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ON THE ISLAND

If you were the manager of a tourist office and could go where you wished for your three weeks vacation, with special facilities because of your position, where would you go? The possibilities being endless as well as tempting, it might prove something of a problem of the sort which confronts a small boy with threepence and a whole shop window of sweets to choose from.

COOK'S TOUR:—

Mr. Bernard Townsend, better known out of office hours as Bill, and manager of Wagons-Lits/Cook's Palma office during the hours when he is on duty, has solved the problem without hesitation. Being used to telling clamouring tourists just where to go and how to get there, he found no difficulty in advising himself on how to spend the three weeks vacation which he will begin next Friday. From Barcelona he will take a plane to Geneva, then visit Interlaken and Lucerne and spend Whitsun in Brussels. Then on to London for a week, returning to Palma via Valencia. And now you know what the Man From Cook's travel agency does when on holiday. He travels. Something like the mason who, on his day off, gets plastered.

DEPARTURE:—

M. Jean Coltene, assistant *metteur en scene* of the Paramount film company, left on Thursday for Barcelona, Paris and Brussels. During his stay on the Island M. Coltene divided his time chiefly between Palma and Cala Ratjada.

CONSUL:—

Lt.-Commander Alan Hillgarth, British Vice-Consul in Palma, and Mrs. Hillgarth returned from a trip to England on the Vandyke on Friday morning. They were away a month on holiday, and returned to their residence near Palma in excellent spirits and with renewed vigour.

ARENAL:—

The Arenal colony on the other side of the bay is growing. First to blaze the trail were Mr. P. J. MacCormick and Col. «Tim» Fitzgerald, and now they have been joined in the wilds by Mrs. G. Lindenman and her sister, Mrs. Killi, who are taking a house at Arenal for the summer months. Mr. MacCormick and the Colonel had Mrs. Douglas Cameron and Mrs. Pamela de Prizer as house guests last week. It is stated that Mrs. Cameron was so enthusiastic over the place that she actually fell over backwards in her chair. Mrs. Cameron claims it was the wind that was responsible.

TRAVELLERS:—

Mr. Robert Graves, the well known writer and friend of Col. T. E. Lawrence, was in town for a short time on Wednesday. He has been living for some time at Deyá.

Mrs. Adelaide Craven of the Chalfont House in El Terreno is leaving on Tuesday on the Voltaire for England, where she expects to stay three months. Her son Kenneth, who will be in charge of the pension during the summer, once shipped before the after mast on the Voltaire, and was thus able to recommend it to Mrs. Craven as a fine vessel.

The advance guard of summer visitors arrived when sixty-nine passengers landed from the Llandaff Castle on Thursday.

Miss Joyce Gilson, niece of Major Charles Gilson, Palma's pensioner extraordinary, was in town for the day Saturday when the Moravia, on which she is cruising, was in port.

M. Henri Total has gone to Gibraltar for a few days, and will return to his architectural work shortly.

Mrs. Nancy Shayler left for England during the week to be present for the twenty-first birthday of her daughter Mary. She will be back in Palma in two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Croissant returned to Barcelona Friday following a two-day stay combining business with pleasure.

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FEAT OF YOUNG AIRMAN ATLANTIC CROSSED IN STORM

LIGHT 'PLANE

The twenty-year-old Spanish aviator Don Juan Ignacio Pombo added a fresh achievement to the history of Spanish aviation this week by crossing the South Atlantic alone in a light aeroplane in the course of his flight from Santander to Mexico City.

Señor Pombo took off from the Deutsche Luft-Hansa aerodrome at Bathurst at 1:18 a.m. on Tuesday, passed over the island of Fernando Noronha, 350 kilometres from the Brazilian coast, at 1 p.m., and landed at Natal (Brazil) at 7:15 p.m., Spanish time. He met with fair weather for the first two hours of the flight, spent the next four hours battling with a storm, and had strong head winds for the rest of the way.

His route from Santander to Bathurst had been by way of Madrid, Seville, Agadir, Ifni, Cape Juby and Villa Cisneros (both in the Spanish colony of Rio de Oro), and Port-Etienne. Owing to the continued bad weather in Brazil he has put off the next stage of his flight, from Natal to Belem, until next Tuesday.

More than 10,000 people joined in a demonstration of joy organised at Santander on the receipt of the news of the young airman's arrival at Natal, and congratulatory telegrams were showered on him from all kinds of sources, including the Spanish War Office and the officers of the Seville aerodrome. It is believed, however, that the message which gave him most satisfaction was that from Señorita Elena Corral Rivero, daughter of a former Mexican Minister of the Interior.

Both Señorita Corral and Señor Pombo have denied the gathering rumours that they are engaged. The press however gives prominence to the Mexican girl's declaration that if the flight failed she would consider herself responsible because she refused to let the flier take her dog as a mascot.

Another sharer in Señor Pombo's triumph is his father, Don Juan Pombo, who was Spain's first civil air pilot and who taught his son to fly as soon as he had re-

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SON BONET AERODROME MYSTERY

Mystery surrounds the motives of unknown persons who paid an uninvited visit to the Son Bonet aerodrome last Monday, broke open the hangar and took out two aeroplanes, which they left standing in the field.

The Civil Guard post at Marratxi was informed of the occurrence about 1:20 p.m. on Monday, and officers were at once sent to investigate. They found the Marques de Zayas, President of the Aero Club de Baleares, already on the scene.

Señor de Zayas showed the guards that the door of the hangar had been forced and two machines taken out. He also told them that a fifty litre tin of gasoline was missing and the planes slightly damaged, and estimated the total damage done at 1,000 pesetas.

His theory was that the mysterious visitors had taken the planes out in order to fly off in them. No alternative explanation has yet been suggested.

The civil guards deduced from the signs left on the door of the hangar and round about that a light green car had been employed to cause the damage. The car apparently was driven into the door repeatedly to break it down.

People living near the aerodrome stated that they heard noises

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P. E. N. CONGRESS IN BARCELONA

MR. H. G. WELLS LEADER

PALMA TRIP

The International Pen Club's thirteenth congress opened Monday in Barcelona under the presidency of Mr. H. G. Wells, and ended Saturday when the official banquet took place at Llotja, followed by a concert at the Palace of Montjuich. It is expected that the delegates will come to Palma for a short sight-seeing tour during the coming week.

Included among the well known writers who attended the congress are representatives of England, Germany, Belgium, France, and Czechoslovakia.

The opening meeting was held at the Casal del Metje. The chairman was Mr. Wells. Following several addresses of welcome, the delegates visited the Generalidad. The Pen Club of Catalonia offered a banquet to the international committee, following which a visit was made to the Museum of Art.

On Tuesday Mr. Wells delivered an address on Russia and the literary work going on in that country now. The address was broadcast by Radio Cataluña and was heard throughout Spain.

The second session of the congress was held on Wednesday un-

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WHAT SMUGGLER-CATCHERS SMOKE

On the veranda of a house which is closed and which is situated on the coast near Corp Mori there is a nightly tryst. The tryst consists of a number of carabinieri, complete with uniforms, capes and guns.

Throughout the long night, as the lighthouse flashes regularly on the scene, they hold their post. The veranda is a convenient spot to keep out of the rain when it is raining and away from the wind.

Naturally, the long night hours prove somewhat tedious. The guard changes now and then, but generally it is the same two men. They bid a cheery «Buenas noches» to the few householders passing below them, they converse with each other, they (whisper it) catch a few winks now and then, and they smoke.

A resident who saw them during the past week noticed that they were smoking quite a lot. They are on duty, of course, to prevent smugglers from landing on the coast, and it is chiefly smuggling of tobacco which they are there to prevent.

With this in mind, and wondering what brand a carabiniere who must be in touch with contrabandistas in the course of his work would choose, the observer was interested one morning after a wet night to notice three or four empty discarded cigarette packages strewn below the veranda.

He stepped briskly up, examined them, and strode away again. He knows now what the coast-watching carabinieri smoke. Their brand is Elegantes.

DEATH OF COLONEL LAWRENCE ORGANISER OF ARAB REVOLT

KING'S MESSAGE

Colonel T. E. Lawrence, otherwise known as «Lawrence of Arabia» and as Aircraftsman Shaw, died last Sunday in the military hospital in England where he had lain unconscious since fracturing his skull in a motor-cycle accident the previous Monday.

Pulmonary congestion and consequent heart trouble had complicated his condition, and efforts to keep him alive by artificial respiration failed. The news of his death was communicated to Their Majesties at Buckingham Palace on Monday, and the King sent a message of condolence to his family.

Colonel Lawrence, who was born in Wales of Irish and Spanish descent forty-six years ago, first visited the East as an Oxford student, when he travelled on foot and disguised through Syria and Arabia to prepare a thesis on «Architecture in the Time of the Crusades.» At the outbreak of the Great War he had spent seven years as a member of archeological field expeditions and studying the language and customs of the Arabs.

His wartime work consisted in winning the Arabs to the side of the Allies and assisting the late Emir Feisal, afterwards King of Irak, to organise and lead the Arab revolt against the Turks. Together they welded the desert tribes into a force which immobilised two Turkish divisions, served as a flank guard to General Allenby's forces during the Palestine campaign, and finally took Damascus and set up an Arab Government in Syria.

Lawrence devoted himself after the war to saving what could be saved of Arab independence in the diplomatic scramble for territories which went on around the peace treaties. When no more was to be achieved in that direction he sought anonymity, first as a private soldier in the Tank Corps and later as an R. A. F. mechanic.

EL TERRENO ITS INACCESSIBLE LETTER BOX

Palma City is still waiting for its long promised new post office. The suburb of El Terreno also has its troubles.

Palmans at least can beguile themselves during the waiting period by watching new letter boxes spring up in various parts of the City. Every week or so a new one appears, generally in an unexpected spot and always of a different design from the last.

El Terreno, including Corp Mari, has but one letter box. And that one is inaccessible most of the time.

The box in question is in an *estanco*. The practice of installing letter boxes in tobacco shops is intended to serve the convenience of the public, and is inspired by the fact that the tobacco monopoly is the Government's agent for the sale of stamps and other kinds of official paper.

The hours of opening for *estancos* are not left to be determined by local custom or the caprice of the *estancero*. They are fixed for the whole country by the *Compañía Arrendataria de Tabacos*, and the change from the winter to the summer time-table is always announced in advance and made everywhere on the same date.

The *estanco* in El Terreno, however, is apparently a law to itself. It is open at whatever hours suit the convenience of the *estancero*, who apparently has many other occupations. At any rate, the resident in El Terreno or Corp Mari never knows when he will be able to buy a box of matches, a packet of cigarettes or a stamp, or to post a letter.

He does know that in any case it is useless trying to do so before 5 p.m., two hours after every other *estanco* in Spain has opened its doors after the legal *siesta*. And he knows that if he has just time to post a letter to go by the Barcelona boat, which sails half an hour before the *Compañía Arrendataria's* official closing hour, he must add tram fare into Palma to the cost of postage.

NEW ROADS FOR BALEARICS SCENIC COAST HIGHWAY

BILL IN CORTES

A step of great importance for the development of the Balearic Islands from both the touristic and commercial points of view is represented by the Government bill creating the *Junta Administrativa de Carreteras* of the Province, which has just passed its committee stage in Cortes.

The bill proposes to establish a special authority with autonomous powers to take charge of all road building and maintenance in the archipelago. A similar plan has for some time been in successful operation in the Canary Islands, and the general lines of that scheme are now to be followed in Spain's other island province.

The *Junta* will be formed of representatives of the municipalities of Mallorca, Menorca and Ibiza, the chambers of commerce of the three islands and the harbour boards, together with the chief public works officer of the province and other official members. The chairman will be the President of the *Diputación Provincial*, *ex officio*.

The new body will have not only the task of drawing up annual plans for road works in the Islands, but also that of drawing up a general plan to be carried out by stages and based on a study of the general needs of the province and those of each district. It will administer the funds contributed by both the state and the province for road work, and its employees will rank as civil servants.

One of the first matters to be brought to the attention of the *Junta* when once it is constituted will doubtless be the plan for a scenic roadway round the whole coast of Mallorca. The principal backer of the scheme is Don Francisco Juliá, President of the *Diputación*, who set forth the general lines of the projected improvement in a lecture delivered at the *Ateneo* in Palma last year.

The execution of the proposal would involve the widening and improvement of existing roads and the construction of some new ones. The finished road is to be ten metres wide, smoothly surfaced with asphalt, and provided with shelters, inns, petrol stations and everything which the most exigent motorist might require.

Señor Juliá believes that the *ruta de circunvalación* could be made without costing the province a céntimo. He proposes to raise the necessary funds by levying a contribution of thirty céntimos per metre of frontage on the owners of all land facing on the new road.

Such a levy, he maintains, would not be burdensome to anyone, in view of the minute subdivision of landed property in Mallorca. The

AIR SERVICE MADRID-PARIS IN FOUR HOURS

The start of the air service between Palma and Barcelona was followed last Monday by the official inauguration of a more nationally important addition to Spain's network of air lines, the direct Madrid-Paris service.

The latter, which is operated jointly by the Spanish airport company and Air France, is the first international venture of the former concern. It is also extremely important as linking up the Spanish system with the general European system, which extends from London to Moscow and from Oslo to Athens.

This importance has been recognised by the assignment to the new line of the Douglas low wing monoplanes recently acquired by the L. A. F. E., which are the fastest and most comfortable craft in its service. The powerful machines bring the Spanish and French capitals within four hours of each other, leaving Madrid at 8 a.m. and reaching Paris at noon.

The Douglas planes have a cruising speed of 315 kilometres an hour—the highest of any commercial aeroplane. The undercarriage is retractable to reduce wind resistance in flight, and automatic light and sound signals inform the pilot whether it is retracted or in position for landing.

Fourteen passengers and a crew of three are carried. The spacious, comfortable passenger cabin has a sound isolation system which makes the noise of the two 700 horsepower Wright motors practically inaudible inside.

In tests, one of the engines was stopped at a height of 1,500 metres, and the machine rose to 3,100 metres using the other alone. Other features of the craft are the «automatic pilot» which maintains height and direction without human intervention, and braking ailerons reducing the landing speed to 98 kilometres an hour.

Air France intends to use Potez 62 bimotored high wing monoplanes to maintain its share of the Madrid-Paris service, but they are being temporarily replaced by Wibault three-engined craft. The number of passengers carried will be the same as for the Spanish machines.

Other projected foreign extensions of the Spanish air lines are Madrid-Lisbon, Madrid-Berlin and Barcelona-Stuttgart. The last named is to be operated conjointly with the German service which is already in operation on that route.

landowners would be the first to gain by the increased value of their holdings, many of which lack adequate means of access, and at the same time the benefit to the Island as a whole would be incalculable.

FOREIGN STUDENTS IN MADRID STUDY CENTRE'S 24th YEAR

SPECIAL COURSES

The twenty-fourth summer session for foreign students organized by the Centro de Estudios Históricos will be held in Madrid from July 8 to August 3 this year.

The Centro, Spain's most famous research and teaching institution in the fields of history, philology, literature and art, is a section of the *Junta para Ampliación de Estudios e Investigaciones Científicas* of the Ministry of Public Instruction and Fine Arts. Its President is Don Ramón Menéndez Pidal, the distinguished philologist who probably knows more about the Spanish language than any other living person, and the summer courses are under the immediate direction of Professor Don Dámaso Alonso.

About 3,000 students from twenty different countries have attended the institution's summer courses in previous years, and their value is fully recognised abroad. American universities, in particular, allow students returning from Madrid with the required diploma to count them as a part of the degree qualifications.

In the *Residencia de Estudios*, perched high above the heart of mid-summer Madrid, students of all nations will study, under the direction of some of Spain's greatest scholars and teachers, the language, literature, history, geography, art and civilisation of the country. That is, when they are not engaged in visiting museums and art galleries or making excursions to the picturesque historic cities of Castille.

That is the general course. There is also a course for beginners just beginning to stammer the language of Cervantes, and special courses on «Spain of Today», «Contemporary Spanish Literature», and Commercial Spanish.

The «Spain of Today» series of lectures by Don Pedro Aguado Bleye has the refreshing tempo to deal with Spanish political history from 1906 to the advent of the Republic, as well as the cultural institutions and economic situation of the country. Don F. Montesinos, Associate of the Centro, has the task of lecturing on Spain's contemporary writers who according to well qualified judges are turning out work comparable to that of the famous classics of the golden age of Spanish literature.

Seldom can the essence of that is best in Spain have been better compressed into the space of a month's study.

The details of the courses to be learned from an attractive booklet in impeccable English illustrated with photographs of Madrid, Segovia, Avila, Salamanca and other places of interest, can be obtained from the *Secretaría de los Cursos para Extranjeros* Medinaceli 4, Madrid.

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HANGMAN WHO CAN'T HANG

SPANISH LAW ANOMALY

SALARY PAID

The Constitutional Cortes of the Spanish Republic abolished the death penalty in the jurisdiction of the civil courts, though it remained under military law. The fathers of the Constitution, however, forgot to abolish the office of public executioner.

So Casimiro Municio Agueda, the ex-policeman who obtained the post of «executor of sentences» to the Audiencia of Madrid fifteen years ago, still draws his salary of 219 pesetas a month, though there is nothing left for him to do.

During those fifteen years, Casimiro has made no friends and many enemies. He has been forced to change his abode more than once owing to the hostility of his neighbours, and he has developed the self-defence solitary habits, a hearty mistrust of newspaper men and a remarkable faculty for avoiding unwanted encounters.

Nevertheless a hardworking reporter claims to have run him to earth and interviewed him, and the story of his quest is set forth in this week's issue of *La Linterna*. The interview itself is promised for next week.

La Linterna is a new departure in Spanish journalism, and appears in Madrid on Mondays. The current edition, which is Volume One, Number One, reached Palma about last Wednesday.

The new periodical is concerned with the law and how it is broken. Its sixteen pages, profusely illustrated with pictures of corpses and mostly unattractive live people, are nearly all filled with straightforward pieces of reporting about crime.

The exception is just one page of fiction, a short story by Eduardo Zamacois. It is about murder in a lunatic asylum, and the horror is piled on expertly.

The other reportages include up-to-date accounts of the recent double murder and suicide at Lucena, of an abduction case which even now is being unravelled by the Madrid police and courts, and so forth. A former mistress of Al Capone has been found dancing in a Madrid cabaret and interviewed, and another reporter has spent a day in El Dueso jail, just to see what it felt like.

Spanish literature, though one of the most varied in the world, has hitherto been rather lacking in the department of detective fiction. *La Linterna* should prove a mine of invaluable material to any young author setting out to remedy the omission.

STOCKHOLM

ROYALTIES AT WEDDING

STOCKHOLM, Saturday

The wedding of Princes Ingrid, only daughter of Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf of Sweden, and Crown Prince Frederick of Denmark took place at noon yesterday in the Old Court Church here.

The ceremony was the most brilliant spectacle Sweden has seen for many years. Royal personages from most European countries were present, and the guests included nearly all the relatives of the Danish and Swedish royal families.

The exceptions were the King of Norway, who is the brother of the King of Denmark, and Prince Knud of Denmark, the only brother of the bridegroom. Both of them were kept at home by their official duties.

The bride's elder brother Aigvard and her cousin Lennart were also absent. They were deprived of their titles after marrying commoners, and are now living abroad.

Britain was represented by Prince Arthur of Connaught and Lady Patricia Ramsay, brother and sister of the bride's late mother. Among the most prominent of the royal guests were the King and Queen of Denmark and the King and Queen of the Belgians, the latter being a cousin of Princess Ingrid.

Former royalties present included ex-King George of Greece, the ex-Crown Prince of Germany and ex-Crown Princess Cecilie, who is the bridegroom's aunt, and the former Grand Duke and Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. The Grand Duke is a brother of the Queen of Denmark, and therefore Prince Frederick's uncle.

After the ceremony the newly married couple drove in an open carriage drawn by six horses through the main streets of the capital, being jubilantly acclaimed by enthusiastic crowds. After attending a luncheon in their honour in the great banquet hall of the royal castle they left aboard the royal yacht Danebrog for Copenhagen.

They are due to arrive in the Danish capital on Sunday morning. Their ultimate destination however is being kept secret.

Prince Frederick of Denmark is a musician and composer, as well as a popular sportsman who numbers yachting among his favourite sports. His bride, who is a fully trained nurse and director of a school for deaf-mutes at the age of twenty-five, owes much of her popularity to her indefatigable labours for worthy causes in Stockholm.

BULLS ARRIVE FOR GALA FIGHT NEXT SUNDAY

EXCITEMENT AND DANCING AT BARCELONA RING

The bulls which will test the skill of the three famous matadors Marcial Lalanda, Vicente Barrera and Domingo Ortega in the Plaza de Toros next Sunday have arrived on the Island. Enthusiasts will be given a chance to look them over in the corral of the ring early during the coming week.

Coming from one of the most famous ranches in Spain, that of the Marquesa Viuda de Villamarta in Andalusia, the bulls are among the finest and bravest obtainable.

Enthusiasm for this unusual programme of top-notch performers in mounting high, and it is confidently expected that all seats will be sold when the bugle blows for the opening parade and Lalanda, Barrera and Ortega with their ceremonial capes wrapped around them stride across the sand of the ring in the sunshine. Special arrangements have been made by the management to see that there is sunshine for the famous fighters to stride across in.

Continuing his successes of last season, Lalanda in his latest fight in Madrid aroused the wildest enthusiasm and was rewarded for his splendid work with the ear of his second bull.

Of his work that afternoon the Madrid critic of *La Libertad* said:

«It seems to me that the enemies of Marcial Lalanda, after what they saw the 'young master' do yesterday afternoon, will have to recognize in the depths of their consciousness that in his slight body there is a great taurine power, enough for him to be able to accept without a blush the title of 'Professor of Bullfighting Science.'»

To add to the interest of next Sunday's corrida here it has been announced definitely and on good authority that Barrera will retire from bullfighting at the end of this season.

Thus local fans will probably be having their last look at one of the best of modern bullfighters and the greatest artist of them all with the *descabello* or short sword. Barrera has solemnly sworn

that this season is his last, and his word is being taken very seriously in the highest bullfighting circles.

If Palma is looking forward to an unusual day at the bullring, Barcelona is looking back on a strange and unusual one, for last Sunday's corrida at the Monumental was filled with emotion and such antics as are not often seen.

The Palma Post's Barcelona bullfighting critic describes the afternoon thus:

«The bulls were hopeless, the Presidente worse. He would not, for instance, signal out a toro whose forefeet buckled under him before they even began with him. Alfredo Corrochano was about the best of the matadors. When I say that, you can guess the rest.

«Armillita, usually so good, was rotten, Solorzano fidgety and too rapid and Curro Caro looking after himself too much, until he became angry at the crowd's calling him *cobarde* and *'sin vergüenza'*. Just before he killed his last bull, he relaxed—and was tossed. His trousers were ripped. He was pale, but he went on.

«There were two more *estocadas*, with Caro and the bull almost equally weak. Then he braced himself for a final effort, tried to *descabellar*, and with the bull down, fainted and was carried off while the peones despatched the bull.

«The high light of the afternoon was the crowd's behaviour. They had paid to enjoy themselves, and since the toreros were doing nothing, they amused themselves. Whole sections began yelling at each other, then when the band was ordered to give some *música* for their pleasure and obliged with La Carioca and several other pieces, they began to ignore Curro Caro and watched individuals dancing in the aisles of the tendido seats. That made him more angry than anything else, but by the time the audience began to file out, his toss had sobered him. It wasn't a good bullfight, but there was plenty to watch.»

BALEARIC TENNIS CHAMPIONS

FINAL RESULTS OF CONTEST

TEA AND TROPHIES

The tennis competition for the championships of the Balearics, which began the previous week on the courts of the Mallorca Lawn Tennis Club at Son Alegre, ended last Monday.

The competition attracted entries from the Peninsula as well as from the local clubs, and foreign as well as Spanish players competed in all the events. Few of the *extranjeros*, however, survived into the semi-finals.

Their only undefeated representative was Miss «Baby» Hocking, who won the mixed doubles title with Señor Domínguez from the Baroness de la Bruyère and the Conde de Linares. The Baroness and Miss Nina Hooke reached the final of the ladies' doubles, but lost the title to Doña Carmen Ballester de Dicenta and Señorita Encarnación Rocha.

Señorita Rocha won the ladies' singles, Señora de Dicenta being placed second; and Señor Linares took the men's singles from Don Bartolomé Calafell. Señor Linares also partnered Don Juan Domínguez in the men's doubles, defeating Don Francisco Servera and Don Enrique Giménez-Porras in the final.

A tea in honour of the new champions was given on Tuesday at the Hotel Royal, opposite the M.L.T.C. The local authorities and all members of the Club were invited to be present on that occasion, when the trophies were handed to the winners of the competition.

The competition is an annual event, and in previous years has taken place sometimes in Palma and sometimes in Mahón, the other chief tennis centre of the archipelago. It is held under the auspices of the Lawn Tennis Association of Catalonia, the regional branch of the Spanish Lawn Tennis Federation which includes the island clubs.

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LATEST WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

AUSTIN, Texas, Saturday

The State Senate has sent an invitation to the King and Queen of England to attend the centenary celebrations of the State of Texas in 1936. «The whole Royal family» is included in the invitation.

LONDON, Saturday

The Air Ministry is being besieged with applications for admission to the projected extensions of the Royal Air Force, and the recruiting offices are being taxed far beyond all anticipations.

LONDON, Saturday

Forty-five R. A. F. stations will be open to visitors today on the occasion of Empire Air Day. Fifty-three civil aerodromes will also be open to inspection.

The visitors to the R. A. F. stations will be able to watch the normal work of the units, and also in some cases to witness rehearsals of items under preparation for the display at Hendon next month. Similar celebrations have been arranged in many parts of the Empire, the object being to foster public interest in aviation and exhibit the advances which have been made in that science.

WARSAW, Saturday

The Lithuanian Government has authorised the transfer to Po-

land of the mortal remains of Marja Pilsudski, mother of the late Marshal Pilsudski, who was buried in the village of Ukmerga, Lithuania. Major Lepecki, the late Marshal's personal aide-de-camp, will take charge of the arrangements for conveying the coffin to Vilna.

In accordance with the will of the Polish national hero, his mother will be laid to rest in the Pilsudski family tomb in Vilna, and her son's heart placed at her feet. His body was buried last week among the tombs of the kings of Poland in the pantheon at Crakow.

LONDON, Saturday

The Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament appointed to consider the petition of the State of Western Australia to secede from the Commonwealth of Australia has presented a report unfavourable to the granting of the petition.

The Committee's conclusion is that the petition asks for legislative action which in its opinion it would be constitutionally incompetent for the Parliament of the United Kingdom to take except upon the definitive request of the Commonwealth of Australia, conveying clearly the expressed wish of the Australian people as a whole. For that reason, and inasmuch as the petition is presented by the Government of Western Australia,

which as a state is not concerned with the subject matter of the proposed legislation, the petition is declared «not proper to be received».

LONDON, Saturday

The prevailing opinion in political circles here today is that Herr Hitler's recent speech on international affairs opened the way for conclusion of the Western Air Pact, as well as for an agreement on the limitation of air armaments. It is understood that the British Government, immediately after the impending reconstruction of the Cabinet, will take the initiative for opening negotiations to that end, which will probably lead to a conference at some neutral city, presumably The Hague.

STOCKHOLM, Saturday

The fifth centenary of the summoning of the first Swedish Riksdag by Engelbrekt Angelbrektsson at the little town of Arboga in 1435 will be celebrated by great festivities throughout Sweden from May 25 to May 30. An issue of 700,000 special jubilee five-kroner coins is being made for the occasion, and the salaries of the members of the Riksdag will be paid to them in these coins.

LONDON, Saturday

Mr. L. Hore-Belisha announced

in the House of Commons yesterday that a copy of the Highway Code would be delivered free to every householder in the country. The Minister of Transport pointed out that if the Code were observed there would certainly be a reduction in the number of road accidents.

The measures already taken, he added, had together with the growing traffic-consciousness of the community produced very good results. During the current year there had been a considerable reduction in road accidents, despite the phenomenal increase in the number of vehicles using the roads.

In London the reduction in the number of fatalities during the last nine weeks was no less than thirty per cent, and in injuries fifteen per cent. The increase in the number of vehicles licensed was over twelve per cent.

The Code, said Mr. Hore-Belisha in conclusion, was an added effort to contribute to public safety, and embodied suggestions received from every quarter.

GENEVA, Saturday

Italy accepted a compromise proposal made by Mr. Anthony Eden for the solution of the Italo-Ethiopian dispute last night, and a final settlement is now in sight. After Signor Mussolini had re-

jected every proposal made the British Minister formulated three points as representing the minimum basis of agreement. The proposal demanded an immediate reply, and within a few hours was accepted.

The proposal was that Italy should renounce her refusal to accept Article Five of the Ethiopian Treaty of 1928 in its entirety, and should agree to a time limit for arbitration being imposed. If the time limit expires without an agreement being reached, a further meeting of the League of Nations Council is to be called.

Later a Council meeting was called for 11:15 p.m., and it was announced that an all night session would probably result. The British and French members are holding fast to the letter of the League Covenant, but meanwhile no pressure has been brought to bear on the Ethiopians, who have declared themselves satisfied with Mr. Eden's formula.

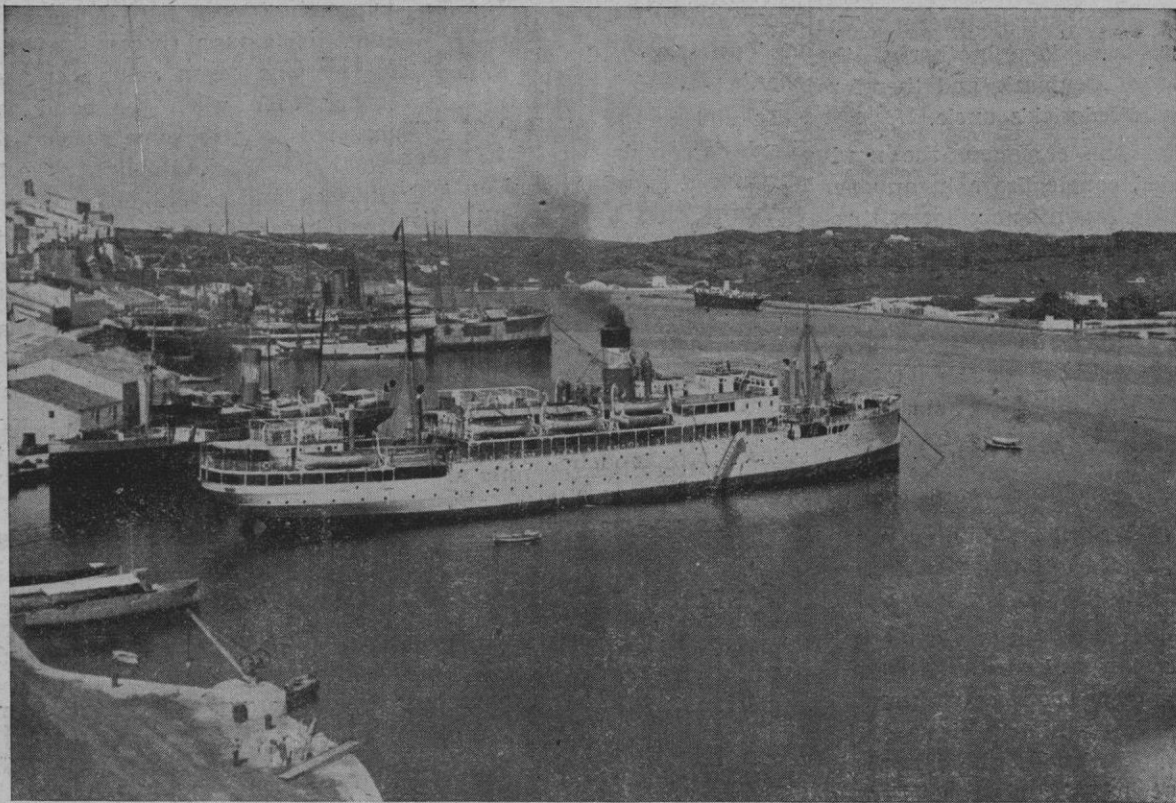
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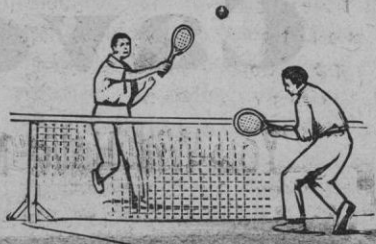
and see the «Golden Farm» which was for some time the residence of Lord Nelson. It is situated on the way to Cala Mezquida, a popular bathing resort near Mahón, which was twice visited by King Edward VII.

Port Mahón is the chief town of the island; its spacious, magnificent harbour is undoubtedly the best in the Mediterranean.



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Interesting excursions may be made to the neighbouring towns of George-town and San Luis, which take their names respectively from George III of England and Louis XV of France. Ciudadela, formerly the capital of the Island, is also worth a visit with its fine cathedral, old houses, and quaint narrow streets.

Many prehistoric monuments, most of them still well preserved, show the skill of the islanders as builders in the Bronze Age. There are abundant opportunities of visiting these structures, some of which are unique, there being nothing similar to be found elsewhere in the world.

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BOXES

government or municipality,
 matter how intent it may be on
 attracting tourist trade, can think
 everything which would please
 a foreigner and keep him hap-
 py and contented—and spending
 money.
 If any governments or mun-
 icipalities can afford to ignore the
 tourist trade, and rare is the gov-
 ernment which does not need or
 want tourists and foreigners and
 the helping hand of their bank
 accounts.
 Tourist associations annually
 meet and confer everywhere to
 discuss ways and means of improv-
 ing tourist traffic. Sometimes their
 aims are ambitious, and generally
 involve the spending of much
 money.
 There is one minor improvement
 which the municipality of Palma
 has either overlooked or does not
 think about. Taking care of it will
 do much toward helping Terreno
 residents and visitors as well as
 the Mallorquins who reside there,
 if it does not cost much.
 The welfare of the Islanders
 is not particularly interest the
 Fathers, certainly they should
 realize that the majority of the
 foreigners who stay any length of
 time in or near Palma live in the
 suburb of El Terreno.
 With that lengthy and fright-
 ing (it is to be hoped) preamb-
 le the point of the matter is re-
 vealed. It is simply that for the
 hundreds of Terreno's inhabitants
 villas and hotels, there is but
 one box for mailing letters.
 That box, situated in an estanco
 on Calle 14 de Abril, closes at
 5 p.m. To mail letters to catch
 the Barcelona boat for England
 or other points in Europe after
 5 o'clock it is necessary to go to
 the estanco. Residents any distance
 from the estanco, in Corp Mari or
 the Terreno heights, have a
 considerable trip to make to reach
 the box. Must stop writing letters.
 There is thus a need for a
 more letter-boxes in Terreno
 and the surrounding suburbs. A
 few more which would cost little,
 and do much to keep the foreign-
 ers and other Terreno residents
 contented.

Out Of My Head

by HARRY GALLAND

It was about the middle of last summer, when the Loch Ness monster was being seen at Loch Ness, on all the front pages, and frequently double, that he was sighted in Palma Bay.

A columnist on this very paper was the man who had the honour of clapping eyes on the beastie. It did not seem to bother him that he was the only one who had seen the vision and his evidence was unsupported, or that ribald friends asked him where he had been the night before.

And now, this very week, the same old boy from Loch Ness is again reported to have been seen, this time by a Mr. W. R. Laverst whose occupation (if any) is not stated, a few hundred yards off the beach at Plymouth.

What about it? Nothing much, except that the appearance of Nessie is a sure sign that summer is coming and newspapers are running out of readable stories, and that Captain Guy Dolphin, master of the Cunard liner Scythia, has never seen a sea serpent in nearly forty years of sailing on all the seven seas.

But the captain, who was telling about himself recently, has seen the «Flying Dutchman» of the legend handed down from Vander Decken in the seventeenth century—the Capt. Vander Decken who vowed he would weather the Cape if he sailed on to the crack of doom. Captain Dolphin was on the clipper Hesperus when he saw the phantom ship, running before a strong westerly breeze with every-thing set.

«It was a bright moonlight night in the middle watch,» the captain said, «when I was a midshipman walking the poop. The lookout man sang out, 'Ship right ahead, sir.' I looked and, sure enough, there was a fine, full-rigged ship about a mile away right ahead, and bearing right down upon us. Coombs, the mate, who was in charge of the watch, ordered the quartermaster to port the helm and change our course to starboard to clear her. The ship appeared to be much about the same rig and size as the Hesperus and had her topsail studding sails out.

«The acting captain came up on the poop and looked at her through his telescope, but said he could see nothing, and polished the lenses with his handkerchief. The strange craft bore down to us and when it seemed a collision was imminent, the captain sang out to the quartermaster, 'Hard aport!' As he did so the mysteri-ous vessel disappeared completely. The captain said that it must have been a vision of our own ship caused by the refraction of the moon's rays.»

«Hard aport!», Loch Ness Mon-ster, and do a little disappearing too!

TURNING THE PAGES

by Bibliófilo

THE MAN WITH TWO LEFT FEET, by P. G. Wodehouse. 239 pp. The Tauchnitz Edition, vol. 5195. 5.50 ptas.

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This review is useless. All that is really necessary is the announce-ment of the appearance of a new volume of short stories by P. G. Wodehouse. Whatever more a reviewer says will have little effect one way or the other, for Wode-house fans can't be stopped, and the few people left in the world who are not Wodehouse fans don't matter anyway.

Is it necessary to re-state that P. G. is affectionately and properly known as «The British National Humourist»? It is not. Simply state that a new adventure of Bertie Wooster has been brought to the notice of his public, and that pub-lic can't be stopped from dashing to the nearest bookstore and find-ing out all about it for itself.

But there is an unpleasant task to perform, and it might as well be faced. Bowing to no man in

Wodehouse's *metier*, and he mis-ses fire. «The Man With Two Left Feet», the last story in the book, is a pleasant little thing, all about a man who learned to dance to please his wife, who, it turned out, hated dancing because she had been a professional. I am not spoiling your pleasure in giving the plot away. There isn't enough plot to give away.

And, to plunge me further into gloom, my only standby in the matter of getting the American language correctly into print and the only English writer who really knows American slang, has let me down. There are errors which one doesn't expect from Mr. Wode-house. I won't quote them. It would only make me feel worse about it.

But don't get the idea that the book is a total loss. It isn't. There are a few passages such as this:

«He had an inspiration. He so-ught out a dramatic agent.

'I want to go on the stage, in musical comedy.'



my loyalty to Wodehouse and my enjoyment of his stories it is never-etheless necessary to say that there is a standard of Wodehouse humour, that that standard is high, and that *The Man With Two Left Feet* is not up to it.

Why? Well, I harbour the sus-picion that Mr. Wodehouse or his publishers have been rummaging through some drawers and found some old stories, written years ago. I do not, mind you, state this as a fact. I simply say that it is a suspicion, based on internal evi-dence.

In one story, «Extricating Young Gussie,» which is based on an ad-venture of the inimitable Bertie Wooster and in which the inexor-able Jeeves makes an all too brief appearance, Mr. Wodehouse is the Wodehouse we know and chuckle over. For the rest he has gone O. Henry and faintly sentimental. It pains me to have to say so.

There are, for instance, two stor-ies about a dog, called «The Mix-er,» which are told by the dog, be-lieve it or don't, and aren't funny or meant to be funny. They are, God save us, appealing. There is a pathetic story about a deserving young girl called Kate who runs a New York second-hand booksh-op and takes care of a paralyzed and illusion-ridden grandfather. It has a happy surprise ending, just like the stories of O. Henry.

But that sort of thing isn't Mr.

'Let's see you dance.'
 'I can't dance.'
 'Sing,' said the agent. 'Stop sing-
 ing,' added the agent, hastily.
 'You go away and have a nice
 cup of hot tea,' said the agent,
 soothingly, 'and you'll be as right
 as anything in the morning.'

Yes, there are passages like that, a few of them. But I still think that the majority of the stories were written when Mr. Wode-house was getting his start. They are not so good, and I hate to have to admit it.

My coffee this morning was cold, and the ensaimadas were stale. Maybe that's the trouble.

P. S. One of the books which few Wodehouse fans seem to have read, and which contains some of the best things he has written, is «Louder and Funnier,» also in the Tauchnitz edition. They are es-says, and they are—priceless, even if you can get the book for a paltry 5.50 pesetas.

ADELPHI

The Adelphi Magazine for May (1.60 ptas.) contains an article on his trip to the United States by J. Middleton Murry, and a short story by Joan Wodehouse, excell-ently written, the scene of which is the Alhambra in Granada. Miss Wodehouse is the step-daughter of P. G. Wodehouse and a good writ-er in her own name.

BY HOOK OR BY CROOK

I had intended to continue this week my disquisition on Spanish words in the English language; whereby I should have been led to speak, not indeed of shoes and ships and sealing-wax, but of anchovies and angostura and apric-ots, of binnacles, bodegas and bombs, of calentures, contraband and cotton. But wiser counsels prevailed.

My theme today is geography, which, to reverse the illuminating statement of the penetrating Mr. Clerihew, is not the same as bio-graphy. As that poet points out

*Geography is about maps,
 But biography is about chaps.*

Names in press messages, as all members of the Fourth Estate and their friends are aware, are apt to suffer a good deal of distortion in transmission. The writer putting them into printable form often needs to exercise much ingenuity and use all his knowledge in order to determine who has done what, and especially where.

Not always is he successful. On-ce in a while there occur «how-lers», from which—tell it not in Gath—the pages of this otherwise unsullied journal have not always been entirely free.

There should, in fact, be some sort of prize or annual trophy for that sort of thing. If prizes are awarded to monster cauliflowers, bonny bouncing babies and fat oxen, why should not the perpet-ration of bigger and better blun-ders be recognised with some sui-table reward, such as the Silver Carrot or the Gilded Cokernut?

Perhaps such a trophy does exist, and I am just missing my chances. If so, it has changed hands during the course of the week, and the new holder is none other than our esteemed Palma contemporary, *La Ultima Hora*.

Hitherto the trophy, or at least the local title, had been held by the Palma daily paper which re-ported last year's yacht races for the America's Cup as taking place off the Island of Rhodes. For it was the same paper, if memory serves, which reported M. Venise-los as fleeing from Crete to Rhode Island on the collapse of the Greek revolution.

Last week, however, Señor Pom-bo, a young Spanish aviator, set out to fly from Spain to Mexico in a light aeroplane. His route lay down the West coast of Africa, across the Atlantic at its narrow-est point from Dakar to Natal (the Brazilian Natal, not the South African one), and then northwards.

I had followed his progress from Seville to Ifni, Cape Juby and Vi-lla Cisneros, and by Port Etienne to Bathurst. I opened *La Ultima Hora* and found yet another mes-sage announcing his arrival and impending departure for Natal. It was dated from Bucarest.

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HOTELS

ON THE ISLAND

By The Wayfarer

(Continued from page 1)

ESTAMINET:—

Lena's famous Bar was not hit by a shell, appearances to the contrary notwithstanding. Seen from the front, the back room looks exactly as if it was part of a war-time *estaminet* from which the enemy had just retreated. War veterans have been seen and heard sighing gently as they gazed upon the scene from their wicker chairs. A minor mystery is how the work is being done without the workmen being seen. They never seem to be there, yet the alterations are going forward. Also to be noted is the handsome new radio Lena has installed, which as well as giving forth sweet music can on occasion screech as loudly as the best of them.

SLIPS:—

Rear-Admiral Claude Cumberland's yacht *Fleur de Lys* has been hauled out and is now on the slips. As soon as work is completed, which may be any time during the next week or ten days, the Admiral and his party will be off on their cruise. Andraitx may be the first port of call, with any number of exotic-sounding harbours to be visited in the Aegean and other seas later on.

ARCHITECT:—

Mr. Arthur Middlehurst, the well known architect who maintains offices in Palma and Barcelona, was in town for a few days during the week. He left on Friday for Cádiz, whence he will go on to Tarifa, midway between Algeciras and Málaga. He has been commissioned to erect a villa there, which will be ready for occupancy in the autumn. Mr. Middlehurst is also

building a new hotel at Gibraltar, situated near the Rock Hotel.

LLANDAFF:—

Among the departures on the Llandaff Castle on Thursday were Mr. Olaf Barnett, the young painter, and his brother Percy. Olaf is bound for London, while Percy will take up the same tennis racket he put down last week after finishing play in the tennis tournament here for a little more play in Biarritz. In Gibraltar the brothers Barnett expect to meet another brother, which leaves two more of the clan unaccounted for. In other words, if any one of the Barnetts is asked in the words of the song «...are there any more at home like you?» he can answer «Yes, sir, four more.»

IN AND OUT:—

Lady Brentford, who has been living at Son Semola, Bonanova, left Palma during the week for London. At the end of the summer she expects to be back in her Island villa.

Following two years of residence here, Frau Bertiles Herz is leaving for Berlin and Hamburg early next week.

Back again on the Island is Mrs. P. G. Blaisy. She has been on a trip around the world, and is now resting at Puerto Andraitx.

Mrs. Millie Raffloer, who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Dora Raffloer, left on Friday on the Export liner for Genoa. From there she will go to Rome and Munich and her summer home at Berchtesgaden. Mrs. Raffloer was here six weeks.

IMPROVED:—

Major Roy Heard of Pollensa,

reported in these columns last Sunday to be on the road to recovery after his recent illness, has travelled further along that road during the past week, much to the gratification of his many friends. The friends are finding irksome the fact that the doctor has ordered a three-month period of complete rest for the Major, who is thus forced for the time being to cancel all social engagements.

CHAMPION:—

Don Carlos Mann, the Balearic swimming champion, arrived in Palma from Valencia on Tuesday, accompanied by M. C. M. Powilerviez. M. Powilerviez is the son of a well known shipowner of Nice who has made a name for himself in all-in wrestling.

Señor Mann, who before settling in Spain was a German water polo international, is now the holder of one Spanish swimming title and four Balearic records. He has come to Mallorca to rest, and intends to stay several weeks.

CONVICTS, PARTY:—

The report that the two convicts who escaped from the Depósito Municipal late in the week and got as far as Buñola before they were captured had escaped in order to try to attend Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jacobsen's studio party on Friday evening is not true. Among those who did attend, however, were Mr. Reginald Mappin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gavett, Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Claude Cumberland, Miss Nan Wooler and her sister and brother-in-law, Mrs. Ann Bowman-Burns, Mr. Frank Park, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rose, Mr. Rolf Memison, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Salisbury, Mrs. Alix Barrett, Miss Nita Dreiberger and Mrs. Pamela de Prizer.

LUNCHEONS:—

Good conversation and good food were the features of two lun-

cheon parties during the week, the first given by Mrs. Burt at her home «La Porrassa» for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brierly, Mr. Napper, Mr. Dean Paul and his sister Miss Brenda Dean Paul. The Pauls, who are the children of Sir Aubrey Dean Paul, have a house in Soller.

The second was given by Mrs. Doris Cameron at her «Casa Santa Rita» in the Puerta Santa Catalina. Her guests were the Reverend and Mrs. Faustmann, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rose, Mrs. Pamela de Prizer, Col. T. Fitzgerald, Don Lorenzo Roses and Señorita Isabel Roses. A feature of the occasion was Mrs. Cameron's hair, tinted recently to a shade of blue.

CONFESSIONS:—

It will be of interest to Roman Catholics to know that Father Estelrich hears confessions in English or French in the Cathedral every day at 5 p.m.

ENGINEERS:—

Fifty engineers from Madrid invaded Palma during the week and stayed four days. They were here to look over one of the several development projects now going on near Palma, and seemed interested and enthusiastic about what they saw.

OPENING:—

The opening of the Chalfont Terrace and Aquarium takes place next Sunday after the bullfight, when the manager promises a surprise to the many people who are expected to join in the drinks on the house, the sandwiches and the merriment on the Terrace. Details are lacking, but are promised in time for the next issue of The Post.

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der the presidency of M. Cremieux, the French delegate. Following an address by the Italian delegate, Signor Marinetti, on the present situation in Italian literature, the meeting was enlivened by an impassioned protest from the German delegate, Herr Ernst Toller, against the persecution of German men of letters and intellectuals in his own country.

It will be remembered that the Pen Club Congress held last year created a considerable stir by its censure of Nazi high-handedness against writers and artists on the grounds of non-Aryanism, and refused to allow Nazi delegates to attend future congresses of the international clubs.

A motion was passed for the continuation of the World Bureau for Translations and the expansion of its work, and the institution of an annual international literary prize the details of which were not determined at the meeting.

Among the fifteen prominent English writers who attended the Congress under the leadership of Mr. H. G. Wells was Mr. Frederick Chamberlin, who is well known in Palma as the author of the standard work on Mallorca and one of the best guide books.

Mr. Chamberlin will be the guide for the group of literary men who are coming to Palma. Knowing the Islands as well as he does, the group will be able to get a comprehensive idea of life here, under his guidance, and it is not too much to expect that there will shortly be more added to the large body of literature already written in praise of Mallorca.

SON BONET

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about 2 a.m., but did not think that anything unlawful was happening. It sounded to them like planks being loaded on to a lorry.

So far the investigations have not led to the discovery of the identity of the occupants of the green car. It is therefore still uncertain whether they were over-enthusiastic amateur aviators anxious to try their wings, enterprising smugglers, spies, or just plain burglars.

DRESS SHOW

Madeleine et Rina, the El Terreno firm of fashion purveyors, announce that they will hold a dress show at the Trocadero at 11 p.m. on Saturday, June 1.

The secrets to be disclosed on that occasion are secrets no longer to those members and guests of the Mallorca Lawn Tennis Club who were present at the «private view» which took place at the club on Friday. According to such information as has leaked out, the four models displayed between them some twenty-odd new and different styles of morning, afternoon and evening gowns and dresses, besides beach clothes and hats. Friday's show was a teatime affair, and there was also dancing.

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FEAT OF YOUNG AIRMAN

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ached the legal minimum age of eighteen. His other son, Teodosio, is a regular pilot of the Lineas Aereas Postales Españolas.

Juan Ignacio is making his long flight, with no other instruments than a compass, in a standard British-built Klemm Eagle monoplane with a 135 horsepower Gipsy engine. Certain alterations were necessary to make it capable of flying for twenty hours, as the light plane was originally built to carry only enough petrol and oil for six or seven hours.

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