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ON THE ISLAND

To the regret of his many friends here M. René Goubin, who has been French Consul in Palma, left on Saturday morning on the Marseilles boat to take over a post to which he has been promoted. M. Goubin has been appointed Consul-General for France in New Orleans, U.S.A. His successor here, M. René Flandin, arrived on Friday from Paris and went at once to the Consulate in Armadams to meet M. Goubin. A cocktail party was given aboard the Marseilles boat on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock in honor of M. Goubin, and to give his friends a last-minute opportunity to bid him farewell and bon voyage.

M. Goubin has been French Consul in Palma since October 1934. He was Chargé d'Affaires for France in Paraguay prior to his appointment here. Speaking excellent English, he was popular and well known in the English colony of Palma. To Spaniards and Mallorquins he was known and appreciated as an excellent friend of Mallorca, which he took every opportunity to praise in response to inquiries from his countrymen who thought of coming here. He frequently stated, both in official communications and in private conversation, that he believed there were excellent business opportunities in Mallorca, and that the Island had few rivals as a pleasant spot for those on holiday. Although he was French Consul in Mallorca during a comparatively short period, he had a very large circle of friends, all of whom are sorry to see him go at the same time that they welcome M. Flandin in his place.



M. René Goubin

CORRIDAS:—

Another of those popular amateur corridas for amateur bullfighting sponsored by Don Francisco Homs and Don Arnaldo Garau Marqués was held at Pollensa on Friday afternoon. No major casualties were suffered by the matadors, except possibly to their dignity. Among those on hand to lend encouragement with loud olés were Don Manuel Zayas, Mrs. Marguerite Hanson, Mrs. Lola Josephson, Sr. Alberto Morera and Sra. de Morera, Mrs. Seymour Burt and Mr. Samuel McGill.

ARRIVED:—

Among arrivals at the Hotel Victoria during the week were Mr. H. Checkley and the Hon. Mrs. Louvima Checkley. Mrs. Checkley is the daughter of Lord Knollys. Although they have been here only a few days, they are delighted with what they have seen and hope to remain for an indefinite stay—and a long one. Mr. Checkley, though a driver of experience who has raced at Brooklands and other famous motor tracks, looks askance at the right-hand driving rule of the Spanish road. Without doubt he will soon be accustomed to it, however, and should shortly be seen behind the wheel of his car on the Mallorquin highways.

TOUR:—

A party which was intended to celebrate the birthday of Miss Frances Dillon FitzGibbon almost turned out to be a Cook's Tour of Palma by night. Starting at Lena's, the party, which included Miss Faith Lawrence, Mrs. Phyllis Harvey, Capt. Christal, and Miss Valerie Gorska, as well as the fair object of the congratulations, proceeded to the Trocadero, then to the Fronton, and on to the Macareno, where Sir John Dunn joined in. By that time the hours were small, and a number of the dauntless celebrants went in search of food (and drink) before finally going home in the grey dawn.

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STORM DARKENS PALMA

MADRID 'PLANE DELAYED

CATALAN FLOOD

No deaths or personal injuries have been reported as consequences of the short, sharp thunderstorm which burst upon Palma a little before 7 p.m. on Thursday, but considerable inconvenience and interruption of the City's normal life resulted.

Torrential rain, mingled with some hail, flooded every street and flowed into the ground floors of many buildings. Cars were held up in many places, electric trams stopped, and the electric supply failed for about half an hour in Palma and its suburbs.

The usual throng that filled Lena's Bar when it was plunged into darkness found, when the lights came on again, that some three inches of water were lapping round the feet of the tables and bar stools. The resourceful Lena in person led her staff in a counter-attack on the invading element, which was completely successful, only traces of sawdust remaining on the dry floor less than half an hour later.

The high wind that accompanied the downpour brought down a number of trees and caused other damage. By 8 p.m. the sky was clear again, but the sharp drop in the temperature persisted.

The mail plane from Madrid failed to arrive in Palma on Thursday. The flight from Madrid to Valencia had been completed, but the departure for Palma was suspended owing to the bad atmospheric conditions prevailing over the sea.

Meanwhile the inhabitants of the Tarragona district of the Catalan mainland were struggling with floods caused by another heavy rainstorm, which caused the river Francolí to overflow and carry away two bridges. In that case also no personal injuries were reported, but there was much damage.

Warning of the approaching flood was received in Tarragona City from Montblanch at 9 a.m. The warning was relayed to all the riverside villages, while the authorities of the City and Province of Tarragona met to organise

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CABINET

DECREES AFFECT BALEARICS

Several decrees affecting the Balearics were passed at a meeting of the Cabinet held in Madrid on Thursday.

Not the least important, especially from the point of view of the traveller, is that which approves grants totalling 3,000,000 pesetas for public works, charged to the fund for relieving unemployment. Of that sum 40,000 pesetas are allotted to the Balearics and earmarked for building the first and second sections of the road to Alcudia.

Another order authorises the Minister of Communications to invite tenders for the installation of a wireless station in Menorca. The station is intended to provide direct communication between that island and Madrid.

Then there are two War Office orders, one of which concerns aviators. It creates certain forbidden zones, over which they must not fly, in the archipelago.

The order applies particularly to the fortifications of the naval base of Mahón. The other forbidden zones are all military areas of one kind or another.

The other order appoints Major Don Augusto Avilés Linares of the Army Supply Corps to command the supply unit in Palma, and Ma-

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CAPTAIN KANE IN PRISON

TRANSFER FROM HOTEL

PARDON'S COURSE

Captain Alexander W. Kane, the British sea-captain who was sentenced to two years and eleven months imprisonment in Palma on a charge of assaulting the police, was transferred from the Hotel Catalonia, where he had been staying under open arrest, to the Provincial Prison in the Calle de Capuchinos on Wednesday.

It is understood that the reason for the transfer is to expedite the process of obtaining a pardon, which was recommended by the Supreme Court in Madrid in confirming the sentence of the Tribunal de Urgencia in Palma. One of the documents that must accompany the applications is a certificate of good conduct from the Director of the prison, who cannot issue such a certificate for one who is not an inmate thereof.

The Supreme Court's decision, which was given on Monday, August 12, was received at the Audiencia in Palma on Wednesday morning and announced at 1 p.m. It was arranged that the transfer should take place at 2 p.m.

At the latter hour a lieutenant

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THE PRINCE OF WALES

Persistent rumours circulated in Palma during the weekend to the effect that the Prince of Wales was expected to arrive here at any moment. The Prince did not arrive.

Although H. M. Vice-Consulate had received no notice of an impending visit of His Highness, it was nevertheless stated in the local Spanish press that the Prince was aboard the Duke of Westminster's yacht Cutty Sark, and in all probability was heading for Mallorca.

Excited by the possibility of the Prince's arrival, one of the papers gave two of the supposed motives for his coming to the Island at this time.

The Prince was supposed to meet and confer with a high French official, who was expected to arrive by the mail boat on Fri-

day morning. According to the political expert of the Spanish journal, the questions likely to be discussed by the French official and the Prince were the Italo-Ethiopian conflict or the possible restoration of the monarchy in Greece. In the course of the article it was stated that the Duke of York was a possible candidate for the throne of Greece, and that he was the husband of Princess Marina. The Duke of Kent was nowhere mentioned.

A possible explanation of the rumours may be the arrival of a Briton who bears a strong resemblance to the Prince. The gentleman in question was interviewed by a representative of The Palma Post, who is violating no confidence in saying that he was definitely not the Prince of Wales in disguise or incognito.

PALMA'S FOREIGN COLONY PICTURED IN UNFAMILIAR FASHION

MIDNIGHT ORGIES IN BELLVER CASTLE RELATED BY WRITER

To see ourselves as others see us may not always be edifying, but never fails to be interesting. Palma's foreign colony, and its English-speaking section in particular, is offered an unusual view of itself in the mirror of an article published in the August 31 number of the Paris illustrated weekly *Voilà*, which is now available here.

The author, M. Jacques Armand-Prévoist, entitles his *reportage* «Les Nuits Chaudes de Palma.» He succeeds in giving the impression that the Mallorquin climate is perhaps a little cooler and less enervating than that of the Belgian Congo, while its foreign inhabitants combine all the vices with none of the virtues of the inhabitants of that tropical paradise.

The old tag about «The White Man's Grave» is irresistibly recalled by the pathetic case of «Billie M...», as recounted by M. Armand-Prévoist. This Englishman, the reader is assured, can lower a bottle of whisky without batting an eyelid when he is in Paris or London, but under the terrible Balearic sun two glasses render him incapable of taking any further interest in any phase of life.

In such circumstances it would hardly seem worth while going on the tiles, but it seems one lives on them. If not Mr. M..., at least Lady S..., Mrs. A..., the Baroness von V...—our author is not stingy with his initials and suspensive points.

The most noteworthy feature of the article, indeed, is the cleverly conveyed suggestion that the author could quote chapter and verse, name and number for all his assertions if he chose, but he does not choose. Which is very tantalising of him.

So many people would have been grateful had he deigned, for example, to give the name or address of that cabaret near the bullring, where we are assured that the dancer was really worth looking at, and then told how she danced.

«She turns... the skirt rises... Her legs seem to be two pistils of a rare flower of which the skirt is the corolla... And at a final chord she leans backward in such

a fashion that her dress, in a lascivious arabesque, boldly rises over her head, thus revealing her body completely nude!»

M. Armand-Prévoist's party at the show which thus excited his exclamatory punctuation consisted of «American and English women, Englishmen and some Spaniards.» They went on from there to Bellver Castle.

The orgy that took place in the circular patio of the central tower of the castle is described most effectively. But—again that annoying reticence—the author fails to mention just how, even if the watchman was asleep, they managed to get in.

To make up for the omission he includes a spicy story of a visit made by the Civil Guards to a supposedly unoccupied house in the Avenida 14 de Abril, «the chic street of El Terreno, the aristocratic quarter of Palma, where the most luxurious villas alternate with the most comfortable palaces to which stars on holiday descend.» And there is a story about a nocturnal meeting with a fisherman, or someone of the sort, which winds up thus:

«The same night I noticed four women belonging to the Anglo-American colony in Palma, who like she-wolves prowling round their males, have come to make love to men stronger and more muscular, no doubt, than those with whom they rub shoulders every day in the bars.»

«Wherever I found foreigners in Majorca,» declares the French writer, «I met with scenes like those described in Palma.» He concludes:

«Tomorrow, perhaps, Majorca will be nothing but a succession of bars to which a colony of sexless rich men will come to get drunk, while their women-folk will give themselves, while waiting to sell themselves, to anyone who wants them.»

This remarkable article is illustrated with a number of very striking photographs. Two at least of them were taken in Palma—a view of the City and one of Bellver Castle.

JUAN BELMONTE'S PASSING FAREWELL TOUR ABROAD

BACK TO FARM

Juan Belmonte, the idol of the bullring, has now definitely made his arrangements for his second and final retirement.

His last public appearance in Spain will be, as previously announced, in the Plaza de la Maestranza at Seville on September 29, Saint Michael's day, in the Corrida arranged as part of the celebrations of that festival. He intends also to take leave of the American bullfighting public by means of a farewell tour of the Republics where the Spanish spectacle is maintained.

Three fights in Maracay and Venezuela are provided for by a contract which is reported to represent a fabulous sum. There will be two more in Caracas, three in Mexico and three in Lima.

Belmonte will be back in Spain in the spring, when his son, Juanito Belmonte, will begin his career as a professional novillero, probably in Palma. Belmonte will go back to the estate which he bought on his first retirement from the ring, and busy himself with agricultural matters, including the breeding of fighting bulls.

The art of ritual bullslaying will thus lose one of the greatest personalities that ever graced its arenas, and one whose personal charm has won him vast popularity and genuine esteem even among those who have never seen, and never intend to see a corrida. Juan Belmonte will be remembered as much for his unflinching courtesy and generosity as for the suicidal courage and masterly technique that led him to create an entirely new style of bullfighting.

In his prime the rivalry between his admirers and those of his contemporary, Joselito, was the source of as much dissension in Spain as politics, and was even known to lead to bloodshed. On his return to the ring for one season which opened in Palma last year, he proved as great a draw as ever.

One critic talked then of «visiting the ruins of Belmonte.» But both the veteran aficionados and the youngsters who went to see their fathers' idol agreed that he could still thrill them.

POEM FOUND ON CELL WALL AT BELLVER

«Can any science be compared with the universal lore of poetry, which has no limits within which to enclose itself?»

That quotation from the author of «Don Quixote» appears in the first number of *Ideas Estéticas*, a new monthly «review of criticism and art», which has just been published in Palma. To show that they are quite impartial, the editors cancel out the assertion implied in Cervantes' rhetorical question with another quotation, from Benjamin Jarnès; «Prose, in the hands of the artist, is converted into an instrument of creation.»

Ideas Estéticas starts its career auspiciously with a «scoop», consisting of a hitherto unpublished poem by the nineteenth century poet Jovellanos. It was written on the wall of a cell in Bellver Castle when the poet was imprisoned there, and is a passionate protest against his incarceration.

In lighter vein is the *Canción del Beodo*, signed with the pseudonym *El Pobrecillo Hablador*. It is a clever and amusing parody of the *Canción del Pirata* of Espronceda, the Spanish Byron, the confession of an impenitent drunkard being substituted for that of Espronceda's pirate hero.

The rest is prose, except for a love poem by Don Gaspar Sabater, the Editor, who also contributes an article with the ambitious theme of the «Spiritual Origin of Literature». Don Jesús Quintana, Music Critic, deals at considerable length with the lack of opera in Spain, while Don Gabriel Ginard, who is the rest of the editorial staff, is represented by «Reflejos», which seems to be about the moon, or life, or possibly both.

Two established writers have lent the beginners their aid in as many encouraging articles, namely Don José María Tous y Maroto and Don F. Sureda Blanes, the latter writing in Mallorquin. Somewhere in the issue appears a lament that local writers are not greatly appreciated in Mallorca. *Ideas Estéticas* is evidently a determined attempt to remedy that defect.

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LOCAL TORERO INJURED

COLLARBONE BROKEN

CRITIC'S PRAISE

Jaime Pericás, the Palma torero, had his collar bone broken in a corrida at Utiel on Thursday in which his courage won much applause. The mishap forced him to miss his engagement in Madrid on Friday.

The local bullfighter has not yet fully established himself as a skillful and courageous performer in the estimation of the general public and the critics of the national paper *A. B. C.*, recently declared that Pericás and Rafaelillo constituted a pair that would make bullring empresarios rich. He now confirms that judgment in his account of their last appearance together in the Madrid ring.

«The twenty-odd thousand spectators of the Madrid plaza,» writes a critic, «were sold out six hours before the Pericás-Rafaelillo *matinée* began, the «no tickets» sign being put up at the bookstall offices at 11 a.m.... There was a tremendous feeling of expectation in the ring, which was occupied by all Madrid, from the Prime Minister, Señor Lerroux, to Juan Belmonte, who, wearing his spectacles to dodge his admirers as far as possible, was sitting in the contrabarrera seat.»

Señor Palacio and the crowd particularly liked the Palma torero's performance with his second steer, which he «really leaned on with the cloak, every pass followed by an ovation, for the bull was mesmerised by the *remolque* and completely dominated by the *espada*.» The faena is summarised thus; «Some testing passes, some naturals linked with a *despecho* pass, some molinetes, very clean and a halfway thrust in the *plaza* spot.»

«There followed a great ovation. Pericás twice made the round of the ring, and persistent requests for the granting of the ear. There were two or three 'curtains', which gave a pretext for hissing the torero and his assessor for not granting the spectators' wishes.»

The Mallorquin also won approval for his handling of his second animal. The third was «a grown bull» in size, and also «strong and difficult. Pericás could do more than despatch him as quickly as possible.»

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SWIM TO AFRICA FROM SPAIN

ESCAPE FROM SHARKS

«HYDROSPHERE»

Captain M. Flourens swam across the Strait of Gibraltar from Spain to Africa on Wednesday in seven hours, thirty-eight minutes.

Captain Flourens, who is French, is the first swimmer to achieve this feat. Indeed, there is some doubt whether even he can be taken in the strictest sense of the word «swimmer».

He used a «hydrosphere», an apparatus of his own invention, which consists of a hollow rubber bladder of the size of a football, with a handle attached to either side. With its aid the inventor had already crossed the English Channel.

Captain Flourens and the committee appointed to check his performance left Tangiers harbour at 4 a.m. in the steam launch *Alana*, the property of Señor *Alvaro*. They arrived at the Punta de Tarifa, the southernmost point of Spain and Europe, at 6 a.m. and at 6:30 the modern *Lelecter* took his hydrosphere and disappeared under the water.

He paddled strongly away from the Spanish shore, flanked on one side by the *Mañana* and on the other by a boat containing Señor *Alvaro* and two sailors, armed with rifles. Their mission was to protect the swimmer against the attacks of sharks.

Captain Flourens was not more than 200 metres from the shore when a shark took up the chase. A well aimed shot by Señor *Pelissier* removed that peril. Thereafter the boats kept close to the swimmer, and the guns came into play to disperse an interfering school of porpoises just before the African coast was sighted at 11:45 a.m.

At 1:30 p.m. Captain Flourens was only some 500 metres from the shore, battling with the current and a rising sea. He walked ashore at Benzon beach, where a considerable crowd had collected to witness his efforts, at 2:36 p.m.

The successful «hydrospherist» declared afterwards: «The crossing is really a very difficult one, and I do not believe that any swimmer can do it without the assistance of the hydrosphere. The currents in the Strait demand an enormous effort to overcome them, which makes the Strait of Gibraltar much more difficult than that of the Channel.»

Captain Flourens escaped providing the sharks with a meal thanks to his watchfulness and marksmanship, his escort, but he did not come off entirely unscathed. He was hit on the arm by a jellyfish.

GUNNERY TESTS NEW BATTERIES IN MENORCA

The Spanish destroyer *Alsedo*, commanded by Lieut.-Comdr. Don Vicente Agulló, arrived in Palma from Mahón, Ciudadela and Alcedia last Sunday, and remained in the harbour, berthed between the Muelle de la Comandancia and the second wharf, until Wednesday.

At Alcedia she had landed General Don Carlos Masquelet, Military Commander of the Balearics, his adjutant, Major Don Enrique Feliu, Lieut.-Col. García Ruiz and Major Lara, who had been to Mahón to witness the tests of the new long range coastal batteries recently installed in Menorca. General Masquelet stated that the results of the tests, which were held on Friday, September 6, were very satisfactory.

The firing was begun at 9:10 a.m. by the Favariix battery, each gun firing three shots at ranges of four, twenty-two and a half, and thirty-five and a half kilometres. The San Lorenzo battery repeated the performance, beginning at 12:15 and ending at 1:30 p.m.

The shooting of the 38.1 cm. Vickers guns was watched by representatives of their makers, as well as by General Masquelet and his party, General of Brigade Don Alvaro Fernández Burriel, who commands the Menorca garrisons, Admiral Díaz de Salas Salgado, commander of the Mahón naval base, and officers from the Coast Artillery School and the Fourth Coast Artillery Regiment. The Minister of War, Don José María Gil Robles, was unable to be present as he had hoped.

During the tests the *Alsedo* was on hand to warn off any craft that might venture too near the line of fire.

Señor Royo Villanova, Minister of Marine, informed press representatives in Madrid during the week that the National Defence Bill, which is concerned especially with the defence of the Balearics, was ready for discussion by the Cabinet. He intends to lay the measure before an early Cabinet meeting, after which it will be ready for debate in Cortes in October.

The first of the several annual instalments of the cost of making the archipelago impregnable will be included in the next budget estimates. The Minister added that efforts would be made to make Spain's naval defences both more efficient and more economical, and that the money budgeted for would be spent with Spanish firms to help improve the employment situation.

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WAR DANGER TO BALEARICS PROVED TO BE IMAGINARY

ISLANDS AND SPAIN DECLARED SAFE IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

The Balearic Islands are in no danger, even if the present international troubles lead to a war in the Mediterranean.

Such is the reasoned and weighty opinion of Don Armando Guerra, author of a series of informative special articles on Ethiopia and the Italo-Ethiopian wrangle, which have been appearing for some weeks in the Madrid evening paper *Ya*. In a recent article of the series Señor Guerra administers what he terms «a few drops of orangeflower water» to the strained nerves of those who fear complications for Spain.

First of all the writer clears out of the way a manifest absurdity. He points out, referring to a map that accompanies his article, that Ethiopia is a long way away from Spain, that it has no ports, and consequently has no navy. Ethiopia therefore cannot fight Italy in the Mediterranean, and «if the cannon thunders, it will thunder in Africa, very far from us.»

Having made that point clear to anyone who might not have been aware of it, Señor Guerra tackles the possibility of the conflict spreading outside Africa. Danger from this source has been the subject of much talk and has been very seriously mooted in sections of the Spanish press since the warclouds began to gather.

He takes it as proved that Britain stands behind the King of Kings in his dispute with the Duke, inspired either by Quixotic altruism or by Sancho Panza-like self-interest. That attitude, he concedes, might, if the worst happens, lead to war between Britain and Italy.

The special writer does not stop to weigh the possibilities of such a development. He is content, for the moment, to assume that it will happen, and also that France will be drawn into the fray, on one side or the other.

«Now we have the fire at the doors of our house!» exclaims Señor Guerra's hypothetical alarmist at this point. To which Señor Guerra replies, «Wait; not yet is Hannibal at the gates of Rome.»

To support this contention he refers to another map, this time of the Mediterranean. Each of the supposed contending parties, he points out, possesses naval bases on this sea.

Britain has Gibraltar, Malta and Cyprus. France, Toulon and Bizerta, near Tunis. Italy, Spezia on the Adriatic, Magdalena Island at the northern end of Sardinia, and Rhodes, not so very far from Cyprus.

What in the world, asks Señor Guerra in effect, would any one of those countries want the Balearics for? Or for that matter Cartagena or Ceuta, or any other Spanish port or naval base?

Their own bases are excellently equipped for coaling, repairing,

provisioning and supplying munitions to their ships. The Spanish harbours are not provided with means of furnishing fleets of anything like such a size.

Moreover, the conditions of war have changed considerably since English and French admirals fought for the possession of the Balearics, just as they have changed since the Great Wall of China and the medieval castles of Castile served a useful military purpose. Mahón harbour, for example, is still an excellent port of refuge from storms, but it offers no protection against aeroplanes.

Strategic necessity, Señor Guerra reminds his readers, led to the violation of Belgian neutrality in 1914, and likewise to that of Greek neutrality by the Allied Powers at a later stage in the Great War. In passing, it may be noted that considerable doubt exists as to whether the first of these violations would have taken place had German statesmen realised that they were courting the enmity not only of Belgium, but also of Great Britain.

«However little we amount to, we amount to something,» is Señor Guerra's reply to those who think that the Powers would regard Spain as a negligible foe. Apart from any question of armed reprisals, he draws attention to the fact that the aggressor would automatically deprive himself of Spain as a source of supplies.

The last European war represented a period of prosperity for Spain, which as a neutral country was in a position to trade with both sides and to earn high freights by carrying their goods in Spanish ships; which ran, certainly, the risk of being sunk or captured while carrying contraband of war. This valuable assistance would not be lightly thrown away by any belligerent.

The final spoonful of orangeflower sedative is applied by supposing that the most far-fetched supposition of the alarmists is fulfilled. The hypothesis is that Britain, getting round or breaking the treaties which oppose such a course, closes both the Strait of Gibraltar and the Suez Canal to Italian vessels, thus bottling them up in the Mediterranean and cutting off Italy from her East African colonies.

Even so, declares the expert, the tide of war would not sweep over this Isle of Calm. Italy would not try to force a westward passage to the Atlantic, for success would leave her as far from her objective as ever.

Supplies and reinforcements, could, it is true, reach the forces in Italian Somaliland, if they succeeded in doubling the Cape of Good Hope without being intercepted. But at the end of that long voyage the relieving vessels would be still cut off from Eritrea by

THE EXIGENT ALCUDIANS

MONEY'S WORTH DEMANDED

MAYOR'S ACTION

When the townsfolk of Alcedia pay out good money, they mean to get their money's worth or know the reason why.

This logical habit of mind caused a fairly considerable disturbance both during and after the novillada held there last Sunday. The facts of the matter are duly attested by a report received at the Gobierno Civil in Palma from the Civil Guards at Alcedia.

The third steer to enter the arena on Sunday was an incurable *manso*. The pacifistic attitude of the beast aroused the ire of the public, and the result was an outcry which obliged the president to order his removal from the ring.

The fourth novillo took his place, and came up to expectations. Still the crowd was not satisfied.

At the end of the corrida the protests were renewed. The president informed the protesters that the animal that had been withdrawn would be taken from the bullring to the slaughterhouse. This announcement apparently satisfied them, and everyone withdrew.

All was not yet over. A group of some twenty-five men took the offending beast out of the corral and drove him to the matadero. There they were joined by about 200 more, who shouted that the steer was their property.

They had paid over good legal coin of the Republic to see him fight, and he had refused to do so. Since they could not get value for their money in that way, they would convert him into joints, take him home and eat him.

The Civil Guards came, but could not persuade the exigent ones to leave the steer to the butchers. There seemed to be every prospect of a free fight.

So the Civil Guards held a consultation with the Mayor, and the Mayor made an announcement. He said that the meat would be distributed to the poor, and would everyone please go home.

The Alcedians object to parting with cash on false pretences, but they do not rob the poorbox. They went, and the distribution took place on Monday morning without any untoward incident.

another strait, the Bab-el-Mandeb, commanded by Aden on one side and British Somaliland on the other.

Italy therefore would concentrate her efforts on gaining command of the direct way to the Red Sea through the Suez Canal. The batteries of Gibraltar, and consequently those of Mahón, to say nothing of Porto Pi and Las Illetas, would remain silent except for salutes and target practice.

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LATEST WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

BARNSELY, Saturday

The deathroll of the North Gawber colliery disaster is now seven teen.

There were 160 workers in the pit when the explosion occurred, many of whom crawled out with their clothes smouldering. Thirty-eight men were entombed, twenty-six of them being released later, seven of whom were severely injured. The explosion was followed by a fire, and it is feared that those still below are dead.

The efforts to rescue them are continuing.

GENEVA, Saturday

All the space available for the press and public was crowded when M. Laval rose to make his anxiously awaited speech to the League of Nations Assembly here yesterday. The utterance, which was remarkable for its brevity and clarity, was interrupted again and again by the applause of the listening delegates.

M. Laval began by stipulating emphatically that France remains true to the League Covenant and cannot avoid the obligations therein undertaken. His unreserved approval of the League's principles, declared the French Prime

Minister, was the outcome of enthusiasm for its spirit and of sober reflection.

«It has happened,» he conceded, «that in Geneva one has experienced disappointments, but for all that the faith of France in the League of Nations has not grown weaker. The French delegation has done everything possible to strengthen the moral authority of the League.»

M. Laval appealed for the collaboration of all the countries represented in the Assembly in maintaining peace. He affirmed that any attack on the League would be an attack on world peace, and that France does not fear war, but hates it.

Referring to the Italo-Ethiopian conflict, M. Laval said:

«Our task will be hard, but I do not think it will be ineffective.»

The applause which had sounded right through the speech was redoubled when M. Laval left the tribune.

ADDIS ABBABA, Saturday

Sir Samuel Hoare's wireless speech from Geneva on Thursday night has caused the utmost satisfaction in Government circles here.

The Emperor himself declared himself content that Britain stands by the League of Nations. The Emperor expressed the conviction that with the support of the great powers he will be able to defend Ethiopian independence successfully, so that he is now less inclined than ever to make further concessions to Italy.

As part of the Ethiopian New Year's Day celebrations the Emperor gave a reception for the Diplomatic Corps, which was followed by a banquet for the army lead-

ers, members of the Government and church dignitaries. Simultaneously 4,500 soldiers and peasants feasted in the palace gardens, 240 oxen and 400 sheep being roasted over open fires for them.

CAIRO, Saturday

After several months negotiation the Governments of Egypt and the Belgian Congo have now reached a preliminary agreement to put into execution the project for building a great dam at the entrance of Lake Albert. The dam will enable a vast area of territory now barren to be put under cultivation when once the irrigation plant is installed.

The final negotiations to fix the amount of indemnification to be paid to the Belgian Government will take place at Brussels.

HARRISON, N. Y., Saturday

Mr. Fred Perry was married here to Miss Helen Vinson, the film star, at midnight by a justice of

the peace and with no public

SIMLA, Saturday

Government departments are considering the reconstruction of Quetta, the capital of British Baluchistan, which was destroyed by an earthquake. The estimated cost is £6,000,000, and work will commence next April.

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THE WAR SCARE

Palma is used to scares. There was the spy scare, and the dope scare, and now there is the war scare.

By this time the world is probably convinced that the foreign population of the Balearics is not devoted exclusively to espionage when not engaged in buying or selling illicit drugs. It would be unfortunate if prospective visitors should now be given the impression that by coming to Mallorca or to any other of the islands they are qualifying themselves for the unfortunate position of the neutral third party who finds himself between the brawlers when the dishes begin to fly.

On page three of this issue will be found a summary of an article recently published by a responsible and well informed national paper, in which the supposed danger to the Balearics in the case of war is exhaustively dealt with.

The author of that article assumes the worst. He takes it as certain, for the purpose of his argument, not only that Italy will go to war, but also that Great Britain and France will be involved in the conflict.

That there will be war in Africa is unfortunately highly probable, but it is not yet certain. And if there is, it is still possible to hope, with a show of reason, that neither of the neutral powers mentioned will be involved.

But, even while the Madrid writer makes those assumptions, he makes the reassuring statement that there is no reason whatever why Spain, and the Balearics in particular, need be affected in any way. And he supports that contention with reasons which seem to us unanswerable.

The scaremongers are therefore hereby referred to the article in question, as there is no space to touch on its arguments here. Suffice it to say that a clear and comprehensive study of the plain facts shows that there will be much worse places to be in than Palma when and if the shooting begins.

Out Of My Head

by HARRY GALLAND

Our personal attention-caller woke us up the other day in some excitement. He was so agitated in fact, that we awoke with a start, and scratched our nose against the keys of the typewriter as we took our head out of our arms and answered the summons. We were a little angry, for we don't like being awakened in the middle of a busy day.

«Master,» cried our p. a.-c. in his quaint broken English, «snap out of it. You can't sleep there all day. Look here, there's a job open, and you'd better do something about it. It's just the thing for you.»

We looked at the newspaper he held spread before us, and we read that there was indeed a job for a qualified man. In fact, a government job, and for someone with just our qualifications. The official gazette announced that a position was open in the government service at Punta Niva, Balears. And the position was that of lighthouse-keeper. Naturally we were interested at once.

In the first place, we thought as we reviewed the advantages, a lighthouse-keeper is never bothered with bill-collectors. We, on the other hand, are bothered by bill-collectors. That job is for us.

Then, lighthouse-keepers have little else to do but sleep. We are a past, present, and future master of the art of sleeping. We can sleep anywhere at any time, even on a rock, and if that rock has a lighthouse and the lighthouse has a bed in it, then the thing is as easy as rolling off a log. Easier.

It will probably be necessary to cook one's meals for oneself, but we are a good cook and even admit it. We can boil water as well as the next man, and we know exactly when water is boiling by a method of our own. If you stick your little finger into water which you are trying to boil and the skin comes off the finger, then that water is boiling. It is little bits of culinary knowledge of that sort that makes the world's best cooks.

Furthermore, the problem of what to do with the tea-leaves and the eggshells left over from breakfast is easily solved. One dumps 'em out of the window, and no irate pedestrian calls for the police forthwith. It is an ideal life.

There is only one fly in the ointment. We know of a lighthouse keeper who occupied himself with competitions for prizes, which he entered and kept in touch with by means of the newspapers he received once a month. He won the first prize in a big limerick contest, and he should have been a happy man in his lonely post out on the little rock. He wasn't, though, because the prize was an automobile.

TURNING THE PAGES

by Bibliófilo

BUTTERCUPS AND DAISIES, Furthermore, he was told that he would be expected to take up the cudgels in favour of the use of Oak, and he took his mission seriously.

Mr. Waterall was a chartered accountant and the head of a middle-class family. Living during the reign of Queen Victoria, the Wateralls led a life little different from thousands of other London middle-class people. Until, that is, they moved to the country.

Mr. Waterall saw an advertisement in the Daily Telegraph, and that started him off. It was a two-room wooden bungalow with a convertible lean-to shed he noticed offered for sale, and it was, as he said at once, what he had been looking for for years.

It would be a good thing for all of them, for little ten-year-old Phyllis, for the two boys, and

Furthermore, he was told that he would be expected to take up the cudgels in favour of the use of Oak, and he took his mission seriously.

Thus it happens that the unimportant question of the name to be used by and for the community became one of the most important fights of the neighbourhood, and the point about which much of the story is told. The book ends with a description of the meeting called by Mr. Waterall to adopt the new name and petition for a Post Office, a meeting which ended in a near riot.

According to the publishers, the adventures of Mr. Waterall and his family in their «little place in the country» provide endless opportunities for amusement. The absurd complications that ensue from the havoc raised by the Waterall boys among the neighbours are «im-



for Mrs. Waterall and himself. Mrs. Waterall agreed with him, as she always did in an effort to appease and please him, while she wiped her hands on her apron and agonizedly hoped he wouldn't be angry with her or the boys for some reason.

Ralph and Roger weren't asked for their opinions of the idea of living in the country. Mr. Waterall regarded his boys as necessary evils, and those twelve-year-old devils almost lived up to his idea of them. In a way they couldn't be blamed, for their father was not the most congenial of men with small boys and their sister Phyllis needed all their attention to keep her from being more insufferably affected than she already was.

So Mr. Waterall went off to Galton in Hants to look over the cottage, and came back a little bewildered, with the deed already in his pocket, and proud of his new status as country gentleman and landowner—the land consisting of a quarter of an acre.

In the course of time the family was installed at the cottage and their troubles and minor adventures began. They became acquainted with the neighbours, a varied and eccentric lot, and they learned the vicissitudes of country life.

When Mr. Waterall arrived at Oak Farm Estates, on which his place was situated, he was told that there was a movement on foot to name the community Oak, in place of the name then used, Oaktown.

bued with the spirit of true comedy.»

It all depends on your sense of humour. I would not put Mr. Compton Mackenzie (judging by this effort) in a class with Mr. P. G. Wodehouse or Mr. A. P. Herbert, and if I were asked or if I weren't I should think that «Buttercups and Daisies» was his first attempt at humour.

Nowhere is there a situation which calls forth loud laughter. Here and there a chuckle lurks, but unfortunately more often it is merely exasperation caused by the absurdity of laying on effects with a trowel which moves the reader.

Possibly the book was meant as a social satire. The characters are undoubtedly meant to be comic in their serious approach to ludicrous situations. Mr. Waterall may have had his living prototypes, but it is difficult to believe that the middle-class heads of families of the Victorian Age were quite such pompous asses. The less said of Mr. Compton Mackenzie's observation of the language of small boys the better.

With these strictures aside, however, «Buttercups and Daisies» is pleasant enough reading. It won't keep you up all night in suspense, but you may find yourself amused by it. It is not bad, and there are plenty of books published which are decidedly worse. You'll find it just the thing to read yourself to sleep with, or to give as a parting gift to a friend.

BY HOOK OR BY CROOK

*Mr. Chaucer
Drank his tea from a saucer.
This somewhat impaired the sales
Of his Canterbury Tales,
(Dogberry in the «News Chronicle».)*

My fellow-columnist's discovery will doubtless come as a shock to all ardent Chaucerians. But they will just have to grin and bear it, just as Mr. Homer's friends had to put up with his unfortunate habit of nodding.

Mr. Homer's nods didn't make much odds, but it was awful when Homer sank into a comer.

I mean to say, he was quite a nice old boy really, and even if he did doze off in the middle of a conversation, nobody would have minded if he hadn't snored. The Greeks could stand a lot, but when a fellow started snoring in hexameters... Yet Homer is believed to have died a natural death.

And shall it be said that you, gentle reader, are made of more vulnerable material than they? I trust not, for, the afternoon being what it is and lunch having been what it was, I can rise to nothing more elevated than the following shameful confession.

When airless is the night
and the mosquitoes blight
I often start to wright
to pass the time.

When everything is wet
with pouring, ceaseless swet,
I sometimes find I get
relief from rime.

When I can find no shelter
from that which makes me swelter,
my thoughts rush helter-skelter
from brain to nib,

and then I greatly wonder
why, in the name of thonder,
I should commit the blonder
at work to jib;

but now my wig I'm tearing—
I'm absolutely swearing—
it's really past all bearing
to have to write.

While typewriters are clicking
my shirt to me is sticking,
skeeters and things are pricking
that sting and bite;

yet now the din terrific
to me is quite pacific—
stings are a soporific
at ten to four.

This hour was made for slumber—
my limbs are useless lumber—
they serve but to encumber,
and soon I'll snore.

Now you know the worst. And if my humble name should prove less capable of supporting the shock of such revelations than those other names aforesaid, well, all I can say is...zzz...zzz...

El Gancho

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ON THE ISLAND

By *The Wayfarer*

(Continued from page 1)

ALMOST:—

Mr. Tom Jones, whose feat of building a small boat (technically known as a New Haven sharpie, according to the book) in his home is by now well known, almost took the vessel on a voyage to Palma-Nova last Sunday. Mrs. Jones was awaiting him there with his lunch, but Mr. Jones failed to sail triumphantly into the bay. The rudderpost had been bent. The trouble is being remedied, however, and all will soon be in readiness for another and more successful voyage.

RETURNED:—

Mrs. Pauline Leser returned to Palma from Formentor completely recovered from her recent illness. Looking herself again and quite fit, she has settled down to her usual round of activities. Capt. Wm. S. Dunn, we are sorry to report, is still on the sick list. Capt. Dunn has been living in Bonanova long enough to call him an old-established resident.

DUE:—

According to reports received by friends in Palma, Miss Edda Urbani is due back here early during the coming week. She will undoubtedly have an interesting tale to tell of recent experiences on the mainland.

FAMILY:—

Miss Molly Murless arrived from England with her mother on Monday and is staying at the Hotel Royal. She expects to be here two weeks, and with her mother is part of a family invasion of the Island. Her brother and sister-in-law were in Mallorca on their honeymoon and left only a week ago, travelling with Mr. Bennett. Miss Murless was introduced early in her stay to the mysteries of pelota, watching the games at the Fronton on Tuesday evening with Miss Dina Harris, Mrs. Joan Malcolm and Mrs. Pamela de Prizer.

HOLIDAY:—

Mr. Billy Martorell of the Trocadero returned on Wednesday from a holiday spent in Stockholm and the South of France, full of new ideas for entertaining

the pleasure-seekers who count the Trocadero one of the brighter spots in the night-life of Palma.

RASH:—

A rash of birthdays seems to have broken out among the foreign colonists. Those who didn't celebrate their birthdays last week seem to have hurried to make amends this week, and still more are in the offing. Of the many birthdays of which we have heard, the only one we remember (it was the last mentioned) as due is that of Mr. Norman Jacobsen. The old maestro will celebrate his umpteenth birthday on Sunday, and it is expected that the town will know something about it on Sunday night. We should like to get ahead of the large crowd which will offer congratulations by offering ours now (and many more of 'em!) and including all the rest in a collective Happy Birthday wish from The Palma Post.

BRIGHTEST:—

One of the brightest parties in weeks foregathered at the Macarena on Thursday night and—according to reports—made things hum. Among those present to help along the humming were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eston, Mr. Roland Hayes, Miss Peggy Lippe, Don Arnaldo Garau Martin and Capt. Chrystal.

LEAGUE:—

A veritable League of Nations foregathered on Tuesday night at the home of Mr. Koffler near Corp Mari to celebrate the birthday of Miss Tea Teekamp. Since Mr. Koffler's birthday was the following day, the party did double duty and lasted until a late hour. Ten nationalities were represented among the guests, who included Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hewett, Mrs. Diana, Mrs. C. H. Gurney, Mr. Stolzmann, Mme. Canaval, M. Panzani, Mrs. Schranz and her son, Mrs. Backstrand, Mr. Conny, Mr. and Mrs. Krumbach and Mr. J. Bascaneras.

FLOOD:—

Thursday night's storm caught at least one yachtsman unaware, although the vessel in question was not at sea. Mr. Henry Havelock-Clark was in Terreno when

the storm broke, and had left his boat with the hatches, ports and skylight wide open. When he returned the water was merrily lapping about in the cabin, and almost the only visible spot of dryness was Mr. Clark's dog, which somehow managed to keep out of the general wetness. Vigorous bailing and the morning sun soon put matters to rights in the cabin, and Mr. Clark is now as comfortable as ever.

VISIT:—

After an absence of two years Mrs. Joseph A. Kennedy returned to the Island during the week. Mr. Kennedy was formerly head of International Express in Palma, and with Mrs. Kennedy was a long-time resident. Staying with Mrs. Kennedy at the Hotel Mediterraneo are five of her friends from Ireland, Miss Frieda Wadsworth, Miss Zoe Robinson, Miss Dorothy O'Shea, Miss Kathleen Walker and Miss May Malloy. The entire party will shortly leave for a two weeks stay in Ibiza, following which the five friends will return to Ireland and Mrs. Kennedy will go back to her home in Sussex.

CRUISE:—

Aboard the Atlantis when that ship dropped anchor in Palma Bay on Thursday morning in the course of her cruise were Sir Thomas and Lady Robinson. Sir Thomas, who is a Past President of the Dublin Rotary Club and District Chairman for the Irish Free State, 1934-35, has already visited Palma several times accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George O'Connor, who is one of Dublin's foremost architects. Sir Thomas and Lady Robinson motored to Palma-Nova with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hewett during the day, and expressed their intention of coming back to Mallorca for a protracted stay as

soon as they possibly could. Also on the Atlantis and visitors to Palma for the day were Sir Montague and Lady Burton and their son and daughter and Brigadier-General F. E. Cannot.

VENICE:—

Mr. Charles S. Campbell, K.C., who with Mrs. Campbell has been staying at the Hotel Royal, gave two of his visitors during the week the impression that they were in Venice. It seems that Mr. Campbell is an ardent swimmer and an enthusiastic oarsman. Thus when it was time for his visitors to return to their hotel in Corp Mari on the Portassa inlet he rowed them back, and all that was lacking was the gondolier's voice lifted in a fulsome rendering of «O Solo Mio.» Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are leaving for London on September 18, but they aren't rowing home. The Llanstephen Castle is taking them.

ENGAGED:—

When Mrs. Wilson and her two daughters left for Italy the week before last all their friends knew that the elder daughter was shortly to marry an Italian officer in the Merchant Navy. Now the news has been received here that the younger Miss Wilson has become engaged to Mr. Robert Pimlott, an artist, and will be married at an indefinite date, probably after Miss Wilson and her mother have returned from Italy. Congratulations are thus again in order for the Wilson family, as well as for Mr. Robert Pimlott.

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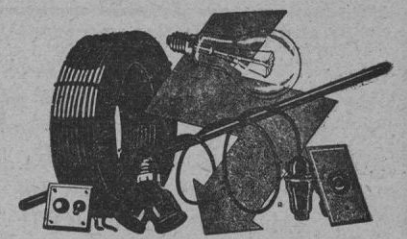
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STORM DARKENS PALMA

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emergency measures and workmen and rural guards set to work to strengthen the embankments and bridges.

The freshet, a wall of water three metres high, reached Tarragona at about 11:30 a.m., causing considerable alarm in the fishermen's quarter of Serallo, where the houses were cleared by order of the authorities. The river rose to the very edge of the embankment, but did not overflow it.

The flooding of the fishermen's homes and the tobacco factory was thus prevented. Other places threatened were the C.A.M.P.S.A. petrol storage depot and the shipyard of the Unión Naval de Levante.

The precautions taken and the alertness of the authorities are considered to have prevented a repetition of the flood disaster of 1930 in the same district, most of the unavoidable damage being agricultural. The entire hazel-nut crop of the Francoll valley, which had been gathered but not carted, was swept away by the current.

Such storms are not unusual in Spain at this time of the year, and Mallorca is not exempt. Thursday's downpour is being compared to the cloudburst of last year, which flooded out the Santa Catalina district and part of Son Alegre.

Another precedent was recalled by *El Dia* on Friday in its «Thirty Years Ago» section. It read:

«September 13, 1905. A heavy storm burst in the early hours of the morning, accompanied by thunder and lightning, after heavy rainfall.»

CABINET

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for Don Gabriel Martorell of the same corps to occupy the corresponding post at Mahón.

Another measure which is expected to be announced shortly is the inviting of tenders for improving the harbour of Mahón by removing the Isla de las Ratas (Rat Island). Two contracts are to be allotted, one for blowing up the island and the other for dredging away the remains.

The sum budgetted for the purpose is nearly a million and a half pesetas. The Menorquin deputies to Cortes have been working to speed up the project, and it is expected that the contracts will be awarded by the Dirección General de Puertos at the end of this month.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

The following item, culled from the files of *El Dia*, was published during the week in that Palma newspaper under the title of «Thirty Years Ago»:

September 12, 1905. — Mr. Norman Lockyer, who was in this City to observe the eclipse of the sun, publishes an article in the «Daily Mail» of London, ending with the following paragraph:

«And now that Palma has a first class hotel and the service with Barcelona is continuous, I do not doubt that many English people will soon find that these islands are a winter station much better than the Riviera with its treacherous North winds.»

PASSPORT

H. M. Vice-Consulate in Palma asks The Palma Post to announce that Miss Gladys Lennox was handed the passport of Miss Edith Brookhouse by error on the Barcelona boat on September 11. Miss Lennox is requested to return the passport to the Vice-Consulate at the earliest possible moment.

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CAPTAIN KANE IN PRISON

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and sergeant of the Guardia de Seguridad presented themselves at the Hotel Catalonia. Lieut.-Comdr. Alan Hillgarth, H. M. Vice-Consul in Palma, was already with the captain, who was in bed.

A medical certificate was presented as evidence that the prisoner should be removed to hospital rather than to prison. The lieutenant however pointed out that the certificate, not being signed by a court doctor, was not official and could not be accepted.

Captain Kane therefore left the hotel at 2:30 p.m., walking with the police officers and Mr. Seward of the British Vice-Consulate to a car which took them to the prison. There the captain was lodged in a special cell which serves as the prison infirmary, in which he was made as comfortable as possible.

SCHOOL OPENING

The director of the Allen-Rosselló School announces the opening of the school in the new location in Son Catleret, Avenida 14 de Abril, next to Los Pinos on Monday, September 16.

The School continues in the policy of being an international school for boys and girls. Captain Rosselló wishes to announce that he is opening a new department for very small children which will be under the able care of Mme. Maison who has had great experience in this type of work in England and Germany.

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