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ON THE ISLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Phillips have returned to the Island from England. They have taken a villa in Cala Ratjada for a month, but will doubtless prolong their stay longer.

CALA:—

Old-timers at Cala Ratjada are Mr. and Mrs. Regnault, who are well known in Palma as they are on the other side of Mallorca. They are leaving soon for Paris. But the Cala remains popular, and rooms in the hotels and pensions there are at a premium. Mr. Alexander Bladt, accompanied by Miss Devitt, came into town for the day Thursday, with tales of huge and hilarious parties. Victor's and the Boathouse are reported full every night, while the beaches are dotted with sunbathers. Because of the impossibility of getting rooms last week, Miss Nita Dreiberg and Mrs. Nellie Dreiberg had to postpone their Cala visit, but hope to join the throng on Thursday of next week.

RETURNED:—

Mrs. Martin Smith returned to Mallorca during the week, and made straight for Formentor. She was in Palma only long enough to get her bearings, and then headed over the mountain roads to the big hotel. She expects to leave for England again on August 22.

IVIERA:—

Miss Joy Petersen has been back in Palma for a few days. She expected to leave for Cannes and then go to Italy to meet her father, and return to Mallorca after another stop in Cannes. Mrs. Lola Josephson is now in Cannes, and Miss Petersen will join her after young Miss Lillimore is retrieved from her school in Switzerland. Mrs. Josephson is taking Lillimore to a school in Barcelona, and with Miss Petersen will then come to Mallorca to stay for a while—if we have all these comings and goings correctly recorded. Miss Petersen's famous blue car with the flags will also be here again, after it has been something of the Continent.

COLONY:—

The rustic colony at Arenal has a recruit. Sir John Dunn went out to look the place over on Friday, and if he likes it will stay there. Sir John went to Formentor Sunday, bringing his stories and songs with him. But Formentor didn't hold him. He will probably have astonished the natives of Arenal with his famous imitation of a horse by the time this is in print, and swapped many a tall tale with «Kimberley Mac» McCormick.

BROADCAST:—

Mr. Rolf Memison and Mr. Danny Arnau gave a ukelele and Hawaiian guitar recital from Radio Mallorca, station EAJ 13, on Friday night. Mr. Memison dropped his palette and brushes long enough to step into the role of that slightly phoney-sounding Hawaiian, Kalookawaki Macabou. The ukelele and the singing didn't sound phoney at all, however, and the performance was much appreciated by a group in the Paris Bar comprising Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jacobsen, Mr. and Mrs. Eston, Mr. Roland Hayes, Mrs. Anne Bowman-Burns, and Miss Peggy Lippe, as well as countless others all over the Island and (who knows?) all over the world.

DIRECTOR:—

Sr. Socias, director of the Fronton Balear, left for Barcelona on Thursday evening. He will be back shortly to keep a watchful eye on his group of ceta-swingers, and to see the foreigners come flocking in to enjoy the increasingly popular game of pelota.

JOURNALIST:—

Yet another to join the ranks of the journalists here who are keeping Captain Kane on the front pages in England is Mr. Sidney Smith, a special representative of the «Daily Express» who arrived by plane via Madrid on Saturday. Mr. Smith has had many an interesting assignment during his varied career, and after hours may even be induced to tell you about the time he covered a nudist camp, which may be a paradox but was done by him.

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CREDITO BALEAR PAYING 20 PER CENT FOR CREDITORS TO REOPEN

The agreement between the Credito Balear and its creditors went into force on Wednesday, in virtue of an order made by the Palma court with which the bank filed its application to suspend payments on current and deposit accounts last December.

No creditor had given notice of objection to the agreement within the legal time limit set after the requisite number of consent forms had been signed and collected. The court therefore declared the settlement legally binding, thus enabling steps to be taken to set the bank working normally again.

The payment of the twenty per cent cash instalment of the bank's liabilities will be made within a period of thirty working days, counting from Thursday, August 15. A statement issued to the press by Don Bartolomé Ferrer, President of the Creditors' Committee, notifies

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SMUGGLING

Don José Feliu, chief of the Compañía Arrendataría de Tabacos and Delegado de Hacienda for the province of the Balearics, Don Magín Marqués, a prominent citizen of Inca, and seven others are being detained in the Capuchinos prison in Palma on charges of tobacco smuggling.

A special judge, who is being sent from Madrid to hold an inquiry into the allegations, is expected to arrive in Palma within two or three days. The court of inquiry will hold two sessions, in camera, in the prison.

It is understood that the procedure alleged to have been used in the smuggling was based on the fact that the Compañía Arrendataría pays full estanco prices as rewards to its agents for the contraband they seize in its name. The procedure was to purchase a cargo of tobacco abroad at prices far below those of the Company and arrange for its capture by agents who were in the plot.

COLLISION MANY INJURED IN BUSES

Twenty-two passengers were injured, sixteen of them seriously, in a collision between two motor buses at the crossing of the Calle de Pedro IV and the Calle de los Almogávares in Pueblo Nuevo, Barcelona at about 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

The victim who suffered most severely was Doctor Don Tomás Zamora, 38, a prominent figure in the medical profession in Barcelona. His injuries were a compound fracture of the elbow, a wound in the nose and several broken teeth.

The buses involved were both large two-decker vehicles belonging to the Compañía General de Autobuses, and were crowded with people from the suburbs of Badalona and Sans on their way to work. The collision is attributed to the failure of the brakes of the Sans bus.

It met the Badalona bus almost head on, both of them travelling fast. The shock smashed in the fronts of both buses, twisted the roof and sides of their upper decks, and shattered all the glass in them, which fell in showers upon the helpless passengers.

Many of the latter were buried under the wreckage, from which groans and cries for help could

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WILL ROGERS AND WILEY POST BOTH KILLED IN AIR CRASH POLAR FLIGHT

NEW YORK, Saturday

Mr. Will Rogers, the famous entertainer and philosopher, and Mr. Wiley Post, the equally famous aviator, were both killed in an air accident which occurred 15 miles from Port Barrow, Alaska, the most northerly point of the United States.

Mr. Post and his passenger, who were friends of long standing, were engaged in a flight «across the top of the world» from California to Moscow. They intended to return by way of Iceland and England.

Between Fairbanks and Point Barrow they were apparently driven off their course as darkness was approaching. Mr. Post brought his seaplane down on a lake in order to make sure of his whereabouts, and then took off again.

Immediately after leaving the surface the engine missed fire. The machine, out of control, crashed from a height of fifty feet into water only two feet deep, tearing away a wing and overturning.

The engine was thus forced through the fuselage, killing both oc-

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DEAD MAN'S CAR RIFLED

Jewels worth several millions of francs were stolen from the wreck of the late Prince Alexis Mdivani's car after his fatal accident on August 1, according to a statement issued on Wednesday by Señor Pich y Pon, Governor General of Catalonia.

The police and Mozos de Escuadra are endeavouring to recover the stolen property and arrest the thieves.

Prince Mdivani was killed almost instantly when the car he was driving left the road and turned turtle near Torrella de Montgrí in Catalonia. His companion, Baroness Maud von Thyssen, was terribly injured.

The Prince's body was embalmed and later buried in the cemetery at Palamós, but it is not intended that that shall be his last resting place.

Señor Sert, the Catalan painter who was Prince Alexis' brother-in-law, intends to transfer the remains to Manso San Estéban, the Prince's estate adjoining Señor Sert's Mas Juny, where there is a chapel. He also intends to have the bodies of Prince Alexis' parents, who died in exile, brought from Père Lachaise cemetery in Paris and reinterred at Manso San Estéban.

Señor Sert has left for Paris to meet Princess David and Sergius Mdivani, brothers of his wife and of the late Prince Alexis. They are to return with him to Mas Juny.

Some anxiety is felt about the condition of Princess Isabel Mdivani, Señor Sert's wife, who has been ill since her brother's death. She watched all night by the bier, but afterwards took to her bed and has remained there ever since.

THE MISSING MILLION MADRID SEEKS A RECOUNT CENSUS PLAN

Madrid refuses to resign itself to the status of a city of less than a million people.

Everyone knows, unofficially, that the Spanish capital has a million inhabitants, just as everyone knows that Barcelona is the only city in the country which can boast of more than that number. But officially it is not so.

Officially, the capital of the Republic is 8,564 short of the magic figure which, in the opinion of every true metropolitan, marks the limit of size for a place in which a truly civilised and sophisticated person can live without boredom. 991,436 is the total given by the last annual correction, made in December of last year, of the quinquennial census taken in 1930.

Don Rafael Salazar Alonso, Madrid's livewire Mayor, is certain that this result is due chiefly to carelessness in filling up the census forms, heads of households forgetting to fill in the names of all their dependants and domestics. Both the Mayor and the City Council are determined that this state of affairs shall be remedied by the time the next census is taken at the end of this year.

The previous census results fill 900 volumes, each containing some three hundred of the forms distributed to as many homes and filled up by the householder. The documents thus collected have considerable legal value, being admitted as evidence in the courts and required for a number of official purposes.

For that reason they are revised annually, citizens being invited to call at the City Hall and notify changes of address or any other additions they wish to have made. In practice very few of them trouble to do so, although the result may be considerable difficulty in proving some point which would otherwise be established easily by just referring to the municipal files.

To encourage the Madrileños to cooperate with the record department, the City Council proposes to create a handy little document called a municipal identity card, on which the data contained in the census form will be noted, and which can be produced and given in evidence whenever it is required. Before the cards are issued the census lists will be gone over more thoroughly than in the usual annual revision.

Señor Salazar Alonso is confident that in this way he will be able to make the census which follows the most complete ever taken, and that all lingering doubts as to the capital's right to figure in the «heavyweight» class of cities will be dispelled.

SHIPS ASHORE EL PARDO AND ITS TANK

The port of El Pardo becomes more and more important every day.

El Pardo is a suburb of Madrid, high up on the Castilian plateau. The nearest water is the river Manzanares, a tiny stream which after pretending to flow through the capital brings its modest contribution to the imposing volume of the Tagus.

Nevertheless merchant vessels, warships and even submarines begin their existence at El Pardo, before the shipwrights handle a single rivet. They are born in the testing tank of the Centre of Investigation and Experiment of the Ministry of Marine.

The El Pardo testing station for ship models is one of the most up to date of the thirty such stations existing in different countries. It has existed for two years, since when Spanish naval architects no longer have to send their plans and models abroad for the necessary tests.

How necessary they are is proved by the records of a foreign testing station, which show that even the designs of the most famous experts are altered to advantage after testing in thirty per cent of cases. The improvement in efficiency is often as much as ten per cent.

A remarkable case was that of four German liners redesigned after tests. The result was to reduce their consumption of fuel by 1,000 tons for the return passage between Hamburg and New York.

Don Manuel López-Acevedo, Colonel of Naval Engineers, is in charge of the Centre which performs similar services for the Spanish navy and mercantile marine. He is assisted by Engineer Captains Don Carlos Lago and Don Fernando de Rodrigo, Major Don Eduardo Abreu and a staff of draughtsmen and skilled workmen.

The central feature of the centre is a tank 200 metres long by 12.5 wide and 6.5 deep, in which the models are subjected to various tests to determine their efficiency both in still water and when battling with artificial waves. The rest of the building consists of offices, workshops and draughtsmen's studios.

The plan of the proposed vessel is drawn on a marble table, which is less liable to deformation by changes of temperature than paper. The hull is then cast in paraffin wax in a clay mould, finished off by hand and fitted with rudders and propellers, the latter driven by small electric motors.

The finished model is measured in every direction with micrometers, and if it conforms exactly to the plans it is ready for the tank. A moving steel bridge, running on rails on either side of the tank, carries the apparatus that will measure and record every detail of its performance.

IDENTITY CARDS FOR SPAIN APPROVAL BY CABINET PRECEDENTS

The Spanish Cabinet, meeting at San Sebastián on Wednesday, approved in principle the proposal to create an official identity card, the possession of which would be obligatory on all inhabitants of provincial capitals and other large towns.

The final adoption of such a measure may have important effects on the everyday business of Spanish citizens and of foreign residents alike.

The primary object of the plan is to provide a more effective substitute for the *cédula personal*, a document which is legally necessary for every householder, whether Spanish or foreign. The *cédula* was originally designed to furnish a handy means of identification, but in practice it has proved almost useless for that purpose.

It bears neither the photograph of the holder, nor his fingerprints, nor any other means of making certain that it is not being presented by someone else. It is therefore little more than a receipt for the tax, graduated like a complicated form of income tax, which must be paid before it can be issued.

The proposed identity card is intended, among other things, to prevent voters from being impersonated at elections. The same idea is behind the *carnet electoral*, bearing the photograph, fingerprints and signature of each registered elector, which the local Government of Catalonia intends to introduce in that region and combine with the *cédula*.

Both that document and the municipal *carnet* proposed by the Madrid City Council, as reported elsewhere in this issue of The Palma Post, would presumably be replaced by the plan at present before the Cabinet. The national identity card would be sufficient for municipal and electoral purposes, and for many others as well.

It would be produced, for example, to identify the holder when he collects mail from the Poste Restante or presents a letter of credit at a bank where he is not known. Its number would be noted on an application for a driving licence, and entered in the text of leases and other legal documents, as is now done with the *cédula*.

The resident foreigner is likely to require such a document for any one of the purposes named, except of course for elections. If, therefore, the elector's card represents his right to vote, it is clear that another form of identity card will be necessary to be issued to foreigners, at least such of them as now possess a *cédula personal*.

Precedents and models for such

BOY SHOT TOURIST'S LUCKY ESCAPE

A friend's playing with firearms led to the death of Juan Perelló Roig, a youth of 16, at Llubi, Mallorca, on Tuesday.

Juan Perelló lived at a farm called Son Margaret. According to the report received by the Civil Governor in Palma from the Civil Guards at Muro, the boy went over to the adjoining farm, Ca's Vicari, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday to see his friend Juan Alomar Ramis, the son of the house.

They amused themselves together for some time, and then Juan Alomar became interested in a shotgun which was hanging on the wall of the room. He took it down and began to play about with it.

The gun went off accidentally, wounding Juan Alomar in the head and blowing his brains out. He died instantly.

Two foreign tourists and the driver of the hired car in which they were travelling had a lucky escape from death or serious injury when the car left the road near Esglayeta on Tuesday.

The tourists, a married couple, were on their way from Valldemosa to Palma. Their driver drew in to the side of the road to allow a lorry to pass, and drove into the ditch.

The car turned over completely and stayed with its wheels in the air. All three of its occupants escaped without a scratch.

Considerable damage was done to the car, which could not be moved at first. It was necessary for a breakdown lorry with a crane to go out from Palma to right it and place it back on the road, and then it had to be towed into town.

A card can be found in the French *carte d'identité* and in the *certificado de residencia* now issued to foreigners residing in the Balearic Islands.

The Spanish Government's plan has of course not gone further than the embryo stage as yet. If in its final form it follows roughly the lines laid down in Catalonia, it may well prove to be at least as much of a blessing as an imposition.

Portugal already allows Spanish tourists to enter that country without a passport on production of the *cédula personal*, in spite of the inadequacy of that paper as a means of identification. The proposed identity card, while it might not replace a passport for all purposes, would at least diminish some of the difficulties of those who for any reason find themselves temporarily without passports.

LOS ANGELES Knitted Wear Made to Order Complete Line of Women's Accessories

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A FRIEND OF MALLORCA FRENCH CONSUL INTERVIEWED

«COME AND SEE»

M. René Goubin, French Consul in Palma, said on Friday in an interview with a representative of The Palma Post that in the short time since he was appointed to his consular post here he has become enthusiastic about the Island from the point of view both of tourism and of business.

«As everyone knows,» the Consul said, «many French people come to Mallorca during the year. In the summer time particularly there is a great influx of citizens of my country, and this year more have come than ever before.»

«This is largely due to the favourable opinion of the Island of Mallorca held by Frenchmen who have visited the Balearics and returned to France to tell others of the beauties of the Islands.»

«In every way I am trying to make known my own reactions. Since France is so near to Mallorca and so easy for French people to travel to on their holidays, it is of advantage both to Mallorquins and to Frenchmen to know that Mallorca is a very sympathetic place. I am doing my best to spread that idea in France.»

Asked about his efforts on behalf of establishing business relations with France in Mallorca, M. Goubin said that he is requested from time to time to give information and advice to French citizens.

«It is impossible for me to give detailed advice about any company or business: so I make it a rule to answer; 'Come along and see! To take a trip to Mallorca is worth while.'»

«I can and do say that I believe that Mallorca has a bright and prosperous future, and thus the wise business dealings here should certainly be of advantage to Frenchmen. The climate, the natural beauties and many other factors lead me to be as good a friend of Mallorca as I am of Spain, where I spent a great many years in the consular service.»

ASSAULT CHARGE

Miss Ruth Witter, an American citizen, was arrested at Alora, the province of Málaga, on Friday.

Miss Witter alighted from the Seville express at Alora station and went to the station bar. There she is alleged to have become drunk and assaulted the waiter.

The police were summoned on their arrival were likewise tackled. Being unable to obtain a reply other than kicks and slaps to their questions as to what the trouble was, they marched the excitable traveller off to the police station, where she was detained at the disposal of the civil authorities.

PRICELESS TREASURES OF PAMPLONA CATHEDRAL STOLEN

POLICE OF THREE COUNTRIES ON TRAIL OF JEWEL THIEVES

Scotland Yard, the Paris Sureté and the Spanish Dirección General de Seguridad are hot on the trail of the expert and daring thieves who carried off the whole of the famous treasures of the Cathedral of Pamplona, worth many millions of pesetas, in the early hours of last Sunday morning.

Suspicion centres on José Oviedo Mota, a Mexican, who uses the title of Conde de la Mota, an Italian named Ferdinando Papaelo, and a foreign woman, tall, elegantly dressed but not good-looking, who was frequently seen in the company of the Italian. Two Argentine brothers, one of them dealer in antiquities, who recently took a house in Gerona were arrested there on Tuesday on suspicion of complicity in the affair.

The police have intercepted a letter from José Oviedo's son at Jaca, Upper Aragon, to his father in Paris, and also a telephone conversation between father and son. It is hoped that the Paris police will succeed in catching the suspect while he still has the stolen jewels and art treasures, all of which are believed to be in his possession.

The Director General de Seguridad had a conference with the French Ambassador in Madrid on Wednesday on the measures to be taken for securing the extradition of the suspects, should they be arrested in France. Several Spanish detectives left for Paris the same day to assist their French colleagues in the search.

An eleventh century ivory casket of Hispano-Arab workmanship, for which an offer of 2,000,000 pesetas made on behalf of a London museum was refused two years ago, is one of the missing objects. The casket, which was formerly in the ancient monastery of Leire, bears the inscription in Arabic; «Abdelmenich, son of Almanzor, 1005».

A «dignum crucis» presented by the Emperor Palaeologos of Constantinople to King Charles the Noble of Navarre is also among the booty, together with an insignia of the Order of the Golden Fleece and a long list of gems, rings, chains, crosses and other objects of vast intrinsic, artistic and historical value.

The theft was discovered about 8 a.m. on Sunday by the sacristan of the Cathedral when he opened the doors for early Mass. He found that the bars of a window had been cut through and that there were footprints leading to the Sacristy of the Canons, the adjoining Chapel of Las Navas and the Chapter House, in which the greater part of the treasures were kept.

The cases that had held them were empty, but showed no sign of violence. They had been open-

ed with their own keys, which the police, who were hastily summoned, found lying in the drawer where they had been left the night before.

To enter the sacristy and pass thence to the chapel and the chapter house the thieves had to open three heavy doors, two of wood and the third of iron. The canon of the Cathedral who had charge of the treasury states that he hid the keys in a different place each night.

Since Pamplona is only twenty minutes drive from the French frontier, the first action of the Spanish police was to inform their colleagues in France and England and secure their cooperation. Señor Fernández Matos, Subdirector de Seguridad, took personal charge of the investigations in Spain, seconded by Señor Rajal, Commissary General of Police for the Northeast, and the Commissaries for Aragon and Biscay.

Two years are believed to have been spent in planning and preparing for the haul that was finally made on Sunday. The Mexican and Italian suspects lived in Pamplona during most of that time.

They made many visits to the Cathedral, where Papaelo's profound knowledge of art placed him in high esteem among the guardians of its treasures. He was even allowed to take photographs, a privilege granted to few.

José Oviedo, who is described as a tall man of considerable personal charm, had many friends among the prominent citizens of Pamplona, including several priests. He frequently attended the Cathedral services and was observed to take Communion with the greatest apparent fervour.

Until a few days before the theft the Mexican and the Italian had both been visiting Bilbao, according to a statement made to the police by a well-known artist whose name has not been revealed. They showed a marked interest in the contents of several jewellers' shops, though without buying anything, and also visited the sanctuary of Our Lady of Begoña, patron saint of the province of Biscay, which is in a suburb of Bilbao.

They asked to see the jewels kept in the sanctuary, but the sacristan told them that they were imitations. The real ones, he said, were in the strongroom of a bank.

Oviedo and Papaelo are both stated to have police records, in which they are classified as expert jewel thieves. The Mexican is said to have taken part in an important robbery committed in Saragossa last year, and others in Barcelona and Milán.

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CAPTAIN KANE'S APPEAL

COURT SENTENCE CONFIRMED

PARDON ASKED

The long-awaited decision of the Supreme Court of Madrid on the appeal of Captain Kane, master of the British ship Brompton Manor who is in the Hotel Catalonia under open arrest, was received in Palma on Monday. The decision confirmed the sentence of two years and eleven months imprisonment passed by the Palma court on Captain Kane, but recommended a pardon.

As a result, the captain is still awaiting his release, which is expected some time during next week. While there are conflicting reports concerning the procedure which will be adopted, it is now believed that the Supreme Court will send its recommendation to the Audiencia in Palma, which will make the decision in favour of granting a pardon or otherwise altering the sentence.

It is confidently expected that the result of the deliberations of the Audiencia will be a pardon. The President of the Audiencia, Don Francisco Conde, could not be reached for a statement on Friday afternoon.

Captain Kane, weary of the delays but now somewhat accustomed to the workings of the famous *mañana* habit, still remains in a cheerful frame of mind. His guard has been reduced, so that during the day only one *guardia de seguridad* sits fanning himself at the end of the corridor.

A LETTER FROM CAPTAIN KANE

«While waiting for the pardon which will set me on my way to England, Home and Beauty, I wish to make this record of my grateful thanks to the Editor and Staff of The Palma Post for the extremely well balanced manner in which they presented any news concerning myself to their readers.

«The leading article which dealt with my trial and conviction was a carefully reasoned summary of the whole proceedings, and the editorial thoughts in connection with future aspects of the case were unquestionably produced from a mind capable of comprehending and bringing together the necessary factors by which truth and justice might be induced to shed their rays over the scene.

«The humiliating position which characterizes my stay on the Island does not necessarily render me incapable of appreciating the kindness of many residents, and as it is obviously difficult for me to thank them individually, I trust that The Palma Post will give me the facility of its columns to that end.

A. W. Kane.»

«STATE HOTELS» BIGGER AND BETTER

Those optimists who intend seeking a free lodging in a Catalonian jail next time the landlord becomes impatient had better postpone that solution to their difficulties.

The prison accommodation in that region is cramped and unhealthy. Don José Luis de Prat, Councillor for Justice in the local Government, is taking action about it, so that intending guests of the Generalidad will be well advised to wait until he has finished.

Councillor Prat is off on a tour of inspection of the Catalonian prisons with the object of preparing a report to be submitted to his Government and that of Spain. He will ask the Madrid Government to contribute fifty per cent of the cost of making the necessary improvements, and it is believed that this can be done without involving fresh budget commitments by charging the four or five millions of pesetas involved to the funds voted for unemployment relief works.

Tarragona jail is the one most highly recommended as a place to keep out of by the Barcelona newspaper *L'Humanitat* in an article in which it anticipates in part the findings of the Councillor for Justice. The building in question, known as the «House of Pilate», is a structure of venerable age parts of which may even date from the Roman occupation.

Consequently its sanitary conditions leave much to be desired, especially in view of the insects and other pests which find harbour in the crannies of the ancient walls. The latter are seriously cracked in many places, and if prompt action is not taken there may even be a danger of their collapsing.

The jails of Gerona and Tortosa, old buildings which were formerly convents, are likewise condemned by *L'Humanitat* as completely unsuitable for the purpose for which they are now used. That at Reus, according to the paper, is comparatively new and therefore healthier, but it is overcrowded.

The authorities are just as perturbed about this as the prisoners, for it makes the latter much more difficult to watch and control. In particular it is impossible to isolate prisoners, with the result that they can plot, attempt to escape and communicate with the outside with a freedom which would be completely lacking if they were kept apart during most of the day.

It is therefore confidently expected that Councillor Prat's report will demand bigger and better jails. The old ones will be replaced, and either the new ones will be bigger or extensions will be built at Barcelona and Reus.

FIVE DEAD IN SHIPWRECK

ENTERING PORT IN STORM

18 RESCUED

Five of the thirteen members of the crew of the fishing steamer Méndez Núñez of Cangas, in the province of Vigo, lost their lives when their vessel was wrecked at the entrance of the harbour of San Estéban de Pravia, in Asturias on the North coast of Spain, early Tuesday morning.

Angel Prieto of Vigo, Angel Curbadas and José Gorgozón of Cangas and the engineer, a man of 56 whose first name was Manuel and whose surname is not known, were drowned. José Bonifacio Pasó, also of Vigo, died of exhaustion just after being picked up by the steamer Mensajera.

Eduardo Arguidi, master of the Méndez Núñez, tried to take his craft into San Estéban harbour about 4 a.m. on Tuesday in order to escape from the storm that was raging in the Bay of Biscay. The heavy weather and low visibility caused her to collide with the partly built extension which is being built on to the jetty on the West side of the harbour.

The little steamer, completely smashed by the shock, remained afloat only about ten minutes. Her crew shouted for help, and the call was answered by two fishing boats from San Juan de la Arená and San Estéban pilot boat.

Before the rescuers could reach the spot, however, the skipper of the Méndez Núñez and his men realised that their ship was being broken up under them by the waves. They leaped overboard and tried to swim ashore, as the unfinished jetty was not high enough to offer a refuge.

The three rescuing craft succeeded in taking on board the master and seven other men, besides the one who died. Their names are Pedro Martínez of Pontevedra, Apolinar Rodríguez of Cangas, Epifanio Pérez of Naviera and Angel Pérez, Joaquín Iglesias and Eduardo Eiri, all of Vigo.

All the survivors were naked and exhausted when picked up. They were provided with clothes in San Estéban.

AIR CRASH

All four members of the crew of the Spanish military flying boat Dornier N.º 3 were burned to death when their machine burst into flames after crashing into the crest of a hill known as the Monte Carmolin, near Cartagena, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

They were Ensign Royón, pilot of the wrecked plane, Sublieutenant Barrios and Mechanics Jericó and Lucena. The machine was returning from Atalayón to Los Alcázares, the naval aircraft base near Cartagena, at the time of the accident.

LATEST WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, Saturday

No official confirmation has yet reached London of the press messages reporting that Mr. Gareth Jones, British journalist and at one time a member of Mr. Lloyd George's secretariat, who was taken prisoner by Chinese bandits at the end of July, has been found murdered and abandoned by his captors near Paochang, 300 miles from Peking.

The brigands demanded a heavy ransom, and British officials as well as the Chinese authorities have been engaged in efforts to secure Mr. Jones' release.

PARIS, Saturday

After two days of preliminary skirmishing, the three power con-

ference settled down to work in earnest yesterday in a final attempt to find a material basis for a peaceful settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian conflict.

The first session took place in the historic Salle d'Horloges at the Quai d'Orsay, and lasted three hours. At the end of that time the waiting press representatives were told by one delegate «Things don't look so bad,» this being the only authoritative information forthcoming as to the results of the meeting.

The «Big Three»—M. Laval, Mr. Eden and Baron Aloisi—conferred in absolute privacy, even the experts of the various delegations being excluded from their deliberations. The experts, assembled in

an adjoining room, were called in from time to time to give their opinion on some technical question.

The prospects for the success of the conference, according to reliable sources, have been somewhat enhanced by the Emperor of Ethiopia extending his original concessions. He is now understood to be willing to grant Italy the right to build a railway through his territory connecting the colonies of Italian Somaliland and Eritrea, and moreover to cede, in addition to the province of Ogaden, another strip of territory which is said to contain valuable mineral deposits.

BELGRADE, Saturday

The assassination of General Gagliardi, the close friend and military adviser of King Zog of Albania, which occurred in the Albanian town of Fieri on Thurs-

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day, now appears to have been a result of mistaken identity.

The assassin, a man named Tchekeresi, had recently been released from prison after serving a term of a year and a half for taking part in a plot against King Zog. He is now stated to have confessed that he intended to attempt the life of the King himself.

When he saw the royal car approaching with a man in resplendent uniform in the back seat, he took him to be the King and fired the fatal shots.

Contrary to other reports, it is stated here that the disorders that followed the assassination were quickly repressed by the Government troops.

ATHENS, Saturday

Reports of serious uprisings in Albania continue to percolate through the Greek-Albanian frontier.

The assassination of General Gagliardi is stated to have been the signal for a revolt in the Fie-

ri district, where a rebel army, led by Shekret Verlazzi, one of the most powerful Albanian chieftains, has succeeded in defeating the Government forces and is now marching on the capital, Tirana. The commander of the Government troops, General Dshelal Aradas, said to have been killed in battle. The reports add that Shekret Verlazzi has been the sworn enemy of King Zog ever since his plot of marrying one of his daughters to the King fell through some years ago.

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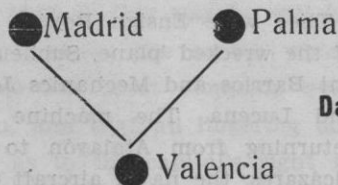
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PASSPORTS

There is one minor annoyance which might well be removed from the working of the regulations affecting foreigners resident in the Balearic Islands.

The exceptional strategic position of the archipelago and the large numbers of foreigners resident here and passing through makes it in a different category from other parts of Spain. What one may make of the reports of espionage that caused the imposition of the special regulations, there can be no doubt that the authorities were justified in taking precautions to keep out undesirable elements.

Assuming that justification, the fact that travellers to the Balearic Islands must produce passports whether they come from abroad or not seems to be startling. What is not clear is why they are demanded of those travelling between the islands.

Residents in Mallorca taking a trip to Ibiza, for example, are usually surprised to learn that they must produce their passports and have them to be stamped on their arrival and again on their return to Palma. To the lay mind there appears to be no necessity for that practice.

Every foreign resident in the Balearics is bound by law to have a certificate of residence. To obtain that certificate he must show a valid passport, so that the production of the certificate is a complete and convincing proof of the passport's existence.

The certificate is issued for the whole province and not for a particular island. It is logical, therefore, to expect that it should be accepted as sufficient proof of identity on all journeys that do not extend outside the provincial boundaries.

Inter-island travellers who have acted on this assumption are told that this is not so, and that a passport must be shown. The removal of this anomaly would not diminish in any way the ability of the authorities to keep track of foreign residents' movements and activities, and would be greatly appreciated by travellers.

Out Of My Head

by HARRY GALLAND

A goldfish, as everyone knows, has very little privacy. But the life of a goldfish has its points, and they are particularly to be envied during weather like the present.

Who can look with calm at the spectacle of the goldfish idling around its bowl with nothing more to do than keep cool immersed in water? Most goldfish we have seen look happy and contented, even in the winter. But this is no place to talk of the winter. The hot weather is upon us, and the more we sit and stew, the more fishy our thoughts, if any, become.

All fish keep cool. At least if they don't, they ought to. But all fish don't live a happy life. Fish in the sea must be constantly on the lookout for bigger fish who may be trying to bite them, not to say make a meal upon them. And watching your neighbours closely in order to ward off sudden attacks is not conducive to a happy frame of mind. Besides, it disturbs the sleep.

No, being a fish in the sea may be cool but it has its disadvantages. Let us consider the case of the fish in the aquarium.

Here the danger of attack from more ferocious and bigger brethren is reduced to a minimum. But on the other hand—and in this life there always seems to be another hand—think of the faces staring over the edge of the tank day after day, the faces of the funny people who come to look at the funny fishes.

Any self-respecting papa fish will tell you that it is a difficult job to bring up little fish in an aquarium to be the well-behaved, unself-conscious little fellows they should be. With the public forever looking at them and admiring them, they are bound to get swelled heads, which is all right for a hammer-headed bass but ruinous for a well-born swordfish.

Apparently, then, the best fish-life is that of the goldfish, after all is said and done. He may have lost his freedom, but he doesn't have to worry about where the next meal is coming from, or about the outrageous way Minnie has been carrying on with that awful squid across the shoal. He has his whole family right under his fin, so to speak, and there can be nothing fishy going on.

There is, so far as we can see it, only one fly in the fishbowl so far as the life of the average goldfish is concerned. Nor have we to date been able to find the answer to the question, which bothers us and may bother the poor goldfish.

That important question is whether goldfish perspire or not. We have never asked a goldfish, never having been friendly enough with one of them to put such an embarrassing question. But if any reader knows, we should be only too glad to have the correct answer. In any case, we can go home now and surround ourself with water in a bathtub—and not a glass one, thank you.

TURNING THE PAGES

by Bibliófilo

GAY LIFE, by E. M. Delafield. *The Tauchnitz Edition*, Vol. 5185. 6 ptas.

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The Provincial Lady whose cheerful and penetrating Diary was so well received some time ago, and who repeated her success following a trip to the United States, has been to the South Coast of France. She came back from the Riviera with a somewhat sour taste in her mouth.

What she has recorded in this novel is a chapter in the lives of each of a group of singularly unattractive people, and their forced and completely artificial gaiety during their Riviera holiday.

The scene is the Hotel d'Azur, near St. Raphael and within reach of Monte Carlo. That famous gambling place is always the last resort of novelists who must fill in the plots of their South-Coast-of-France tales.

In and around the Hotel d'Azur is the usual collection of hotel

admirable. Mr. Bolham, the solid literary gentleman, is perhaps the only likeable one, and he is allowed to move like a wraith in the background while the rest carry on their intrigues.

In fact, I began to have a distinct liking for Madame the proprietor, for throughout the 275 pages she merely sits with black looks over her ledger making eternal entries while she keeps a vigilant eye on all that happens, saying nothing, moving nothing but her pen. At least you know where you are with Madame. She is a familiar figure properly drawn, and in her anyone who has stayed for any length of time in a Riviera hotel will recognize an old friend or enemy. Whichever Madame may be to you, she is at least recognizable.

Miss Delafield's method is to introduce the reader to the characters when they are together, to follow the threads of their stories as they affect each other up to a point, and then suddenly to give



guests. The whole of the action takes place within a fortnight, and in that time much happens, and all of it is trivial.

The guests include a hotel child with irritating manners who is the daughter of the hotel master of ceremonies, a hard-boiled young couple who have not ceased to wrangle since the day they were married two years before, a pleasant Welsh family, a sensible and middle-aged literary man and his hyper-sensitive secretary, the perennially young woman who tries to attract her son's tutor to the acute embarrassment of the son, and a young and successful novelist who lives in a villa near the hotel and profoundly moves the emotions of the hyper-sensitive secretary.

Mix that collection together under the hot Riviera midsummer sun, and if you have ever read a novel you know about what to expect. In this case, you may be led to believe that E. M. Delafield's mixture would prove interesting and amusing. I am sorry to say—to put it very mildly—that such is not the case.

Granting that Miss Delafield's intention is to satirize life on the South Coast among the English hotel denizens, it is still difficult to believe that such a completely sordid, scheming and (far worse) uninteresting group of people could be found living out their complicated lives under one hotel roof.

There is scarcely a single character that is normal, likeable or

a picture of the background of each character.

Denis Waller, the young secretary to Mr. Bolham, is a young man beset by fears and weaknesses. Until he meets the marvellous and successful young novelist, Chrissie Challoner, he has never been «understood.» But she looks at him «from the depths of her great eyes» and... well, you know. But nothing happens, and their meeting ends in frustration.

Buckland, the virile tutor who is a gigilo to the far from reluctant Mrs. Romayne while he is supposed to be leading her son Patrick into the right paths, is the sort of masterful young man one feels an irresistible urge to kick in the exact center of the trousers. Dulcie, the prattling hotel child who forever talks of the coming of her «Pops» needs no further explanation.

Hilary Moon and his young and vulgar if beautiful wife, Angie, move from debt to debt through the book and wind up nowhere. For a cheerful, sunny ending to the cheerful sunny tale, Patrick accidentally drives over a cliff and is killed while distracted by his mother's goings-on with his tutor, Angie runs off with Buckland the tutor, and the rest fade out without further explanation.

I am the first to admit that the sketched portraits of the French people staying at the hotel are well done, but they hardly appear in the tale and affect the plot not at all.

BY HOOK OR BY CROOK

«The girls of Kent are the prettiest girls in the world.»—Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary of State for Air, speaking at a fête organised by the Brotherhood of Cheerful Sparrows at Folkestone.

That, providing Sir Philip is right, should be a sufficient answer to the specious claims of those who urge that the Royal Air Force has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished. So you see how important it is that he should be right, or wrong as the case may be.

I therefore set in motion that far reaching and intricate news-gathering organisation which... which has been described before in this column, in order to collect the opinions of everyone who really counts on this momentous question. The following replies have been received so far.

«We have just officially declared that Señorita Alicia Navarro of Tenerife is the prettiest girl in Europe. What Torquay has said let no man unsay.»—The Mayor of Torquay.

«Eh, by goom, yon Sassoon lad should see soom o'oor Lancashire lassies!»—The Mayor of Wigan.

«Anch'io so' aviatore!» - Benito Mussolini.

«Schrecklich! How does he know they are all Aryans?»—Adolf Hitler.

«Venus of Milo was a Greek.»—Doctor Astigmatizmos.

«The Queen of Sheba was an Ethiopian.»—Haile Selassie I.

Replies are still awaited from President Roosevelt, Al Capone, Sir Oswald Moseley, M. Veniselos, Mr. Gandhi, Stalin, the Emperor of Manchukuo, the Grand Lama and the King of the Solomon Islands.

The result of my inquiries, however, is already abundantly clear. You pays yer penny and takes yer choice.

Speaking of Haile Selassie reminds me that the time has come to clear up once for all the mystery of who actually is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

Strength of the Trinity the First has borne that title since he was crowned in Addis Abbaba in 1930. There was another claimant to the throne, who subsequently died in prison, but there have recently been rumours that he is still alive and only waiting his chance.

Then there is the gentleman who rose unsteadily to his feet in a certain bar in Palma the other night and said; «Believe it or not, I'm the Emp'r of hic!-Utopia and t'morrer I'm gonna be Queen o'the May. You're all witnessesh.»

Much as I regret to shatter these gentlemen's illusions, particularly those of the gentleman in Addis Abbaba, none of them is the real King of Kings, Lion of the Tribe of Judah and Elect of God.

I am.

El Ganchoero.

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ON THE ISLAND

By The Wayfarer

(Continued from page 1)

SHOOTING:—

Mr. Leslie Melville is moving to a new house in Alcudia. Near his new home he has bought a large tract of land to be used as a shooting preserve, which with Don Lorenzo Roses' shooting preserve near Arenal will be one of the few on the Island.

ALCUDIA:—

Popularity has come to Alcudia, it seems, Don Jaime Enseñat, the well known Palma lawyer, is building a house there, while M. Gaston Thivolle, proprietor of the Golf Hotel, is having to turn away many guests because of lack of room for them. Another house-builder in Alcudia is Mrs. James B. Dyer, whose home will be near the golf course. She arrived in Mallorca recently, coming from Paris.

CROWD:—

One of the largest crowds of the season, in holiday mood and dressed for the occasion, was at Tito's on Thursday night. The terrace was packed with people. Practically everyone in the mythical Palma Social Register was there, far too many to attempt to list here. Lack of space (and a pencil and paper at the right time) prevents the lengthy list being given.

EVENT:—

Don Juan March Ordinas returned from Madrid with Sra. de March on Wednesday in order to be present at their home in Cala Ratjada for an event which is shortly to take place, and for which «blessed» is the correct adjective. Sr. and Sra. de March, Jr., have most interest in the affair, since they will be the happy parents.

TRIP:—

H. E. Don Juan Manent Victoria, Civil Governor of the Balearics, made a quick trip to Barcelona on Wednesday, and was again at his desk in Palma on Friday. He was away on official business.

BACK:—

Major Charles Gilson is back in Palma from Arenal, and has decided to stay on here. Despite the advantages of rustic quiet, he found that his literary work did not go so well and that his health was being affected. He expects to be feeling entirely all right within a short time, now that he is once again in familiar surroundings, and he is going to be more careful about being out in the sun.

DANCERS:—

Mr. and Mrs. Von Praagh are staying at the Alfonso with their daughter and her friend, Miss Von Praagh and her friend are both

ballet dancers, but are giving up dancing for swimming during the three weeks they expect to be in Mallorca. They will return to London at the end of that time.

ENGLAND:—

A taste of Gibraltar some weeks ago seems to have had its effect on Miss Eileen Wall and her uncle, Mr. Powers. They left for England during the week, but will

have something to do with it, though.

REJOICING:—

There was widespread rejoicing among Populares fans, and there are many, when that inexpensive and popular brand of cigarettes made its reappearance in the *estancos* on Friday, after an absence lasting a little more than two months. An overstock of other

They are due to start the return voyage early next week. Mr. Donald Newhall, with Mr. Robert Gavett as guest aboard *Picotée*, sailed here and there around the coast, touching at Camp de Mar and Andraitx, and sailed back to Palma during the week. Mr. and Mrs. Newhall gave a party in their Calle Bonanova apartment on Thursday before Mr. Newhall and Mr. Gavett started out once more



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CAPACITY:—

With almost every room taken and still more people booked, the Hotel Formentor is having an excellent season and will soon be filled to the limit of its capacity. The sandy beach is as popular as ever, and the morning is still the fashionable time for swimming. Mrs. Fulton Leser, who was reported ill at the Formentor a week or two ago, is now well on the way to recovery and will soon be about again.

PAD:—

Mr. Ernest Brierly, having finished a sketch of a section of Mallorca as it will appear in a year or two, for which he was commissioned by a local company, is on the prowl with his sketch pad. All we know about it is that he suddenly decides he is going to sketch the head of somebody, and in two shakes the deed is done. Why, or how, we don't know, and Mr. Brierly won't tell. Scotland Yard and the Rogues' Gallery may

brands was the cause of the withdrawal of the Populares, but the balance seems to have been struck now.

CHARTREUSE:—

Major Lambert W. Dunwoodie, looking for new experiences on the Island during the past week, spent a few days at the Monastery of Randa learning how to make the local Chartreuse from the Monks. He was there on Tuesday, according to a correspondent. As a result of his experiments he unfortunately fell over a small cliff, sustaining serious injuries to his monocle, without which he is practically helpless. He was otherwise unhurt. The Major, we are told, reports that the Chartreuse is excellent but the pair of spectacles borrowed from the Father Superior definitely *infra dig*.

MARINERS:—

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creditors of this so that they can make arrangements to collect the sums due to them.

The note goes on to state that the Creditors' Committee now resigns in order that new representatives may be elected. The latter will be members of the Board of Directors of the reorganised Crédito Balear.

The election will take place on September 1, meetings for that purpose being held at the head office of the Crédito Balear in the Calle Palacio and at its branches. The assembled creditors will elect proxies, who in turn will vote for the four Directors.

The only special qualification for election as one of the proxies is that of being a creditor of the bank before the suspension of payments. Details of procedure for the election are to be announced later.

Señor Ferrer records his satisfaction that while the creditors of the bank number 25,000 not one of them opposed the settlement after its acceptance by the necessary majority. He invites his fellow-creditors to exercise the greatest care in selecting their new representatives so that those finally appointed may be capable of lending the Crédito Balear the prestige which it needs for the arduous task of rebuilding its position.

The settlement thus implemented, it will be recalled, was made possible by the cooperation of four mainland banks, the Banco Central, the Banco Hispano Colonial, the Banco Urquijo Catalán and the Banco Mercantil é Industrial,

COLLISION

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be heard. Municipal guards and policemen extricated them and sent them in taxis to the dressing stations where they were given medical attention.

José Gallardo, 41, Antonio Pauli, 49 and Anacleto Usero, 27 were taken to the Hospital of San Pablo. The others, less seriously hurt, were assisted to their homes.

The *juzgado de guardia* opened an inquiry on the spot, taking the evidence of eyewitnesses and of those of the injured whose condition allowed them to remain.

Another serious bus accident took place last weekend on the road from San Pedro de Nos to Coruña. A bus taking a women's hockey team of the Agrupación Deportiva of Gijón from that city to Coruña on Saturday collided with another operating on a regular line.

The hockey team's bus caught on fire, but the flames were quickly put out. Many passengers were injured, most of them members of the team.

Those most seriously hurt were the captain of the team, Señorita Mariana Pardo, 22, and her companions Señoritas Angela Mondejo, 23, Pepita Anal, 18, Pilar Rosendo and Nicolasa López.

after negotiations in which the Sub-Governor of the Bank of Spain and the President of the Banking Consortium played prominent parts. The four banks, besides advancing the necessary cash for paying the first instalment to the creditors, agreed to subscribe 12,000,000 pesetas of new capital to set the Crédito Balear on its feet again.

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cupants instantly. Their bodies, which were badly mutilated, were recovered later.

Both the dead men were figures of both national and worldwide fame.

Mr. Post, who was recognised as one of the most efficient air pilots in the United States and specialised in long distance flights, had twice flown round the world in record time, and claimed to have reached a height of 48,000 feet in a stratosphere flight.

He had made a number of other attempts at round-the-world and transcontinental flights, which ended in crashes. On two occasions he alleged that sabotage was responsible for the failure.

Mr. Rogers, the Oklahoma cowboy who became the confidant of Presidents, had attained universal recognition for his homely philosophy and shrewd and kindly comments on international affairs. Beginning his public career in cheap vaudeville, where he specialised in twirling a lariat and «wisecracking», he is estimated to have saved \$100,000,000 from the proceeds of his film work, variety performances, newspaper articles and authorship.

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