

FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL

VOLUNTEERS FOR E. AFRICA

ROME PACTS

ROME, Monday

More than 70,000 members of the Blackshirt militia, as well as many thousands of ex-service men, have applied since February 1 for enrolment in the force standing by for despatch to the East African colonies.

Such was the announcement by Signor Mussolini made in the session of the Fascist Party Grand Council on Saturday night. According to the official statement issued to the press, it drew «thunderous applause» from the twenty or so members of the Council.

«Clamorous applause» also welcomed the statement of the military measures which have already been taken, as well as those which are being prepared, for protecting Italian interests and pacifying the native population of the East African colonies.

Pact With France

The Council also passed a resolution approving all the diplomatic steps which have resulted in the relations between Italy and France being put on a new footing and bringing the questions which have been at issue since the World War nearer solution.

The final seal of approval was thus given by the body carefully hand-picked by Signor Mussolini, Premier of Italy, to the negotiations carried through with M. Laval,

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FLIGHTS TO U. S.

FRENCH SEEK COOPERATION

The inauguration of a regular air service between Europe and North America is not to be expected before 1936, according to the French Senator, M. Amaury de la Grange.

M. de la Grange has just returned from the United States, where he had gone as the head of a French delegation in order to conduct negotiations with interested American circles concerning the possibilities for Franco-American cooperation for the establishment of a transatlantic air service via the Azores.

The Senator told pressmen that the discussions in the United States were of a general character, and that the planned air service may possibly be inaugurated next year. But they would have to be subsidized by the state in the same manner as the service to South America is subsidized.

The interview to the press given by Senator de la Grange was the first public intimation that plans are afoot for a Franco-American air line across the Atlantic.

The largest seaplane ever built in France has just been completed there in the government shops. The plane carries more than thirty passengers and has a freight capacity for a paying load for a transatlantic trip.

While the building of the plane and its completion was given publicity, it was not announced that it was intended to span the Atlantic, but it is now believed that it was built with such a purpose in view.

If the French government subsidizes such a line as the Senator visualizes, the American government without doubt will be asked to cooperate. Difficulties will arise in getting money from the United States treasury for such a purpose.

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LAUNCHING OF ARTABRO

EXPLORATION SHIP

AT VALENCIA

VALENCIA, Monday

The survey ship Artabro, which has been specially constructed for the Igeias expedition to the Amazon, was launched at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at the shipyard of the Unión de Levante here.

Don Niceto Alcalá Zamora, President of the Republic, and Señor Abad Conde, Minister of Marine, arrived from Madrid during the morning for the ceremony. They were met at the station by Señor Dualde, Minister of Public Instruction, the local authorities and a large crowd, which gave them an enthusiastic reception.

Don Alejandro Lerroux, Premier of Spain, was prevented from making the journey by an attack of influenza. The same cause was responsible for the absence of the President's wife and daughter, one of whom otherwise would have christened the new vessel.

President Honoured

Army aeroplanes flew overhead during the reception at the City Hall, after which the President and his party made their way to the shipyard at the Grao. The harbour presented a magnificent spectacle.

Every ship was gay with bunting. The cruisers Libertad and Mendez Nuñez fired a salute as the official party arrived, and a squadron of seaplanes dipped in salute as they passed the Presidential dais.

After the daughter of a naval officer had broken the ceremonial bottle of champagne over her bows, the Artabro was released and slid down the ways into the water amid the ovations of the crowd. Rockets and the music of several bands contributed to the din.

After the ceremony the President and Minister were the guests at a luncheon at the Club Náutico. Don Ricardo Samper, ex-Premier, the Brazilian Ambassador, the Archbishop of Valencia and other distinguished personalities were also present.

There were no speeches, but the fan-makers of Valencia presented Señor Alcalá Zamora with two fine products of their traditional craft for his wife and daughter, and the President handed an official of a local charitable organisation a donation of 1,500 pesetas for the poor. The President then left for Madrid by road.

The Minister of Marine inspected the cruisers República and Méndez Nuñez and the navy oil tanker Campillo, and both he and Señor Dualde were present in the evening at a meeting at the University. Captain Igeias, leader of

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TERRIFIC STORM

TWO DEATHS IN GERMANY

BERLIN, Monday

The sixty-mile-an-hour gale which has been sweeping Germany for the last twenty-four hours is one of the most severe storms ever experienced in Germany.

One person has so far been reported killed and several others injured by falling masonry in Berlin since the full fury of the hurricane struck the capital at midnight on Saturday. Extensive damage has been caused in many places, the Berlin fire brigade alone having been called out 300 times.

The storm raged with especial violence on the North Sea at first. All ships, both large and small, were harbour-bound until yesterday afternoon.

Dramatic scenes were witnessed at Darmstadt during Saturday night, when the wind suddenly assumed the force of a gale.

Twenty balloons were being filled with gas there in preparation for the German balloon championship race, which was to have started yesterday. Ground crews of thirty men for each balloon hung on to the ropes with all their strength to prevent the gasbags' being blown away.

Despite their efforts four balloons were wrenched away by the powerful gusts and disappeared into the night. Four others followed.

Finally one man was killed and others seriously injured in their efforts to hold down the half-filled balloons. Only then were orders given to let out the gas and cancel the race until more propitious conditions prevail.

GERMAN REPLY TO LONDON

FRENCH ALARM DISCOUNTED

«WILL SUBSIDE»

BERLIN, Monday

The excited comments made by the Paris press on the German reply to the London declaration were not taken seriously by the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*, which makes them the subject of an editorial.

The paper foresees that the nervousness of French opinion will soon subside and make way for a calmer view of things. The leader writer then goes on to explain that he considers the French fears justified.

The German reply, he asserts, places beyond all doubt the fact that Germany is prepared to enter here to a policy aiming at the prevention of a general armaments race. If it lays particular stress on the negotiations with a view to an air convention, it is merely only follows the invitation of Great Britain and France.

Air Pact First

Those countries, the writer hints out, expressly gave priority to such negotiations in their communiqué.

The *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* protests against the insinuation, which has been made in the French press, that Germany wishes to drive a wedge between France and Britain. «We had no objection,» it states, «to France and Britain endeavouring to find a common way leading to European peace, and we cannot understand why our right to have in our direct talk with Britain should be contested.»

Germany's attitude to the

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MOVEMENT FOR AUSTRIAN MONARCHY

VIENNA, Monday

The movement in support of Otto, pretender to an Austrian throne, is gathering momentum. According to press reports here yesterday, the number of townships in the province of Styria alone which have conferred their freedom upon Archduke Otto von Hapsburg has increased from 200 to 300 since January 14.

The total number of townships throughout Austria which made Otto an «Honorary Citizen» is estimated as upwards of 1,000, and the press states that the movement for the abolition of the laws under which the Hapsburgs were banished and their property seized is growing apace.

Owing, however, to foreign pressure, the government as yet has made no move to take any action

to rescind the laws relating to the Hapsburgs. The reports do not state what foreign governments are applying the pressure.

The granting of the freedom of Austrian towns in which the majority of the citizens are of Monarchist sympathy is the only means possible of indicating that support to Otto and his family. Owing to pressure from the Austrian government Otto has not yet dared to set foot inside Austria, and his movements in Europe are carefully watched.

He was the guest of the King of Sweden some months ago, when he was ostensibly making a «vacation tour.» Anti-Monarchist journals in Austria at that time asked the pertinent question of «A vacation from what?» while the Archduke was the guest of the King.

SAAR TERRITORY TROOPS

SAARBRUECKEN, Monday

The first contingent of the foreign troops who were sent into the Saar territory to maintain order during the plebiscite period left Saturday evening. The Dutch contingent were given a royal sendoff, an evidence of the good feeling which prevailed between the foreigners and the Saar population.

Commander-in-Chief General Brind and numerous officers of other contingents came to the station to see the Dutchmen off. The British contingent's band and a guard of honour were drawn up in front of the station. The building was surrounded by hundreds of people who came to see the event.

The consensus of opinion in the Saar is that the Dutch troops, as well as the other foreign forces,

by their tact, discretion and correct behaviour are leaving the greatest of impressions behind them.

Next to leave the Saar will be the Swedish section, which is scheduled to leave today, to be followed on Tuesday by the British Italian battalions. The British Italian rear guards will leave February 28, so that all the foreign forces will be out of the territory on March 1, the date when the Saar will be officially taken over by Germany as the result of the plebiscite.

The closing chapter in the story of the Saar vote is being enacted, and with such a treme difficulty over the question of peace officers for the territory during the time of the vote.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

The bag-snatching episode at
Carp Mari, which is reported on
another page of this issue, will
surely be promptly seized upon
by a certain small but vocal class of
people who would like us to believe
that Palma, and the Island in gen-
eral, is not a safe place to live in.

It is true that the attack is not
the first of which a foreign resident
has been the victim during the
last six months. That fact, how-
ever, is not so alarming as it
seems, though disagreeable enough
to those who have been the object
of the bandits' attentions.

In the first place, it is not true
that the attacks have been made
by foreigners only. Holdups have
occurred in the Ensanche, where
the foreign element is small, and
we remember the attempt to rob
the manager of a Palma cinema
inside his house in Son Alegre.

The total of such cases has been
markedly small in comparison
with the totals recorded in Barce-
lona, Paris, or any other large ci-
ty, even allowing for the difference
in size between those places and
Palma. So small as to suggest, in
conjunction with certain similar-
ities in the manner of the holdups,
that they may all be the work of
one man or of a small group.

Such things have happened be-
fore in Mallorca, and always, after
a greater or smaller lapse of time,
the perpetrators have been caught.
In achieving that result, the police
have been considerably helped
by the elementary geographical
fact that Mallorca is an Island,
and therefore the movements of
known or suspected criminals can
be traced the more easily, in coop-
eration with the police of the
mainland ports.

Every epidemic of highway robbery
in Palma, in fact, has been
ultimately traced to newcomers
from the mainland. The law-abid-
ing character of the Islanders and
the vigilance of the authorities are
two firm guarantees of safety
for the persons and property of
everyone in the City and in Ma-
llorca, Spanish and foreign resid-
ents alike.

ON THE ISLAND

By The Wayfarer

Last Friday's concert by Jaime
Mas Porcel was one of the best at-
tended musical events of the pres-
ent season. Every seat was occup-
ied in the hall of the Junior Club
in El Terreno. Besides demonstrat-
ing great talent as a pianist, Don
Jaime showed his ability as a com-
poser when he played his own two
sonatas, of Christmas and of May.

PRESENT:

Among those attending Friday's
recital by Jaime Mas Porcel were
the following: Mrs. Dina Moore
Bowden, Mr. Kiersey, Mr. L. Dobbs,
Mr. Atkinson, Miss J. Winser, Mrs.
Horace Green, Miss A. Maria Tam-
men, Miss Francis Draper, Mr. Ver-
non Draper, Mrs. Drapes, Señor
Culmell and Señora Culmell, Mr.
Miss, and young Mr. Drapes, Miss
Ruth Philpott, Mr. K. W. King,
Mr. and Mrs. de Fraine, Mrs. M. E.
Green, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gittes,
and others.

ALCUDIA:

The Swedish cruiser is spending
a few days in the Puerto de Alcu-
dia. Members of the ship's crew
visited Palma during the weekend.
They attended several local affairs
including the masked ball held by
the *Asistencia Palmesena*. The Cir-
culo Mallorquin held a dress ball

late last week as part of their car-
nival programme.

BANKER & NOVELIST:

Mr. H. G. de Fraine, Mrs. de Frai-
ne, and Miss de Fraine, who have
their home in Essex, England, are
staying at the House Cecile in Ter-
reno. Mr. de Fraine was an offic-
ial of the Bank of England, and
for some twenty years was respos-
sible for the printing of the not-
es, including the present £1 and 10
shilling issues. He is a well known
authority on the production and
printing of bank notes.

Miss Joan de Fraine is a rising
young novelist, and one of the few
writers—not on the staff—who
have been clever enough to have
their articles accepted by «Punch».
Several of hers appeared in that
famous paper. Miss de Fraine has
already had two novels published
by John Long, «Adventure For
Three» and «No Furs» while a
third, «Eighty In the Shade» is
now in the presses and is due for
publication this Spring.

ONE YEAR:

Tito's will celebrate the end of
their first year tomorrow night.
According to the management res-
ervations have been made by a rec-
ord number of people. A ten peseta

dinner with champagne is being
offered.

RECITAL:

Señor Nin-Culmell, the celebrat-
ed pianist, will hold his first rec-
ital of the season in the Palacio de
la Almudaina this evening. He will
play Bach's Italian Concerto, com-
positions by Schumann, Chopin,
Albeniz, and Don Manuel de Falla.
The programme also includes *Ha-
banera*, a composition by Señor
Nin-Culmell. The recital will begin
at 6:30 p.m.

ARRIVALS:

Mr. Huntington H. Harter, who
arrived on the Island last week
from Paris, is Mr. Richard Harter's
cousin. Mr. Huntington Harter has
been a resident of Paris for the
last fifteen years.

Miss Wise of Paris and New York
is living on the Calle de la Salud in
El Terreno. She arrived a short time
ago and will remain here for an
indefinite visit.

Mr. Harry Clarke is expecting
his young son, Edgar, from Paris.
When he returns to the Island,
Master Edgar will return to his
studies at the Ecole Internation-
ale.

CINEMA:

The *Fomento del Turismo* will
soon exhibit the film of the Bal-
earic Islands recently completed by
Ularqui Films. The musical back-
ground to scenes of Mallorca, Me-
norca, and Ibiza, is provided by an
orchestra of ninety pieces led by
Señor Baltasar Samper. The film
was made during the visit of the
parliamentary committee on tour-
ist conditions which visited the Is-
lands at the request of the Nat-
ional Cortes.

THE NIGHT WATCH

A brother scrivener, having read
one of my recent columns, jumped
the starting gun by writing a bed-
time story of his own. The fairy
tale promised for this effort of to-
day, therefore has been suppress-
ed by an editor who didn't think
much of it anyway.

And so, to other subjects.

I hail with delight the photogra-
phic «scoop» pulled by the erudite
daily, *Ahora*, one day last week.

Coincident with the story of the
accident to the American naval
dirigible *Macon*, *Ahora* published
a four-column cut entitled, «The
North American dirigible *Macon*»
The picture shown in the cut was
a non-rigid observation blimp used
by the United States Navy for
training purposes. And that's one
way of stealing a march on the
opposition.

Some of the newspaper stunts
for faking pictures are more or-
iginal, but even the smartest of
them are sometimes exposed.

Several years ago, when the *Ves-
tris* sank on its return voyage to
New York from Valparaiso, a cool-
headed passenger took some fine
pictures. One of them, snapped
from a life boat, showed the ship
after it had been abandoned and
was almost down to the decks in
the water. He sold his scoop to the
New York «Daily Mirror»

A paper whose name shall not
be mentioned here had no pictures
to run. So the art editor took the
«bulldog» edition of the «Mirror»,
clipped the picture, and ran it in
the later editions of his own rag.

How did he beat the copyright?
Simply reversed the negative of
the re-photographed picture and
showed the boat facing in the op-
posite direction. The «Mirror» put
up the devil of a squawk but nev-
er proved its case sufficiently well
to get redress.

It took the old New York «Even-
ing Graphic» to think up the
«composograph». For the benefit
of the uninitiate, a «composog-
raph» is one picture composed of
several, cut and pieced together.
By means of the invention, it is
possible to show such gems as Hit-
ler sharing a bottle of beer and a
ham sandwich with Rabbi Wise.

The «Graphic's» «composog-
raphs» finally got the publisher in
trouble when he went too far with
the late «Daddy» Browning, who
was shown in pajamas with
«Peaches» Heenan Browning and
his adopted daughter, Dorothy
Sunshine Browning. In the back-
ground was «Peach's» pet goose.
The *toute ensemble* was not cal-
culated to bolster up the waning
dignity of the wealthy real estate
operator.

Once, when the «Graphic» agreed
to publish the Bond Club's annu-
al laugh-sheet, Otto Kahn's well
known and sedate head appeared
on top of the legsome body of a
chorus girl.

The Watchman

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BAG SNATCHING IN EL TERRENO

The Palma police are investigating yet another attack on a foreign lady, this time in the Calle 14 de Abril itself.

Frau Chaues, 71 years of age, of German nationality, was held up in that street at Corp Mari and robbed of her handbag, containing twenty-five pesetas, a fountain pen and a small gold watch, valued at seventy pesetas.

Frau Chaues told the Civil Guards at El Terreno that she was walking along the Calle 14 de Abril with a friend when a man approached her and attempted to snatch her bag. As she did not let go, the bandit drew out a small hammer and struck her three times on the left hand, forcing her to release her hold.

The man then made off towards Palma. The victim of the attack at once informed the Civil Guards on duty in the street, who telephoned to their post. Constables were sent out immediately to try to cut off the retreat of the robber at Son Alegre, but were unsuccessful, and it is assumed that he had reached that point ahead of them and continued into town.

Frau Chaues described her assailant as fairly tall and well dressed.

THEATRE GUIDE

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and
Manolesco

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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Monday

The well known zeppelin captain Hans Kurt Fleming has died here at the age of 48 after a stomach operation.

THE HAGUE, Monday

The Dutch government cordially approves the initiative taken in London to organize the peace and security of Western Europe. Foreign Minister de Graaf declared here in political speech, but he added that there can be no question of Holland's becoming a signatory to an air pact. In point of fact the Dutch government had received no kind of invitation to participate in

such an air pact.

PARIS, Monday

Premier Flandrin dealt with the unemployment problem in the Chamber on Saturday pleading for «unfettered liberty to act» and after dwelling on the financial factors relative to trade revival the government was accorded a vote of confidence of 444 to 124.

BUDAPEST, Monday

The United Party has agreed to an extension of the powers of Admiral Horthy. Parliament will be accountable to him, and he is placed in this respect on an equal

footing with a king, having an unlimited right to sanction or veto laws.

NEW YORK, Monday

Travellers entering the United States are permitted to bring in \$100 worth of alcoholic liquor under a new Customs Court decision.

LONDON, Monday

The construction firm of Dorman Long has signed a contract for the Hangchow bridge, the total weight of which is to be 4,165 tons, with sixteen spans carrying a roadway and single railway track.

FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL

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Foreign Minister of France, by Signor Mussolini, Foreign Minister of Italy, and to the military measures taken by Signor Mussolini, Minister of War. The assembled cheerers included the Undersecretaries for Foreign Affairs and War, as well as those of the other departments the Ministers for which are Signor Mussolini.

FLIGHTS TO U. S.

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A Franco-American transatlantic air service will also have to compete within a short time with a similar German line. The Graf Zeppelin has been successfully maintaining a schedule between Europe and South America, and a ship of the same type is now nearing completion at Friedrichshafen and will make its maiden flight to the United States in April. It is generally supposed that the new dirigible will be used on a regular Europe-to-the-United States service shortly after it has completed its trials.

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GERMAN REPLY TO LONDON

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League of Nations, declares the writer in conclusion, is sufficiently well known not to need reiteration. The Reich demands the recognition of equality of rights, not as a condition of her return to Geneva, but, as Herr Hitler has already stated, as a «self-evident preliminary» thereto.

The article does not explain, as Herr Hitler did not explain, what exactly is the difference, if any, between a «self-evident preliminary» and an indispensable condition. By whatever name, however, the question of whether Germany should return to Geneva before, after or simultaneously with the conclusion of an arms convention on the basis of equality of rights for all seems likely to be the chief point of difference between the Wilhelmstrasse and the Quai d'Orsay in the forthcoming negotiations.

GOLD CLAUSE

WASHINGTON, Monday

The Supreme Court of the United States is expected to announce its decision in the Gold Clause test case today. No statement relative to the withholding of the decision was made on Saturday, and the Court adjourns tomorrow for fourteen days. Unless the decision is made today, therefore, it will be delayed until March 4.

SWEEPSTAKE TICKET

An Irish Free State Hospitals' Sweepstake ticket for the Grand National at Aintree to be run on March 29 has been found. For information concerning it call at the editorial offices of The Palma Post, Calle Lonjeta 11, or telephone 1365.

LAUNCHING OF ARTABRO

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the expedition to the Amazon, the engineers responsible for the construction of the floating laboratory, and Señor Marañon, another member of the expedition, were also present.

Captain Iglesias, who prepared the first rough plans for the exploration ship, and the engineers received many congratulations on the successful completion of their labours. Señor Marañon announced the receipt of a telegram from the Minister of Peru in Madrid, wishing the expedition every success.

LATE SPORTS NEWS

GEORGETOWN, Monday

The score in the third Test cricket match here stands at M. C. C., 226 and five for one wicket; West Indies, 184.

PARIS, Monday

The score in the covered courts lawn tennis match here in London, 10; Paris, 11.

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CH. GRAVES ON MALLORCA

«Majorca», by Charles Graves an interesting booklet of some thirty pages, published by the Southern Railway in their «Off the Ten Track» series.

Its interest is not confined to the prospective tourist whom it is designed to lure, and for whose benefit maps, time-tables and information concerning fares are provided inside the cover. Mr. Graves' text is full of information and facts which in many cases will be new to long-established residents.

He begins by calling the Island «cross between North Wales and Corfu»—a statement which, as a reviewer, having been in many of those places, is unable to challenge. He then leaves the realm of aphorism and speculation and proceeds to conduct the armchair traveller on a tour of the Island's beauty spots, his descriptions which are supplemented by excellent photographs.

On the way he hands out a wealth of information concerning Mallorca's people, its history, industries, its amusements and everything else in the place. It is—or nearly all-accurate, and that Mr. Graves must have conducted a remarkable amount of research into his short visit last year.

It may be permissible to point out that he has anticipated the date of the union of the crowns of Aragon and Castile by a matter of some three centuries—a half by calling Jaime the Conqueror King of Spain. It is impossible, however, to hold him accountable for the statement that the Mallorquin tongue is «more like Basque than anything else» for he has covered himself with cautious «They tell me.»

Mr. Graves finds a great number of things to praise, ranging from scenery to ensaimadas and Mallorquin porker. And there are ears which are still burning in response to the charming compliments which he pays The Daily Post.

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