhausted, he falls back upon the clasp-knife and shears. No matter what the season Gabriel prunes and prunes. Only a Mallorcan climate could stand such ruthless cutting. As it is, one suspects that it is only this wholesale dismemberment that checks the luxuriant growth at all. For here in the Sóller valley where water is

plentiful, nature is at her most lavish, and such splashes of colourful beauty as bourgainvillea, plumbago and wistaria threaten to envelop everything.

While Gabriel works he is singing in an entirely oriental and primitive fashion — a minor cadence like a plaintive chant, with the main theme repeated over and over again. You hear these wild, almost Eastern songs echoing through all the valleys, reminding one that for years Spain and the Balearic Islands were under Arab rule.

Open Air Movies

The other night we went to the Cinema. There are three cinemas in Sóller. One — the Kursaal — is a very modern and glorious affair, but the outdoor one, called «the Union» pleases me far best, in spite of its uncomfortable hard benches. For where else can you sit and watch Marlene Dietrich or Greta Garbo flaunt across a screen that stands firmly between a hundred year old olive tree and a lemon tree on which the lemons shine palely? Behind the rows of seats a fig tree spreads its lacquered leaves under a full moon that rose magnificently from out the silhouette of the mountains, and distracted my attention for a good ten minutes of the performance.

Half-way through the programme, a light breeze sprang up, bearing the scent of late orange blossoms and jasmine so strongly that it wiped out the odour of the pungent peppermint my next door neighbour but one was noisily sucking.

When we reach our terrace afterwards we shall admire for the hundred time the great clusters of Muscatel grapes that hang from it in profusion, and console ourselves until they are ripe, with luscious black figs off a nearby tree, and the little Tiddler pears that the children love so. Then hot, but content, we enter our cool and darkened «entrada» and set about the task of making apricot jam from the 22 lbs. of golden apricots that we bought yesterday for the colossal sum of 5d. the whole 22 lbs.

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What to Do and Where to Go in Barcelona

Theatres

- PRINCIPAL PALACE—*Las Inviolables*. A revue with the customary display of girls' limbs. Tuesday: *Tres Gallinas para un Gallo*; also a revue.
- NOVEDADES—*Sol en la Cumbre*. A musical comedy in which the famous Pablo Hertogs sings the lead.
- ROMEA—*Madre Alegria*. Well acted comedy by the Lara Company from Madrid.
- NUEVO—*Doña Francisquita, Luisa Fernanda and El Cantante Enmascarado*. Zarzuelas, in which the baritone Marcos Redondo moves all flappers' hearts.
- COMICO—*Las Vampiresas*. A revue of almost variety type.
- BARCELONA—*Cinco Lobitos*. A play by the Quintero Brothers who are well known also to the London playgoer.
- APOLO—*La Taverna dels Valents*. A revue in Catalan.
- PALIORAMA—Harry Fleming and his Variety Show of international standard.
- GRAN TEATRE ESPANYOL—*El Boc*. A French play in Catalan by the popular Santpere company.
- CIRCO BARCELONÉS—*El Fill de la Ninon*. A Catalan drama.
- OLYMPIA—Circus.

Cinemas

- COLISEUM—*The Way to Love (El Modo de Amar)* in English. The usual Maurice Chevalier type of flic. Tomorrow: *Eskimo* in English, in which the director W.S. van Dyke appears personally.
- URQUINAONA—*Reunion* doubled in Spanish. *Why?* With John Barrymore and Diana Wynyard.
- FANTASIO—*Rakowzy Marsch (La Marcha de Rakowzy)* in German. An with Gustav Froehlich, as the sentimental lieutenant. Thursday: *Fashions of 1934 (El altar de la Moda)* in English. See page 8.
- TIVOLI—Will be reopened on Thursday with *Gold (Oro)* in German.
- FEMINA—*Fruechtchen (Fruta Verde)* in German. In which Franziska Gaal of *Veronika* fame plays the role of a girl of 12. Hermann Thimig is her partner.
- CAPITOL—*Convention City (Que Semana?)* and *Baby Face (Carita de Angel)* both in English. See page 8.
- CATALUÑA—*Un capitan de cosacos*, in Spanish. With José Mojica and Rosita Moreno. Made in Hollywood.
- KURSAAL—*Ein Unsichtbarer get durch die Stadt (El Mundo es Mio)*. A Harry Piel mystery picture in German. And *Taeter Gesucht (Victimas de la Justicia)* also in German. The title gives away the story.
- METROPOL—*L'Homme à l'Hispano (El Hombre del Hispano)* in French. A poem of love

and a tragic end. With Marie Bell, Jean Murat and... the English actor George Crossmith.

PUBLI CINEMA—News reels and cultural films lasting the hour.

Reprises

- ASTORIA—The most modern picture house in Barcelona will be opened to the public during the week (Calle Paris 191). This cinema will go in for second showings of good films at cheap prices.
- PATHE PALACE—*La Ciudad de Carton*, in Spanish.
- EXCELSIOR—Same programme as Pathe Palace.
- RAMBLAS—*Storm at Daybreak (Tempestad al Amanecer)* in English.
- AVENIDA—Same programme as Ramblas.
- VOLGA—*Footlight Parade (Desfile de Candilejas)* in English.

Amusements

- Bullfight—This afternoon at Las Arenas (Plaza España) at 4 o'clock sharp. Six bulls of Villarroel for Carnicerito de Málaga, Gallito de Zafra and Luis Morales.
- Fiesta Mayor—During this week the fishermen's district of Barcelona, Barceloneta, celebrates it's annual fiesta with dances in the decorated streets, theatre performances, football matches etc. A very colourful amusement to watch, particularly at night.
- Greyhound Racing—At the following tracks. Canodrom Park, (Las Corts) Trams 7 and 15 and E bus. Kennel Club de Barcelona (end of Diagonal). Racing on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights at 10.15 and Sunday afternoon at 5. Special buses run from Plaza Cataluña to both courses for all night meetings. Betting allowed.
- Ball Game (Pelota Vasca)—Fronton Novedades (Calle Caspe) and Principal Palace (Rambla Sta. Monica.) Games at 10.15. night and 4 in the afternoon. This is an interesting game similar to our Fives played with a bat or a curved basket, which originated in the Basque Country. Betting is allowed on the games and is most exciting. A visit should be paid to one of these frontons while in Barcelona.
- Horse Racing—Every Sunday afternoon at Casa Antunez. First race at 4.15. Trotting and horseback racing. Betting allowed.
- Restaurants—A good meal can be had not wat in the Flora, facing the British Consulate. English is spoken. A more expensive and luxurious one can be had at the Restaurant Suizo in the Ramblas or at the typically decorated Hostal del Sol off the Paseo de Gracia. The Taberna Vasca, next door the Ritz, is a typical restaurant were the food is wholesome. Bohemians will find the Siete Puertas, in front of the old Gobierno Civil, more to their liking. In warm weather a meal at the Miramar on Monjuich or at the Font de Lleo in Pedralbes is very pleasant.

About Barcelona

Cardinal Pacelli, Secretary of State to the Vatican, remained several hours in Barcelona on Tuesday, before continuing his journey to Buenos Aires, where he will act as Papal Legate at the Eucharistic Congress. Before leaving he visited Tibidabo and several other sights, accompanied by Señor Ventura Gassol, Catalan Minister of Education and Culture.

Other visitors to the town included Consul Hooker H. Doolittle of Casablanca, who was on his way to France, and Consul Stillman Witt Eells on his way to take up his post at Valencia. Mr. Eells was formerly Consul at Cardiff.

A party of Australians, including the Test wicket-keeper, Oldfield, are expected to arrive shortly. They will stay at the Majestic Hotel.. this is not a hint to autograph hunters.

Among those now returned from holidays abroad are Mr. and Mrs. Martin, who spent nearly two months in Austria and Hungary. Mr. and Mrs. Frazer Lawton have also returned from their house in France, where they spent the summer vacation.

Returns from the British Isles include Mr. Webb, of MacAndrews, who spent a fortnight in London, and Mr. Livingstone, who has returned to his post at the English School. Mr. Edwin Hedderwick has returned from Scotland, but his family is remaining behind in England for the present.


We were overwhelmed a few days ago by the breezy personality of Mr. Lynn W. Franklyn, who hails from Virginia. He has made a remarkable recovery from the terrible motor car accident in which he was recently severely injured. Before taking up his post here, he was Consul in Amoy, China, for a good many years. Compared with the daily round of civil wars and minor revolutions of the Orient, Barcelona must seem quite a dull place to the new Consul, who, however, says that he has taken quite a liking to the town.

Mr. Cecil Cross and family hope to get away for a month's rest some time this week. The «rest» we learn, will take the form of a motor car tour in Southern Spain. Mrs. Deeble and Mrs. Orm expect to leave shortly for the United States via Palma.

The International Tennis Contest at S'Agaró Country Club, Mecca of Spanish players in summer, was won by D.N. Jones of America. Mr. Jones also pulled off the mixed doubles, partnered by Mdlle. Lavailant. «Buby» Maier did not take part in the contest owing to indisposition.

Mr. Jenkins, Manager of Ford Motors, left last week, accompanied by his wife, for a month's stay in the States. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, who have been spending several days in Barcelona, have now returned to their home in Madrid. While here they visited many of their old friends and were extensively entertained.

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URBIS HOTEL

The American Lunch Club will meet on October 8th under the Presidency of Mr. Glydewell. The English Lunch Club will probably meet on the 2nd or 3rd at Flora's. We have not, however, been definitely informed of the date, which is rather a pity.

The Ladies Sewing Guild of the Enfermeria Evangélica (commonly known as the British Hospital) will hold their next meeting at the Hospital on Monday. Mrs. Hobbie, prominent

member of the Guild, should be back from the States any day now.

We learn that the Houstoun family of Torelló will shortly take up residence at San Andrés, where Mr. Houstoun has been transferred and promoted.

It is expected that Captain Keen will appear from Andorra soon, after his three month's stay in the Principality. It is further whispered that the gallant captain is in secret communication with the Mayát of Novi Bazar, who, through his direct and undisputed descent from Jaime el Tuerto, leader of the Almogavares, claims hereditary right to the Andorran throne.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson are spending a fortnight's honeymoon in the delightful surroundings of Palma. The young couple were married in Barcelona earlier in the month and left immediately for Mallorca. They carry with them our good wishes.

We desire to make the special announcement that, in view of the labour and general trouble attached to moving from one flat to another, the British Club will be open to members at its new address 3, Plaza Urquinaona, not before Tuesday the 2nd. of October.

We regret that we stated last week that Mr. Donald Darling had been spending his vacation in Ibiza. Actually he has been in Menorca. Mr. Darling, besides speaking fluent Castilian, both speaks and writes Catalan. He has contributed articles to Catalan newspapers. He also knows the speech of the Balearics, which differs considerably in each island. Now he is back on the job in the offices of Deeble Service, the enterprising Travel Agency so ably run by Miss Elizabeth Deeble and himself.

Mr. Williams, who has just returned to take up a post at the Academy of English, was observed, «bota» in hand, making his way stealthily into a Priorato emporium not many days ago.

The New Barcelona Films

Warner Bros. are jumping right into the new season this week with two programmes of first class pictures. *Fashions of 1934*, of *42nd Street*, *Gold Diggers of 1933* and *Footlight Parade* tradition, is coming to the Fantasio on Tuesday, a flash entertainment with its combination of drama and musical divertissement. To begin with, even without its special attractions, the film would be first rate fun, containing laughs, thrills and suspense, the suave presence of Bill Powell, the allure of the glamorous charmer Veree Teasdale, the appeal of Bette Davis and the expert comedy of Frank McHugh and Hugh Herbert.

Without giving away too much of the story, Mr. Powell again makes believe to be a get-rich-quick racket-Raffles who would rather *promote* than work, and really labours quite strenuously to keep from working. His versatile talents enable him to leave the foundering vessel of stock manipulation for other activities that establish him finally as a somewhat phoney «King of Fashion» style pirate, and robber baron of designers.

Mingled in his intrigue, professional and personal, are Mr. McHugh and Mr. Herbert, the latter an ostrich plume «king», Miss Davis, a style designer, and Miss Teasdale, a designing girl of different calibre. Between them, they victimize Reggie Owen, cast as a Parisian male modiste. All but Veree confine their activities to business hours, but she, posing as one of those Russian princesses, marries the man. And because of this alliance Mr. Powell and his scalawags are enabled to stall off persecution when the aroused Mr. Owen turns on the heat. It's a well-contrived fable, told in splendidly entertaining fashion. And no pun intended on that «fashion».

The other Warner Bros. programme is already on, at the Capitol. There are two full-size pictures in it, each perfect in its kind. *Convention City* is No. 1, a comedy, in which Dick Powell shares the honours with Joan Blondell, Mary Astor and Adolphe Menjou. The plot of the story is unique and novel, centering about the riotous happenings at the annual sales jamboree at Atlantic City, and painting the conventionists as neglecting business meetings in order to turn playboys. A couple of wives who drop in unexpectedly on the carousals, add to the hilarious entanglements. Joan Blondell, as the gold digging, blonde haired vamp, causes most of the troubles with her roving eyes and her siren smile. Men attending the convention fall for her by the car load, with disastrous results to their bankrolls.

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More or less the same happens in the second film *Baby Face*, in which Barbara Stanwyck vamps her way through a great metropolitan bank, snagging the hearts of its male employees from the humble doorman to the pompous president. She is given her start on her gold digging career by her own father who uses her beauty as a lure to attract patrons to his beer flat. But she quickly sets out to use men to her own advantage. How well she succeeds is evidenced by the string of broken hearts and broken men she leaves in her wake. George Brent, who plays the leading role opposite Miss Stanwyck, is the lover-in-chief and the only one for whom—and whose money—she has any real affection. The others are used only as stepping stones in her determination to acquire wealth and luxury.

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Madrid Report

Red Revolution?
Mañana, Hombre

Cheerful days my masters. Reading the Press is a refrigerating process calculated to induce one to rush around to Wagons Lits and to take a single ticket to Berlin or Moscow or some other nice little capital where almost nothing ever happens.

It seems that Trotsky himself is with us directing the «Revolution.» The examining magistrate who is officially named to find out all about the supposed revolution whispered to the Press boys, viz. *La Nacion*, that all nice people would have died «like Chinchas» if the bold bad rebels had their way. Each newspaper outdoes the other. For one, the plan was to assault the Direccion General de Seguridad at twelve o'clock noon, just as the Angelus was tolling. For another, motor trucks were to be abandoned in the middle of the street containing such an infernal mechanism that when the police approached, only the police mark you, the truck would blow to smithereens and the police with it. Still another paper had the inside story as to how the students were to have started the fun by blazing away with revolvers which were to be cutely hidden away in fake text-books made of cardboard and hollow in the centre. The Metro and Tramcar employees shivered also, when the headlines of still another evening paper told the tale that every person who wore a uniform would be shot dead.

Wonderful tourist propaganda, those shrieking headlines. And so useless. We have no desire to see legitimate news smothered but after all there's no sense in undermining the morale of a nation by a lot of phony stories.

We never profess to be over-endowed with brains but we imagine that if we ever wished to start our own private revolution several alternate methods would occur to us than that of attacking a police headquarters bristling with armed men at all hours of the day and night. And we imagine that the amount of revolutionizing that the students will do with revolvers so neatly hidden away in sham text-books will not precisely turn the Peninsula red overnight.

Anyway the opening of the university classes has been postponed until October 8 in order not to coincide with the opening of the Cortes, which might coincide with a crisis, which might coincide with ructions, but which will most probably not coincide with anything at all except «mucha tranquilidad.» It is not everywhere that such a tribute is paid to the power of the students in politics.

Talking about politics we heard a funny story the other day about the far distant elections of November last which put the skids under the Spanish situation in general. The señora of the house asked her cook how she would vote and, being a foreigner, did not faint when the hardworking dame of the frying pan said that as a worker she felt she

ought to vote for the Partido Socialista. But next day when she was asked what had happened at the polling booth, she mentioned that she had, after all, voted for the Derechas. It seemed that before she went out to vote the gardener came in for a drink and was very surprised when he heard that cook was going to vote Socialist. «Well,» he said, «I'm going to vote for the Derechas, because who ever heard of Socialists employing gardeners? What use will they have for a cook?» The argument convinced the socialist-for-day.

The wife of Señor Francisco Carreras ex-representative for the Baleares in the Cortes has, after a delicate operation given birth to a daughter. Both are doing well.

Strike

At the present time traffic between Gibraltar and Spain is at a standstill due to the strike which, starting in Algeciras, has now extended to La Linea. Recently a bus which runs between Malaga and Algeciras was overturned by the strikers and burned. What is practically a state of Martial Law exists.

All soldiers are confined to their barracks to be ready in case of need. The Civil Guards are patrolling the town and the Carabineros have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness.

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	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Lv. Artá			6.50				4.00
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The season has been notable for the number of casualties in the ring, and on the whole for the badness of the bulls, especially in Madrid, where an unfortunate quarrel has raged between the bull-breeders and the impresario of the Madrid arena.

One thing is the cause of the other. A slow, uncertain and cowardly bull is much more difficult and dangerous to handle than one that comes out of the *toril* like a whirlwind, and charges fast and furiously. If anything can kill bullfighting, a deterioration in the breed of fighting bulls is more likely to than anything else.

Nearly all the leading matadors have had good seasons. Lalanda, Ortega and Barrera have maintained their reputations, the Bienvenida brothers have advanced theirs, as has Armillita Chico. La Serna is now definitely in the first rank, Cagancho has been thoroughly cowardly — though everyone knows that the gipsy, wonderful performer as he can be, never really tries unless his bull offers no difficulties.

Of the returned veterans, El Gallo has been awful, and ought to be quietly pensioned off or given a job as an *alguacil*, Belmonte has been good, though seldom superb, and Sanchez Mejias is dead.

A number of *novilleros* have taken the *alternativa*, but few deserve the honour except perhaps Lorenzo Garza and Curro Caro. The best of the *Novilleros*, like Jaime Pericas and El Soldado, show their wisdom in determining to master their trade before graduating as full-blown *matadores*.

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OF PERSONAL INTEREST

It was very gay at Mrs. Dina Harris' on Wednesday when about twenty of her friends gathered round the flowing bowl, at cocktail time. Mrs. Harris wore a red linen pyjama outfit that was exceedingly fetching. Not to be outdone in the matter of drinking, the Ibizan hound of Miss Joy Petersen, drank up a bottle of Slimvite which was in the car where the dog was parked. Slimvite is a very effective slimming lotion and as we go to press the dog is but a shadow of his old self. Some of those who were on hand were: Major and Mrs. Lee, Admiral and Mrs. Cumberlege, and Mr. Michael Cumberlege, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pyle, Sr. Francisco Mascaró, Sr. R. Ramis Togores, Mrs. Doris Cameron and Mrs. Margitta Lönnberg-Lilius.

Charming Mrs. Fulton-Leser, whose figure must be the envy of all mannequins, was back in Palma for a day from Formentor. Mrs. Leser has been superintending the branch establishment of her very chic modiste business in Mallorca's most exclusive hotel. The idea was by way of being an experiment but has proved a triumphant success. Considerable business came her way from the yacht folk who put in at Formentor. A friend of ours was at luncheon the other day on board one of the larger yachts that lay at anchor off the hotel. Of the four woman guests present, all four were dressed by «anne». Mrs. Leser plans to keep her branch out there open until well into the autumn. At the moment she is superintending the customary business of getting ready her autumn collection. For ladies who wish to have exactly the right thing to wear here, a visit to her Terreno establishment is not only indicated. It is essential.

There was a very pleasantly informal cocktail party in the penthouse with the lovely view which is now occupied by those two charming exports from Finland, Mme. Gita Lönnberg-Lilius and her sister Mme. Ezu Wieland. Whisky Sour, made by the fair hands of the latter was the pièce de resistance, and was much enjoyed by a dozen or so yachtsmen and their ladies, as well as Mrs. Doris Cameron, Sr. and Sra. Xavier Vidal Quadras, and a jovial fellow scribe from our esteemed contemporary El Dia, Sr. R. Ramis Togores.

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MODERATE TERMS

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We missed our guess about Mrs. Chamberlin's return by a month. Last week we reported her as coming back on the 19th of November. It's next month that she leaves for here.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT

The latest yacht to join those already tied along the mole is the *Alcyone*. She is the property of Major Montague, R.A. and flies the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club flag. Major and Mrs. Montague are on board and arrived here from Corfu. They plan to spend the winter in Palma.

A small panic occurred during the early hours of Sunday night last, when Mistral the young son of Admiral and Mrs. Cumberlege developed croup. Monday being his first birthday he apparently chose this way of assuring himself attention. The Admiral resorted to the good old remedy that is always given to all sailors for everything from a broken leg to housemaid's knee, and the boy is quite well again.

A small group went aboard the *Foam* on Monday evening to enjoy some of Mrs. Lee's excellent cocktails. Mr. and Mrs. Noble Clay, the Cumberlege's and a few others were among those invited.

Coming to stay for a short while with Admiral and Mrs. Cumberlege is Commander Arthur Marsden R.N., who is M.P. for North Battersea and knocked out Saklatava, the notorious Communist, at the last election. During the Battle of Jutland, Commander Marsden was skipper of *Ardent*, a destroyer. His vessel was blown to pieces during the action, and he was the sole survivor of the entire ship's company.

We hear that Madame Guturbey has sold her yacht while in Barcelona. The good ship *Allave* will be considerably missed along the quayside and we hope it went to good hands for its new owner will have many old traditions of the ship to keep up.

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Mrs. Craven and Miss Frances Cowles are back at Chalfont Guest House in Terreno, after a short holiday in Puerto Pollensa. Although the both had an enjoyable time, Miss Cowles was unfortunate enough to contract a feverish cold, and is still confined to bed.

Up to the present time we have never seen Joe

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at a loss as to the proper ingredients to put in a drink, whether the customer asked for a Pousse Café or a Lion's Whisper. This week he was momentarily stumped when a lady asked for a dry Martini and said she would take it with soda. The cocktail was given her, so we hear, complete with a siphon, a straw and a spoon.

Mrs. Camilla Sommers of the house of Beric, is off to Paris shortly. As well as doing a few theatres and visiting old friends, she will doubt-

less bring back lots of fascinating things in the dress line.

There is now in Palma an English osteopath, he

has recently been treating Mr. Short's young son Luis with marked success. Due to the restrictions against the practicing of foreign doctors, he is unable to hang up his shingle here.

As we go to press the heaviest rainfall in years, here in Palma is taking place. Lena's at noon resembled a wading pool with water six inches deep. One tourist amused us. He quietly removed shoes and socks, left his feet in the water and went tranquilly on with his luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. de Roosmale Mepven, have taken the Villa Xiscons. Mr. Mepven is a cousin of the Dutch Minister in Madrid.

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One of the twenty-two to disembark from the Exochorda on Friday was Mrs. Lewis Atwood of Brookline, Massachusetts. Mrs. Atwood was long a resident of Mallorca during the past two years. For the present she is staying at the Solarium Hotel in Calamayor.

Another person to arrive Friday was Mrs. Halle Mc-Leon Colvin fiancée of Dr. Virgilio Peñaranda. She is staying at the Hotel Alfonso.

IBIZAN INTERLUDES

The German freighter *Trapani* arrived in Ibiza last week with a cargo of chemicals for the Island. She was flying the Swastika and the local labor union refused to unload her while this banner was flying. The ship left after 48 hours with cargo intact as the captain acting under orders from higher up refused to lower the Swastika.

Fred Bosch junior, whose father is at present in a clinic at Innsbruck Austria for an appendicitis operation, became seriously ill and was rushed to Palma for treatment.

Mr. John Bernstrom a naturalist, working for the British Museum and also a professor of Geology at the University of Stockholm has been with us for the past few weeks pursuing his research work.

Mrs. J. Iams has left on the first leg of her journey to America and is in Barcelona, from there she will go to Palma and thence to the States... Miss Mary Hoover has been commissioned to do a fresco in the house of Miss Carroll Post at Setauket, L.I., and will leave shortly... Sr. Rafael Saenz, Madrid banker has arrived with his wife and family to take possession of his beautiful new home which he has built here... Bridge note: Mr. Elliot Paul is back from Palma, vulnerable... The two young sons of Mrs. Warfield Gramkow left last week for Palma where they will take up again the three R's at the Ecole Internationale... M. and Mme. Selz the parents of the proprietor of the Bar Mitjorn have left Ibiza after a two month's holiday here.

Mrs. L. Bell, the mother of Mrs. Osgood of Santa Eulalia is arriving from New York in a few days to spend the winter with her family.

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Amazonia - The Big Forest

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Snakes, — Yes, how many haven't we met, knowingly or unknowingly? There are snakes everywhere here on the Amazon but not everybody sees them. If one is lucky, the first snake might be seen after but 20 minutes stay, yet there are others who have lived there for 20 years without seeing one. It all depends. In my time a five metre long Boa constrictor was killed inside the Manaus Operahouse, found by a washerwoman under the platform of the orchestra-leader. Fortunately there had never been an orchestra leader in that Operahouse.

Allow me here to state the fact that a few years ago in Manila, when we had a visit from the great Mme. Galli Curci at the local Operahouse, an 18 foot snake was extracted from behind the proscenium; Tropical snakes seem to like good music.

It is not for me here to tell about snakes I have met, a middle sized book would be needed. Let me only add that snakes do give you surprizes. Thus one hot day having finished a busy running of my sawmill on the Moju river (Lower Amazon), having had supper and a quiet talk, I went to bed, lifting the mosquito net. One foot was almost touching the sheets when, just in time, I saw a nice, parrot-green, rather poisonous snake, coiled up, right in the middle, sleeping peacefully. Nothing else to do but to get the trusty old 44 Win., and kill my bedfellow. True, it spoiled the bedclothes, but a parrotsnake of the Amazona is no good.

There are three kinds of jaguars, black, spotted and yellow. None of these are particularly dangerous and they are seldom seen. I have, however, learned not to disturb them during their meals. On a small trip with a young man, son of a proprietor on the Moju, we suddenly came upon a black jaguar feasting on a young deer, recently killed. We were both rather young and impatient for action, but we only carried the ordinary machetes, no regular weapons, it being just a short «passeio». We attacked the jaguar, who jumped up like a steel-spring, turned towards the young fellow, pawed him on top of the head and disappeared. He was in bad shape and had literally been scalped, the scalp hanging down over his face.

I met him a year later in Para, well again, but he was not as good looking as formerly; anyway, both of us were cured for the future of attacking feeding jaguars.

The river people are nice and real friendly, like our own payeses here in the Baleares. We, — from the outside are always welcome, and when we are about to pass their little, modest house on the waterfront, we hear a friendly shout asking us to stop, come up to the house and have a cup of coffee, «Oh, compadre, vamos tomar cafe» is invariably the invitation, though you may be unknown to the man. Here we sit and talk, not about politics, no gossip, only the gossip of the big forest, the doings of animals, the composition of the forest, — jungle-talk.

Thus there were days when during my numerous voyages up and down the rivers, I had to drink 15 or 16 cups of black, strong, unsugared high-tension coffee. Then a Goodbye to the man and his little family, followed by some advice on the further journey, a cluster of bananas as a gift, maybe a dozen of nice pineapples and after a last «até logo» au revoir, we go to continue our journey, good and hot, up the heat-steaming river and up into the big forest.

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The dinner began. After a while, the duchess gave one of her celebrated performances. An old American general at once tottered to his feet and said: «I beg the honoured company's pardon... old man... digestion ruined.. beg pardon». A little later the duchess did it again. This time, an English general rose and apologized.

A Frenchman on the other side of the table had watched this performance with starting eyes. When the Duchess did it for the third time, he shot to his feet and said: «Who said zat ze chivalry of France was dead? Zis one is on me!»



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