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## ON THE ISLAND

Miss Eugenia Lewis, following an extended stay in Mallorca, is leaving early in September for the United States. She will go by way of Paris, and stay long enough for a visit with her mother before returning to Mallorca. Miss Lewis has been studying music under the professorship of Don Arturo Torandell, and is coming back to continue her studies, as well as to renew friendships here.

### ARTIST:—

Don Miguel Guerro, the Colombian artist, was in Palma during the week to buy materials for his paintings. Sr. Guerro has completed the paintings which were required by the Colombian government as part of the work to be done for the government scholarship holds, and is now plying his brush on other projects. He is making his headquarters in Paguera, but comes to Palma when the mood takes him, or, as during this week, he needs some supplies.

### PARTY:—

Mrs. Pamela de Prizer was the host at her *casita* last Wednesday for a cocktail party. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Miss Camp, Mr. William Bennett, Miss Peggy Lippe, Mr. Robert L. Hayes, Mrs. Anne Bowman-Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Merlis. All of the guests managed to get into the house at the same time, to their own amazement, although Mrs. de Prizer by this time is aware of the fact that the little house is much larger than it looks.

### LIGHT:—

A conference on bullfighting with illustrations was the feature of the party given by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brierly at their home on Wednesday evening. A large number of guests heard that authority on the tauristic art, Don Francisco Romero, sketch the beginnings of bullfighting and explain some of the fine points of the art. As usual at such affairs he brought his trained «bull», which is kept in the stable at the Hotel Majorica in brass buttons, a uniform, and a smile. It is whispered that the «bull» can be recognized as one of the hotel's best page-boys. Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Clement H. Gurr, Mrs. Leonard Leibling, Sr. and Sra. de Vidal-Quadras, Mrs. Seymour Burt, Don Martin Mayol, Miss Edith Lawrence, M. Robert Thurber, Miss Valerie Gorska, Mrs. Sybil Lloyd, Frau Lumlé and her daughter, and Don Miguel Ramón were among those present.

### DANCERS:—

Miss Peggy van Praagh and Miss Elizabeth Schooling, who have been staying at the Alfonso with Miss Van Praagh's family, left for England on Saturday. Both of the young ladies are ballet-dancers, and must return in time to take part in the next performance at the Royal Opera House. It is only duty that tears them away from Mallorca, but both of them state that the three weeks they have spent here have passed much too quickly and the time of their vacation should have been prolonged. There is no gainsaying a ballet-master, however, and they caught the boat with assurances to friends that they were coming back again as soon as possible.

### LAUNCHED:—

The boat built by Mr. Thomas Jones in his house was launched with appropriate cheering and olés during the week. Built from plans in the magazine «Rudder», the boat is a New Haven sharpie 12 feet in length. Its size was rather too much for the room in which it was put together, but reports that Mr. Jones had to tear his house down in order to get the boat out are slightly exaggerated. At last, however, the boat was in the water and the house was still standing, and much the worse for wear.

### ALGIERS:—

M. Joseph Bagnouls, ex-Mayor of Algiers and Director of the *Leptodromes* of Arbá, Algeria, left for Algiers by the mail steamer on Thursday with Mme. Bagnouls and their niece, M. and Mme. Bagnouls were here on a visit to the former's sister, Doña Rosalie.

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## FLIGHT OF CATALAN EX-SPEAKER

### FACING TRIAL FOR REBELLION

#### NEARLY SHOT

Don Juan Casanova, former President of the Catalan local Parliament, provided Barcelona with its chief topic of conversation last week by escaping into France.

Señor Casanova was being kept under open arrest in Barcelona, awaiting trial for supposed complicity in the Separatist rising of last October. Don Luis Companys, the former President of Catalonia, and other members of the local Government are already serving prison sentences for their part in the revolt.

The ex-speaker gave his guard the slip in a comparatively simple fashion. He told the detective, Don Secundino Negro, that he wanted to go to a chemist's shop kept by a relative of his, and there they both went.

Señor Casanova went into the shop, while the guard remained outside. He did not come out again, at least by the door which the guard was watching.

After a time Señor Negro became impatient and went inside to see what was delaying his prisoner. He found that he was nowhere in the place.

An inquiry has been opened to determine whether the guard was guilty of negligence in allowing the prisoner to get away.

Señor Casanova crossed the Pyrenees and presented himself to the French police at Foix. The police informed the French Government, which in turn passed the information to Madrid.

The fugitive was allowed to continue his journey to Paris, whence he sent telegrams to his family and friends in Barcelona informing them of his arrival. He also gave an interview in which he related an exciting incident of his flight.

As he was making his way through the mountains at night he heard several shots, and a bullet passed uncomfortably near. Then a voice said:

«I don't think I missed him. But be careful. Perhaps I have only wounded him, and if so these animals are terribly dangerous.»

The ex-speaker had been taken for a bear by some hunters. From

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## BELMONTE II

### GREAT TORERO TO RETIRE

«Juan Belmonte is dead. Long live Juan Belmonte II!»

That is the slogan with which Don Eduardo Pagés, the well known independent bullfighting empresario, will be conducting his next season. He is preparing to astonish the public with two new «phenomena», both of them sons of famous bullfighters, Juanito Belmonte and Joselito Sánchez Ortega.

Juan Belmonte, the most famous and most original of all living killers of bulls, will retire definitely from the ring when his son, Juanito, makes his first professional appearance in Spain. As Juan Belmonte II will do so in 1936, those who wish to see the old maestro while there is still time will have to take advantage of the few fights he has left this September and October.

Señor Pagés explained his plans for his protegés in an interview in Madrid last week. «In October,» he said, «they will fight some novilladas in France, already wearing the *traje de luces*, by way of training.»

«Next year, they will fight all they can in Spain. One year as novilleros, and at the end of next season, both full blown killers of bulls!»

Señor Pagés gave strong reasons for rushing them through the preliminary stages of the bullfighter's

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## BELGIAN QUEEN'S DEATH

### DETAILS OF FATAL ACCIDENT

#### KING'S INJURIES

The Queen of the Belgians (formerly Princess Astrid of Sweden) was killed in a motor car accident between Kursnacht and Lucerne, Switzerland, on Wednesday night.

The King, who was driving, suffered a broken jaw and cuts on the head and face from broken glass. The lady in waiting who was in attendance on the Queen and the chauffeur were slightly injured.

King Leopold and Queen Astrid were returning from an excursion in the mountains, and had just left the villa on the outskirts of Lucerne which is one of their summer residences. His Majesty had taken the wheel to give a rest to the chauffeur, who shifted to the back seat.

The car, travelling at between 80 and 90 kilometres an hour along the lakeside road, touched the kerb and skidded off the road, stopping on the edge of the lake. Their Majesties were both thrown out.

The Queen struck her head against a tree, dying a few minutes later in the King's arms.

The news of the tragic accident caused consternation among all classes of the Belgian people, with

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## ADVENTURES OF ROMAN

Ramón Galmés Humbert, aged 7, of Palma will come to a bad end if he isn't careful.

At least, so he must have been told more than once. If not before, certainly since his latest adventure.

Civil Guards from the Sóller post were patrolling near Puigpunyent one day last week. They were distinctly surprised to find a small boy wandering about up there in the mountains, all by himself in a wood.

They naturally asked him how he got there. Ramón replied that he was lost, which was just enough to whet the *guardias'* appetite for further information.

Answering their further questions, Ramón told them that his father had taken him out for a

walk after dinner and left him in the wood. He had tried hard to find his way out, but could not.

The next question, of course, was where his parents lived. Ramón was not very definite, but he knew it was in Palma, and in the new part of the town.

So the Civil Guards took him back to the post with them and then forwarded him to Palma. He was identified here as one of the orphans from the Inclusa, who had run away from Son Anglada farm, where he had been sent with others to spend the summer.

When Ramón left Son Anglada he may not have known what happens to little boys who tell stories to the Civil Guards. It is fairly certain that someone has told him by now.

## SUNKEN GALLEONS' TREASURE TO BE RECOVERED FOR SPAIN

### COMPANY TO SALVAGE CARGOES OF FLEET SUNK IN 1702

The romantic enterprise of recovering the precious cargoes of the fleet of galleons sunk in Vigo Bay in 1702 has been brought a step nearer realisation by the formation of a Committee, which is to float a company and raise the necessary capital for financing the treasure hunt.

Don Manuel Moxó, the engineer to whom the concession for raising the sunken treasure was granted by ministerial order in July of this year, estimates that two million pesetas will be necessary as working capital, with another two millions in reserve. In order that everything recovered shall remain in Spain, he wishes to work entirely with Spanish capital.

The Committee shares this view, and hopes to obtain the required sum, not from any large capitalist or group of financiers, but in small sums from a large number of investors.

The members of the Committee include Rear-Admiral Don Camilo Molins, chief of the Cartagena arsenal; Colonel Don Máximo Vergara, President of the Cultural Centre of the Army and Navy; Lieut.-Col. Don Emilio Herrera, member of the Academy of Science and noted aeronaut; the Conde de Romanones; Don Emilio Salgado Uriaga, Mayor of Vigo; Señores Fuente, Rivas Dou and Rodriguez Elias, architect, industrial engineer and official chronicler respectively of that city; and Don Salvador Ponte, director of the Vigo electricity company.

The disaster they hope to remedy after more than two centuries happened as one of the results of the War of the Spanish Succession.

Philip V was firmly seated on the throne of the Spains when the Silver Fleet, consisting of several Spanish galleons commanded by Don Manuel de Velasco and an escort of French warships under Admiral Chateaufort, sailed in 1702 for Spain from the West Indies.

It was met near the Terceras Islands by vessels which brought the news that England, Holland and Austria, the supporters of the other claimant to the Spanish crown, had declared war on France and Spain. The messengers added that an Anglo-Dutch fleet was waiting in the Atlantic to intercept the passage of the rich cargoes from America.

Admiral Chateaufort wanted to make for a French port, as far from the enemy fleet as possible. The Spanish commanders insisted that if they could not hold their course to Cadiz the thing to do was to put into Vigo to wait for

orders, and if necessary put the treasure ashore there.

They had their way, and the Silver Fleet entered Vigo Bay on September 22. Passing the town, they anchored in the Ensenada de San Simón, beyond the Rande narrows, which they blocked with a floating boom.

The English and Dutch, 150 sail strong, arrived on October 22. Landing parties took the forts of Rande and Corbeiro after fierce fighting, and then Admiral Rooke sent two ninety gun ships under all sail to break through the boom.

The success of this manoeuvre placed the French and Spanish fleet face to face with a much superior force. Rather than see the treasure fall into the hands of the enemy, Chateaufort and Velasco set fire to the galleons and sank them.

The Silver Fleet is definitely known to have carried more than thirty millions of pieces of eight, besides gold, emeralds, pearls and amethysts. Señor Moxó calculates that a maximum of ten millions of pieces of eight were landed and five millions captured.

Fifteen millions therefore went down into the mud of the Ensenada de San Simón on the night of October 24, 1702, apart from the gold and gems. Reckoning each coin as worth five pesetas fifty centimos, that means that 82,500,000 pesetas worth of silver alone is waiting to be brought to the surface.

The sunken vessels' decks have fallen in, and the divers are confronted with a tangle of timbers, guns, cannon balls and all the other contents of the hulls. To make the work more difficult, everything is covered with a concrete-like mass of hardened mud and seashells.

Señor Moxó's solution of the problem that has baffled his predecessors is to use a modification of the caissons that are used for laying the foundations of bridge piers under water. A huge steel box will be placed over the hull to be explored, and the water forced out of it by compressed air.

Workmen will then be able to descend through an airlock and hack away at the «crust», sending the results of their excavations to the surface by a lift in one of the airshafts.

A capital of two million pesetas, according to Señor Moxó, will suffice until the work begins to pay for itself. The two million reserve will be needed only if the first ships opened up prove to be French warships with no treasure on board.

## WIRELESS FOR BALEARICS

### MAHON'S FIESTA WEEKEND

#### PALMA TO HELP

The work of placing the Balearics in constant two way communication with the Peninsula by wireless is proceeding apace.

The decree for installing on War Office ground a station to communicate with the Balearics and the Canaries was approved at Thursday's Cabinet meeting in Madrid. By that time work was in progress on the installation of the two way radio station in Menorca.

The postmaster at Mahón, Don Francisco Pons Carreras, took delivery of three cases of radio material which arrived there by the Saturday and Monday mailboats, sent by the National Telephone Company for that purpose. A high official of the company and other employees arrived at the same time to build the components into the transmitter and receiving set which together will compose the station.

Another Telephone Company engineer, Don Carlos Peláez y Pérez Lamonedá, has been in Palma for several days. His visit is connected with the telephone connections with Menorca and Ibiza.

The City of Mahón, in the first named of those islands, is preparing a series of fiestas for next weekend. They are to last from Friday, September 6 to Monday, September 9.

The Mayor of Mahón, Don Pedro Pons Sitges, has invited Señor Royo Villanova, Minister of Marine, to visit the City for the fiestas. At the same time he pointed out that as Mahón is a naval base, it would be greatly appreciated if some naval units were present in the harbour over the weekend, instead of all those attached to the base being absent on service.

The Minister could not promise to be present, though he thanked the Mayor for the invitation. He did however promise that two destroyers will be in Mahón harbour next weekend.

The Fiesta Committee of the Mahón City Council, of which the Mayor is Chairman, is negotiating for a group of Mallorquin folk dancers, six couples strong, to go over from Palma and give exhibitions during the festivities. They also hope to secure the services of the Provincial Band.

Typical Menorquin costumes are being made for the local pair of giants, whose imposing presence will give distinction to the popular rejoicing in the same way that Palma's gigantes adorned the August fiestas here. The bull ring is also the scene of activity, for it is being strengthened to bear the weight of the crowds who are expected to attend the novilladas.

## FIESTAS

### SAN AGUSTIN AND EL ARENAL

Just to prove that the fiesta season is not over, at least four places on the Island are holding their annual festivities this weekend.

Two of them are within easy reach of Palma—San Agustín and El Arenal. The others are Santa Margarita and Santa Eugenia.

San Agustín, between Calamayor and Ca's Catalá, was to start on Saturday evening with dancing of boleros and playing of chirimías.

The men, boys and girls of the place will all have their chance of winning a prize on Sunday morning, when running races will take place in the Calle de la Iglesia after High Mass at the parish church. The turn of the wet bobs will come in the afternoon, rowing and swimming races being timed to being at 4:30.

As a finale to the water sports, three ducks will be turned loose on the sea to become the property of the swimmer who seizes them first, one bird being reserved for the children. Dancing of jotás and boleros will begin as soon as the Agustinos have got their hair dry, if not before, and a folkdance contest in which prizes will be awarded is timed for 9 p.m.

On Monday at 8 p.m. the Catina-Estelrich repertory company, which specialises in giving plays in Mallorquin, will present the three act comedy «Els Nervis de sa Nebnda», by Don José Tous y Maroto and Don Miguel Puigserver's farce «Una i Oli». The Organising Committee has made an appeal for seforitas attending the festival to wear Mallorquin costume.

El Arenal's programme includes a verbena and fireworks on Saturday night, and on Monday morning cycle races at 8, water sports at 9, and running races at 11. The water sports will include duck hunting on the same terms as at San Agustín.

The Catina-Estelrich is likewise going to El Arenal, providing the windup for the festivities. The play is Señor Puigserver's «L'Amo En Sión», which will be given at the «Florida Park» at 9 p.m.

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## DEATH OF FRIEND OF EX-KING

### RESTORED BELLVER CASTLE

#### EX-MAYOR

Excmo. Sr. Don Enrique Sureda y Morera, ex-Mayor of Palma and former Deputy to Cortes in Mallorca, died last Sunday in Binisalem after a short illness and was buried in Palma on Monday.

Señor Sureda was one of the most distinguished members of the legal profession in Palma, whose authority in matters of law was recognised far beyond the boundaries of the island province. At the time of his death he was member of the Juridical Advisory Commission to the national Government.

He was a personal friend of ex-King Alfonso, who held him in high esteem. Until the advent of the Republic Señor Sureda held the post of *Bayle* (administrator of the royal estates in Mallorca).

In that capacity he was the initiator of the wisely planned and cleverly executed restoration of the Almudaina Palace and of Bellver Castle, then a part of the royal patrimony and now the property of the City of Palma. His wide cultural interests are further attested by his work as President of the Provincial Academy of Fine Arts and of the Commission of Monuments, which is entrusted by the state with the task of caring for all those buildings in the Balearics which are considered worthy of official protection for their historical and artistic interest.

In private life Señor Sureda gained the esteem of all those who knew him, Spaniards and foreigners alike, by his personal charm and sterling character. His death is deeply mourned by many friends in all walks of life.

Many of them were present to render their last tribute when the body was taken from the railway station in Palma to the municipal Cemetery here on Monday. Don Luis Ferrer Arbona, Mayor of Palma, and Don Miguel Roselló Fortuny, Dean of the College of Advocates, were among the mourners.

Don Enrique Sureda is survived by two sons, of whom Don Horacio Sureda Hernández is also a lawyer, practicing in Palma. The other, Don José, is an engineer officer in the navy.

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## THE ENFERMERIA EVANGELICA HOSPITAL FOR FOREIGNERS AN APPEAL

The prospect of becoming ill in a strange land can be robbed of its terrors by the knowledge that there exists within easy reach a hospital where the foreigner can be given skilled treatment by people speaking his language and understanding his peculiar needs and customs.

Such an institution is the Enfermería Evangélica (Protestant Hospital) in Barcelona. The work of the Enfermería is admirably summed up in a communication from its Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Webb, A. C. I. S., which has just been received by The Palma Post.

Established in the first place as a charitable institution for Spanish Evangelicals, explains Mr. Webb, «the Enfermería has now become a recognised harbour for members of the foreign colonies when overcome by ill health, and in fact such patients now greatly outnumber the poor Spanish Evangelicals treated.

The Hospital is equipped to treat all cases with the exception of infectious diseases.

Most of the patients received pay standard fees, but in many cases the fees have to be regulated to the means of the patient. On the other hand the Charitable Body which formerly maintained the Hospital has been dissolved, and therefore... the Committee often finds it extremely difficult to make ends meet.»

The Hon. Treasurer's budget for the year ending on December 31, 1935 shows an estimated income from patients, subscriptions and donations of 85,000 pesetas. Expenses are calculated at 100,000 pesetas, leaving an estimated deficit of 15,000 pesetas.

«The nursing staff,» the statement continues, «is principally made up of English and German trained nurses with Spanish assistants, and both the personnel and equipment are extremely efficient. To maintain this standard of efficiency, however, the Committee feels it is impossible to reduce the expenses below the above mentioned figure.»

«Several very generous and much appreciated donations,» declares the Hon. Treasurer, have reduced the deficit from the 100,000 pesetas figure at which it stood when the present Committee took over last March. An appeal is made for similar support on the part of other foreign residents to help the Hospital out of its present difficulties.

The Hospital now offers special terms to subscribers, whether individuals or families, both in the maternity and in the medical and surgical departments. Subscribers are therefore invited to regard

## LESS CRIME BARCELONA'S BOAST

Barcelona is now more free from crime than ever before, according to Señor Martín Bágüenas, Chief Detective Officer of Madrid, who was appointed to hold the same position temporarily in Barcelona to deal with the situation which existed there recently.

The prolongation of the «state of war» officially declared then in Catalonia was approved on Thursday by the Permanent Commission of Cortes. The special powers thus given to the military authorities are considered partly responsible for the happy state of affairs announced by the detective chief.

Terrorism and robbery under arms began to diminish immediately after the proclamation of the «state of war». Since the reforms made by Señor Martín in the detective force of the City they have virtually disappeared.

The footpad with the gun, indeed, can be considered extinct in Barcelona. The chief reason for his retirement from business is the new mobile squad of plain clothes police, whose fast cars take them into the outlying districts preferred by the gunmen for their operations.

The terrorists have succeeded in setting fire to a bus and putting a bomb in the Josefats tram shed since June 30, but that is all. There have been no more acts of sabotage, which were formerly fairly frequent.

Barcelona is also no longer the headquarters of Anarchism, which formerly radiated from that city to the cities of Andalusia and Aragon. The extremists, who were responsible for a large proportion of the holdups as well as sabotage and other forms of terrorism, are finding the place too hot for them.

The fact has received official recognition from the C. N. T., the extremist trade unionist federation. At the last Congress of that body, held in Saragossa, the question of contributions for supporting an Anarchist newspaper was raised.

The Congress decided that Andalusia and Aragon should pay 10,000 pesetas each for that purpose. Catalonia, which means little more than Barcelona in this connection, was assessed at only half that amount.

It is not expected that there will be no attempt to restore the Anarchist ascendancy in Barcelona, especially in the trade unions. The police however are confident that they are now able to cope with any situation that may arise, and also that the present quiet will last for a long time.

their outlay as «not an expense but a form of insurance.»

Details of the subscription scheme, subscription forms and other information concerning the work of the Hospital are to be obtained from Mr. C. H. Webb at the Enfermería Evangélica, Camélias, 21, Barcelona (G.)

## DEFENDING THE BALEARICS TESTS OF NEW BATTERIES MINISTER'S VISIT

The new long range coastal batteries which have been installed in Menorca will be subjected to searching tests in the presence of the Minister of War and the Military Commander of the Balearics on Friday, September, 6.

Don José María Gil Robles, the War Minister, is reported to be coming to Menorca solely for the purpose of being present at the testing of the new guns. He will make the journey from Madrid by air, and will probably return the same day.

General Don Carlos Masquelet, the new Commander of the troops in the islands, will sail from Palma for Mahón on Thursday evening in order to meet Señor Gil Robles and watch the tests with him.

The batteries are a part of the Government's comprehensive scheme for improving the defences of the archipelago, which is also the reason for the recent strengthening of the inland garrisons. It will be remembered that the arrival of the troops from the Peninsula a week ago was responsible for rumours of a danger of war in the Mediterranean, which were promptly denied by the Government.

The machine gun battalion which arrived in Palma last weekend has moved into its quarters at Inca and Pollensa. Another battalion with 24 machine guns and 300 officers and men arrived at the same time in Mahón and left on Sunday for Ciudadela, while Ibiza witnessed the disembarkation of yet another battalion, 460 strong, and two batteries of light artillery.

General Don Francisco Franco, the former Balearic Commander who is now Chief of the General Staff, was interviewed in Oviedo on Tuesday on the subject of the troop movements both here and in the Peninsula. He insisted that they were quite unimportant, and that there was nothing to be alarmed about.

«It is merely,» he said, «the carrying out of an old plan asked for by me two and a half years ago, when Señor Azafía (the former Left Republican Primer Minister) was in power. It was necessary to reestablish some garrisons which had already existed.

«But,» added the General, «when there are countries which have placed 600,000 men in their colonies, the movement of some hundreds of men from one place to another in Spain can have no importance.»

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## MALLORCA ISLAND STILL UNKNOWN

The real Mallorca is unknown.

That is the contention of the Mallorquin writer Don José Tous y Maroto, in an article published in the Barcelona evening newspaper *El Noticiero Universal*. Even the most complimentary of the newspaper and magazine articles about the Island, according to this paladin, give an entirely false impression.

«I do not refer,» he explains, «to the little pictorial errors which appear at times in magazines and illustrated papers, giving, for example, the name of a peaceful *cala* to a wild mountain scene, but to those committed by people who, having had only a bird's eye view of Mallorca as the result of a trip of a few days, tied down strictly to the conventional route, afterwards get into deep waters and talk about our customs and ways and our tradition with a certitude given only by long experience.

«He who has no more qualifications than that of such a tourist trip, and no previous and solid preparation, may describe the landscape brilliantly if he possesses the necessary talent, but he cannot penetrate into the Mallorquin soul. In so short a time he cannot know the Mallorquins, for the very simple reason that he has not seen them.

«Mallorca has been transformed completely in a few decades. Here there occurs, in miniature of course, the same thing as has happened in all the places chosen by tourists. What vibrates and moves is the floating population, and in order to reach the calm placidity characteristic of the local atmosphere it is necessary to plunge deep....

«For that reason a smile comes to the lips on reading certain articles in which the customs and character of the Mallorquins are described with precision, when what is really described are the manners and customs of the numerous colony of strangers.

«Mallorca still has something of the *tour d'ivoire* about her, on which we who love her congratulate ourselves. That being so, it is very risky to try to treat of her in her intimate aspects, except after conscientious preparation.

«We who have passed through our country time and again, and have gone into ecstasies, since our childhood, in the presence of the august placidity of our 'marines'; who... have chatted by the fire with shepherds and farm labourers in the long winter evenings; who have taken part with the country people in village fiestas... we still hesitate to formulate certain clear-cut ideas about our country which we often see formulated in print by people who cannot possibly know it well enough to venture on such intricate ground.»

## PARACHUTIST KILLED FETING RULER OF MOROCCO NAVY WEEK

Unusual honours marked the funeral in Málaga on Monday of Don Casimiro Ortiz, the parachutist who was killed in an accident which marred the aviation festival held in honour of His Imperial Highness the Jalifa of Morocco.

Aeroplanes from the Cartagena base circled overhead as the coffin was carried to the grave on the shoulders of airmen who had taken part in the festival. It was followed by a large crowd of mourners who included Mahomet Aixa, Grand Chamberlain to the Jalifa, Señor Rico Avello, High Commissioner of Spain in Morocco, and Señor Royo Villanova, Minister of Marine, besides the Civil Governor and Mayor of Málaga, the Committee of the local Aero Club and a representative of the Director General of Aeronautics.

Señor Ortiz was killed in making a parachute jump from a height of 1,000 metres over Rompedizo aerodrome. His parachute failed to open, and the fall killed him instantly.

The Aero Club of Málaga has opened a subscription to assist the family of the man, heading it with a donation of 1,000 pesetas.

H.I.H. the Jalifa arrived in Málaga on Friday, August 23 on board the destroyer Sánchez Barcáiztegui, accompanied by the High Commissioner. The Minister of Marine, who had made the journey from Madrid to greet the visiting potentate and attend the Naval Week in progress at the port, was waiting on the quay with Admiral Mies and his staff.

Likewise waiting was the Jalfian Guard and its band, which had preceded His Imperial Highness by a day on board the gunboat Dato. A company of Spanish infantry with band and colours was also in attendance to act as a guard of honour.

The Jalifa stayed four days in Málaga, being entertained by the Spanish authorities and attending a bullfight which was also seen by Señorita Alicia Navarro, better known as «Miss Europe», as by the High Commissioner and the Minister of Marine. The Moroccan sovereign watched the evolutions of the ships taking part in the Navy Week and of the aviators at the air festival, and is reported to have been visibly affected by the tragic accident of the parachutist.

He left on Monday to spend a few days at Ronda before returning to Morocco. The High Commissioner left the same day, but for Algeciras, whence he flew across the Strait to Ceuta and the territory which he administers for Spain in the name of the Jalifa.

# LATEST WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Moscow, Saturday

Henri Barbusse, the famous French writer, has died here of pleurisy at the age of fifty-five. M. Barbusse attained worldwide fame by the publication of «Le Feu», a book with pacifistic tendencies which he wrote in the trenches and which reveals the horrors of war.

ROME, Saturday

All news from the Italian colonies has been placed under a strict censorship by a decree issued by the Governor of Italian Somaliland. Every communication, whether by letter, telephone, or telegraph must first be submitted to a newly created press and propaganda bureau. As yet, however, it is not clear whether this affects only Italian correspondents, or

foreign ones as well.

LONDON, Saturday

The Foreign Office has issued a statement drawing attention to the terms of the Foreign Enlistment Act (1870), which makes it an offence for any British subject to accept without the King's licence «any commission or engagement in the military or naval service of any foreign state at war with any foreign state at peace with His Majesty,» and also to the fact that the Ethiopia Order in Council (1934) makes it an offence for any British subject to take part in hostilities in Ethiopia, whether in the service of the Ethiopian Government or against it.

The statement has been made «in view of the possibility that British subjects or protected per-

sons, anticipating the outbreak of hostilities between Italy and Ethiopia, may be contemplating enlistment in the forces of one or other of those countries.»

BRUSSELS, Saturday

The body of Queen Astrid was brought home yesterday from Lucerne and borne through streets draped with crape and lined with troops to the royal palace. Thousands of people of all classes filed past the Queen last night as she lay in state among violets and candles. The funeral will take place on Tuesday, the Queen being laid in the royal vault at the church of Laeken, near Brussels.

The procession escorting the coffin from the station was received in the inner court of the palace by the Archbishop, Cardinal de Roey, and King Leopold II, who was so shaken by his tragic bereavement that he left the train at an earlier station, feeling unable to face the demonstrations of sympathy on the part of the waiting crowds. On the approach of the procession the King broke out into uncontrollable sobbing.

After the ebony coffin had been placed on a black draped bier among a mass of white roses, the

King entered the hall alone and was the first to stand before the coffin, which was opened at his request. Many minutes passed before, walking unsteadily, he left the hall.

The Queen Mother Elizabeth and her daughter, the Crown

Princess of Italy, are on their way to Brussels in a special train to attend the funeral, at which the Prince of Wales will probably represent Great Britain. The Italian Crown Prince is also hurrying here from the manoeuvres at Bolzano.

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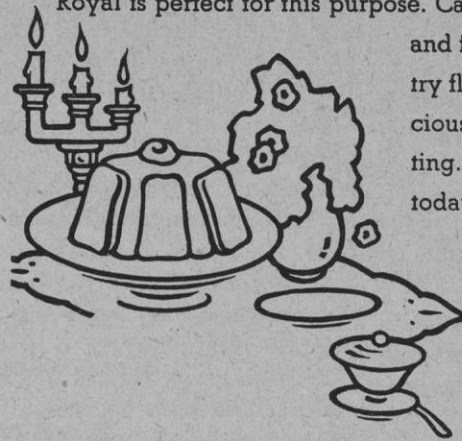
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## A WORTHY CAUSE

another page of this paper found a summary of a statement and appeal issued on behalf of the Enfermeria Evangélica Barcelona.

the man or woman in good strange customs and languages difficulties are alternately a and an exasperation. To the and convalescent they constitute an addition to the strain of illness which may make an important difference to the rate of recovery.

English speaking people in Mallorca have almost at their doors a institution which exists mainly for the purpose of enabling the to be cared for when assailed by the frailties of the flesh by the own people. The only condition that of putting the patient in the Barcelona boat before he will be moved.

The Enfermeria Evangélica has earned a high reputation among the foreign communities in Mallorca, whose members naturally know it best. Its advantages include modern equipment, the medical skill available, and nursing, which doctors contend to be half the battle in dealing with almost every form of physical disability.

the great voluntary hospital of England, the Barcelona institution is maintained, not by gifts from Governments or the bodies of any kind, but by the efforts of those patients who can afford them and by the freely given donations and subscriptions of the public, which means the foreign colonies.

Subscription to the Hospital Insurance which removes a great deal of keen anxiety from the mind of him who makes it, particularly if he has family responsibilities. A donation to the same institution is a contribution to a cause the value of which is beyond calculation.

The appeal of the Enfermeria Evangélica is hereby commended to the sympathetic attention of the readers of this paper.

## Out Of My Head

by HARRY GALLAND

Superstitions the world over differ, but they are alike in one particular—they are all interesting.

Mallorquin superstitions, or those we know of, seem to the foreigners as stupid as those of the foreigner must seem to the native. In some cases the foreigners have adopted the native superstitions, as in the widespread case of numbers.

Watch your fellow passengers the next time you are riding in a tram, and notice how carefully they look at the number on the ticket handed them by the conductor. If the number reads the same way backwards as it does when read forwards in the usual manner—such a number as 36763, for instance—you can be sure that the recipient of that ticket is going to put a few pesetas at least on the current lottery. For numbers which can be read forwards and backwards are taken as a sure sign of luck.

Foreigners who have been here a long time know the custom and follow its dictates themselves. But here are a few they may not know of, native to the Island.

If the hair is cut on Friday, it will soon turn white.

If the washing is put out on a clear and sunny St. Michael's Day, September 29th, the day will be clear and sunny every time the washing is to be put out all the rest of the succeeding year. Check up on this with your washwoman, and you may find out why the laundry has been late.

Should you drink some of the contents of a glass left by someone else, you will learn everything that your predecessor is trying to withhold from you.

There are other just as silly Mallorquin superstitions—from the standpoint of the foreigner—and the list is apparently endless.

For instance, children who teethe early die soon.

If a pregnant woman on going upstairs first mounts with the right foot, her child will prove to be a boy.

If the nails of a baby are cut for the first time by his mother, the child will turn out to be a thief.

A white donkey is either a very good or a very bad animal, and a person who goes daily to Mass will never die suddenly.

Carry a radish in your pocket, and you will never suffer from chilblains. Finally, remember that any man with six fingers can instantly cure a stomach-ache by laying his hand on the afflicted part.

If all this is not sufficient advice for the superstitious, we will obtain some more if someone will cross his fingers while we again consult Mr. Chamberlain or a few assorted Mallorquins.

## TURNING THE PAGES

by Bibliófilo

In these days of publishing stress and strife, when every publisher and editor is wringing his hands and lamenting the good old days, it is a pleasure to take notice of at least one literary venture which has been and is a success.

The success story of the magazine *Story* is of particular interest to the foreign colony of Mallorca, for it was here that the editors, Whit Burnett and Martha Foley, brought their magazine to a point where it became possible and advisable to move to a larger field.

*Story* was founded five years ago in Vienna. It appeared at first in mimeographed form, and it was eagerly read, then as now. In those far-off days the subscription list was small and insignificant, and the profit was practically nonexistent.

With the first issue the policy was set up of acquiring and printing good short stories, regardless of the fame or lack of it of the author. It was a daring policy, for every editor knows the value of

the time and inclination to buy and read such a publication, but it would be swallowed up in the intense and high-pressure competition of New York and the United States. Besides, the quality of its short stories was bound to lend the stigma of «arty» to it, and «arty» magazines, as had been proved time and again, could not survive in America.

The proprietors did not listen, or at least did not take serious heed to the talk. They moved, and established themselves and their magazine in America's literary capital.

Bennett Cerf and Donald Klopfer of the Modern Library and Harry Scherman of the Book-of-the-Month Club interested themselves in *Story* as a literary experiment. With their backing, and adhering steadfastly to its original policy of printing only short stories of merit regardless of the fame of the author, the magazine grew from strength to strength.

Now, two and a half years after



big names and what they mean to a magazine.

*Story*, in the course of its career, has had big names. But it has not bought stories because of the by-line. It bought and published stories because they were good, or were considered good by the editors, and for no other reason.

That policy, actually daring if apparently obvious to the literary layman, and flying in the face of established magazine editing practice, has proved highly successful during the most difficult years publishers have had to contend with during the last two decades.

Most of the success of *Story* is due to the literary acumen and taste of Martha Foley and Whit Burnett, themselves writers of considerable talent. They brought their idea for a magazine and the first few issues to Palma from Vienna, and here they continued to publish the best stories they could find, and stories only.

In Palma *Story* had a modest success. Its worth was gradually realized and its sales mounted. Two and a half years ago, with some misgiving and trepidation, the publishers took the bold step of transferring their venture to the somewhat larger field of New York.

There were many then who foretold failure. A magazine of the type of *Story*, the long-faced ones said, was all right in Europe, where tourists and expatriates had

*Story* was established in New York, a reorganization is announced. Dr. Kurt Simon, the new president of *Story* Magazine, Inc., plans to have the publication shortly issued simultaneously with its New York appearance in Canada and England.

Recently the magazine corporation moved into new offices of its own at 432 Fourth Avenue, New York City. The announcement has already been made that a dozen short stories from the pages of *Story* will be reprinted this fall in the two American halls of fame of the short story. Nine will be reprinted in Edward J. O'Brien's anthology, «The Best Short Stories of 1935» and three in the O. Henry Prize Story volume for 1935, which is edited by the well known critic Harry Hansen.

Thus has a literary venture which during the early part of its career was watched and supported with interest in Mallorca grown and prospered. The best of the modern American short story writers are represented in the pages of the magazine each month. Each issue is well worth reading. And now that the success of *Story* is proved and assured, those who were present during the early years in Mallorca may congratulate themselves on their own acumen in supporting it, and read it with the «I knew it when...» air of those authentically in the literary swim.

## BY HOOK OR BY CROOK

Prince Louis of Monaco, in view of the fact that the balance of the Casino of Montecarlo is unfavourable, and considering that private life in the Principality turns about the roulette wheel, has decided to dismiss his small army of 66 men, giving them three months notice.—Madrid Paper.

When the national journal containing the above paragraph arrived, two days after publication, in Palma de Mallorca, a *sombrero* was reverently doffed in the general direction of Alcudia. The lid in question was the property of your old friend *El Gancho*, who was then under the impression that the Principality of Monaco lay in that direction.

Not, mind you, that I don't sympathise with those sixty-odd gentlemen who must soon doff their gorgeous uniforms and join the unhappy army of job-hunters.

Still, at least they have a bit of time to look about in, which incidentally sheds a lurid light on conditions in the journalistic profession. For I understand that a sub-editor in Fleet Street is entitled to precisely the same period of notice on being handed the key of the street as a private in the Monegasque army.

What brings me to take off my hat to Prince Louis is his originality. Everyone knows that the proper thing for any enlightened ruler to do when the Treasury cheques begin to bounce back off the bank counter is to cut the pay of school teachers, sack the public health officer and explain to the inhabitants of Stinkly-cum-Whiff that the sewage disposal scheme must be shelved for lack of funds.

And if the enlightened ruler can suddenly discover a pressing need for a couple of new battleships at the same time, that just shows how truly enlightened a ruler he is.

Prince Louis, by just reversing the ordinary practice of enlightened rulers, has found an entirely new way out of his troubles; but at the same time he has committed a *faux pas* which cannot but make him lose caste. Just when the greatest statesmen of Europe had finished proving to the hilt that disarmament was utterly impossible, he has been and gorn and disarmed.

Far more respectable was the way out taken by His High and Mightiness Prince Ethelfrith XXIII, Hereditary Potentate of Pruritania, in a similar emergency when the Lord Keeper of the Petty Cashbox reported that there was nothing in it but fluff and bus tickets, and the Potentatary Marine Cavalry were threatening to eat their horses if pay and rations was not speedily forthcoming.

Prince Ethelfrith just issued a decree giving the disaffected regiment the free run of the inexhaustible truffle mines of Topnotchka every Tuesday and Friday.

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## ON THE ISLAND

By The Wayfarer

(Continued from page 1)

### MAYONNAISE:—

Mr. «Bill» Townsend escaped from the toil of arranging other people's travels last weekend long enough to do a little travelling himself, in the shape of a swift trip through Menorca. We say swift, because he took the Sunday morning boat from Alcudia to Mahón, and took the bus from the latter place to Ciudadela in time to catch the boat back to Palma on Tuesday morning.

There are several theories as to the purpose of this flying visit. The most popular, however, is that Mr. Townsend wished to test whether the etymological connection between Mahón and mayonnaise has a genuine culinary foundation.

### TO IBIZA:—

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jacobsen and the well known Don Pepe left for Ibiza on Friday for a visit of about a week to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Paul. One purpose of the visit was to provide an escort for the small daughter of the Elliott Paul ménage, who arrived on the Export boat from the States accompanied by a nurse not conversant with «your right Tole-dan.»

### VISIT:—

Mr. Kendall Park of Barcelona was in town Wednesday on a business trip. He left on Friday evening to return to the mainland city.

### SHIPS:—

Palma and Soller were given a thorough examination on Friday by most of the passengers of the Lancastria of the Cunard-White Star Line, which arrived in the Bay early in the morning and left late in the evening. The Lancastria carried more than 600 passengers, many of whom had transferred from the Laurentic, which met with an accident in Southampton last week and had her bow stove in as she was about to start out on a cruise. Mr. Hewett, who joined his wife, Mrs. Yvonne Hewett, was the only passenger to stay here, the others returning to the Lancastria with many and varied impressions of the Isle of Calm. On Saturday the tourist rush to Mallorca was augmented by the arrival of the Voltaire and the Doric, whose passengers further delighted the local taxi-drivers and

guides.

### FIESTA:—

The Fronton continues to be a popular rendez-vous with pelota fans, whose numbers among the foreign colony are rapidly increasing. On Monday a fiesta was held under the auspices of the Unión Protectora Mercantil, and the prizes won during the Fiesta Week races of August 11 were awarded by Unión officials after the pelota games. Dancing closed the evening's Fronton festivities. Among those seen at the Fronton during the week were Mrs. Pamela de Prizer, Miss Emily Camp, Miss



A View of Palma Bay

Meverette Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hoysé.

### PARIS:—

Madeleine of the couturier firm of Madeleine et Rina, popular purveyors of fashionable wear to the foreign colony, is at present in Paris gathering a collection of the latest fall and winter dresses and creations. She will be back in Mallorca shortly with the new treasures, to show them to an accompaniment of appreciative «ohs» and «ahs» from her clients here.

### HOME:—

Mrs. Addis, one of the mainstays of Deyá who is equally well known in Palma, is returning to her home in Boston on the Excambion when that ship calls here on September 6. Mrs. Addis will shortly return to Mallorca, after putting her affairs in order.

### LEFT:—

Mr. and Mrs. G. Frank Croissant left Palma for Barcelona on Monday for an indefinite stay. Mrs. Sybil Lloyd also deserted the capital, going to her house in Cala San Vicente on Thursday. All of the departing travellers are ex-

pected back in Palma within a short time.

### MOVE:—

Miss Peggy Lippe, who has been staying at the Chalfont House in Terreno for the last few months, went house-hunting last week. She hadn't looked far before she found what she wanted, and is making the move to her new home on Sunday. The house is located on the Calle Salud, in the center of the fashionable section of that fashionable suburb.

### HOSTESS:—

Mrs. Anne Bowman-Burns, the

largest seen here this season, and is registered with the Cornwall Yacht Club, which explains the three feathers of Wales on her ensign. Conqueror left for a short cruise to Pollensa, from which port she is expected to make straight for Southampton via Marseilles.

Picotée, the yacht belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Newhall, is to leave Sunday night for Cala Fanelles, near Paguera, with the owners aboard, while Mr. Harold Leinau and Mr. F. R. Poole are bound for the same place on Sunday aboard Nimbus. They are towing Mr. Poole's motorboat, and expect to be away from Palma several days. Mrs. Leinau and Mrs. Poole will travel overland to join their husbands.

### LEAVING:—

We understand that Commander Broun is leaving the Island shortly.

### BERTH:—

Commander Harry Green changed the berth of his yacht at the end of the Muelle on Thursday afternoon with the help of several dock-loafers. He managed the maneuver without untoward incidents however, and arrived in his new berth, away from the troublesome cement boats, in time to receive the gangway helpfully extended to him by those on shore. Young Thomas Green, son of the commander, has added to his seaman's knowledge a bit of lore about paint. It would be best to ask the commander about it, however, since young Thomas is a modest chap.

### HORSES:—

Mr. Frederick Steen, a sadder and a wiser man, left the Island on Thursday aboard a German freighter for Hamburg, taking with him his two Kentucky Calumet race-horses which have made such a brave showing at the race-course during the season. Mr. Steen found it impossible to race here under the conditions imposed by the Sociedad Hipica, and was forced to withdraw his horses after having imported them especially from the United States to race in Mallorca. The Kentucky runners proved immediate favorites at the track, but not with the powers that be among the Sociedad. Mr. Steen, who has been

perennial hostess, invited a number of friends to a dinner party on Friday night. Among those who gathered around the festive board were Mr. and Mrs. Murlless, Mrs. de Prizer, Captain Christal and Mrs. White.

### KANGAROO:—

Don Lorenzo Mateu brought a kangaroo and its young one, properly placed in its mother's pouch, into Lena's Bar during the week, and nobody was very much surprised, although not a few were delighted and said so. The kangaroo and its young one, along with a bear, assorted deer, and other fauna, were left on the walls by way of decoration, Don Lorenzo Mateu being the artist responsible for their contours. The consensus of opinion among habitués of Lena's is that the artist has done a clever and excellent job, and Lena's Bar now tickles the eye as well as the palate of the thirsty, hungry, weary Palman.

### RETURNED:—

Miss Ilse Schoenfeld, who has been in Ibiza during the past month, returned to Palma on Friday. Miss Schoenfeld expects to go to that lodestone of the vacationer, Cala Ratjada, on Monday, and after a few days there will cross over to Barcelona, where she has been staying prior to her trip to Ibiza.

### YACHTS:—

Mr. Hugo Cunliffe-Owen is the owner of the big yacht which tied up at the Muelle near the submarines which were in for a day during the latter part of the week. The yacht was Conqueror, one of

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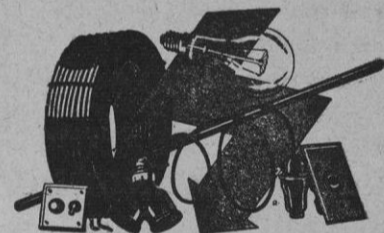
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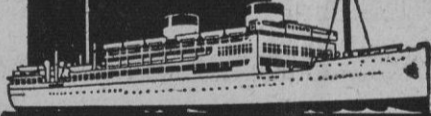
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# BELGIAN QUEEN'S DEATH

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whom the Swedish princess was extremely popular. On its receipt in Brussels, flags were at half mast on all public buildings, including those of the Universal Exhibition, where all the functions arranged for Thursday night were suspended.

M. van Zeeland, the Prime Minister, called a special meeting of the Cabinet, after which he left by air for Lucerne. The King left that city on Thursday night for Brussels with the Queen's remains.

M. Laval, Prime Minister of France, who was in conference with M. Herry, Belgian Chargé d'Affaires in Paris, when the latter received the news, expressed his personal sympathy and that of the French people and sent a telegram of condolence to M. van Zeeland. M. Lebrun, President of the French Republic, likewise telegraphed condolences to the Belgian Premier.

Flags flew at half mast on the Presidential Chancellery, the Foreign Ministry and the Reichstag building when the news reached Berlin. Herr Hitler sent telegrams of condolence to King Leopold and to King Gustav V of Sweden, the father of Queen Astrid.

Profound sympathy for the Belgian and Swedish royal families and the Belgian people was expressed by the London press in reporting the accident. The English papers recalled the tragic death of the late King Albert of the Belgians, who was killed by a fall while mountaineering in Belgium in February of last year.

Her Majesty Astrid Sophia Louise Thyra, Princess of Sweden, Duchess of Brabant and Queen of the Belgians, was born in Stockholm on November 17, 1905, and contracted a civil marriage with King Leopold, then Duke of Brabant, on November 4, 1926. The marriage was solemnised by the Church in Brussels six days later.

She was crowned with her husband in Brussels on February 28 of last year. She leaves three chil-

# BELMONTE II

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apprenticeship.

«These two lads,» he declared, «who bear names glorious in the ring, either are great toreros from the beginning, or are nothing. The sons of Sánchez Mejías and Belmonte cannot vegetate in the profession.»

«Either they rapidly become great figures, or they must disappear artistically before they drag the prestige they have inherited down to the level of vulgarity. That is my opinion, and I am sure it is theirs also.»

Juan Belmonte the elder resolutely opposed his son's ambition to follow in his footsteps, for fear that Juanito would not be able to sustain the weight of inherited fame. He changed his mind after seeing the youngster perform as an amateur, so that Belmonte II has the recommendation of the sternest possible critic before he makes his bow.

Ignacio Sánchez Mejías, perhaps foreseeing his own tragic end, was determined that none of his sons should become a bullfighter. It is believed that one of the reasons why he returned to the ring after his retirement was to keep Joselito out of it.

Sánchez Mejías met his death in the Manzanares ring last year. Joselito Sánchez has waited a full year from the date of his father's death before announcing his intention of succeeding him.

Juan Belmonte II has a certain physical resemblance to his father, while Joselito presents the characteristics of his mother's family. Enthusiasts hope that the resemblance will go further, for Sánchez Ortega is of famous bullfighting ancestry on both sides.

The hope of Señor Pagés and his friends is that he has discovered the «pair», whose rivalry, like that of the other Joselito and Belmonte the elder in their prime, will revive the vanished glories of that legendary time.

dren, Princess Josephine Charlotte, Prince Baudouin and Prince Albert.

# FLIGHT OF CATALAN EX-SPEAKER

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that moment he guarded against a repetition of the mistake by smoking cigarettes all the way.

Señor Casanova would not say at what point he crossed the Pyrenees. He declared that he used a special route he had worked out beforehand, using neither roads nor smugglers' paths.

He travelled six hours in a car and then eighteen on foot. For the last six hours he was bleeding from a cut on the knee, received in a fall.

Asked if he escaped easily, Señor Casanova said; «It is never easy to get out of Barcelona when you are being closely watched.»

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