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ON THE ISLAND

Francisco Romero, whose name accompanies these paragraphs, is head of an important department of the Mallorca division of the national police. Quite apart from his connection with forces of law and order, he is well known to members of the foreign colony.



Mr. Romero is an expert on the art of bullfighting, and his lectures and demonstrations have attracted more than one reception. He is aided by his English-speaking assistants. During the *temporada* he usually presides at the more important *corridos* in the *plaza de toros*.

Bullfighting has played an important part in the history of Seville. Romero's entire family, which boasts a number of prominent names in its annals. Perhaps the best known *torero* in the Romero family was Don Pedro, who, towards the end of the Nineteenth Century, invented a system of bullfighting from which the modern *corridos* have evolved. His principal contribution was the taking of the bull from the safety of his horse and placing him on foot.

ANNOUNCING:—

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Churchill are expected in Palma next week. So far as is known at present they will travel overland, accompanied by Mr. Churchill's lady secretary and Mrs. Churchill's maid, arriving here on the morning of Tuesday, December 10 and proceeding on to Formentor.

The same route and date of arrival will be those of Professor Hermann.

COVERING:—

Colonel Uniacke of Las Peñas, Paguera, is reported to be recovering from the effects of his motoring accident on Wednesday. The Colonel fainted while driving, and having failed in his effort to stop the car when he felt the attack coming on, crashed into a tree, injuring his face, hands and chest. However, on Friday morning it was stated at Doctor Valdés' clinic that he had passed a good night and that his condition was definitely better.

Mrs. Charles Salisbury was due to leave the clinic with her son on Saturday for her mother's home in Son Armadams, where she will rest for a few days before rejoining Mr. Charles Salisbury at their house in Génova.

EDICO:—

Doctor Don Virgilio Peñaranda flew to Madrid last week and returned again after taking part in an important conference. As his brother, Don Vicente, was already in Madrid, the place of both was filled during their absence by Doctor Don Lorenzo Villalón, who when not ministering to minds and bodies diseased is busy editor of *Brisas*.

CONFIRMED:—

The rumour that Miss Eugenia Lewis and her mother are coming to Palma has been confirmed. They are due to arrive on December 10. Everyone seems to have picked that date.

CHECK:—

Mr. Rolf J. Memisohn, that popular and versatile artist, arrived in Palma on Friday from Valencia, and is staying at the Chalchagua House. That is to say, Valencia was his last stop on the mainland, for he has been touring the South of Spain pretty extensively.

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IMPERIAL AIRWAYS IN PALMA?

SUGGESTED NEW ROUTE

NOT ALL RED

Palma will become a station on a new Imperial Airways route to the East if a suggestion made by Lord Strickland, former Prime Minister of Malta, is adopted.

The details of the proposal are set forth and its advantages tersely summed up in an editorial published recently by the important daily paper «The Times of Malta», of Valletta. That journal writes:

«Lord Strickland has approached the Imperial Airways Ltd., to whom he has suggested the adoption of a new Imperial Airways route to Malta, via Plymouth, San Sebastián, the Balearic Islands and Malta; thence to Alexandria and further East.

This suggestion has the attraction of reducing trans-continental flights to a minimum, while considerably shortening the flying distance that would have to be covered if the Imperial Airways adopted the suggested route via Gibraltar as a permanent «All Red Route» even in times of peace.

San Sebastián lies on the North Atlantic coast of Spain just off the French frontier. The distance between Plymouth and San Sebastián is considerably less than half the distance from Plymouth to Gibraltar, which is about 1,100 miles. From San Sebastián to Palma in the Balearics, the distance is only about 370, while from Palma to Malta it is under 700 miles. From Gibraltar to Malta non-stop it is nearly a thousand miles.

This route would eliminate at once the long flying distances to be covered in the route England, Gibraltar, Malta, which have hitherto been the greatest deterrent against the adoption of an «All Red» Route.

It is true that Lord Strickland's suggested route is not «All Red», but it is certainly infinitely better and safer, and less liable to dislocation without notice, than the present continental route. The only foreign stopping places in the suggested route would be San Sebastián and Palma, both Spanish ports. Between them there is the narrow neck of Spanish territory

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STRAUSS CASE INVESTIGATOR ARRIVES

Señor Bellón, the magistrate appointed to inquire into the accusations regarding the gambling at San Sebastián and Formentor, was due to arrive in Palma on Saturday.

As his investigation is being conducted strictly in camera, no details of the object of his journey can be given. It is assumed, naturally, that it is to obtain evidence which cannot be obtained elsewhere.

The special magistrate comes here from Barcelona, where other ramifications of the case had to be traced. Later he is expected to visit San Sebastián and possibly some other places also.

The Strauss case is moving slowly, owing to the extreme complexity of the tangle which Señor Bellón has the task of unravelling. It is not expected to be over until early next year.

One reason for the delay is that the boxer Paulino Uzcúndun and Señor Olazábal, both of whom are required to give evidence, are abroad. Diplomatic steps have been taken to enable the testimony of M. Strauss, author of the accusations which shook the Cabinet and monopolised the headlines of the Spanish press, to be taken in Hol-

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A MUSICAL EVENT

DINAH SINETY AT ALMUDAINA

CAPELLA SUCCESS

A song recital by Miss Dinah Sinety has been arranged to take place at the Almudaina Palace on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Miss Sinety is a vocalist who, after climbing to the heights of her profession, has been obliged by illness to take a long rest. Being now quite recovered, she has chosen Palma as the scene of a kind of dress rehearsal before tackling bigger halls and cities again.

Her programme for Tuesday is divided into four groups of songs, the first consisting of «Air d'Eurydice» by Jacobo Peri, Handel's «Largo» and César Frank's «La Procession». In the second group there are two Schumann songs, «Au Loin» and «Soirée d'Angoisse», two by Debussy, «Romance» and «Les Cloches», and two by Duparc, «Phidylé» and «L'Invitation au Voyage».

Gounod's «Stances de Sappho» and Buccini's «Sur la Mer Calmée» form the third group, while the last will consist of Tschaiakowsky's «Déception» and three songs by Gretschaninow, «Triste est le Steppe», «Le Perce-Neige» and «Doux Pays». Miss Sinety's accompanist will be the local pianist Don J. Roig.

The Capella Clássica de Mallorca
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RUGBY FOOTBALL IN PALMA

Rugby football, hitherto practically unknown in Mallorca, will be so no longer when the plans now being matured by the Club Natación Mallorca bear fruit.

That club recently appointed a *Comisión de Rugby y Atletismo* to find ways and means of extending its activities in those two directions. In the first connection the Commission's labours have met with a considerable measure of success.

The Commissioners already have a list of wouldbe players sufficient to form two fifteens. The greatest enthusiasm is reported to exist among these pioneers, who should be seen in action before

very long, in fact it may be that training is already in progress as this sentence is being written.

Equal keenness has been met with in the matter of athletics, but the question of how well the Club is provided with athletes remains open for the present. The Commission expects soon to have more information on the subject.

Meanwhile, those residents who are homesick for Twickenham should keep their ears open for shouts of «Coming in—right!» or their Castilian or Mallorquin equivalents. At least one member of the staff of The Palma Post will be with them in their efforts to trace Mallorquin Rugby to its cradle.

ENTERTAINMENT

Cinemas

Teatro Lírico, Plaza Libertad. Till Tuesday: *West Point of the Air* (Nido de Aguilas) with Wallace Beery (in Spanish). Wednesday: *La Estropeada* with Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy (in Spanish) and *El Billete Premiado* with Louise Fageusha and Leo Carrillo (in English).

Cine Born, Paseo del Borne. Till Wednesday: *Women Must Listen* with Gary Grant (in Spanish) and *Capullos de Azahar* with George Burn and Grace Allen. Thursday: *The Crusades* with Henry Wilconson and Loretta Young (in Spanish).

Salón Rialto, Calle San Felio. Till Wednesday: *Ojos Cariñosos* with Shirley Temple (in Spanish) and *Cradle Song* in technicolour. Thursday: *We Live Again* with Anna Eten and Fredric March (in English) and *Sueño de una Noche de Invierno*.

Cine Moderno, Plaza Santa Eulalia. Till Wednesday: *The Bride of Frankenstein* with Boris Karloff and *El Valle del Infierno* with Buck Jones (in English). Thursday: *Clive of India* with Ronald Colman and Loretta Young.

Teatro Principal, Plaza Weyler. Now showing: *Ethiopia* and *La Viuda Soltera*. Tuesday: *A Night of Love* with Grace Moore (in English).

Teatro Balear, Calle Zanoguera. Till Wednesday: *Mártir del Honor* (in Spanish) and *En un Rancho de Santa Fe* with Ken Maynard. Thursday: *Rataplán* (in Spanish).

Protectora, Calle Protectora. Closed.

Cabarets & Dancing Places
Tito's, Plaza Gomila, Terreno.
Florida Dance Hall, Calle Vallorí.
Los Pinos, Calle 14 de Abril, Terreno. Closed.
Jardin Bellver, Calle 14 de Abril, Terreno. Closed.
Trocadero, Rambla.
Lido, Calle Brondo.
Macarena, Calle Teatro Balear.

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Horse Racing
Every Sunday, at the track on the Carretera de Estallenchs.

Basque Pelota
Every night except Monday, starting at 10 p.m., at the Fronton, Calle Hornabeque.

FRANCO-SPANISH COMMERCE

TREATY READY FOR SIGNING

ALL-NIGHT TALK

Spain and France, after a long tariff war and previous fruitless negotiations, have at last succeeded in drafting a trade treaty which is expected to be approved by both Governments in a few days.

The successful negotiations were completed in a long session of the French and Spanish representatives which lasted from 4 p.m. on Wednesday till 3 a.m. on Friday, the delegates dining together so as to lose no time. The following note was handed to the waiting reporters at the Ministry of State in Madrid at 4:30 a.m. on Thursday:

«The drafts of the Hispano-French Commercial Treaty and the agreement complementary thereto were completed early this morning, and will be submitted to the respective Governments for their approval.

«The conversations already begun will continue immediately with the object of arriving as rapidly as possible at an agreement in the matter of payments, so that, this question being solved, the commercial treaty may go into effect.»

After detailing the course of the negotiations, the note adds:

«The terms of the agreement do not leave either the interests of Spain or those of France unprotected. We may be satisfied at last after so many incidents and above all after so much time, which always complicates matters.

«The commercial aspect is settled satisfactorily for both countries. The problem of exchange was also considered, and a solution for it must be found.» The Minister of State added that the terms of the treaty would be published simultaneously in France and Spain.

SERVANT PROBLEM

If you have a servant problem, The Palma Post may be able to solve it for you. This office has a list of available cooks, chauffeurs, maids, menservants and others, which will be gladly placed at the disposal of any of our readers who care to call at San Felio, 4.

RIALTO

Dec. 5 to 11 (in English)
Vivamos de Nuevo
(WE LIVE AGAIN)
with Anna Sten & Fredric March also
Sueño de una Noche de Invierno

TO ENGLAND FOR CHRISTMAS IN THREE DAYS BY NEW FAST LINER

HOW «REGISTERED MARK» SYSTEM MAKES TRAVEL CHEAPER

Going to England for Christmas? This year it can be done more quickly and more comfortably than ever before. Also, thanks to the «registered mark» system, more cheaply.

The new, fast North German Lloyd liner Scharnhorst is due to leave Palma on December 18 for Southampton, with no stops between. The scheduled time for the journey is only three days, so that her passengers will be landed in England four days before the holiday.

The Scharnhorst is one of the three magnificent new ships operating the North German Lloyd's express service to the Far East, all of which were launched this year and are the last word in shipbuilding. Her registered tonnage is 18,000, and her speed of twenty-two knots has enabled her to cut the time for the Far Eastern passage to about half.

She can carry 152 first class passengers and 180 in the tourist class, the latter especially embodying features of comfort and even of luxury unheard of before. The Scharnhorst and her sister ships, the Potsdam and the Gneisenau, are specially designed for the tropics, but they are no less comfortable in a northern Winter.

All the first class cabins are outside cabins, and nearly all those in the tourist class as well. All of them have running hot and cold water, and they are insulated in a way that is as useful for keeping the heat in in the Channel as for keeping it out in the Red Sea.

Spacious decks, plenty of large, comfortable public rooms, including a children's playroom, and two swimming pools are also features of the vessel. The line prides

itself on feeding its passengers well, and the social life of a German ship at this time of year is the best possible way of becoming acclimatised to the Christmas spirit.

The fares quoted can be reduced by about a third if you buy your ticket in registered marks. These are an ingenious inducement offered by the German Government to attract travellers to Germany.

They consist of a kind of cheque which can be acquired only outside Germany and cashed only inside that country. That is why they are also known as «inland marks», though «registered marks» is the official term.

The cheques can be cashed at any Reichsbank in Germany into ordinary German currency. Their advantage is that whereas in the ordinary way a mark in Palma costs nearly three pesetas, registered marks cost only two pesetas each.

German ships and German aeroplanes are detached portions of Germany for this as for other purposes. So registered marks obtained for you by a shipping agency here can be spent in taking a passage on a German vessel.



For returning to Palma there is the Gneisenau, the newest of the three fast luxury liners, which was launched at Bremen last May. She is due here on January 11 on her maiden voyage to the Far East.

MODERNO

Nov. 28 to Dec. 4
The Bride of Frankenstein
with Boris Karloff
Dec. 5 to 8
Clive of India
with Ronald Colman & Loretta Young

SALON RIALTO

December 5 to 11 (in English)
VIVAMOS DE NUEVO (We Live Again)
with ANNA STEN and FREDRIC MARCH. Also
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ZEPPELIN'S 119 HOURS IN AIR

KEPT FLYING BY REBELLION

WAR IN BRAZIL

The Graf Zeppelin, on its way to Natal, Brazil, last week, the air mail from Europe, had to stay in the air for 119 hours before being taken to its hangar.

The reason was a Communist revolt which had broken out in Pernambuco, Rio de Janeiro, Minas Geraes and Natal. The aerodrome was in the hands of rebels, so the Graf Zeppelin had to keep away till the fighting was over.

Meanwhile Rio de Janeiro was being treated to the extraordinary spectacle of heavy fighting taking place in the Urea quarter, in the very heart of the City. The Vermelha barracks in that district occupied by the rebels, were bombed and set on fire by Government aeroplanes, while the loyal artillery bombarded the aviation school, another focus of the revolt. The rebellious Third Infantry Regiment was besieged in its quarters.

On Friday it was announced that the Brazilian Government considered the Communist movement extinct in Natal, Recife and that the Graf Zeppelin had been able to land at Recife. It also announced that the leader of the revolt in that district had been caught.

Some 500 rebels fled from Natal in the steamer Santos. She sailed southwards along the coast in hot pursuit. On learning that the rebel leaders had their whereabouts put about, steamed back to Natal and tamely surrendered to the authorities.

The Rio rebels capitulated. The Third Infantry barracks had been set on fire. Those at Pernambuco fled after a fight in which they left 100 dead in the streets.

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SPAIN'S RIGHT TO MALTA

BETTER CLAIM THAN ITALY

BALEARIC LINK

Of course,» remarked a Spanish gentleman in a Palma café the other day, «Gibraltar belongs to Spain and Malta to Italy.»

The gentleman in question read more Spanish history than less Italian propaganda, he would have realised that his own country has a far better claim on Italy to the sovereignty of the Maltese Islands. In fact, if the question were to be decided on purely legalistic grounds, Spain could put up a strong case and Italy come at all.

Malta has been British for more than a century. The British occupation has been uninterrupted since 1802, and the islands were formally recognised as part of the British Empire by the Treaty of Paris of 1814. But if that claim and wishes of the Maltese themselves were ignored, then Malta and its islands would be as Spanish as Mallorca and Ibiza.

The only time that Malta was Italian was when it formed part of the Roman Empire. And if the Emperor's claim to succeed the Roman Emperors be upheld, then the Roman legions should succeed in their conquest of the island. The Roman legions in London, Paris, Madrid and Cologne, to say nothing of Jerusalem and Bucarest. The Kings of Aragon, after conquering the Balearics from the Moors and Sicily from the Angevins, obtained possession of Malta in the thirteenth century. The islands remained nominally subject to the crown of Aragon, merged in that of Spain, almost till the British occupation.

The Knights of Saint John, who held the place against all comers and particularly against the Turks from 1530 until they were expelled by Napoleon, received it from Charles V as a fief of the Spanish crown. In token of this relationship they were bound to pay an annual tribute of a falcon, and if they left the island it was to revert to the Emperor's successors.

When the French were expelled on their turn in 1802, the King of Naples put in a claim, declaring that as ruler of Sicily he was Charles V's successor in that part of the world. But the Neapolitan branch of the Aragonese dynasty is no longer a ruling house, and the Emperor has a successor today he is not the King of Italy, but the President of the Spanish Republic.

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CENTENARY OF BIRTH OF MARK TWAIN CELEBRATED ON SATURDAY

GREAT AMERICAN HUMOURIST WHOSE FAME SWEEPED THE WORLD

Saturday, November 30 was the centenary of the birth of Mark Twain.

Samuel Langhorne Clemens, famous throughout the English-speaking world and beyond as «Mark Twain», came into the world on that date in 1835 in Florida, Missouri. His long and active life—he died in 1910—formed a link of the greatest importance between the pioneer days of the American Middle and Far West and our own time.

Orphaned at the age of eight, the future literary giant had little formal education, but a wide variety of experience. Beginning as his brother's assistant on the Hannibal (Mo.) «Journal», he became a journeyman printer, a Mississippi pilot and a gold miner in Nevada before achieving authorship by way of journalism.

He was already using the pen name «Mark Twain», derived from a Mississippi pilot's call, to sign newspaper articles before he became a member of that famous literary circle in San Francisco that included, among others, Bret Harte and Artemus Ward. During his Frisco days he wrote that masterpiece of humorous story-telling, «The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County», which made him famous overnight.

A Mediterranean cruise in 1867 was responsible for that hilarious satire on what the American pseudo-aesthete was supposed to see in Europe, «The Innocents Abroad». It was written to fulfil a commission for a series of articles from a San Francisco newspaper, but it represented the author's transition from a journalist to a writer of books.

Perhaps his best known works are «The Adventures of Tom Sawyer» and its sequel, «The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn», which were written largely as a counterblast to the appalling pious stories about and for children which were then in vogue. His own preference however went to his «Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc».

This work was published anonymously, for Mark Twain realised and said at the time that nothing published under the name of a professional humourist would be taken seriously. And he had taken the book very seriously indeed, spending fourteen years over its preparation.

Another unfamiliar aspect of the writer is to be found in «The Tra-

gedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson», published in 1894. This late production of his fertile mind reveals the deep vein of pessimism which underlay the verbal antics of the man that made the world laugh, and which grew steadily more apparent towards the close of his life.

During his lifetime his literary merits were recognised by honorary degrees from the universities of Yale and Oxford and that of his native state, Missouri. The following is the judgment of his achievements which Mr. Van Wyck Brooks, the author of «The Ordeal of Mark Twain», wrote for the last edition of the «Encyclopedia Britannica»:

He was most widely popular in his own day as a humourist, but he will survive rather as the master folk-writer of the pioneering epoch who has left in *Roughing It* and *Life on the Mississippi* unrivalled pictures of the character and manners of the Middle and Far West in Civil War days, and in *Tom Sawyer* and *Huckleberry Finn* a veritable epic of that primitive civilization, poetic in feeling, strictly veracious in detail, abounding in colour, and, in the latter book especially, with a grasp of life that can only be described as classical.»

Such, no doubt, is the significance of Mark Twain for the serious student of American literature. Ordinary people outside of America will continue to remember him for the unfailing flood of humour which characterised him both in his work and out of it.

When the former pilot had become famous a Mississippi steamboat was named after him. The following was his comment on the event:

«May my namesake follow in my righteous footsteps, and then neither of us will need any fire insurance.»

Mark Twain's diaries were recently reprinted in a London magazine in anticipation of the centenary. They contain, as might be expected, plenty of characteristic sayings, some of which may be taken as the author's more or less serious opinion of himself and his work:

«My books are water; those of the great geniuses are wine. Everybody drinks water.»

«I could never tell a lie anybody would doubt, or a truth anyone would believe.»

«The man who is a pessimist before 48 knows too much; if he is an optimist after it, he knows too little.»

«Have a place for everything and keep the thing somewhere else. This is not advice, it is merely custom.»

«Familiarity breeds contempt—and children.»

LOCAL ARTISTS IN SYMPOSIUM

BOTH SPANISH AND FOREIGN

STRIKING CUTS

A remarkable collection of works by local artists, both Spanish and foreign, is contained in the *Almanaque Balear* for 1936, published in Palma by *Arte y Vida*.

There are fifty-three of them—one for each week in the year, with an extra one due to the weekend not coinciding with the New Year. Each page consists of one lithographic print, with the calendar for the week at the foot, so that when the page is torn off the bottom can be removed, leaving a picture that it well worth keeping.

Among the foreign artists represented, Miss Josephine Winsor makes the largest score with five pictures included, her predilection for lino-cuts and other black and white work making them particularly suitable for reproduction in the lithographic medium. Her selection includes two characteristically vigorous cuts of men working at a glassblowers' furnace and an olive press, a remarkable study of a windmill begirt with prickly pear from Ibiza, a group of old houses in Ibiza City and a Sóller farmhouse.

Mr. Norman Jacobsen contributes one drawing in the unmistakable Jacobsen manner, «Mother and Child». Mr. Rolf Memisohn is similarly content to stand or fall by his study of cabaret girls.

Mr. Per Sonne, the Norwegian artist, is perhaps best known locally for his clever caricatures, some of which appear from time to time in the local press. A page of Mallorquin peasant faces represents that side of his talent in the Almanac, while drawings of the old mill towers at El Jonquet, the Palm Sunday fair and the Glorieta attest his ability in other directions.

Mr. Erwin Hubert, whose paintings of picturesque Mallorquin scenes are familiar to every resident on the Island, is curiously un-Hubertian in the amusing drawing called *Es Femeter* and in another which depicts peasants gathering olives at Valldemosa.

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Messrs. Francis Fitzgibbon, Boje Postel, Alois Erbach, L. Carnap and G. Beer complete the foreign contingent and provide some interesting contrasts in styles.

Señor Fuster Valiente's shipyard pictures stand out among the Spanish contributions, particularly the fine example numbered 13. Don Pascual Ysla has also gone to the waterfront for his inspiration, though in his studies of fishermen mending their nets and hauling up their boats it is rather the human figures that take the eye.

Other contributors include Doña Pazzis Sureda, one of whose drawings is reproduced with a difference as the front cover, Señor Llinás Riera, Don Simeón Cerdá, Don Ignacio Furió, Don Pedro Barceló and Don Juan Fuster. They have produced items as worthy of record as Mr. Beer's splendidly massive «Muralla en Ibiza», which must also be passed over with a bare mention here.

The purpose of this article, in any case, was not to make detailed criticism, but to point out that this cross-section of the artistic life of the Island is quite an unusual four pesetas' worth.

LATEST WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

GENEVA, Saturday

The Committee of Eighteen of the Sanctions Conference has been convoked for December 12, when the question of extending the list of prohibited raw materials will be deliberated.

Since the members of the League are now presumed to be in agreement with regard to the proposed oil embargo against Italy, it is realised that the crux of the problem lies with the non-members. The statement of Mr. Mof-fett, Vice-President of the Standard Oil of California, who declared in New York that the American oil companies would desist from selling oil to Italy at the Government's request, has therefore aroused considerable interest here.

In London this is considered to be merely a personal opinion, and not representative of the whole oil industry. The Irish Free State's reply to the Italian note on sanctions reiterates recognition of the Free State's obligations as a League member and expresses the hope that a just settlement will soon be reached. From Cairo it is reported that Italy is likely to withdraw her Minister as a result of the application of the sanctions by Egypt.

PARIS, Saturday

An association of «victims of sanctions» has been formed here by a number of French industrialists on whom the application of

sanctions against Italy is inflicting more or less heavy loss. The new association, at its inaugural meeting, drew up its statutes and passed a resolution demanding that the sanctions already decided upon shall not be intensified and that normal relationships between France and Italy be restored as soon as possible.

ROME, Saturday

The fifty-eighth war bulletin reports that on the First Army Corps front in the Danakil region columns are continuing operations. On the Erytrea Army Corps front the advanced section at Abaro has dispersed armed groups of Ethiopians. On the Second Army Corps front a mixed column in the Mai Galetta territory met with enemy groups which were put to flight, a number of prisoners being taken. On the Somali front aircraft bombarded Ethiopian positions at Degabur, destroying various ammunition dumps.

Five large passenger steamers with a total of 4,000 berths have been equipped by the Italian Government for the medical and Red Cross service of the Italian expeditionary corps in East Africa, and three other vessels with a total of 3,000 berths are in preparation. All the cabins of all the ships are provided with automatic air-conditioning.

Of these eight steamers six will be used for transporting the sick and wounded, one will remain in the port of Massaua to be used as

a hospital for sick soldiers and workmen, while the third will be used to keep in quarantine until their complete recovery soldiers and workmen stricken with contagious and epidemic diseases.

ASMARA, Saturday

The first official action of General Badoglio, the new Italian commander-in-chief, was to order the disarmament of the entire population of the occupied territory in northern Ethiopia. This measure is being carried out with the greatest rigour, since Italian troops of late have very frequently been attacked in the rear.

The Ethiopian deserters are also required to hand over their antiquated firearms, receiving new Italian rifles in exchange. Their chiefs must answer with their heads if these arms are ever used by their followers against the Italians.

ASMARA, Saturday

General Mariotti's columns are now carrying out energetic action against the detachments of Ras Kassa Sebat on the eastern slopes of the North Ethiopian plateau. Several leaders of these warriors, who according to reports here have repeatedly raided and plundered villages, are said to have been captured. The population is stated to have suffered severely through the rapacity of the raiders, who deprived the villagers even of the bare necessities of life.

Other reports received here state that North and South of the rocky massif of Amba Alaschi Italian aviators have observed fresh concentrations of Ethiopian troops, which they attacked with their machine guns.

ADDIS ABBABA, Saturday

The Emperor left the capital yesterday by car for Dessie, the general headquarters of the northern front, where he will reside in the ancient castle. During his absence the Crown Prince will act as Regent.

Dessie, where the Emperor is expected to stay about ten days, is reported to be well protected against air attacks. His journey is generally believed here to portend a large scale Ethiopian offensive in accordance with the decision taken by the War Council on Thursday. In informed quarters it is stressed that the Ethiopian High Command is fully acquainted with the vulnerable spots in the enemy positions, so that the Ethiopian troops are confident of not encountering unforeseen difficulties in spite of the superiority of the Italians' technical equipment.

It is believed that the Ras Kassa and Ras Mulugeta are combining for an advance on Makale, while the Ras Seyum is trying to outflank the Italians West of the Takazze river and maintaining contact with General Ayale to the South.

Nine Italian aeroplanes flew over the town of Daggah Bur on the South front for several hours and dropped 15,000 bombs on it, according to a report received here from that place. Incendiary bombs were also employed and the church, which was badly damaged in the last bombardment, was this time burned to the ground. Many of the inhabitants were killed, but there were no troops in the town during the bombardment.

ROME, Saturday

The Italian bishops are the most active participants in the gold collections organised as a defensive measure against sanctions, according to press reports. These add that the Italian church dignitaries are enthusiastically supporting the national aims and have given a ready response to the suggestion, made by the Archbishop of Monreale, that churches and monasteries which are places of pilgrimage should hand over to the Government all gold treasures presented to them by worshippers and pilgrims, receiving in return five per cent war loan.

This suggestion has already been carried out in many cases, it is said, and the patriotic attitude of the bishops has made a deep impression on the population, to whom the papers uphold it as a shining example. The Italian churches possess enormous riches in gold, and it is estimated that if all these are turned over

to the state and each inhabitant of the country contributes in addition only a little over two grammes of gold, the Bank of Italy gold reserves will be increased 1,000,000,000 lire.

This, it is declared, would put Italy in a position to hold out against sanctions for another year. Moreover the press points out that the Church possesses large credits abroad, in exchange for which the Government would be able to offer Italian industrial shares.

ADDIS ABBABA, Saturday

The Emperor's caravan arrived at northern army headquarters at Dessie safely yesterday evening. For the protection of the Imperial party bombproof shelters had been prepared at places where the Emperor broke the journey, while an Ethiopian aeroplane made a reconnoitring flight to see whether the next stretch of road was clear.

The Emperor will probably leave Dessie in a few days and continue northwards to consult with the northern commanders. He is said to be particularly anxious to confer with the Ras Kassa, from whom nothing has been heard for some weeks although he possesses portable shortwave wireless transmitters.

DJIBOUTI, Saturday

Italian aviators, according to report from Harrar, flew over Djibouti dropping pamphlets warning the population to leave the city as it would be bombed in the near future. The Indian tradesmen of the place and numerous members of Somali tribes under British protection are fleeing from Djibouti to Hargeisa in British Somaliland, and the caravan road to Hargeisa is crowded with fugitives. All shops and bazaars in Djibouti are closed, and the city's strong garrison has taken up positions in carefully camouflaged trenches.

MANILA, Saturday

The Panamerican Airways «Cebu Clipper» made a safe landing here at the end of her 8,000 mile flight from California, inaugurating the commercial air service.

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PALMA'S AIRPORT

The unique geographical position of the Balearic Isles is gradually lifting their capital into its destined position as the chief air junction of the Mediterranean.

Any feeling of isolation that residents in Palma may have experienced must surely be dissipated since the opening of the Palma-Madrid air service, which makes the journey to the national capital a matter of a couple of hours instead of days. The Alcudia stop on the Marseilles-Algiers line connects the Island with Africa and also, via Paris, with all the chief air lines of Europe.

And now comes a proposal to make Palma a stop on an Imperial Airways route from England to the East. On another page we quote an editorial from «The Times of Malta», in which Lord Strickland's suggestion is detailed and the arguments in its favour set forth.

It is not our purpose to recapitulate those arguments here. Suffice it to say that they seem to us good and sufficient, and that, if Imperial Airways takes the same view, it should encounter no insuperable difficulties in the way of putting the suggestion into practice.

The Spanish Government already allows French and German air services to be operated over its territory, connecting those countries with North Africa and South America respectively. The Cape Juby aerodrome on the South American route is rightly regarded as a national asset and the chief source of the importance of that colony, and there is no reason why the same view should not be taken of the Palma airport.

The airport itself would naturally have to be developed rather more to deal with heavier through traffic, but there are no great difficulties in the way of that either. The Son Bonet aerodrome has the whole plain of Palma to expand in, and every facility needed for seaplanes can be installed easily, in so far as it is not already present, in the Bay and Harbour of Palma and in Alcudia Bay.

THE NIGHT WATCH

«My wife is twenty-six and I am thirsty.»—London daily.

An unhappy state of affairs, old boy, but aren't your complaints just a little *non sequitur*?

Recommended for suppression:

Father Coughlin

It has been suggested in an American monthly review that the permanent residents of the State of Maine be evacuated to New York in the winter. Thus, it is claimed, would the money spent in Maine by summer visitors be returned to its original source and interstate trade would be given an extra fillip.

I should have published my own protest against this heinous suggestion, had not that other old State o' Mainer, Woodenhead Staples, beat me to it with the following scathing rebuke:

Dere Watchman:

Wats this i here about sendin us mainers down to Noo York in the winter to spend the money we make off the summer visitors? Wats it, huh?

Tle tell you wat it is. Its just a nother wun of these city slicker skemes to get our hard urned monee, thats wat, Lissen, lemme tell you somethin about the last time me an Levitia was in Noo York. That must of been nigh on to thirty years ago, about 1906 or 7 i should say.

Well, Vacey an me, we put up in a hotel called the Waldorf Castoria or somethin. Got there about eleven at night an went to bed first thing. First trouble was, i couldn't blow the lite out, the goddam thing was all inside a glass bulb an no sign of a wick or nothin so i couldn't even turn it down. But it was on a sort of long string, so i took it over to the burey drawer and put it in. Then i shut the drawer an the lite went out with a helluva bang. Next day i had to pay the hotel for putting the lite out. Wat sort of treatment is that?

First week we was there they sent us a bill for ten dollars, I raised hell about that because i can stay a month in Mrs. Lillibreeches Ladies an Gents Bordin House for as much. Then what do you suppose happened? They said that wasn't the hotel bill at all, but was for laundry! After that Vacey washed our clothes in some red buckets she found in the hall.

Them buckets is for fire only, says a majer general all over brass braid an buttons. Then wat have they water in them for, Vacey wants to know.

Send us mainers to new york for the winter? Great goddamitee, never sir!

yures woodenhead.

My sentiments too, Woodenhead. Stay where you are and stick to slicking the city slickers.

The Watchman

TURNING THE PAGES

by Bibliófilo

THE MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR AT STYLES, by Agatha Christie. she was what I have heard one crime expert describe as a «born murderess».

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It is pretty generally admitted, I believe, that Mrs. Agatha Christie can turn out quite a good detective story. «The Mysterious Affair at Styles» now available to the impecunious and the economical in the cheap, well produced Penguin edition, is perhaps not Mrs. Christie's best story, but certainly not her worst.

Every writer of detective stories has mannerisms, and so has every stock character used by such writers. Whether you like the writer depends a good deal whether those mannerisms annoy you or not.

I must confess that Hastings, who is Mrs. Christie's narrator and plays Watson to the Holmes of her stock detective, M. Hercule Poirot, annoys me. «Instinctively I distrust the man.» is the sort of thing he says all the time, and the unflinching result is always to

notwithstanding, it is clear that she was what I have heard one crime expert describe as a «born murderess».

Practically everyone at Styles had a perfectly good motive for poisoning her, and what with the confusing trail laid by the real culprit and one thing and another, Mrs. Christie manages to make it seem as if everyone (in turn of course) did. Suspicion lights on this one and that, waxes and wanes, switches and switches back again, precisely as it should in every good detective puzzle.

A jigsaw puzzle, in fact, is the favourite metaphor of M. Poirot when he deigns to describe his methods. And here let it be said that the author plays fair with the reader, who is in possession of all the pieces as soon as M. Poirot is. The solitary exception, where the detective picks up something in the dead woman's bedroom and just pockets it, does not really count, for he shows it to Hastings about two pages fur-



make me hope that the person in question will turn out to be transparently innocent, just to put Hastings' nose out of joint for him.

When I add that the scene of the murder—of course it was a murder that happened at Styles—is laid in an English country house during the War, I have said practically everything that can be said against this book, and that circumstance is rather in its favour, for the War is not allowed to intrude itself unnecessarily, affecting the tale only in so far as the patriotic activities of the various members of the household directly affect the commission and detection of the crime.

The most original point in the story is that the murderer deliberately manufactures a series of false and disprovable clues leading to himself, in order to be tried and acquitted of the crime and so placed forever out of reach of the law. That took a considerable deal of nerve on the part of the murderer, and also on that of the author.

The victim, Mrs. Inglethorpe, was a protector of Belgian refugees, and therefore entitled to the sympathy of M. Poirot, the Belgian detective, but she got little from me. Hastings' praises of her

ther on and before he makes use of it.

Conclusion: An up-to-standard story, with interest well sustained.

«The difference between the American short story of 1914 and that of today is as great as between the poetry of Pope and the poetry of Keats.»

That is the opinion of Mr. Edward J. O'Brien, who for the twenty-one years covered by his statement has been editing his annual collection of «Best Short Stories.» It is contained in an article on «The American Short Story» in the end pages of the December issue of the magazine «Story», in which Mr. O'Brien further declares that 200 American short stories of «permanent literary value» are now published in the United States every year, as compared with only one or two in the year when he first undertook his task of selection.

«Story», which has risen to its present importance in a very few years from humble beginnings on the Island of Mallorca, carries the good work a step farther in this December number, which contains nine short stories, all of them by new writers.

BY HOOK OR BY CROOK

IN ABYSSINIA

there are no battles waged like that which will take place next Saturday between the warlike Pou, Flaquer, Erba, Alvarez, Fombellida, Torrens etc. at the Tirador Cycle Track. — Advertisement in local paper.

What is the Isle of Calm coming to?

I have come to the conclusion that the ancient Romans were not so hot, and if Signor Mussolini is peeved by that remark I can't help it. I admit freely that the old boys invented Portland cement, the aqueduct, the Corinthian column, the style of horse racing you can see any time at the Palma race track, central heating, all-in wrestling and earthworms á la broche. Nevertheless when you come to examine any one of those inventions closely you will find some snag about it.

The other day I discovered the snag about the Roman bath. The pump that is supposed to raise water at my *penión* having adopted an attitude of passive resistance towards the idea of doing anything of the kind, I was obliged to go out and find a *casa de baños*. A quaint old place it proved to be, with the cubicles ranged along one side of a sort of gallery and the other side open, giving on to an old and rather neglected garden.

I was greatly taken with the semi-human faces of the brass snakes that served as taps, with their haunting resemblance to certain old friends whom I could not identify for the moment, and also with a slow, purposeful procession of ants that issued from behind a broken tile above the taps. But most of all I admired the bathtub, made of a kind of brown stone resembling marble.

And here I stuck the snag about the old Roman bathing customs. For you wouldn't believe how many times I had to twiddle the brass snake's head to restore the heat that had leaked away though the cold, cold marble.

Even worse must have been the hypocaust system of central heating, whereby the flue from the furnace passes and repasses under the floor and warms the tiles. Something similar was recently tried out in a new school building in England, and they had to alter the whole system as the result of an epidemic of chilblains that spared neither teacher nor pupil.

So if any of you classical scholars were thinking about installing a hypocaust to keep your Mallorquin tiled floors warm this Winter, don't say I didn't warn you.

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ON THE ISLAND

By The Wayfarer

(Continued from page 1)

TRAVELLER'S TALE:—

There hasn't been much time yet to extract from Mr. Memisohn a full account of his Andalusian adventures. He has however placed it on record that the girl *pelotaris* in Seville, who replace the *cesta* of the Frontón Balear purists by a tennis racket, draw a full house every night. What he didn't make quite clear was whether that is because of their superlative play or because it is all heavily advertised as an *espectáculo moral*.

STAYING:—

Major and Mrs. Horen, who arrived in Palma on the last German liner, expect to stay till March, if not longer.

They have taken a ground floor flat with a garden in the Calle Bonanova. With them is Timmy, the Scotch terrier pup they brought with them from England, who boasts a distinguished and prizewinning ancestry.

THANKSGIVING:—

Thanksgiving Day was celebrated in appropriate style in Palma wherever Americans congregate, and also in the homes of American residents. One such was the home of Captain and Mrs. Rosselló, whose guests on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Puddefoot and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sadée.

WEEKENDERS:—

Mrs. Doris Cameron, Mrs. G. Lindeman, Colonel Riccard and Mr. Poiney are all out of town for the weekend. They have gone to inhale the sea breezes at Camp de Mar.

ARTISTS:—

Quite a number of fellow-artists have been among the visitors to Doña Clotilde P. Fibla's exhibition of colourful *bodegones* and bronze statuettes at the smaller Costa gallery this week. In the crowd were noticed, on one day and at the same time, Miss Joan Foster, Miss Josephine Winsler, Mr. Bevis, Don Arturo Torrandell and Señora de Torrandell, Don Pedro Sureda, Don Manuel Pujol from Valdemosa and Don Sebastián Junyer, who is Señora Fibla's husband and the father of that other Señor Junyer who is now in Paris and

intends to hold an exhibition there soon.

IN TOWN:—

Mr. Robert Graves and Miss Laura Riding were in town the other day. They naturally gravitated to Lena's, where they were noticed with a party of friends.

CORRECTION:—

It seems our informant was misinformed about Doctor Kasimir Graff. He has not twelve adopted children, and he does not consider the observatory he directs in Vienna half so large or important as some others.

However, we were right about some other points. It is true that Doctor Graff is Professor of Astronomy at Vienna University, and also Director of the university observatory there and Active Member (if that's the correct translation of *wirklicher Mitglied*) of the Academy of Sciences. It is also correct to say that he is staying at Arenal.

VISIT:—

Mr. Willoughby García, the chiropractor, and Mrs. García are due to arrive on the Pegu next Friday. They will be here about three weeks, and during that time will again be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Street at the Casa Singala in La Bonanova.

On leaving Palma Mr. García plans to go to Algiers for a week, and then return by car to his home in Rabat, Morocco.

PARTY:—

Sounds of revelry were heard in El Terreno last weekend, when M. Maurice Panzani threw a dancing and supper party at the Villa Rosa. In the throng were noticed Miss Jill Salaman, Miss Nita Dreiberg, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Bernard Townsend, Miss Yvonne Huet, Miss Yvonne Lassère, Mr. Henry Cannaval, Mr. Christopher Leslie, Mr. Kenneth Craven, Mr. Oliver and Señores Ferrer and Mascaró.

It was well into the small hours when the guests retired. Not weary of well-doing, M. Panzani had another party scheduled for Saturday night.

PATRIOT:—

Mrs. Doris Cameron gave a dinner to a few friends the other day. Mr. Poiney was of the party and,

they say, proved his worth as a culinary artist by vindicating the merits of the maligned English cuisine.

PING-PONG:—

Mr. Wilkens has installed a ping-pong room in his house at Son Armadams, perhaps by way of reaction against the oldworld atmosphere of that remarkable piece of Mallorquin architecture. Whatever the reason, there can be no doubt that with such an advantage he will be able to give the local champions of the game a run for their money next time he enters a tournament.

IBIZA:—

Mr. Hugh Naple Domnick O'Neill has left Ibiza for Madrid and Paris. He is expected back in Palma eventually.

By way of compensation, the neighbouring island has gained Mrs. Philip Jordan, who sailed on Friday from Palma.

ANDRAITX:—

Sir John Dunn was in town one day last week from Andraitx. He issued invitations to a few friends for a celebration to take place in his rustic home out there.

CALA RATJADA:—

Mr. and Mrs. Regnault were in on Monday from Cala Ratjada. They are expecting visitors from England, who will stay with them over Christmas.

OTHER PARTS:—

Mrs. Dina Harris has gone to visit friends in Felanitx for a few days.

Miss Joy Petersen and Mrs. Lola Josephson are at the Hotel Colón in Barcelona.

ARRIVED:—

M. Langlade arrived in Palma on Friday from Paris. He intends to stay on the Island for a few days.

OPEN:—

The opening of Prince Fuad's bar in Sóller took place as scheduled on Saturday, November 23. And that is absolutely all that this department knows about the opening of Prince Fuad's bar in Sóller on Saturday, November 23.

TERRIBLY TRUE:—

They are already selling tickets for the Christmas lottery, so the following anecdote about Count Boni de Castellau, arbiter of fashion in the gay nineties, somehow seems timely. Also, we have the word of a Palma resident who has George Washington licked to a frazzle that it is perfectly true.

The Count was once at a party where a number of gay young things played a game which consisted of writing down what you would do if you won a million francs. Some revealed repressed

longings for motor cars, others for yachts and yet others for travel. The Count's own answer to the question was: «I should immediately get into debt.»

COCKTAILS:—

Mr. W. Vett, owner of the schooner yacht *Doriana*, gave a cocktail party on board last Monday. His guests included the Count and Countess Moltke, Mrs. Martha Fell, Miss Eileen Wall, Miss Lafayette and Mr. Chiesa.

NAVAL OCCASION:—

Rear-Admiral Cumberledge, Mrs. Cumberledge and the small *Cumberledge* are reported in Gibraltar. They have taken a house there and expect to stay out the Winter, while the Admiral's schooner *Fleur de Lys* lies safe and sound under the protection of the Atlantic Fleet.

Gibraltar is an anchorage well known to the Admiral, who was stationed there as a young officer commanding a destroyer and has never lost touch with his many friends in the place.

WINTERING:—

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carson are looking for a house and intend to spend the winter here. They expect Mr. Carson's mother and Mrs. Carson's daughter to join them before Christmas.

HOLIDAY:—

Mrs. Sybil Corbett-Lloyd of Cala San Vicente has left for Barcelona. She will take a short holiday in the big city before returning to her cottage by the sea.

LEAVE:—

Colonel and Mrs. Conny are expected in Palma this weekend from India. They are on their way to England on a six months leave.

BIRTHDAY:—

«The Majorca Sun» celebrated its fifth anniversary during the week. The Palma Post extends its congratulations to our colleagues on the other paper, who have always been the friendliest of rivals.

FISH STORY:—

Major Dunwoodie, interviewed

SHOPPING GUIDE

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THE TREASURE CHEST, Calle de Gomila, El Terreno. With Christmas drawing near, this shop will appeal to the shopper who has not definitely decided upon his purchase. Hand-hammered metal belts, olivewood luncheon sets and linens of all sorts are only a few of many items sold by this house, which is conveniently located for most of the members of the foreign colony.

IDEAL LAUNDRY, Espartero 9. Here is a laundry where you can obtain a number of services not always available in a business place of this type. Besides laundry and dry cleaning, Ideal Laundry does fine dyeing. Anything, varying in weight and texture from a silk handkerchief to a rug, can be dyed here evenly and permanently.

PLATERIA MALLORCA, Calle Jaime II. Silverware, either antique or modern, is the specialty of this house. Besides its large stock of authentic silver pieces of great age, the firm has for sale or can obtain on short order a tremendous variety of new table services bearing the hallmarks of the best manufacturers. Jewelry is a sideline that is well represented at Plateria Mallorca. Here, again, the customers are offered selections of both old and modern pieces. Jaime Viernes

F. G. SHORT, Avenida Maura 30. Particularly for the newcomer who does not yet know the ropes is Short's a godsend. Anything can be arranged by the proprietor from a wedding to a christening or a furnished house to a ticket home by the first boat.

between casts while fishing near Santa Eulalia last week, declared that the local grey mullet were «fighting wee fush», and that the one that broke his tackle and got away was as big as *that*. He is spending this weekend in Valencia, where he intends to invest in some stronger lines.

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Palma-Gibraltar-London arrives and leaves Palma:
December 25, S. S. LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE. January 23, S. S. DUNLUCE CASTLE.

Palma-Toulon-Naples-Port Said arrives and leaves Palma:
December 26, S. S. OTRANTO.

Palma-Gibraltar-Plymouth-London arrives and leaves Palma:
December 28, S. S. ORION. January 11, S. S. ORONSAY. January 25, S. S. ORFORD.

Palma-Marseilles-Port Said-Port Sudan arrives and leaves Palma:
December 6, S. S. PEGU. December 20, S. S. CHINDWIN. January 3, S. S. KEMMENDINE. January 17, S. S. BHAMO. January 31, S. S. AMARAPOORA.

Palma-Gibraltar-U. K. arrives and leaves Palma:
December 11, S. S. AMARAPOORA (calls London). December 25, S. S. SAGAING. January 8, S. S. BURMA (calls London). January 22, S. S. YOMA.

Palma-Barcelona-Genoa-Port Said arrives and leaves Palma:
December 15, S. S. STUTTGART. January 11, S. S. GNEISENAU.

Palma-Southampton-Rotterdam-Bremen arrives and leaves Palma:
December 18, S. S. SCHARNHORST. January 22, S. S. POTSDAM.

Palma-Genoa-Port Said arrives and leaves Palma:
December 14, S. S. WANGONI. January 11, S. S. USSUKUMA.

Palma-Ceuta-Lisbon-Southampton-Hamburg arrives and leaves Palma:
December 6, S. S. TANGANJIKI. January 3, S. S. NJASSA. January 31, S. S. USARAMO.

Palma-Marseilles-Naples-Alexandria arrives and leaves Palma:
December 6, S. S. EXCAMBION. December 20, S. S. EXOCHORDA. January 3, S. S. EXCALIBUR. January 17, S. S. EXETER. January 31, S. S. EXCAMBION.

Palma-Málaga-Boston-New York arrives and leaves Palma:
December 13, S. S. EXETER. December 27, S. S. EXCAMBION. January 10, S. S. EXOCHORDA. January 24, S. S. EXCALIBUR.

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STRAUSS CASE

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land, so that he apparently will
not be brought to Spain.

No definite information as to
the course of the inquiry is ex-
pected to be released for publica-
tion until Señor Bellón is prepar-
ed to say who must face trial for
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cision of course will not be made
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A MUSICAL EVENT

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ca were at their best last Tuesday
at the Teatro Principal in the an-
nual concert in which works by
local composers are given their
first public rendition.

The performance given by the
amateur choristers under the able
direction of Father Juan María
Thomàs was so uniformly excel-
lent that it is difficult to single out
particular renderings for praise.
The two sixteenth century motets
with which the concert opened are
of course the kind of thing the Ca-
pella does best, and the same ap-
plies to the local composers' works,
all of which were based on Mallor-
quin folksong themes.

Perhaps the greatest surprise
was the extremely competent ren-
dering of the delightful Ravel
«Ronda». This piece is considered
one of the most difficult choral
works in existence, but it held no
terrors for the Capella singers.

Outstanding among the folksong
compositions was the «Complanta
del Segador» by Don Arturo To-
rrandell, in which an Inca reaping
song is cleverly embroidered and
developed into a seven-part har-
mony with some effects that can
only be described as instrumental.
The other first performance was
of Father Thomàs' «La Setmana
de l'Enamorat Trist», which also
pleased.

The choir was thoroughly at home
in the Bach aria from the «Peas-
ants' Cantata», and gave a really
fine performance of the Russian
liturgical chorus by Tcherepnine.
Finally, Chavarni's «El gat que tot
ho paga» and Banchieri's «Contra-
punto Bestiale alla Mente» were
great fun, obviously as much en-
joyed by the singers as by their
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