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The Caravan of Social Credit

by William Bell

THOUGH the Douglas Social Credit proposals were propounded only seventeen years ago they have already made such progress that the country which has not yet heard of them may be counted as being off the main stream of economic thought. The Young-Man-in-a-Hurry may be apt to think that the movement is not fast enough. He should renew his hopes for 1936 by remembering that even a steam-roller functions slowly but satisfactorily in overcoming most obstacles in its way. Professor Whitehead has said that it takes a thousand years for man to get an idea into his head. Apparently the velocity of the Douglas idea is in harmony with the petrol spirit of the age. Anyhow, whether its speed in making converts be deemed fast or slow «it does move,» as Galileo would have said.

For example, in 1900 there were only eleven members of the Labour Party in the British House of Commons. Since then, a Labour Government has been in office. In 1922 a Special Committee of that Party, appointed to consider the D.S.C. proposals, turned them down. Today, one well-known economist-member of that Committee, Mr. G.D.H. Cole, is now well on the way to recanting his former objection to the Douglas remedy. For in two recent numbers of the «New English Weekly,» (a Social Credit organ) appeared his «Fifty Propositions on Money and Production,» wherein he urges the necessity for the distribution of the «Social Dividend,» as he prefers to call the National Dividend proposed by Major Douglas. Moreover, in the present Parliament there are now fourteen M.P.'s pledged to support Social Credit at the opportune moment.

Albertans and «Sound Finance»

In addition to the Alberta Provincial Government's being solidly for Social Credit of the Aberhart variety, there are now seventeen Social Credit members from Alberta and Saskatchewan in the Federal Parliament at Ottawa. Already representatives of «Sound Finance» are busy planning their opposition to the Social Crediters, for they have imposed Mr. Robert J. Magor on the Aberhart Government as its financial adviser. Soon we may have evidence of *force*



Major C. H. Douglas

majeure (perhaps *force Magor* would be better?) being exerted by this banker's-bailiff on the poor Albertans. (Mr. Magor was the gentleman nominated by the Bank of England to restore «sound finance» to bankrupt Newfoundland.) It should be remembered that so far Major Douglas has had no official consultation with the Premier of Alberta, nor has he visited Canada for that purpose. The first move made by the Money Monopoly to counteract the «evil» influence of Social Credit in Alberta, has been in their setting up a National Finance Council to ration the amounts to be «lent» to each Province, the Governor of the Bank of Canada acting as financial adviser (he is the deputy of Mr. Montague Norman). The «Financial Times» chanted a psalm of praise for this measure in the following significant terms: «Probably one of the most important results of such a plan would be the final disposition of Social Credit as a practical possibility for Alberta.» One may safely infer that what is expected to be good for the bankers in London must be bad for the people of Alberta. Perhaps the editor of the «Financial Times» should now consult Mr. G.D.H. Cole, who, in 1922, cursed the S.C. proposals which he blessed in 1935.

Others Line Up

Captain Rushworth, New Zealand S.C. leader, cabled: «All members have reason to hope that Tasmania will recog-

nize your great discovery.....»

Tasmania has now its Social Credit Premier, Mr. Ogilvie, the leading barrister of that State. A select Committee appointed by the Tasmanian House of Assembly to enquire into the working of the financial system has recently issued its report. This Committee finds that the people of Tasmania have been prevented from benefitting from the actual and the potential increase of production over the past thirty years, owing to a shortage of purchasing-power; and that this shortage can be remedied only by restoring effective control over money to the people and by equaling the power to produce with the power to consume—pure Douglas economics. This Report is undoubtedly the Magna Carta of economic freedom for the Tasmanian people.

In the other States of the Australian Commonwealth there are strong movements in favour of Social Credit, thanks to Douglas's visit to Australia a few years ago when he was on a world-tour of propaganda.

And America

In the U.S.A. also, the ubiquitous D.S.C. proposals make steady headway. The «Radio-priest,» Father Coughlin, spoke on the same platform with Dr. Hewlett Johnson, B. Sc., D. D., Dean of Canterbury, when the Dean was on his lecture-tour last year in the States and in Canada. Well-known as a Social Crediter, Dr. Johnson was recently invited by the editor of the London «Daily Mirror» to contribute an article to that paper stating his case. Yet only a few years ago a ban existed against the mention of even Douglas's name in any leading London daily! «Significant of much,» as Carlyle would put it.

Yet a little bird has twittered that the Big Men of the City have made a New Year's resolution to make a massed attack (from behind the scenes as usual) against Social Credit in 1936—more evidence that the Douglas analysis has touched the weak spot, i.e. the pockets of the Banking Monopoly. But, despite the Norman curs' barking, despite Mr. Aberhart's recent refusal to accept the substitute Social Credit advisers suggested by Major Douglas for Alberta, and the Major's resignation as Alberta's adviser, the Douglas caravan moves steadily on.

ATTACKING MOUNT EVEREST

What Will be the Fate

of the New Expedition??

BY PAUL SADEE

HIGHEST place in the world, its summit reaching approximately 29,140 ft. above sea level, Mount Everest was so named after Sir George Everest, who completed the trigonometrical survey of the Himalayas in 1841 and first fixed its position and altitude.

Will Everest ever be conquered? A few years ago experts would have answered confidently in the affirmative; but now, since the failure of the 1933 expedition, they do not appear to be so certain. As a matter of fact, not one of the six tallest peaks in the world has ever been climbed to the top. In the spring of 1934, a party of Germans, led by Willi Merkl, made its second attempt (the first was two years previous) on the Nanga-Parbat (Mountain of Horror), 26,620 ft. high and 900 miles northwest of Everest. In July they had reached 23,000 ft., then screaming gales caught them and they had to turn back. Merkl and two comrades were never found again, two porters died and three others had to be abandoned before the four survivors, frost-bitten and exhausted, reached safety.

There have been several tremendously courageous and tragic attacks upon Everest itself, and now the attempt is about to be made again. On May 2nd. last, six young men left England as the advance party for the 1936 expedition. Actually they went for a trial for physical and mental fitness; those who proved their ability have joined the main expedition, and will attempt the gigantic task of scaling the highest peak in the world. The party, led by Eric Shipton, the Kenya planter, included H. Tilman, Dr. C. Warren, E.H. Wigram, L.V. Bryant and M. Spender. They had to endure tremendous hardship and hard work at one of the worst mountaineering seasons of the year. Reconnoitring Everest during the monsoon period and establishing a base camp at 23,000 ft. is no joke. This base camp will be used by the main party when the new attempt begins.

The six members returned to Britain. They had collected much data, besides a good training, and knew what breathing is like near the «roof of the world.» To reach the foot of the mountain alone, much endurance is needed. At an altitude of 16,000 ft. there is a vast Tibetan plateau to cross, with an habitual wind blowing at 60 miles an hour, while the speed of the party is about 1 mile an hour. Yaks do

not permit a greater speed; they are slow moving animals, but they carry a lot. Just the same, an army of them is needed for all the provisions, camping and climbing materials required, not forgetting scientific instruments and cameras. But it is not altogether the yaks that are holding the climbers back: the respiratory organs of Europeans have to adapt themselves to the steadily decreasing oxygen, so if the swaying gait

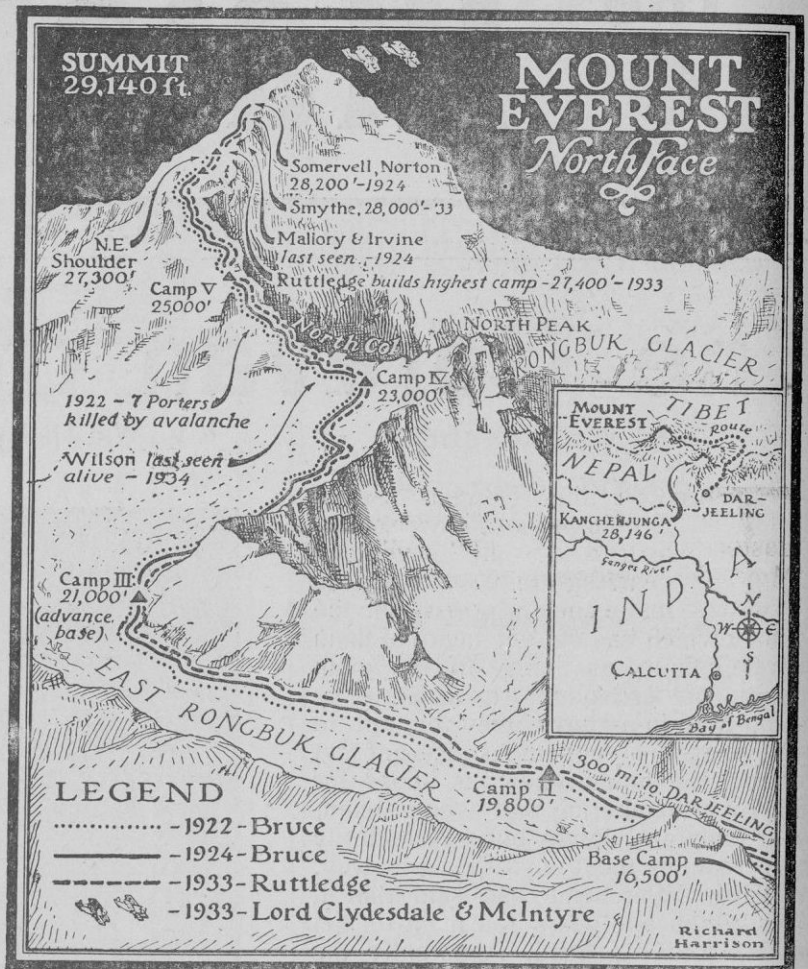
of the sturdy animals was of greater speed the party could not follow them without later paying the price for their hurry. High up, the blood pressure also decreases and the circulation is slow, causing dizziness and mental dullness; every movement becomes a superhuman effort. Such is the last climb from the highest base, 2,000 ft. from the summit. The climbers may have to wait weeks at this last base before venturing on the final lap, for if a storm breaks during this last ascent no returning is possible, and death has to be faced. Everest has already claimed fourteen victims, the first one fourteen years ago.

Mr. Hugh Ruttledge is the heart of this new expedition. In London, all the threads of the organization passed through his hands; on the march across Tibet and on the mountain he is responsible for the lives of the twelve English climbers and the hundred or more native porters. Ruttledge will never reach the summit of Mount Everest. Although he is one of the toughest of Anglo-Indians, he is fifty-one years of age, and no one knows better than he that this bars him from attempting the top. The great adventure actually started on the 1st. of February last, with the departure from Southampton for India of three members of the party, on board the P. & O. liner,

Ranchi. These were Mr. Hugh Ruttledge, Dr. Noel Humphreys and Lieutenant J.M.L. Gavin. Mrs. Humphreys, who married in 1934, accompanied them as far as Darjeeling. Mr. Ruttledge, on sailing, mentioned the nine other members of the party who were to follow, and said they were very hopeful of success, although so much depended upon the weather. He said they were fortunate in that they possessed greatly improved oxygen apparatus, and added that if they reach the summit they will probably place a Union Jack there, but that he could not be sure, for the last part of the climb will be so arduous that they must travel as light as possible.

The assault on the great Everest will very likely take place between May 20th. and June 10th. During this time, the northern slopes of the mountain are swept by an intensely dry and cold wind which makes the mountain sides safe, if human beings can only endure the terrible cold. The following warmer southwest wind of the monsoon brings in snow and causes avalanches, hence great exertion has to be made in a short time. In awaiting the results of this exciting feat of endurance and bravery, it might be of interest to follow the history of the other amazing attempts made upon the cruel mountain.

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ABOUT BARCELONA

English people and Spaniards alike were saddened by the sudden death in London of Conchita Supervia this week. Born in Barcelona, Sta. Supervia studied at the Liceo School of Music, and later went to England, where she married. Her recitals always drew enormous and appreciative crowds, for seldom has an artist been gifted with a more attractive personality..... Arrivals and departures from Barcelona have become fast and various during the last few days, amongst the former being that of Miss Priscilla Ann Wright, grand-daughter of the late General William C. Gorgas, who is a house guest of Consul and Mrs. Lynn W. Franklin. From Paris came Mr. Leon D. Loëzere to spend Easter with his wife and daughters., Mme. Niewiarowski and her daughter are expected back from Cairo early next week, after an enjoyable holiday... On a cruise, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Reed, who need no introduction, spent a day in Barcelona doing the rounds. Miss Mabel Miller has arrived to join the Staff of the Enfermeria Evangelica. She was previously at Lahore and Quetta, and was trained at Guy's. Mrs. Henry Slade and Mrs. F. Clark have left the Hospital, improved in health..... On Tuesday, Mr. Donald Walker left for London by Air France, as did Mr. Rawlinson a few days before for Geneva, and Mrs. Gordon Boyer on Wednesday. Mrs. Curwen Thomas arrived on Wednesday and is staying *chez* Miss Bailey in the Calle Muntaner..... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jellinek arrive tonight from Valencia. Mr. Rafael Lafuente is expected to stay at Alicante, and will not return to Barcelona for some time. Recovering from treatment after a severe illness, Don Raimundo Barzanallana hopes soon to be about again..... Mrs. C.C. Benedict, of Washington, D.C., and her children, together with the Misses Sibley, left last night for Minorca, for a long stay. Mr. John W. Bigham left on Wednesday, bound for New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Lattator for England... Mr. Marshall, brother of Mrs. Frederick Witty, is visiting Barcelona, and together with his sister and brother-in-law will spend Easter in Mallorca with his parents, who have a house there.... Entertaining has included two parties for Mrs. John Hill's mother and sister—

one given by Mrs. Hill herself on Tuesday and another by Mrs. Alec Gardner on Friday. Several parties have also been given at Perkins Place, where, by ordering in advance, you may imagine yourself back in Richmond or New Orleans, or what will you. Mr. Deck Morgan, accompanied by Messrs. Davant, Hook, Barstow and Navarro, of Cal., Miss., and Mich. variously, left for Madrid on Tuesday.... At the Sala Ribas, this afternoon, Miss Carlota Hopf-Bedlington is giving a dance and poetry recital, the latter section containing some interesting Spanish works. At the offices of the Patronato del Turismo, Sr. Hernandez Mora is showing a series of wood-cuts of Minorca which are unusually beautiful.... The American Women's Committee of Barcelona, which is collaborating in a Rummage Sale, in April, with the Beneficencia de Barcelona, requests all those who can to send along worn or discarded garments and household objects. Mrs. Carl Long will be glad to give details..... Weddings include those of Miss Clarkson to Mr. Butler, to take place on April 8th., and of Sr. Maragall-Noble to Sta. J. Mira last Wednesday. With the warm weather's late arrival, preparations for Easter are going apace. A general exodus of Colonists will coincide with a tourist invasion.

Mr. Norman King, Miss Joan Cretchley and Miss Mary Jenkins are amongst the pupils of Margot Voss who will give a dance recital this afternoon in the Studium Theatre, at 6.30. The programme includes a number of unusual items, and the proceeds are to be given to the Hospital Clínico.... Miss Edna Murphy left yesterday for California aboard the «Rialto».... Mrs. Gertrude Netcher goes in a few days to Paris. From the same city Sta. Ameller has brought all the latest things in feminine headwear, which are now on view at Rosellon, 259.

London Letter

A scandal of Court proportions broke handsomely on a jaded world at the end of last week, when a society hostess announced it was the Queen's wish that mourning should be dispensed with after Easter. Most of the newspapers which announced what they thought was the glad news managed successfully to get the «out-of-mourning» date nicely muddled, some of them giving it as after Easter, others at the end of April.

The real story is that the Queen expressed no wish of the sort, and is credited at the moment with being pretty annoyed at the whole business. What happened was that a lady-in-waiting, chatting to the «society hostess,» dropped hints, which the were taken to be inspired, and which she was only too pleased to be able to pass on to a waiting world with the maximum of publicity. In view of the people and subject involved, no denial of it can be issued, and the impression stands, but ladies-in-waiting will, it is assumed, tend to become less chatty in the future.

Anyhow, it doesn't alter the fact that a good many people who feel they should have been affected, have left England for the South of France, and Spain, where there is sunshine, and bright clothes do not inspire a general raising of eyebrows. We are keeping pretty quiet about it in our press here, but reports seeping back from the spring holiday centres indicate that most of «society» is abroad, come what may.

This year's boat race is a matter for what the French call «*faits divers*,» and if you want to know the date which, as a casual newspaper reader, you have not noticed, you had better call up the Information Bureau at Selfridge's. It is actually being rowed today, April 4th, and will probably give a monotonously consecutive win to Cambridge. That is, unless the Oxford boys are secretly preparing to pull a fast one, but it would have to be a very fast one.

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BULL-BAITING: The Monumental was full on Sunday. Five animals were dispatched without much to write about, except Armillita's second bull. The Mexican does everything in a grand manner and cut a couple of ears and a tail. Ortega used his feet and appeared to be bored, he heard more *pitos* than *palmas*. Now let us come to bull No. 6. He was a small animal and the President gave in just as the picadors entered. They retired. Not so «the despised and rejected». *J'y suis, j'y reste* - and we rested for an hour and a half during which every effort was made to lure him out. Ric and Rac - *los mansos* - trotted in and out - but the «bull that didn't want» resisted all efforts to lure him to death.

BOAT RACE: It is always unsafe to prophesy but I venture to suggest that this ended at Hammersmith and that Cambridge won with their ears back by two lengths.

«All Rounder»

GOLF AT SAN CUGAT

The Madrid Cup

The remaining semi-final was played on Wednesday 25th March when Mr. Forbes beat C.L. Jones by 6 & 5.

This left Forbes and Batllo in to fight the final. This match, which was played last Sunday, was over 36 holes, and caused considerable interest.

The redoubtable Batllo, with handicap 1, was conceding 13 strokes to Forbes, whose handicap was 18.

At the 9th hole he was one down and fighting hard, and at the end of the first round was only 5 down.

In the afternoon Forbes recovered and nearly drew level, being one down at the 26th, but Batllo's superior play then proceeded to assert itself, and he won the cup by 4 & 3.

A competition against Bogey is scheduled for to-morrow morning. Members may enter by 'phoning San Cugat 69.

W. W. P.

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Dear Sir,

To-day I am feeling sorry for myself, like the schoolboy of the song who «got the lickin's for the things he didn't do.» Mrs. Curwen Thomas and «Iberophile» comment on my ignorance of Spain and things Spanish. From the little I know of them I love Spain and things Spanish, but my ignorance of them is probably even greater than my two critics suspect. But I do know where La Mancha and Alicante are. If I had thought that by moving La Mancha to the sea-coast I could get into the company of the poet who moved the sea-coast to Bohemia, I would gladly have done so—in fact, did I feel there was a chance of getting such a reward out of it I would have a game of chess with all the inland cities of Europe—but I didn't think if it. Surely Spain was the home country of Don Quixote. When I wrote that Mrs. Curwen Thomas «lived in the home country of the Knight of La Mancha» that doesn't seem to me to infer that La Mancha is near Alicante. Then Iberophile writes of my «insistence on the use of *mañana* by the Catalan peasants.» And this after my sorrowful acceptance of Mrs. Curwen Thomas' statement that they did not use it. I merely stated my belief that a *Mañanaland* does exist somewhere. And now Mrs. Curwen Thomas has brought the prisoner of Zenda into it, and says that he might appreciate my poems if they were more geographically correct. But if I carried out a suggestion in one of Mrs. Curwen Thomas' letters, and placed my *Mañanaland* in Ruritania, I feel that that red-headed gentleman, after the quite un-*Mañanaland*-like treatment that country once meted out to him, would be after me with an axe. And I feel it were more pleasant to be chastised by courteous critics in letters, even for things I didn't do, than to be chased by a red-headed Ruritanian with an axe for something I did. So, even if it meant making one of my poems, at least, geographically correct, I simply wouldn't dare to do it.

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THE PORT ● ● ●

by D. R. Darling

There is a saying that Barcelona as a city has its back to the water, and that its inhabitants, once famous for their naval prowess, have lost their love for the sea. At first sight this may appear to be true, but it must be remembered that, until the present Paseo de Colon was constructed last century, Barcelona had a fine waterfront, where its citizens could promenade, fish and flirt to their heart's content. Came the exhibition of 1888, and with it the fountains that were the admiration of Europe, faint shadows of those which were to astonish the world in 1929. These watery fancies of former city fathers were unfortunately accompanied by many buildings of a style which later became known as Early Pullman, of which some of the finest examples still standing are to be seen in this city. Thus, by means of using the deserted exposition palaces as warehouses, Barcelona shipping magnates deprived the city of her sea front. How much more pleasant the palm-lined Paseo de Colon would be if it ran along the water's edge!

Puerta de la Paz

Called thus, owing to an amusing misunderstanding between Spaniards endeavouring to speak Catalan, this is Barcelona's real water gate. From the steps at the edge of the water the aquatic autobuses, the *Golondrinas*, set forth for the end of the breakwater, an interesting and inexpensive trip. In summer their tops hold rows of blissful lovers, bound for the silences and queer luminosity of the breakwater rocks. The insides contain old ladies, whose girth prevents the climbing of the steps from being a very practical performance, and those old men and children who are «not wanted» above. Where love is concerned cricket is an international game. Also at the Puerta de la Paz are to be found those vociferous gentlemen, owners of sumptuous launches, who for a mild consideration are game to face the dangers of the deep. Anyone who has fair hair,

smokes a pipe or says «Okay» is a victim. Some even fall for it, and these are advised not to trail their hands in the water, as one is inclined to do in Venice. Nearby lie the squat white ships of the *Transmediterranea*, bound for the tranquility and clean waters of the Balearic Isles; and beyond them many a coaler and plucky four-master can be seen, the former flying every flag from Norwegian to Russian and American.

Los Baños

Taking a *golondrina* on the service which goes to the Casino and beach of San Sebastian, one finds a motley throng aboard. Blue-clad workers from the Vulcanano works mingle with strenuous athletes and German enthusiasts of the sun cult. On this trip we pass the Spanish Naval training ship, and as we swish past, the little boys, all with orphanage hair-cuts (reminiscent of Prussian Kultur), pad up and down the decks, climb riggings and throw rubbish over the sides in the most professional manner. Sailors will be sailors, even if they did not start out with that intention.

Origin of the Merluza

As we land at the little dock near the Casino a hullabaloo arises in the angle formed by two quays nearby. This is Barcelona's fish market, and it is here that the inevitable second course, the mystical *merluza*, can be seen in its

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prime state. When the fishermen come home in their boats with slanting mats and sails that are rarely used, the throbbing of the Diesel engines fills the air. The fishwives, as if by instinct, are already there waiting, hands on hips, to complain at the scarcity of the catch. As soon as the fish is landed the market begins. A loud shouting at once commences and, unlike most marts, this one in Barcelona conducts its sales by commencing at a high price and gradually descending in fish-price until there is a bidder. This requires considerable skill and no mean knowledge of the fish market. Any fool who bids for sardines at so many *céntimos* the kilo too much gets a good laugh, as well as a stock he will have to sell at a loss. When the evening comes and the crowds have left the dockside, the Port takes on a different aspect. Along the breakwater a string of white lights decorates the waters, whilst an occasional flash from the look-out house on Montjuich illuminates the scene. Green, red and orange, the navigation lights make a decorative, trembling pattern, and the thick night odours rise together with an almost imperceptible mist to hang above the town until the sun disperses them in the morning. Sr. Lopez-Picó has written some beautiful things about the Port of Barcelona, but somehow he never mentioned the rats. They sally forth at nightfall on their pillaging errands and perhaps, after all, it is they who really enjoy the Port and never turn their backs on it.

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 FANTASIO—*Noche de Carnaval*, with Frohlich. Easter *Golgotha*, by Duvivier.
 FEMINA—*The Mark of the Vampire*, with Bela Lugosi. Monday probably, *Murder in the Fleet*. Metro-Goldwyn.
 MARYLAND—Till Sunday night. Grace Moore in *Love me Forever*. Closed Holy week.
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SOCIAL NEWS

General Sir Cyril J. Deverell, G.C.B., K.B.E., Chief of the Imperial General Staff, left for England by the Orient liner *Otranto*, after a short stay in Gibraltar when he was the guest of H.E. The Governor.

M. Joseph Peyre, the French novelist who has been staying in Gibraltar, has left for Tangier where he will give one of his very interesting lectures.

The final of a series of dances was held at the Garrison Library on March 30th.

The battleship, H.M.S. *Queen Elizabeth*, of the First Battle Squadron, arrived at Gibraltar on Thursday, March 26th. from the East, en route for the United Kingdom.

Admiral Sir William Fisher, who handed over the command of the Mediterranean Station to Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, was on board, and his flag was flown on the battleship.

A salute of 17 guns was fired by the fortress and a special guard of honour was mounted in front of Government House. His Excellency the Governor gave a luncheon party at the Convent in honour of Admiral Sir William Fisher.

SPORTS NEWS

The Beagles met on Thursday, March 26th. at Guadacorte at 2.30 p.m.

In the Inter-Company Rugby League matches played at North Front on Monday, March 23rd, the «S» Coy., K.O.Y.L.I., beat «C» Coy., K.O.Y.L.I., by 6 points to nil. 1, 2 and 3 Groups, K.O.Y.L.I., beat 4 group by 6 points to nil.

Hounds met at Molino del Conde on March 24th. and again at Guadacorte on Saturday, March 28th.

A very interesting football game was played on the G.C.F.A. ground at North Front between a team of H.M.S. *Hood* and the Britania Football Club.

Spanish Banknotes Decree

According to the Spanish newspaper, «EL SOL», Gibraltar is to receive special consideration in view of the extensive circulation of the peseta in the City.

In an article dealing with the recent governmental decree on the exportation and importation of Spanish Bank Notes from and into Spain, the paper claims to have news that the Minister of Finance has taken the necessary measures to do away with the difficulties created by the control of the peseta which circulates so profusely in Gibraltar.

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Mr. William Bell, of Henley-on-Thames, on his way from England to Ibiza, spent Thursday night here in Palma. Mr. Bell is a lieutenant to Major C. H. Douglas, the founder of the Douglas Social Credit Movement, and gave up his retirement in Ibiza to return to England and assist the Major. He will be in Ibiza for some little time, resting.

Captain Hammans gave a farewell luncheon for Mr. W. D. L. Marshall last Sunday in the Pension Corp Mari, where he is living. The guest of honour dashed for the *Tanganjika* after coffee, only to spend the rest of the afternoon waving from the deck of the steamer to the other guests he had left on the terrace. The ship, what with German voting and one thing and another, did not leave till sundown.

Mrs. Blacker-Douglas returned to the Island for another visit on Sunday morning, bringing with her her small daughter. They went directly to Cala Ratjada, where they are visiting the Regnaults.

Miss M. Raffloer and Mrs. A. Kloewer arrived on Tuesday to visit Mrs. Dora Raffloer. They were on the liner *Potsdam* when it was forced to put back into Southampton, where they remained while repairs were being completed on the ship at Bremen. This is Mrs. Kloewer's first visit to the Island.

A birthday dinner-party for Mrs. Doris Cameron on Monday night at the Parisien proved a delightful affair. There were some thirty guests present to wish her continued happiness in the coming year. Toni outdid himself with the menu, and the guests finally left with that rare feeling of having wined and dined exceedingly well.

Mr. Robert Carson suffered what many were afraid would be a complete collapse, last Friday evening, when he returned home and found among the papers on his desk a letter which he had written the week before and forgotten to mail. It was addressed to a bookie in London, and contained a double—«Overcoat» for the Lincolnshire and «Reynoldstown» in the Grand National. While Mr. Carson will never be quite the same, he is reported to have recovered slightly.

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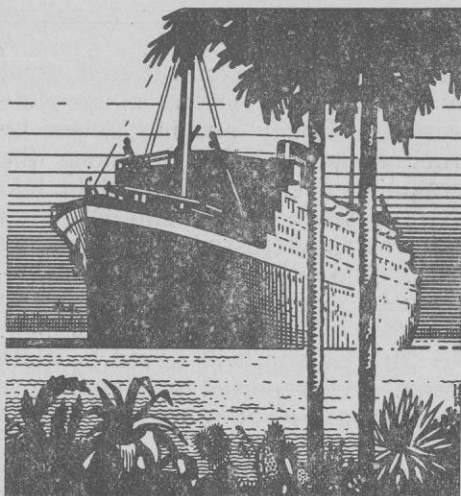
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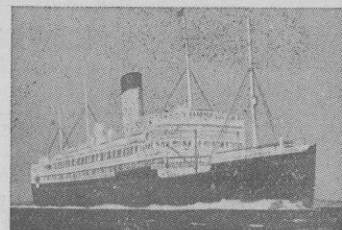
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Colonel Kennard was confined to his room last week. His physician headed his prescription «Col.Kennard.» The dispenser delivered a large pot of cold cream with the medicine, and, on being asked why, replied: «Oh, that is the Col Kennard.»

At least fourteen countries were represented among the fifty guests who were fortunate enough to be invited to the cocktail party given by Mrs. Leida Devitt, Mrs. Valentine Whittaker and Miss Virginia Halliday, at the former's delightful home, «Flor del Campo,» recently. Soft coloured lights and music added their charm to the surrounding

pine-trees, and the bounteous refreshments completed the peace and happiness of this veritable League of Nations. Author, artist, aeronaut, balloonist, soldier, sailor, railway pioneer and explorer—all were there ready to exchange a yarn with medico, psychologist or business man. The guests included Lady Duke, Baron and Baroness Tilleghem, Mr. and Mrs. Loseley Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Clerx, Mr. and Mrs. Olivier Regnault, Mr. and Mrs. William Duke, Mrs. Daly, Mrs. Palliser, M. Victor de Golobeff, Mrs. Courtney Haynes, Dr. and Mrs. Bajor, Colonel Clifford Harmon, Colonel, Mrs. and Miss Lloyd, Mrs. Lindemann and the ubiquitous Musketeers, Colonel Kennard, Captain Digby and Mr. Charles S.Lee.

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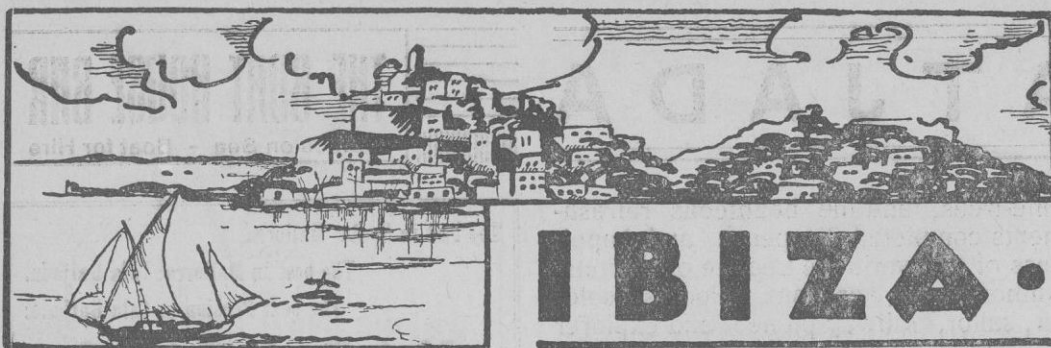
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Mr. and Mrs. Knox are staying at Sol y Mar, San Jorge.

Among the recent arrivals on the Island are Mr. and Mrs. Beran, Mrs. Langendorf and Mrs. Ringer-Rosenkranz of Zurich.

Guests at present stopping at the Grand Hotel include Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jordan, Mr. Daniel Koecklin-Gramer, Mr. S.P. Taggart, Mrs. Coote, and Mrs. S. Pens.

At «Ca Vostra,» Mr. Taylor and Mr. B. Wright have recently arrived.

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Another recent departure was M. Jean Ourth, who returned to his Normandy poultry-farm, but hopes to be here again in May.

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POLLENSA

Mrs. Steichen, who suffered lately from a bad attack of 'flu, is now up and about again.

Mr. Hamilton had a birthday last Thursday which began with a cocktail-party at «Nuria» on Wednesday evening and continued throughout Thursday.

Esplai Restaurant has been re-opened by Sr. Agustin Bellapart, and there has been added the attraction of the «Vagabond's Jazz» band from Palma.

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IN MADRID

Lord Rennell of Rodd's recent lecture was very well attended. H.E. the British Ambassador, together with Lady Chilton and their daughter Anne, sat near to the Hon. Claude Bowers. Others present included Messrs. Scott, Ogilvie-Forbes and Malcolm, ex-Marqués de Silvela, ex-Vizconde de Mamblas, ex-Condesa de Yebes, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest de Caux, of the «Times.» A performance of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* is to be given shortly, under the auspices of the *Comité Hispano-Ingles*, and stage-managed by Mr. C.T. Darling. This is the first time this play has been given in English in Spain.

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Germans Vote

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OUT NEXT WEEK

"PALMA DAYS"

by **ALAN D. MICKLE**

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Majorca Society of Arts

Sr. Vidal Quadras' lecture last Sunday before the Majorca Society of Arts proved exceedingly interesting. His description of the country was fascinating, and as he told of the human element of which the Legion is composed one realized what an appeal that side of it must have had for him. He traced the story of the Legion's founding and of the part it has played in modern Spanish history.

Majorca Society of Arts
Calle 14 de Abril, 37 Terreno

Programme for April

Sunday, April 5th. Under Mr. Lindo-Webb's guidance.—An excursion by motorcar to *Puigpuñent*, leaving Terreno (Short's gates) 2 p.m., returning before dark.

Monday, April 13th. & Tuesday, April 14th. The Exhibition Committee will be at the Headquarters to receive exhibits for the Arts & Crafts Exhibition.

Wednesday, April 15th. ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION opens at 5 p.m. 5—9 p.m. It will remain open until Tuesday April 21st. 10 a.m.—6 p.m. every day except Sunday April 19th. when the doors will open from 2 p.m.—6 p.m. & from 7—9 p.m.

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There Ought To Be a Law -

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Two English ladies were recently in the local Police Station tending to their passports and certificates of residence. They were given the necessary forms to fill in but, their Spanish being a bit weak, the official in charge was kindly doing it for them. There was practically no trouble at all with their names and addresses and such until he came to «occupation,» and then he was only stumped for a moment and gallantly wrote in the word *sin*. He was then afraid he had upset the ladies because he had classed them among the unemployed.

And once, when we were first here, we went to a butcher-shop armed with our best Spanish. We were after *salsichas*, those tasty little sausages they have here. We didn't understand for a long time why everybody laughed when we asked for *calcetines*.

And then once we were having an argument with our landlord about repairs to the house. He had promised many times to fix the kitchen sink, which had completely succumbed to the *mañana* habit in the discharge of its duties. Finally he said that he would have a man there tomorrow without fail. To make it absolutely binding we said, «*Palabra de caballo?*» It was months before we fixed that one up.

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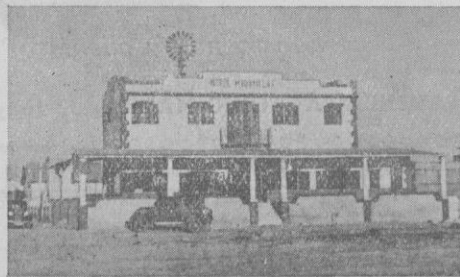
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