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## ON THE ISLAND

Mr. Edgar Stirling suddenly discovered on Wednesday that it was his birthday, and the walls of Lena's bulged with the pressure placed on the capacity of that establishment by the throng that helped him celebrate the occasion. Twenty-five people were counted and the following identified;— Mrs. Joan Malcolm, Mrs. Rowland White, Mrs. Ann Bowman-Burns, Mrs. Lola Josephson, Mrs. Caroline Storm, Mrs. Norman Jacobsen, Mrs. Doris Cameron, Lieut.-Comdr. and Mrs. Harry Green, Lord Auckland, Colonel Riccard, Major Have-lock-Clark, Captain Cleaver, M. Ernest, Don Arnaldo Garau and Don Francisco Homs.

### ARRIVALS:—

As will be seen from the above list, Mrs. Lola Josephson is back from Barcelona. She is here for two months and is staying at Calle Armadams, 111.

Mrs. Bowman-Burns is no longer in our midst, having returned to Ibiza on Friday after spending little more than a week in Palma. Last time she went to Ibiza it was for a rest after the strenuous metropolitan life of Palma, but on her return she declared that she had come to peaceful Palma to recuperate after Ibiza. This department's information is insufficient to allow us to state definitely the reason for the latest move, but we understand Mrs. Burns expects to be back in Palma in about two weeks' time.

Another passenger on the Ibiza boat was Mr. W. D. L. Marshall. He thinks of going on to Menorca when he has exhausted the attractions of the smaller island.

The total number of arrivals on the Island on Friday, February 28, was 165, neither more nor less, according to the available statistics. That was the day the Burma and the Excalibur called, coming from England and Marseilles respectively.

### DEPARTURES:—

Mrs. Shepherd has been called home to the United States by the sad news of the death of her daughter.

Mr. R. Marsh has left for his flat at Monte Carlo en route for London, where he has a command to attend the first levee.

### HONEYMOONERS:—

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jonas are here on their honeymoon. Mrs. Jonas is no stranger to Palma residents of some standing, though they know her better by her former name of Mrs. Daphne Kenyon.

### BACK AGAIN:—

Mrs. Lillian Edwards is back in Palma, and intends to stay for two months. She was here four years ago with her daughter, who is now married and is not with her this time. They had a house at Ca's Catalá.

### NETHERLANDS:—

Mrs. N. C. de Veye de Burine-Wienwenkamp is here from Amsterdam. She is living at 14 de Abril, 2.

### HOUSEBREAKER:—

Some unauthorised person broke into the house of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Salisbury the other day. Nothing was missed after his visit, but there were signs that the baby's room had been entered and a couple of cushions were found on the porch in the morning. Apparently the visitor preferred to doss down there rather than fold himself into the cot.

### FAREWELLS:—

Some sad farewells will be said at the end of the month when Mrs. Dreiberg and her daughter, Miss Nita Dreiberg, set sail for England. Not the least affecting will be the parting between Miss Dreiberg and Rosalind, the post-war flivver.

Another loss impending at the same time is that of Mrs. Yvonne Hewett. She threatens not to return, but few believe her.

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## HOME RULE FOR CATALONIA

### UNCONSTITUTIONAL SUSPENSION

### COURT'S VERDICT

Catalonia, which was granted home rule by the founders of the Spanish Republic and lost it again in October, 1934, regained its autonomous rights this week after an interruption that lasted seventeen months.

The Tribunal of Constitutional Guarantees, sitting in Madrid on Tuesday, declared the law of February 2 of last year, which legalised the suspension of the Catalan Statute of Autonomy, to be unconstitutional. The Government is thus saved the task of introducing a bill to repeal that law, and the Catalan local Government and Parliament are able to resume their functions without waiting for the newly elected national Cortes to assemble.

Don Angel Ossorio y Gallardo, who argued the case against the February law before the Tribunal de Garantías, declared afterwards in a statement to the press that the decision had averted a very serious situation. If a repeal bill had had to be introduced, he said, the discussion would have been as lengthy and heated as that which preceded the enactment of the Statute itself, and the Catalans would rightly have lost patience.

A week before the Diputación Permanente of Cortes had speeded up the restoration of local government in Catalonia by authorising the Government to issue a decree allowing the Catalan Parliament to meet. An amendment to the original decree, proposed by the Conservative leader Don Miguel Maura, provided that the local Parliament might do so only for the purpose of reestablishing the Government of the Generalidad.

This permission was used on Saturday, when the House assembled in Barcelona and reelected by acclamation as President of the Generalidad Don Luis Companys, who had just been released from prison by the new Government's amnesty for political offenders. President Companys thereupon reappointed the Councillors who had likewise languished in jail as convicted rebels since the revolt of October, 1934.

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## THE LAST VOTES PARTIES' STRENGTH IN CORTES

The second ballot held last Sunday in certain constituencies for the twenty seats left undecided by the recent general election resulted in the return of eight candidates of the Left, seven of the Right and nine Basque Nationalists.

When the new Cortes meets on Monday, March 16, it will therefore consist of 265 supporters of Don Manuel Azaña's Left wing Government, 144 representatives of the Right and 64 of the Centre. Señor Azaña can therefore count on a majority of fifty-five for as long as the victorious Popular Front holds together.

Señor Azaña's own party, the Republican Left, musters 79 deputies, his allies being 88 Socialists, 32 Republican Union deputies, 20 of the Catalan Left, fifteen Communists as against only one in the first Cortes of the Republic, and 30 Independents and representatives of smaller groups. Neither the Socialists nor the Communists are represented in the Government, and their support is conditional upon the carrying out of the common programme which was the basis of the electoral alliance of the Left.

Several of the most important planks of that platform have already been put into effect. Political prisoners have been amnestied by decree, a decision of the Tri-

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## SHOT DEAD BY A CRIPPLE

### SON OF PALMA'S STATESMAN

### INSURANCE CLAIM

Don José María Maura, son of the famous Palma statesman Don Antonio Maura and brother of Don Miguel, the leader of the Conservative Party, was shot and fatally wounded by a cripple named Mariano Cotó González in the offices of the La Unión insurance company in the Calle de la Estación, Bilbao, at midday on Thursday.

The aggressor was arrested and lodged in jail at the disposal of the examining magistrate. The attack had nothing to do with politics, in which neither he nor his victim was actively engaged.

Mariano Cotó, who is twenty-nine years of age, was knocked down recently by a car while getting off a tram, losing the use of both legs so that he has to use a wheeled chair. He has several times tried to collect compensation from the La Unión company, with which he was insured, but the company declared that the injury was not due to a cause covered by his policy.

Cotó turned up at the office at noon on Thursday to press his claim once more. Two men assisted him to climb the stairs to the office, which is on the first floor.

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## STORY WITH A MORAL

A moral seems to be attached to the following story, which is vouched for by an official report from the Civil Guards in Alcudia to the Civil Governor in Palma:—

At 10 p.m. last Tuesday Don Eugenio Peña Martínez, a carabiniero of La Puebla, called on his landlord, Don Antonio Salas, for the laudable purpose of paying his rent. He tendered a twenty-five peseta note, but Señor Salas had no change.

Antonio Oliver Cerdá overheard the conversation. He hadn't change for a twenty-five either, but he offered to go and get it.

The note was handed over, Oliver went away and the carabiniero and his landlord waited. They waited five minutes, they waited

ten, they waited a quarter of an hour. There was no sign of that obliging person, Antonio Oliver.

There is still no sign of Oliver or of the twenty-five pesetas either. Señores Salas and Peña Martínez are still looking for them, and so are the Civil Guards.

A few hours before he made his generous offer, according to the Civil Guards of Alcudia, Oliver had left the Provincial Prison, Calle de Capuchinos, Palma. He had been there for some time, and previously he had appeared several times in court on charges of theft.

When last seen Oliver was wearing a blue suit. So the moral seems to be, if a gentleman in blue offers to go and get change for you he may be all right, and then again he may not.

ENTERTAINMENT

Cinemas

TEATRO LIRICO, Plaza Libertad. Sunday last day: *Naughty Marietta* with Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy (in English). Monday: *Society Doctor* with Chester Morris and Virginia Bruce (in Spanish). Thursday: *Anna Karenina* with Greta Garbo and Frederic March (in Spanish).

CINE BORN, Paseo del Borne. Sunday last day: *Tango Bar* with Carlos Gardel and Rosita Moreno (in Spanish). Monday: *Let's Be Ritz* with Lew Ayres and Patricia Ellis (in English). Thursday: *Metropolitan* with Lawrence Tibbett and Virginia Bruce (in English).

SALON RIALTO, Calle San Felio. Till Wednesday: *Rosa de Francia* with Rosita Diaz (in Spanish). Thursday: *The Farmer Takes a Wife* with Janet Gaynor (in Spanish).

CINE MODERNO, Plaza Santa Eulalia. Sunday last day: *Heads We Go* with Constance Cummings (in English). Monday: *A Brave Little Man* with Jackie Cooper (in English). Thursday: *Gold Diggers of 1935* (in English); also *Square Shooters* with Tim McCoy (in English).

TEATRO PRINCIPAL, Plaza Weyler. Till Monday: *Crime and Punishment* with Peter Lorre, Edward Arnold and Marian Marsh (till Sunday in Spanish. Monday, original English version). Tuesday: *Currito de la Cruz* with music by Jacinto Guerrero (in Spanish).

TEATRO BALEAR, Calle Zanoquera. Till Wednesday: *La Hija del Penal* with Antonio Vico, Blanca Negri and Carmen de Lucio (in Spanish). Thursday: *Horror en el Cuarto Negro* with Boris Karloff (in Spanish).

CINE PROTECTORA, Calle Protectora. Now showing: *Crime and Punishment* with Harry Baur, Pierre Blanchard and Madeleine Ozeray (in French).

Cabarets & Dancing Places

Tito's, Plaza Gomila, Terreno.  
Florida Dance Hall, Calle Vallori.  
Los Pinos, Calle 14 de Abril, Terreno. Closed.  
Jardin Bellver, Calle 14 de Abril, Terreno. Closed.  
Trocadero, Rambla.  
Lido, Calle Brondo.  
Macarena, Calle Teatro Balear.

Bars & Restaurants

Lena's, Avda. Antonio Maura.  
Joe's Bar, Calle 14 de Abril, Terreno.  
Picadilly Bar, Calle Bellver and Calle 14 de Abril, Terreno.  
Triana, Calle Yeseros, Oriente, Paseo Borne.  
Parisién, Plaza Libertad.

Dog Racing

Every Sunday, at the track behind the Instituto, top of the Rambla.

Horse Racing

Every Sunday, at the track on the Carretera de Estalenchs.

Básque Pelota

Every night except Monday, starting at 9:45 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 4:45 p.m. at the Frontón Balear, Calle Hornabeque.

THE WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

BY «BUSCADOR»

The British fighting service estimates, announced this week, show an increase of £31,000,000 over last year's and total £155,000,000.

Four new infantry battalions are to be created, and army equipment modernised all round. The Royal Air Force strength is to be increased to 2,110 first line machines.

The Navy is to have 6,000 more men, two new capital ships and twenty more cruisers, bringing the cruiser strength up to seventy. A new aircraft carrier is provided for in addition to the one now under construction. The number of additional destroyers has not been announced, but it will probably be four squadrons of nine vessels each.

Two giant liners are due for their trials this month. One is the colossal «Queen Mary» and the other is the huge German LZ129 which is to replace the Graf Zeppelin.

Fire broke out on the Norddeutscher Lloyd liner Gneisenau at Singapore, homeward bound on her maiden voyage. It was easily extinguished though considerable damage was done to the cargo.

She is due to call at Palma on March 18, and about half of the English tourists here have booked their return passage on her. A lot of hotel managers are secretly wishing that the damage had been a little more extensive.

From the «Daily Telegraph» comes:—

While alone in a small yacht Mr. Sheridan was dashed against rocks 120 miles West of Algiers. Eventually he swam ashore, bruised and exhausted.

We must form a little committee to welcome him here should he decide to make a swimming tour of the Mediterranean.

MODERNO

Sunday Last Day (in English)  
**Heads We Go**  
with CONSTANCE CUMMINGS  
Monday (in English)  
**A Brave Little Man**  
with JACKIE COOPER  
Thursday (in English)  
**Gold Diggers of 1935**

TEATRO PRINCIPAL

on Monday March 9th. in Honour of the foreign Colony will Present the Original Version in English of  
**CRIME AND PUNISHMENT**  
Tuesday, Première of the Spanish Production  
**CURRITO DE LA CRUZ**  
Andalusian Atmosphere and the Famous Holy Week in Seville.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION ORGANISATION FOR HOSPITALS AND ARMIES

LECTURE TO PALMA MEDICAL COLLEGE BY DR. VIRGILIO PEÑARANDA

The élite of the medical profession in Mallorca gathered at the Colegio Provincial de Médicos on Saturday, February 29 to hear Major Don Virgilio G. Peñaranda of the Army Medical Service, better known to the foreign colony as Doctor Peñaranda, lecture on the «Organisation of Blood-Givers for the Army in the Field and Hospital Services.»

After thanking the medical college for their invitation to lecture Doctor Peñaranda reviewed the history of blood transfusion, which was practised as long ago as the seventeenth century and even, apparently, in ancient times. Early transfusions were performed in an empirical manner so that they did more harm than good, which led to their being prohibited in 1668.

Later the physiological discoveries of Blondell and Hayem and studies of agglutination and aseptia put the matter in a new light. The vital step was taken in 1907 when Jansky distinguished the four groups of blood types known to date.

In the early days of transfusion blood givers had been chosen at random, and a great step forward was made when doctors were able to use givers whose blood group, state of health and so forth were known to them. But this was not enough.

The first basic organisation, declared the lecturer, was that of givers for urgent transfusions. He described as an example the system employed at the Saint Antoine hospital in Paris.

There samples of blood are taken twice a week from the would-be givers, and subjected to examination to determine to which blood group they belong, the Wasserman test, the Henry reaction for detecting signs of malaria and others. Tests are made from each sample at two or three different hospitals in order to check the results.

The accepted blood givers are organised in an association, so that a doctor needing to make an urgent transfusion has only to apply to that body, specifying the type of blood he requires.

The lecturer then considered the special conditions of the army doctor in a field hospital, who rarely has at his disposal the means to examine the blood of the volunteer donor. To get over this difficulty every soldier must be tested before going on campaign, and have the blood group to which he belongs entered in his military

identification card.

Doctor Peñaranda detailed the other requirements for transfusion in the field. Ambulances, for example, must be provided with the proper material, and army doctors must be given special training in this branch of their work.

He then went into details of the different methods of transfusion which have been practised. In particular he studied the recently discovered method of transferring blood from a corpse to a living person.

Blood transfusion, declared the lecturer, is indispensable and has no substitute in a great number of cases. Consequently it is of vital importance that this service should be properly organised in hospitals, and the harmful practice of using Hayem's serum for severe haemorrhages, which renders a subsequent transfusion useless, must be abandoned completely.

«From other operators, copious experience,» declared Doctor Peñaranda in conclusion, «and from my own modest experience which amounts to 500 transfusions, we can affirm categorically that transfusion, in skilled hands, can be carried out with such simple apparatus as an ordinary glass syringe. I was obliged to perform it thus in Africa more than once. The physician must bear in mind always the saying of Franklin, that no one is a good experimenter unless he can saw with a hammer and hammer nails with a saw.»

Doctor Peñaranda promised to publish his lecture in book form at the request of several of his colleagues who were present.

RIALTO

Now Playing to Wed. 11th. (in Spanish)  
**Rosa de Francia**  
with ROSITA DIAZ  
from Thursday 12th. (in Spanish)  
**The Farmer Takes a Wife**  
with JANET GAYNOR

Hijas de G. Lassalle

The Corset House  
Exclusive sale of the  
**WARNER'S MARK**  
Calle San Nicolás, 29 Palma



**GALERIAS COSTA**  
Conquistador, 50 — PALMA

THE BULLFIGHTING SEASON

SAFETY FIRST IN DESCABELLO

SPECIAL SWORD

The bullfighting season opened in Barcelona last Sunday with a novillada at the Monumental, but the first full dress bullfight is scheduled for Sunday, March 8.

Marcial Lalanda, Domingo Ortega and Victoriano de la Serna make up the imposing list of diestros for this Sunday, and they are expected to open the season proper with a bang.

Two more novilladas are scheduled for March 15 and 22. In both of them the star part will be taken by the Andalusian «phenomenon» Pascual Márques, the only fighter still in the novillero class who has been able to demand and obtain 15,000 pesetas for a fight.

Ortega will be back again on March 29 for the second corrida de toros with Armillita and El Soldado to kill Pérez Tabernero bulls. Then on April 5 Saleri, the famous swordsman who appeared with Joselito and Belmonte in their legendary days, will make a comeback, sharing a consignment of beef on the hoof from the Palhas herd with the Mexicans Carnicerito and Ricardo Torres.

In honour of the anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic there will be bullfights in Barcelona on April 12, 13 and 14. Lalanda, Armillita, Ortega, El Soldado, Rafaelillo, Curro Caro and Cagancho have been signed up for these.

Since March 1 the use of the newly invented safety sword for the descabello has been compulsory in all Spanish bullrings. This weapon is declared to make the operation perfectly free from danger to everyone but the bull.

Hitherto both the men in the ring and the audience have been exposed to danger in cases where the sword hit bone and, bending, sprang from the killer's hand into the air. Only last season a spectator in a tendido was killed by a flying sword with which the great Belmonte was trying to descabellar in Coruña.

The new regulation estoque de descabellar has a crosspiece fixed exactly ten centimetres from the point, and consisting of a central portion twenty-two millimetres long, fifteen wide and ten thick, and two lateral sections, a round one eight millimetres in diameter and an oval one twenty-eight millimetres long, eight wide and five thick. Just how the cross will prevent swords from flying is not clear, unless its weight is the deciding factor, but doubtless this will be seen in practice.

TEATRO LIRICO PRESENTS

on Thursday March 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
**ANNA KARENINA**  
with  
**Greta Garbo and Frederic March**

## ARREST OF CITY OFFICIAL HALF A MILLION MISSING

### SUICIDE FAILURE

A charge of embezzling half a million pesetas belonging to the City of Madrid faces Don Manuel Somalo Trompeta, chief of the City's town planning and extension department, who was arrested outside his house in the capital on Saturday night, February 29.

Señor Somalo is stated to have confessed his guilt and also to have told the police that on finding that he was discovered he made up his mind to commit suicide by throwing himself under an underground train, but his courage failed him twice.

The irregularities in the town planning department were revealed on Friday, February 23, when the Bank of Spain informed City Hall that the account used to pay interest on the department's debt was overdrawn by 80,000 pesetas. A reply was sent suggesting that the Bank had made a mistake, but as the Bank officials insisted that they had not an examination of the department's books was ordered.

The examination revealed that all was not as it should be, so all the employees of the department were summoned to be present at City Hall on Saturday afternoon. They all turned up except their chief.

A message demanding his presence was sent to his house, but still he did not come. Officials sent to convey the summons personally failed to find him, so the police were informed.

Police Commissary Lino and several detectives searched Señor Somalo's house in the Calle de Benito Gutiérrez, but found it empty. Inquiries in other places he was known to frequent likewise yielded no result.

A municipal guard declared that he believed the wanted man had not left his house, so the police tried there again with the same result. As they were leaving, however, they noticed a man standing at the street corner, questioned him and found that he was the missing departmental chief.

He told them that when he had gone home and found that the police had been looking for him he decided to kill himself. He took a taxi to the Puerta del Sol and went down into the Metro station with the idea of throwing himself under a train.

His nerve failing, he let the train pass and went up again into the street. Again he descended, and again he found that he lacked the courage to put an end to himself. Then he went home, but seeing the police car outside the house waited for them to leave.

## SPANISH STAMPS EXHIBITION NEXT MONTH

Stamp collectors of many countries will show their treasures in Spain's first National Philatelic Exhibition, which will be held in Madrid under Government patronage from April 4 to 8.

Both Spanish and foreign philatelists, whether resident in Spain or not, are eligible as exhibitors. The only distinction made is that collections from abroad will be accepted only for the sections concerned with Spain, Spanish colonies and the Hispano-American countries.

The nine sections will be (A) Spanish postage stamps, air mail, urgent, official, telegraphic and fiscal; (B) postmarks and cancellations; (C) Spanish forgeries; (D) Spanish colonies in Africa; (E) Spanish ex-colonies; (F) revenue stamps; (G) general collections (without Spain and colonies); (H) children's collections; (I) publications and philatelic material.

All the exhibits will be insured against every kind of risk and constantly watched, both by the police and by the employees of the Organising Committee. The latter is presided over by Don Fernando Mateos Aguirre, an enthusiast who is largely responsible for getting the Exhibition under way, and includes representatives of the Ministries of Communications and Finance, besides commissioners for admission of exhibits, exhibition arrangements and insurance, press relations and organisation.

The delegate of the Exhibition for the Balearics is Don Luis Cerdó Pujol, of Carretera de Andraitx 11, Palma. There are also delegates in Alicante, Barcelona, Bilbao, Cádiz, Coruña, Lérida, Reus, Seville, Valencia and Saragossa. The societies responsible for the organisation are the Circulo Felitético y Numismático of Barcelona, the Club Filatélico y Numismático of Lérida, Filatelia of Madrid, Grupo Filatélico of Reus, Sociedad Filatélica Sevillana and Sociedad Valenciana de Filatelistas.

The exhibition will probably be held in the old Senate building in Madrid, though this is not certain yet. What is certain is that the Spanish Government will mark the occasion by issuing two special commemorative stamps, priced at ten and fifteen céntimos.

The design of the commemoratives reproduces that of the «bear and strawberry tree» issue of 1853, used for internal mail in Madrid and incorporating those emblems, which form part of the coat of arms of the capital.

Spain's oldest stamp, according to Don Manuel Gálvez Rodríguez, Vice-Chairman of the Organising Committee, was issued on January 1, 1850. Curiously enough it is not particularly rare, used specimens selling for two or three pesetas and unused ones at from 100 to 150 pesetas.

The dearest Spanish stamp, according to the same authority, is

## KING'S SPEECH TO EMPIRE EDWARD VIII HEARD IN PALMA

### FULL TEXT

King Edward VIII broadcast his first message to the British Empire since his accession from London at 4 p.m. last Sunday, which was Saint David's Day.

Some listeners with good sets in Palma were able to hear the broadcast either then or when the message was retransmitted later from the electrical record. For the convenience of those who did not, the text of the message follows:—

*It has been an ancient tradition of the British monarchy that the new Sovereign should send a written message to his peoples. Science has made it possible for me to make that written message more personal and to speak to you all over the radio.*

*This, however, is no innovation, for my father has for the last few years spoken to his peoples at Christmas time. Little more than two months ago he broadcast his last Christmas message and to many of you the sound of his voice must still seem to be ringing in your ears.*

*He was speaking then at the close of a long and wonderful reign which covered a period of twenty-five years, during which unprecedented changes have taken place and great anxieties and problems have been shared by all.*

*Throughout his reign he set a high example of constant devotion to duty, and he was ever concerned for the welfare of his subjects and of all those under his protection. In times of adversity his calm confidence was an inspiration to all his people and he shared in their joys as well as in their sorrows.*

*I know how in the Dominions, in India, in the Colonies and Dependencies, the bond of loyalty to the Crown, that symbol of the unity of many lands and many populations, has been strengthened by the tie of personal devotion to my father. I feel that his death is not only an overwhelming grief to my mother and to us, his children, but that it is at the same*

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the two reales of 1851, which is worth 175,000 pesetas used and 450,000 unused. Three specimens of this are known to exist, one of them in Barcelona.

In Cádiz there is a highly prized error, the blue and pink twenty-five milésimas of 1867 with inverted centre. It is valued at 50,000 pesetas.

It is interesting to compare these values with the dearest stamp in the world, the British Guiana one cent of 1856. It is valued at 175,000 dollars, and is in the possession of an American widow who inherited it from her husband. He paid 125,000 dollars for it.

## THE MAIL BOATS CRITICISM IN CITY COUNCIL

«The freight rates of the Transmediterránea are the dearest in the world,» declared Councillor Rigo Mir in Wednesday's session of the Palma City Council.

This charge was made in the course of a debate on a motion proposed by Councillor Gómez, asking for the combined rail and steamer «circular» tickets between Palma and Madrid to be put on sale again. These tickets made it possible to travel from Palma to the capital by way of either Barcelona or Valencia, returning by either of those two routes, for an inclusive fare of 154.40 pesetas second class and 92.30 pesetas third.

Señor Gómez declared his belief that the Compañía Transmediterránea was responsible for the suspension of the issue of these special return tickets. Councillor Mas, supporting the motion, raised the question of freights and declared that the conditions imposed by the mailboat company were killing Mallorca's industries.

Further support came from Councillors Bauzá, who asked for the appointment of a commission to inquire into the irregularities alleged to have been committed by the company, López and Rigo Mir, quoted above. Councillor Ferretjans declared that it was necessary that the question of the Transmediterránea's profits should be raised in Cortes.

The Council adopted the proposal of Señor Gómez, who insisted that the question of the circular tickets should be negotiated first, while the other aspects of the matter were being considered.

In the same session the Council adopted a proposal to annul the resolution passed in 1934 which declared Don Alejandro Lerroux, the Radical ex-Premier, an honorary citizen of Palma. This decision provoked protesting murmurs from members of the public present in the Council Chamber.

The Council also decided, among other matters, to dismiss the municipal inspectors of the horse and greyhound racing tracks, replacing them by unpaid inspectors to be appointed by the Comisión de Arbitrios. The former inspectors were appointed by the nominated City Council (Comisión Gestora), which functioned in Palma during the suspension of the elected body.

The present City Council is that which took office after the famous municipal elections of 1931, which resulted in the departure of King Alfonso XIII and the establishment of the Spanish Republic. Its restoration, and that of the other elected councils suspended by the Governments of the past two years, was a logical sequel to the triumph of the parties of the Left in the recent general election.

**ALFRED HILL**  
JAMS and MARMALADE

## PALMA LAWYER KILLED

### ACCIDENT NEAR MANACOR

### THREE INJURED

A young Palma lawyer, Don Buenaventura Rubí Rotger, was killed in a motor accident near Manacor on Wednesday afternoon.

In the same accident Don Gonzalo Queipo de Llano suffered a fractured femur, while Don Luis García Gutiérrez received a fracture of the left fibula, besides cuts and bruises on the same leg and the left eyelid. Don Pedro Lucas Ripoll escaped with bruises, while Don Pedro Servera Roca, who was driving the car, escaped unhurt.

Señor Rubí and Señores Ripoll and Servera, who are also lawyers practising in Palma, had gone to Manacor for the day on professional business. Señores García and Queipo de Llano, who are chairmen of sections of the Jurado Mixto (Labour Court), went with them in order to visit the Caves of the Drach.

When the legal business was finished the whole party drove on to the Caves and then to Porto Cristo for lunch. The accident occurred on the return journey, about two kilometres out of Manacor on the road to Palma.

The car met another, belonging to Don Mateo Sánchez, on the high ramp leading to the bridge over a torrent called Es Casparó. Apparently there was a glancing contact between the two vehicles, for Señor Servera lost control of his car.

It skidded for twenty metres, then plunged over the edge of the ramp, turning completely over and carrying with it part of the stone bridge rail, which fell on the occupants. One of the stones caused the injuries of which Señor Rubí died.

The body of the dead man was taken to Manacor with Señores Queipo de Llano and Ripoll, who received medical attention there. Señor García Gutiérrez was brought to the Casa de Socorro in Palma, where three stitches were put into his cut eyelid and first aid was given to the fractured leg and other injuries.

Señor Rubí leaves a widow, Doña Elisa Servera Roca. He was well known in Palma, and had been President of the Balearic Catholic Students' Federation.

A collision between a car and a tram, which fortunately did not result in any personal injuries, took place last Sunday on the bridge over the Son Magin torrent, where the Génova road joins the main road to Andraitx. A tramway employee reported to the Civil Guards in El Terreno that a car with a Barcelona number tried to cross the line in front of the tram, which was bound for Génova, with the result that it struck the end platform.

The tram suffered damage estimated at 500 peseta

# LATEST WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, Saturday

The Governments of Australia and New Zealand are reported to be prepared, as a consequence of the publication of the British Government's White Book on rearmament, to increase their air defences in various parts of their respective territories.

The Government of New Zealand is of the opinion that the reorganization of the air defences is more practical and less costly than the creation of new naval forces.

Mr. Lyons, the Australian Premier, has declared that probably there will be no reduction of taxes the increase of defence expenditure for a long time in consequence of the expansion of the air force and coast defence.

In competent circles it is said that compulsory military training will probably be adopted.

LONDON, Saturday

The technical committee of the Naval Conference has reached an agreement to the effect that no line of battle ship shall have more than 35,000 tons displacement and that its artillery shall not exceed the calibre of 35 centimetres, always provided that the nations which signed the Washington Treaty are agreed without exception on this point. Otherwise the calibre of the big guns will be allowed to be 40 centimetres.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Saturday

The airship LZ 129 made a second test flight here which lasted eight hours. During the flight it paid a visit to Munich, being sight-

ed there a little after noon and flying several times over the city at a height of 150 metres. The flight was a complete success.

PARIS, Saturday

The slowness of the formation of M. Hirota's Government in Japan proves that the influence of the army leaders still has great weight and continues to gain ground since the rebellion of February 26, according to *Le Temps*.

The leading article in which this comment occurs deals with the future of peace in the East and the consequences that may follow from the declarations of M. Stalin in the American press. The writer declares that in the reply which M. Hirota will surely give it will be seen to what extent danger of war is involved in the question of Outer Mongolia.

Japan, declares *Le Temps*, has sufficient worries in her own internal politics, and moreover the conciliatory tact of M. Hirota will enable him to solve problems of an international character without serious complications.

TOKIO, Saturday

At the Foreign Office here no great importance is attached to the interview which M. Stalin gave to an American press correspondent in Moscow. It is considered as just another piece of Soviet propaganda.

ROME, Saturday

Official War Bulletin N.º 145 announces that the Second Italian Army Corps, pursuing the enemy, arrived at the River Takkaze at 5

a.m. on Thursday.

PARIS, Saturday

Three horrible murders, in all of which old women were the victims, have shocked France.

The eighty-year-old Mme. Brizon was found dead in her lonely cottage in Touraine with a stake thrust into her mouth. She was

murdered by her grandson, René Gitry, aged sixteen, for seventy francs.

The neighbours, surprised that they had not seen Mme. Brizon leave her house for several days, went to the house and, getting no answer to their knocks, forced the door. They found her body lying on the stone floor, completely

nude and with a stake thrust far into the mouth.

René Gitry, who was out of work and penniless, had been staying with his grandmother at her invitation for some days. When he went to the police station to inquire about her the commissary noticed bloodstains on his suit. He was arrested and confessed his crime.

Then there was the old lady who lived alone with her memories and Chopin's music, and who was found dead in the Rue Stanislas. She is only known to have had one friend, an old general, who so far has not been able to suggest any line of inquiry.

Guillaume Drovillard murdered his mother at Lesparre in order to steal from her a box which contained 10,000 francs, and then found that the box was empty. After confessing the crime and the motive for it he said: «To sum it all up, I committed a crime and I recognise the fact, but I was able to find the money I was after.»

## KING'S SPEECH TO EMPIRE

(continued from page 3)

time also a personal loss to you all.

To the Princes and peoples of India I send my greeting as the King-Emperor. The manifestations of your sorrow and of your loyalty at this time have been a source of deep gratification to me.

The associations in peace and in war between the British and Indian peoples have been long and honourable, and the example set by Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, and by King George lays on me as their successor a solemn trust to maintain and strengthen those associations.

Queen Mary, my family and myself have been greatly helped by the world-wide tributes of genuine sorrow which we have received from every side.

The vast crowds assembled reverently at the funeral, the homage to the late King's memory, and the written words of sympathy by thousands of people, not only those resident within the British Empire, but in many foreign countries as well, is a thing that we will never forget. It is wonderful for us to know how universally my father's great qualities have been appreciated and valued.

It is no mere form of speech to say that he reigned in the hearts of his people. And it was his happiness to know before he died that his long years of unstinted service were rewarded by a devotion and an affection so perfectly expressed in the Jubilee demonstrations of last year.

It now falls upon me to succeed him and to carry on his work.

I am better known to most of you as the Prince of Wales, as a

man who during the war and since, has had the opportunity of getting to know the people of nearly every country of the world under all conditions and circumstances. And although I now speak to you as the King, I am still that same man who has that experience, and whose constant effort it will be to continue to promote the well-being of his fellow men.

May the future bring peace and understanding throughout the world, prosperity and happiness to British people, and may we be worthy of the heritage which is ours.

Before leaving Broadcasting House the King heard the record that had been made while he was speaking. He was told that reports had already been received from all parts of the world telling how well the broadcast had been received.

Copies of a gramophone record of the message, made by His Master's Voice Company, are to be mounted in a special album and presented to the King, who will nominate a charity to which all profits from the sale of records are to go.

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## SCAREMONGERING

The recent political change in Spain has given rise to the usual crop of wild rumours.

Certain sections of the foreign press, not excluding that of Great Britain, printed reports of wholesale disturbances accompanying the advent to power of the Government presided over Don Manuel Azaña. Here in Mallorca, and presumably in other parts of Spain as well, there has been talk of vague but unpleasant developments to be expected during the rule of the parties of the Left.

A member of the Post's staff spent the week following the general election on one of the alleged battlefields, and can testify that life went on there as a usual with a minimum of fuss. So much for the printed nonsense.

The dark hints which are being so liberally scattered by word of mouth are even less worthy of the consideration of reasonable people. So far from the change of Government being a prelude to revolution, it may be safely assumed that it has removed any danger of that kind which may have existed.

The new Government has come into existence peacefully and constitutionally, and has expressed, through the Premier, its intention of carrying out its programme with the utmost care for the preservation of order and in complete conformity with the Constitution and the laws. There is no reason whatever to doubt those assurances.

Spain did not fall into anarchy or become a perilous land to travel in during the first two years of the Republic, when Señor Azaña and his associates were in power. Now he heads a more moderate Government than before, and if further check were necessary, it would be found in his narrow, though sufficient, parliamentary majority.

The worst harm that threatens Spain at this time is that her prestige abroad and her tourist interests may suffer from irresponsible and tendentious gossip. For both those reasons all who live within her frontiers, citizens and foreigners alike, must desire the truth about the present situation to be as widely known as possible.

## THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER

From «The Times of Malta»:—  
Great was the excitement in a little town in Austria when the town crier, instructed by the Mayor, the other day ordered the inhabitants to prepare for war, which was to begin on February 12. The people immediately set about digging trenches and bombproof cellars.

On investigation it was discovered that the Mayor had mistaken an official circular discussing protection against gas attacks for an announcement of impending war.

Said a policeman giving evidence at a Cheshire Police Court:—

«On the way to the police station he suddenly pulled out what appeared to be a revolver and said, 'put 'em up!'»

«I replied, 'You can't do that here here', closed with him and took from him an electric flash-amp made in the shape of a revolver.»

Royal relics of an unusual kind were preserved in a glass case at Budapest. They are a black bathing suit and a bathing gown in bright colours. An inscription below them reads:—

«The property of His Majesty King Edward VIII, left in charge of the City of Budapest.»

A hundred thousand gracefully-shaped luxury pens, coloured bright red, emblazoned with the initials of the General Post Office and provided with stainless-steel nibs, have been ordered for distribution to select Post Offices throughout England.

The stainless-steel nibs were the snag formerly—until a device for locking them into the pen-holders was discovered, which rendered the abstraction of the nib possible only with the aid of a pair of pliers. The average expectation of life of a nib was in Edinburgh, 2 weeks; Glasgow, 3 weeks; Chippenham, 6 months; Newcastle, 5 years, (but they chained theirs up), London, 4 weeks.

The trouble between Washington and Iran (Persia) over what is now known to diplomatic history as the «Elkton Outrage» has still not altogether died down says the Daily Telegraph.

The affair began when the Iranian Minister was arrested for speeding by the police of Elkton (Md.). To his protest, «I am the Iranian Minister,» they replied in their ignorance and impatience, «Aw, this guy is nothing but a preacher.»

When the Imperial Iranian Government protested the Elkton Town Council, under pressure from Washington, dismissed the chief offender, Constable Clayton L. Ellison.

Unfortunately, the Elkton Town Council stealthily reinstated him, and Iran got to hear of it. A fresh outburst of diplomatic indignation has caused the «re-firing» of Constable Ellison... what next?

## TURNING THE PAGES

by K. L. C.

THE THIN MAN, by Dashiell Hammett. Penguin Books N.º 14, The Bodley Head, 1.50 ptas.

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This new, neatly printed and very inexpensive edition of «The Thin Man» is now on the book stalls of Palma and is well within the reach of those whose purses have been adversely affected by the depression.

Those of you who have read Dashiell Hammett's «Glass Key» will probably be disappointed by his latest work. I cannot agree with a number of those illustrious critics who have so highly praised it.

It is written in the first person, something of a novelty for a detective story, and is told supposedly by the hero of the book. One would wish, however, that he did not tell quite so much. The dialogue, of which the story is mainly composed, tends to become mono-

tonous.

The scene of the story is New York. Wynant, a wealthy inventor, leaves the city for an unknown destination, leaving his lawyer and Julia Wolf, his confidential secretary, to take care of his affairs there. The tale opens where Mimi Jorgensen, Wynant's divorced wife, arrives in the city with her son and daughter and her recently married second husband after having been abroad for several years.

Mimi was paid a lump sum instead of alimony when she divorced Wynant, and having squandered it has hopes of getting more from the same source. Shortly after her arrival she makes an appointment with Julia Wolf in the hopes of discovering his whereabouts. Arriving at her apartment she finds her dead, having been shot several times with a revolver. All the clues point to Wynant, who is reputed to have been seen in town,

on the day of the murder, but it is obvious from the start that he is not the culprit.

Retired detective Nick Charles, the narrator of the tale, is asked to assist in clearing up the mystery, which, if one has any perception at all, is no longer a mystery well before the end of the book. The story gets its name by reason of the fact that Wynant is abnormally thin.

Whilst it must be admitted that Hammett's characters are extremely well portrayed, they are stereotyped, one has met them all before in his other works under different names. They are of a typical American, neurotic type. One can't help liking them. Drinks as usual appear on every other page and everyone seems to be in a perpetual state of semi-intoxication.

Though plausible, the plot is complex and so are the persons

involved. Too many characters are introduced in the first few chapters and one must read slowly in order not to be confused.

It cannot be denied that the story has its saving graces. The slang terms that are continually cropping up are authentic and frequently amusing and there are a number of hearty laughs. The author has rare ability for accurately painting the underworld type. It is easy to believe that he was himself once a detective in the San Francisco police department.

Despite a number of rather detrimental criticisms, I have read too many of Hammett's books not to still believe that he is the greatest of America's detective story writers.

That «The Thin Man» made a splendid film is easily understandable. The actors were able to give the action so sadly lacking in the book.



## BY HOOK OR BY CROOK

Well, folks, here we are again, as King Solomon said when he waltzed into the Registry Office with his blushing bride N.º3726. Your old pal El Gancho is back on the Island once more, and I don't mind telling you that when the good ship Ciudad de Alicante came in sight of Las Illetas, they looked to me like... well, as a matter of fact they looked just like several large chunks of earth.

I always say you can travel as far as you like, but you have to come back to Palma to find the truth about things. I embarked to start that vacation of mine—alas, so soon ended—on election day, and spent practically the whole of the following week in Alicante. Yet to discover what had been happening in that city after the ballot boxes were filled I had to come back and find a friend who reads the English papers. To be exact, I believe he mentioned the D-1y M-1.

It will not surprise my friends to learn that I absentmindedly went on living in a place for a week while Communists and other sportsmen made shooting galleries of the streets, and churches, convents and sundry other buildings burned fiercely all around. The extraordinary thing was that the Alicantinos were equally unaware of the fact that they were massacring each other amid the smoking ruins of their city. They were under the delusion that they were praying in churches, working in factories, buying in shops and drinking beer in cafés at a time when, of course, those places no longer existed.

One of my first cares on returning was to sharpen my wits by reading The Palma Post, a pleasure which I had stoically denied myself, by my doctor's orders, for the duration of the rest cure. And what should I find sully the fair pages of this pure family journal but a base libel, published, more over, in this very space by the man who was entrusted with the task of maintaining the standards of By Hook Or By Crook during my absence. I refer to The Watchman.

This perfidious scribbler, as little conscious as he was deserving of the honour and responsibility thus thrust upon him, concocted an ill-spelt, illiterate and illegitimate effusion purporting to be a letter from myself, and used the forgery to fill his Night Watch with aspersions on my character. He made me out a spendthrift, a swifter of beer, a brawler and, worst of all, a writer addicted to Americanisms.

Fortunately I think too highly of the intelligence of my readers to suppose that any of them was taken in by that clumsy fake. They know perfectly well by now that I always spell «lousy» without an «e».

El Gancho

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# ON THE ISLAND

By The Wayfarer

(Continued from page 1)

Miss Dreiberg has been under the weather lately but is now quite recovered, to judge by the clip at which the aforesaid Rosalind was seen passing through Santa Catalina the other day. Other recoveries worthy of record are those of Mrs. Doris Cameron and of Miss Lena Brechbuehl, who is once more able to speak, if huskily.

Mr. Lawrence Dundas, whose condition gave rise to some anxiety after his recent operation, is now reported to be making good progress at the Clínica Valdés, where he has been since his disastrous accident last December.

Miss L. Liebling is reported to be ill at the Hotel Royal.

## PARTIES:—

Major Goetz gave a luncheon at his home one day during the week. Among the guests were Major and Mrs. Lee and Baron Grainger.

M. Maurice Ponzani gave a cocktail party on Thursday evening. Among the many who were present were Mrs. Yvonne Hewett, Mr. Don Gelb and Mr. Kenneth Craven.

Mr. and Mrs. «Billy» Martorell gave a cocktail party at their house in the Calle Salud on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Eileen Wall entertained many members of the English-speaking colony at her home in Génova on Monday afternoon. The guests of honour were her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Coldney, who are staying with her.

A luncheon party at Lena's included Mrs. Robert Gavett, Mrs. Norman Jacobsen, Mrs. Ann Bowman-Burns, Mr. Charles Salisbury and Mr. Regnault.

## YOUTH:—

Miss Bárbara Wilkens has birthdays like other people, only not so often, having been so careless as to enter this world on February 29. So on that day a number of members of El Terreno's youngest set were her guests at a fancy-dress celebration of the fact that this is Leap Year. So far as we are aware none of the famous Leap Year proposals marred the levity of the occasion.

Another affair for the same generation was the children's tea at which the Rev. and Mrs. Knight were the hosts on Wednesday.

## CALA RATJADA:—

Mrs. Courtney-Haynes was in town for a day from Cala Ratjada, meeting a friend arriving on a ship. She planned a cocktail party at the Cala for Saturday, at which about half the population of that resort was expected to be present.

The Cala now boasts a tennis court, constructed by the united labours of M. Victor and a collaborator whose name unfortunately was unknown to our informant.

Miss Ruth Wise returned from the United States on Friday's trans-

atlantic. She has gone to the rums. Not only has he discovered a wonderful riot of colour in that submarine world, but he also worked his subjects into some very interesting compositions, particularly those which he aptly entitles «fantasies».

Mr. G. Sheffield is in Sóller for a week, but plans to return to his former quarters in El Terreno.

## FISH:—

Costa's picture gallery has been turned into an aquarium this week. The responsibility for this startling seachange lies with Don Siméon Cerdá, an artist who paints fish.

He paints them, moreover, not as those still-lifers do who share the gourmet's opinion that fish look best on a plate, but alive and swimming, as they appear to divers and people who visit aqua-

re near Felanitx, whereas they are actually near Artá. Not knowing his questioner Mr. Webb hopes that this will meet his eye and that the error may thus be purged.

## HONORARY:—

The Majorca Society of Arts is giving a reception for its honorary members on Sunday, March 8. They are Miss Sybil Sutton-Vane (Mrs. Norman Jacobsen), who represents the drama; Mr. Arthur Ségal, painting; Father Juan María Thomás and Don Jaime Mas Porcel, vocal and instrumental music respectively.

Señorita Carmen Bennisar, who had promised to sing at this function, has had to cancel the engagement owing to a family bereavement. Madame Freda Herron, who is well known in the musical world of Switzerland—especially Geneva—and Italy, has kindly consented at very short notice to give her services on Sunday.

On the same occasion Señor Pagés Roses will give a pianoforte recital. He came here recently from South America, where he went on tour, and is well known in Vienna and other musical centres.

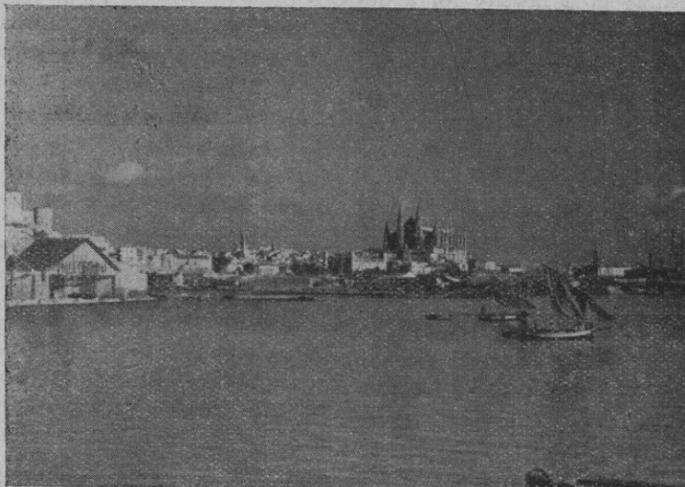
Neither of these artists has been heard before by the public in Palma.

## PROGRAMME:—

There will be three more meetings of the Society of Arts this month, all of them of special interest. On March 15 Mr. MacAllan will talk on Bermuda, which has been called the Mallorca of the Atlantic.

Then on March 22 Mr. Shri Purshit Swami will talk on Indian philosophy, which is his own speciality and vocation. The philosopher is a friend of the famous Irish poet Mr. W. B. Yeats, and they have been staying here together for several months.

Finally, on the 29th Don Xavier Vidal Quadras will discourse on the Spanish Foreign Legion, in which he formerly held a commission. Señor Vidal Quadras has spoken to the Society on the subject of the *Tercio de Extranjeros* before, but he has plenty more to say about it, so that both newcomers and those who heard him before will be able to learn more from him about that famous corps.



Dawn, Palma Harbour

Photo McCormick

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## PLEDGE:—

Mrs. Gladys Kidd will be leaving some time this month for England. She is leaving her two daughters behind as a pledge for her swift return.

## OTHER PLACES:—

Mrs. Ann Bowman-Burns, Mrs. Joan Malcolm, Lord Auckland and Major Cleaver motored out to Sóller on Monday and lunched at El Cairo.

Mrs. Nancy Shayler has gone to live at Pollensa.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Esten are in town for a few days from For-

## WALKING:—

Walking is the *grande passion* of that veteran resident, Mr. J. Lindo Webb. It was also the subject of the talk which he gave to the Majorca Society of Arts last Sunday.

Mr. Webb gave a deal of practical advice to the would-be hiker, and traced sample routes about the Island which revealed his unrivalled knowledge of its highways and, more particularly, byways. At the end of the discourse many members of the audience, which numbered forty between old members and newcomers, sought his advice and mapped out future explorations with his aid.

The Committee of the Society of Arts would glad to receive the names of any who would care to join in a group for exploring the Island, either on foot or otherwise.

## CORRECTION:—

Mr. Webb wishes to correct a misstatement which he inadvertently made in replying to a question on Sunday. He thinks he said the Pahisas group of *talayots* we-

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The manager of the office told him once more that he had no claim, and the cripple became excited and began to shout. Señor Maura came out of his office to see what was happening, whereupon Cotó told him to get out of his sight, and threatened to kill him if his claim was not paid.

Señor Maura tried to calm the excitable visitor, but Cotó drew a pistol and fired six shots, all of which took effect. He then reloaded and continued firing at every head that showed itself, but without scoring any hits.

Señor Maura was taken in a desperate condition to a clinic where he died, suffering intense pain, at 5 p.m. One bullet had pierced a lung and other vital organs were also hit.

His wife and children and several friends were with him at the moment of his death. His brothers Don Miguel and Don Honorio left Madrid for Bilbao immediately on receiving the news.

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## THE LAST VOTES

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bunal de Garantias has allowed Catalan home rule to be restored without waiting for the House to meet, and important decrees have been issued regarding the readmission of workers dismissed after the abortive revolt of October 1934, the reinstatement of tenants evicted from their farms under the Rightist agrarian law and the speeding up of Government projects for building schools and relieving unemployment.

Should the Premier's Marxist supporters grow impatient and go into opposition, he will probably be able to keep in office during the life of the present Cortes by coming to terms with the Centre bloc. This consists of nineteen Centrists, eleven Catalan autonomists belonging to the conservative *Lliga Regionalista*, nine Basque Nationalists, eight Radicals and some smaller groups.

In spite of his setback at the polls Don José María Gil Robles, leader of the C. E. D. A. (Catholic Right), still heads the largest single party in the House with 96 members. With the *Cedistas* will vote the Monarchists—twelve partisans of Alfonso XIII and the same number of Carlists,—the eleven Agrarians, a dozen independent Rightists and one Spanish Nationalist.

The elections have shown once more the tendency to «landslides» inherent in the «majoritary» electoral law in force in Spain, which works on the principle of «to him that hath shall be given.» The sweeping victory of the Right and Centre parties in 1933 was a notable example of the working of the law.

Already there is talk of a bill to introduce proportional representation, and it may be considered certain that the question will be one of those raised in the new Cortes.

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## HOME RULE FOR CATALONIA

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The *mozos de escuadra* were unable to restrain the enthusiasm of the crowd, which nearly smothered its heroes with embraces and pumped their hands amid frenzied cheers. With difficulty the *mozos* made way for the travellers to board the waiting cars.

Señor Companys drove in a car completely covered with flowers with Señor Pi y Suñer, Mayor of Barcelona, while the Councillors followed in other cars and motorcycle police provided an escort. The same wild enthusiasm marked their progress through Barcelona to the Palacio de la Generalidad, where the President addressed the crowd from a balcony, declaring that they returned in no spirit of vengeance and paying tribute to the memory of Don Francisco Maciá, the first President of Catalonia.

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