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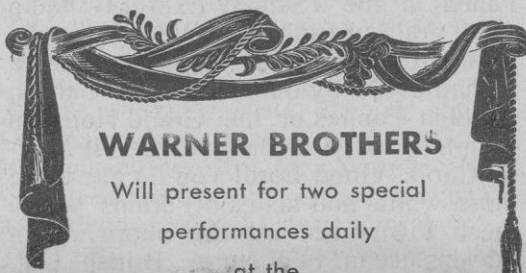
ON Thursday Captain Kane was released from the local jail and flew immediately to Marseilles, Paris and home. On that day he completed his sentence of six months, to which the original sentence of two years, eleven months, was reduced by appeal to Madrid.

Palma representatives of the foreign press dashed hither and yon as they sought a final interview with the Captain and in the hope of securing photographs of his departure. Most of them assembled on the quay expecting him to take the Marseilles boat but waited in vain. While they were waiting there he took the plane from Alcudia.

The sympathy of the majority of foreign residents in Spain, and particularly of those in Mallorca, was with Captain Kane throughout his six months' incarceration during which at all times he behaved like the gentleman and captain that he is. It does not behoove us who live outside the boundaries of our own countries to criticize or comment on the laws of the country in which we choose to live as ex-patriates. Customs and laws vary greatly in all parts of the world and what might well pass almost unnoticed in one country becomes a grave offense in another.

When something happens, as happened in Captain Kane's case, it almost inevitably becomes at once an international affair due to the publicity which papers seeking sensational news give it. Were it not for the furor which these blatant journals create many of these affairs might be satisfactorily explained. As it is, the hands of consuls and those who really have the welfare of the individual at heart are hindered and often completely tied by the blare of publicity which shrieks at the public from headlines.

The captain has served his time and the case is closed. His ship, the *Brompton Manor*, has been repaired from the ravages of the sea whose storms took the life of his second-in-command during the summer. His bridge is ready for him again. May you not think too harshly of Mallorca, Captain, and *hasta luego*.



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## International News

### LONDON NAVAL CONFERENCE

Representatives of ten countries placed their views before the Naval Conference at its first plenary session at the Foreign Office on Monday, after Mr. Baldwin had delivered an address of welcome to the delegates. Sir Samuel Hoare was absent for a short but necessary rest. France, Italy, Japan and the United States were represented. A twenty-per-cent tonnage reduction in the world's leading navies to promote international peace was proposed by President Roosevelt through his Ambassador-at-large, Norman Davis.

### MME. NINA GRIEG

Madame Nina Grieg, widow of the composer, died at Copenhagen last Monday at the age of 90. Madame Grieg was always the inspiration for her famous husband. Music was sacred to her. She was able even at an advanced age to interpret the songs of Grieg as no one else could, and took part, at public concerts, in four-handed compositions which she had been accustomed to play with the master himself.

### DENIED

The United States Supreme Court, with the single written word, «denied,» made known its decision in refusing to review the action of the trial court in the Hauptman Case. And so the German carpenter is brought a step nearer the electric chair in which he is to die for the kidnapping and murder of the Lindbergh child. He has but one faint chance left to escape from the «chair.» This is an appeal to the New Jersey State Board of Pardons. It is understood that his attorney will make this appeal at once, but is also a forgone conclusion that it also will be denied.

### SPANISH CABINET CRISIS

Prime Minister Chapaprieta handed in his resignation Monday to President Zamora. The action had been anticipated following the political uproar caused by the denunciation of Senor Nombela former Inspector General of Colonies.

### WARSAW

Because Italy owes about \$1,500,000, Polish coal shipments to Italy have barely exceeded 50,000 tons a month, which means that payment difficulties have been as effective as sanctions in this case.

# THE PALMA SEWER SCHEME

by Harry Fairbanks

Not a very salubrious subject, is it? I approach it with fear and trembling. I don't want to make a smell and shall try and tone it down to suit the taste or rather odour of my MAJORCA SUN readers. To say that it is not important would be foolish and though it is all buried under the ground and out of sight, it's not out of smell. To my mind it is one of the most important works the Palma Council have ever undertaken, second only to the water scheme, and one which naturally had to follow that or else this growing city with all its natural advantages would wake up one morning with the blackest cloud that ever over-shadowed it. It would come from underneath, not from the heavens. I never heard yet of any of the dread diseases coming from fresh air and sunshine and as Palma has more than its share of these luxuries, what a million pities if all should be obscured by the want of sanitation.

I remember about four years ago, a well known lady staying at the Formentor Hotel asked for a doctor to go out at once from Palma, to examine her throat. I did the trip with him. She evidently thought she had diphtheria. While waiting in the hotel lounge, several of the people came and asked me to find out at any cost what it really was and 'phone them after the doctor's analysis, in his laboratory. I guarantee if that had been what they hoped it was not, that hotel, which was crowded at the height of the summer boom season, would have been empty the next day. So from just the commercial advantage it is inestimable to this popular tourist town. Have you ever spoken to the summer tourist who drops off here for the day? He has generally visited Algiers, Naples or even Nice. He not only tells you how nice the people are but the lack of nasty smells which you find in most Mediterranean ports. Of course, Palma is only beginning to develop this side of business and up to now is not big enough to create this disturbance, but that does not say its city engineers have been asleep. They have seen the rapid development of the

town and are planning accordingly, so that tourists, visitors, resident or transient, will never be able to go home and say; «Oh, yes! Very nice, good climate—very cheap. But, my dear, those awful smells. I heard it is a hot-bed of typhoid and I left as soon as I could.» That sort of advertisement would kill paradise.

Lord Castleross' now famous tale on Palma in the «Sunday Express» had a small grain of truth in it. When he spoke of the Mediterranean Sea as a sewer sea he had evidently bathed off the Carlton Hotel in Cannes or the Grand Hotel in Juan-les-Pins, or a shady corner at Monte Carlo. Good Lord! You do get there those whiffs and tastes of drains which these towns run off the shore into a tideless ocean. In Victoria, British Columbia, I worked for six months just studying tides and currents on the great tidal ocean of the Pacific, to see where the sewer could be emptied into the sea, so as to keep the shores clean. Even then, we had to take it a mile out to sea. I often donned a diver's suit and inspected the work, so you see the difficulties a tideless ocean brings.

Palma, not like other Mediterranean towns, has foreseen them and overcome them, though I believe there is much opposition to the programme which the engineers have worked out. This, I consider, is chiefly ignorance; almost as bad as in the days when many people objected to a railway running anywhere near their town site or property.

I said at the beginning of this article I approached it with fear and trembling. I well remember about five years ago, I had to go to England with a well known Spanish engineer from Valencia, Sr. A. . . to study some sanitary work. Going over on the boat from Calais to Dover, bursting with pride, I introduced the engineer to a bottle of Bass, always my first introduction when I get on that boat. He would pay for it. He received half-crowns, two-shilling pieces, six-penny pieces and most of the regular English money in change for his one pound note. I tried to explain the values of them. He said: «Fairbanks, you are behind the times in England.» I thought nothing more of it till a few days after;

we were inspecting work in the heart of London, Southwark, and the arrangement we saw then broke my heart as a proud Englishman. He said: «Do you remember what I said on the boat?»

After seeing the modern way they have with the water here I should certainly tell the people to leave it to the man at the wheel. He's no fool and Palma, I'm sure, will be ultra-modern in its treatment of sewage. Of course, I'm confident he will get plenty of setbacks and snags. When I inspected some council tenements in Manchester for work-people, they used the bath for coal and often the W. C. for rubbish. I'm thinking what will happen to his small sewer pipes when the maid, who perhaps is not quite so enlightened as her English sister, so we think, throws dirty house-cloths, and occasional sardine cans in it. I know it cost me Pts. 50. to have my drains cleaned because of those things being found in my sewer here in Palma.

Of course, I know all the pipes are very accessible with very modern manholes at every change of direction, and, as I said before, I trust the man at the head. Terreno will, I think, benefit perhaps as much as anywhere. You know how it has been built up and modernized to suit the foreign element. Have you ever thought where the sewer runs to? Oh, yes—septic-tanks, black-holes they call them, but with all the modernness put into that part of the

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# BARCELONA SOCIAL NOTES

There has been great activity on the waterfront this week and quite a colony of waterlubbers is growing up in the region of the Club Nautico. Aboard the *Foam* Major and Mrs. Lee and Baron Grainger dispense hospitality in their inimitable style. Just across the way lies the *Lantana*, the luxurious yacht occupied by the Dowager Lady Auckland and her son, Lord Auckland, who is a cousin of Anthony Eden. More sumptuous still is the *Allava*, residence of Mme. Guterbey, whose latest acquisition, a small portable motorcar, is the sensation of the wharves. Other recent arrivals have been the *Lily Maid*, owned by Capt. Rumbold (his craft was visited by thieves the other night), and the *Verona*, carrying the colours of the R. T. Y. C., and a crew of fourteen, owner Mrs. Springer. With the unsettled conditions in Italy it is expected that many more yachts will tie up in Barcelona in the near future, and it is an ill wind...

There will be a tea-dance at the British Club this afternoon, at 5. 30, and to judge by the enthusiasm there will be another large gathering. Members of the Over-seas League in Barcelona will be specially welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Escuder entertained at their home on Saturday evening last. Mr. Escuder is editor of «La Ultima Hora» and is responsible for the excellent lay-out of that paper. Both he and his wife have spent many years in America.

On Saturday night an interesting performance of Shakespeare's «Twelfth Night» was given, in Catalan, by the University Players. There was a very large audience and an enthusiastic one, which proves once again the popularity of the great Bard. Don Juan Mascaró, the promoter, announces a further performance of the same play at a later date, and it is to be hoped that the English-speaking population of Barcelona will give him the support he deserves in this venture. The large caste includes some excellent young actors and the prettiest Olivia we have seen.

On Saturday last, the Foreign Journalists Association of Barcelona gave a luncheon to the Catalan authorities. Sr. Ignasi Villalonga, President of the Generalitat; Sr. Duran i Ventosa, and the Mayor of Barcelona, Sr. Jaumar de Bofarull, together with the Master of Ceremonies, kindly accepted the invitation. Some twenty journalists, representing many of the world's great newspapers, were present. It was quite an intimate affair and no speeches were made, the journalists keeping up an animated conversation with their distinguished guests. Mr. Norman King, Dean of the Consular Corps, was unable to attend owing to Court mourning.

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# SPORT

## RUGBY

Not even the most valiant efforts of a great Irish pack could save anything except honour at Dublin. The score must speak for itself: New Zealand won by a goal, two penalties and two tries, to two penalties and one try. Let us eliminate the penalties (which are a disquieting feature of present day International games) and the Irish line was crossed three times. The All Blacks had most of the ball, it must be admitted, but the Irish back line was neither fast enough nor capable of making the opening which leads to the line. I think that England will win the International Tournament this year. Meanwhile Ireland has a great pace and steady hard tackling backs... but if Lansdowne Road is haunted by Ghosts—Basil Maclear and George Stephenson must be saying «Change forwards and we'll fight ever again.»

The match was refereed by Jefferes—as the neutral whistler missed his boat!

## THE BATTLES OF THE BLUES

If Oxford can't win the boat race (and judging from reported form they are as far from it as ever) they have at least the chance of giving the village in the Midlands a lesson at Rugby. The result of the 'Varsity match will either confound these prophets of form or prove that good «threes» are a match-winning factor.

## POLO

The Westchester Cup is to be played in England this year. England owes this Sporting Action to the U. S. Polo Association in sending over a side and waiving the «challenger to travel» rule. The matches have not been played in England since 1921 and the new arrangement does honour to the good fellowship which exists on both sides of the Atlantic. There seems to be something about a horse which arouses the best and the worst in men.

## POINT-TO-POINT

A very sporting event took place last week in Barcelona where an interesting race was run over the Prat Course, finishing near the Aerodrome. A good entry was secured and a fine race was

witnessed in which Señor Marsans' mount just got the better of the horse ridden by Señor Sama. It is hoped to organize further events of this character, and who knows but we may have racing at an Casa Antunez once more next Summer?

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One of the chief surprises was Aston Villa, who in spite of spending £24,000 in the last few months on new players where swamped at Manchester, where the City beat them by 5 goals to 0.

The Leaders of the First Division improved their position by their splendid victory over Bolton and are now 5 points over their nearest rivals, Derby County and Hundersfield Town, who are level with 23 points each, the former having a better goal average.

The position in the Second Division is very interesting, Leicester City maintaining the lead by only one point. The Spurs, Charlton Athletic and Doncaster Rovers trading hard on their heels with 23 points each.

## LOCAL TENNIS

The Championships of Cataluña were played off last week on the grounds of the Sociedad Sportiva Pompeya, in the Travesera. Buby Maier and J.M. Blanc did not compete. One of the chief surprises in these championships was caused by Pedro Castella, a second category player from Barcelona Club who in previous rounds knocked out F. Sindreu, Riera and Antonio Boter in some very interesting games and last Sunday after playing for two hours beat L. Carles in the final, the game going to five sets.

The Lady's Singles was won by Señorita Rife in two straight sets. The score was 6/2, 6/3.

## GOLF AT SAN CUGAT

The Ladies Championship of Cataluña, over 36 holes (medal play) was played off last Saturday and Sunday, 18 holes being played each day.

Miss M. de Margarit, who won the championship last year did not defend her title.

A very close contest resulted, the championship being gained by Señora Peon de Mata with two rounds of steady Golf. The results are as follows:

	Total
Sra. P. de Mata	87, 91 = 178
de M. de Giro	89, 90 = 179
M. de Sagnier	87, 94 = 181
D. Frost	96, 87 = 183
G. Barnett	96, 88 = 184

The tie for the «Totten Cup» was replayed last Sunday and resulted in a victory for the British Empire team who beat Great Britain by four matches to two.

The Men's Championship of Cataluña, over 36 holes (medal play) will be played today and tomorrow, 36 holes to be played on each day, play commencing at 10 a. m.

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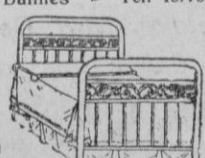
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# THE YOUNG IDEA..

by SEAN LAMB

*A Reflection upon the Youth of Spain*

A great deal is said of illiteracy in Spain, and as is usual in cases of sweeping generalities, many of the estimates given are absurd. Official statistics place the percentage of illiteracy at 21%. A lady tourist last year informed the writer that the figure was nearer to 99%. Both figures are wrong, especially the latter. Admittedly there exist in Spain regions where learning is practically unknown, nor, owing to the nature of the occupations of the inhabitants, is it particularly necessary, if one takes into account the evils attendant upon universal education—concentration upon cities, discontent in agricultural regions, etc. Similarly one finds in Spain (which is larger than France—did you know that?) provinces where education is taken for granted and reaches a very high level. Principal among these is Cataluña. There the percentage of illiteracy is exceptionally low, and may soon be non-existent. Since the advent of the Republic a great deal has been done for education all over Spain, and in Cataluña the Government of the Generalitat has opened modern schools in many places, furnishing them with competent teaching staffs. In Barcelona particularly, where the lack of schools has ever been an urgent problem, up-to-date schools have been opened in many districts, mainly for non-paying pupils, though a graduated system of payment, according to the parents' means, is also in operation. In a number of the higher-grade schools, where pupils are prepared for Matriculation and the University, German and English are taught, whilst French and Latin form part of the curriculum of all these centres. Castilian and Catalan, both oral and written, are also taught as in most cases the pupils are bilingual.

As an example of the innate imagination of the average Spanish child, the following compositions written by second-course English students are interesting and amusing. The compositions were on a "free" theme, and the pupils,

whose ages range from thirteen to fifteen, show not a little humour in their efforts. Corrections have been made in one or two places.

«Clear Night», by E.V. (boy). Based on the popular Song, «Mi Jaca».

«A light breeze blows. The moon smiles, reflected in the quiet sea. In an olive tree an owl hoots, and upon the grass of the green field, beside the high-road, sleeps my hack, my good hack. He looks at me silently, in dumb speech, and teaches me to speak with my heart. Darkened is the town in the midnight. The moon strikes it with her rays. In the silent streets resound the beats of the hoofs of my hack upon the stones. Number 6, street of the Guadalquivir. Good-night Thomas Ferdinand. Good-night Mary Elizabeth! The night passes, and with the new day, comes a new dawn.»

«Carnaval», by C.S. (girl) A fantasy.

During Carnaval, my friend Mary Therese and I went to the same dance without knowing it. She went in XVIII century clothes, with a big periwig, a diadem and a pretty trinket. I went disguised as a man, very well characterized, so that she did not know me and thought I was a true man. We became great friends and I invited her to eat, to drink beer and pink-stern (A new cocktail? Ed.) We danced all night and after went into the garden, and I very gallantly asked her for her hand. She hoped for nothing better, and said she was glad to say «yes». Then I took off my mask and when she saw who I was, she had a grand disillusion and fainted at my feet. When the people asked what happened to her, I confirmed that she wished to marry me.»

«Today» M.B. (girl) A moral tale:

This morning, the sky was covered with grey clouds and the wind was blowing through the doors. The wind hastened the falling of the leaves, which flutter over the ground. Nice day for playing tennis on our court, and accidentally it was my birthday. There is a bird on the electric wire, defying the wind which blows ever stronger. He is a valiant bird, because the wind keeps everybody at home. The little bird be-

comes a hero. While all the people do not dare to go out, his attitude is a desperate cry of freedom. We must be like the birds. While the winds blow over our country, we must defy everything in the defence of our freedom.»

*The Night.*» P. P. (girl) A modern point of view.

The night is bright, serene... The moon and the stars shine in the blue sky and reflect in the clear surface of the lake. The wind groans among the willows, making the owls scream among the branches. Upon the silvered immensity of the lake there is a little boat. In this boat, two bodies, but one heart... one soul... She is delicate like a white lily bud. The trifling breeze plays with her gilded hair and with the folds of her vaporous dress. The moonlight kisses her pale face... In the next grove, where shadows reign, the nightingales twitter, but in Edith's heart there reigns only coldness and an ache.

Her beloved Thomas parts tomorrow for the war of Poland. Perhaps for ever! They shake hands and swear endless love.

The modern girl who had taken this book out of her father's library, could not bear any more of this silliness and, indignantly, she tossed it against the wall.»

Any comments, ladies and gentlemen?

## LATE NEWS

### Englishman to be Tried

The trial will commence today, at the Law Courts, of William Lamb, in connection with the hold-up at the Oro del Rhin Café in September, 1933.

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## Social Notes

The American Consul and Mrs. Graves are still looking for a suitable house, meanwhile they are staying at the Caleta Palace.

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The «Present-Party» recently given by Miss Miller in aid of Mrs. Merida's Workshop for the Blind proved as successful financially as socially, 1123 ptas. being the total realized and over 300 ptas. worth of orders were placed for objects made by the Blind.

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New arrivals every day indicate that Malaga is going to have a good season this year. Among the recently joined members of the British Club are:— Mr. and Mrs. F. Woodcock, Miss D. Woodhams, Captain G. C. Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Leask.

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*Dec. 22nd Sunday.*—Bogey Handicap-18 holes. Cup presented by Mr. Charles Brooking of Madrid. Entrance fee: 5 Pesetas.

*Dec. 29th Sunday.*—Flag Competition Handicap-18 holes. Prize presented by the British Club. Entrance fee: 5 Pesetas.

*January 5th 1936 Sunday.*—Resumption of the Monthly Competition for the Prize presented by the Rotary Club of Malaga.

*January 12th Sunday.*—Medal Play Handicap-18 holes. Cup presented by D. Enrique Fernandez Villavicencio. Entrance fee: 5 Pesetas.

*January 26th Sunday.*—Pool. Same rules as applying to the Pool Competition held on November 24th 1935.

*February 2nd Sunday.*—Resumption of the Monthly Competition for the Prize presented by the Rotary Club of Malaga.

*February 9th Sunday.*—Mixed Foursome-18 holes. Medal Play Handicap. Cups presented by the Conde de Fontanar and D. Pedro de Gandarias of Madrid. Entrance fee: 5 Pesetas.

*February 23rd Sunday.*—Pool. Same rules as applying to the Pool Competition held on November 24th 1935.

*March 1st Sunday.*—Resumption of the Monthly Competition for the Prize presented by the Rotary Club of Malaga.

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*March 22nd Sunday.*—Flag Competition Handicap-18 holes. Prize presented by Miss Ivy Miller. Entrance fee: 5 Pesetas.

*March 29th Sunday.*—Pool. Same rules as applying to the Pool Competition held on November 24th 1935.

*Remarks:* All above competitions open to amateurs of both sexes. All those desirous of taking part in any Competition are requested to enter their names not later than 5 p. m. on the previous day, at the Golf Course.

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## BARCELONA CINEMAS

ASTORIA—*La Bandera*. WEDNESDAY, Gala Premiere of ROBERTA, with Astaire, Rogers and Irene Dunn, Radio Film.

AVENIDA—*Hombres Contra Hombres*, Spanish war film.

CAPITOL—*The Were-wolf of London*, with Warner Oland and Henry Hull. Universal Film.

CATALUÑA—*El Octavo Mandamiento*, Spanish talkie with Lina Yegros.

COLISEUM—*Here is my Heart*, with Bing Crosby. Paramount.

FANTASIO—*Knock Out*, Max Schmelling and Annny Ondra. Ufilms.

FEMINA—*Public Hero No 1*, with Lionel Barrymore. Metro-Goldwyn.

MARYLAND—*Episode*, with Paula Wessely. Ufilms. FRIDAY, 20th December, grand premiere in Spain of «*Midsummer Night's Dream*». Warner Bros Film.

TIVOLI—*The Count of Montecristo*, with Robert Donat and Elissa Landi. An United Artists triumph.

URQUINAONA—*Call of the Wild*, from Jack London's novel, with Clark Gable. Associated Artists.

ACTUALIDADES—Shorts, news reel, etc.

PUBLI—Monday. *The Olympic Games of 1936*, also news-reels, etc.

SAVOY—*The New Gulliver*, a Mosfilm, Moscow, Production, which is creating great interest in London. Also topicals, etc.

### Miss Davida Slade

The death took place in Barcelona, on Sunday morning, of Miss Davida Slade, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slade, after a very short illness. The news came as a great shock to her friends, and there was a large attendance at the funeral which took place on Monday afternoon. Miss Slade, who was a promising young writer, had several times contributed to these columns. We wish to offer our very sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slade and their son, Michael.

### MacAndrews and Company

It was announced in London recently that the United Baltic Corporation Ltd., had bought the interest of the Realisation Company in MacAndrews, Ltd. The United Baltic Corporation, Ltd., whose Chairman is Lord Inverforth, is a private undertaking belonging to the important group of shipping interests centred in Andrew Weir and Company. We understand that the offices of MacAndrews, Ltd. in Spain are to continue as heretofore, and that there will be no alteration in the working of their services.

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Following her graduation from high school, Olivia and her family spent the summer in Hollywood. To amuse herself, Olivia joined one of those «arty» amateur theatrical groups—there are dozens of them in Hollywood—and was given the part of «Puck» in «A Midsummer Night's Dream.» A Warner Bros. scout for Max Reinhardt, impressed with her work in this role, introduced Olivia to the *maestro* with the result that she finally received the role of «Hermia» in the «Dream», in the Hollywood Bowl production. That led directly to a picture contract, for the first person engaged by Reinhardt for the film was Olivia.

## BARCELONA THEATRES

LICEO—Opera 14th. Night. *Traviata*, with Cap-sir and Basiola. 15th. Aft. *Butterfly*, with Teiko Kiwa (last appearance). During week, opening of Wagner season.

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Among those present were the president of the association; Lawrence A. Fernsworth, of «The Times;» the vice-president René Borges de Villegas, representative of South American papers; the secretary, Richard Andreotti, of the «Popolo d'Italia;» E. Manuel Hutschenecker of the «Nue Frei Press,» Vienna; J. Melville Williams, Reuter's Agent; Walter W. Walters, American financial correspondent; Luis Ferrer, of the «Vanguardia;» Alfredo Romea, editor of «El Noticiero Universal» (both of daily press); José Folache, of the «Noticiero Univer-

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The meeting was a singular one being composed of representatives of so many nations, and the most cordial and friendly feeling of comradeship predominated. After the supper many members spoke, among them the president, Mr. Fernsworth and the doyen of the association, Sr. Luis Ferrer.

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The Main problem of most people during the Festive Season is that of finding, which invariably works out far more expensively than one imagines, with consequent aggravation of what the bright person has called «the agony of January.» Providing you spend the holiday at home, you will need to make your plans well beforehand, so as to avoid last-minute rushes for necessities. Christmas puddings, unless you still have the great-aunt Ellen's complicated recipe, can be obtained nowadays at most large stores in the imported variety. VICENTE RIVERA, in the Pza. Catalunya, can be relied upon for this and other staple necessities. MUNTANER TEA ROOMS, LA MARISIMA in the Po. de Gracia is to be relied upon for the CONFITERIA BERNARDINI, in the Pza. Catalunya, can be relied upon for the prime providers of the home-made variety, and can also be relied upon for everything in the pastry line, whether for children's party or for your own specialise in cocktail «what-nots.» ESTEVE RIERA, FORN DE LLIBRE I SERRA, JAUME, FORN DEL CISNE and LLIBRE I SERRA, provide delightful cakes, biscuits and items for dulled appetites.

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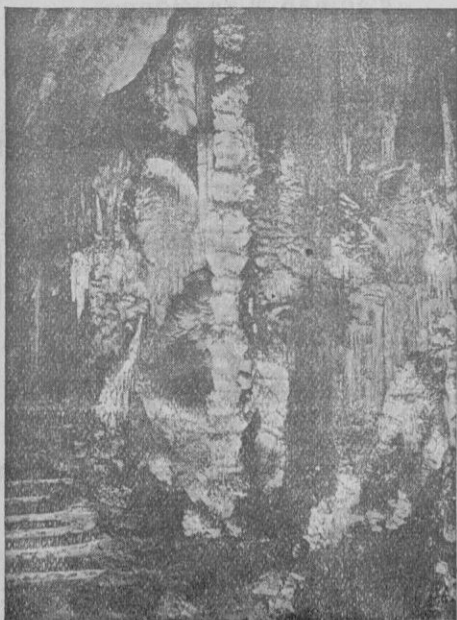
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# OF PERSONAL INTEREST

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Lord Auckland and his mother, the Dowager Lady Auckland, have decided to make Palma their winter home. They are at present in Barcelona aboard their steam yacht the *Lantana*, and are planning on coming across next week. Lord Auckland has had a most interesting life. He was one of the earliest of air-pilots, and has many thousand hours in the air to his credit. He lived for some time in America, where he went in for animal training in a large way. At one time he had 200 wolves in runs on his ranch in Arizona, not to mention a lion or two and a few assorted animals like pumas, leopards and such. His dog, which he has with him aboard the *Lantana*, is a thoroughbred wolf, his master having trapped the mother in Canada and the father in Montana. He is hardly a lap dog, weighing as he does over 125 pounds but is most gentle except with other dogs.

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News comes from Harry Galland that his mother who was so ill made the trip to New York successfully and that the family have settled down in the big city for the time. He believes that the outlook for budding journalists is not so bad.

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Mr. Walter Ogden, who spent a long time on the Island a year or so ago, is still in Barcelona. He expects to return to America in the Spring.

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Mrs. Sybil Corbett-Lloyd, after many false starts, has finally left for England. Next year will see her here again, she says.

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Mrs. Martha Fell has taken an apartment on Calle Villalonga and has already begun to learn some of the trials of housekeeping in Terreno.

Mr. W. B. Yeats, the Irish poet, is staying at the Hotel Inglès.

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Another visitor at the Inglès is Mr. C.H. Crofts, headmaster of Tonbridge. Mr. Crofts was co-host last Tuesday with Mr. Guy Bendall and Mr. Percy Schofield at a farewell dinner-party of seven in honour of Mrs. McIntosh Gordon at the Pullman.

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Mr. Harry Firbank is leaving on the *Scharnhorst* to spend Christmas with his family in Brighton, Sussex. People like Sir Harry Preston and Mr. Firbank have helped to make Brighton what it is today.

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Major and Mrs. Lee with Baron Grainger are aboard the *Foam* in Barcelona awaiting a favourable day for the crossing to Palma. They have covered about 4,000 miles in their yacht since leaving here in the Spring, and are anxious to get back here and settle down for a time.

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It was a charming ceremony which took place recently in Sweden when Señor Guillermo Martorell, well-known in Palma business circles, married Miss Marta Kuylenstierna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kuylenstierna at their splendid estate, Sperlingsholm Castle. The church was decorated with flowers and Swedish flags, and the service, which opened with the *Lohengrin* wedding-march, was partly conducted in English, as the bridegroom does not understand Swedish well. His best man was Count Bengt Morner. After the wedding breakfast, which was held in the Castle, the happy couple left by car for their honeymoon in the north of Sweden, amidst a shower of fireworks which illuminated the snow for miles around. Señor and Señora Martorell were due to arrive in Palma last Saturday.

George Dubosc has hired an excellent orchestra for the opening of the Trocadero on Saturday. This bids fair to be a *gala* occasion, with many of the foreign colony present. For the coming season the management, bearing in mind the economic depression, real or otherwise, has decided to reduce its prices still further from last year's levels. Except on Saturdays and Sundays there will be a minimum *consumacion* of 1.50 pts. Saturdays and Sundays 3.50 will represent the bottom and on Christmas and New Year's Eve a minimum of 5.00 will be charged. Those who like to step out of an evening have missed the gayness of the Trocadero during the last months and will welcome its reopening.

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Mrs. McIntosh Gordon left Wednesday on the *Amarapora* for the Christmas holidays, having promised her children she would spend these days with them in the bleak beauties of Aberdeenshire. Her friend Miss Lennox McCullagh has leased a house here and Mrs. McIntosh will return in the Spring.

The Christmas Sale which was held in the rooms of the British Association on Thursday for the benefit of the English Church was a pronounced success. Over one thousand pesetas was cleared for this good cause.

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**LIRICO**—Franchot Tone & Una Merkel in *Cuarto 309*, (in Spanish). DEC. 19th: *Compañía de Zarzuela y Opera Española*.

**MODERNO**—Ronald Colman & Loretta Young in *Clive of India*, (in Spanish), with a good shot of the fighting elephants. Also *The Glorification of the Cameraman*, most thrilling. MONDAY: *Alegria Estudiantil*, with Richard Arlen. Also, *Un Secuestro Sensacional* (in Spanish).

**PRINCIPAL**—*El Secreto de Ana Maria*, an all-Spanish «Oro Nacional» Production.

**PROTECTORA**—Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in *The Gay Divorce*, thoroughly good entertainment, and good shorts (in English). Coming shortly: *La Venus de Oro*, with Miriam Hopkins (in Spanish).

**RIALTO**—Jean Kiepura, singing in his usual excellent form, in *Las Quiero a Todas*, opposite Lien Oyera Fox Newsreel and various shorts, some in colour. THURSDAY: Patt Patterson & Lew Ayres in *La Loteria del Amor* (in Spanish).



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To:—The Editor.  
Dear Sir,  
I notice in a recent issue of your paper an article in memory of Earl Jellicoe, entitled «Let Us Praise Famous Men.»

In the last paragraph, «Midships» says: «If there be a home for the just and noble, if, as wise men love to think, that souls of the great are not annihilated with the body, then calmly may he rest.» I beg leave to point out to the writer that wise men nowadays do not merely «love to think,» but they positively «know» that our souls do not perish, and that there «actually is» a home for the just and noble beyond this sphere, and that this knowledge is open for everybody to acquire, and that, lastly, if this gospel is not universally believed it is owing to prejudice, egoism, fear or lack of interest.

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# PYRANNA-HO!

*Sent us by «Another Bronzed Traveller,» inspired by Mr. Smallwood's article reprinted in our last issue.*

IT WAS in a small public-house in Deptfort that by chance I ran across the bronzed traveller who first told me about Pyranna. Having traded extensively in coral in places as remote as Spitzbergen and Tristan da Cunha, I at once decided to go to Majorca, though I failed to find the place on the map.

On making inquiries, however, I ascertained that I might take a Pacific-Mail ship to Lisbon and there embark for Ascension Island, whence with ordinary luck I might be able to secure a passage to Pyranna on one of the many trading schooners that carry such commodities as copra, gum-copal, cassava and beeswax from these sequestered islands to the gilded emporia in Regent Street and the Rue de Rivoli.

The voyage to Lisbon was uneventful, save for a few water-spouts in the Gulf of Biafra; but, after leaving the Portuguese coast, we had the misfortune to run into the equatorial equivalent of the Labrador Current and narrowly escaped being wrecked on an iceberg.

At Ascension I found that my information had been incorrect. The place was absolutely destitute of copra, beeswax, etc; but a minor detail such as that could never deter such a bronzed traveller as myself. Making myself understood by means of gestures, I ascertained from the natives that a schooner left the island every Friday for Pyranna, and that this schooner was called «the Wash-boat».

The occupations and means of subsistence of isolated and semi-civilized communities have always interested me as much as their ethnological customs and traditions; but it was not without some difficulty that I succeeded in discovering that the Majorcans—or Pyranne, as they may be called—were

too occupied in their industrial and commercial activities to take in their own washing, which regularly every Monday was sent across to Ascension Island—a distance of approximately nine hundred miles.

These so-called «washing schooners» had all been christened «the Europa»; and that on which I had the good fortune to secure a berth was «the Europa III», the skipper of which was a half-caste Pyranne with whom I was able to converse fluently in a kind of pidgin Spanish-Kanaka.

Our cargo being clean washing, the boat was well out of the water and I immediately foresaw that, should we encounter heavy weather, we would be likely to roll badly—a contingency I had some cause to dread; for I must confess that, in spite of my varied experiences upon the Seven Seas and my knowledge of geography acquired at first hand, I am, and have always been, a very poor sailor. My fears, however, proved to be quite, groundless, for we had not been four days out from Ascension before we were becalmed for weeks in the doldrums.

The half-breed skipper had told me that with favourable winds he could get the washing to Pyranna in about three weeks; but on this occasion, I am afraid, the Europa III was more than two months late. The only incident on the voyage worthy of remark was that we

sighted the Europa I, outward-bound with the dirty linen, and so over-freighted in consequence that her decks were half awash—in other words, the Atlantic Ocean, or the Pacific (for I can never remember these things), was doing the work of the Ascension Islanders.

As my bronzed traveller had led me to imagine, the place was nothing but a vast atoll, crowned with feathery palms and other sub-tropical flora.

The eager aborigines joyfully seized my baggage and carried it to a singular and altogether unique conveyance, called locally a *tah-k'si*, in which I was transported to the stone-built hut with a palm-thatched roof where I have lived ever since, the rent being fifteen Majorcan piastres per annum—the equivalent of three and threepence, or about seventy cents American.

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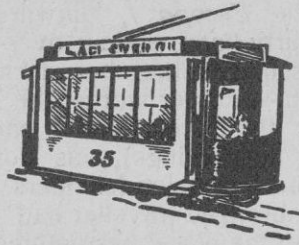
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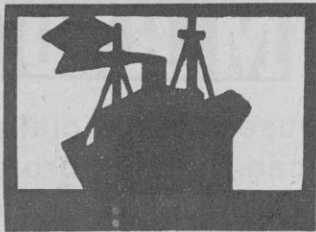
NOTE: Last mail for Christmas.

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Herr Anton Meyer has returned from a week spent in Santa Eulalia with the intention of proceeding to Valencia by tomorrow's boat.

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Mr. and Madame Rollin Roth Legentil have taken the flat of Mon. and Mme. Selz of the Majorca Cafe temporarily. They have recently arrived direct from Paris and propose to remain a year in Ibiza.

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Soller looks like hitting the high spots over Christmas. A big surprise is promised for Anglo-Americans at the Bar Frontera. This is really being kept a secret, but from what we hear a visit to the Frontera will be well worth while.

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(Continued from page 2)

world now, they are about as useless as anything can be except for seeping into the garden and down into the lower part of it. I know I can get more mosquito bites in half-an-hour in Terreno than in any other part of Palma. I'm sure when the sewer scheme is finished, that part will be like the rest of Palma or even the Panamá Canal, free of them. I know since the water scheme has been put in, 50% of the contagious diseases have gone. I'm sure when the sewers are there it will indeed be a health resort.

The arrangement for the treatment of the sewerage down near the gas works has been severely criticised and that part is now hung up waiting the opinion of Madrid, because, as I said, of local opinion that does not understand what I know. The smell which they say will be the chief objection is not near as bad as the leather works all around that district. I have skated on these tanks in England

and I have fallen through the ice into them, and coming out, have smelt less than after swimming in a farm duck pond. I should say a faint odour like tar will be the worst scent anyone will get and I'm sure the smell of the leather works will take care of that.

Mr. Engineer, what I have not seen yet, are, ventilation towers. Are they a thing of the past now? I'm confident, if the by-laws of Palma insisted on them in the sanitation of the houses, our bathrooms would be sweeter smelling places. It seems such a pity to me, in most of the modern houses and flats that are now going up, this is not taken care of. What about it?

I'm afraid when Palma is really sanitary minded, which it is rapidly becoming, more than many of the other Mediterranean seaside towns, living in the little house boats on the dockside will be a thing of the past. A specified time will only be allowed before moving day or rather sailing day. Perhaps, then, I will compete in the swim of the Port.

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Cunning but weak, John Macrae and his simple-minded brother love, in their primitive fashion, the same girl and revive a family feud which culminates in a rowing contest magnificently described. The author's deep love for the west coast of Scotland shows, perhaps in spite of himself, in the living descriptions of the stormy little fishing village, and of the crude, rugged people who fought nature and the law in the days when smuggling was still pursued and life was ruled by local tradition and superstition. The climax, in which John uses his brother to rid himself of the girl who unconsciously tortures him, is worthy of the pen of Thomas Hardy.

I am against the promiscuous use of the word «strong,» but can think of none better to describe the technique of this book. To my mind it is by far the best that this author has written. If the end, when John returns from all his troubles and runs happily down to the sea again, smacks somewhat of all the other endings of Mr. Strong's books, that is nothing against it, particularly. In fact, the only thing one might possibly say against the end is that it *is* the end.

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There is a hitch in most things that sound too good and the advertisements proposing matrimony which appear in the larger papers of the Peninsula are no exception. We're forced to state, though, that this we have not learned by bitter experience. It's one of the few lessons of that sort we have missed.

At first when you read the advertisements about beautiful widows that are apparently simply dripping with charm and duos you wonder what can have come over the men of Spain. Have they declined so far from the days of Cervantes that these fair ones must advertise their virtues or at least their material advantages in order to capture a fireside companion? But if one looks into the question a bit more deeply it's not so bad as it sounds, or perhaps it's worse, according to how one looks at it.

Most of these intriguing announcements are put in by matrimonial agencies and you will note that a stamped envelope is called for with your reply. This they use to advise you by letter that from what you have said they are sure you are exactly the soul-mate that this duro-encrusted mamma is looking for. You're liable to get a picture, too, of anyone from Greta Garbo to Lily Langtry. But in order that this agency which has gone to so much trouble to arrange the happy union should not lose its expenses in the matter will you just send along a hundred pesetas or so on account? This step very often dampens the ardour considerably of all but the most ardent but occasionally the money is sent and a meeting arranged. Vital statistics show that the shock registered on the swain at the time of the meeting has in many cases completely deranged the man, and in certain isolated cases the prospective bridegroom has been known to have rushed into the street and committed *hari-kari*. He has returned to his home a poorer and wiser man and has been known to declare that a million pesetas on the hoof would never tempt him again. The woman is retained as bait for future Don Juans.

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R. M. G.

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