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SPAIN RESURGENT

Country, Once an Example of How the Mighty Fall,
is Now Rising Again to an Influential Place in the World

LIFE in Spain for the permanent resident or for the casual visitor takes on an increasing interest by watching the gradual resurgence of this country into the ranks of important European powers. Slowly but none the less surely the nation is resuming a position from which it sank centuries ago.

During all this intervening time, Spain has been held up to the rest of the world as the horrible example of great power which has degenerated. From the mightiest nation on earth she descended to the third-rate class, and why? Dozens of explanations were offered, designed to fit the moral the explainer wished to point.

Marked Progress

But while the moralists were elaborating their theses, Spain has unostentatiously risen in the world's scale. We no longer hear much about a third-rate country. A power of the second rank is now the talk, and more respect is paid in international gatherings than for generations past to the views of Madrid.

Perhaps even more symptomatic of the change is the importance of Spain in other than political fields. Spanish literature, art and music, Spanish architecture, Spanish philosophy and scholarship are perhaps second to none. Spain's importance in the business world is rapidly increasing, and if she lags anywhere it is most pronounced in the world of science, and even this is rapidly improving.

The causes of the rise of Spain are to be found in the conditions of a post-war world. Touched less than the combatants by the devastation, the country was able to exert her energies to some purpose. These years have witnessed the modernization of the land, and in little more than a decade the people have come abreast of modern thought.

In a civilization exhausted by war, armed force counted for less than usual. This was fortunate, for Spain is not, and in the predictable future cannot be, a great military power. In a period of peace, it is the peaceful arts that count, and this country was given an opportunity of showing her progress in this respect.

She developed so rapidly that, although almost completely ignored during the organization of the League of Nations, for example, her spokesmen are now nearly as influential as those of the great powers. In large part this is due to the eloquence and abilities of Don Salvador de Madariaga, one of the foremost diplomats living, who has represented his Government in Paris and heads the Spanish delegation at Geneva.

Not long ago anyone who expressed Spain's aspiration to share in the government of the world would have been considered an amusing visionary. But when Sr. de Madariaga declared that such participation was Spain's duty, it was deemed an obviously reasonable statement.

Governmental Recognition

Furthermore, the Government is not slow to recognize the value of such work the Ambassador does. The Council of Ministers voted to bestow upon him the ribbon of the new Order of the Republic, and he was the first diplomat to be so honoured.

Industrially, it is obvious, Spain has further to travel than in international politics or cultural pursuits. But she is aware of that fact, and the growth of Barcelona is a plain indication of what can be expected in the future. Technical skill and organizing ability are generally lacking, perhaps, but the Spaniard is learning from his neighbours.

Leadership

It may be true that this country has neither the resources nor the size to play an important role economically. But there is nothing to prevent her from assuming, as she seems to have been doing of late years, the leadership of all Spanish speaking nations. When that time comes, we may expect to see Spain the head of a federation as powerful as her lost empire and more permanent.

Men who have lived for many years in the land are never tired of describing how times have changed since they were young and first visited this still slumbering nation. Of course, all the other countries have changed a good deal, too, but in proportion Spain has kept up with them.

Her education system, then almost exclusively in the hands of a church which did not aim at practical learning, has been organized on more secular and progressive lines.

The spirit of the people, once offering a passive resistance to all innovations, is now extremely receptive. The majority of Spaniards are no longer afraid or indifferent or even scornful in the face of modernism.

The government has appropriated millions of pesetas for the building of modern schools throughout the provinces, and there are now laws enforcing the attendance at school of all children under fourteen years of age.

The attendance at colleges has increased considerably, and the intellectual standard throughout Spain is now definitely higher than it was fifty years ago.

Spain is once again coming into her own.

PROPERTY IN THE BALEARIC ISLANDS New Law Proposed

A proposal has been presented by the Minister for War to the Spanish Cortes which is of importance to the owners of property or land in the Balearic Islands. For land in the country such as a foreigner would ordinarily care to acquire there is no change.

The proposed law is to the effect that all foreigners who buy land in any of the Islands, or propose to build on land already in their possession, must first obtain the permission of the Minister of War, presenting together with a plan and sketch of the proposed building, or land, to the local Military authorities.

This regulation only refers to districts which do not form part of any town or village, as well as to those who propose to become landowners in these islands.

It is hardly to be wondered that, under the present conditions of international unrest, the Spanish Government should wish to be certain that foreigners who purchase land do so with the idea of building a peaceful domicile for themselves, and it is not expected that the proposed regulation will prevent any bonafide applicant from obtaining the necessary permit.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

In the recent fighting in Abyssinia it is interesting to note that, despite the use by the Italians of airplanes, tanks, artillery and machine-guns, the Ethiopians, using spears, swords, knives and pistols, are more than holding their own.

First War Correspondent Dies

William C. Barber, correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune*, gave up his life in order to cover, to the best of his ability, the happenings in Ethiopia. He was the only newspaper man to venture into the Ogaden district, and upon his return wrote in one of his stories that the whites who ventured into that burning territory would die of malaria. His own death came as a result of blackwater-fever contracted on this trip.

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dollars to anyone who could find a clover with eight leaves and was forced to award the prize to himself as he recently discovered a patch of them. When he is not hunting the elusive clover he is a chiropractor.

Infantile Paralysis Cure

Dr. E.C. Rosenow, of the Mayo Foundation of the University of Minnesota, announced last Sunday to the Kentucky Medical Association the de-

velopment of a serum for the treatment of infantile paralysis, after nineteen years of experimentation. He described it as «positively effective.»

Correct Premonition

William H. Steel, vice-president of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, cancelled his reservation on the ill-fated airliner which crashed on a hilltop at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on its way to New York, killing twelve persons, because of his wife's premonition of disaster.

Wedding-bells in Italy

Ex-Infanta Eulalia of Bourbon, aunt of former King Alfonso of Spain, left Paris Sunday night bearing some of the world's costliest gems and other royal treasures to Rome for the wedding of her great-nephew, the ex-Infante Don Juan, Prince of the Asturias, with his cousin, Princess Maria Mercedes of Bourbon-Sicily, which is being celebrated to-day. The ex-Infanta Eulalia's gift to the bridegroom is a priceless collection of miniatures of former kings and queens of Spain. The magnificence of the wedding has been considerably toned down owing to the Italo-Ethiopian war.

Journalists' Dream Headline Approached

The old story of «when a man bites a dog, that is news» almost came true last week near Panama City, when the police arrested Cara Jasala, 50, des-

cribed as a man-eating Indian. Unable to get his desired supply of human flesh, the aborigine is alleged to have dug up graves, being driven away, usually, by natives. Although his hands were manacled, Jasala attempted to bite persons visiting the Boca jail.

Loss to Art

The world's most famous silversmith, Georg Jensen, has died at Copenhagen at the age of 69. His art was particularly appreciated in England and America, and at his death he was employing more than a hundred assistants. He originated a new school of silversmiths, and was considered by some critics the greatest designer of silver since Paul de Lamerie in the eighteenth century.

«L'Atlantique» Result

The Bordeaux magisterial inquiry into the burning of the French liner *L'Atlantique* came to an end Monday, when M. d'Uhalt, the magistrate, gave his decision that the causes of the outbreak could not be determined.

Russian Romances

It is not going to be so easy after this to become divorced in Russia. Formerly if one member of the happy family decided to leave the other he had but to send a postal card and simply say «It's all off.» No longer may they do this. Now they must go to the Commissariat of Home Affairs and arrange for an official notice to go to the other party notifying them that they are free to try again.

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BARCELONA SOCIAL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Norman King returned to Barcelona on Thursday, making the journey from England by sea.

Mrs. Daniel Braddock entertained at bridge yesterday afternoon, in honour of Mrs. Riley Deeble, who is leaving shortly for New York.

Mr. Ernest Witty returned from London a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Jones, and little «Padsheen,» have returned from their holiday in Ireland.

The engagement is announced between Miss Sylvia Gibbs and Mr. George Loveday, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loveday, until recently prominent members of the Anglo-American Colony in Barcelona.

The marriage of Miss Elsie (Eppie) Parsons, second daughter of Mr. Jack Parsons, to Mr. G. Rawlinson took place very quietly yesterday at the British Consulate, Barcelona. Only a few relatives and intimate friends were present at the ceremony.



Mrs. G. Rawlinson

Mrs. Rawlinson is very well known in Barcelona, amongst both Spanish and Anglo-American circles, as one of the best horsewomen in Spain, having taken part in many important championships. Hockey, too, is a favourite sport of hers, and it has been largely due to her efforts that this sport has recently been taken up by women in Spain. A very capable organizer and no mean actress, Mrs. Rawlinson has staged many plays in aid of charity with excellent success. We take great pleasure in wishing this very popular member of the Anglo-American colony much happiness in the future.

NOTICE

The British Consulate in Barcelona wishes to announce that until further order its offices will be open to the public on weekdays from 9 1/2 to 1 and from 4 to 5 1/2. On Saturdays the Consulate will be closed from 1 p. m.

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Their three children will remain at Mrs. Hall's School until their parents return.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Douglas Comeaux have taken the beautiful home, on Calle Platon, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, for a short period.

Mrs. Angier, who has been absent from Barcelona for some three months, returned yesterday from London.

Mrs. A. R. O'Neill left Barcelona on Thursday for a visit of several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Hope, in Marseilles.

Mrs. Alex Gardner has returned from a three months' trip to Scotland, accompanied by her young daughter Irene.

Mr. Sydney Nahon's beautiful pent-house up in the clouds above the Paseo de Gracia has been taken by Colonel Clifford Harmon.

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Mrs. Robinson, who left for America recently, has resigned for that reason from the Board of the *Enfermería Evangélica*. Mrs. George Saint Noble has also resigned, as she will be spending the winter in England. These two places will be taken respectively by Mrs. Allen, President of the American Women's Luncheon Club, and Mr. Lynn Franklin, of the American Consulate, both of whom will form part of the House Committee.

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Mr. Hawken left Barcelona on Tuesday last for Madrid, where he will join the staff of the British School in the Calle Hermosilla.

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A son was born on Tuesday morning, at the *Enfermería Evangélica*, to Mrs. Estelle Gagnon, wife of Mr. Gagnon of the Royal Bank of Canada.

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The American Club held its first luncheon of the season on Thursday, at the Ritz. The large attendance at the luncheon marked a promising beginning for the new term. On the same day the American Women's Committee resumed its monthly luncheons, meeting at Casa Llibre.

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Mme. Josephson, a former Barcelona resident, has returned here for the winter and has placed her daughter at the English School.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pomeroy, who resided for some time in Barcelona, are back on a visit.

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Mrs. Henderson Rider and her young son, Neil, arrived in Barcelona on Thursday after a holiday in England.



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GOLF

The Ryder Cup Contest ended in a thorough—almost Baer—defeat for Great Britain, who only succeeded in winning two out of the twelve games played. This is the most complete licking the Pilgrim Children have had, and they return as welcome as an Orphan, who has been using his step father's razor to whittle boats.

Why can't a winning side be picked? The Selectors get out a team of relatively youthful players and temper it with wisdom and experience, and down it goes! Admitting that the U. S. A. links present difficulties, the side did worse than even the most dismal pessimist predicted. Well, next year Great Britain will be playing at home, and it is piously hoped that she will be better led and will fight with more thrust and «guts,» to say nothing of the will to win.

POLO

The Hurlingham side has been suffering from lack of ponies. It is regrettable that the team shipped to get useful experience against the States was not better equipped in this respect. The pony is half the game, and the moderate lot the Britishers were riding put the Tourists at a disadvantage which they were unable to overcome.

The team made many friends during its trip, and in these days of wanton bickering in International Sport, it is worthy of chronicle that it will be individually and collectively welcomed again. Its gallant fight against the odds alluded to, and their good sportsmanship, left a very pleasant memory behind.

The matches in London next year will be a sight for the Gods.

BOXING

The International Boxing Union goes serenely on its way. Louis may knock the stuffing out of Baer, the World may shudder on the brink of War, «Estancos» may run out of «35 Canaries,» my duck may be off his food, and the Vicar's pigeons be out on the tiles what does the I. B. U. do..... They care for none of these things. Like Gallo they stage a

little private fight of their own, and now who is the World's Champion?

This individual control business brings the Game into the realm of comedy. Something must be done to avoid staging fights which are merely sham contests, and championship bouts which are not championships. There are good men who want a smack at Louis, and who are itching for Braddock—who will say them nay?

HOCKEY

Some good games have been witnessed in Barcelona so far, and though there are still «bellows to mend,» and a noticeable lack of training and absence of stick control, the teams are shaping very well.

Cataluña should do more than defend her provincial honours, and will be able to put a formidable side in the field this season.

The ladies are a little slow in getting under way—tardy returns from other fields of activity, and the delights of Autumn shopping and getting smaller fry packed off to school, being minor causes. It is to be hoped that some matches will be played at the end of this month, if sufficient players can be collected.

BADMINTON

This used to be considered as a rather «sissy» game, but we have modified our attitude, and it affords at least a chance of exercise and a little cheap fun.

There are several private courts in Barcelona and, it is rumoured, some hot stuff playing. Here is a splendid opportunity for someone to organise a Club in one of the vacant halls or cinemas. A small Committee is already working on the problem, and has scouted out suitable and central premises. Should anyone be interested, they are asked to communicate with the Sports Editor, marking their letter BADMINTON.

SHOOTING & FISHING

I have dealt before with the possibilities of these diversions, and refer to them again without apology, as I do a little poaching myself when occasion offers. Ferretting is illegal in Spain—one sighs for happy far-off days in Ireland, when even the scrambled eggs were poached.

Fishing is complicated by the squabble over the river pollution business and the difficulty of distance and «borrying» a boat, but one must do something. It is a pity that riding is so prohibitive here. The story of Barry Fitzgerald in Richard III (was it) would bear re-telling in this connection.

SPANISH FOOTBALL

The following International matches are scheduled for the season:

19th. January	Spain — Austria
23rd. February	Spain — Germany
26th. April	Switzerland — Spain
3rd. May	Checo — Spain

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LADY LEISURE

By Jane Schuyler

Barcelona Shops

Those of us who can't get to Paris or London as often as we should like to need not despair. If you know where to look, there are an infinite number of smart, small shops, and several smart large ones, too, right here in Barcelona. A tour of them is to be recommended, and in this rainy weather it isn't a bad idea to make the first stop at Furest's, where they are showing complete sets of oiled silk in gay colours. It is quite fun to trot around the streets in the rain if you have a raincoat, umbrella and overshoes in vivid red oiled silk, and know you look as *chic* as though the sun were shining with summer fervour.

After the rain, we can expect some cooler autumn days, and tweeds and leather seem to be indicated. Roca, always good for such sports and semi-sports clothes, has a white suède jacket to wear over a vivid red frock in a rough weave of lightweight wool, very simple in its lines, and with a little round white collar. The prices are reasonable, too. One of the small black or white hats in a form that suggests a *boina* gone sophisticated would be right to wear with this outfit, and there are half a dozen clever shops where this can be found. A tailored suit in grey or fawn tweed, also from Roca, can have a very pleasant addition in the form of one of the blouses or waistcoats in very supple suède leather, of which Furest has a large selection in many different colours. For the in-between days, when one feels chilly, rather than exactly cold, these are the very thing.

Juncá, the famous shop for really fine quality bags and purses, are preparing to open a second shop on the Paseo de Gracia, and some of the new stock will make you want to spend so much money on your purse itself that you will have none left to put in it. One or two of these purses have been made on frames designed by Cartier of Paris, and as Juncá has bought these designs outright, you can be sure you have something really *different*. There is a sternly gorgeous affair of black antelope, with a hand-made and hand-decorated frame in non-tarnishable gold-coloured metal,

fully worth the 275 pesetas they ask for it, and a simple, practical bag for daily use in flexible calfskin at one hundred pesetas less. It is interesting to see that almost all these new bags are large and convenient, and have secure fastenings and two handles, a distinct change from the underarm and envelope style that sometimes caused catastrophes.

The general tendencies to be noticed in most shops are a prevailing brownness of tone and a use of fabrics for unexpected things, such as shoes and gloves. Surfaces are usually dull, with bright touches of colour, or the subdued glitter of black *cire*, for ornaments and accessories. Luxuriant «New York», where one can get attractive frocks ready to wear, as well as hats and blouses and scarves, has a model in a soft blue-grey material, very light in weight, and uncrushable, which makes subtle use of its design of faint white stripes, in silk, slightly raised above the woollen surface. The only trimming is a bit of black *cire* at the waist, and a big black button or two. Only 150 pesetas, and all your friends will ask you the address of the shop where you got it. This same place uses fur on its cloth coats in a way that suggests the small fur shoulder-capes that the best furriers are displaying. Furs, too, are mostly brown this year, and the short-haired kind predominate.

One of the most amusing ideas in novelty gloves is shown, with variations, in several shops. This is a trimming on wide cuffs of rows of little round wooden balls. They might be not too comfortable to wear, but they are definitely entertaining to look at. A more practical idea in gloves, and immensely flattering to the wearer's arm, is an elbow-length white glacé glove with little stitched tucks that spiral closely around it. Roca, the jeweller, is showing a giddy little watch for a slim wrist. It is on a spring bracelet of red enamel, and you have to touch a spring to make two leaves of the enamel slide back and show you the distinctly-marked face of the watch. It is said to be a good timepiece, as well as a most modern-looking ornament.

BRIDGE

Double Dummy Problems are played with all the cards exposed, and it is not necessary to infer the position of cards. Hence, the result must be obtained against perfect defense. By perfect defense is meant any and all defenses that the adversaries may offer. A Bridge problem can have but one correct solution.

Questions should be addressed to Mr. Harris, of THE SPANISH NEWS AND MAJORCA SUN, enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope.

The correct solution of the following problem will be given in our next issue.

Problem No. 12

S-Q.
H-6, 5, 4, 3, 2.
D-K.
C-Q, 6.

NORTH
S-4. W E S-10.
H-10, 9. E A H-K, 7.
D-Q, J, 7, 5. S S D-9, 3.
C-8, 3. T T C-K, 10, 9, 4.

SOUTH
S-----
H-A, Q, J, 8.
D-----
C-A, J, 7, 5, 2.

Spades are trumps. South leads. Can you (South) take eight of the nine tricks against any defense?

Solution to Problem No. 11

South leads diamond 6, North trumps, and returns the club jack. East as best defense plays low, and South overtakes with the queen. South leads diamond king, which North trumps and follows with two heart tricks, South discarding clubs. North's king of spades is taken by West, who is forced to lead up to the good spade queen in South's hand.

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FEMINA—Crawford, Gable and Montgomery in *Cuando el Diablo Asoma*, an excellent picture doubled in Spanish from *Forsaking All Others*.
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MADRID SCENES

The Café

Outside, crowds pass by on their way to the Puerta del Sol, laughing and joking, for surely there can be no happier crowd than the Madrileños. Motorcars sound their horns in strident protest at the traffic lights. Trams clank past in monotonous procession. Lottery-ticket sellers and newsboys make full use of their penetrating voices to advertise their wares. And inside the café... But inside, we are in another world, a world, of ambition, rivalry, petty quarrels, wildest hopes, deepest despair. For this is but one of Madrid's many political-literary rendezvous.

Ten massive and ornately carved wooden pillars support the beamed ceiling, while the walls are decorated with a frieze of *azulejos*, at once striking and fascinating in its ugliness. It depicts a number of podgy, petulant children, fresh from the bath, who spend their lives in a vain attempt to climb unconvincing sprays of foliage. Perhaps these cherubs are eager for the cornucopias and Grecian vases into which the sprays of foliage develop in a wholly unexpected and illogical manner. Or perhaps... but this is a café of surmises and conjectures, and the problem of the climbing infants seems to be reflected by the weightier problems of the patrons.

The presiding genius is an aged white-haired waiter, whose name cannot be other than Cesario. He goes from table to table listening to the conversations, not infrequently making observations of his own, which are invariably listened to with the greatest respect. For Cesario has known several generations of politicians; has witnessed many changes in literary taste; has seen young authors gain undreamed-of success; has sympathized with others whose efforts have availed them nothing.

He nods to a woman who has just come in. She is flashily but cheaply dressed, her hair is of an unnatural golden colour, while the powder and rouge on her face only serve to show up her wrinkles. She is obviously well over fifty. For whom, we wonder, can she be waiting?

At the table next to ours is a group of six politicians, whose leader, a tall, bearded man, gives us the impression that he is sitting on a throne. «I tell you,» vociferates the bearded gentleman, whose face now seems vaguely familiar, «I tell you that this government cannot possibly last. Why, even a baby could see that!» He takes advantage of the dramatic pause that follows his statement, by spitting solemnly on the floor, carefully avoiding the spittoon that has evidently been placed there in anticipation. A storm of protest arises. Unfortunately his listeners all speak at once, so it is impossible to gather the reasons for their objections.

Cesario, who happens to be passing, smiles, and turns to two young men who are discussing prospective publishers. «So you are going to publish your first book?» he asks one of them. «Yes,» is the reply, «within the next month.» «I congratulate you! And who is going to publish it?» «Well,» falters the young man, «someone is bound to. Why, my book will cause a furore.» «Of course,» sympathizes Cesario, and moves on.

An elderly man now enters. His clothes, though carefully creased and pressed, are almost threadbare. His shoes are fashionable, but must cause him agony when he walks. He goes over to the table where the golden-haired woman is waiting, bows, and lifts her hand to his lips. Without waiting for an order, Cesario has brought them a *gaseosa* each.

The bearded man seems to have won his argument about the instability of the present government, for with a magnificent gesture he pays Cesario, and leaves the café, followed at a respectful distance by his satellites.

Time passes. The elderly couple have been holding hands. Can it be a belated romance, or have they always been lovers, and has adverse fortune prevented them from meeting till now? And now, perhaps, when it is almost too late, they are pretending to be young again, trying to recapture the joys that

were denied them. They are both poor, but poverty is no crime in Spain. The man is but a present-day example of the penniless *hidalgo* in «Lazarillo de Tormes.» They rise, and with that pride and dignity so typical of the Castilian, walk slowly out into the street. And we feel sure that Cesario has not accepted a tip from them.


Time passes, and as though awakening from a dream, we become aware of the strident horns of the taxis, the clanking of the trams, the shrill cries of the newspaper boys, and with a last enquiring glance at the enigmatical children on the wall, we too leave, and mingle with the laughing crowds on our way to the Puerta del Sol.

C. T. D.

Three Crowded Centuries

Spain is celebrating, this year of grace 1935, the three-hundredth anniversary of the death of Lope de Vega, founder of much literary tradition, and in the same year, on the other side of the Atlantic which Spain's mariners were the first deliberately to cross, two other tercentenary celebrations are taking place which record as potent influences on the political life of the world as was Lope's on the world of literature. These are the anniversaries of the founding of the states of Maryland and Connecticut. Maryland, actually settled in 1634, enjoys the distinction of being the first political entity in the world to proclaim the right of religious freedom to all its inhabitants.

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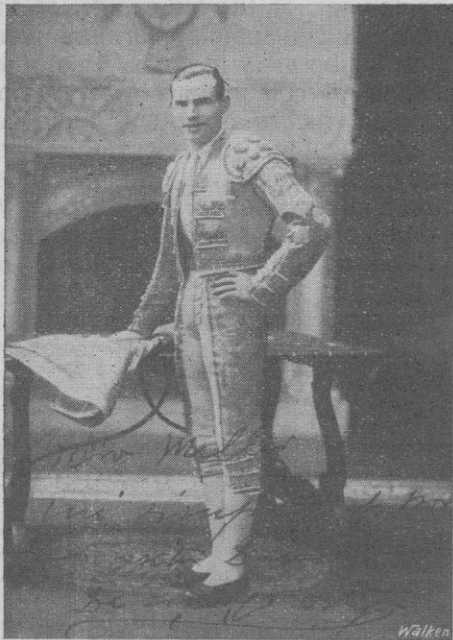
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Bull Fighting

We have had a great season in Barcelona where every effort has been made to keep the *Fiesta Brava* going. We might add that, after last year's wretched *corridos*, this was very welcome. The fights organized for the Merced Fiestas have been followed by an orgy of 10 bulls at the Monumental, where the spectacle of a *capitalista* emulating Mr. Abner Perriwinkle provided *divertissement* and a note of tragedy. 10 bulls in one afternoon—even with Simao de Veiga, that incomparable horseman and *rejoneador*—is too much for most people. The *toreros* have had a good year on the whole. The lamented accident to Domingo Ortega has deprived the *aficionados* of one of the bravest and best. We rejoice to hear of his recovery and trust that the Mexican season may prove a holiday for him and that he will live to fight another day.



Domingo Ortega, seriously wounded in a recent fight.

Bull-fighting will be the poorer by the retirement of Barrera, for whom many ears have been severed. *Toreros* no longer wear the natural *coleta*, but his departure from the realm of blood and sand is none the less something to be chronicled. A young man—he is only 26—he may try to stage a come-back *á la* Belmonte, but perhaps the latter might pass with El Gallo to the gallery of history. Meanwhile there are Joselito the younger, and others of the *Bienvenida* breed who are a mixture of Siegfried and Nijinski, and pure blooded gypsies to boot.

Viva la *Fiesta Brava!* and *música* for one.

London Letter

The atmosphere of war came upon us with a strange suddenness, and news of the first battle in Abyssinia was greeted with a thoughtful quiet, in strange contrast to the excitement which had prevailed when war was only a possibility of the near or distant future.

Special editions of the newspapers have been produced with a piquant frequency, from early morning until late at night, and most of them are purchased as soon as they are on the streets. It is no uncommon thing these days to make an evening pilgrimage to the West End to see what special editions of the newspapers have been produced during the evening and, if so, what startling news they contain.

Even Sunday is not without its quotas of special editions, newsboys running through the central and suburban streets shouting their unintelligible version of the news, a feature disturbingly reminiscent of Sundays during the war years. Last Sunday, special editions made their noisily excited appearance to announce the fall of Adowa. The volume of twopences spent to learn the fate of Abyssinia so far as the first real battle is concerned may be regarded as being in proportion to the amount of sympathy felt for Abyssinia. After all, it is not so long ago we knew ourselves what it meant to be bombed!

Everything is contributing to build up the war atmosphere. Those guarded little notes in newspapers referring, for instance, to the landing of 11,000 sailors and soldiers at Alexandria «for a parade;» newspaper posters which tell us of «Fierce Fighting,» «Hand-to-Hand Fighting,» «Two Thousand Casualties» and other electric messages of a more or less bellicose nature; queues of people waiting their turn to enter the news-cinemas where reels of Italian and Abyssinian war preparations are being shown, while the extent of English feeling in the matter is indicated by the boing and whistling that greet the showing of anything Italian and the applause that is given with enthusiasm to the Abyssinian scene as it flickers its way across the screen.

In the meantime, a strong guard has been thrown round the Italian Embassy in London as the result of a march on the Embassy by demonstrators who, having worked themselves into a state of oratorical fervour in Hyde Park, trans-

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lated words into action, against all the best principles of Hyde Park indignation. Their march did, however, reveal the fact that Signor Grandi, the Ambassador, has for a couple of weeks past used a back door for his entries and sorties. That, it is remarked, is foresight.

In London itself another, and this time purely domestic, war is developing. It is directed against the hordes of London's street musicians, many of whom make the day and the night ring with their efforts musical. In the «rush hours» direct competition is not unknown, and the result may be imagined when a drum and fife band meets a bagpipe band which, in its turn, is competing, with only a few yards between, with a barrel-organ and a street singer.

It is unfair to classify all street musicians as nuisances, as some of them are possessed of considerable talent, making their quarter-of-an-hour appearances a pleasant interlude in the day or evening. I have heard some who would put to shame many of the diploma-owning songsters of the B. B. C. and others whose appearances on the air are pretty terrible.

It is difficult to envisage a solution of the street music problem, unless policemen or magistrates are to be given discretionary powers to distinguish between the agreeable and the disagreeable. Or must a vote of residents be taken before a street singer may give a performance?

C. E. Head

Enfermería Evangélica

The Annual Statement of Accounts, corresponding to the year 1934, has just been published and circulated by the Hon. Treasurer of the *Enfermería Evangélica*. Subscriptions and donations are shown to have amounted to Ptas. 18,080 and 25,573, which is a pleasing result on the whole. In order to achieve these amounts, however, it has been necessary for the willing helpers of the Hospital to double their activity, and great credit is due to them. In spite of these generous donations, it must not be forgotten that the *Enfermería*, with its excellent staff and appointments, is in constant need of support to cover its heavy expenditures, and it is hoped that everybody will do his, or her, best to send everything they can spare to help on this excellent work, so ably carried out by the Matron and her hard-working staff. The *SPANISH NEWS AND MAJORCA SUN* will gladly forward any donations that may be deposited at their offices in Barcelona and Palma de Mallorca.

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PALMA

Señor Don Lorenzo Roses has returned from his tour in Italy and the south of France. He reports that everything is very quiet at the Lido, but that he ran into a sort of «old-home-week» in Marseilles, where he encountered Mr. and Mrs. T.P. Leaman, also Mr. and Mrs. Henderson-Caird, who had run over from Monte Carlo.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are back again, which is good news. They expect to remain on the island until April.

Mrs. Pamela de Prizer gave a gay dinner-party on Sunday at the Restaurant Parisienne. Her guests were Mrs. Doris Cameron, Mrs. Dina Harris and Colonel Riccard. Afterwards, some of the party went on to the Fronton, where gambling ran high as enthusiasts tried to beat the game.

Dr. and Mrs. Traut, of Puerto de Pollensa, were in Palma recently. After three years of great popularity in the puerto the Traut's have become familiar with every little stick and stone, and have decided a change of surroundings to be a good idea. They are thinking, if they can find the right surroundings, of making Palma their headquarters in the future.

Mrs. Rogers gave her friends a fleeting glimpse of herself for about four days, staying at the Villa Thea before once again leaving these shores.

Baron and Baroness von Behr have changed their minds about taking an apartment opposite the Victoria. They have settled upon one of those charming little houses near the Hotel Royal, and will move in from Pollensa at the end of this month.

Midnight to-night, at the Trocadero, will see an excellent and novel form of floor-show, when «Marise» will give an exhibition of physical culture. This ought to be something worth seeing.

Captain R.H. Checkley has left for a few days in London. On his return he will no doubt find Mrs. Checkley comfortably settled in their new house here.

Good news from two popular members of the foreign colony of about a year ago—Miss Sarah Howse, of England, is making arrangements so that she can surely return in the spring, and Miss Mary Coles will shortly pack up her paints and brushes, if the gods are kind, and leave New York for the peace and quiet of Majorca.

Frau Schneider-Kainer was seen in Palma on Monday. She is the owner of «Ca Vostra,» the delightful pension that houses so many interesting people in Ibiza.

Mrs. Grace Atwood, after living for a long while in the Hotel Terreno left it early in the week for new quarters in the Helvetic Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Dew leave these shores on Tuesday next, bound for St. Jean de Luz. They have made lots of friends while they were here and Mr. Dew's bridge playing will be particularly missed.

Mrs. E. P. Backstrand has settled down for the winter in the blue-shuttered house on the little street that leads up to the Majorca Hotel. It probably has a name but we can't remember it at the moment.

We had a long letter from Mr. Harold Davies during the week. Mr. and Mrs. Davies left here in the spring for a trip through Portugal and from his letter they have done a pretty thorough job. Their

jaunt included Portugal, England, Africa, Madeira, the Canaries and now they are in Villefranche. His usual luck deserted him at Monte Carlo, he told us, but our guess is that the tables will not owe him anything when he is through. Not a word in the letter about coming back, though we hope it will be this fall.

We are sorry to report that Miss Nita Dreiberger is still confined to her bed. This popular member of the younger set has been through a bad time lately, and it is hoped that she will soon be up and about again.

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Mrs. McClintock has a lot to live up to. Her new home bears the imposing address: Junipero Serra 3. We doubt that we would like to live on a street named after an old missionary, it might cramp one's style a bit. Mrs. McClintock is the second party to have this charming apartment, its only other occupants having been Sr. and Sra. Villalonga. Sra. Villalonga has now left with her three children to put them in school in Barcelona.

A small party went out on board the *Orion* when she was in the Bay last week to say hello to Major Alan Chadwick, who was passing through here on his way to Madras. The Major is a confirmed globe-trotter and stayed last year in Establishments as long as he ever stayed in any one place.

Mrs. Brown and her daughter, Miss Lynette Brown, are staying at the Hotel Royal for a few weeks. Mrs. Brown is First Reader for the Christian Science Church in Bristol, England, and Miss Brown is well known as an excellent horsewoman.

Lady Mercer has left Castellet to spend a month in Cala Ratjada, after which she will return to Palma, and stay here until May.

Mrs. Madeleine Brooks is visiting Cannes, but will be in New York in time to spend Christmas with her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weguelin returned to England last night, which was sooner than they expected. They are now looking forward to planting four hundred and forty-eight bulbs in their London garden, settling for the winter in that city (which they say is absolutely pro-peace, like the rest of England), spending the spring in their beloved Austria and then, later, returning here for a few weeks camping.

Mr. Leslie Melville has telephoned from Pollensa to say that in our issue of last week we put him in the social column as «Captain.» Mr. Melville informed us that he has never been in the army, and never intends to be. On the basis of our policy of peace at all costs we congratulate Mr. Melville, and apologize for our error.

We hear that Baron von Ripper, more clubbily known as Jack the Ripper, has had a most successful exhibition of his work at the Tooth Galleries in London. According to the criticism seen, his work showed plainly the effect of his years in a concentration camp in Germany; but then maybe the critic didn't know he had spent a year in Mallorca.

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.... Baroness von Bock from Cala Ratjada has taken Son Semola, the lovely house which the Van Zandts formerly had. Miss Jones and Mrs. Worsley will be with her... Mr. B. Burch has taken a flat in Casa Bonet, Terreno.

Mr. Short's lobby is filled to the ceiling with baggage and household goods all bearing the name Curling. Major Curling comes from Gibraltar on Nan Wooler's recommendation and is evidently here for a good long stay, at least we hope so. Nan is still with the *Cumberleges* on board their yacht, the *Fleur de Lys*.

Sir Thomas Barlow, Bart. K.C.V.O. arrived during the week with his daughter to spend a few days with his sister at her home, the *Good Companions*, out at Cala D'Or.

Here and There: Mr. and Mrs. Corneliuss have left Terreno and taken the Sureda house in Genova... Major and Mrs. Chanter of Puerto Pollensa were in town on Wednesday for a glimpse of the big city... Mr. and Mrs. Lester are back and busy house hunting.... Also back is Doctor Chesney, she is in her old home on Dos de Mayo....

News comes from Geoffrey Holdsworth, late of this paper and at present working for the *Daily Mail* in London, that the fogs of winter are rapidly closing down there—he envies us the warm sun of Palma, but has not really much time to worry about the weather as he is kept hard at it translating cables from Rome, among other things.

Mr. and Mrs. Vidal Quadras are moving into the house occupied by Mrs. Leonard Liebling, Mrs. Quadras' mother, until the first of the year.... Joe's Bar is rapidly becoming a centre for afternoon bridge. Daily there are two or more tables filled with budding Culbertsons or those addicted to Sims. Of course there is an occasional sale of a drink or two, but that's all right, Joe says he doesn't mind a bit.

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Mrs. Anley, who is, by-the-way, a birthday child on Sunday, has been expecting her mother to come out and stay with her. She has just heard that her mother has had to forego this plan, putting it off indefinitely. Mrs. Anley has taken one of the new flats in Son Alegre and moves in at the end of the month.

We had a pretty hard time running down the rumour that Mrs. Anne Burns had gotten up the other morning at five o'clock and gone fishing. Well, we believe it was true, but we got the news too late for the front page... She refused to say with whom she had gone but we are led to believe that it was Mr. Perriwinkel who as everyone knows is a most ardent angler. They brought back with them a varied catch which consisted of one bad cold, twelve mosquito bites, two pairs of wet shoes and one rather used and tired-looking fish. There was some little argument as to who would keep the little fellow and at the time of going to press it has not yet been definitely settled. We hear, though, that they will save it till next week and it will be served at the clambake Mr. Perriwinkel is throwing at *C'an Casuela*.

Mr. MacCormack, foreign mayor of Arenal, is in town to-day to meet the *SS. Scharnhorst* when she arrives from the East. On board is an old friend of his coming here for a long stay. Mac is pretty vague about his name but it is believed to be Bellas, who was connected with the Supreme Court of the Union of South Africa. He retired and became a feature writer for the *Cape Town News*. How about coming into the office, Mr. Bellas, and telling us what your name really is?

The Gay City

«Mr. and Mrs. Gordon leave on Tuesday next for the U. S. A. They will first make a trip to Paris for the purpose of hopping and then take boat from Cherbourg.»

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To:-The Editor.

Sir,
Your last issue contained a letter which cast some doubt on the hitherto widely believed assertion that Lord Nelson actually lived for a time in the island of Minorca. I had the pleasure of visiting that delectable island a year or two ago and was taken across the harbour at Mahón to a house standing high up on a hill, which, I understood, had been the home for some time of Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton. Many relics of their occupation were on view and I was also shown a painting, on wood, I think, of Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton, supposedly. So, naturally, I too would like to know whether the story is true or but an invention for the benefit of visitors.

Yours truly,

«Londoner»

To:-The Editor.

Sir,
The recent correspondence in your valued paper dealing with the length of Lord Nelson's stay in Menorca has been of great interest. When I visited the charming little island, the house was shown to me in which Lady Hamilton and her husband stayed for some months, and where, it was stated, Nelson visited them. There were many personal relics of the famous guests, and the tale had every appearance of genuineness.

The part which I find unexplainable is the presence of Lady Hamilton's husband. Is it possible that Nelson was so great a man that his peccadilloes were condoned to this extent, even by his own contemporaries, and above all by the one whom he had most deeply injured? This seems so incredible that I, for one, am inclined to believe this newer story of Nelson's stay on the island being only a matter of hours. It is a question which can be settled by documentary evidence, and I trust that some of your readers may succeed in producing such evidence.

Very truly yours,

Miss C. Patterson,

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To:-The Editor.

Dear Sir,

In your issue of the 28th. September you publish a letter from «A.K.» asking for information regarding the reported visit of Admiral Nelson to Minorca.

Although it is quite possible that during the several years of Nelson's service as Captain, and, later, as Vice-Admiral in the Mediterranean, he may have made longer stays at Mahon, the only authentic information I can find appears to be contained in a biography published about 1800 in seven volumes, entitled «The Life and Services of Horatio, Viscount Nelson,» by the Rev. J.S. Clarke, F.R.S. & John M'Arthur, Secretary to Admiral Lord Hood.

On the fly-leaf of the 1st. volume there appears a letter from Lord Nelson to Mr. John M'Arthur, dated Port Mahon, 15th. Oct. 1799, in which he states that he is sending «a sketch of his life» which is published in the succeeding volumes in the form of a Memoir. In the same work, volume V, a letter is published from Lord Nelson to his friend and protector the Duke of Clarence (afterwards William IV.), also dated Port Mahon, 17th. Oct. 1799, from which the following is an abstract: «On the 12th. I got off Mahon and having given all necessary directions for the ships on that station I made sail for Gibraltar. In the evening, between the island and Majorca, I fell in with the *Bull-dog*, having on board Sir Edward Berry who brought me letters from Admiral Duckworth, discrediting the account of the enemy ships being off the coast of Portugal. With this knowledge I instantly returned to Mahon where so much has required doing that except to pay my visit to the general and to the Naval Yard I have not been out of the ship. General Fox being hourly expected it has not been in my power to arrange a plan for the immediate reduction of Malta..... However I sail to-morrow for Palermo to see what is going on and prepare all the force I can for Malta.» - Whether Lady Hamilton accompanied him on this voy-

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age or not, is not stated, but later Sir William and Lady Hamilton accompanied him on a subsequent voyage to Malta.

This authenticated visit of Nelson to Mahon took place during the third occupation of Minorca by the British (1798 to 1802) and was one month after the capitulation of Rome and Civitta Vecchia to Commodore Troubridge, previously held by the French under General Garnier - whose Ambassador at the Court of Naples had so arrogantly claimed that «Rome belonged to France by the right of conquest.»

Confirmation that Nelson sailed on the 18th. Oct. is to be found in a very interesting manuscript preserved in the Municipal Archives of the City of Mahon, under the care of that learned and most obliging Archivist, Señor Hernandez Sanz, in the shape of a diary of an old Spanish sailor, Señor Roca, which gives an interesting account of the happenings of that period in Mahon, and states that «Lord Nelson on the *Four-boyant* arrived at Mahon on the 12th. Oct. 1799 and left on the 18th. for Malta and Sicily.»

Kendall Park

Barcelona, 9th. October, 1935.

(We have the pleasure to announce that, apart from several interesting letters and articles sent us following the publication in our last issue of an enquiry as to the length of the visit paid by Lord Nelson to Mahon, we have in hand an authentic and colourful feature by the well-known writer L. Lafuente Vanrell, from his book «Menorca,» entitled «Lady Hamilton and Lord Nelson - The Golden Farm,» which we will publish shortly. Ed.)

To:-The Editor.

Sir,

Reading the London newspapers recently I have been interested to note that a new play by T.S. Eliot has been staged—«Sweeney Agonistes»—by the Group Theatre. I have frequently wondered, without ever having considered the matter very thoroughly, what is the reason for Mr. Eliot's preoccupation for Sweeney? Is he symbolical of the normal man, with the corresponding normal weaknesses, or are we expected to admire him as a super-being? Anyhow, the fact that he is at last «agonistes» comes as a distinct relief. Perhaps one of your erudite readers could give me some light on the omnipresence of this passionate Mr. Sweeney?

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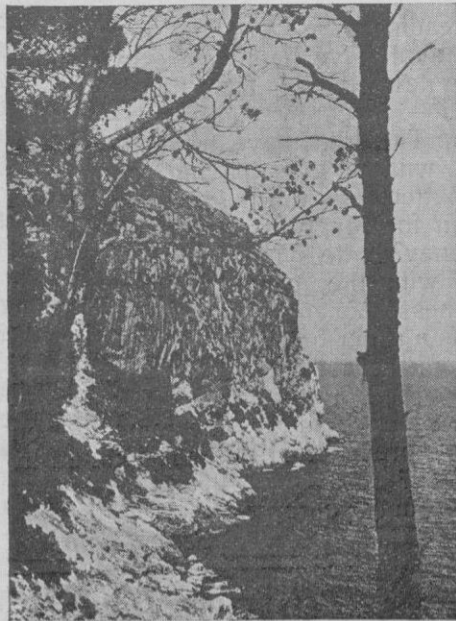
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But her four sisters used to stay in bed until the very last minute and they didn't do their lessons so that when they were big girls they still couldn't read or write very much, although they knew all the answers. Well, things went from bad to worse on the farm. The crops kept getting poorer, and it got so that father got scarcely enough corn to make it worth while distilling. There was a big mortgage on the place and each payment to the bank was harder and harder.

So the four girls thought they had better do something about it. They all ran away and went to a big city. They had a pretty hard time, didn't know any one and they had almost no money. But one day they met a couple of nice gentlemen from Hollywood, where they make moving pictures. These were pretty rich men and very smart and they could see at once that these country girls were just what they needed for some big pictures they were going to make. And, would you believe it, the girls all made a lot of money and when

the next payment came due on the mortgage and the sheriff was there to put mother and father and sister out of the house because they could not pay, suddenly appeared the four girls. And they had enough money between them to pay off the naughty old bank and plant a lot more corn. Well, I can tell you father was a whole lot relieved and he said, «Well, you girls have certainly been good girls,» and they all said together, «We had to be good, to get that much money in a year.»



Just Four Happy Girls

And this picture shows the four sisters on Mr. Ginsberg's yacht, when they were seeing if they would photograph well for the movies. And their sister didn't even get her picture taken, and she lived unhappily ever afterward.

Palma Port to be Changed

Notice has been received in Palma from Señor Don José T. Canet, *Diputado a Cortes* for the Balearic Islands, who is at present in Madrid to obtain the necessary funds for Public Works in Majorca, that Señor Juliá, *President de la Diputación*, has approved the technical details of the projected reforms to Palma harbour.

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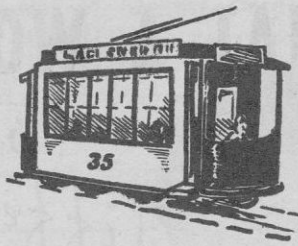
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Mr. Ernst F. Nassauer, of «Foto Estrella» has returned from his first visit to Mallorca. He stayed in Palma, but also visited Valldemosa and Soller, and is enthusiastic over all he saw there.

We learn with pleasure that Mr. and Mrs. Leinau, of «Nimbus» fame, are to be expected among us shortly.

Mr. R. Holtzinger has come here from Barcelona, and is thinking of settling on a farm for six months.

Mrs. Flower has received an enthusiastic letter from her publisher re. her latest book and they are anxiously enquiring for further contributions.

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Mrs. Kennedy drove over recently from the huerta of Pollensa to show her sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Trevor, who is on a visit from her home in North Wales, the charms of Soller. They lunched at the Hotel Denis.

With the cooler weather the local ciné is coming back into its own again. It has been packed recently, and the general trend at the end of the performance is towards the Café Frontera, where the food is all that can be desired, to say nothing of the drinks.

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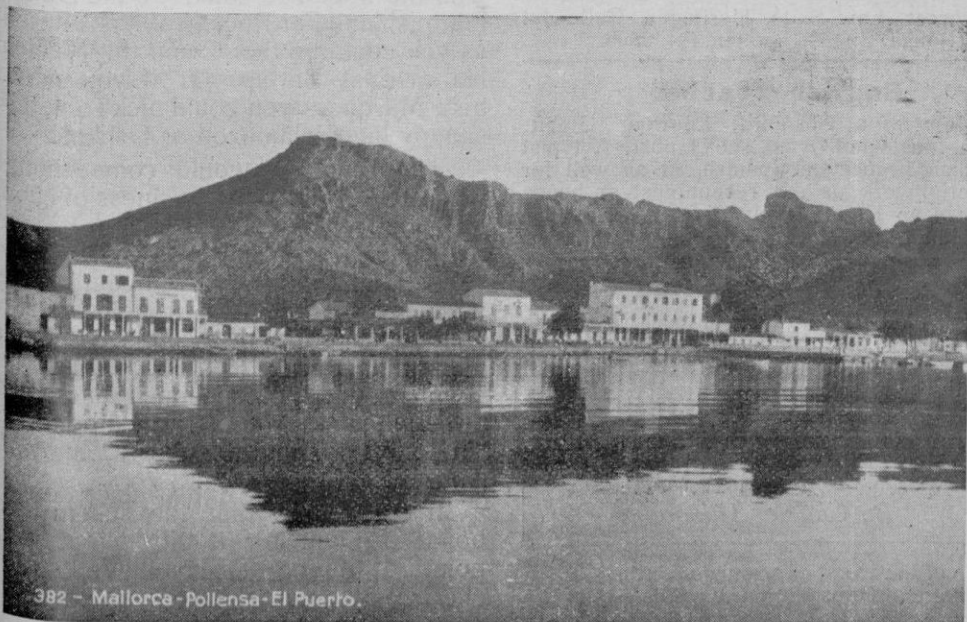
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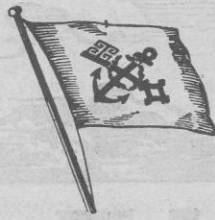
Claude Houghton

(Tauchnitz)

Along with quite a considerable number of other people, in these days bordering on chaos, I hopefully follow any reasonably sound prophet who attempts to show the way towards change and better world conditions. Therefore it was with a certain amount of satisfaction and anticipation of great tidings to come that I read the opening part of Mr. Houghton's novel, in which the possibly unpleasant pill of reform is covered with an attractive gilding of mystery-story. But the second part leaves us more or less completely out of touch with our author-hero, Ivor Trent, for he suffers a «nasty turn» when confronted in a dense fog by an apparition—the Man of the Future—and instead of having a nice little chat and learning a thing or two becomes terror-stricken and retires to bed in his secret lodgings, delirious. And there Mr. Houghton leaves him, to introduce us rather cleverly to the many happenings which can occur in such a situation to people who are perfect strangers to the delirious hero.

In a somewhat involved ramble we meet various quite fairly interesting characters, and a few uninteresting ones, particularly several women who struck me as being too curiously alike to be important. Only the character of Denis Wrayburn, the lone logician who is an expert in directing people who think they are lonely, and who tells us he is «outside life as it is lived... people like me have to come to terms with actuality, once and finally. I have looked at life through the dirty windows of innumerable bed-sitting-rooms in many cities»—this character is worth while. From the rather movie-like moment when he climbs up the shadowy spiral stairway of what must be the Blue Cockatoo restaurant in Chelsea, his pale face and dank little beard hateful and rather lovable simultaneously, to the time when he methodically stops up the cracks in his sepulchre of a room and lies on his bed with the gas escaping rapidly, one is treated here and there to some interesting conversation and several excellent stray remarks.

After that I felt rather enclined to call it a day and take the author's word for it that this was Ivor Trent (always taking for granted he knew himself, although at times this seemed doubtful and I really did not care much anyway). From this point Mr. Houghton gives the impression of being rather bored himself with his complicated psychological researches, and of having handed on the work to some inferior collaborator who, afraid that we have not yet fully grasped



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the inner significance of it all, laboriously repeats the whole thing in a journal left by Trent for the perusal of Rendell, his admirer who, perhaps fortunately for both of them, never meets him.

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By Charles Gilson

One of the worst of scandals
Is that the Goths and the Vandals
Were so lacking in decorum
As to pillage the Forum.

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There Ought To Be a Law -

We got quite steamed up the other day when we read about the plan of a Frenchman to create a nobility in the United States. It does seem to us that the States have been through enough lately without having this wished on them too but then maybe it was a good idea. From the Frenchman's point of view it was grand though of course he expected to get no more than his expenses out of it. «The United States,» he said, «should have a system of nobility to inculcate social responsibility, a sense of honour and a sense of duty.» Can you beat it?

The plan was simple enough. For a million dollars one could become a duke and for only seven hundred thousand a lady could write marquess after her name. Countships were still cheaper and baronetcies went for a mere pittance, a sort of «save the coupon» effect.

In our wildest dreams we had never dared think that we could be anything more than an earl, and so we wrote him to see if maybe he had a couple of used ones lying about and could we have one cheap. Was he snooty when he replied? He was cross in the first place because we had not enclosed a stamp for his reply, and the idea that he would deal in used titles seemed to put him out a lot; said he couldn't be bothered with earls and that he dealt in new models only and that maybe in a year or two we could pick up a second hand one cheap in some pawnshop.

We were pretty disappointed because it really would be a lot of fun. With the down payment goes the privilege of choosing the name and crest that goes with the title. You could be the Duke of Flatbush and Far Rockaway just as easily as you could be the Count of Medicine Hat or East Burlap. Or if you were to be a Marquess you could pick something snappy like Kalamazoo or Oshkosh.

The real fun would come, though, when you went at the business of choosing your crest. We've given it some real thought and for ourselves would have settled on a seal rampant, gorged with fish hauriant on a field of azure, and as supporters a couple of argent unicorns about to be guled. Throw in a couple of mullet escalloped and a dash of serpents vorant and we'd be all set. The motto would be easy: *Ex Nihilo Nihil Fit.*

It's a shame that the scheme was bound to fail, for it did have its good points. It might at least have kept our chorus girls and heiresses at home.

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