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A Psychological Moment

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THE week just ended has seen the passing from the political scene of Central Europe of one of the outstanding figures of this era. Joseph Clement Pilsudski, the brilliant and beloved dictator who had done more than any other man to bring back his country's greatness when the Treaty of Versailles once more enrolled Poland officially among the nations, died in the little Belvedere Palace at Warsaw on the night of May 13th, and all his country is in mourning, officially for six weeks, actually as long as the memory of his work shall live.

Poland's Loss

It is at a critical moment in the history of Poland that she has lost her greatest man. Europe, and indeed the world at large, has been wont to consider that life now moves in such mechanized lines that the death of one man can cause but a temporary delay in international affairs; but now, if ever, this theory will be put to a sharp test. Pilsudski's genius had built a strong nation, created and trained one of the finest armies in Europe, and defended that strange anomaly, the Dantzig corridor, against all the subtle diplomatic attacks of recent years. Prussia, divided in two parts by the corridor, had looked hungrily upon that strip of land which preserved Poland's outlet to the sea, but had not quite dared to grasp it by force. Furthermore, while the guiding star of all Pilsudski's life has been the resurrection of his country, and her restoration to her ancient glories, his enmity has been more markedly directed against Russia, whether Tsarist or Bolshevik, than against either of the other empires which shared with her in the great crime of the eighteenth century, and the general impression has been that in some way he would arrive at a satisfactory arrangement with the Nazi government.

The Dividing Corridor

The Franco-Soviet treaty was signed almost on the eve of his death. France has been for many generations the friend of Poland, and this alliance with Poland's open enemy bade fair to create the most difficult problem of the many which the Marshal had to face. Hitler's friendly gestures, on the other hand, were all too thin a camouflage for the German desire to abolish that dividing corridor. Poland found herself hemmed in between conflicting national ambitions on the part of all her neighbours.

It is obvious that an alliance between France and Russia, in view of their geographical situations, will not become an active one unless one or the other of them should be engaged in a war with Germany. If this should come to pass, although happily such an event looks at the moment less likely than it did a few months ago, Poland would find herself a barrier to the unified manoeuvres of the allies. Her position, with regard to them, would be worse, if possible, than was that of Belgium in 1914. Neutrality would be almost an impossibility. Yet what could she do? Her fine army would be of the first help to Germany in such a case. Allied to Germany, the Dantzig corridor would present no difficulty for the time being. The jigsaw puzzle of the Baltic states would be joined temporarily.

Strained Relations

On the other hand, how could Poland take up arms against her closest and oldest friend, France? No matter what practical advantages might appear to lie in an alliance with Germany, the Polish character and tradition alike forbid such a change of front. There is also the other very practical danger, the ever-present menace, that whether from an ally or from an enemy, Germany must logically try to regain that fatal corridor. Whichever road she chooses to follow Poland seems doomed to be the loser.

The present situation looks like a hopeless impasse. To most students of international affairs there is no possible solution; yet a solution must be found, or the peace of the world is again and continually in jeopardy. It is not jingoism to speak of the Dantzig corridor as a provoker of war, for it is an undeniable thing that of all the muddles caused by the Treaty of Versailles this one is the most unnatural, and the one most inevitably leading to friction. The great Marshal could never have died at a moment when Poland would feel his loss more. It was possible that his talents could even have surmounted this obstacle, could have pointed a way to lose no friendships and no territory, although it is beyond the possibility of guessing in what way he could have brought such a thing about.

It is Hitler's move now. It is unofficially announced that he will attend the Marshal's funeral, but this is doubtful. The world will watch with very serious interest to see whose hands take up Pilsudski's baton, and in what way.

REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S NEWS

On Monday last Abyssinia sent a note to the League of Nations declaring that «Italy's military preparations leave no room for doubt as to the hostile intentions of the royal Italian government.»

Berlin Cabarets Closed

Two Berlin cabarets, the «Katakombe» and the «Tingeltangel» have been closed by the Secret Police at the instance of Dr. Goebbels, for «making German affairs ridiculous». Some of the performers have been sent to do «honest and solid work in a camp».

Washington News

President Roosevelt, after his welcome on behalf of the nation to Admiral Byrd and members of his Antarctic exploring expedition, departed with a few friends for a Maryland trout stream, there, it is said, to consider his next move in a situation which daily becomes more baffling to the observer.

The Stolen Van Eyck

The Bishop of Ghent has offered a reward of 25,000 francs to any person or persons who can give information leading to the discovery of the exterior panel from the Van Eyck altarpiece of the Cathedral of St. Bavo, stolen on April 11th. 1934, by a banker named Arsene Goedertert, who died without disclosing the place where he had hidden the famous painting.

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day from Alexis Mdivani, one time Prince of the now defunct Georgian state. He was «mentally cruel». She was re-married at once to Count Kurt von Haugwitz Reventlow, Danish nobleman.

Washington Ready

On Tuesday night Secretary of the Treasury of the United States Henry Morgenthau, Jr., gave a talk which put clearly for the first time America's attitude on monetary stabilization. It was a blunt speech, given with little regard for diplomacy. Mr. Morgenthau said: «The world should know that when it is ready to seek the stabilization of foreign exchange Washington will not be an obstacle.» But, furthermore, he pointed out that if the present race of devaluation goes on the United States is ready to keep pace and will continue to devalue the dollar as far as may be necessary.

Sport

The first tournament of the London Polo season began at Hurlingham last week, Chamford beating the 7th. Hussars by 8 goals to 2, in the opening for the cup presented by Mr. Harry Payne Whitney to commemorate the first victory of the United States for the Westchester Cup in 1909. This year is the tournament's Silver Jubilee.....

The first round of the greyhound racing for the «Gold Collar» was run over 540 yards flat for 650 pounds at Catford Stadium last night.... Mr. O. V. Watney's 4-year-old colt Wynchwood Abbot, and Mr. A. Savile's 4-year-old filly British Quota ran a dead heat for the Kempton Park Great Jubilee Handicap.... Australia won from New Zealand in the first round of Davis Cup play.

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Lawrence of Arabia

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His mother is a missionary in China, as was his brother. Mr. Shaw's ups and downs in an army career of great courage, initiative and gallant silence in the face of such situations as would make the strongest man inclined to be garrulous, have woven around him a bright cloak of romantic interest. What some people may not know so well is that he has devoted his entire life to the promotion of speed. During his time as a pilot in the Royal Air Force he has suffered two or three crashes, the most sensational occurring in Italy, while bringing several people back from Arabia; he was the sole survivor. He has had thirty-three bones broken. Recently he has been testing motor-cycles for an English firm, which gives plenty of scope to his passion for speed, the firm presenting him with a machine every six months.

Mr. Shaw, who is now 47, has been discharged from the R. A. F. owing to his age, and does not like the idea at all. He has been living in a country cottage at Moreton, in Dorset, with only his motor-cycling to give him a taste of his dashing past.

Last Monday morning he was out with a machine. When a few miles from Wool, also in Dorset, a serious accident occurred. Mr. Shaw was removed to the hospital at Bovington Camp, where it was found that his skull was fractured; he has been unconscious ever since, but is at the moment believed to be improving.

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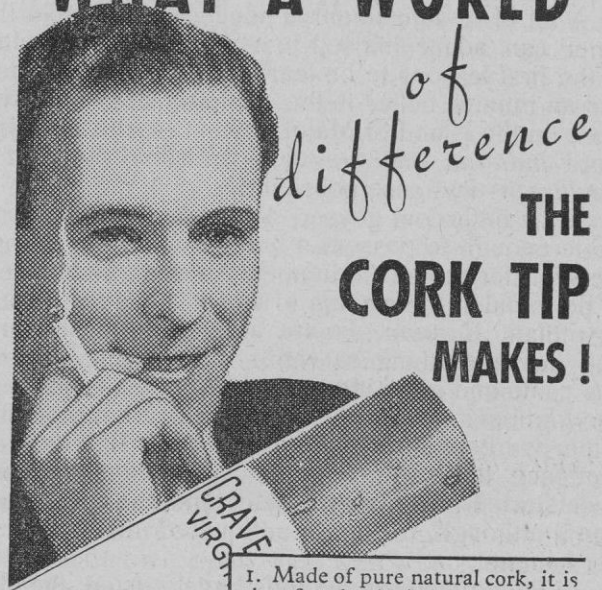
The pros and cons of Esperanto were being discussed recently by a group of world-state enthusiasts, many of them saying that not only was Esperanto as difficult to learn as any foreign language, but also gave one the feeling experienced by a young colt suddenly led into a busy street. Followed a detailed discussion of words in different languages, particularly French. Some rather amusing results were obtained when somebody (undoubtedly for the benefit of somebody else) literally translated some English phrases into the language of Molière.

For example: "Shut up" is *fermez en haut*, "Pull yourself together" — *tirez vous ensemble*, and "I am left behind" becomes *je suis gauche derriere*. Somebody else contributed the translation of the well-known notice in German railway-compartments: "The outleaning of the body from the window is strictly forbidden on account of the therewith-bound-up life danger."

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A lot of re-adjustment is needed before a Northerner can adapt himself to a Southern clime. One of the first lessons to be learned is that of patience and an infinite belief in the promise of to-morrow. Here on the Island of Majorca we use the Spanish word *mañana*, and the very drawing sound of it conveys its immense possibilities.

If the bathroom geyser—of those who are fortunate enough to possess a bathroom—goes wrong, we send for the local plumber. As often as not he's to be found in the cinema of which he is the proud custodian. *Mañana*, we are assured, he will come and put everything to rights. But when *mañana* has come and gone it's still *mañana* and the geyser continues to alarm us with explosive hiccoughs. Other workers show the same *Alice in Wonderland* tendency, but, contrary to the usual belief, the work once started progresses rapidly and the results are good, although, owing to antiquated material, not permanent.

In Palma modern methods have ousted the old, but here in Soller the primitive weights and measures are still used in the smaller shops.

When we buy our milk we measure it by the *mano* or hand—the width of the hand with the fingers closed, one hand roughly measuring a breakfast cup. We do not buy our material by the metre but by *palmos* or palm.

We talk of *duros* and *reales* instead of pesetas and centimos and learn to multiply by five or divide by four with extraordinary rapidity.

Here in Soller, we have each year in the month

of May our biggest fête—the *Fiesta de la Victoria*. It is one of the most picturesque of these island affairs and one to which all look forward eagerly.

On May 11th, 1561, the Moorish pirates descended on the tiny port of Soller in search of slaves and live stock. Soller Town stands inland from its seaport about three miles, and the defenders deemed it better to wait for the invaders at a bridge about half way to the town. Their task was made easier by the collapse of the bridge under the massed advance of the Moors, and the pirates were driven back to their ships. Two girls, Catalina and Francisca Casanova, were alone in their home when a couple of stray pirates in search of loot entered their house. The girls defended themselves so stoutly that they killed both the Moors. All of this ancient history is re-enacted every year in the second week of May.

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Spanish Academy Honours Baroja

The *Ultima Hora*, on Wednesday last, published a photograph showing the profile of a bearded and bespectacled Spaniard of sixty-three summers standing before a microphone. It was the realistic novelist Pio Baroja y Nessi, now elected a member of the Spanish Academy—one of the most coveted honours in Spain.

Born at San Sebastian in the land of the Basque, son of the song-writer and librettist Serafin Baroja (1840-1912), and brother of Ricardo Baroja, painter and engraver, Pio Baroja studied medicine at the University of Valencia and took his doctorate at Madrid in 1893 at the age of twenty-one. He even practiced medicine in Cestona for about a year, then left Guipuzcoa and went into the baking business with his brother Ricardo. However, he abandoned this for reporting and editorial work.

His travels have taken him to France, Italy and England, and his many novels have been translated into various languages. Among the best known are "The Quest," "Weeds" and "Red Dawn", a trilogy translated into English by Goldberg in 1920, although first appearing in Señor Baroja's original tongue in 1904. "Caesar or Nothing" is another novel, translated by How and published by Knopf in 1919. It tells the story of Cesar Mondada, an individual full of picturesque contradictions, vanities and conceits. *The Boston Transcript* of those days compared Cesar with Turgenev's *Rudin*. *The London Times* said, "The second part has the freshness of dawn after a dreary night."

"Youth and Egotry", introduced by Knopf in 1920, is supposed to be autobiographical. Mencken, in his introduction to this book, remarks that the author is more Spanish than most of his famous contemporaries.

Then came "Lord of Labraz," in 1926 (a resurrection from 1903). "The Tree of Knowledge" was hailed by the *New York Herald Tribune* as one of Baroja's best things, "a rounded and finished attempt to put into fictional form the peculiarly cynical and bitter philosophy which is his own".

The Nation compared Baroja's inventive genius to that of Balzac, and, while the *New Republic* said that certain clinical portions might revolt those with weak stomachs, the *North American Review* pronounced it a realistic corrective for the romantic nonsense usually written about Spain.

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On Friday evening we were passing along the Born when a most divine odour assailed our nostrils. Hot on the trail, we sniffed ourselves inside the «Oasis», along with several busy looking people bearing long cardboard boxes and great, round hampers. The always attractive *salons* were glowing with colour and beauty of form — everywhere we looked were long shelves and cases exhibiting flowers of a shape and size which took us back to the most sophisticated shows we have ever seen, dispelling all mundane worries in a mist of perfumed glory. We long to tell you of the various exhibits—each a still-life in itself—but as this paper may come out before the Governor Civil officially opens the show, together with the Mayor of Palma and General Godet, we are bound to keep the heavy secret until the beauties have been judged, and the numerous prizes offered by local associations and stores awarded.

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To Save Life

By Bertram Galbraith

We all hope that we will never be called upon to see anyone sinking helplessly before us and looking to us for aid. But it might happen, and it is as well to be prepared.

The first and most important thing is to keep cool. Remember that swimming is slow, and a last resort. If the victim is far away, see if a boat is not close with oars and locks. If near at hand, see if a pole or a leg or a cork ring will not answer the purpose. But if all else fails, what then?

A drowning victim should be approached from behind and on the surface, assuming that the struggles are still visible. Often the victim makes a sound like the drain on an ancient bathtub and usually bubbles are to be seen to guide the rescuer in spacing his surface dive, which should be commenced about one metre from the bubbles. If, on the other hand, the victim is on the surface and continues to present his face to the rescuer the only safe method of approach is a surface dive to the knees and the victim brought up sharply to the about face. Then place the left hand on the left shoulder, momentarily, push the buttocks to the surface with the right. Slip the left hand over the left shoulder, across the chest and under the right dorsal muscle, instructing the victim to grasp the left arm if he wants to do so. Then the rescuer places his hip in the small of the back of the victim and swims with him to safety, using a side scissor thrash of the legs and a backward sweep of the arm under the victim, retrieving the paddling arm along the chest of the swimmer.


Let us now assume that the rescuer is alone with his charge and arrives at the edge of a tank or rock. He places one hand of the victim on the edge, helps himself up on it, hauls himself out with a leg scissor. He then seizes the other hand in the water and «pumps» him up and down until the momentum permits the thighs to reach the edge when the victim is suddenly tilted forward on the «upholstery» of the thighs, and is thereupon soon manoeuvred into a prone position if artificial respiration should be necessary.

It is always wise to send for a doctor in cases of loss of consciousness, but first aid should be immediately administered. Remember that people have been revived after twenty or thirty minutes

immersion. If no pulmotor is available, remove the wet clothing, apply heat to the extremities, allow no crowd of people to cut off the air and begin the Schaeffer Method at once. Kneel at and on the outside of each knee of the victim, or at such a position that you can stretch out a straight arm with the «heels» of the hands at the kidneys, just under the ribs, fingers outward on either side. Press upward and not downward. Say to yourself «Out with the water, and in with the air!» And do this continuously in regular cadence, allowing the hands to slip off suddenly after each pressure forward so that the victim gasps the air in through the open mouth, the head lying to one side on one arm. Keep this up for several hours if consciousness is not regained or medical aid is not forthcoming. Do not administer liquids until consciousness has been regained, when a teaspoonful of aromatic spirits of ammonia in a glass of water or hot coffee will not be amiss.

We will now assume that the rescuer has been so incautious as to approach the victim or allow the victim to approach him face to face upon the surface. A drowning person is crazed with fear and has a maniac strength. Remember that four fingers are stronger than one stubby thumb. If he grips your arm *break toward the thumbs!* The writer would now like to go on record at this point as opposed to any blows given by rescuer to victim. Do not add shock to strangulation. The doctor may not thank you for making more work for him to do. If the struggle is too prolonged submersion is recommended as a last resort. But never let go of the victim, once approached. He will lose confidence and may seize his retreating rescuer from the rear. The only smart break for this grip is a wrestler's throw over the head. The front strangle hold is broken by ducking the head to the side and jamming up on the crazy-bone of one of the encircling arms with the heel of the hand... quickly slip behind and into the cross chest carry as indicated above.

(This is the second of two articles by Mr. Galbraith, who was an Examiner for the American Red Cross Life Saving Division, has instructed many Life Guards and saved several lives.)

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- TIVOLI**—Raquel Meller heads the bill in a good variety show.
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Cinemas

- URQUINAONA**—Marion Davies and Robert Montgomery in *The Blonde from the Follies*, and Conchita Piquer in *Yo Canto Para Ti*.
- FANTASIO**—Ginger Rogers, Dick Powell and Pat O'Brien in *20 Million Sweethearts*.
- MARYLAND**—Anna May Wong in *Java Head*.
- CATALUÑA**—Edmund Lowe and Victor McLaglen in *Under Pressure*.
- CAPITOL**—Ann Harding and John Boles in *Nobody's Daughter*.
- METROPOL**—*Melody in Blue*.
- COLISEUM**—Ann Harding in *The Right to Romance*.
- FEMINA**—*Night Life of the Gods*.
- KURSAAL**—Myrna Loy and Clark Gable in *Public Enemy Number 1*.
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- Teas, sandwiches, etc.**—Granja Catalana-Soda Fountain and Hot sandwiches, good tea (Rda. San Pedro). Restaurant Casa Jorba, good tea; Bar Nuria, hot sandwiches. Bar Canaletas, hot sandwiches. Automatic Bars (2 in Ramblas) all kinds of sandwiches. Good moderate-priced cocktails at Boadas, top of Ramblas, including «Daiquiri».
- 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 good Spanish dancing can often be seen at these places and also at the Excelsior in the Ramblas.

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It is not often that we draw the notice of our lady readers with a description of the latest modern scientific invention, but there is always the exception to prove every rule, and we think that Lastex is this exception. Every woman who has tried this almost magical material, which stretches both up and down and from side to side, is enthusiastic in its praise, and we have heard more than one lamentation over the fact that it was not yet to be obtained in Spain.

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About Barcelona

We are happy to announce the birth, on Monday, 13th May, of a daughter, Mary Lane, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Guillette, of Casablanca, Morocco. Mrs. Guillette before her marriage was Miss Dorothy Bigham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bigham of Barcelona. Mr. Guillette is with General Motors Peninsular.

Peter George St. Noble, son of Mr. and Mrs. George St. Noble, Jr., was christened at Saint George's Church on Thursday morning, and immediately afterwards a christening party to celebrate the event was given by Mrs. George St. Noble Sr., at her home in Bonanova.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Muir Whitehill left Barcelona on Friday to drive to London, whence they will sail to spend the summer with Mrs. Whitehill's family at North Haven, Maine. They were accompanied by their two small daughters, Joanella and Diana. They expect to return to their home in Barcelona in the early autumn.

Consul and Mrs. Curtis C. Jordan, formerly of Barcelona, and now stationed in Madrid, sailed from Málaga on Saturday to spend their holidays in the United States.

Mrs. Henry Slade entertained a small bridge party at her home on Thursday night.

«Bubi» Mayer, tennis champion of Spain, has gone to Paris to play in the international tournament now taking place in the Stade Roland Garros.

Miss Georgia Welch was hostess at a cocktail house warming on Saturday afternoon, in the new home which she and her mother have taken in Tres Torres.

Mrs. Angier was the hostess at a bridge party on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Sidney Horan, of Hispano-Foxfilms, has sailed for a flying visit to the United States.

Mr. Darling has returned from London.

The Barcelona Lawn Tennis Club is giving a cocktail party to-day, Sunday, at their clubhouse in Bonanova.

Barcelona winter sport enthusiasts held a large reunion tea at Casa Libre on Thursday afternoon. Practically all the ski experts from La Molina and Nuria gathered together to exchange anecdotes of the past winter's sport and make plans for more and better skiing next winter.

At the close of their fortnight's season at the Liceo, the Russian ballet will go to Valencia for two days, thence to Madrid for the balance of the week, and are then going to Covent Garden, London, to fulfill a three months' engagement.

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A Backward Glance

Barcelona is a place of great antiquity, and the accumulation of many historical events has built into the city an atmosphere of mystery and dignity. Local tradition fixes the date of its foundation 400 years before the Romans, and it is said to have been refounded by Hamilcar Barca, the father of Hannibal, from whom its ancient name, Barcino, was derived. An important city under the Romans, Goths and Moors, Barcelona became an independent sovereignty in 878 under a Christian chief whose descendants continued to govern it, and to hold the titles of Counts of Barcelona until the 12th century, when its ruler adopted the title of King of Aragon.

During the middle ages, Barcelona became a flourishing seaport, rivalled as a port in the Mediterranean by Genoa only. To its commercial code, framed in the 13th. century, much deference was paid by the whole of Europe, and it was at this time «a city of commerce, conquest and courtiers; of taste, learning and luxury; and the Athens of the troubadour».

It is interesting to note that it was one of the first cities of Spain into which printing was introduced, and here also a ship was launched in 1543, which was moved by means of steam. In 1705 the fortress of Montjuich was surprised and captured by Lord Peterborough, and the city surrendered shortly afterwards, Napoleon perfideously obtained possession of Barcelona in 1808, and, in the face of great difficulties, it was held by the French until the peace treaty was concluded in Paris in 1814. In 1827 the old turbulent spirit of Barcelona returned, and it rose in favour of Don Carlos. Since then many uprisings have dotted its history until quite recently, but, the city generally supporting the government, Barcelona is now a tranquil and prosperous city.

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Not being very seagoing the things that impressed this department probably pass as a matter of fact among mariners. The spacious bridge with all its gadgets. Things that do everything apparently except jumping overboard.

We were all considerably impressed by the first class dining-room, and even more so by what they served us. We went through breakfast from melon to kippers with gallons of coffee and cream. All in all it was a grand trip, and here's thanks to the line.

OF PERSONAL INTEREST

It was sort of «old home week» out at the track last Sunday for Harry Firbanks and Harold Davies. They both left at the close of the afternoon bent over from the weight of the loot which they carried away. Harry started off the afternoon with a modest bet of two pesetas on a *quiniela* or combination of dogs for first and second place. This only paid him 106-2 and he was a bit disappointed. His next was better, and he and Harold Davies split 975 pesetas between them for backing their guess as to which two dogs would finish one and two. For practically anybody this would have been enough but to round off the afternoon Mr. Firbanks risked 20 pesetas on a pony, he was a favourite so only netted the plunger 76 pesetas. The winners were paid almost entirely in silver, but Lena was glad to get the change. You'd be surprised how much silver it takes to buy champagne.

Dr. Trautner of Puerto Pollensa, known throughout the length and breadth of the Island as «Traut» rolled into Palma in his chariot on Wednesday. With him he brought Mr. McNamus, Mrs. Fritz Lyons and the Tattens. During the War, in many of Harry Tatten's sorties «over the top», McNamus was alongside him and naturally they became fast friends. During the following years they gradually lost sight of each other—only to find themselves unexpectedly once more side by side at Traut's Bar in the Puerto.

In Pollensa itself, on Jubilee night, Don Sebastián Bota threw open, or rather, closed up—his historic Café Alhambra, and the celebration has been continuing almost nightly ever since. «Uncle Bota» gathered most of his family of *extranjeros* together for champagne and biscuits. Among those he called under his wing were Mrs. MacClellan, Mr. Reginald Mappin, Mrs. Pers, Mr. Ogie, Mr. Deakin, Mrs. Houston and many others.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Dean are leaving the Island... Mrs. E. Shayler is returning to England for the coming of age of her daughter Mary... Señora Juan March-Delgado and her husband have returned from their honeymoon. Their home will be in Madrid, although they will keep on their house here in Mallorca... Mlle. Francine Lutrat and Madame Guertan have arrived at the Majorica Hotel! They will stay a month... Mrs. Gerda Lindeman and her sister Mrs. Killi, with her daughter, are paying a visit to Paguera... Señora Seguy, wife of the Spanish painter, was in Palma with Mrs. Fritz Lyons for a couple of days' shopping this week...

Mrs. Cleo Cottrell, popular member of the foreign colony, left yesterday for England and home. Her plans for the future are vague but we suspect that autumn will see her back here once more.

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Mrs. Schraeder, Mrs. Crowell and Mrs. Fryberg.

Col. «Tim» Fitzgerald departs from this Isle of Sunshine towards the end of the month for his home at Elsted.

Among those to take advantage of the exceptionally low rates and the wonderful sea trip the Export Lines are now offering with their cargo ships were the Beardsleys, who left here Friday night for Barcelona. From there they will sail on the *Exporter* on the 20th for New York and their home in Chicago.

The Firkbanks-Davies team were not the only ones on whom Lady Luck has recently smiled. Mr. Peter John MacCormack, *bon vivant* and man-about-town, had a winning number in the May 11th lottery. We understand that with his winnings he plans to present Arenal with a new town pump.

We hear from our scout in Pollensa of lots going on in that outpost. The Barleys have left for England... Baron and Baronne von Behr have taken the Hutchinson house and gave a large house warming last Thursday... Mrs. Banting and Major Johnston were seen enjoying the excellent fare at the Restaurant Maxim on Tuesday... Miss Nevin has finally persuaded herself to leave the charms of San Vicente and return to England. The little pink house is desolate... The Tattens were among the hardy survivors of a *soirée* at Traut's early in the week.

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Mrs. de Prizer picked up her toothbrush and dashed off to spend a night at Cala Ratjada recently. She returned sunburnt and radiant.

Miss Gill Lyall was seen off to England by sorrowing friends on Thursday. She hinted at the possibility of great news reaching the Island shortly from her particular part of the world, and we're holding all wires open.

Lady Sheppard of Fornalutx has left for the mainland. She is making a motor tour of the Continent with her son, who is on leave from India. Lady Sheppard hopes to reach Scotland in August for the shooting.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Clegg of La Ribassa, Fornalutx, left for England yesterday with their small son Peter. They expect to return in September. Mr. Clegg is a well know architect, and their house, which he bought and remodelled himself is one of the most attractive on the Island.

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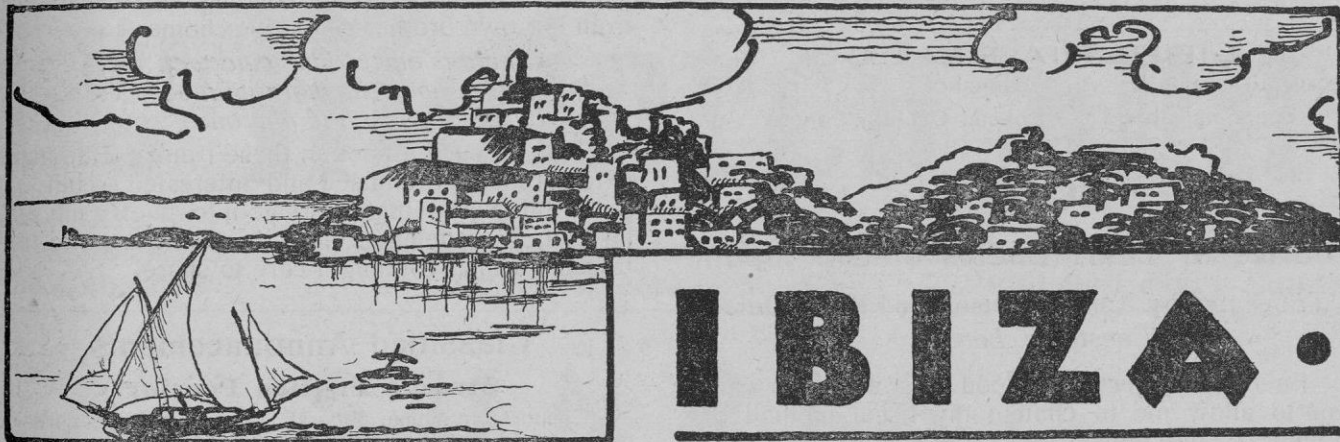
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Doing much to decorate our harbour is the beautiful yacht *Poisson Sorcier*. Her owner, M. R. Leon is on board. M. Leon was a former director of the Casino at Monte Carlo.

Pedro Kainer, son of Mrs. Schneider-Kainer and his fiancée, Miss Satiér, are making a two weeks' visit here. After his holiday he will resume his architectural work at Cala D'Or.

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BOOKS

Diaries of Court Ladies of Old Japan

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(Constable. London.)

Feeling in a perverse mood this week, I want you to allow me to change my usual method of reviewing the latest books obtainable upon the Island (which a great many of you have read anyway), and take you under my shabby book-worm's cloak to a dim, dusty corner — not of the British Museum, nor Foyle's nor even Brentano's, but of the International Library right here in Terreno — and there put into your hands a torn, faded, modest book which is pure treasure from cover to cover.

The illustrations need no comment, and Amy Lowell says in her introduction- «While these Japanese ladies were writing, Greece and Rome had been, but their greatness had passed away and Europe was in the full blackness of her darkest ages.» While Canute was sitting on the shore telling the waves to retire, the Diary of Sarashina gives us a letter to her old nurse, asking for news of a lost sister:

*«Like the comfortless plover of the beach
In the sand printing characters soon to be
washed away,
Unable to leave a more enduring trace in
this fleeting world.»*

How to review such prose poems, more shadowy than a dream, yet so strong and cool they have lasted throughout the ages? Lest you might quietly sigh here, and give up, let me suggest at least three reasons why the carefully painted originals of this book, written so long ago, are still delightful reading even in translation—they have humour, commonsense and great beauty. There is a description of medical attention given to a Princess, when she suddenly presented her mate with an heir during a perilous journey, which might be useful to know about even nowadays. Then, with things royal in our minds at the moment, it is curious to note that all the centuries between the old Japanese Court and, say, Buckingham Palace have not changed the manners of men considerably—«*People nowadays go out as ladies-in-waiting, and then fortunate opportunities (for marriage) are naturally numerous; why not try it?*» (page 42). And again, a Prince who loved a Lady, but found difficulties in his way, wrote her:»

*«The way of meeting is not god-forbidden.
But I am on the seat of the Law
And cannot leave it.»*

Her answer:

*«Then will I go thither to seek you.
Only do you enlarge the seat!»*

Then, after marriage, when the same Prince proved unfaithful to her, the Princess could not console herself when she thought «how much people who made talk about nothing were gossiping.» Yet, as it was an unfit time to say anything,

she kept silence, merely sending herself a letter from her own brother calling her home.

*«There is one of like mind with me,
Musing upon the morning moon.
But no way to find him out.»*

To read such a book in these troublesome times is to be soothed, amused and interested — but if I go on this way I might break into poetry myself, instead of just telling you of the discovery of a true treasure which you might care to share.

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