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## STRAUSS CO. LTD. FAILURE SUSPENDED ON BALTIC MARKET QUIET

LONDON, Thursday

Strauss Company Ltd., produce brokers with a capital of £500,000, were suspended on the Baltic Exchange and in the London Corn Association yesterday, following the filing of a bankruptcy application against that firm by the Chartered Bank of India.

Grain market conditions generally remained stable, although the news caused unsettled feeling in the Liverpool market. The Strauss failure attracted little attention in New York, and the market there recovered without difficulty from the effect of European selling.

A verdict of «suicide while temporarily insane» was returned yesterday in the inquest of Mr. Whitehouse, general manager of the local branch of the Strauss Company, according to a message from Bombay. Mr. Whitehouse killed himself in a sensational manner by jumping from the fourth floor of the Taj Mahal Hotel in Bombay on learning of the condition of the company's affairs.

Exact figures of the produce firm's losses are not yet available. Rumour was busy with estimates of them yesterday, and the most exaggerated and improbable estimates were current in some circles.

The losses in Bombay alone were said to total £1,000,000 while the London end of the business was

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## WORLD COURT REFUSAL OF U.S. TO JOIN

GENEVA, Thursday

Surprise and incredulity best describes the feeling in League of Nations circles today with regard to the failure of the United States Senate to ratify America's adhesion to the International Court.

A favourable vote was regarded as a foregone conclusion, and the final decision not to join is regarded as most unfortunate for the League and to some degree America.

From Washington it is reported that President Roosevelt declined to make any comment on the Senate vote, but Newton D. Baker, famous as the wartime Secretary of War in the cabinet of President Wilson and a prime advocate for adherence to the World Court stated that the campaign must continue until the necessary vote is obtained.

New York Representative Hamilton Fish expressed the opinion yesterday that American sentiment with regard to the Court has changed largely because of the repudiations of their war debts to the United States by various European nations.

The statement of Mr. Baker is seen as a refusal to accept defeat by the advocates of the Court. It is foreseen by competent observers that the effort to round up a sufficiently large vote to push the measure through the Senate will gather renewed strength within the coming year.

The fight for American adherence to the World Court has been going on for almost a decade, and has been an issue side by side with the fight for American entrance into the League of Nations.

Chief objections to both ideas have been and still are the fear of entangling alliances with Europe, the opponents of the meas-

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## BLIZZARDS IN SPAIN NORTHERN PASSES BLOCKED

MADRID, Thursday

Intense cold and severe snowstorms continue today in the capital, the North of Spain and Catalonia.

The temperature in Madrid was below zero all day yesterday, touching six degrees below at times. Eleven degrees below at dawn and two below at noon were reported from the Catalan city of Lérida, while Barcelona also suffered from intense cold, with some snow.

The Catalan winter sports resorts of Nuria and La Molina, the frontier town of Puigcerdá and other points in the Catalan Pyrenees are isolated.

The passes leading into Guipuzcoa are blocked by snow. The thermometer marked five degrees below zero in San Sebastián, the Capital of that province, at 9 p.m. yesterday.

Snow two metres deep blocks the pass of Pajares, which connects Asturias with the interior. Three metre drifts between Sevilla del Campo and Cascajares de la Sierra have forced the Santander-Mediterráneo railway company to suspend its services between Burgos and Calatayud.

Both the railway and the roads are impassable at Segovia. Buses in that province have been abandoned on the roads, and postmen are missing.

The city of Burgos is still cut off by road from the rest of the province. The main line of the Norte railway, however, which passes through Burgos, is working, though the trains are arriving late.

The storm has prevented the fishing fleets from leaving harbour in all the ports of Santander province. The town of Reinosa is completely isolated, and has received no mail or newspapers from outside for four days.

Pilot locomotives which attempted to force a way through the drifts from Reinosa were stopped between Pozabal and Mataporquera stations. Shovel gangs sent to dig them out found that the bliz-

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## LINDBERGH TRIAL

FLEMINGTON, Thursday

During the twenty-first day of the Lindbergh baby murder trial the accused Bruno Hauptmann's cross-examination ended after questions relative to the tools found in his garage had been put to him.

The accused's wife testified to her husband's alibis and was supported in her testimony by another German.

## SAAR AGREEMENTS AMICABLE ACCORD REACHED

BASLE, Thursday

The negotiations being conducted by German and French experts for the settling of technical details bound up with the transfer of the Saar to Germany have led to the reaching of complete agreement yesterday on two important points.

The two points are customs and currency regulations. It is proposed to solve the currency problem by having the governing commission of the Saar issue a decree prohibiting the export of currencies, regulating the exchange of French francs into Reichmarks, and permitting payments to be made in Reichmarks before the actual transfer of the territory takes place on March 1.

The second agreement provides for measures to be taken for the establishing of a new Franco-German customs frontier along the border between the Saar and France. Details of this agreement have not as yet been released.

Representatives of the Reichsbank, the Banque de France and the Bank for International Settlements also reached an accord on methods to be used in effecting payments to be made by Germany to France under the Rome agreements.

The reaching of an amicable decision respecting the questions of customs and currency so soon after the negotiations began was not expected. While the details remain to be worked out, the main points have nevertheless been settled, weeks in advance of the time it was thought the settlement would be reached.

The outlook for the transfer on March 1 is thus increasingly favourable, and it is widely thought that the day will pass off without any trouble from either side. Precautions, however, will be taken,

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## LONDON TALKS BEGIN

## DOWNING STREET MEETING

## FRENCH PLANS

LONDON, Thursday

There will be no formal agreement when MM. Flandin and Laval, Premier and Foreign Minister of France, meet the British Premier and Foreign Secretary Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Sir John Simon at Downing Street today.

The groundwork for the conversations which are to take place today, tomorrow and Saturday will be an exposition of the French Government's plans for the restoration of confidence in Europe. Recent French diplomatic moves have been directed to that end, and have been favourable to Franco-German rapprochement.

The London visit is a sequel to that made to Rome by M. Laval. It is expected that it will be followed by others to various European capitals, including Berlin.

Their purpose will be to explore the avenues opened by the agreement for common action on armaments and security which was reached between the French Foreign Minister and Signor Mussolini in Rome, and prepare a revised set of proposals to be laid before the German Government and the other great powers.

The result hoped for is a general convention for the limitation of armaments, based on the principle of equality for all. The revelation of the French Government's willingness to admit Germany's claim to equality in practice, and to end the dangerous farce of outlawing German rearmament while nothing was done to arrest it, was the greatest surprise.

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## FILM OF MALLORCA

A moving picture company, complete with cameramen and sound crew, has arrived in Palma to make a talkie with Mallorca exteriors and possibly with a story having a Mallorcan background.

The company is under a German director, although the actors are Spanish. It is understood to be one of the units of the great German moving picture combination, UFA.

There are twenty persons in the group, not including the sound and cameramen. They arrived from Barcelona, bringing complete equipment for the making of a talkie with them, and are stopping at the Hotels Victoria and Mediterraneo.

As yet the picture is untitled, but the leads have been selected. Antoinetta Colome and Felix de Domes, supported by Tomás Rubio

Montero, are the stars. Despite their names, the two stars are Spanish.

The entire company left Palma Thursday morning for the interior of the Island, where they set up the cameras and began the first shots of the film.

The UFA unit is not the first company to make a film with Mallorca as the background. Last Spring a company with a well known Hungarian comedian playing the lead made a picture using Bellver Castle, the Paseo de Sagrera and other locations. Several members of the foreign colony were selected to support the cast.

A French company some time ago also made a picture in Mallorca, with the cooperation of the Fomento del Turismo and the local

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## EXHIBITIONS BY DOCTOR ALEKHINE

Doctor Alekhine, the world chess champion, gave his first exhibition in Palma at the Circulo Mallorquin at 9 p.m. on Wednesday.

The exhibition consisted in blindfold play, the Russian champion playing forty games simultaneously against local chess enthusiasts without seeing any of the boards. Doctor Alekhine's greatest achievement of the kind was when he played thirty-two simultaneous games and won them all.

Ten simultaneous blindfold games will constitute the second exhibition, which is to take place at the Circulo Mallorquin on Saturday. The time has not yet been announced.

Doctor Alekhine and Mme. Alekhine arrived in Palma on Tuesday,

and are expected to spend about a week on the Island. The visit of the holder of the world title has aroused the greatest excitement among the local devotees of the ancient and esoteric game.

The champion was received with decorous enthusiasm by the committee and members of the Club Ajedrez Mallorca when he visited that society of chess players Tuesday evening. MM. Spielder and Le Greve, Frenchmen celebrated in the more physical sports of cycling, were also present to greet him.

Doctor Alekhine was at the club from 9:30 to after 11 p.m. He chatted with the members, told anecdotes of his long chess-playing career, and explained some points of play.

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**THE LONDON TALKS**

M. Pierre Etienne Flandin and  
Frederic Laval are in London, and the  
results of the visit of the French  
Premier and Foreign Minister to  
British capital may be vital  
the course of European hist-  
y during 1935 and succeeding

Exactly what passes between the  
distinguished visitors and the var-  
ous members of the British Cabin-  
et whom they are meeting will not  
be known until the visit is over,  
and probably not then. No signed  
and sealed agreements are expect-  
ed to be announced after the last  
meeting on Saturday, but the suc-  
cess or failure of the discussions  
will be evident in the light of ac-  
tions which follow it.

M. Laval and Flandin evidently  
hope to secure the adhesion of  
Whitehall to the plan of joint act-  
ion in Europe agreed upon betwe-  
en M. Laval and Signor Mussolini  
when the former visited Rome.  
Earnings have already been is-  
sued in Fleet Street against Con-  
tinental entanglements which  
might follow from too great an  
urgency to oblige France.

There is one point in the Rome  
programme, however, to which the  
British Government can give its  
support and cooperation without  
either of unwelcome commit-  
ments abroad or of serious opposi-  
tion at home. It is that which calls  
for a further united effort to end  
the armaments race.

Germany, despairing of ever see-  
ing the victors of the World War  
to implement their promises to dis-  
arm, has long been arming, treaty  
nor treaty. France has awakened  
to the fact that German rearm-  
ent cannot be abolished by dec-  
aring it illegal, and is willing, in  
order to check the piling up of war  
preparations across the Rhine, to  
take some steps towards granting  
practice that equality which has  
already been recognised in theory.  
No one believes that the conclu-  
sion of a general arms convention  
on a basis of equality is near. It is  
impossible to hope however that  
the London conversation may  
bring it measurably nearer.

**ON THE ISLAND**

*By The Wayfarer*

It is not the Wayfarer's desire  
that further comment on the weat-  
her be inserted in this column.  
Such a subject is best left unnotic-  
ed, unmentioned, and unsung. But  
harsh realities forbid the silence  
that this unworthy topic deserves.

**SNOW BOUND:—**

It was the unfortunate plight  
of several American ladies that has  
caused the inclement weather to  
be mentioned today. Arrivals a  
fortnight ago on the American  
steamer from New York, these lad-  
ies set out, soon after their arrival  
at the Hotel Victoria, to see the  
Island. One of their first stops was  
at the Hotel Costa d'Or in Lluch-  
Alcari.

**LONG WALK:—**

The road that led to their next  
stopping place was covered with a  
thick layer of snow and for a while  
they were unable to proceed. It  
was then that the four American  
ladies, Miss Hinman, Mrs. Rodman  
and her daughter, and Miss Vir-  
ginia Allen, decided to start out  
on foot. They telephoned to friends  
in El Terreno a short time after-

ward that the snow had proved  
too much. When the road was  
cleared they continued their jour-  
ney by motor coach and are now  
at Cala Ratjada.

**OLD-TIMER:—**

After a long residence in Ma-  
llorca, Mrs. M. Cormack has left  
for other parts. She sailed on  
Wednesday on the Llandoverly  
Castle for Genoa. From there she  
will proceed to Alassio where she  
expects to spend the remainder of  
the winter. Mrs. Cormack has lived  
for many months at the Hotel  
Grand in Palma.

**TO IBIZA:—**

This week's boat to Ibiza car-  
ried all too many members of Ma-  
llorca's foreign colony. Among  
those leaving for the smaller Is-  
land were Mr. and Mrs. MacArthur  
and Mr. and Mrs. Bell. They have  
not left this Island permanently  
but expect to return to Palma in  
the near future.

**HERE AND THERE:—**

Mrs. Dorothea Curtis Pratt ent-  
ertained a group of friends at

bridge on Tuesday evening. Among  
those present were Mr. Ashley Day,  
Mrs. McMillan, and Miss Edythe  
Wallach. Mrs. Pratt leaves the  
Island this week.

Miss Anna French of Frenon-  
on-Sea, is stopping at the Hotel  
Victoria in El Terreno.

Mrs. Hedwig Neumann of Pra-  
gue arrived from Marseilles a few  
days ago. She has been living in  
Vienna for some time. Mrs. Neu-  
mann will spend a short holiday  
in Mallorca.

**ARRIVALS:—**

Some arrivals from the mainland  
during the last few days include  
the following: Señor and Señora  
Lauder Nadinazentia of San Se-  
bastian, Mrs. Fernande Meumier of  
Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Meth-  
er of Switzerland, Mr. Percy Char-  
les Mordan, Mr. Frank May of Lon-  
don, and Miss Helene Huber of  
Zurich.

Mr. May, who was staying at the  
Hotel Victoria, spent but a short  
time on the Island. He returned  
lately to his home in London.

**Out Of My Head**

by HARRY GALLAND

You never can tell what will  
come off a tourist boat. I don't  
entirely mean the people, although  
they are frequently enough inter-  
esting to watch also: but the things  
they bring off the boats, and the  
ideas that prompt the importation  
of those things to the Island are  
what gives one, as they say, to  
think.

For instance, part of the luggage  
of a traveller arriving on the Or-  
ama last week consisted of a large  
tin bathtub, with a cover carefully  
made to fit.

Apparently that traveller was  
under the impression that baths  
are unknown on the Island of Ma-  
llorca. He had doubtless heard that  
Palma is a primitive place, and  
that one must be prepared accord-  
ingly, like any proper Boy Scout.

Arriving at the mole and step-  
ping out from the tender upon the  
quai, our intrepid explorer must  
have been astounded and delight-  
ed to observe that the automobile  
was not unheard of, and in fact  
could be hired for transportation  
purposes at reasonable rates.

At that, we are not so terribly  
far behind the times. There are  
railroads here, and there is even  
an example of that sometimes ter-  
rible and always ultra-modern de-  
velopment, the radio broadcasting  
station.

There are people (I have met  
them) who inquire of Americans  
if they habitually carry guns con-  
cealed in holsters under their arm-  
pits. When one asks in an amazed  
voice why, the serious answer is  
that they must be necessary, what  
with all the hold-ups and murders  
in the United States one reads ab-  
out.

There are also peasants in Fran-  
ce and elsewhere (again I have  
seen them in the flesh—and an-  
swered their questions) who want  
to know about the redskins to be  
seen on the streets of New York,  
notably on Fifth Avenue and  
Broadway. You would think the  
movies would have removed such  
ideas, but there are actually plac-  
es left to which the movies have  
not penetrated.

Of course, our traveller to Ma-  
llorca with the tin bathtub may  
have been coming from other for-  
eign parts where such an item is  
unknown, but that rather spoils  
the picture. I saw the bathtub as  
it landed, but I failed to see its ow-  
ner. I have a mental picture of  
him, though. And what a picture  
it is!

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## BALEARIC NAVAL BASE

MADRID, Thursday

The establishment and organization of the Secondary Naval Base of the Balearics, which was created by a ministerial order of December 20, 1934, is set forth in the *Diario Oficial* of the Ministry of Marine.

The creation of the base testifies once more to the importance attached to the islands in the defence of Spain by sea. It will be subordinate to the Cartagena base, which is the headquarters of the Spanish fleet in the Mediterranean.

A rear-admiral will be in supreme command of all sea, land and air forces belonging to the navy in the Balearic area. His headquarters will be at Mahón in Menorca, the coveted port whose fine harbor has afforded shelter to the fleets of many nations throughout the island's chequered history.

The admiral will be responsible in future for proposing whatever installations or modifications he may consider necessary for the sea defence of the Balearic archipelago. He will be assisted by a small staff, consisting of a commander and two lieutenant-commanders, besides engineer, medical, juridical and supply officers.

One of the lieutenant-commanders will have special charge of the submarine defence of Mahón and Fornells. A submarine flotilla consisting of the B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, and B6 will be stationed at Mahón.

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## WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

LONDON, Thursday

An agreement has been reached between Equity actors and theatrical managers, but the Equity members have been instructed only to sign contracts pending a final settlement, providing Equity has given its endorsement.

RANGOON, Thursday

The Burma British Association has approved the India Joint Committee Report, but has reserved judgment on certain proposals.

DUBLIN, Thursday

The committee stage of the Irish Free State Citizenship Bill has been reached with an agreement without division. President De Valera subsequently announced that the Alin Bill would become operative at the same time.

HSINKING, Thursday

Japanese and Manchukuoan reinforcements launched an attack on the Outer Mongolian forces at Boirnor on the border yesterday

and captured Khalka Miao, the town forming the boundary point.

BERLIN, Thursday

On his second anniversary of accession to power Herr Hitler claimed he already had fulfilled two-thirds of his promises to the people, stating that no democratic government in the world can submit itself with more confidence to a vote of the people than Germany's National-Socialist government.

## PRICE WAR OF CHEMISTS

BARCELONA, Thursday

Señor Portela Valladares, Governor General of Catalonia, is restoring normality in a region bereft of its former constitutional authorities by their revolt against the Spanish Government, but it is not enough in the opinion of those who are continually pressing him with new problems to solve.

The latest is the old quarrel, dating back beyond the Republic beyond the dictatorship, as to whether chemists may sell patent medicines at lower prices than those marked on the package.

Most of the 400 qualified pharmacists of Barcelona and their professional brethren of the rest of Catalonia insist that such conduct is unprofessional. It seems that cataplasms which cost the apothecary sixty-five centimos must be sold for two pesetas fifty centimos or else the public will lose faith in their efficacy.

The opposition consists of a small number of «blackleg» chemists, but their position is strong. In the first place, there is a law of the Catalan parliament permitting the practice, and as there is no local parliament in Catalonia at present, the law cannot be repealed.

Even when a new parliament is elected and Señor Portela has taken over, according to programme, the new President of the Generalitat, there will be formidable opposition to face. There are a million and a half members of professional societies in Catalonia, most of them working folk, and the societies insist on the right of the pharmacists who wish to practice the old axiom about small profit and big turnover.

A million and a half of voters is a considerable force. But meanwhile Señor Portela is besieged day and every day by deputations of chemists of both parties.

### STRAUSS CO. LTD. FAILURE

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said to have a balance of £800,000 on the wrong side. Other large sums were rumoured to have been lost in Calcutta, Lahore and Karachi.

The actual figures are expected to be considerable, but of nothing like the size rumoured in the first flush of excitement.

### FASHIONS

Neckties are gone gay. The high-necked knitted suit is the ideal for that week-end in the country. Three eyelet kidskin shoes and a brimmed felt hat should match the suit but tucked into the high neck must be a bright printed scarf, with oh, such a deceptively nonchalant air, it's the latest password to perfect chic!

At smart resorts, we learn, grand ladies are carrying all before them and leaving their bare backs to take care of themselves. Demure round collars under the chin in front lead to a back that is as bare as at birth. Schiaparelli fashions a folded collar, however, that can, on occasion, be slipped down to form a discreet little cape.

And this goes for shoes as well. Julienne (who made so many ravishing slippers for Princess Marina, now the Duchess of Kent) makes his latest footwear completely cover the front of the foot with folds of soft kidskin, but leaves one frail strap to encircle the heel.

Do you realize that the Egyptians have contributed the idea for our smart modern skirts that fall flat down the back and fling their front folds out in what is called the «forward movement»? The evening gown, slung from one

### BLIZZARDS IN SPAIN

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zard undid their work as fast as they could do it.

Don Santiago Arenal, of the staff of the newspaper *El Cantábrico* in Reinosa, slipped and broke his right leg in two places as he was trudging through the snow-covered streets to the station to inquire whether the trains were running. Municipal workmen had to dig out a way for him to be carried to hospital.

### MALLORCA FILM

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government. The picture was an artistic success, and a copy of it is now in the files of the Ayuntamiento.

### WORLD COURT

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ures maintaining that America's chief interest lies in North America and must remain there, while the proponents argue that no modern nation can afford to remain aloof and refuse to cooperate in the councils of the major powers of the world.

### ADMIRAL ARRIVES

MAHON, Thursday

Rear-Admiral Don Guillermo Diaz, the new naval commander of the Balearics, arrived here yesterday in the destroyer Churruca to take charge of the Mahón naval base.

shoulder strap is also a trick of theirs—it goes back to the cave-man, for that matter—and likewise is the one-piece bias corsage made with the crossed surplice motif.

### LONDON TALKS BEGIN

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ealed in Rome.

The British Government is expected to give its unreserved support to the attempt to reach an agreement on armaments with the Reich, which is the one great prerequisite of that nation's return to the League of Nations. The withdrawal of the German delegates from the Geneva body and from the Disarmament Conference, which resulted from the failure of the other powers to translate into practice their theoretical recognition of German equality, was a blow to the prestige of the League which was only compensated by the entry of Soviet Russia, engineered chiefly by France.

### SAAR AGREEMENTS

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and the international police force of troops is remaining on duty in the Saar territory until the actual transfer has been officially completed and the ceremonies are over.

### Majorca Society of Arts

The guitarist  
Sr. D. Daniel Garau  
will play selections from his Spanish repertoire on February 3rd at 5 p.m.  
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