



The Captains and the Kings Depart

No class in Europe suffered so many casualties, in proportion to its numbers, as a result of the Great War, as Royalty. Before the war, there were four emperors, ten kings, a queen and two reigning princes in Europe; Now three emperors have disappeared, and two kings. Practically all the new states formed by the Treaty of Versailles are republics.

The only emperor remaining in Europe is the King of England, and his Imperial title only holds good in his Empire of India. The Tsar, the Kaiser and the Austrian Emperor, have gone, probably never to return. Both Spain and Greece have become republics. Apart from England, Scandinavia the low Countries and the Balkans seem to be the last strongholds of kings. The Princes of Monaco and Liechtenstein still survive as heads of their little toy states.

The Scandinavian countries seem likely to retain their kings without much friction. They are probably the most civilized countries in Europe, though largely unknown outside their own borders. Their kings are exceptionally democratic, and profound peace has reigned within their frontiers for many years.

Faithful to the Throne

Holland and Belgium remain faithful to Royalty also, although they are hemmed in by large and powerful republics, and have a large and turbulent industrial population. Nor can one imagine the Balkans as a group of republics. Greece it is true has expelled her king, but the Greeks have always had republican traditions. It is difficult to imagine Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Roumania without kings, and handsome crown princes, lovely ladies, glittering uniforms and faithful old generals, all in the best Ruritanian tradition. King Carol of Roumania perhaps runs truest to form, with his spectacular dash to regain his throne, his beautiful mistress, his heart-broken queen, and, incongruously enough, his extremely modern, publicity hunting, gold-digging mother.

Italy certainly retains her king, but we do not envy him his job. He is overshadowed by his helmsman. There is a story told of the King of Italy dropping his handkerchief and Mussolini picking it up. The Fascist leader asked if he might keep it as a souvenir. The King replied: «No, I think I'd like it back. You see it's the only thing in Italy I'm allowed to put my nose into!»

Spain is the latest country to dispense with a crowned head. Although Don Alfonso has never

resigned his rights, he can no longer call himself a king.

Germany is nominally a republic, though it can hardly be said to be ruled by the people. Indeed Hitler's position is very similar to that of Napoleon III just before the coup d'etat that made him Emperor of France. France herself, of course, is, with the exception of Switzerland, the oldest republic in Europe. In spite of the would be King of Andorra's passionate loyalty, we would not give much for the Duc de Guise's chance of regaining his throne. Remain in Europe, Portugal, a republic since 1910, Switzerland, who has never been anything else since she threw off the Hapsburg yoke, and M. Clemenceau's «Sanitary Cordon» which shuts off Russia from the rest of Europe, and of course Russia herself. All republics, with or without dictators.

The King can do no Wrong

On the whole, we are in favour of Kings. The king of today is an extremely hard worked person. He has very little real power and certainly adds a note of the picturesque to the drabness of modern life. We are not sure, but we believe it is still an integral part of the common law of England that the king can do no wrong. If so, it would be great fun to see how far one could go. To execute a cabinet minister or two, to steal the lovely wife of a duke, to sequestrate the wealth of some financial magnate. Yet we fear the lawyers would find some way of circumventing this.

We haven't said anything about the rest of the world, and have barely touched on dictators. Well there's the King of Siam, the Emperors of Japan, Manchukuo and Abyssinia, the Ameer of Afghanistan and the Shah of Persia. We believe there is still a Queen of the Tonga Islands. Only America of all the continents hasn't a king to its name, and only the Aga Khan, of all royal personages, has no territory. The Aga Khan is the Spiritual head of all Indian Mahommedans. On his birthday, it is the custom to bring him presents. An Indian civil servant once saw among the presents, a case of champagne. Expressing surprise that a Mahommedan should drink liquor, he was told: «Ah, but so holy is our lord, that the wine turns to milk in his mouth!»

We have forgotten one king: King Zog of Albania. Well, with a name like that... As for Dictators, they probably have more fun than kings. There's Stalin, and Mustapha Kemal, and Mussolini and-and-what's that Austrian chap called? Abey? No no, of course; Adolf.

REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S NEWS

Every Englishman is delighted at the news of the engagement of Prince George, youngest son of the King and Queen to Princess Marina of Greece, youngest daughter of Prince and Princess Nicholas of Greece, the latter of whom was, before her marriage, Grand Duchess Helene of Russia.

Prince George has been on holiday for about a fortnight in Jugoslavia, as the guest of Prince and Princess Paul of Jugoslavia, and Princess Marina—who is the younger sister of Prince Paul—has also been staying with them. Prince George has known the Princess for five years. He telegraphed to Balmoral for the King's consent when his proposal of marriage was accepted. The King's consent will be ratified by an Order in Council.

It is probable that the couple will visit Prince and Princess Nicholas before coming to England, where the marriage will probably take place in the late autumn.

No Noise Please

There has been a general chorus of approval at the first working of the new order prohibiting the use of horns over a wide area of London between the hours of 11.30 p. m. and 7.00 a. m. Although traffic moved a shade slower, not a single accident was reported on the first night of the new plan, and the Minister of Transport expresses himself as delighted with the results.

Sport

The Cricket season is drawing to a close, with Lancashire secure in the possession of the championship, in spite of Sussex's spirited bid to bring it South. Association football has already started, and from now till the end of April thousands of fans will crowd the arenas, moaning hoarsely «Come on, the Spurs!» or «Nah then, Villa!» as the

case may be. By the way, a racing friend tells us that Valerius is a good tip for the St. Leger, or if he loses that race, for the Cambridgeshire.

In Irons

Probably by the time this is read the defender of the America's Cup will have been selected. It now rests between the syndicate's new boat the *Rainbow* and the *Yankee* backed by former Secretary of the Navy, Charles Adams. For months, while building, and during the first trials everyone naturally expected the post of defender to go to the new ship built at a cost of nearly one million dollars. The *Rainbow* has, however, not come up to expectations and there was even some surprise expressed when the *Weetamoe* was eliminated in her stead. Mr. Adams has sailed for years and knows every trick of the racing game and has so far shown himself as a better racing skipper than his rival on the *Rainbow*. Whichever decision the committee makes will only be partially popular as each side has its ardent supporters. While probably there are very few better skippers and certainly no better sportsmen than Harold Vanderbilt, still we suspect that the average American would prefer to see a former Secretary of the Navy at the tiller of the defender than Mr. Vanderbilt.

«Bring me a quart of Claret out»

The Wine growing districts of France state that the prospects for the coming vintage are exceptionally bright. In the Bordeaux region, which produces the great wines of Claret Graves and Sauternes, experts estimate that the crop will yield over 110,000,000 gallons, or fully twenty per cent more than last year. The quality, it is believed, will be remarkable. Unfortunately, hailstorms have ravaged much of the Sauternes area, damaging the famous vineyard of Chateau d'Yquem.

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Varied News Items

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The South Wales miners have handed in strike notices to come into force on October 1st. Unless the dispute is settled, 140,000 men will come out on that date.

American woollen operatives have announced their decision to join the cotton workers in a sympathetic strike. This will mean another 150,000 men idle.

The Zone of Silence has been such a success in London, that from the 16th of September it will be applied to all residential districts in England.

Prince George is returning to England at the end of this week, without his fiancee, who will probably not come to England till later. Prince George will, it is expected, use one of the Prince of Wales' planes.

Russian bandits on the Trans-Siberian railway have wrecked and set fire to a train, twenty-six miles South of Harbin. Fourteen Chinese and Japanese were killed, and one American, one Dane and six Japs were kidnapped.

The Chaco War. The President of Paraguay has accepted unconditionally the arbitration offer made by the Argentine and U.S.A. Governments.

Danger Ships

Port of London authorities are keeping watch for a new type of danger ship.

More than a million pounds worth of British vessels, old and lying idle in foreign ports, have recently been purchased by the Greeks. The Greeks register them in Panama, where regulations are lax.

There is a fear that they will produce epidemics of disease in the ports where they call.

Venice in Terreno

The Bellver terrace is more popular than ever since its re-opening. Last night they staged a Venetian Gala. Giuseppe Olivero discoursed sweet music, and you could almost here the lap of the waters of the lagoon against the steps, and see the swaying prows of the gondolas.

A big crowd was present, and everybody had a good time. The old standard of good drinks at reasonable prices still stands.

Chalet's Suit Off

The law suit of the Hotel against the owner of the property, which was to have taken place last Saturday, failed to materialize. At the last moment when the plaintiffs and their witnesses presented themselves at the court, the lawyer for the landlord suggested to the Chalet's attorneys that possibly the thing could be arranged outside of court. Negotiations are now under way, and it is expected that within the next week a decision will be arrived at. The Chalet is suing its landlord, Sr. D. Santiago Alemany for money claimed to have been lost through lack of business due to his building operations on the grounds.

Closing Rates of Exchange

Pounds 46.03 Dollars 7.21 Francs 48.31

Information About London

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An Inventor in our Midst

Not everybody knows that Mr. L. G. Dobbs, who is a schoolmaster, and who was a champion ski-er, is also an inventor. He has invented a patent gramophone horn, made out of papier maché, which for purity of reproduction beats anything we have ever heard except, perhaps, the most expensive radio-gramophone. We had expected an ingenious but palpably home made effort. We found instead a machine in which all engine noise was eliminated, and which reproduced the utmost subtleties of orchestration. Here is what Mr. Dobbs says about his own invention:

«The gramophone which I have recently completed is the result of a year's work in my spare time on the design and construction of horns. The special feature aimed at is a smooth even tone and a full reproduction of the bass notes. This can only be achieved by a large horn (the larger the horn the lower the notes that can be reproduced without distortion) and a correct shape. To maintain this shape, and at the same time to coil the horn up so that it does not occupy too great a depth, is the problem I have been trying to solve. The model is a five foot horn, with an opening two feet in diameter, which has been coiled so as not to take up more than one and a half feet in depth. It may even be possible to reduce this to one foot.

I have designs worked out for two other models; a larger one, of length eight feet squashed into just under two feet, and a smaller one of length four feet, squashed into eight inches depth. The latter would be suitable for portable gramophones, and would give a far better result than any portable gramophone at present on the market.

These horns can also be applied to wireless loud-speakers, and the improvement thereby obtained would be the elimination of resonance on certain notes which give rise to the tinny and booming sounds which are the bane of most loud-speakers.

The material I have used in the present model is papier maché, which consists of little bits of paper glued one on top of the other. It takes a long time to build a large horn in this way, but the advantage gained is that you can obtain the exact shape you want as you go along; and, contrary to what people usually think, the final result is a material which is hard and durable, and well suited to the purpose.

Apart from trying out various materials which would enable the horns to be constructed more quickly, I do not think there is much improvement to be got in the horn design; I have, however, plans for new designs for sound boxes and loud speaker diaphragms, which I hope to work on as I get time. Eventually I hope to find an opening for the commercial development of some of these machines.»



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By Patrick Hare

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Of people have these twisted minds —
Male and female.
All other crooks beside them pale.
They love to roll and chew their cud
That they have made from other's blood,
Sucked like leeches on the arm
They live to do all others harm.
Would we had a billion cats
To kill them off like other rats.
What hypocrites, this superficial race,
That call you brother to your face,
Your friendship claiming as they stand
To clasp you with their slimy hand,
With fishy stare, in dulcet tones, they say,
«How sweet, my dear, you look to-day.»
And all the time you're conscious that
They're thinking, «What a ghastly hat.»
And soon the world will know the news,
Last year's frock, gloves and shoes.
From tiny seeds the gossip sows
The tree of scandal quickly grows,
Until the branches fill the skies,
It's life blood — malignant lies,
Some never can learn simple rules,
(Tis true some are not taught in schools).
Speak good of all your fellow men,
At every chance that fate may send,
And should you feel that one's at fault
Seal your lips as in a vault,
But never join that herd of swine
That love all people to malign.

Mallorcana

We blush with shame at the number of errors an eagle-eyed contemporary discovered in last Sunday's issue.

We feel bound to say, however, that when we referred to King Alfonso, it was because, in England, when a man is born with a title, he dies with it. We were only attempting to show common politeness to a monarch who has never abdicated; no discourtesy was intended to the Spanish Republic.

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On Pubs

By W. A. Sweeney

I have oft times wondered why, among the many writings on the allurements of this enchanted isle, the sacred subject of pubs has been cruelly ignored. For the Palma pub is the hub, or the pub of our own particular little universe. The whole social world revolves round pubs, much as the whole world, social or otherwise, revolves round him who stays too late in a pub.

Where do you hear that story that you tell as your own shortly afterwards? In Victor's Bar. And where do you work it off as your own particular wisecrack? in Lena's, in all probability. Where do you think, gentle reader (if you are a gentle reader and not a carping critic) comes the best of the gossip you read? From Pubs.

When I wish to converse with the men who go down to the sea in yachts, I lean my elbows on Victor's mahogany (I'm referring to his counter, not his face) and hear strange tales of strange lands, which I craftily store away for future use in the exercise of my low and nefarious trade.

If I wish bacon and eggs with my beer, and would fain indulge in quips and jests and wanton wiles with a lady, I step round to Lena's. Or should I desire to tread the hallowed and aristocratic precincts of Terreno, I stagger as far as the International Bar, and ask Alex, over my beer, what it is like outside.

G. K. Chesterton once wrote a poem of transcendent beauty, in which the last plaintive line of each stanza was «Will someone take me to a pub?» But that was in England. No such pathetic moan, no such heartrendng appeal could possibly have arisen from his tortured soul had he lived in Palma.

There are strange beings who go sight-seeing I believe. I see them trooping into the Lonja every day — I have a good view from Victor's Bar. Well well, as far as that goes there is a tribe of savages in Central Africa which is said to eat its young, on occasion. I have also heard of a mysterious sinister sect on the island who go walking about to places, hither and thither, and to and fro, on dusty roads on a hot day.

And all the time they might be indulging in the gentlest recreation known to man, that noble gift that raises him above the level of the beasts that perish — exchanging converse in a pub.

But this writing is thirsty work, so forgive me if I stop.

Way up North

Our scout upon returning from a hurried dash to Cala Ratjada reports several affairs of moment in that port. A ping pong tournament looms in the offing, entries are being received at the Wi-Ki-Ki where play will take place under Victor's eye. Also about to get under way is play for the chess championship. The motion picture rights have been sold and the finals will be shown in Capdepera in slow motion... Hostess at a charming tea party on Tuesday was Mrs. Courtney Haynes, among those who partook were, Mr. and Mrs. Duke and Mrs. Dora Raffloer,.. The town is still in a dither over last Sunday's football match between Capdepera and the foreign residents of Cala Ratjada. The extranjeritos lost by one goal due to George the husky Hungarian sitting down with the ball for a rest too near the goal. Victor in a loose moment almost kicked a goal for the other side but Mike the goal's guardian managed to deflect the shot with his stomach. Another game is slated for today, with the wise money again on the natives... Mike the versatile Edinburgh student is credited with saving four persons from the sea at the local beach. A medal is being struck in commemoration... In a month or two now, the locals will begin to dig themselves in for the winter; they are already staking out the plots for their igloos.

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- COMICO — *Las Vampiresas*. The title means «Gold diggers», and the revue lives up to it's title. Alady, the popular comedian, plays his usual amusing part.
- BARCELONA — *La Miss mas Miss*. A comedy about the beauty «misses» don't miss it.
- POLIORAMA—Mercedes Seros and the Casablanca Boys. A kind of Music hall turn and revue. Several entertaining numbers.
- OLYMPIA.—Luis Calvo company. A different well known Spanish operette every night.
- EDEN CONCERT—Extraordinary appearance during the week of Miss Madrid 1934, Amelia Sanchez, who does the usual music hall stuff.

Cinemas

- COLISEUM — *Terror on Board (La nave del terror)* with Charles Ruggles, and *Un Breve instante* with Carole Lombard. Both in English. After this programme the Coliseum will close for a fortnight.
- VOLGA—Reopens with a gala programme: *Gold Diggers of 1933 (Vampiresas 1933)* and also *Cuadro Argentino*, a group of Argentine singers in real life.
- FANTASIO—*El Heredero del Bal Tabarin* with Duvalles. In French.
- METROPOL—Tomorrow: *Noches de Gran Ciudad* and also *Bombas en Monte Carlo*. Both in French.
- CAPITOL — *One Way Passage (Viaje de ida)* with William Powell and Kay Francis and *Frisco Jenny (Barrio Chino)* with Ruth Chatterton. Both in English. Tomorrow: *Una Hora Contigo* with Maurice Chevalier, and *She Done Him Wrong (Lady Lou)* featuring Mae West. Both in English. Friday: *Susana tiene un secreto* and also *Boliche*. Both in Spanish.
- PATHE PALACE — Tomorrow: *The Cohens and Kellys in Trouble (Forasteros en Honduras)* and also *Private Jones (El Pacifista)* with Lee Tracy. Both in English. Friday: *The King of Jazz (El Rey del Jazz)* featuring Paul Whiteman and his Band.
- EXCELSIOR—Same programme as Pathé Palace.
- PARIS—Closed.
- FEMINA—Closed.
- MIRIA—*Dans les Rues (Suburbios)* in French. Tomorrow: *Secrets of the French Police (Secretos de la policia de Paris)* in English and John Barrymore in *A Bill of Divorcement (Doble Sacrificio)*, doubled in Spanish. Friday: *La chica del surtidor*, in German.
- PUBLI CINEMA — News reels and cultural films lasting the hour.

Amusements

- Bullfight—This afternoon at the Monumental, Calle Cortes, at 4.45 sharp. 6 fierce young bulls will be killed by two bullfighters «mano a mano». José Chalmeta and Ricardo Torres have fought before in the Barcelona ring and are exceedingly popular with the «aficionados».
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- Ball Game (Pelota Vasca) — Fronton Novedades (Calle Caspe) and Principal Palace (Rambla Sta. Monica.) Games at 10.15. night and at 4 in the afternoon. This is an interesting game similar to our Fives played with a bat or a curved basket, which originated in the Basque Country. Betting is allowed on the games and is most exciting. A visit should be paid to one of these frontons while in Barcelona.
- Horse Racing—Every Sunday afternoon at Casa Antunez. First race at 4.15. Trotting and horseback racing. Betting allowed.
- Music Halls—These are mainly situated in the Paralelo and are generally of a daring nature. The better class cabarets are the Stambul, Ba-ta-clan, Bombay, Hollywood. Some Spanish dancing can often be seen there at these places and also at the Excelsior in the Ramblas. It is wiser not to tell your mummy you're going.

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About Barcelona

Activity in Barcelona appears to be at its lowest ebb; few are going away and those who are away seem in no hurry to return. Nobody has thrown a really big party lately, and we still have several vacant dates during the coming week.

Monday being America's Labour Day, there will be a general rush from the office on Saturday, at five minutes to one, to the less populated parts of the countryside. Those who are seen occasionally parked on the Colon terrace need give no excuse for their presence. Mr. C. I. Dawson, the Consul General, and his wife will probably be away till Tuesday at Calella de Palafrugell. This spot by the way has received considerable attention from American residents this year. Consul Cross

and family already left for Andorra... King Cross, el Primero, wouldn't look bad, would it?

Captain Harvey started work in earnest yesterday and has quite a fair number of pupils this year. The English School special preparatory course also started yesterday, and will go on in the mornings till school begins in October. Mrs. Hall's school will also commence term at the end of this month. So now, perhaps, parents will get a few minutes peace.

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We said good bye to Mrs. Bigham on Friday before she left to join her husband in England. Bonanova will not be the same without Tommy. There are still several articles of furniture over from Mrs. Bigham's home for sale. Mr. Salat by the way, has taken over the job of storing and disposing of the goods. He has acted in a similar capacity for others who have left town and is quite a useful man to know.

News reaches us that the Davison family will be leaving Barcelona to settle in the Argentine in early December. They intend taking up land cultivation, for which the brothers Charlie and Willie should be of great utility. It will be remembered that Charlie intended walking to Tarragona in 24 hours last week... it is still only an intention, however.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong expect to be back from their holiday in England within a day or so. Mr. Fittock of Direct Spanish Cables will return to duty from his hide out in Cornwall rather earlier than he ex-

pected. His place on holiday will be taken by Mr. Vint in about a fortnight's time.

Driving his car Mr. F. Witty arrived back in town from his tour in Eugland at the beginning of the week.

S. S. Pacheco, one of the boats that make the regular trip out from England, landed a full complement of passengers. It is untrue, however, that Mac Andrews are considering taking over the new Cunarder 534 for the service.

An attractive addition for the time being to Barcelona's English residents, is Miss Duran, who has come to join the other girls dancing at present in one of the smaller towns round Barcelona.

The acting Catalan Minister of Interior, Dr. Dencas, has issued a statement to the effect that the drinking water in the wells at Castelldefels is not fit for human consumption, on account of the presence of Typhoid germs observed on a recent analysis of the water. These wells also provide water to the local bars which should be carefully avoided for the time being. Steps have been taken to cope with the matter. It will be remembered by older residents that a very bad Typhoid epidemic overtook Barcelona in 1918 and accounted for many lives. Public Hygienic precautions have greatly

improved since that date, but too much care cannot be taken by individuals themselves.

The date of the next Lunch Club meeting has not yet been handed us, but it should be on the 4th or 5th, at the Flora restaurant. The Baron de Malchamovis addressed the Dinner Club on Thursday night at the Hostal del Sol. He described what sort of people he expected to meet in Hell. We recognized several people we know as certain residents in the warmer regions. The best thing during the evening was, without a doubt, the food.

Miss Elizabeth O. Deeble has decided to remain several days in Paris for a well deservd rest.

Mr. Bigham, having caught a fish, returned to town from his holiday in the Pyrenees.

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Spain Moves to Prevent Crime

By H. M. H.

«As long as crime is punished it will continue to thrive» said a famous psychologist a little while ago. This statement intended to convey the belief that only when crime is considered as a disease and treated as such, or alternatively prevented by psychological treatment, will society be free from its menacing hand. This has been the general trend in countries that consider themselves advanced, where sentences have been gradually diminished and where the welfare of the young with criminal tendencies is a matter of great concern and constant experiment.

The new spirit that has been engendered in Spanish institutions since the Revolution of 1931 has manifested itself in several different forms, one of these being the desire to cope intelligently with the crime wave which has come over the country, especially since the setting in of the economic crisis. Formerly there was little concern shown for the rehabilitation of criminals. A man got his sentence of 3 years 7 months and 1 day, went off to jail till the time was over, making friends with more experienced crooks, and left to renew his evil existence until he was next returned to prison.

The Left-wing Government headed by Señor Azaña has to its credit at least an attempt to rectify this evil state of affairs. A law that at first received little attention is the means to-day of a vast experiment, that promises to show the outside world that Spain is not so far behind as some people seem to imagine. The «Ley de Vagos y Maleantes» segregates all those who habitually live outside the laws of decent society, and provides a means for their reform.

Reforming Incurrigibles

Alcala de Henares was years ago a kind of treadmill prison for women, but to-day serves as a «concentration camp» for the habitual criminal included in the said law. At present there are about four hundred inmates cared for by some fifty officials. The prisoners have no definite sentences to serve but must remain until they have been passed as fit to resume life with normal human beings.

While they are in this institution they must work all day at some occupation, generally kitchen gardening or building new quarters, which for many is the first work they have ever done. Thus when a former criminal leaves the «camp», he is often a skilled workman with several years of solid work behind him and with a strong desire not to return in a hurry.

Many are the classes of criminals included in this scheme. «Vagos» are considered as such when they have lived without employment for three years...this would, no doubt, include a million genuinely unemployed in England, if the law were adopted there. «Maleantes» are what we might term incurrigible rogues. The «white slave» traffic and prostitution have supplied many of the criminals that fall under the heading of Maleantes. Thus vicious men who have hitherto lived on immoral earnings and have, in many cases, compiled fortunes, are now digging away at their first try at real labour.

There are at present about three thousand men condemned to live in camps like the one just mentioned; money has been voted for their installation, and in six months time there will be several more of these establishments installed in different parts of the country. Then the work of returning to society as useful members, men who formerly knew only how to manipulate jemmies, will be begun in earnest.

Most dangerous and violent criminals as well as ordinary dishonest tramps rise early, work hard, and play games during their recreation periods under healthy conditions. This is rather a different treatment from the old Spanish method of rounding up rogues from time to time, and sentencing them to «quincenas» or, as we should call it, «two weeks hard». Some of the «campers», if we may be permitted to call them so, have received as many as two hundred «quincenas» in their career, so it seems that it was time some other method was tried.

Not only are there Spaniards included in this system of reform, but at present there are some ten or twelve foreigners also awaiting their transportation to similar institutions as soon as they are established. Incidentally it will be remembered that it was on the basis of the Ley de Vagos y Maleantes that the almost King Boris I of Andorra was arrested and marched off to Madrid.

The Policeman's Lot...

This is not the only innovation in Spain's battle with the bandit and wrongdoer. The Generalidad de Cataluña has decided to establish a School for Police Instruction, where its recently created police force will receive all the preparation for its duties that modern methods can provide. The future Director of the School, Señor Don Fernando Claudín, has ideas of his own on what a trained force should be like, and he is at the moment abroad studying the systems adopted in foreign countries, particularly Germany, for setting up police schools. Señor Badía, the Chief of Police, is also away on a similar mission. He, however, has chosen England and France as the countries from whose institutions Spain might learn how to provide its guardians of the law with the instruction adequate for the effective carrying out of their duties.

Foreigners have already felt the added vigilance to which they have been subjected lately by the authorities. Some complain that they are perfectly law abiding citizens and should be left alone. If they are really law abiding they will find that they are left alone; those who refuse to sign in at headquarters etc. deserve, after all, little more than they get. It should be remembered they we in England treat foreigners much more severely.

All this interest in up to date police forces and crime treatment demonstrates clearly Spain's desire to bid farewell to banditry and general lawlessness. We welcome it.

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Madrid Report

Hash Joints
In the Capital

Eating is fun in Madrid. Dotted here and there in the town are little «Tabernas» without napkins or white-jacketed waiters but with good food served quickly and cheaply and where politicians, bullfighters, artists and the other elements of the drifting population of Madrid rub shoulders.

Big bustling «Eladio» is well-known to foreigners, who like the stir and hum of his busy little joint down near where the Opera House once was and will be again when the builders stop sleep-walking and get to work on the re-building job. Eladio's great speciality is his capacity for yelling out his menu backward at 60 m.p.h.

Less frequented by foreigners but well-known to Spaniards is Eladio's brother-in-law's place «Lazaro» which is just alongside the German Restaurant «Gambrinus» where the German colony goes in order to feel as if it were at home amid black bread and «Bocks.» Everybody yells at «Lazaro.» The boys in shirts and trousers bring glasses of «whisky» which is the local term for a glass of vino corriente with a splash of syphon.

Tucked away in the very far corner of the rather musty old Plaza Mayor which dreams of its former splendour, is «El Pulpito.» The advantage of this natty little tavern is that you eat alongside the kitchen and can select your own food. Personally the only time we went we got such salty fried potatoes that we never went back again.

There is a suspicion of the «gyp joint» about Meson Segoviana down in the Cava Baja. It is picturesque enough with its tiny rooms decorated by hungry artists. And the wine which trickles out of the big skins which are up on the shelf is good. But the price is dear and the food is nothing to make the average soul write home enthusiastically. Mine host is round and tubby, like Alcalde Pedro Rico.

Everybody goes to Botin sometime or other to eat roast sucking pig. Madrid has, it seems, been going to Botin's for centuries to eat roast sucking pig and the Madrilenos have taken almost all the important visitors there. Considering its international renown it is not very expensive.

If you eat better at an altitude the «Bilbaino» way up on the first lap of the skyscraper at the corner of that dangerous street the Calle de Peligros will probably fill the bill. Food is good and, if dearish, not more than the cooking and the «pos-tin» warrants. You can look over your shoulder at the old, and somewhat dilapidated Church next door whose roof comes level with the restaurant and there is a big cross which almost pushes itself on to one of the tables. It is a grand Church all the same. Some fool Mayor once had it painted yellow when a French President came to Madrid and the poor old Church has hardly got over it.

Those who like to fill the inner man with piles of macaroni and to wash it down with the hot old Chianti usually go to Los Italianos to do themselves proud and there large chunks of the Italian

colony may be seen thinking of home.

But taking it all with all there's nothing so typical as the taverns, for one swell restaurant in Madrid varies next to nothing from another swell restaurant in Paris, Berlin, London or New York.

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Lv. Sóller	5.45	8.15	10.45	1.25	6.15	
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Lv. Palma	7.15	8.00	8.25	1.45	2.35	2.45	6.30	7.00
Inca	8.08	8.45	9.39	3.00	3.20	3.51	7.27	7.52
Manacor		9.38			4.15			8.49
Artá		10.28			5.05			9.32

On Sundays the last two trains do not run, but a train leaves Palma at 8.00 arriving in Inca 8.50.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Lv. Artá			6.50				4.00
Manacor	5.25		7.42				5.15
Inca	6.14	7.48	8.43	11.30	12.57	5.00	6.19
Palma	7.00	8.58	9.25	12.20	1.53	5.52	7.12

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Friday, Pollensa Formentor. Valldemosa, Deyá, Sóller.

Saturday, Caves of Artá, Cala Ratjada.

Sunday, Valldemosa, Deyá, Sóller. Camp de Mar and Andraitx.

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Note—It is extremely difficult to find out the cinema programmes even a few days ahead, and whether the films are in Spanish or English. However, unless otherwise specified, the films at the Principal and Moderno are usually in Spanish, while at the Lirico and Protectora English films are frequently shown.

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And our own experience after living in a house in Terreno for nearly a year: we went over the inventory and found everything in good shape and parted with the owner the best of friends. The next day he came hurriedly over to the house we had moved to and said, «When you took the house a year ago there was a siphon in the dispense». Suspecting that a sense of humor lurked somewhere within him, we asked him if it had been full or empty. With a magnificent gesture he replied, «No importa, señor, no importa».

Rotary Club Gives Tablet

The Rotary Club of Palma presented to the city this week a tablet honoring the memory of Junipero Serra. This month marked the 150th anniversary of his death. The tablet simply bears his name with the dates of his birth and death and is a dignified memorial.

One of the new streets in Son Armadams has been named after the famous monk and it was near here that the unveiling of the tablet took place. In addition to the officials and members of the Rotary Club there were present Civil Governor Manent, members of the City Council and Mayor Darder. Don Ventura Gassol, Minister of the Catalan Government and well known poet, also attended and spoke a few words in memory of Fray Serra.

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OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Joe's Bar re-opened at noon on Thursday, quietly, but with immense enjoyment to the habitués who gathered to drink success to the new fireplace. We have been forbidden to mention the names of some of the faithful hounds present, but we may say that among those present were Marshal of the Air M-t M-th-r, and Commander of the Faithful P-t-r-w-n, also Lieutenant General H-rry Cl-rk-, and Colonel and Mrs. G-rn-y. Needless to say the staff of the MAJORCA SUN was there, and had considerable success when it came to r-ll-ng th-b-n-s. Also present was a gentleman who was introduced to us as the Reverend, but we doubt this.

Captain and Mrs. Dare, with recently augmented family, are contemplating leaving us for the sylvan solitudes of Deyá. Captain Dare says he really must get down to writing another book. They will be much missed.

It was nice to see Mrs. Fulton Leser up and about again on the beach at Formentor last week end. She spent over a week in bed with high fever which left her rather weak. She was in a very snappy beach costume with red checked gingham shorts. The branch of her shop which she opened at the hotel has had a particularly successful season.

Also on the beach were the Clays with a picnic party. The Ramis yacht was in with a gay crowd. Among those noticed on the sand were: The Mulet boys, Miss Kajaba, Miss Betty Rogers, Rafael de Lacey with a large party, Sr. Salas and Sr. Pedro Alomar.

With the recent alterations completed, the Treasure Chest is a small Selfridges, customers can roam from room to room or sit about in comfortable chairs while admiring the lovely things about them. The additional space comes from what was the Rendezvous Tea Room, walls have come down and all has been redecorated with striking results. The colored straw and raffia articles on sale here are particularly interesting and among these are bags and belts to match that seem to catch every woman's eye.

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In Mrs. Pamela de Prizer's forthcoming book, «Inns and Outs of Mallorca» she will give, so rumour has it, considerable space to Cala Ratjada. As a rule she has found that a week's time in each little hamlet has been sufficient for her to gather in the local color. However she is spending considerably more than the usual week in Cala Ratjada and we are awaiting with interest these chapters.

Miss Turner Copperman who paints such beautiful landscapes is under contract with the Reinhard Galleries in New York City for all she does in the next three years.

Mrs. Fulton Leser, «Anne», has now recovered from her recent illness and is busy preparing her autumn campaign in the dress world. Other invalids who are reported well on the way to recovery, are Mrs. Rattner and Mrs. Mendelsshon, the popular hostess at the Formentor hotel.

A well-known Englishwoman is contemplating opening a very exclusive bridge club in Terreno. She has obtained beautiful premises and the services of an extremely efficient barman and waiter. She is now waiting for a few people to promise her their support.

Major Leigh, whose yacht «Foam» is lying in the port, has been all over the Mediterranean. Hardly a port that has reasonable anchorage has not seen his vessel. He has been up the Nile in her, a considerable feat when it is remembered how shallow the Nile is from the Delta to Cairo. Major Leigh is contemplating writing an account of his adventures.

Mr. and Mrs. St. Aubyn and Mr. and Mrs. Bower gave a big party at the Paris Bar on Wednesday night. Later, they went on to the beautiful terrace of the Bellver, where Mdlle. Marguerite Jac danced delightfully.

Mrs. Jacques Desaulniers has been laid up at home for a week but now is feeling better. Mrs. Doris Cámeron is spending the week end with her in Genova.

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Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have returned to their house in Corp Mari from the beach at Son Servera where they spent considerable time this summer.

Mrs. Lourie is back from Paris and expects to take a house in Terreno for the winter. Her parents have leased number 33 Calle Salud.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkins left Palma on Friday for the Hotel Formentor where they plan on spending four or five days. Mr. Wilkins denied the rumour that he was taking with him half a dozen electric irons with which to further the campaign he is now running for the Gas and Electric Co.

Maurice of the Paris Bar is quite ill at home, also on the sick list is Mrs. Catherine Hutter who has been in bed for the past week with typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beardsley entertained at tea in their home the Villa Teresa, Calle Polverin, on Friday. They had as their guests: Mrs. Crocker of California, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Freyberg, Mr. and Mrs. Macintyre, Mme. De Heuck, Mme. de Marguerie and Mr. Roos.

Mrs. Ellen Root entertained the poker fiends at her home Friday evening. After a delicious supper the party settled down to a few hours intensive play. Among the optimists who drew to inside

straights and failed to connect were: Mr. and Mrs. Nobel Clay, Sr. Jose Rulz and Mrs. Dora Raffloer. The Press was also represented.

Mr. L. Ray Ogden head of the Ecole Internationale at Porto-Pi is in Ibiza getting a little well earned rest after a year of the school and the summer camp. He is looking forward to a full year

again as quite a number of new children have already been registered for next term.

Miss Brenda Dean Paul, who used to be one of the most talked about young women in England, is reported to be coming to Mallorca, with her brother Napier. They have been living in an old farmhouse in Surrey, and Miss Paul is very much improved in health. She has just completed her autobiography, entitled «My First Life.»

Lady Clifford has arrived on the island, and is staying with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. St. Aubyn, at Can Senoryda.

Recent arrivals are Mr. Thomas Weguelin, the well known actor and his wife, who have gone out to Paguera.

We regret that we forgot to mention last week that Colonel Bowen has resigned the secretaryship of the Alcudia Golf Club. and his resignation has been accepted.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorr Newton left last night for Barcelona to take their son by

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motor to Gibraltar, from where he will sail on the Rex for the United States. On their way they plan to stop at Granada, Cordoba and Sevilla and expect to return directly here by boat from Cadiz. They have been entertaining a houseparty of young people among whom were: George Tyler of Philadelphia, the Señoritas Muntados of Barcelona, Señorita Maruja Equilor daughter of the Conde de Illa of Vich and D. Jose Maria

Balaguer, son of the Baron Ovilvar. Also among the guests was the Marques of Coscojuela from Barcelona.

Bordados Nell, the well known shop on the Borne will be open only during the afternoons from Monday September 3rd until the fifteenth of the month.

IBIZAN INTERLUDES

Among the recent arrivals on our Island are: Mr. Georges Balard who comes from Algiers, Mrs. Llois Margaret from England, Miss Martha Crocker and Miss Harley Perkins Americans. Also landing here recently are: Mr. John Francis, Miss Catherine Holland, Mr. Charles Alan Meed, Mr. and Mrs. William Tristes and Mrs. Rodney.

Among the diversions of the Santa Eulalians is the nightly bridge game at the Hotel Royalty. Some of those ranking with or slightly below Culbertson are: Mr. Elliot Paul, Miss Marie Hoover, Mrs. Erica

Siegfried, Mr. Jack Iams and Mrs. Emma Gramkow.

The youngest seafarer to reach here lately is Captain Harrison's small daughter Jill, She is three, and made the trip from Palma here alone.

Mrs. O'Brien Davidson who with her two daughters has been with us for the past few weeks is returning to California shortly. She is taking back with her two very old Ibizan costumes.

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Amazonia - The Big Forest

By Algot Lange

Editor's Note. This is the first part of an account by Mr. Algot Lange, a resident of Ibiza, of his adventures as an explorer and timber cruiser in the great tropical forests of Brazil and the East Indies. Further instalments will be published in succeeding weeks.

AMAZONIA, The mighty Amazon river and surrounding territory is and will forever remain the World's wildest and least known region. It covers an area of about 2 million square miles and consisting as it does of water and forest it supports hardly one million inhabitants of which the greater part lives in the two larger cities, Para and Manaos, capitals of their respective states.

Maybe, some day in the future, in centuries to come when the world's population cannot support itself within its own boundaries and must expand into new countries, then, — this immense forest will make room for the masses of several nations.

But not before, — because Amazonia is no health resort or a place to go for the enjoyment of life, but only for those who know no better or who have to. My personal memories extending over about 8 years of sojourn, in part on the Lower Amazon and partly in the upper regions 2400 miles from the mouth, cannot point out one single, completely healthy human individual: Malaria and many other diseases caused by the equatorial, moisture-saturated swamp climate, demands its severe toll from all those who dare to enter the big forest.

The Lure of Rubber

First and last it was Rubber that called the attention of the world to Amazonia. In those days we called the rubber «the green gold». Those were the moneydrunk days of 1910. Rubber was then worth \$2 to 3 per kilo, now it is a small fraction of that sum. Those were the happy days when the simple half-wild rubbercutter «seringueiro» from the forests would come down to Manaos with a ton or so of rubber, drink nothing but champagne for a month and only move about in highpower cars surrounded by imported jazzbabies. Then— back to the turbid waters of the Amazon. Yes— The Governor of the State of Amazonas those days had built a splendid Operahouse, about the size of the Opera Comique in Paris, whose gilt dome to this day reflects the equatorial sun's rays, splendid to behold to the wary traveller who comes sailing up the Amazon. No legitimate Company has ever performed in this monumental building which cost the State some 6 million dollars. I was in it once when people from the nearby fishmarket had taken possession, after first having chased out a few middlesized boa constrictors, from the orchestra of this misplaced glory.

Those were the days when we paid for a bottle of beer at «upriver» prices, beer about 80 degrees warm and costing 10,000 reis or at the rate of exchange of those days about 3.33 dollars. All that is changed now. Rubber is down.

It is a country of unlimited possibilities, but up to the present the physical difficulties are so great

that but scant results have been obtained in any direction. As regarding fertility and for natural overwhelming abundance there is no other place on earth. But, the big forest does not want to be disturbed, it punishes those who try to invade the great, brooding solitude. The last two score years can name several great enterprises, big capital and many human lives lost and with no worth-while results as reward.

The Cost in Lives

How many hundreds of human lives did not the famous Madeira Mamore Railroad cost? How many terrible mistakes did not the first engineers arriving there commit, to build the railroad that was to connect that immense hinterland of Matto Grosso in Central Brazil with the Madeira river and thereby the Amazon and the outside world? Those were the famous days when the engineers ordered shiploads of railroad ties from Australia, when the forests through which they had to run their lines contain immense quantities of the strong hardwoods they needed. It is as bad as importing almonds into the Balears.

There are those who can yet remember how foreigners, skilled laborers imported from the States and Germany, unable to stand the climate and the special living conditions, found themselves forced to escape on big lografts, and for weeks float down the Madeira river their number reduced from 125 to 32, from fever and eating-sores, finally arriving at Manaos.

Another glorious example was the Moju Rubber Plantation which had the honor of being the first attempt of planting and cultivating the rubber plants. Unfortunately the great eastern rubber plantations, commenced to flourish propagated from seeds originally brought over from this country, so this attempt also had to die. All these great Amazonian undertakings succumbed, as if choked by the jungle. At the present moment there is a great industrial activity on the Tocantins river. Henry Ford himself is working a great rubber-plantation. Only time will tell how this will pan out. Maybe, but there is nothing that exhausts and eats up human energy as the big Amazon forest, as it is called locally,—A Matta Virgen.

To me, who lived and worked there for 8 long years, in the pursuit of the study of nature in general and the business of lumber production in particular, this big forest embodies all that is tremendous in the conception of vegetation, and it works on the average human mind like nothing else. 90 per cent of my contemporaries left their bones down there; there are at least nine graves which I know are inundated every six months.

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Little Yellow Cat

By Felix

The trouble with animals is that when they are in pain, they can't tell you where it hurts; so when we heard a plaintive yowl from little yellow cat, and he came into the room dragging one hind leg, I thought he had probably broken it, but lacked the anatomical skill to know for certain.

I rang up the Vet., but got no reply. Then I called a German doctor, whom I knew loved cats, and he promised to come. Meanwhile, poor Perry showed us that his lungs at least were undamaged. All my cats are named after bullfighters, and Perry is short for Jaime Pericas.

The doctor diagnosed a broken thigh. It was almost impossible to hold Perry still enough for it to be set, so we asked the doctor next door if he would anaesthetize him. He gave him a shot of Hyoscine, which although it made him drowsy, didn't put him right to sleep.

However, the two doctors set the leg, but in ten minutes Perry had got all the bandages off, and was dragging his broken leg about, yowling piteously.

He had another shot of the drug, and this time we managed to bandage the leg tight and flat against his stomach. The bandage was still in place in the morning, and the doctor says if we can keep it on for a week, the broken leg will heal. So we are hoping our little yellow cat will soon be himself again. But it is pitiful to hear him cry.

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