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OPTIMISM is a weed which grows stubbornly in the most unlikely soil. One would think that statesmen who have had ten or a dozen years of treaties and conferences would not be able to issue these perpetually cheerful predictions, even if they are only repetitions of long forgotten utterances on former occasions.

Yet the same old phrases come glibly from the same mouths as representatives of the four great European powers gather in Rome to affix their august signatures to just another expression of peace on earth, good will to men.

As this is written the names are being scrawled to the latest Four Power Pact, pledging England, France, Germany and Italy to look kindly upon each other and hope for reduction of armaments. The pens will then be carefully preserved, to join that vast armory of weapons, so much more powerful than the sword, which have been used on similar occasions.

This particular document is Mussolini's idea, but it has not been considered sufficiently important to interfere with the routine of other business. Now, however, Arthur Henderson, the English head of the Disarmament Conference in Geneva, has reached Rome to talk over other matters, and the occasion was auspicious for signing the treaty.

LAST THROES

The World Economic Conference has set a definite date to put itself out of its misery, and on July 27th it will adjourn to go home and face any music that may be playing. Meanwhile it is devoting itself to strictly technical problems, enlivened only by the last flickers of the excitement over stabilization.

The American delegation, true to its record of contradictions, offered through Senator Pittman a proposal to prepare for eventual stabilization, and hopes of those who live abroad on dollars ran high that at last the American exchange was low enough to suit the Administration in Washington. But before anyone could take advantage of the silver Senator's remarks, he was forced to withdraw them, for the powers that be at home decided the question was a little premature.

This was not the only example of consistency to national attitudes. In spite of the record and in spite of the general atmosphere of gloom which unattached observers have seen overshadowing the Conference, even in the face of unaccustomed London sunshine, Prime Minister MacDonald came

to the front with an extremely optimistic statement.

He said the worst was now over and the meeting was headed definitely for success. It was an unexpected utterance, but it may be that the Prime Minister was only anticipating the decision to adjourn, which was taken a day or two later. Under the circumstances, it seems that this is the most the Conference can now achieve, although the possibilities of certain tariff agreements, understandings between central banks, etc. are not altogether remote. If they can be put through, the delegates will have a chance, by bearing down hard on trifling achievements, to obscure the stark fact of essential failure.

THE PAST TENSE

The week has been productive of numerous communiques from several countries designed to show that there is still hope for the starving and the possessor of incomes.

England led the way with a report indicating that nearly half a million unemployed have found jobs in the last year and that the dole can be reduced by a quarter of a million pounds a week. The improvement is declared to exist in practically all branches of industry.

Germany and Italy produced similar, but not quite such striking reports, both pointing an argument that in years of depression there is something to be said for a dictatorship.

In the United States prices have gone up even more than the fall of the dollar, and a certain amount of re-employment, difficult to estimate as yet, has accompanied the rise. It has been so startling that the optimistic American commercial organizations are saying that the depression can now be spoken of in the past tense... Was it?

FAMILY QUARREL

The differences between Germany and Austria have descended into the realm of the slightly ridiculous, but the bickering reveals nevertheless some very fundamental discord which can be expected to have important results on the future of more than these two countries.

While the Austrian press is gleefully trying to prove that Hitler, the high priest of German racial purity, has Jewish blood in his veins, the real players are manoeuvring for position in a contest which will decide whether Germany acquires dominating leadership in Central Europe.

Amateur Bullfight Thursday

The afternoon of amateur bullfighting, announced last week as open to all comers, has been fixed for next Thursday, the 20th, and the place will be the bull ring at Alcudia. Permission has been obtained from the authorities by the organizers of the show, who say that proceedings will begin promptly at 4:30 in Alcudia.

There will be two bulls, or really *becerros*, which are yearlings and a little more. These two are sixteen months old and quite sufficiently strong to make a good afternoon's entertainment.

The organizers of the play are Capt. Walford, Don Arnaldo Garau and Don Francisco Homs, all of whom will play picturesque parts in the fighting. There will be a cape for any spectator who wishes to know just how it feels to face a bull. They will have a chance to practice those apparently easy passes, which are so gracefully effective when well done but which are attended with some awkwardness when the novice makes them.

However, a slip will not be attended with anything more than bruises. The *becerros* have no dangerous horns and at most can only knock their antagonists down and trample on them a bit. Nothing really serious.

The charge for admission to the fight, and for taking part in it if your nerve holds, is 50 pesetas per couple. That is to say that in the good Spanish tradition ladies will be admitted free and their escorts will pay 50 pesetas. The charge includes a dinner afterwards at the Hotel Miramar in Puerto Alcudia. A swimming party is also projected.

So far the principal torero is a local sportsman who for the occasion desires to be known as *Fomos*. Another performer will pass under the pseudonym of *Arnaldito el Terrible*. We are assured that neither of these gentlemen is Lalanda or Barrera in disguise.

Both these quaintly named local gentlemen and others equally famous will be present at the dinner and the dance which is to follow at the Miramar. Further details can be obtained from the committee in charge, and the committee can be found any day between one and two at the Bar Formentor.

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It was his idea that this bundle either had been left behind at the end of one of the tram routes by a servant of a foreign family, or perhaps, that it would prove to be material evidence in tracking down an attempt at theft. And so he promptly reported it to the police who are anxious to locate the owner of the contents.

The owners of the property should apply for the missing articles at the police station at the end of the Borne.

Palma vs. Barcelona at Tennis

Yesterday (Saturday) afternoon a team from the Barcelona Lawn Tennis Club met some of the best players of Mallorca Lawn Tennis Club in a friendly match. Several singles and doubles events were arranged, the competitors being chosen to provide close sets. Among the local players who took part were Dominguez, club champion, Dr. Servera and Calafell, runner-up in the recent tournament. The matches were played too late for the results to be included in this issue.



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Speaking out of Turn

Eight days ago we read that the American Consul General in Barcelona had been insulting his British colleague by neglecting to acknowledge a communication from the British Vice Consul in Palma. In view of the fact that the Consul General, Mr. Claude I. Dawson, had never received any letter from the British Vice Consul, the attempt to stir up a little misunderstanding seemed clumsy.

Mr. Dawson was not inclined to discuss the case for publication, but Mr. Norman King, the British Consul General in Barcelona—the two officials are excellent personal friends—sent to THE MAJORCA SUN the following letter:

«In the paper published under the title of the «Palma Post» on July 8th last there appeared two articles in which it was stated that the American Consulate General in Barcelona had omitted to acknowledge a communication from this office regarding the case of the five American citizens held in custody in Palma and that this had caused offence.

«As there is no truth whatever in this statement, I wrote a letter to the Editor of the «Palma Post» requesting him to publish it in order to disabuse the readers of that publication of the false impression caused by the articles in the issue of the 8th July.

«The Editor of the «Palma Post» has not seen fit to comply with my request and I accordingly send you a copy of my letter to him, with the suggestion that you publish it, together with this letter to you, in the interest of accurate information, provided you see no objection to doing so.»

Two days after this letter had been received, the Post published Mr. King's communication which denied flatly any discourtesy on the part of American officials.

The article to which Mr. King took exception was couched in that rather unpleasant form of personal venom which is so often one of the characteristics of the expatriate in discussing his own people.

Neither in the article nor in subsequent editions of the paper was there evident any effort to give the parties most concerned a chance to make a statement. The source of the supposed information was not given, but the editors say there was a source. One of those deep, hidden springs.

Exchange of the Week

After recent weeks of sliding downward, the dollar came to rest, and opened and closed last week at the same figure — 8.52 — according to Madrid bourse quotations furnished by the Credito Balear. However, on Tuesday, the dollar hit a low of 8.31, only to recover, dropping again to 8.39 Friday and coming back a second time. Sterling climbed from 39.81 to 39.98, and francs went from 46.8 centimos to 46.95.

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Madrid Cabinet Crisis Delays

Case of Five Americans Here

The Cabinet crisis in Madrid prevented Ambassador Bowers from having an interview with Premier Azaña concerning the case of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lockwood and Messrs. Mead, Blodgett and Fullerton, held in prison in Palma. This information was received by THE MAJORCA SUN by telephone from the capital.

Mr. Bowers was to have seen the Premier on Friday to discuss the case with him, but the political troubles of the Government delayed the interview.

The Ambassador was armed with further details furnished by Consul General Claude I. Dawson, who was in Palma until Wednesday night. In the course of his visit he interviewed all the local officials connected with the case, and others not directly concerned. However, the next move must be dictated from Madrid.

Mr. Dawson did succeed in interesting the military governor of this province, Captain General Franco, a brother of the famous aviator and a man of great influence in Spanish military circles. He expressed himself as sympathetic with the point of view of the American authorities.

It is understood that Mr. Bowers will be able to have his talk with the Premier during the coming week and will make a personal plea for the release of the prisoners on bail or a speedy trial.

Meanwhile the five are completing their sixth week in the prison, where Mr. Fullerton is remembering the days of his youth when he was a corporal in an Ohio regiment during the Spanish American War.

Latest Market Quotations

Most of the stocks quoted in these columns last week showed a slight rise in the last few days. Westinghouse Electric led the list with a gain of 6 points, from 50 to 56. Others were:

U.S. Steel, 65¹/₄ (up 1¹/₄) — General Motors, 33 1/8 (up 5/8) — American Tel and Tel., 132³/₄ (up 3/4) — Canadian Pacific, 20¹/₄ (up 1/4) — Radio Corporation, 11 (up 3/4) — Woolworth, 48 5/8 (down 3/8) — New York Central, 56 (down 1/2) — Anaconda Copper, 20¹/₂ (up 1/4) — Pennsylvania RR., 39 3/8 (down 5/8) — International Tel and Tel., 20 (down 1/4) — Shell Union, 10 5/8 (down 3/8).

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A New Style of House for Mallorca

DESIGNED by an American architect and produced by a large firm of Barcelona builders, a new style of home is to be introduced to Mallorca and will make its bow to the Island this week. The development is the result of a combination of American and Catalan initiative, and the organizers believe that in the way of providing comfort and convenience it has a decided future here.

The idea is to provide «demountable» houses of several different models which can be quickly and easily put up on any desirable site and at a reasonable cost. They will be made of wood and of the bungalow type, completely equipped with all modern gadgets to which the visitor may have become accustomed at home.

Mr. Arthur E. Middlehurst, an architect from Los Angeles, long resident in Mallorca and creator of several attractive places here, is the architect. The Barcelona firm of Ribas y Pradell are the owners and builders.

The houses will range in price all the way from 5,000 to 20,000 pesetas, completely furnished, and will be ready to move into three weeks from the time the order is placed. The advantage of such promptness, for the foreign resident particularly, is obvious, but the organizers of the project claim other substantial benefits.

In the first place, they point out, it will be possible to put up a home on land which is merely rented, and later the house can be moved if desired to another site or sold. The old type of Mallorquin stone construction, although charming and suited to the country, is slow at best, as many have discovered to their chagrin.

The objection to wooden houses here has been that they are by no means so cool in hot weather as the stone building. The designers of these new models have taken this point into consideration, and the timber is lined with sheets of cork, which insulates the home from the rays of the sun. Mr. Middlehurst estimate that the walls are the equivalent in this respect of stone of 50 to 60 centimetres thickness. Furthermore the wood is especially treated to impregnate it against fire, rot and insects.

At the end of this week the first of these houses to be shown here will be opened to the public. It is located in Son Armadams, opposite the tennis club and a little nearer Palma. This house is of the simple type of design.

Mr. Middlehurst has to date designed five different styles. The smallest is described as a «one room» house. It has a large living-dining room, an alcove which will accommodate two beds, a shower bath and a kitchenette. The largest type is built around a patio in true Spanish fashion. It contains living room, dining room, bath, kitchen and four

bedrooms. For these houses Mr. Middlehurst has designed built-in furniture, although the one now constructed has not got this. Its furniture was built locally to Mr. Middlehurst's design. The interior is simply painted in this specimen, although others will have walls of natural wood or matched veneer. The outside is given coats of aluminum paint, which can be gone over with any shade desired. All the houses are complete with electric wiring—but not the actual fixtures of course—sanitary conveniences, etc. If desired an electric heating system, invisibly constructed within the walls, can be ordered, but this adds to the cost.

Mr. Middlehurst and his partner, Don Antonio de Ferrater, have drawings of these houses at their offices, Calle Conquistador 39, and Don Antonio Pamies, representative of Ribas y Pradell, is located in the Borne next to the telegraph company. He is also the representative of one of the Alcudia developments.

The project of wooden houses to nourish the boom in Mallorca is an extremely interesting development in the real estate circles of the Island. Mallorquin business men, or some of them at least, view the plan with approval. One of them pointed out that they are particularly practicable for country houses on some of the picturesque spots of the Island which have not hitherto been easily accessible to builders.

There are hills and isolated coves which are extremely desirable for summer homes, but the cost of hauling quantities of stone and the transportation of laborers for long periods of time makes building costs excessive in these places. This would not be true if Mr. Middlehurst's wooden houses were used.

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The Mercury on Mallorca

The American Mercury, founded to comment with good humor «upon American ideas, American problems and American personalities because it assumes that nine-tenths of its readers will be Americans and that they will be more interested in their own country than in any other» — we quote from the first issue — has annexed Mallorca to the United States.

In the current number there is an article under the title of *Paradise Enjoys a Boom* by Theodore Pratt, whose steady job on the Island is the reporting of Pollensa social notes for a local paper.

From the Mercury we learn that Mr. Pratt doesn't like Mallorca, nor its people, nor its climate nor its food nor the visitors to it, nor the way houses are built and furnished. He is afraid that Mallorquins are saying unkind things about him behind his back or even by inuendo to his face, and the mention of *El Sandalio* gives him a species of literary jitters.

These jitters were probably responsible for the inaccuracies in Mr. Pratt's diatribe. But when he tells us that: «In the sacred name of the Republic, the peseta has been driven lower than since the day the Spanish Armada limped back...» he makes you feel his revelations are perhaps based on one or two well known facts. He also makes you wonder why he didn't stick to them; they would have been as good a story as the one he told. But, as has been said in other trades, «business is business», and the American Mercury's weakness for a Menckenesque style is a mark for word jugglers all over the world.

But Mr. Pratt will probably be leaving us soon.

He insists that marvellous cheapness and favorable exchange rates alone made Mallorca bearable for foreigners. And it is no longer especially cheap, while exchange hardly bears talking about. Besides, the Island has been pretty nearly exhausted, one would think, by the travel writers.

Swimming Meets

This (Sunday) afternoon at five o'clock, the Club España on the harbor will give a water festival in which its members will contend for aquatic honors with sportsmen from the neighboring Club de Regatas.

There will be swimming races, perhaps a water polo game, and canoe races. Some of the best swimmers in Mallorca will be taking part.

In the evening there will be a ball in honor of the competitors. This verbena will be held on the terrace of the Club but by next Sunday the new dance floor, delayed because of the harbor works, will be finished and then (the 23rd) will be inaugurated with exceptionally big doings.

The most important swimming event of the year in Mallorca will take place about the middle of next month. This is the race across the harbor, the fourth annual contest of its kind. Last year a number of the foreign visitors entered the race, but none of them placed. The course will be about 1,000 meters or a little more, and the competition will be keen enough that unless a swimmer does a little training for the event, it would be just as well not to enter.

It is expected that this year the foreign entry list will be stronger, for last year nothing was known of the race much in advance.

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The Price of Beauty

Some six weeks ago a body of connoisseurs, gathered in solemn conclave in Madrid, reviewed the charms of fourteen lovely girls and decided that Miss Tatiana Marlov, a Russian of Paris, was worthy to bear the title «Miss Europe.» They were moved to this belief by the soulful expression of the young woman's eyes, the modesty of her demeanour, the melancholy of her expression in which one could see lurking, they said, the shadow of her father's brutal murder by the Bolsheviks. For of course Miss Europe — she had previously been elected Miss Russia by refugees in Paris — was the daughter of a General in the Czar's armies.

Naturally the nineteen-year-old girl was in her shyness overcome with her good fortune. Apparently she is still overcome, but now by a desire to «cash in» on her title.

Within the last few days the Mayors of many Spanish cities have been receiving straightforward business propositions from Miss Europe. She is willing to display the charms which launched the ballots of fourteen judges to admiring Spanish publics, but her terms are rather wonderful.

The Queen of Beauty is prepared to honour her subjects, but the rate is somewhat more than most Spanish municipalities are prepared to pay, for after all we are living in a Republic and Queens, even Queens of Beauty, should be modest in their demands. This one asks for transportation for five persons, 2,000 pesetas a day, free accommodations and 25 per cent. of whatever takings may be donated by an adoring public.

So far the offer has not been accepted anywhere. But the Spanish Mayors would not be so ungallant as to ignore the offer. They have, indeed, rather vied with each other in their responses. The elaborate courtesy of Spanish manners has been enlivened by gleams of official humour, and the mayoral wits of a dozen towns have found relief in the rejection of Miss Europe's too kind offer.

Apparently Mlle. Marlov has been reading books or American newspapers stories of beauty contest winners or seeing movies. At any rate the sum mentioned in her prospectus to Spanish municipalities is in the best movie tradition, but the tradition is getting to be a little out of date. Even the movies no longer talk so freely in thousands.

One of the cities to which Miss Europa made application was Palma de Mallorca. The Alcalde of that town is reported to have replied that he and the municipality were greatly honoured by the offer so kindly made them by such a beautiful young woman but they must decline. He is quoted as adding that there were, after all, equally beautiful representatives of her sex to be seen free of charge any day on the promenades of Palma.

The attitude of the Mayors must really be a sad blow to a young woman embarking so blithely and optimistically upon the career of professional beauty. It is just one more proof of how far out of joint the times are that one selected by fourteen gentlemen as the most lovely and charming of her sex in Europe should not be able to commercialize the decision.

There are, however, compensations for this deplorable lack of interest in Miss Europe. Every one of her thirteen rivals was given an award as the best of something — eyes, hair, charm, etc. It would be too much to contemplate if they should all take to offering their services to Spanish municipalities, and one failure may discourage others.

Barcelona's Air Port

Some time ago we published a description of the proposed new air port for Barcelona, and at the time many people believed this was only an «airy» proposal which probably would not materialize, or at least not for some time.

Now, however, it seems certain that the work of construction may begin this year. During this week-end the Committee of the International Aeronautical Federation is paying a visit to Barcelona to discuss civil aviation in Cataluña with the Catalan authorities. They will also inspect the proposed site for the air port and give advice to the officials here on the subject.

Finding Film Stars

On Saturday, the 22nd of this month, there is to be a gathering of Cinema Journalists in the Maricel Park and part of the proceedings are to be taken up with an open competition of aspirants to the films.

A chance is given to all interested to show any talent they may possess for screen acting. Those interested have to give in their names to *La Agrupación de Periodistas Cinematográficos*, Calle Mallorca 235. Competitors will be asked either to give impersonations of various famous film stars or perform any of their own original acts, sing songs, etc. After the test there will be an election, to choose a *Miss Cinematografía 1933*.

French Fiesta

The French Colony in Barcelona celebrated their great national holiday, Bastille Day, with the usual animation on Friday.

There was a reception at the French consulate, where the Consul General received his compatriots and delivered a short address on the significance of the day. In the afternoon a children's festival was organized in Maricel Park, where the principal figures were pupils of French schools here, liberally assisted by their parents and graduates of the schools.

There were fireworks, gymnastics by the children and dancing for everybody.

Tennis at Campodron

The annual international tennis tournament, which the Club Campodron organizes as part of its summer season each year now—last year was the first—will take place from August 23rd to August 27th, it is announced.

A number of good foreign players are expected in addition to a good representation of Spanish stars from most of the clubs in this country.

Last year the tournament was a great success.

Holiday for Poor Children

The Ayuntamiento of Barcelona, during the current hot weather, is sending large numbers of children daily to the country, either at the seaside or in the mountains, for a month's holiday. The decision as to whether sea or mountain air is best rests with physicians who examine each child. The system has been in practice for several years, and several institutions are now established to care for them, ever larger numbers being accommodated.

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About Barcelona

In view of the fact that the building strike is still on, the Polo Jockey Club announce that they regret not to be able to hold the annual verbena, which had been fixed for yesterday (Saturday). They hope that members will understand that they have done all possible to avoid cancelling this usually jolly event, and they feel sure that members and friends will understand the circumstances.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong of The English School, are at the moment stopping at Via Augusta 280, before going away for their holidays next week. The school will be opened as usual in September, when there will be the special classes to prepare children for the Winter term, which will begin on October 2nd.

Mr. Holland, of San Cugat, who was taken seriously ill last week, is now very much better, and hopes to be up and about again next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have had to postpone their trip to England, as their son Keith has been taken ill with mumps.

Miss Whichello, Mrs. Millar and daughter and Mr. Norman Newbery left Barcelona last week for England.

On Thursday a surprise party was given in celebration of Miss Doreen Pearson's 21st birthday. There was bathing in the tank at the Golf Club and dancing in the clubhouse afterwards. The party was composed of just a few intimate friends and everybody enjoyed a thoroughly informal and happy afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Park are spending a holiday in Mallorca at the moment and their son, Mr. Frank Park, is going over to join them this week.

Mrs. Pennix and her son, former residents of Barcelona, passed through the city last week on their way to England where they are spending their holidays. They are now living in Valencia.

Mrs. Arthur Witty gave a bridge party to a few friends last Thursday night.

Mrs. Rider left Barcelona for her holidays in England last Thursday.

Mrs. W. D. Washburn Bishop left Barcelona last Monday with her two daughters for Aix-les-Thermes where they are spending three months holiday.

A great quiet has been noticed on the social front in Barcelona during the past two weeks. People have either gone away or are thinking of doing so, and the heat is not encouraging for great social activity - the lion days are turning into one long *siesta*.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Gray and their small daughter sail today on the Marquis de Comellas for

Davis Cup

When play ended Friday afternoon at Wimbledon to decide the winner of the European Zone in the Davis Cup, England was leading two points to one, and Australia's only chance of victory was the unlikely chance of the young McGrath beating England's ace, Austin.

In the first day, Thursday, Crawford fresh from triumph in the Wimbledon tournament, defeated Austin with ease in straight sets, and Perry accounted for McGrath in about the same time. England took a lead on Friday by winning the doubles.

It seems probable that it will be England in the finals against the United States, and the winner will have a very good chance, better than even, of defeating the French holders of the Cup.

Mr. Loveday President of C. of C.

In last week's issue, we reported that Mr. Arthur Loveday had resigned as Vice President of the British Chamber of Commerce in Spain, in charge of the Barcelona office. The Chamber informs us that as a matter of fact, Mr. Loveday was elected President of the organization.

However, the Secretary, Mr. Rodolfo Oños, repeated that it is possible Mr. Loveday is going to England, in which case he would resign the Presidency.

The Chamber has two centres, Madrid and Barcelona, and the chairmen alternate the Presidency between them. This year it is Barcelona's turn.

Paulino May Fight in Palma

It is reported that Paulino Uzcudum, the big Basque who is trying hard to belie the old adage «They never come back,» will stage his next bout in Palma de Mallorca. However, he says that since his defeat of Corkingdale, the South African, in Barcelona he is receiving offers from America.

No mention is made of a potential opponent for Paulino either in Palma or in the United States, but it seems unlikely that, in view of the state of heavyweight boxing in America, it would be worth the Basque's while to go.

Pilgrimage

In about three weeks, some two thousand Catholics will make a pilgrimage to Rome. It was at first thought a ship might be chartered, but now it has been decided to make the excursion overland.

the United States, where they will spend the rest of the summer. They expect to return to their home in Barcelona in the autumn. During the ship's cruise around Spain, Mr. Gray is arranging to get some tennis at local clubs.

Mr. Wiseman of the International Banking Corporation is returning shortly to his native Scotland away from the heat and sun of Barcelona.

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SAN Feliu de Guixols is a small town in the province of Gerona. Like its larger neighbour Palamés it owes its existence to the fact that men must fish and men must drink. Here is one of the largest cork industries in the world and from this place comes a large proportion of the cork used for bottles and fishing floats.

A visit is worth while if you can go with someone who can talk Catalan. The factories are glad to have visitors and a willing guide will explain the intricacies of the industry.

Cork is a bark and the cork trees form tremendous forests over the country side. Knarled, crooked and stumpy they grow in endless confusion as far as the eye can reach; there is no order about them, they stand where Nature placed them ready for men to come to make what they can. The first job is to strip the bark from the trees and this is done with a large hand-knife, two longitudinal cuts being made down each side of the tree, and then a circular cut is made round the top and the bottom of the trunk. The bark is then prised off with pikes, falling in two semi-circular pieces. These are then stacked up in the open air, and may remain there for a year or more until they are required for use. Then the cork is put into a cement cauldron and boiled in water for about an hour, being tied down to prevent it swelling; afterwards it is put into cellars to rot and there it becomes coated with mildew. Next it is washed in a chemical solution and then it is ready for cutting.

The bark is cut up sideways into strips, the outside being removed, by a circular knife, and then it is handed over to the cutter to be cut into smaller cubes by hand. Here lies the great art of the trade, The cutter must be able to tell, on handling a piece of the cork exactly what grade it belongs to or whether it can be used at all. The corks for champagne bottles have to be the best, as naturally they must be absolutely gas-tight. Small worms which attack the bark in its natural state, often riddle the inside of the cork with holes, but these cannot be seen from the outside as they become blocked up with dust. If these corks are passed and are used for bottling champagne, as soon as the gas presses against the cork it will blow out the dust and in consequence many pounds worth of champagne may go flat and become useless. The cutter then must know from the outside appearance of the cork, as to whether it is diseased or not (there is usually a slight bluish tinge round the veins of the cork when there is disease).

Some cork too is of the open type, that is to say the tree has been near too much moisture and in consequence the cork becomes spongy and often useless. Again sometimes the natural holes are too big, which might cause crumbling as in the case of cheap cork. All these things the cutter must know as twirling a piece through his fingers he tosses it to one of the six or seven baskets which are in front of him, and which divide the different grades. Out of the same bark, corks may be made to sell some at Ptas. 10 per 1,000; others at Ptas. 50 per 1,000.

The cubes are now ready for rounding off. In the old days this was a job of considerable skill as

it was done by hand with razor edged knives. Half the art consisted in sharpening the knife properly. Nowadays the rounding off is done by machinery, the square of cork being turned against a knife, which is set slightly at an angle, making the finished cork smaller at the bottom than at the top.

Lastly the corks are bleached and are then ready for the buyers.

At the moment, the Industry is in a bad state. The metal stopper has proved to be a serious competitor although the cork still holds its own in the wine trade. Cataluña has, of recent years, met with a great deal of competition from other countries, such as Africa and Portugal, and in addition there have been labour troubles. Twenty years ago a cork cutter would find it necessary to work only three or four days a week in order to earn a good living, now he is lucky to have a job at all. Perhaps too, the owners here have been a little reluctant to adopt modern methods of manufacture, preferring to keep to their older customs, and incidentally, preferring to keep up their old name by refusing to supply anything which does not tally with the former standards of quality and excellence.

P. McQ.

Civil Governor Offers Resignation

Sr. Ametlla, the Civil Governor, has offered his resignation to the President of Cataluña, Sr. Maciá, and there is a rumour that it is proposed to ask the Gobierno at Madrid to nominate a Governor General who would have full authority to act in matters concerning Public Order and safety. The true independent Catalonians are naturally feeling a little resentful at the idea of a man chosen by the Spanish government, being put in charge of these affairs in Cataluña, and it had always been hoped that Cataluña would be able to run her own services for the preservation of order.

Later there was another rumour that the Chief of Police here was going to resign, but he, on being interviewed, denied this emphatically. He said that

all things considered, he thought that the police had done excellent work in connection with the various *atracos* and acts of terrorism which have been rather frequent in the lower quarters of Barcelona. He pointed out that ninety per cent of the crimes committed had been traced to the authors of them, and that the proportionate number of arrests had been made.

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DURING the recent crisis, South America, and in particular the Argentine, has been the object of much interest, especially to Spain. The future of the country has been widely discussed, and although it seems that for a time at least its prosperity will be diminished, the *estancias* remain, and memories of the «palmy» days linger for those who, like the writer, lived amid those vast expanses,

Our ranch was situated at San Eduardo, a small village seventeen and a half miles from any civilized town. Like most of the *estancias*, ours went in for mixed farming, that is the rearing of cattle, cultivation of the soil and, as a side-line, ostrich-breeding. That latter is raised for the coarse feathers used in dusters, etc., not for the fine feathers, which come from the South African bird.

The working day for the *peons* or herdsmen would be something like this: At dawn they roll out of bed, make a hasty toilet by running their fingers through their hair a few times and are ready for their *maté*, a green herb tea drunk through a *bombijo*. Squatting in a circle, they hand the *maté* cup around, each person sucking up the drink through the *bombijo*, which is a silver tube with a perforated bulb at one end. The «brewer» has previously tested the liquid, spitting out each taste until the flavour is exactly right.

After tea the horses have to be rounded up and saddled for the day's work. Fine beasts they are, too, as they rear and plunge in the field. They are true aristocrats with a dash of Arab blood, and the worst of them could gallop over ninety miles without stopping.

The animals are saddled and each group of riders sets out to different parts of the ranch, some to repair or construct the wire fences, others to the fields, and the main body to the cattle, for there are animals to be driven to the slaughter house, steers to be branded and wandering animals brought back to the herd.

The branding of the cattle in the old days was a considerably tougher job than in modern times. Formerly each animal had to be lassoed in the campo, and tied down and branded where it was. Now this picturesque custom is obsolete. The beast is run into a small enclosure, its head secured under a pole and the initials of the owner branded on the rump.

A typical method of capturing cattle, horses or ostriches in addition to the lasso is the use of the *bolas* or more correctly *boladoras*, three lengths of twisted hide, weighted at the ends. This weapon is whirled round the head, released and catches (or should catch) the animal around the hind legs, wrapping itself round and round and bringing the beast down. Ostriches are a particularly pathetic sight when caught in this way.

Life on the *estancias* is not without its diversions. There were the three raw young Englishmen who were on a visit to our ranch and in the course of their explorations found an ostrich egg. One of the visitors, professing ability as a cook, suggested an omelette. Repairing to the kitchen, the «cook» poured some oil from a tin into a pan, broke the egg into it and set it on the fire. In a few

minutes a doubtful aroma filled the kitchen, but the dish was an apparent success. The chef declined his share, but the other two ate heartily, and in a couple of hours were violently sick. It was very strange, for the egg had undoubtedly been fresh, but the mystery was clear when it was discovered that the cook had used machine oil.

There are also the dances, such as that which a Negro peon planned in honour of his betrothal. He sent a boy to the neighbouring town — seventeen and a half miles away — on horseback to buy gin, vermouth, raisins, biscuits and tobacco. During the boy's absence he began to arrange the decorations, which were well along when the messenger returned late in the afternoon and left his sack of purchases in the patio while he went off for a cup of *maté*.

While he was being refreshed, a Berkshire boar with seventy-odd mongrel pigs came up to investigate the sack, but the Berkshire showed his authority by chasing all the others away. Then he proceeded to tear the sack and smash the contents, mixing gin, vermouth, tobacco, raisins and biscuits into one grand mess, and ate the lot. The peon arriving in the midst of the confusion was so enraged he flung the few unbroken bottles at the boar, and then had to call off the dance for lack of provisions.

Next morning the cattle were in a frenzy of excitement around the drinking trough, for there in the middle of it lay the evil pig, very drunk and apparently trying to cool off from the effects of last night's too potent cocktail.

Life on the ranch has other characteristics than comedy of this sort, however. The land is full of promises, but it does not always fulfill them. Hard work must be assisted by luck. Frosts may come and kill the crops; foot and mouth disease and droughts may kill the cattle; plagues of locusts often fill the land, and sometimes devour two or three thousand acres of crops or grass within a few hours. Science is aiding the farmer in combating these difficulties, and if successful will eliminate along with the hardships something of the picturesqueness of the life.

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LORD Marley, Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords; Miss Ellen Wilkinson, a prominent member of the Labor Party, and M. Henri Barbusse, the French writer, installed the Spanish Committee for Aid to the Victims of German Fascism in Madrid Tuesday night. The committee is associated with an international organization of the same name, of which Professor Einstein is one of the leaders.

Prominent Left Wing men constitute the Spanish committee, which is presided over by Sr. Luis Jimenez de Asúa, Socialist Deputy and professor of law at the University of Madrid.

The meeting was the first held in the Madrid Ateneo which men attended in shirt sleeves. At the close of the meeting the assembly sang the International, with arm uplifted as in the Fascist salute, but with the first clenched.

Madrid has been in the grip of a heat wave the past week, and there has been a general exodus to beach towns. The mercury has hovered around 36 degrees Centigrade at noon. Last Sunday Madrid looked like a deserted village, and the roads leading to the country were blocked with traffic.

The British Embassy has moved to San Sebastian until the middle of September. Most of the embassies and legations in Madrid transferred their offices there this week, but the United States Embassy remains in Madrid. Saturday Minister of State Fernando de los Ríos went to San Sebastian to inaugurate the diplomatic season there.

Col. Robert H. Fletcher, United States military attaché, is the only member of the American Embassy to establish summer headquarters in San Sebastian. He left Madrid Wednesday night. Shortly after his return here September 15, he will leave for the United States, his term in Spain having expired.

Ambassador Claude G. Bowers, Mrs. Bowers, and their daughter motored to Pamplona last week to witness the annual fiesta there, the feature of which is the *encierro*, where bulls and men race.

The first woman member of the diplomatic corps in Madrid is Doña Gabriela Mistral, the well-known Latin American poet. She arrived last week as Consul of Chile.

With three parties now cooperating with the Government threatening to withdraw their support, the political situation is again uncertain.

The dissident elements within the Radical Socialist party appear to be gaining strength. They want to model the party after that of the same name in France. The party has sent the Government an

ultimatum containing 23 conditions under which it will continue its support. The principal demand is the annulment of the *Términos Municipales* law, which is strongly backed by the Socialists, and which prohibits the employment of farm hands except in their own municipal region. Another demand is for the immediate annulment of the concession of the Telefónica, a company associated with the I. T. and T. in the United States.

The Orga (Galician party) has demanded that a proposed trade treaty with Uruguay be rejected, since it permits the importation of meats, thus hurting regional interests.

The Federals are insisting on adherence to the condition under which they agreed to support the Government — the annulment of the Law for the Defense of the Republic. They are demanding the release of prisoners arrested under this law.

While the deadlock is such that a Cabinet crisis could be logically expected, it is probable that the summer recess of the Cortes will intervene in time.

Sr. Fernando Rein Loring, one of Spain's best known civil aviators, has announced an early flight from Seville to Buenos Aires in a small plane. He has twice flown from Madrid to Manila.

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Aug. 18—AMARAPOORA, from Liverpool and Gibraltar for Marseilles and the East.

Orient Line: Agents: Gabriel Mulet e Hijos, Av. A. Maura, 62.

July 27—ORAMA, from London for Toulon and Australia.

July 29—OTRANTO, from Toulon for Gibraltar and London.

Union-Castle Line: Agents: Agencia Schembri, Av. A. Maura, 52.

July 18—LLANDAFF CASTLE, from London for Marseilles and East Africa.

July 27—LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE, from Marseilles for Gibraltar and London.

Aug. 15—LLANGIBBY CASTLE, from London for Marseilles and East Africa.

American Export Lines: Agents: Agencia Schembri, Av. A. Maura, 52.

July 21—EXCALIBUR, from New York for Marseilles and Mediterranean cruise.

July 29—EXOCHORDA, from Marseilles for Gibraltar and New York.

Aug. 4—EXETER, from New York for Marseilles and Mediterranean cruise.

Aug. 12—EXCALIBUR, from Marseilles for Gibraltar and New York.

Aug. 18—EXCAMBION, from New York for Marseilles and Mediterranean cruise.

German African Line: Agents: Baquera, Kusche y Martin, S.A., Plaza Libertad.

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Sunday July 23rd, mail closes at the Palma postoffice at 1:30 p.m. for the OLYMPIC, Cherbourg, due in New York Aug. 1st.

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Palma-Algiers: Lv. Saturday 6 p.m. Ar. Sunday 6 a.m.

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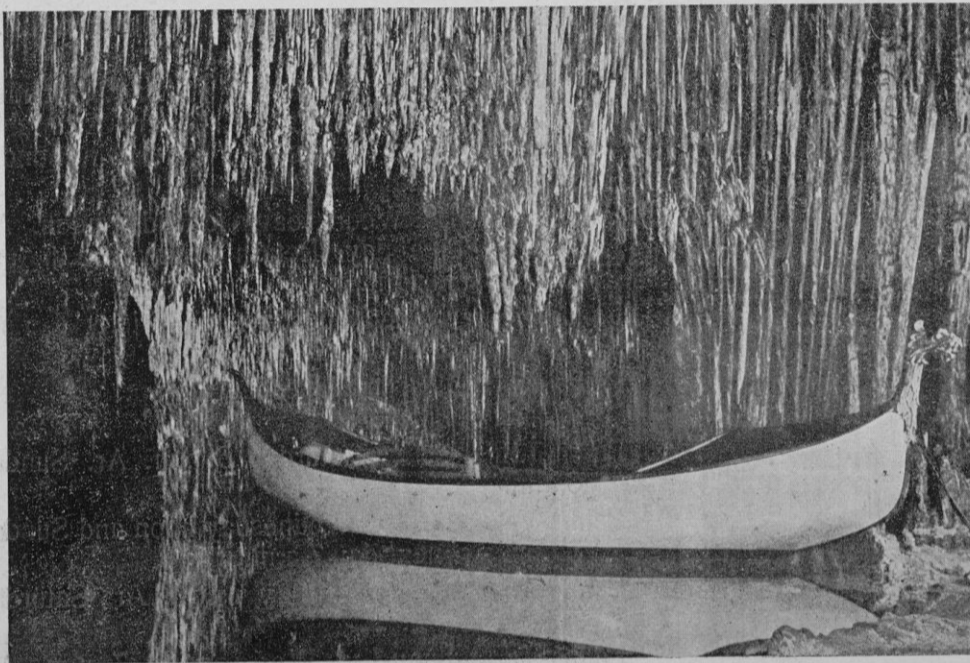
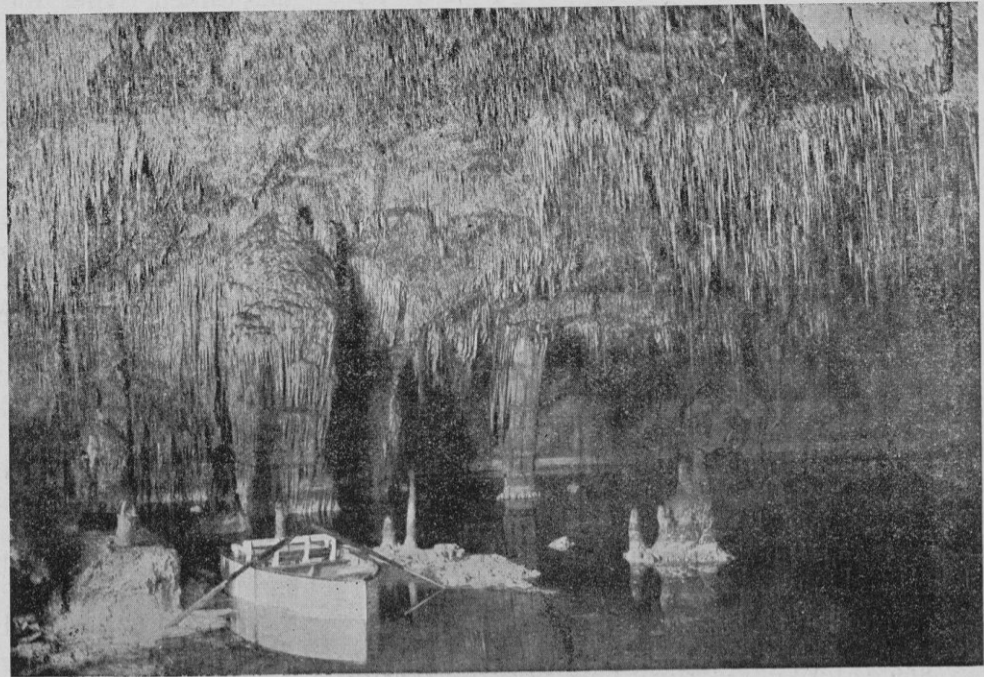
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MUSIC IN THE EARTH

Beginning tomorrow (Monday) the twice weekly concerts which used to be given will be resumed on Martel Lake in the Caves of Drach, one of the more popular points for excursions in Mallorca.

These musical hours are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at noon, and under the huge dome of the cavern, dripping its fantastic inverted spires towards the dark water, harmony develops some of the weirdness of the surroundings, and the concert days have in the past attracted more visi-



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The exploration of the Caves themselves begins at eleven in the morning, and visitors are taken first over the old part, which has been known for years. They pass on then to a newly discovered and only

recently opened section of these enormous caverns (this new discovery is called Cueva de los Franceses) and then journey out onto Martel Lake in skiffs to hear the concert.

For those who wish to hear the music and proceed in their own cars, it is well to remember that a certain degree of promptness is desirable, for the Caves are closed to new visitors as soon as the concert begins in order to avoid annoying interruptions.

Extra Export Boat to New York

Augmenting its regular bi-weekly service to and from New York, the American Export Lines announce that on Aug. 5th the SS Exporter will make a special call at Palma, taking both passengers and freight for New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia. The ship proceeds by way of a number of Spanish ports, and the fare is lower than on the stars of the Line which are on the regular service. The rate to New York on the Exporter is 120 dollars. Several Americans have already booked passage on her from Palma.

Bullfight in Inca

Two weeks from today, July 30th, Inca is having a bullfight which the connoisseurs believe will be a very good display of *novillero* talent. The three *toreros* will be Niño de la Palma, Carnicerito de Méjico and Felix Rodriguez II. The last two especially have won praise from critics in Madrid and other centres of the game. Last (Saturday) night there was held in the Palma bull ring the first «comic bullfight» of the season, but the humor of these shows is an acquired taste and few foreigners enjoy it much.

OF PERSONAL INTEREST

After four days sight seeing in Mallorca a party of thirty-one French students, headed by several of their professors, departed for home Friday night, still loud in their praises of Mallorca. The students are young men from a training school for professors in Versailles. The party was headed by the chief of the school, Dr. Nicolas, and Mme. Nicolas. Also in the party was Prof. Phelan, exchange professor from the University of California. Prof. Varin, a B.A from London, helped direct the activities of the party, whose tour was arranged for them by the Spanish Trading Co.

Mr. Reggie Mappin is stopping at the Hotel Catalonia. He has come down from Pollensa with Mrs. Mappin, who must undergo an operation here.

After a fortnight in Madrid, Mr. Cecil Aldin of Camp de Mar, the painter, is back in his studio. His daughter, Mrs. Mason, left yesterday for England.

Mrs. Frederick Wilkins is slowly convalescing from a protracted illness at her home, Raxa.

Capt. and Mrs. R. von Braun of Söllér left on Friday on board the SS Lapland, which put into Palma in the course of a Mediterranean cruise. Capt. and Mrs. von Braun will return to their Mallorca home at the end of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rose of Casa Teresa, Puerto Pollensa, have decided to make their permanent residence in Mallorca. They are selecting a site to purchase. This week-end they are spending in Palma. Others who are planning to buy a home here are Mr. and Mrs. Mario Salandra. He is owner of a financial paper in Brussels and secretary of the Wagon Lits. Mrs. Salandra is the daughter of Mrs. Doris Cameron.

Don Alfonso Alzamora gave a picnic on his De-yá estate this week. He is the owner of six charming Mallorquin cottages, all of them kept in the old Island style, and this particular one is especially remarkable for its lemon orchard. Among Sr. Alzamora's guests were Mrs. Phyllis Peel Heard, Miss

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Ethel Rew and Capt. de Skossyreff. The party stopped also at Miramar, which commands one of the best views of that coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble L. Clay have returned to Palma, arriving by way of Barcelona. Mr. Clay, head of the Gas y Electricidad, has been on a business trip to the Canary Islands.

Joe has installed ducks in the fountain of the bar's garden, not so much to be company for those who fall or jump in for a cool splash as to eat the mosquitoes.

Among those who sailed for New York on the Excambion yesterday were Mr. Doubleday and his sister, Miss Doubleday. They took with them messages and documents for the five Americans now completing their sixth week in the local prison.

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HOMEWARD SCHEDULE

Steamer	Call Palma	Call Gibraltar	Ar. U.K.
Burma	July 28	July 30	Aug. 4
Yoma	Aug. 11	Aug. 13	Aug. 18
Chindwin	Sept. 8	Sept. 10	Sept. 15

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Terreno, «Over the Way,» for the summer, and will spend her holiday in travelling until she re-opens the tea room for the winter season.

After nearly ten years residence in Mallorca, during which time they have seen the development of the Island from a quiet, almost unknown retreat into a highly publicized and crowded resort, Mr. and Mrs. P. Anderson Mitchell and their two daughters are leaving their home in the Calle San Miguel for good. They are sailing on the Orama on July 27th for New Zealand, where they will make their home.

Lady Sheppard and a friend returned from Formentera the other day and reports that the latest of the Balearic Islands to succumb to the tourist invasion now boasts an exceedingly comfortable pension which is under the same management as the Casa Residencial in Palma.

The yacht *Virginia*, flying a British ensign, called in here Friday afternoon and proceeded that evening to Barcelona. Her owner, Major S. L. Courtauld, was on board with a party of friends. They are cruising the Mediterranean and have come from the Grecian Isles.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlyn Brown of Sóller got back from a short trip to Barcelona yesterday (Saturday) morning. They insist that the big city on the Peninsula is much cooler than Mallorca.

When the California of the Libera Triestina Line stopped here yesterday (Saturday) on her way to Italy, eight passengers disembarked. They were Diana Fitz Herbert, Mary Moore Stacy and Eugenie Mabel Hale, all from San Francisco. Elletta Ruth Gordon, Miriam Anne Crenshaw, E. Joel Moss, Vera Damiana Vimont and Evelin Kunz, from Los Angeles, also got off at Palma. The California went on to Marseilles, and then to Genoa and Venice.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Crolius and their two children, accompanied by Mr. Crolius' sister who arrived in Mallorca a fortnight ago so as to make the trip back to America with them, are sailing for their home tomorrow (Monday) on the Marques de Comillas, which will call here.

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Five of the Excambion's passengers remained in Palma when the American Export boat put in here Saturday morning. They were Mr. John Black, Mrs. Emma Black, Miss Eugenia Schein, Mr. Francisco Oliver, and Mr. Victor Brandes who has returned to his friends in Mallorca after a brief trip to the Continent.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Gullette arrived from Barcelona in time to take the Excambion back to the States, and Mr. and Mrs. Brokerman, Mr. Doubleday and his sister made up the six who boarded the boat here.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Goddard are sailing for America on the Exporter on the fifth of next month. They are moving en masse with car, dogs and cat, but may leave the parrot and monkey behind.

Bullfight for Red Cross

Next Sunday, the 23rd, there will be a bullfight with local amateur toreros in the Plaza de Toros for the benefit of the Red Cross. Furthermore, because it is to be an international occasion, the box of youthful beauty which adds color to these shows will be recruited internationally.

In addition to three Castilian and three Mallorquin girls, not yet selected because competition is very keen for the honor, Miss Gwen Walker will represent England and Miss Dickie Scoville, daughter of Mrs. J.F. Requardt, the United States.

She will be accompanied by an older sister. Fraulein Boemisch will be the German delegate, and up to yesterday no French girl had been selected. All of them will wear Spanish costume and will be driven around the ring in carriages before the fight begins.

The toreros will be Messrs. B. Roca, A. Caparó (Sacamontes) and J. Ibañez, Mallorquin amateurs of skill and experience. The show will begin at 5 o'clock.

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Verbena at Mediterraneo

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The Hotel is also planning a special supper and several other attractions for the evening. Several reservations have been received, including several from the foreign visitors, who may be expected to turn out in force for such an event.

Miss Betty Farquhar returned from Ibiza Friday, preparatory to leaving for the States on Monday. Her marriage will take place shortly after her arrival there. Mrs. Farquhar is still at the Mediterraneo.

Mr. René Hermin, a journalist from Geneva, arrived with his wife for a holiday in Mallorca. Mr. Hermin has many amusing incidents to relate in connection with the Conferences in his native city, but he insists he has no angle of the situation to reveal which has not already been covered by every newspaper man who has ever been in the Swiss capital.

Other arrivals at the Hotel this week have been Mrs. F. P. Hayward from Boston, Miss Mary Isabel Paper from England, and her friend Miss Diana Mabel Carr. Mr. Roy Scroggie is another English visitor.

This is the open season for Barcelona holiday makers in Mallorca, and some of the vanguard are Sr. D. Calleo Coll, Sr. D. Daniel Planos, and Sra.

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Nicolás M.^a Rubio, the architect, has been stopping here for the last few days, but his visits to Mallorca always combine business with pleasure.

Overgrown

Visitors who on their last trip to Mallorca were unable to find hotel accommodations — at one time the situation was so acute that some unfortunate travellers were obliged to return to Barcelona after a hectic day of vain searching for quarters — have found that the problem is easy now.

Their first thought is that at last the flood to Mallorca is ebbing, but the explanation really lies in the enterprise of dozens of people of all nationalities who have hotel ambitions.

There are at least five or six times as many pensions in and around Palma as there were a year ago. Dozens of private homes, not all of them very large, have been converted into domiciles for paying guests. German, Swiss, English, French, American, Danish, Italian and even Spanish, they have opened their doors to the tourist. The hotels are, therefore, finding that the delightfully — for them — overcrowded condition of last year is passing.

The suburbs from San Agustin to Terreno have been particularly favored with the pensions. One new arrival, riding along on the tram, christened the route «Hotel Row» but even so he had not seen

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them all, for a good many are tucked away off the tram route.

Several of the proprietors, either negligent or ignorant of the police regulations governing the operation of hotels and pensions, have neglected to report at the offices of the Civil Governor the names of their guests and of their employes. They have been fined, and Don Manuel Ciges Aparicio, the Governor, has issued a warning that in future he will impose the maximum penalty, whether the offenders be Mallorquins or foreigners.

However, the authorities do not wish it to be understood that every householder who has a paying guest or two under his roof must live up to all the regulations provided for hotels and pensions. The police have explained that unless there are at least five non-members of the family, any house is considered a private home. When there are five or more, the regulations will be strictly enforced.

Villa Thea Opening

A tea party on the terrace of the Villa Thea in San Agustin last Monday marked the opening of the house as an English pension under the management of Mr. James Crabtree.

The guests included Mrs. K. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bjorck, Capt. and Mrs. McLeod More, Miss Phyllis M. Ralston, Miss Lilian Caseley, Mrs. H.S. Thomson, Miss Dorothy Thomson and Miss D.E. Curtis.

Holiday

After this coming week the House of Beric, modistes in Terreno, will be closed while the young women who run it prepare their larger quarters, the present place being too small for their business, they say. They will also spend a short holiday in Cala Ratjada. Meanwhile Beric announces a special sale of stock now on hand in the present shop.

Fete at Casa Residencial

Next Tuesday evening Mrs. Doris Cameron is giving an evening fete at the Casa Residencial in Palma, for which Don Antonio Marroig, the proprietor, is making special arrangements.

There will be a buffet supper and dancing for the approximately one hundred guests Mrs. Cameron has asked. Miss Mary Shayler will give an exhibition of dancing, and several others of the local talent among foreigners resident here have agreed to perform during the evening.

New Yachtsman for Pollensa

This week Mr. J.V. Cook has departed for France to bring to Mallorca the 25-ton yacht belonging to Capt. Melitus, now at Juan les Pins. Capt. Melitus and his family are joining him there from England, where they live, and the party will sail to Puerto Pollensa, The Captain will join the increasing colony of yachtsmen in that resort, and he is planning to make his home there permanently.

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