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## Armageddon Comes of Age

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It has been our custom, during these twenty-one dreary and important years since the Armistice relieved the tension of a world, to look back on past events with an ever narrowing perspective more by necessity humanitarian than we probably imagine. There exists a certain potentiality in all living creatures to overcome weakness of spirit by forming a feeble, ragged front against an impulse that has got out of control. As the child that lights the straw that burns the haystack runs to its natural enemy, the punishing father, to seek aid before the magnitude of its deed, so in this life we realize our own frailty in the face of calamity. Too infrequently, unfortunately, does this occur. Greater opportunity would perhaps induce us to realize our limitations, such as they are.

### Can It Be Avoided?

Given our present social system, which in most cases seems fairly adequate under the circumstances (based on the confronting of those who have with those who have not), the avoidance of recurrent cataclysms of this nature rests in a complete understanding of their cause and effect.

«War is a necessity», our military advisers tell us. «War is a crime,» shout the peacemakers, each anxious to make war on the other's opinion and influence. The conclusion is, then, taking both points of view as creditable, that the increased population of the world must be checked by occasional and erratic holocausts. If Malthus is not to be tolerated as respectable—experiments on human nature are inexplicably looked upon as a poaching upon the private preserves of Man, and a violation of his divinity—then the violent internal-combustion tactics of our ancestors appear to be the only satisfactory means of coping with an eventual starvation peril. The statistics of scientists and economists to-day prove, on paper (though there must be a fallacy somewhere, since they make  $x \cdot x^2$ ), that the improvement in the standard of our intelligence in living is far above that of periods. As a result of a severe shock, apparently, we have been made furiously to think. Why then our continued puerile attitude towards War?

### Control

That War can be controlled, or rather prevented, is obvious. The question remains, should it be controlled? Should it be tolerated and guided suavely by popular consent into the channels where its deadly results will be most effective? The attitude of many persons towards the League of Nations is quite explainable, although their opinions are considered unjust and facetious. The idea of the Geneva gatherings is excellent in itself, and effective where possible, but it can never represent more than a temporary stop-gap in the face of agitated humanity.

### Clear Vision

We cannot, even at the risk of being considered morbid or pedantic, refrain from balancing up the pros and cons of the psychology of War. Man, we realize, at heart is a warlike creature. Him, at the same time, we acclaim as made in the image of God. We must examine our foundations and get our thoughts straight before we can become constructive. Many difficult and basic

problems, which some people avoid as *cranky*, have to be taken into consideration. The surplus thousands of women resulting from War form one of them. The morality and responsibility of a Government plunging its country into a commercial conflict to be fought out, always unsatisfactorily, through its military representatives is another. The actual aim of Man, whatever that may be, and a decision regarding the theories of Right *versus* Might, are questions that demand further attention. When one observes Man's obvious intention to improve his lot whilst not attempting to examine his innate capability to cope with a new situation, any movement towards perpetual peace seems ludicrous. Those who decry or uphold methods of violence (without considering the negative or affirmative effects thereof) will cry continuously in the wilderness, until they come to examine the real reasons for War.

### A Sense of Humour

One bright star that appears perpetually upon a gloomy horizon is that of our ability to laugh at ourselves in a large or small way. The present conflict in Africa, which rather than a definite conflict is the result of a necessity to create one, really deserves to be laughed out of History. That it is illegitimate is proven, but here again the need for a thorough examination of the causes of such a situation becomes a necessity. What is ostensibly a frontier conflict between Ethiopia and Italy turns out to be, frankly, but a clash of commercial interests between parties indirectly concerned. As a sidelight we learn that British Somaliland is not what we thought it was.

«Armageddon,» we told ourselves in 1914, clutching at the glib phrase and relishing its finality, «has arrived.» We found we were wrong, in that we didn't all expire in a mass. Probably a complete and efficient Armageddon will never occur, but other upheavals similar to our last most certainly will ravage us from time to time. Do we want them and approve of them, or do we not??? A little commonsense thinking, devoid of medieval sentiment, will help us to decide where Geneva cannot.

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Tax the Rich

The House of Representatives in Washington passed by a large majority President Roosevelt's «Tax the Rich Bill,» as it is known. The Bill provides for greater taxes on corporation profits and has stepped up sharply the rates for inheritance taxes and surtaxes on large incomes. The additional revenue to be secured by this law is estimated at two hundred and fifty million dollars annually.

## Japan and «Vanity Fair»

A cartoon appearing in the current issue of «Vanity Fair» depicting Emperor Hiroito trundling a gun-carriage jinrickshaw and bearing the legend «Japanese Emperor Gets Nobel Peace Prize» was to be made the object of a formal protest by Ambassador Hiroshi Saito to the United States government last Monday. Where other countries think nothing of lampooning their high officials, the Japanese consider their Emperor sacred.

## To a Ripe Old Age

The Journal of the American Medical Association in its last issue stated that no longer may one only expect to live the proverbial «three score years and ten» but that very soon the average life span will be 105 years. It is interesting to read that in the Middle Ages normal life expectancy was twenty - one years and as late as 1915 in the United States forty-eight years. Under present conditions, the *Journal* said that, out of every hundred thousand persons, thirty may expect to live to a hundred.

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## The Poor Little Rich Beggar

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## Back Four Hundred Years

Italy's soldiers may soon look much like the soldiers of olden times if the plans of the military authorities in Italy are carried out. The men are soon to try out the feasibility of carrying shields. These are to be big enough to shelter a prone man from in front and if they can be made light enough and sufficiently strong to deflect the modern high speed bullet we may well see all future troops with an additional few pounds to carry.

## Broken Star

At a meeting of the Academy of Science in Paris, M. Esclançon, Director of the Paris Observatory, reported that he had been watching the new star Nova in the constellation of Hercules and was able to confirm the report from the Lick Observatory that this star had broken in two.

The cause of this phenomenon is not

certain, but is supposed to be due to a terrific explosion of gases in the centre of the star. Light from Nova takes between 1,500 and 1,600 years to reach the earth.

## Submarine Raised

The Russian submarine, *B-3*, which sank in the Gulf of Finland on the 25th. of July, has been raised and taken to Kronstadt where the fifty-five bodies of the members of the crew were received. They were all cadets in training.

## Rioting in France

While the rioting that has been going on in Brest has quieted down the authorities are now occupied with the trouble in Toulon. Police fired on the mob which had collected on the water front, wounding many. The men striking are stevedores and shipworkers.

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# BARCELONA SOCIAL NOTES

So many young people now-a-days plan unconventional holidays. Very amusing and even thrilling they must be, to say nothing of how strenuous, sometimes!

A short while ago Mrs. Roy Baker, wife of a former American Vice-Consul at Barcelona, where both she and her husband have many friends, bicycled through France, and said it was glorious fun.

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Now we hear that the Hon. Patricia Mackay, Lord Inchcape's charming daughter, and a contemporary ex-débutante, Miss Diana Caldwell, are motoring out to Spain alone. They are going to stay with London friends who have a place near Barcelona.

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Mrs. Graham Dow, who is a Doctor in Philosophy and a well known journalist, arrived in Barcelona a few days ago. She is staying at the Hotel Majestic, and is charmed with the busy Catalan capital. She intends to stay at the «Terramar Palace» when she goes to Sitges at the end of this week.

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Mrs. Murray, who, with her son, Mr. Andrew Murray, spent a few weeks in Mallorca last month, has been visiting friends in Barcelona and left yesterday for England.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hardwicke, who are staying at Hotel Montegut at Ribas, write that they are very happy and comfortable, and much enjoying their holiday in the Spanish Pyrenees. They expect to return to England on the 14th. of this month.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gauntlett, of Terreno, Palma, are also staying at the Hotel Montegut.

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Amongst those spending their vacations on the Costa Brava are Mr. and Mrs. Jordain, who are at Lloret de Mar, with their family.

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England calls, indeed! Mr. Edwin

Hedderwick has joined his family there for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellcock and their little son, Paul, are going over for a month. So also are Mr. and Mrs. Jackson.

\*\*\*

Mr. John Parsons, Jr. has given himself over to the joys of fishing at one of his favourite haunts. He is almost as great an expert with the rod and line as he is with the camera and that is saying a great deal, for many of his photographs are very beautiful.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pundsack are spending the summer at Lloret de Mar, with their children.

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Mr. Parsons, senior, is at Torrello, where life is very quiet and pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are to be his guests there as soon as the former is well enough.

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Mr. Clarence Hughes, we are glad to learn, is rapidly improving in health, but is not likely to be walking for two or three weeks.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rex Barrington, with their child, are leaving for England shortly by car.

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Miss Marcia Bailey, who will be remembered for her work in connection with the Ecole Internationale, in Palma, is staying in Barcelona.

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Some sixty people, enthusiasts of the Costa Brava, left for the excursion run by the new Servicio del Turismo last week-end. Bookings for to-day are heavy too, and this very attractive service promises to be extremely popular in the future, as everybody agreed that the arrangements were perfect.

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We should like to congratulate Mr. Sydney Horen, Manager of Hispano-Fox Films, on having been honoured by the Spanish Government for his excellent work in connection with the Spanish film industry. Mr. Horen is to be made an Official of the Spanish Republic.

## SPORT

by «All Rounder»

England has manfully resisted the German-American attempt to wrest the Davis Cup from her. She was better captained and the ability of Perry and the patriotically inspired Austin carried the day. These young Americans and Germans will take some stopping next year. Austin won't last for ever, and I do not think that Perry can make it many times more. Be that as it may—to quote M. Berlitz—England has kept the Cup and I hope that she can stick to it for a year or two and give the much-needed tonic to the flagging national sporting spirit.

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### Running, Fourlegged and Otherwise

The defeat of Lovelock and the narrow victory of Tiberius are other notable residues in the week's filter-paper. The conqueror of the former and those vanquished by the latter have much to be proud of, and there is joy in their respective stables. How good is Lovelock? Must we wait for Berlin to see? These Olympic stars are going to draw the world like a lodestone. It is not an unbecoming moment for the 11th. (revived) Olympiad. Let us remember that the Greeks, sickened and worn-out after the Trojan War, turned to the healing medicine of Sport. The voice of Iltis spoke wisely when he preached the necessity of friendly rivalry on bloodless fields. We have moved, moreover, a lot since then. The chariot race has, alas, gone, and boxing has become a commercial proposition. Tennis is unfortunately not the only game played with a racket. I regret the passing of the chariot race. I should like to see Benito Mussolini prove his sportsmanship against the Negus, and De Valera driving other things to hell. One must be thankful for the Davis Cup, as yet untarnished by the poison gases which waft about other sporting pastures.

### A Berlin Forecast

Casting about for probable winners, I would pick an American for the high jump and pole vault, for obvious reasons. England I fancy for the sprints. Japan for the swimming. France for the weights. Germany for the javelin and discus. Finland for distances. Spain should have a good crack at the basketball and foot-ball. I have not space to mention the smaller fry, but Abyssinia should win the Marathon and I nominate Ireland for the hammer-throwing.

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### TENNIS

With the termination of the Davis Cup Competition there is a lull in International Tennis, but there is a considerable stir in Spanish Tennis circles.

In the first place, Bubi Maier, Champion of Spain, who did so well in the doubles at Wimbledon, has left for the U.S.A. where he will play in the American Championships, and also in the Californian Tournament where he should give a good account of himself.

Then a Cycle of International Tennis Tournaments have been arranged for the principal Catalan Summer resorts.

This commences at Sitges, on the Courts of the Terramar Palace Hotel, from the 14th. to the 18th. August, followed by the Camprodón Tournament from the 20th. August to 1st. September, and then by one at S'Agaró, which closes the cycle from the 11th. to 15th. September.

All the most important Catalán rackets are engaged in these tournaments, and we hear that several French representatives will also play.

W. W. P.

## VALENCIA

After a few days in Benicasim, Mr. Gentry left on Wednesday for England where he will take a well-earned rest.

Mr. Pennick also left for England the same day. He will join Mrs. Pennick there.

Mr. Leslie Scott is back in Valencia with his friend Mr. Neville Birketts, and will spend the summer vacation here.

We are pleased to report that Mr. H.H. Green has now almost completely recovered from his recent attack of gastritis.

Mr. R. H. Chalmers, the Chartered Accountant, has come to Valencia from Madrid, on business.

Mr. E.E. Smith left for England on Friday on business bent. He travelled via Barcelona.

Mrs. Doris Greenwell left on the *Jonje Antony* last week for England, where she will stay for some time. She was accompanied by her small daughter.

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# LADY LEISURE

By Jane Schuyler

## Autumn Fashions

Keeping up with fashion artists' eccentricities is no easy matter. You try resembling a Greek Goddess in flowing draperies (midsummer collection). Then you realize Paris is becoming gay and fantastically romantic, forgetting altogether classic sculpture and Grecian poise.

Italian painters are now inspiring designers. Fra Angelico, especially, seems to provide them with ideas. At a recent party given in Paris, Giovanni angels in silver lamé gowns and ample velvet capes were particularly noticed, floating serenely here and there (you must float, easy strides are out of fashion), looking most picturesque, not to say heavenly. I think, however (but then I'm no angel), that infinitely more successful is the comeback of daring *decolletés*, this season's greatest feature. Some of the frocks very much admired at the latest collections were cut extremely low. One of them, particularly charming, in black tulle, a Mainbocher creation, had unusually large sleeves and a square *decolleté* «XIII» brightened up by white camellias. Another fascinating model, in blue taffeta (Lelong) was strapless, the back of the skirt gracefully looped in deep folds.

You may recall that Molyneux designed a striking black velvet «*Manteau de Cour*» for Princess Marina. Since then fashionable women have become most dignified, and adopted this long floating cape with enthusiasm. However, bright colours such as red or green are preferred. Vionnet created a sensation by displaying a classically simple white gown with a gorgeous purple cape thrown over the shoulders, thus giving incredible elegance. Lanvin also favours this style, but experiments with lamé and blue velvet.

Velvet is more popular than ever this season. Mainbocher and Rochas suggest a combination of woollen dresses and velvet coats, or vice-versa, for morning or afternoon *ensembles*. In the evening, this sumptuous drapery can be used with devastating effect, if you concentrate on colour schemes.

Artificial flowers are still at the height of fashion, specially in the evening. They can be worn in the hair, around the *decolleté* or scattered on the skirt.

The newest craze for the day is covering tailored suits and jackets with braids and tassels of all kinds. «The Merry Widow» must have influenced Parisians, but most probably the success of this adornment is due to the weakness women have always had and always will have for uniforms.

## BRIDGE

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

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

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

### Problem No. 3

|                |            |                |  |
|----------------|------------|----------------|--|
| S-----         |            |                |  |
| H-K, J.        |            |                |  |
| D-K, 4, 3.     |            |                |  |
| C-4, 3, 2.     |            |                |  |
|                | N O R T H  |                |  |
| S-----         | W E        | S-3.           |  |
| H-6.           | E A        | H-Q, 10, 9, 2. |  |
| D-10, 9, 8, 7. | S S        | D-Q, J, 6.     |  |
| C-A, K, 9.     | T T        | C-----         |  |
|                | S O U T H  |                |  |
|                | S-6, 5, 4. |                |  |
|                | H-8, 7.    |                |  |
|                | D-A, 5, 2. |                |  |
|                | C-----     |                |  |

Spades are trumps. South leads. Can you (South) make seven out of the eight tricks against any defense?

### Solution to Problem No. 2

South leads spade queen, North discarding heart king. South leads heart deuce, forcing West into the lead, North discarding club ace. Now West must lead to South's tenace in clubs, for the balance of the tricks.

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# Alexis Mdivani



The Funeral Procession of Alexis Mdivani

The tragic death of Alexis Mdivani, who, as reported in the stop-press of our last issue, was killed in a motor accident near Gerona, has focussed the eyes of the world on the Costa Brava, that stretch of lovely Catalan sea-coast which reaches up to the French frontier.

He has been staying at "Mas Juny", the Palamos home of his brother-in-law, Don José-Maria Sert (the great Catalan painter), since the 21st. of July.

At the time of the tragedy he was driving a fellow guest, the beautiful twenty-six year old Baroness Maud von Thyssen, to Perpignan, where she intended to catch the express to Paris. It is said that the accident was caused by the high speed at which the car (which was a Rolls-Royce) was being driven when crossing a *badén*. The broken speedometer marked 85 miles an hour.

He was killed instantaneously.

The Baroness, who is a well known society beauty, was terribly injured. She was conveyed at once to Doctor Coll's clinic in Gerona, where she is still lying unconscious. There are several doctors in attendance, amongst them Doctor Corachán of Barcelona.

The Baroness' husband, a well known financier, was in Germany at the time of the tragedy, but arrived at Gerona on Monday morning.

The funeral of Alexis Mdivani took place on Saturday afternoon. The body, which had been lying in state at "Mas Juny", was conveyed to Palamos, where it was met by the priests and acolytes. A few intimate friends and relations had gathered at Palamos during the day.

In Spain, women very rarely attend a funeral, so that the ladies paid their condolences to Señora Sert at the house, and only men accompanied the *cortége*. There were no flowers save one small bunch of white iris. Everything was quiet and unpretentious, and the whole village turned out in sympathy.

Alexis Mdivani was born on the 7th. February 1908. He belonged to an old Georgian family.

His marriage in 1931 to the daughter of Mrs. Van-Alan was the social event of the season at Newport, Rhode Island. His wife divorced him the following year.

It will be remembered that in June, 1933, he married Miss Barbara Hutton, the heiress to the Woolworth millions. Ten days of their honeymoon were spent at "Mas Juny", when the young couple were so charmed with the beauties of the Costa Brava that they bought a small property on Señor Sert's estate, and called it "Mas Poucki".

Mdivani's second marriage was to prove no more

fortunate than the first, for a year later rumours of matrimonial difficulties began to circulate, and in May of this year the young couple secured a divorce at Reno.

Since then he had paid several visits to his sister and brother-in-law at Palamos, the latest *visa* on his passport being dated 21st. July, at Junquera.

Such was the brief and chequered career of this young man of good birth, said to be a fine sportsman, possessing a generous character and charming and unaffected manner.

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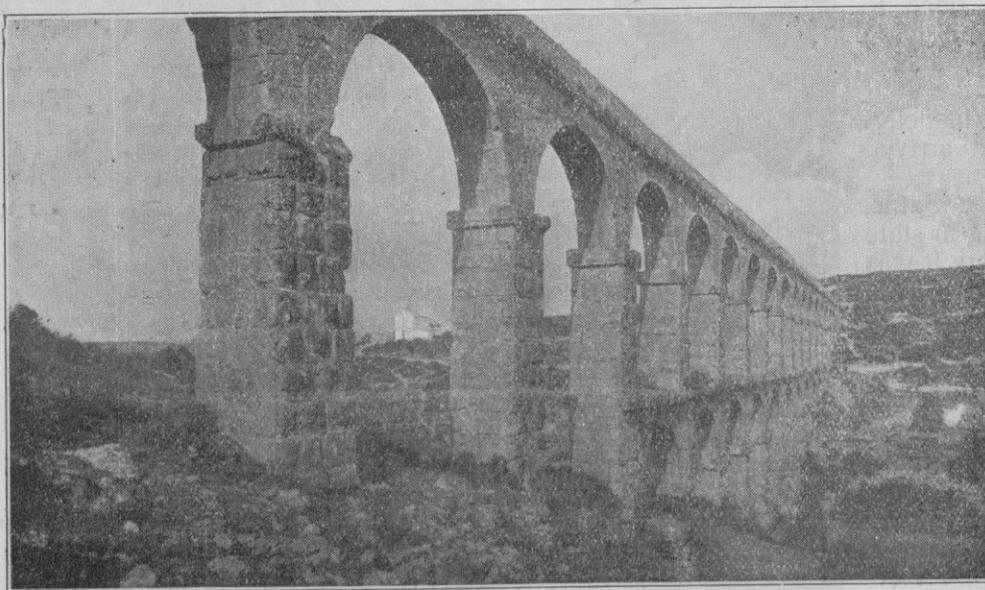
to oneself, or mingle with a jolly crowd when the mood takes one. The tea-dances at the Pergola, delightfully informal, gather together all the younger element, and somehow there seems to be a larger collection of feminine beauty here than in most places. One sees them on the beach and in the sea, then they disappear for some hours until they crowd into the Pergola, fresh and attractive in their light summer frocks.

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Captain A. W. Kane entertained at the Catalonia the other evening. He had as his guests Sir John Dunn and Captain Skeels. Captain Skeels is an author, and when he is not at his scribbling his hobby is fashioning butterflies out of cigarette papers and tubes of paint. He has been at this a long while and is without doubt the foremost butterfly fashioner of Mallorca. Each evening he sits on the steps of the Cathedral and, for an admiring throng of young and old, creates his tiny creatures.

\*\*\*  
Fiestas and Feriás go on apace. One hardly knows the Borne with its laurel and pine. Taxicabs and trams look very dashing as they make their way about flaunting the red, yellow and purple. The swimming races were excellent, our only regret was not seeing our instructor Mr. Galbraith crawl home first. We feel that the foreign colony should have been represented and by whom better than that old *maestro* Don Bertram? Nor did we see any foreigners releasing pigeons on Sunday morning. This event was very pretty and worked out quite well for us as several pairs belonging to a former tenant dropped in the cote on our house and are still with us.

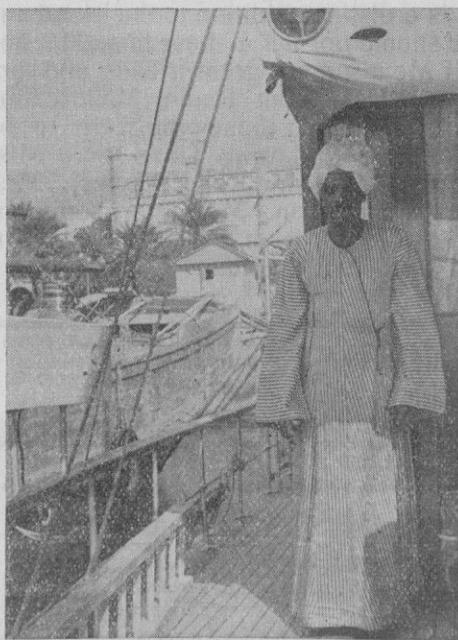
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We went aboard the *Nimbus* the other day to wish Captain Leinau good-bye as we had heard he was about to start out for parts unknown. One glance at his engine room, however, convinced us that there was no great rush about farewells. The place looked as though a bomb had exploded. There were odd bits of motor all about, pistons hanging by strings to the beams and all manner of nuts, bolts and screws lying about.

Their mechanic, who started the overhauling Saturday, awoke Sunday with a bad attack of Fiesta Fever and for several days was unable to face the thing at all. The fever, which is prevalent at this time of the year, manifests itself upon one's awakening by a splitting headache, a great lassitude, and a strange and unaccountable cottony taste in the mouth.

\*\*\*  
The Industrias Mallorca, Mr. Frank Croissant's land development firm, is about to undertake the filming of a travel picture of Mallorca. We understand that the scenario will come from the prolific pen of Harry Galland and that Angela Schuylenburch will play the lead.

\*\*\*  
Miss Wilson arrived back in Palma aboard the *Yoma* last week. Miss Wilson has long been a resident here and is active in the Majorca Society of Arts.

\*\*\*  
Distressing news comes from the Lees, of the yacht *Foam*, who wintered here last year and hope to do the same again in the coming months. Mohammed, who was the best cook of the waterfront if not of all Palma, and surely its most picturesque character, has been very ill with pneumonia and the Lees upon his convalescence must ship him back to Egypt. No longer will Palma see his beturbaned figure.



Mohammed

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt left for Barcelona on Monday night, where Mr. Pratt is with the Ingersall Rand Co. While here they stayed at the Terreno Hotel, and although they grew to like Mallorca they still feel that Barcelona is the better spot.

\*\*\*  
Señor Cittadini, the well-known painter whose home is in Puerto Pollensa, is in Palma this week as his wife recently underwent a serious operation in the clinic of Dr. Valdés. We are glad to say that she is now well on the road to recovery, and will shortly return home with her husband.

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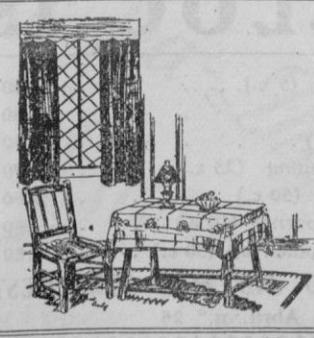
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\*\*\*

One of the few wise people who know that the coolest and consequently best time in Palma these days is early in the morning is Conde Robert Thublier D'Argenson. He was seen the other day calmly enjoying a *petit déjeuner* on the terrace of the Café Alhambra, amidst a crowd of early shoppers—at least, we saw two.

\*\*\*

Mr. John Hutton was in Palma for a day or two's visit from Soller. He was one of the many who arrived late for the big festival at the Fronton last Tuesday and who, due to the immense crowd, had difficulty in even catching a glimpse of the high wall shots.

\*\*\*

A disappointed—or should we say annoyed?—group of would-be witnesses of the same pelota was our new movie company. A box had been reserved earlier in the day, by telephone, for the stars, camera-man *et als*. Their sweeping arrival *à la Hollywood* came near to being a frost, for when a messenger was sent to confirm the reservations he was somewhat put out to discover that nobody had ever heard of the company, let alone reserved a box. However, everything was cleared up all right in the end, and our local stars shone their brightest, which is pretty bright.

\*\*\*

Mrs. George Wilkens leaves on Monday for England to join Mr. Wilkens there. He has been to the United States with their small daughter Jean and they are returning *via* England for their first glimpse of London. They will all be back on the Island here shortly.

\*\*\*

On Wednesday evening Mrs. Grace Atwood entertained a group of her friends at Joe's. It was one of the nicest of parties, out in the garden with the cool of the evening coming down, and Joe's drinks and good things to eat need no further mention. Grouped around the tables were Mr. and Mrs. Mather, Mr. Peter Owen, Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Pool, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leinau, Count and Countess Moltke, Mrs. Anley, Mr. Talcott Camp, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Newhall. Afterwards some of the party moved on to Lena's for dinner and then to watch the fireworks from the deck of the *Nimbus*.

### Captain Kane's Appeal

News was received here Thursday night that the result of the appeal in the Captain Kane case will not be forthcoming for approximately ten days.

Captain Kane was sentenced, early in July, to a term of two years and eleven months imprisonment for resisting arrest following a dispute concerning a café check in Mahon, Menorca. He is at the moment under guard in the Hotel Catalonia.

A reader has sent us a clipping from the *London Times* which will be of interest to many and which we reprint herewith:

### Galt in Ontario

In *The Times* of June 10 the death of Mr. G. S. Galt at Palma, Majorca, was announced and it was stated that he was the founder of the town of Galt in Ontario. In June, 1827, Slade's Mills, a pioneer settlement in Western Ontario, was given the name of Galt, in honour of John Galt, a noted Scottish author who wrote annals of the parish and founded the towns of Guelph and Goderich in the Huron Tract, which he developed under the auspices of the Canada Company.—Dr. W. HARVEY SMITH, Medical Arts Building, Winnipeg.

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Captain Lagarde of the yacht *Provident*, who left here last Spring for America, had quite a voyage, from all reports. He was forty-five days from Gibraltar to New York, during which time they encountered some severe gales which blew them far off their course. When he left here his idea was to sail the ship back again to England this summer.

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A member of the foreign colony here had a disagreeable experience the other day while walking down from Bonanova. As she was passing through the tunnel on the hill a man jumped from his bicycle and refused to allow her to pass. It was several minutes before she was able to get by him. The authorities were notified and are searching for the man.

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Saturday was a big night at Tito's. One of the largest crowds of the season assembled on the terraces to while away a few hours. Quite the best moments of the evening came while the newly imported Hawaiian guitarist was playing. He is a distinct addition to the Island and one should not fail to hear him. He and Rolf Memison are great friends and are to broadcast from Radio Mallorca on the 16th. Among those who were to be seen last Saturday at Tito's were Miss Peggy Lipp, Mr. Rollo Hayes, Mrs. Margaret Hanson, Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Pratt from Barcelona and Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Leaman.

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To:—The Editor,  
Dear Sir,

I hasten to thank Col. Gurney for offering to send me the *Daily Telegraph* supplements on «The Sterling Bloc» so that I might «seriously read» them. Having been a reader of the «D. T.» for over twenty-five years I have of course read all these «excellent articles» that have given him so much satisfaction. Apparently, however, the gallant gentleman himself has not «seriously read» Sir Basil Blackett's article on «Sterling-aria» in Supplement N.º 1; for it was from it that I quoted Sir Basil's admission of «our» having «stumbled» into the system of managed concurrency, the new broom with which the Mrs. Partingtons of High Finance are busy attempting to sweep back the rising tide of unemployment.

My long experience of «seriously reading» both the «arguments» and the «statements» of financial editors and «competent economists» has led me never to accept them at face value. The Douglas microscope enables me always to read between the lines of their prosiest fulminations. Indeed, I found this 40-page «Sterling Bloc» supplement much more unconsciously humorous than was the contemporaneous number of «Punch» in its conscious humour. One of the best jokes in this «Sterling» supplement is the following «statement» or «argument» by Professor Gustav Cassel, the eminent Swedish «competent economist»:

«Thousands of times it has been asserted that a paper standard system was a mere theoretical construction which could not possibly work in practical life, and which would in any case suffer from a complete lack of stability. Such prophecies have now been proved mistaken, but as people are slow in changing their dogmatic views it will probably still take some time before the world clearly realizes what a great thing has been accomplished by the birth of the Sterling Bloc.»

For the last two words, substitute «Douglas Proposals» and you have, I venture to prophesy, a statement of what in a few years time some dutiful

«competent economist» will be parroting in a *Daily Telegraph* supplement.

Since I have evidently failed to give a sufficiently «reasoned statement» of the case for Social Credit to satisfy Col. Gurney, I would again suggest that in Douglas' books he will find not only a reasoned statement but reasoned argument, backed up by mathematical formulae proving the practicability of the Douglas technique for abolishing the anachronism of Poverty amid Plenty.

Perhaps Col. Gurney's friends in Alberta are among those who warned Douglas, on his outward journey from Ottawa to Edmonton, of the reception he might expect to receive in Alberta. They informed him that the Albertans were a wild sort of people, resentful of a mere Briton's intervention into their politics, and that he would be lucky if he got back alive. Like most other prophecies of the upholders of Orthodox-Finance these past ten years, that forecast of Douglas' fate was also fallacious. For he is now back in London very much alive to the undertones of the subtle war now being waged against his ubiquitous proposals for financial reform.

Yours truly,  
WILLIAM BELL

To:—The Editor.  
Dear Sir,

In one of the many excavations in this City there has been found a fragment of great antiquity and of local literary interest. It would appear to be the work of some minor poet of the Phoenician Period, and is interesting not only for its curious rhythm, but for its insight into future events. Students will note especially that not only «Gas» but «Works» that actually produced it were known even in those far off times, and I can assure them that if my translation is free it is at least sincere, even to reproducing that trace of Yorkshire accent that permits of «Glass» rhyming with «Gas.»

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**SOLLER**  
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Mrs. Gourlie is paying a second visit to Mallorca, and is staying at the Hotel Terramar... Mrs. Taylor, who is resting after a year of painting which culminated in several exhibitions in Barcelona, is at the Hotel Ferrocarril... At the Costa Brava are the Misses Atkinson, from England... Mr. and Mrs. Hill, also of England, are staying at the Marina de la Playa.

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# UNDER THE SUN

## Good Harbour

We were riding swiftly and silently in our rubber-tired rickshaws. Compared to the brazen glare of the day, the night, which had just fallen like some sudden velvet curtain, was cool. As we bowled along through the dark green shadows from one pool of electric light to the next I listened sleepily to the pad, pad of our coolies' rapid feet, and to the sharp, clear commands of some white man or other potentate wishing to be lowered from his palanquin; I was glad to be riding thus through the still air, just for the sake of riding.

The fantastic spiders-web of twinkling lights appearing to be strung between heaven and earth that is night in Hong Kong—«Good Harbour», in our language—had never seemed so mysteriously beautiful. From some high roof-garden a sing-song girl was wailing her weird song to tea-drinkers seated upon blue and white porcelain tubs, accompanying herself on a squeaky little cigar-box fiddle. There was a feeling in the air of intrigue, of suspense, as if the entire universe was waiting, breathless, for some unbelievable happening.

Suddenly turning a corner we found ourselves in a narrow, densely crowded street, lined on each side by open-fronted booths, the naphtha flares of which gave forth an orange glare causing the green and silver night-sky to withdraw in inky vastness. The noise, the chatter and the smell of spices and fruits mingled with that of closely packed, overheated bodies was overpowering, and I felt as though I were being slowly buried beneath a thousand and one feather pillows. The people pushed and jostled more than is usual with a crowd of Chinese shoppers, and it was only with difficulty and many shrill cries that our coolies made any headway at all.

Everyone seemed to be rushing in the same direction, a point apparently just beyond where the street lost itself in a curious twist like the tail of some capricious dragon. The sky in this direction was lit by an intermittent scarlet glow which changed to vivid yellow thick with smoke-grey clouds.

Fire! Always a dread word, it spreads particular consternation in the Chinese quarter of Hong Kong, where the rickety little houses lean up one against the

other in their hundreds like crazy card castles.

The mob of people pushed and scrambled onwards. Children scurried for the safety of the shops, the coffee-coloured proprietors of which, stripped to the waist, their fat stomachs rolling in several tiers like rounded paddy-fields, heaved themselves off their wooden stools to look up the street. It was impossible to move, unless you chose to go on foot and become a drop in the ocean of sensation-seekers. Our coolies told us so, and lowered the shafts of the rickshaws. We found ourselves at the foot of an ancient flight of stone steps which seemed to lead right up to Buddha, for there was no end to them visible from below. Telling the coolies to wait for us there we allowed ourselves to drift with the crowd along the street.

«Scarcely seems worth it, does it?» I gasped across several bullet heads and silk-clad shoulders. «Seems to me we'd see enough and be better off back on those steps.»

«Looks like we're going to be taken back there, anyway,» replied my companion.

He shouted over the roar of what seemed to be a rapidly approaching tidal wave. The stream of people, as of one accord, had turned in their tracks and were now running as fast as they could in the opposite direction to the fire.

A rippling crackle made itself heard above the chaos. Machine-guns! The word spread faster than the flames. This was no joke. I had seen enough of Chinese crowds out of control to realize that. My companion was nowhere in sight—nothing but a packed mass of bobbing, scared yellow faces.

Picking myself out of a huge round box of salted fish into which I had been shoved I struggled along to the comparative shelter of the steps. There I found my companion, laughing with the coolies. I asked, somewhat coldly, what the joke was. It appeared that the machine-guns were not machine-guns. The flames had spread to a fire-cracker store, that was all.

«Very good place for seeing, here,» remarked one of the boys, as they reluctantly prepared to take us home. «Very good harbour.»

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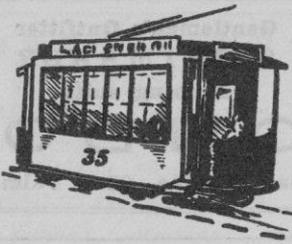
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4.30 p.m. Second part of Inter-regional Football.  
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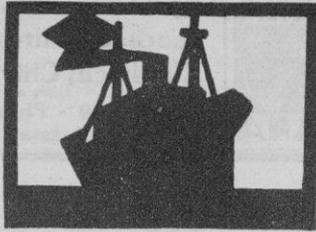
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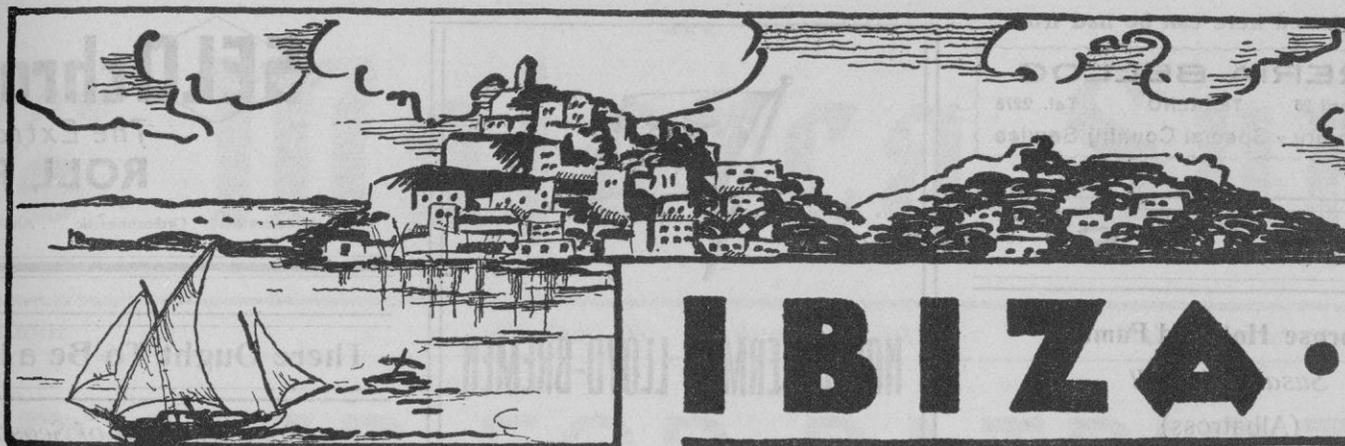
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This week's celebrations commenced with the arrival of the new bishop, who was acclaimed with great enthusiasm, the more as he is a native of this town.

At the Club Ebusus the inauguration of an exhibition of contemporary paintings took place, where foreign and local artists show various and interesting works representing motifs of Ibiza and the Baleares.

About 150 tourists arrived to attend the 700th. anniversary festivities, the folk dances, fireworks, illumination and sport matches.

Mr. Ricou and family have arrived from France. They intend remaining about a month and will then return to France on their beautiful yacht *Buddoc II*, which lay in dock here the whole winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bleiberg and Mr. and Mrs. Morgenster from Madrid have recently arrived at Pension Sol y Mar at San Jorge.

Last Sunday the Puerto held the first of its weekly *verbenas*, for the *Centro de Festejos* has decided to make every week-end of the present summer months a *fiesta*. A dance-floor is set up on the promenade surrounded by twenty pillars of light, and Sunday's orchestra, which was from the Palma Trocadero, was a real success. At midnight there was a beautiful display of fireworks. Everybody is looking forward to the next week-ends.

The swimming races held on Sunday afternoon, to which the Corp Mari Club from Palma was invited, proved a great success. Miss Margaret Laurence won the Ladies' Fifty Metres, with Miss Bob Trauman coming in second.

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**Ambrose Holt and Family**

*Susan Glaspell*

(Albatross)

«One must have a sense of responsibility.»

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«How would the world get on?»

«What if it didn't?»

«That seems to me an evasion.»

«Really? It doesn't seem an evasion to me. You really think that this business of everybody doing things on account of someone else is the best possible arrangement about life...?»

If I quoted all that I wanted to from this book I would be re-typing the entire thing, practically. I started to read it late one night, continued until I absolutely, physically, could no longer keep awake, and awoke with the rare feeling that the new day contained something of inestimable value for me. It was, I discovered, to continue the book. I am not ashamed to confess that tears blurred the last pages for me—but not tears of sentiment, self-pity, weariness or anything like that. Just pure tears of relief that somebody had, at last, perfectly simply and in all sincerity, shown a considerable section of the great American Public as it is, without malice, indeed with a certain appreciation of its finer points. What is more, Susan Glaspell has gone on from there to point out, to those who can see, what is needed, what could be achieved with the help of a few more Ambrose Holts. The connecting, or, as it seems to me, the «filtering» middle character needed to break the clash of ideas so that benefit can arise from the fusion is personified in «Blossom», who knew she was misnamed from the start, but needed the death of Ambrose Holt to prove her a Harlette.

At the end, Susan Glaspell talks about life as being «all right. One took what was there, and went ahead. It was all a journey, a pretty good journey.» From what I know of her own splendid journey with her late husband, Jig Cook (that man of, as Mr. Wells might put it, an amazing «aura» which could not fail to influence for the better all those who came within its radius), a journey which included adventures with the Province Town Players and conversations with goatherds on Parnassus, I feel that parts of this book, at least, are biographical.

Altogether, it is a beautifully written psychological study which should not fail to take its place on your shelf of re-readable books.

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We were considerably relieved to read that spats are rarely worn anymore, for ours had gotten very shabby what with constant wear, and then we never did feel that spats with alpargatas were anything to write home about. This ukase comes, though, just at the time we were about to market a new zipper spat, that goes on over the head. Well, we'll have to wait, that's all.

Palma's men-about-town will read with consternation, however, that the turn-down collar has practically replaced the wing variety for formal daytime wear. They will be strictly white, no dark whites or greyish shades will be permitted.

Felt hats are being worn definitely lower, practically on the ears. Of the large straw affairs affected by so many of Terreno's *haute monde* not a word. There is simply nothing to do about these. But, girls—listen. The favourite colours for the coming season will be «Elephant Breath, Olive Green, crushed plum, prune and Burgundy.» Isn't that something?

In Estoril, the *Times* correspondent reports seeing last week: «A young man wearing two posies in his coat; a rose in one lapel and a bunch of pansies in the other...» A year or two ago this idea might have sold like wildfire in Terreno but now what with one thing and another we don't believe it will have much of a vogue. Roses are out of season, anyhow.

R. M. G.

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