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# SPAIN'S NEW PRESIDENT

#### N Sunday last, in Madrid, Don Manuel Azaña was elected President of the Spanish Republic. Votation took place with great solemnity in the Crystal Palace, where the specially elected guarantors had gathered to perform their duty. The majority obtained by Don Manuel was overwhelming, as had been expected. In fact, the election had been a foregone conclusion for some time and it was never considered that the other candidates had more than a very vain hope of election. The situation of Sr. Azaña as head of the State is one that augurs well for the future of Spain, as he is considered to be one of Europe's finest statesmen. A simple man, always reluctant to push himself unnecessarily into the limelight yet a fierce fighter when the occasion demands, Don Manuel is in himself an intellectual force such as has not been seen in Spain for many years. Sr. Azaña loves his country and is willing to give his all for it. With his eye on progress, he looks to Europe and America for inspiration and confirmation of his views. He sees the enormous possibilities of this country, realizes the importance of its strategical position, feels the need for more and more schools, better comunications and public services. All his life, Sr. Azaña has worked for these ends, twice as Prime Minister and now as President of the five-year old Republic. He has had his political disappointments and set-backs, and where a more facile man would have given up the struggle Don Manuel has stuck to his laudable ideals and has seen at last some measure of success. It is typical of him that he should say to the reporters who surrounded him after his election-«It is not the glory I feel, but the responsibility.» Essentially a modern, Sr. Azaña has an enormous public following in Spain, especially among young people, who regard him as their ideal leader in the movement for a new Spain. Even political opponents have been forced to admit the obvious sincerity of his actions, and the fact that he will abide by the Constitution of the Spanish Republic and do everything in his power to bring prosperity and understanding to his countrymen is one

that will do much to reassure most

People. Sr. Azaña is a peacemaker and

a man of great intuition; in his hands Spain now sets forth on her march of

# THE BRITISH BUDGET

by Joseph Martin

FEFORE Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced the annual Budget in the House of Commons on the 21st of April, there were the usual comments, speculations and suggestions in the press. Generally speaking, the public did not evince as much interest in the question as is usually the case. For the past few years the country has obviously been enjoying a considerable measure of prosperity. Official returns have shown expanding trade, more employment, more spending by the masses of the people, and increased revenue returns. Hence there seemed to be a prevalent opinion that Mr. Chamberlain would make but few changes in taxation, and that those changes would affect but a small section of the population. There was consequently an expression of unpleassant surprise when he announced an increase of threepence in the Income Tax, and the raising of the Customs Duty on tea from fourpence to sixpence per pound. But this was soon followed by a sigh of relief when it was realized how much worse the Budget might have been, and how satisfactory was the general financial position.

#### Greater Revenue

It is interesting to note in this connection that the national wealth is increasing. According to the Inland Revenue returns, the estimated gross income for Great Britain and Northern Ireland during the last financial year was £3,250,000,000, an increase of £110,000, 000 over that of the previous year. The total taxable income was estimated at £1,200,000,000 compared with £1,158, 564,150 in the financial year 1933-34. Another interesting point is that Mr. Chamberlain made a series of tax reductions in his previous three Budgets. When the country began to recover from the financial crisis of 1931, which led to the formation of the National Government, concessions were immediately made. In 1933, Mr. Chamberlain reduced the tax on beer by one penny per pint. In 1934 he brought the Income Tax back from 5/- to 4/6d. in the pound, and the horse-power tax on motors was lowered from £1 to 15/-. In 1935, various Income Tax adjustments were made, affording some relief to about two and a quarter million people, and the Entertainment Tax on cheap seats was abolished.

This year Mr. Chamberlain estimated that the total Revenue for 1936-37 will be £798,381,000, and the total Expenditure £797,897,000, leaving a surplus of £484,000. The chief points in the Budget were the raising of the standard rate of Income Tax from 4/6d. to 4/9d. in the pound; the increase of the married person's allowance from £170 to £180; and the alteration of certain regulations to prevent the present evasion of some Income Tax dues by means of the transfers of income and property. Then, as already indicated, the duty on tea will be raised by twopence in the pound. Mr. Chamberlain will also absorb £5,000,000 from the Road Fund, which is raised from the payment for licenses for motor and other vehicles.

#### For Rearmament

If we were living in normal times there would be no need to impose these added burdens upon the taxpayer; but, unfortunately, the times are not normal. The world is in a disturbed state and, in the interests of national security, the British Government has been compelled to adopt a policy of rearmament. Having failed to induce the world to follow its example of, at any rate, partial disarmament, it is now the clear duty of the Government to set the national defences on an adequate and efficient basis; and rearmament is an expensive affair. The Chancellor was thus faced with the necessity of providing an additional sum of more than \$42,000,000 for the Defence Services, and to increase, instead of reducing, certain taxes.

Fortunately, the economic outlook is

Fortunately, the economic outlook is now so favourable that we may confidently expect the taxpayer to meet his new obligations without suffering any real hardship. Last year the total revenue receipts were £36,000,000 more than those of the previous year, and trade and industry have continued to expand. There is therefore every reason to regard the Revenue Estimates as being not unduly optimistic. Indeed, in some quarters, it is believed that Mr. Chamberlain has erred on the side of caution—an error which, if it has been made, may be counted to him for a virtue. Obviously what Mr. Chamberlain and the Government have had in mind is the need to ensure the safety of the country in the present disturbed state of the world—in so far as armaments can ensure national safety.

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#### London Letter

It seems that when sanctions, of blessed memory, were so blithely put into effect we all misunderstood their purpose. To normal men and women who read their newspapers with tongues in cheek, sanctions, we understood on the highest authority, were a form of war to end war, and, though they might be tiresome while they lasted, they would suitably hamper the aggressor Italy and even be instrumental in forcing the Duce to renounce his territorial expansion.

Today, we know how stupidly we misunderstood the real intentions of our pastors and masters. Sanctions were never designed to stop a war, everybody has known all the time they never would, and it has all really been rather funny how we were misled—except for

the Abyssinians, of course.

We ought to have known that sanctions were not designed to be much more than a mass expression of disapproval, and, in the words of a week-end sage, «....only of assistance to a military force equal in strength to that of the aggressor.» Maybe the League of Nations forgot to tell Abyssinia about that, so it is worth another hearty laugh.

Anyhow, our same pastors and masters are reluctant to talk overmuch about Italy these days, but there is a bustling and a rustling about the Rhineland. Nobody quite knows what it is all about, but it has the appearance of being very important, so, as docile people, we will give it all the attention asked of us, and not give another thought to Italy and

Abyssinia.

It is surprising the amount of thought that is being given in England to French affairs—firstly the result of the elections, and secondly the effect of the elections on the status of that battered piece of currency, the franc. Just lately it has been rather like a daily drama watching the way the franc goes, and making wise prophecies as to its future. Most of us, it is supected, would like the franc to make a nose dive simply to give us cheaper holidays in France. We won't admit it too freely, of course, but on a higher plane we can think of a thousand

reasons why the franc should wave goodbye to gold—all for the good of France, naturally, about which the average Englishman knows mighty little (although you don't have to say so).

In England, now that spring is here, the biggest joke, accepted by all in good spirit, is to say casually that it is a nice winter we are still having. The point of the joke is that it is fairly true, and when it isn't raining in a Novemberish sort of way it is nice and cold in a Decemberish sort of way.

In spite of it, the annual miracle of Sunday street-sellers cryng strawberries is being performed, and if you can't get cream on a Sunday, at least you will meet the travelling ice-cream man at the next corner. Then you can, if that's the way you like it, eat your strawberries in front of a big, red fire.

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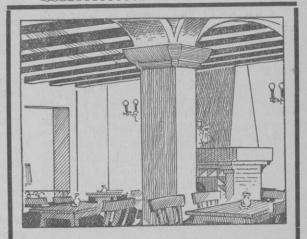
English cooking.... the week has had its excitements, too, with the disappearance of a seller of décimos for the big University Lottery prize.... and there has been the Fiesta de San Pons with the streets full of little stalls selling herbs and honey, followed by the «Day of Perfume,» when all were liable to be sprayed with luscious oriental scents.... and the Annual Meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce, which took place at the Ritz with a goodly attendance.... Mr. and Mrs. Escuder's villa in San Gervasio was the scene of a burglary on Sunday afternoon, jewellry and clothes of value being taken... A performance in aid of the French Chapel in Barcelona took place during the week under the auspices of Mrs. Frank Marshall (Teresa Cabarrús), whose romantic playlet El Sarao was given. Miss Santol took a leading part.... the «Mirador» exhibition of Gothic painting opened on Saturday and has been crowded since. Several interesting lectures are being given. It is at the Sala Parés.... Miss Mary Lane Gullette celebrated her first birthday on the 13th, and chuckled over it. So much for superstition .... and that is about all, except that those who like a good show should try «Peppina» at Novedades. costumes are good, and it's one of the best things seen here for some time.

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CRICKET: The season is now well under way and the weather man has so far proved accommodating, and some good games have been witnessed. The Indian Tourists are shaping nicely but as may be expected they have not given of their best till the pitches harden and the voice of the barracker becomes a burden. The Counties and 'Varsities and M. C. C. have already had their taste of those triumphs and disasters which make the glorious uncertainties of cricket what it is. Woolley, Mead and Hendren—Patsy of that ilk—are still to the fore. The ancient gibe of «one foot in the grave and the other in first-class cricket» seems to be losing its point—old dogs for soft pitches, forsooth.

Then there are the Test Matches

Then there are the Test Matches and the visit of the Australians to prepare for. Let us sing of willow smiting leather and extol the bowling of Larwood... the flicker of the batmen as they steal a run, and the ever changing pattern of, can we say, the greatest game

in the world.

SWIMMING: I have praised and criticised the C. N. B. so often that there is nothing good or bad that can be said, except that their initiative in bringing the great Czech and Hungarian teams to swim deserves every eulogy. We have seen the Bohemians, and now the Magyars.... reported to be a hot lot. Sabater, Lepage and Co. will have to «blow-suck» to some purpose if they want to slide tired bodies over the greasy rim of the pool and receive congratulations instead of commiserations.

Nevertheless, it must be remembered that there is something—a lesson perhaps—in being honourably defeated. Spain suffers in swimming and in tennis by the absence of enough first-rankers to make training possible or profitable. What is needed is «Pros» and «good 'uns.»

TENNIS: The Davis Cup. Spain has been knocked out and Perry is reported to have said that England will retain the Pot. I should like to see Germany have a turn. Much ink has been spilled over Spain's failure and I don't propose to add to it. The best side won and there is no use squawking. I think Maier plays better with Miss Ryan than anyone else, but he has lots of tennis (and guts) in him and his day will come. Blanc is young and Alonso is a good sportsman who can take that other foot out of the grave when required. Voilà tout.

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#### R. I. P.

We regret to record the death of Mary, wife of Commander Leslie G. Groves, of 48, Paseo de Gracia, Barcelona, which occurred from pneumonia on Monday. She was laid to rest in the Cementerio Nuevo on Tuesday afternoon. Present at the sad ceremony were: Major Peer Groves, Hon. Consul for Japan at Manchester, eldest brother of Commander Groves who had hastened from England; Mr. Norman King, British Consul-General at Barcelona; Sr. Gorsiera; Don Miguel Lerin; Don Antonio Danes; Don José-Maria Malagarriga; Don Julio Malagarriga; Don Ernesto Spörri; and Don Gustavo Rubbel. The Turkish Consul was also represented. The cortège was accompanied by a beautiful display of floral tributes from friends. The Rev. Dr. Jones, Vicar of St. George's, Barcelona, conducted the ceremony.

Neither Commander Groves nor his daughter Margaret were 'able to attend the funeral. The latter has been seriously ill for some days, while the Commander himself has been an inmate at the Enfermeria Evangelica since Friday last. He is so gravely ill that he is still unaware of the calamity which has befallen him, and his condition is giving rise for the greatest anxiety. The gallant Commander, with his characteristic «sea roll,» has been well-known and popular in Barcelona ever since he settled here on his retirement some three years ago. He distinguished himself at the Battle of Jutland, and subsequently in the Royal Naval Air Force. Various members of the family have been regular visitors to Spain, and particularly Mallorca, for many years past, and sympathy will be widespread.

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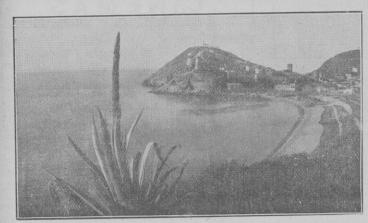
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# La Dansa Més Bella.



Tossa, from the S. Feliu side

LL VISITORS to Cataluña come across that unique dance, the Sardana, sooner or later, and although opinions vary the vast majority of those who listen to the wild, almost martial, music for the first time agree that it is very haunting and beautiful. I remember once sitting in the drawingroom of a house in Barcelona when the Sardana orchestra, or cobla, struck up in a nearby square. «That beastly row again!» said one person. «Let's go out and listen to it,» said another. «There is no accounting for taste,» announced a third—unfortunately, however, taste can be accounted for, and it seems impossible for anybody with an ear for a good tune, a majestic rhythm and some interesting counterpoint to damn the sardana as ugly.

The amazing thing about the performance of this popular dance is that the men usually outnumber the women dancers, and some of the large rings are occasionally entirely masculine. That the sardana is a national symbol of Cataluña we all know; that it is of Greek origin with religious intention, many people are unaware. It is indeed remarkable that Catalan city dwellers in the twentieth century should find it compatible with modern life and be not ashamed to perform it when and wherever it is played. One remembers the malicious comments of audiences at English folkdance recitals. The male dancers are for some unknown reason considered to be not quite... In attempting to keep alive a symbol they are slated as «highbrows,» and other less pleasant things.

To return to the sardana, this dance is very much alive and is such a part and parcel of Sunday-morning life as to make it a precious thing. To forbid the sardana in Cataluña would be similar to banning jazz on the American radio and Schubert's Moment Musicale from Hyde Park band concerts.



Although the sardana may appear to be a monotonous performance, nevertheless it is possibly one of the most complicated folk-dances in existence. When the music starts up, with the tapetty-tap of the little drum and the short, flutelike obbligato, the crowd stands talking without attempting to dance. But there are always a few who may be seen to gaze intently at the cobla, and these are the expert dancers

who later will lead the ring, or rotlla, through the ensuing intricacies. In order to dance a sardana properly it is first necessary to count the beats of the first two sections, which are played over for this purpose. Having counted them, the dancers know how many beats are necessary to complete a section, and then, by means of taking two or three steps to the left or the right, they can finish up with their feet together in the correct manner. Actually there are three kinds of sardana, and three different basic steps—the short simple step, the long more complicated one and the jumps, or embroidered long steps. In order to finish the dance correctly, the slide (relliscada) is sometimes employed, and this consists of any number of quick side steps which are so popular that they are sometimes used by dancers when not necessary. The classical sardana is that to be seen all over the Ampurdan district, where the dance originated in Cataluña. The Selvatana sardana is also sometimes seen south of Barcelona, and in this the counting is different. The Revessa sardana is used for competitions only, and is danced to special music written to trap the dancers, who have to be light of foot and slick mathemtiacians into the bargain. It is this preoccupation with the counting which makes the sardana unique, and which gives it an air of sobriety that some people take for dullness. When danced, the sardana becomes a fascinating musico-mathematical problem, on the lines of the Eightsome Reel, and if it sometimes does not seem a happy affair, it is no more depressing a sight than a keen bridge





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game. The tunes are many and varied, though all are set to a definite musical structure. Amongst the best, some of which can be obtained on gramaphone disks, are—«La Santa Espina;» «El Caveller Enamorat, » uncommon, this one; «Sardana de les Monges;» «Fulles Seques;» «Ampurdan;» «Professó de Sant Bartomeu; » «Maig, » and «Por tu Ploro.»

The quaint old walled town of Tossa is an ideal spot to listen to the sardana and here the dancers have a reputation to keep up. The Villa Vella, that part of the town in which the fisherfolk reside in picturesque ruination, is occasionally the scene of serious sardana dancing. Round the hoary walls and through the crumbling gates flies the bitter-sweet sound of the tenora, whilst the pompous double-bass gives body to the proceedings. All Tossa comes out to dance. There is Quimeta from the pharmacy, dainty and pretty in vivid yellow. She is on the right of the school-master, who is leading the ring. On the other side of him, Antonia from the fonda taps out the measure and tries not to look jealous of Quimeta. On her left, an aged fisherman dances sedately, feeling that tradition compels him to perform with the utmost dignity. And so all round the ring, from José, the local blood, to Isabel who cooks for the foreigners on the hill. Up go the hands as the final counterpoint section is reached. Round and round, a three, a two to the left and a swishing *relliscada*, hands towards the centre on the last beat and another sardana is over. Catalans say, «La sardana es la dansa mes bella de totes les danses que es fan i es desfan.» (The most beautiful of all dances that are woven and unwoven.) You have only to try it to be convinced.

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#### Social News

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Block have arrived at Gibraltar from New York and are staying at the Rock Hotel. Mr. Rudolf Block, editor of the old New York World, intends to tour in Spanish and French Morocco.

Sr. Don Luciano Lopez Ferrer, who is very well known in Gibraltar where he was for many years the Consul-General for Spain, is expected to arrive during this month. Sr. Lopez Ferrer has resigned his post as Spanish Ambassador in Cuba.

The Hon. James Andrew Speed, C. B. E., J. P., Managing-Director of Messrs. Saccone & Speed, Ltd., Gibraltar, returned here on Monday, the 4th. from his visit to Egypt.

The following passengers were landed by the P. & O. liner, *Ranchi:*—

The Countess Jellicoe, Lady Prudence, Miss J. Rennie, the Hon. G. Johnstone and Mrs. Johnstone, Mrs. E. Rundle, Mrs. M. Kubickova., Mr. R. Kiminich, Mr. E. Sebag, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Norton and Mr. P. Tezier.

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The Athletic Shield was presented to the «B» Company for obtaining the highest number of points during the Athletic Year.

The Champion Athletic Gold Medal was awarded to Private Gooch, Corporal Newton and Bugler Forsey tying for second place. Pte. Gooch performed some excellent high-jumping, clearing 5ft. 8in. at the first attempt, a feat which fully deserved the applause it received.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. W.P. Bradley-Williams, congratulated the competitors on their enthusiasm. He also complimented the members of the Committee who had worked so hard to ensure the smooth running of the meeting. Mrs. Bradley-Williams then presented the prizes to the various winners.

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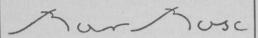
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Dr. C. Pascual. Specialist in skin and venereal diseases. Calle Mesquida, 9, Palma.

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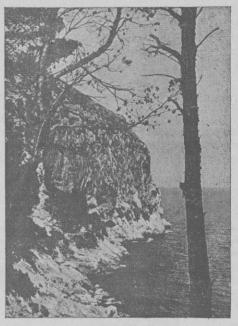
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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marvil have been forced to give up their delightful house in the *huerta* at Pollensa very suddenly, as news has come from America that Mr. Marvil's mother is ill. The Marvils left for New York on yesterday's Export Line boat.

Mrs. Heard, the owner of the house recently vacated by the Marvils, writes from San Francisco that she expects to return here towards the end of the summer.

Mrs. Brookfield Van Rensselaer, for so long an extremely popular member of the foreign colony on the Island, has terminated her month's stay in Cannes and is at present at the Ritz in Paris.

This seems to be our week for letters from home. News comes from the States that the Requardts have joined forces with Mr. and Mrs. Pinckard in California. Pigeon-breeding seems to be the chief interest of the interesting *ménage*, and it looks as if all rumours that the Requardts were on their way back to Mallorca are now, unfortunately, scattered

Miss Dicky Scoville, who has spent the last month or so with friends in Palma, is returning to New York, where her sister, Miss Mary Ann Scoville, is staying at the Barbizon. Her trip to America will not be a long one, though, and rumours are rife that wedding-bells will call her back across the ocean.

Mrs. Philip Jordan, who has rented a house at Cala D'Or for the summer, returned to Ibiza last Wednesday to assist in the birthday celebrations for Frau Schneider-Kainer, at Ca Vostra, the following day. Mrs. Jordan will only remain on the *Isla Blanca* about a week.

Over the week-end, the Hotel Perelló at Porto Cristo served many guests, including Colonel and Mrs. Sartorius' yachting party, with the delicious lobster for which it is famed all over the Island. This small hotel is delightful in every way, and is the perfect rendezvous for discriminating people.

Mr. Charles S. Lee is sailing for home on the 25th. of this month. Mr. Lee, together with Colonel Kennard and Captain Digby, formed the popular. «Three Musketeers» of Cala Ratjada. The colony there will most certainly feel his departure greatly.

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Dr. M. V. Sheehan, House Surgeon of the Mater Hospital, Dublin, together with his friend, Mr. Liam Dermuid Bergin, Editor of the Munster and Leinster Nationalist and resident of Carlow, Ireland, reluctantly brought their three months' visit to a

close last week, when they harnessed themselves to their hiking kit and bade Arenal and Mr. Peter John MacCormack («Mac»), founder of the foreign colony there, *au revoir*. While here they became proficient in «rolling their own» and scorning the *contrabandistas*, and mastered the language sufficiently to enquire about all the short cuts on the many hikes they took. They intend to return as soon as Dr. Sheehan's duties in one of the leading London hospitals permits, when they will endeavour to be at «Mac» on the level, as he objects to goat tracks.

Anther old-timer intending to return to Arenal is Colonel T. Fitzgerald, who is expected at the end of the month.

Mrs. Bowman-Burns returned on Saturday from Paris. She reports that the heat in that capital is intense, and has quite broken her in for the summer she intends to spend in Mallorca.

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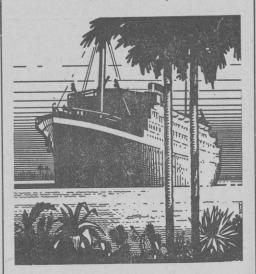
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party in the evening, at which Mr. ad Mrs. Baines, Mr. and Mrs. Duke, Mrs. Lindemann, Mr. and Mrs. Regnault and their guest, Mr. Hartley Power were present. An informal and jolly meal at the Boat House Bar wound up the day... The heavy rain of the last few days has been a blessing in disguise, for now all the wells are full to face the dryer period of the summer. A serious drought had been feared... Mrs. Mary Percy and Miss Josephine Percy are expected to arrive from London on the 18th, and will stay at the Hotel Castellet. The best in Spain: Mallorca.

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Mrs. Maud Stewart-Baxter, the composer, who is staying with her companion Miss Sylvia Bowditch at the Talamanca-Beach Pension, is finding inspiration for new melodies in Ibiza. Mrs. Stewart-Baxter's original intention was to travel all over Spain during her holidays, but she has now changed all her plans to remain in Ibiza, and wishes she had come sooner.

Among the latest arrivals at the Grand Hotel are Mr. Thomas Scoresby. Also Mrs. J. Stubb, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Stephensey and Mr. and Miss Heinze.

Many old friends of the Island have returned recently. Mrs. Coats has just arrived from England, and Miss Erica Beric has again taken charge of the bar at «Ca Vostra.»

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#### Robbery

On Monday morning, when Captain Cook, ex-aviator now connected with the firm of Miguel Estela, Customs Agent and Ships Chandlers, went to open the doors of the above firm, which is situated in the Avenue Antonio Maura opposite the Barracks, he discovered that an entry had been forced. Proceeding with his investigations, he found that all the drawers and files of the office had been opened, most of the papers destroyed and scattered about the floor, and the safe rifled.

The thieves took about two hundred pesetas, which were in the above mentioned safe, also several stamped docu-

It appears that the robbery was committed on Sunday night, for when Captain Cook entered the office on Sunday at mid-day to collect the mail he noticed nothing unusual.

The safe was broken into with the aid of an iron bar, and the place was wrecked, not a drawer being untouched or even a single cigar left in the cigarbox.

The police are doing everything in their power to trace the thieves.

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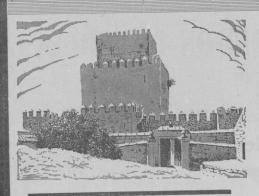
#### Palma Nights

Should one wish to dance, there are two or three good places in Palma. Should one feel movie-inclined, there are several theatres all showing good films; and often there is a concert or sometimes an opera to go to. Yet, perhaps, of all Palma's night attractions, wining and dining in one or other of the numerous excellent little restaurants ranks first and foremost—if it be timed so that the mellow mood of well-fed contentment arrives shortly before ten o'clock, together with a desire to go on somewhere amusing.

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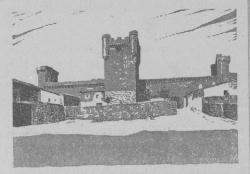
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#### There Ought To Be a Law-

It is with a certain amount of the natural diffidence for which we are famed that, in the temporary absence of R.M.G. on a well-merited vacation, we step into this column. (It has, by the way, been our secret ambition for many years to be in a position, along with kings, editors and others undoubtedly known to some of you, to use the collective 'we'.) The last instructions he called to us as the lone sail disappeared in the direction of parts unknown were: «... and do my column, will you? What? Oh, yes you can. All you have to do is to be funny. You shouldn't find that difficult...»

On thinking that one over, we have come to the conclusion that he is right. We admit it. We do radiate a certain something, we always have. We remember our sporting old grandmother telling us that when she was led in to see us shortly after our arrival in this vale of tears she laughed like anything. Just to be on the safe side, however, and following the policy of this paper of strict accuracy in all things, we looked up the word «humour» just now in the dictionary. Somewhat to our surprise, there seem to be many forms of humour. We were always under the impression there was only one, the kind you laugh at. Anyway, passing swiftly through vaguely disturbing references to being in the humour for fighting, and so on, we came to *sjocose imagination* (less intellectual than wit). \* Knowing that this was not at all in our line, we turned to «wit.» Here the beginner in wordstalking is liable to go astray through a mist of I wot, thou wottest, witting, wist, other parts not used and God wot, before discovering that the wit he is softly creeping up on is lurking in the next paragraph, described as «intelligence» and «understanding.» This, of course, proved we were on safe ground.

But about this column business. We heard a good one the other night which we would like to tell you. Stop us if you've heard it. It goes something like this, more or less, you know. There were once two travelling.....

The Editor, who has been breathing in a curious fashion down the back of our neck for some time, says we have taken up much more space than necessary. So we'll have to get R.M.G. to tell you.

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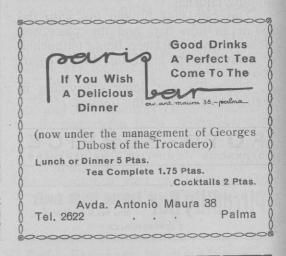
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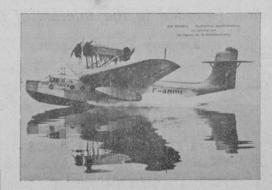
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