



SPAIN PLAYS

A frivolously inclined translator might be pardoned if he referred to the week now upon us as the "Last Days of Grease", for that is the literal meaning of most of the words used in various languages to refer to the week before Lent. Few foreigners have anything resembling these festivities in their own countries, and as a rule only those who have visited the much-advertised Mardi-Gras of New Orleans or the Carnival of Nice have any idea of what it is like. Even for those, the form of Carnival fun to be seen in Spain will be a new experience.

There are few places in Spain where Carnival can be better seen than in Madrid, Barcelona, and Palma. The two large cities, naturally, have many more and more elaborately decorated carriages and floats but the fundamentals remain the same. In all three the fun begins with balls, some of those being given as much as a month ahead. They increase in number and variety, until during the last week there is not an empty dance floor to be found anywhere. One wonders where so many dancers come from. Barcelona has three balls of especial interest. The first of these is given on the afternoon of "Fat Thursday", (this year February 28th). It is a costume ball for small children. Even babies in arms are dressed in elaborate costume, complete in every detail, of miniature peasants, bull-fighters, fairies, or clowns. Prizes are given according to a most novel system, first prizes in large numbers, second prizes even more numerous, many special prizes, and finally consolation prizes, consisting of gaily coloured small banners, so that there is not one of the small guests who has to go home empty handed. The ball ends just about nightfall and the streets are filled for hours with excited happy children staying up beyond the normal hour, to visit their friends and exhibit the costume which "won a prize".

Next in public interest comes the ball of Society with a big S, at the smart men's club called the Circo Ecuestre. This usually takes place on Saturday night, and the wealthy classes of Barcelona society dress in gipsy dresses of satin and lace, and beggar's rags of fine velvet. Even though there is this slight tendency to romanticize the parts taken, the show is a good one, and beautiful women and elegant men enjoy themselves among the flying confetti and serpentine in a more informal way than the rest of the year permits them.

Gayest of all, but in a different way, is the great

dance at the Liceo. It is usually difficult to find room in which to dance, for no matter who sponsors this ball, (this year it is the Press), it is "the thing" to be seen there, which brings such a crowd that seeing and being seen is about all one has room for. The costumes range from the gorgeous to the shoddy and soiled, and the fun has been known to do the same!

The heart of Carnival, though, is the *Rua*, the street parade of decorated vehicles. This takes place in the principal and broadest streets of each city. There is a reviewing stand at a strategic point, and improvised boxes line the pavements. Magnificent floats costing many thousands of pesetas to decorate are faintly disguised advertising schemes. Smaller ones are those of families or groups of friends who have clubbed together for the purpose. Camions with a few yards of red and yellow bunting draped around them are filled with riotous youngsters in Apache dress. Of all ages and classes may be these last. The costume is one that will not be hurt by the flying clouds of paper missiles, the cheap perfume lavishly squirted about by some maskers, the crowding and the inevitable dust. A few dignified open carriages are draped with brilliant and often valuable shawls. One thing is common to all, the immense sacks of confetti and piles of boxes filled with paper "snowballs".

Firing on all Fronts

The battle rages for hours, from afternoon to late evening, between the various carriages and floats, first, then between them and the watchers on the sidewalk. Dignified people from other lands go to look on, decide to try a box of snowballs, and end by coming home late, with a peck of confetti down their collars and a dozen new and intimate friends whose names they do not know. It is the same every year, but it is always a novelty. For the three afternoons of Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, no one tries to do any business except the confetti merchants. The whole nation plays, and its foreign guests play with it. These are hilarious days and it's best to take them as such.

We advise all who have never experienced Carnival to meet it with open minds and hearts. They will find it a very cheerful time. The world is not too happy in these days of crises, and it comes as a welcome relief to dedicate one of the first weeks of spring to light-hearted foolery. All hail to King Carnival!

REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S NEWS

The coroner's jury at the inquest into the death of the two daughters of Mr. Coert de Bois, American Consul-General at Naples, returned a verdict of suicide while of unsound mind. The tragedy occurred a week ago when the two girls engaged an air liner and started supposedly for Paris. While in the air both girls jumped to their death near Romford, Essex. The letters which the girls left behind them, addressed to their parents, revealed clearly the emotional strain under which they had been for some time. Jane, the younger daughter and apparently the stronger force of the two, had become infatuated with a British Flying Officer and was to have married him during the coming summer. The officer, John. A. C. Forbes, was killed in the recent air crash at Messina. Mr. du Bois left at once for London and testified at the inquest.

A Master Retires

All of sport-loving England is practically in a state of mourning. Jack Hobbs has now definitely retired from cricket. This retirement, long threatened and several times postponed, has at last become fact. Hobbs was the idol of all those who loved the game and while he will still play many innings with friends he will not be seen again in first class cricket. No more will he step out in Test matches to receive whole hearted applause from friend and foe alike. For thirty years he has been in the cricket limelight having started his career in 1905 with Tom Hayward. During this time he has scored more than 61,000 runs.

Trouble in Algiers

Recently there have been ominous disturbances in Algiers among the workers there. Two violent riots occurred during the week, one in Algiers itself and the other in Mostaganem, a coastal town between Algiers and Oran. In the latter place a savage mob attacked the town hall injuring the Mayor and several government officials. In Algiers 2,000 dock workers forced their way aboard a wine tanker and sacked it. The tanker, a new one, is loaded automatically and the men were infuriated at seeing this work taken away from them. The port is under heavy guard, and peace has been restored.

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In the second Court-martial Captain Henry Sawbridge commanding the *Renown* was found guilty and sentenced to be dismissed his ship. An unfortunate happening for a man who has spent his life in the Navy.

Sport

Ireland, in an excellent game, beat Scotland 12-5, in their match for the Rugby championship of the British Isles. The outstanding feature was the amazing stamina of the Irish, coupled with dash and speed. They are generally expected to win against the Welsh at Belfast on March 9th.... In their replayed game with Bolton Wanderers, Tottenham Hotspur was knocked out of the Cup.... At Paris, Humery beat Kid Berg on points after a 10 round match. It is generally thought that, owing to Kid Berg's excellent recovery towards the end of the match, the verdict should have been a draw. Humery has thus avenged his defeat at the hands of Berg at the Albert Hall on January 22nd.

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Meaning and Language

By George C. Bowden

Where Whitehead is architectural, Keyserling is fluid. He is an Amazonian stream of ideas and feelings gathering tribute from every watershed around him. It may be that this flux will lead to his absorption in the ocean to which all rivers wind their way. But it will be found that he has left broad tracks in the lands through which he has so generously flowed.

By a meticulous associative and dissociative — concrete and discrete — estimate of values, Whitehead founds, erects, and establishes an edifice of language, into which we must enter on his own terms if we would follow him. Keyserling breaks down the barriers to a common understanding with the solvent of an expansive humanism. His use of analogy amounts to illumination, and the phrase «Meaning and Language» takes on the quality of universal significance in his hands.

With little or no loss of value, the title of Whitehead's book «Process and Reality» might be paraphrased as «Language and Meaning». The difference in order will be noted, but while the methods and styles of the writers are as far removed as the poles of their thought, they arrive at no greatly dissimilar conclusions. Keyserling, however, would not order the phrase so. He is at too great pains to establish a true mental orientation; to present the thesis that *a priori* «Meaning creates the facts». It is of the first importance to him that the reader shall follow with him the process of creative activity, from life to manifestation.

Parenthetically it may be marked, that whereas for something over a generation there has been a tendency to avoid mention of the word God, the frankness with which He is again being acknowledged is in proportion to the authority and prestige of the writer. Perhaps the silence has been salutary. What, for instance, would our fathers make of this fragment of epistemology from «Process and Reality?» «Neither God, nor the World, reaches static completion. Both are in the grip of the ultimate metaphysical ground, the creative advance into novelty». It is a far cry from the Wailing Wall of Jerusalem, and the excessive *pathos* of the attitude of supplicatory prostration, to which there have been such differing reactions as those of Voltaire and Nietzsche, Charles Bradlaugh and Tom Paine.

Viewed objectively, we do, of course, appear to proceed simply from sense perception to interpretation; from language to meaning. We commonly think of language as conveying meaning to us, not realising that it can do so only to the degree in which we bring meaning or interpretation to it. So the symbols on this page may be as unintelligible to an Oriental, as his hieroglyphics may be non-sense to us.

It is, in fact, by an infinitely slow creative process — the process of fashioning something of the order of truth and beauty from seeming chaos — that we have come to be able to enter reciprocally into the minds and lives of others, by means of the multiplex use of the elements of language. And it is by an analogous process that Keyserling approaches the interpretation of the living world about us.

(to be concluded)

March Comes Roaring In

From all sides come stories of the havoc wrought by the recent gales. People arriving in Palma on the Union-Castle Liner, *Llandaff Castle* tell of five ships in distress in the Bay of Biscay. On Saturday night last there were eighteen separate S.O.S. calls from ships in the Atlantic. At least one of these, a freighter out of Glasgow, went down with all hands. The *Europa*, just an hour after hearing her call for help arrived on the spot and could find not a trace.

Here on the Island of Mallorca, telegraph lines are down, trees uprooted and many windows broken through the force of the wind which has blown with little respite for eight days. On Thursday night a Norwegian tramp steamer moored at the end of the mole was forced up on the rocks. Many heard her whistle blowing at three o'clock Friday morning. Small damage resulted.

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The Government of India Bill

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This Bill will now most certainly become law, subject to any minor alterations that may be made in Committee. Opinion is divided as to whether it will be a danger to the Indian Empire or a necessary further step towards that policy of Dominion democracy which is the special genius of the British Race. Those who distrust democracy, whether controlled or not, and believe in the great experiments now being tried in Russia, Germany, France, Italy and elsewhere based on a principal of denial of political and constitutional liberty will, without doubt, detest this Bill.

The Bill, based on prolonged investigations by Indians and Britons most conversant with Indian affairs, carries out their recommendations that the powers and responsibilities of the Provincial Governments must be widely extended, each under their respective Governor. The objections to the Bill arise from the further recommendation for a Federal Central Government which will do away with the present system of Diarchy in which the British authorities and the Indian Assembly and Council of State are jointly vested with powers of government.

For the first time, the Native States under Indian princes will co-operate with representatives of the Provincial Government to form a central governing body under a Governor General appointed by the King. In case of need the Governor General will have the power of applying certain safeguards in connection with defence, finance and other vital questions, until such time as the central Government will have acquired sufficient political experience to prevent any act of temporary folly which might prejudice India's new liberties.

It is not to be forgotten that the Princes rule over one third of the population and form a conservative and steadying force whose devotion to the Throne was so amply proved in the War.

Opponents of the Bill allege that the Princes have not lent their full support and are astride the fence but their declared views do not bear this out. They have said, that in principle they agree and will help to carry out its proposals so long as the Bill, when finally passed, does not carry any radical changes from its present proposals.

India's most vital problem is that of over-population. There is annually a tremendous increase in numbers with a corresponding decrease in food supply; a serious matter in a country where the standard of living is already too low. To remedy this condition would necessitate alteration in marriage laws, birth control, and other laws which would at once embroil the backers in a religious dispute and would almost be assured of failure, unless supported by an Indian Federation as opposed to a British Executive.

Another point which opponents of this proposed Bill make, is that Parliamentary bodies in India will never accept it as long as the above mentioned safeguards are included. To this, those who have had long administrative experience in India point out that the Indians are born negotiators and naturally are not going to accept at once, anything that they feel they might, by pressure, be swung more into their favour.

(To be continued)

H.G. Wells to visit Barcelona and Palma

Barcelona has been honoured by being selected by the P.E.N. as the site of their yearly meeting. This world-famous association, which has centres in nearly every country and whose object is to improve the friendly relations between nations by strengthening the bonds between writers of the world, has done an enormous amount of practical work for peace. Mr. H. G. Wells is the president of the London P.E.N. and as such is expected to head the members of the London group at Barcelona.

During their stay in Barcelona, which is fixed for about the middle of May, the London P.E.N. hopes to make an excursion to Mallorca.

New Visitors

Today there is a new ship in the harbour. This is the *Cordillera* of the Hamburg-America-North German Lloyd Lines, inaugurating the new service to the Far East. The four ships, *Cordillera*, *Scharnhorst*, *Potsdam*, and *Gneisenau*, so the agents here, Baquera, Kusche and Martin advise us, will call on both outward and homeward voyages at Palma, accepting passengers for Genoa, Naples, Port Said and the Far East as well as for Southampton, Rotterdam and Hamburg. These new ships of 18,000 tons will be the last word in regard to comfort and will carry both first and tourist class. They are capable of 22 knots and will cut the time from here to Southampton to three days, eight hours, connecting there with the Europa and Bremen, so bringing New York within nine days of Palma.

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TIVOLI—*El Hijo Perdido*, with Luis Trenker.
CAPITOL—Last showings of *La Dolorosa*.
CATALUÑA—*La Portera de la Fábrica*, doubled in Spanish.
ASTORIA and **AVENIDA**—*Crime in the Vanities*, in Spanish.
COLISEUM—*Kidnapped*, with Baby Leroy and Dorotea Wieck.
FEMINA—One of the new Spanish films made in Hollywood, *Married Lady Desires Husband*, with Catalina Barcena.
METROPOL—*Gold Lust*, in German.
PARIS—Reshowing of Spanish film, *La Traviesa Motinera*.
PUBLI—Cartoons, news and shorts, as usual.
ACTUALIDADES—Shorts, and of special interest the third part of *La Croisière Jaune*.
 Carnival processions and confetti battles in the Paseo de Gracia on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

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Music Halls—These are mainly situated in the Paralelo and are generally of a daring nature. The better class cabarets are the Stambul, Ba-ta-clan, Bombay, Hollywood. Some good Spanish dancing can often be seen at these places and also at the Excelsior in the Ramblas.

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About Barcelona

The Carnival Dance of the Anglo-American Dance Committee at Casa Llibre promised, at the time of going to press, to be the event of the season in the two colonies. It was hoped that more interesting costumes than ever before would make their appearance, and THE SPANISH TIMES is proud to have done its bit toward stimulating this activity by giving the prize for the most original costume worn there by a lady. In our next issue we shall have the pleasure of giving the names of the various prize-winners and describing the costumes worn by them.

Mrs. Newbery entertained at a large bridge tea on Saturday last.

Mr. John Guthridge gave a small dance for the younger members of the American and British colonies, at his home, on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Braddock was hostess to tea and dinner on Wednesday.

Mrs. Dillon was formally at home to her friends on Thursday afternoon, and a very large gathering enjoyed her hospitality.

One of the most delightful parties before the Anglo-American Dance was given by Mrs. Clarence Hughes, who served a buffet supper at her home in Tres Torres.

H. B. M. Consul Gerald Meade has been transferred from Barcelona to Savannah, Georgia. The transfer will not take place until late in the spring. Mrs. Meade, who is now visiting her son in Barcelona, will spend the months after his transfer with her elder son, who is stationed in Tangiers, and will then join Mr. Gerald Meade in Savannah.

Colonel Harmon that genial American is back with us again. He is at the Ritz.

The luncheon of the Rotary Club this week, given as usual at the Hotel Ritz, was enlivened by a most witty and interesting speech by one of the members, the distinguished poet Don José Maria de Sagarra. Señor Sagarra gave a brief sketch of the history of Rotary and its aims, and was much applauded.

The mother of Mrs. King, the wife of H. B. M. Consul-General at Barcelona, died last week after the Spanish Times had gone to press, thus making it impossible until now for us to tender our sympathy to Mrs. King and her sister, Mrs. Bella Pons, who is in Barcelona at present, having recently come down from London.

Mrs. C. L. Jones was at home to a few friends on Wednesday last, at her house in Tres Torres.

Doctor Antonini is in the Enfermeria Evangelica, seriously ill with anthrax. He is under the care of Doctor Henriquez.

Commander Groves, R.N. who is living with his family at the Hotel Continental, has been seriously ill with «flu,» but has now made a complete recovery.

At the Galerias Layetanas

Barcelona art lovers are having a treat this week, and until the ninth of March, in the exhibition at the Galerias Layetanas of twenty-seven works by Ramon Calsina, together with two very important works recently sold by them to a private purchaser. These two pictures being a Fortuny and the other a Sorolla. The comparison between the works of the two great painters, both of almost modern days, and that of the ultra-modern living one, is extremely interesting, and highly creditable to all to three. Calsina has only two or three of the humorous and fantastic works which one has learned to expect from him, in this present showing, but about half of the canvases are portraits, all, oddly enough, in much the same pose, which gives an unusual opportunity for differentiation in the other details, and the remainder are still-life for the most part, with more than a suggestion of the classic style.

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March 20—CHINDWIN, from Marseilles for Gibraltar and London.

Mar. 29—BURMA, from Liverpool and Gibraltar to Marseilles and the East.

Orient Line: Agents: Gabriel Mulet e Hijos, Avenida Antonio Maura, 62. Tel. 1717.

Mar. 7—ORONSAY from London and Gibraltar for Toulon, Naples and Australia.

Mar. 23—OTRANTO from Australia, Naples, Toulon, for Gibraltar and London.

April 6—ORFORD, from Australia, Naples, Toulon for Gibraltar and London.

Union-Castle Line: Agents: Agencia Schembri, Avenida Antonio Maura, 52. Tel. 1417.

Mar. 6—LLANDSTEPHAN CASTLE from East Africa and Marseilles for Gibraltar, Tangier and London.

Mar. 27—LLANGIBBY CASTLE, from London, Gibraltar and Tangier for Marseilles and East Africa.

American Export Lines: Agents: Agencia Schembri, Avenida Antonio Maura, 52. Tel. 1417.

March 8.—EXETER from Genoa and Marseilles for Malaga, Boston and New York.

March 15—EXOCHORDA, from New York and Gibraltar for Naples and Eastern Mediterranean.

March 22—EXCAMBION, from Genoa and Marseilles for Malaga, Boston and New York.

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German African Line: Agents: Baquera, Kusche y Martin S. A., Plaza Libertad (Borne). Tel. 1322.

Mar 3—USUMBARA from Genoa and Marseilles for Southampton and Hamburg.

March 11—NYASSA, from Southampton and Hamburg for Genoa, Port Said and Africa.

April 1—USARAMO, from Genoa and Marseilles for Southampton and Hamburg.

Hamburg America Line

March 3—CORDILLERA, for Barcelona, Marseilles Genoa and the East.

Cruise Ships:

March 20—HOMERIC, Cunard-White Star. From England on Mediterranean Cruise.

Mail Connections for U.S.A.

Sunday, March 3rd mail closes at the Palma postoffice at 1.30 p.m. for the OLYMPIC, Cherbourg due in New York March 12th.

Sunday 10 March. Mail closes at Palma Post Office at 1.30 pm., for the ILE DE FRANCE, Havre due at New York 19th March.

PALMA ATTRACTIONS

PRINCIPAL—UN CERTAIN MONSIEUR GRANT, Rosine Derain, Jean Murat, (French). Thursday: LA PRINCESA DE LAS CZARDAS. Martha Eggert, (German).

PROTECTORA—Re-opening 7th March, Revival of EXTASIS.

BORN—ESPIGAS DE ORO, Richard Arlen, Genevieve Tobin, (in Spanish). ALEGRIA ESTUDIANTIL. Thursday, UNA SEMANA DE FELICIDAD, Raquel Rodrigo, Tony D'Algi, (Spanish).

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RIALTO—WONDER BAR, Al Jolson, Kay Francis, (English). Mickey Mouse Thursday. **SORRELAND SON**, H. B. WARNER, (English).

MODERNO—FLOR MARCHITA, Paulette Goddard, Alice Field, (French). DE EVA PARA ACA, George O'Brien, Mary Brian, (Spanish). Monday. YO, TUY ELLA, Catalina Bárcena. Luis Alonso, (Spanish). Thursday. **CROZA**, Russian Film.

BALEAR—EL 96 DE CABALLERIA, Fernandel, Lucien Baroux, (French).

CINE PROTECTORA

Re-opens March 7th

EXTASIS

Overseas League

The British Association welcomed a crowded audience on Thursday at the Junior Club, for tea, and to hear Mr. Maxton Moore's Travel Talk, in connection with the Overseas League. After an introduction by Commander Hillgarth, the Lecturer took us, with the aid of a quantity of excellent lantern pictures, on an extended and illuminating tour from Venice to Greece, Egypt and Palestine,—to the Tombs of the Kings, the Wailing Wall at Jerusalem, and the glories of Luxor.

It was very remarkable to hear that the great tower on the huge Y.M.C.A. building outside the walls of Jerusalem, contains, perhaps, the most marvellous carillon in the world, so there is something to be said for modernity, after all.

The British Association will gladly answer inquiries, and enroll members at a small annual subscription of ten shillings, which includes a very worth-while magazine.

Tramways

Trams run to Cas Catalá from the Hotel Alhambra every 16 minutes, from 6.00 a.m. until 7.52 p.m. thereafter at 8.24, 8.56, 9.28 and 10.00 p.m. To Genoa, trams depart from Hotel Alhambra at: 6.10, 7.25, 8.35, 9.45, 11.00, 12.10, 1.25, 3.05, 4.15, 5.30, 6.45, 8.50. Lv. Genoa on return, 6.45, 8.00, 9.10, 10.20, 11.35, 12.50, 2.10, 3.40, 4.50, 6.00, 8.10, 9.20. On Sundays and fiestas every 40 minutes, 6.10, 6.50, 7.30, etc. last tram 8.10.

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OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brierly of Chicago have decided to make Mallorca their permanent home and have taken the charming house of Sr. Argeles, at Calle Dos de Mayo 10, Terreno.

Mrs. Anstice Webster and Mrs. Audrey Phillips left for England by the overland route last Tuesday. They were given a farewell party at the Paris Bar by a group of their friends who rallied round to bid them goodbye. Seen among the party were Mr. Michael Cumberlege, Miss S. Wagner, Mr. Frank Park, Mr. Sven Tisch and Miss Nan Wooler. Mrs. Phillips and her husband hope to return this summer, possibly to take a house in Cala Ratjada.

Mrs. Doris Cameron after quite a long illness was able to leave her home this week for the first time. Gradually the Island seems to be shaking off the near epidemic of colds and «flu» with which it has been visited lately.

Mrs. Dreiberg and her daughter Miss Nita Dreiberg have moved from the Hotel Catalonia to their new apartment in Terreno. A house warming is rumoured.

Mrs. Evan Freer is returning to England for a short holiday. She has promised herself, while there, the thrill of seeing the Grand National.

Mr. Stanley Mortimer is due back from America in May. Mr. Mortimer is owner of the yacht *Jolie Brise*, the alterations to which Michael Cumberlege has been overseeing this winter. The work is about completed and Mr. Cumberlege expresses himself as well pleased with the work turned out by the local ship yard. He and Mr. Mortimer may sail the ship to the Adriatic this summer.

Lady North and her daughter Miss Diana North are staying at the Hotel Mediterráneo. They are friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Salisbury of Genova.

Among the recent arrivals in Palma is Mrs. Isabel Black of Winnipeg, Canada. She is visiting her sister Miss Myrtle Hunt of 93 Son Armadams for a few weeks. Mrs. Black came over on the *Aquitania* on its first Mediterranean cruise, leaving the ship at Barcelona. She will pick it up again in Villafranche on its second cruise, continuing around the Mediterranean and thence to England before returning to Canada.

The many friends of Mrs. Cecil Aldin have been greatly grieved to learn that since her return to the Island she has been quite ill. She is still not well and so far has been able to do but a little of the work she had planned.

A letter from Mr. Allen Crollius reports his family as well and at least some of them homesick for Mallorca. Mr. Crollius has a position with the Sun Oil Co. in Philadelphia.

Some friends of ours recently changed houses. There were two wells on the place as there frequently are. To play safe they had the water tested in each. The report showed that both were pretty full of small organisms that shouldn't be there and which made the water dangerous to drink. Its an easy matter to remedy and its not a bad idea to have the water tested. Lots of people boil all their drinking water but this is not a sure safeguard unless it is done 100% with all dishwashing etc., done in the sterile water.

The *Oscar II* left on Monday last for Gibraltar, the first stop on her trip back home. The warship's visit here was one of the nicest Palma has had, and hope is universal that she may return some time. The Captain and Officers were charming and their hospitality could not have been greater. In accordance with all traditions of the sea, many were the hearts that were sad when they left. The ship itself while one of Sweden's older ones, was a model of Naval efficiency.

Captain Lagarde of the *Provident* is only waiting favorable winds and a cook to shove off for Gibraltar. His cook, a gentleman from Formentera, decided that the haul to America and back was a little too long for him and has left. Mr. Lagarde is looking for a man who understands his business to sign on in his place.

Notice to American Citizens

Consul Lynn W. Franklin, of the American Consulate General, Barcelona, expects to be at the Hotel Royal, Palma de Mallorca, for three days beginning March 7th. prepared to meet the needs of American citizens for official services customarily required of Consuls.

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At the Sporting Hotel at present are Mr. Cochtrel, Mrs. Banting, M. Clavel, Mme. Bonnet and Mrs. Robertson. We hear that some of the guests are already taking advantage of the Sporting's swimming pool which is so popular in the summertime.

We were almost right about the Leamans when last week we reported them as sailing on Friday. They finally got away yesterday, their ship being a day late in arriving here due to the heavy weather encountered. We hope that they are good sailors; anyone venturing to sea with the present gales blowing has our respect.

Senator Brown returned last week to the Island and has gone to the Hotel Ferrocarril in Soller.

On Tuesday Mrs. Edith Bielefeld arrived to spend a holiday with Major and Mrs. Lee aboard the *Foam*. Mrs. Bielefeld is a cousin of Mrs. Lee and comes from Freiburg, Baden. She has a beautiful voice and has had many contracts with companies of operetta throughout Germany. Mindful of Mrs. Lee's admonition not to bring too much in the way of baggage as space on the *Foam* is rather limited, she held herself down to two hat boxes, two suitcases, a shoe case and wardrobe trunk. Those that

have wondered what is hidden under the tarpaulin on the deck of the *Foam* can have a guess.

Mrs. Seymour Burt of La Porassa entertained quite a large luncheon party at her estate on Thursday.

Mrs. Bernard Mathews and her daughter Miss Pamela Mathews gave a tea on Tuesday at the Majorica Hotel, where they are stopping, for General and Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Scott and Sr. Romero who entertained the company with his pictures and anecdotes of bull fighting.

Mr. Street's Pension in Son Serra has large number of guests at present, among whom are: Mrs. and Miss Pemberton-Wooler of the Channel Islands, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Martin of Folkstone, Mr. K. Broome and Miss M. Broome from Northwood and Mrs. K. McClintock who lists herself as coming from Pollensa. Also Mr. G.B. Kettle of Uganda, Mrs. Stella Wood, Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Leitch, Mr. and Mrs. J. Crooks, Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Armstrong and their children, Dr. Agnes Benjamin and Miss Marshall, all of England. From Capetown is Mr. T. S. Bellas and from Soller come Mr. and Mrs. Miller and Miss Miller.

Mrs. Royce arrived on the *Excambion*, Friday and is staying at the Chalfont Guest House.

NOTICE

All those with claims against the estate of Richard R. Harter, deceased, will please present them as soon as possible at the office of:

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Departing shortly from Mallorca are: Mr. and Mrs. Russell and their family who have been staying at the Formentor, and Mrs. Erskine and Mrs. Burstall who leave on the 5th.

The recent high winds have played havoc with shipping schedules. The *Excambion* on Friday was forced to land her passengers at Alcudia and Captain Kuhne was unable to attend the cocktail party planned for him on the *Foam*... The *Amarapoor*, due Friday last came in yesterday and the *Llanstephan Castle*, slated for Wednesday may be twenty-four hours behind schedule. The *Llanstephan Castle* and the *Pegu* are booked to take away 140 passengers from here which will leave quite a vacuum in our social life.

The Tennis Club dance at the Principal was a pretty gay party with the foreign colony well represented. Among those who had boxes were; Mr. and Mrs. Noble Clay, who had with them Mr. and Mrs. Harold Davies, Sr. José Selles, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkens, Miss Lambert, Sr. and Sra. Pujol and Sr. and Sra. de Lacey and their daughters. In Mrs. Galt's box were, Miss Aileen Wall, Mrs. Gale, Mr. and Mrs. Cookson, Miss Forsyth, Capt. Thorn and Mr. Memmison. One of the most beautiful gowns of the evening was worn by Mrs. F. G. Short. It was a gorgeous dress, apparently Venetian, of mauve saille silk.

Colonel Gilson is up and about again after a severe attack of lumbago.

On Tuesday *Los Amigos de España* will hold their regular weekly meeting. There will be a special Carnival *the dansant* during which Miss Rosl Wagner will dance a serenata by Toscelli.

Mr. Hughes, the eminent British engineer has returned from Gibraltar.

Mrs. Anne Burns was a visitor in Sóller early in the week, where she went to spend a few days with friends. She reports Sóller as perfect and everything under control.



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Let's Talk about Books

By Lieut. Col. C.H. Gurney D.S.O.

Black Mischief by Evelyn Waugh.

It is not often that I find myself in entire accord with a publisher's blurb, but in this case there is not an unjustified phrase and it fulfills those counsels of perfection in advertising which Sir Charles Higham, Sir Herbert Morgan and others have nearly convinced me are actually carried out in practice for the public weal.

The book is a marvellous satire of the affairs of an imaginary island off the East Coast of Africa with its modern negro ruler and is one long chuckle from start to finish. Ingeniously worked into the delightful folly are rebellions, intrigues and murders, all of which add to the ridiculous joy of the story as a whole. Few writers have a defter touch when dealing with satire than Evelyn Waugh. It is a book to be highly recommended. His later book, *Decline and Fall* is, I hear, equally amusing and I have promised myself the pleasure of reviewing it shortly.

Cossack Girl (Albatross Edition) by Marina Yurlova.

This is a book of stark realism just the opposite of *Black Mischief*. It is the story of a Russian girl who fought throughout the War as a private soldier in a Cossack Regiment.

Certain aspects of the philosophy expressed in the book make it hard to believe that the book was written by a Russian but it is without doubt a true record of her experiences, which are amazing even for a country such as Russia. She was wounded three times, twice decorated with the Cross of St. George, the highest award for valour and after many adventures with the Red and White armies escaped via Vladivostok to Japan and so to the United States where she is now appearing on the stage.

During my trip to Russia and the Caucasus at the beginning of the War, I remember having her pointed out to me as one of the local heroes.

The local colour of the book is vivid but correct and brings back many very happy pre-Revolutionary moments in Tiflis and Baku and the surrounding country and even after all these years comes back to me that wild gipsy music of the Caucasus. Music heard in club, cafe, or camp, that has an unearthly power of rousing one to action whether it be affection or murder and helps one to understand the magnitude of this young girl's adventures.

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Society of Arts

This afternoon at the Junior Club the Majorca Society of Arts is offering a most interesting programme.

Count Kessler, eminent diplomat, author and lecturer will discuss the question, «Is Freedom Doomed?» A debate is invited following the lecture. It is hoped that Sr. Vidal Quadras will be Chairman at the meeting. A musical programme is being arranged for the coming week.

Toll of Revolt in Spain

An account in book form has been published by the Spanish Government of the revolutionary movement last October. It is intended to have it translated and distributed abroad.

The following figures give some idea of the seriousness of the uprising:—

Total killed	1,335
Total wounded	2,951
Buildings set on fire or dynamited:—	
Public buildings	63
Churches	58
Private buildings	730

Factories, bridges, railways and roads were also destroyed. Robberies and pillage account for about 1,100,000 sterling of which about 380,000 sterling was stolen from the branch of the Bank of Spain at Oviedo.

It is hoped that the publication of this official and illustrated account will serve to counter the campaign being waged by the communists abroad, to the effect that the Spanish Government ordered brutal repression and the torture of prisoners.

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S. P. C. A.

The local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals which goes under a long and tricky Spanish name, recently held their annual general meeting when there were new officers elected for the coming year.

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