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 March 23, S. S. ORONSAY. May 2, S. S. OTRANTO.

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FIRST SPANISH REPUBLIC

CEREMONIES IN MADRID

DECORATIONS

MADRID, Tuesday

The sixty-second anniversary of the proclamation of the short-lived First Republic of Spain was celebrated here and throughout the country yesterday.

Don Juan José Rocha, Minister of State, presided over the first ceremony of the day here. It consisted of handing diplomas to several newly appointed members of the Order of the Republic, and took place at the Ministry of State at 11:30 a.m.

Don P'o Diaz, former mayor of Jaca, received the sash of the order. Señor Diaz held the mayoralty of the Aragonese city at the time of the proclamation of the Second Republic in 1931, and performed valuable services to the movement as president of the local revolutionary committee.

Other degrees of the Order were conferred on Don Miguel Tato Amat and Don Bernardo Gradillas Gamonedá, journalists, Señor Gómez Bardaji and Doctor Jaime Ezquerdo. Señor Rocha also handed the silver medal of the Order of the Republic to several ushers of the Cortes and officials of the Ministry of State.

Civil Guard Honoured

Señores Lerroux, Premier, and Vaquero, Home Minister, and the Governor of Madrid province were present at 1 p.m. when Señor Rocha handed to General Bedia, Inspector General of the Civil Guard, the decree granting the cravat of the Order of the Republic to the flag of that corps.

The Minister of State recalled

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CATHOLIC FIGHT

BISHOP'S SERMON ON NAZIS

MUNICH, Tuesday

In a sermon against the semi-official Nazi campaign to get rid of Catholic and Protestant schools in Bavaria the fearless and embattled Cardinal Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, held the threat of excommunication over the heads of Nazi leaders in his episcopate.

The sermon was heard by Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, who still retains a considerable following despite the coming of the Third Reich and the amalgamation of German states, and numerous church dignitaries.

The sermon, the dignitaries and the prince were given a resounding ovation of approval by the large crowd which attended Cardinal Faulhaber's service.

The sermon was but another step in the battle against interference in the affairs of the church by the state. A movement against Catholics was started some time ago in Germany, the persecution and attempts at suppression following the lines of the attack on the Jews.

The trouble achieved proportions the summer before last, when a Catholic Journeyman Workers' Congress was attacked at their convention in Munich, many of the young participants being severely beaten for carrying banners in apparent defiance of an order which they did not know existed.

It was pointed out at the time that Herr Hitler was a Catholic and was countenancing such attacks, but the accusation had no effect.

The Reich Leader appointed a State Bishop, Herr Mueller, to consolidate and take over all matters of religion and organize them along Nazi lines. Considerable opposition to this plan and to the army man who was detailed to carry it out was aroused at once.

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ULTIMATUM TO ETHIOPIA

ITALY PREPARING WAR

MOBLISATION

ROME, Tuesday

The possibility of the Italian Government's addressing an ultimatum to Ethiopia in case relations between the two countries are further strained was intimated by a spokesman of the Foreign Ministry here yesterday.

The mobilisation of two Italian reserve divisions was officially confirmed here yesterday. The decision appears to indicate that the most recent Italo-Ethiopian incident may have serious consequences.

The Government here is understood to be determined to «re-establish order completely» on the Ethiopian border. A series of military measures is evidently being planned in East Africa.

The mobilisation of the reservists is affirmed in official circles to be caused by the repeated skirmishes in the frontier districts. It is stressed however that the divisions will not be sent overseas for the time being, but are to be held in readiness for the event of further complications.

Repeated Attacks

Rumours that strong Italian forces are being massed in Eritrea and Italian Somaliland along the Ethiopian frontiers are vigorously denied here, being described as «vastly exaggerated». It is added however that repeated Ethiopian attacks have convinced the Government of the necessity of taking precautionary measures in order adequately to defend Italian colonial territory, especially in view of the clearly perceptible unrest in the Ethiopian border regions.

For that reason, it is stated, the available military forces have been concentrated at strategic points along the frontier. These measures are described as being of a purely defensive nature.

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CRUISER

The cruiser Oscar II of the Royal Swedish Navy arrived in the Port of Palma yesterday morning. The officers of the vessel were invited to a tea given in their honour at the Tennis Club at 5 p.m., and other arrangements for the entertainment of the ship's company are being made by the Swedish Consul and other members of the Swedish colony in Palma.

JAPANESE PROTEST

SPEECH OF GENERAL SMUTS CRITICIZED

TOKIO, Tuesday

Violent criticism was aroused in the Japanese press yesterday by General Jan Smuts' pleas for political cooperation between the United States and Great Britain against Japan.

The entire Japanese press gives great prominence to the South African Premier's recent speech on the situation in the Pacific. Needless to say all of the articles and leaders are replete with scathing criticisms.

According to the consensus of opinion expressed, however, the offensive against Japan's receiving naval parity with the other great powers will not lead to war.

This opinion is held since the Japanese government has already publicly declared its willingness to cooperate peacefully with the great powers in the Pacific question, and will stick to that attitude.

It is emphasized that Japan has no intention of engaging in an armaments race in the Pacific if her interests are not threatened. Nevertheless it is recalled that the Japanese naval maneuvers last year were daringly held in Pacific waters, as if to challenge the other nations and to prove that Japan was holding herself in readiness for a definite attack or defense in that quarter.

Since the Japanese demands were coldly and definitely denied at the London Naval Conversations last year which were held to be a preliminary to the Washington Conference to be held this year, the Japanese have been more than usually touchy on the naval question.

The Big Navy party in Japan, which has always been strong, is now even stronger than ever because of the opposition of the United States, Great Britain, France

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STRANGE TRICK ON BRITISH CRUISER

DISTRESS CALL ANSWERED

GREETINGS ONLY

LONDON, Tuesday

The cruiser Australia, which homeward bound with the Duke of Gloucester aboard appears to have been the victim of a practical joke on the part of the American schooner Seth Parker in the Pacific Ocean.

The cruiser received a wireless message that the schooner was in distress in a heavy storm off the Island of Tahiti, whereupon the cruiser immediately altered her course to proceed at full speed to the spot indicated.

On arriving there Sunday morning, however, she found the schooner in perfect condition bearing no trace of any damage. The schooner then signalled the following message: «We wish to greet the Duke of Gloucester and thank the officers and crew of the Australia for their friendly help. We are now all right and your assistance is no longer required. Your arrival produced the same effect as the arrival of a doctor and of complaints disappeared beforehand by anticipation.»

Schooner Broadcasts

Since the schooner is supplied with the American Broadcasting Corporation with reports concerning its cruise it is suspected aboard the Australia that the vessels' alleged «distress» was only a trick devised with the object of furnishing the American public with a dramatic story about meeting a British warship on which a British prince was travelling.

The schooner avoided sending out SOS signals, since she would

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PEPYS DISCOVERY AT CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE, Tuesday

Two new volumes of the celebrated Diary of Samuel Pepys have been discovered in the library of Magdalene College here.

The first cursory examination of the contents of the volumes shows that they are of extraordinary interest. One of them deals with the days of the «Popish Plot»—the imaginary conspiracy «discovered» by the adventurer Titus Oates, which provided one of the greatest sensations of the diarist's lifetime.

The other volume deals with the investigations of King Charles II into the affairs of the Navy Office. It is expected to throw much light on the history of the navy in the Restoration period, for Pepys was in a singularly favourable position for knowing the facts.

His own work at the Navy Office consisted mainly in helping to correct the irregularities discovered in that investigation and attempting to restore a certain degree of efficiency to the Stuart navy. His account both of the task set before him and his colleagues and of the way in which they carried it out is expected to be vastly illuminating both for historians and for those whose chief interest is in Pepys himself.

It is taken for granted that it is candid, as none of the volumes of the famous Diary were intended to be read during the author's lifetime. They were written, as is well known, in cypher, and it was many years after his death that the key was discovered and one of the most fascinating books in English was made available for publication.

MACABRE «FINGER PRINT» ERROR

BRUSSELS, Tuesday

The village constable at Le Coq-sur-Mer understands French better than he does Flemish, and thereby hangs this macabre tale.

Le Coq-sur-Mer is not really a village at all. It is just two or three summer bungalows between the dunes and a beach, in the municipality of Vlisseghem. At this time of the year the constable is the only inhabitant.

A few days ago he found a dead body washed up on the beach. As in duty bound, he dragged it up out of reach of the tide, and informed his superiors in Vlisseghem.

Vlisseghem passed the information on to Bruges, and the examining magistrate there opened an inquiry. To make identification easier, he asked for the finger prints of the corpse.

The written order was passed on

to the beach constable. It was written in Flemish, and the constable was considerably puzzled and rather startled by what he read.

The order demanded the *vingt afdrukken* of the corpse. *Vingt* meant «finger», he knew, and *drukken*... What exactly was *drukken*?

Squeeze? No, «press away» more the sense of it. «Separate» of course! It seemed curious, the magistrate should know what he wanted.

The next day the postman delivered a parcel to the magistrate in Bruges. It bore the Vlisseghem postmark.

The magistrate opened it, and found ten fingers. Each was carefully labelled: «Right thumb», «Right index», and so on to «little finger». The beach constable

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THE PRESS LAW

The proposed Press Law for Spain seems, on study, to be a carefully worded measure, designed to prevent abuse of the freedom of the Press, rather than to infringe upon that cherished freedom. It is, of course, obvious that freedom of the Press cannot exist unless the Press itself is ready to abide by certain canons of decency, respect and good taste. And there are newspapers, just as there are units in any other field of endeavour, that will not abide by these canons of their own accord, and means to force them to do so are always necessary. The present Press Law, which is in some respects archaic. One thing, it was drafted in 1883 and has only been amended when amendment has been absolutely necessary. For another, it does not include such forms of information distribution as the wireless and the loudspeaker. It is to rectify such omissions, as well as to reinsure the freedom of the reputable newspaper, that the new law has been framed. It is doubtful if the new law would work any hardship on the best publisher and his paper at a reading of the law does not reveal any handicap to efficient publication and accurate editing. The projected Press Law would curtail the foreign political propagandist seeking to disseminate his views in Spain. No longer would it be possible for political organizations abroad to send a few irresponsible editors into Spain, providing them with monthly funds, and directing them to put out a newspaper for the sole purpose of creating disorder. This practice—one that has been no means uncommon—would be ended at once by one clause in the law that demands that seventy-five per cent of every newspaper's capital be located here in Spain. In the whole, there seems to be no reason to believe that the proposed Law, if passed, will not improve, rather than harm the publisher's lot.

ON THE ISLAND

By The Wayfarer

The last week-end, especially on Sunday, witnessed the departure of quite a number of English visitors. Arrivals during the week-end came mostly from Barcelona, there being no vessels from England or America during the period.

SIGHT SEELING:—

Farewells were said to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shafer on last Saturday but not for long. They left El Terreno where they have been stopping at the Victoria, but they have not left the Island. Mr. and Mrs. Shafer will see the Island before returning to their home in America.

TO ENGLAND:—

Some of the farewells so sadly uttered on Sunday last were just as sadly received by Mr. Joseph William Elstone and Miss E. M. Elstone, when they departed from this isle for the thriving but not too sunny city of Manchester. Mrs.

Margaret Carter has jumped from sunny Africa to Mallorca of *clima ideal* fame, and then to Durham, England. She also sailed on Sunday amid sad farewells from her friends.

DRAWINGS:—

Don Boje Postel gave an interesting explanation of his drawings at the meeting of the International Language Club (Los Amigos de España) in the Trocadero yesterday afternoon. Some of Señor Postel's drawings were exhibited, Tea and dancing followed the lecture. Señor Postel spoke in English.

ARRIVALS:—

Latest arrivals in El Terreno include the following: Miss Magdeleine Farrel of Carcassonne, who arrived a few days ago from Barcelona; Mrs. Harriet Gray of the United States, an arrival from the interior of the Island; Mrs. Margga Hedberg of Estocolmo, Sweden, who came here from the main-

land; Mr. Henry Desmond Davis of London, who arrived late last week from Naples; M. and Mme. Jacques Duchesne of Liege, Belgium, arrivals from Barcelona.

TO STAY:—

Mr. and Mrs. F. Melchior, who came to Palma lately from Berlin, have decided to remain on the Island for a long stay. With this in mind they are seeking a suitable home in or near Palma. At the present time, Mr. and Mrs. Melchior and their family are stopping at the Solarium Hotel near Calamayor.

MORE ARRIVALS:—

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rokeby-Johnson have arrived at the Hotel Victoria in El Terreno. Their home is in London. Mrs. Rokeby-Johnson, before her marriage, lived in New York City. Other arrivals from London include Mrs. Francis Murphy and Miss Ellen Murphy. Don José Lopez is stopping at the Victoria. Dr. Lopez is a veterinarian, well known in Spain.

Out Of My Head

by HARRY GALLAND

Glancing over Sunday's edition of the newspaper from which I get all my information (of course, Oscar, it's The Daily Palma Post), I came across a story which not only interested me (but sent me hastening forth to do some research. The result of that research I am about to report here.

The story concerned the efforts of the people of Valencia to obtain the portraits of the Valencian kings, the names of whom the erudite reporter for The Palma Post had given.

Some of them were Alfonso the Magnanimous, Martin the Humane, Fernando the Good, Pedro the Ceremonious, and Alfonso the Benign.

It was while considering the thought that Alfonso the Benign must have been a pretty dumb sort of bloke that I decided to look up a few family histories on my own account.

Naturally, my own family was first in my mind, and I quickly tracked down my forebears to the time of Thomas á Beckett in Norman England. My ancestor was, I think, a more interesting gentleman than Alfonso the Benign, for it seems his name was Titus á Tick.

That discovery naturally led me on to genealogical researches among other people I know. So I looked up the records on the Gancho, who claims that his family tree goes back to the time when they lived in it.

It wasn't possible, however, to go quite that far with my researches, and I discovered only that he had a Saxon ancestor whose name was Ethelfrith the Thistlethwaite. He would.

Having had some success with the Gancho, I turned my attention to The Watchman. What was my surprise (very little) to find that The Watchman's ancestry goes back to Saxon times also, and comes to rest on one called Wamba.

When I found that Wamba was the son of Witless the Wake, however, I decided it was high time for me to quit shaking the fruity branches of that family tree.

But there were some records left over, and I thought I might as well use them. Since the *Urbano* with the white-helmet and the whistle in the Plaza Cort has taken such an interest in me, I could see no reason why I shouldn't take an interest in him.

I imagined I could easily trace that *Urbano* to Cro-Magnon times, but I was wrong. His original ancestor was a Goth, and his name was Rudolph the Rude.

I now consider myself an expert genealogist, and am thus prepared to look up the family tree of readers of The Palma Post. At, of course, your own risk.

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MORE SNOW IN SPAIN

MADRID, Tuesday

The cold wave, which seemed to be passing from Spain, has become more intense than ever.

Temperatures below zero are reported from forty provinces, while Madrid itself has been treated to the unprecedented phenomenon of a whole day's snowfall. Snow has fallen as far South as Cádiz and Seville, while Segovia holds the temperature record with fourteen degrees below zero.

The railway from Madrid to Santander is blocked in the Cantabrian passes. Communication between the Castilian port and the capital is by way of Bilbao on the East and Oviedo on the west, and trains from both of those places are running with difficulty and arriving late.

Snow two metres deep is reported from Reinos in Santander province, and the roofs of some houses in nearby villages have collapsed under the weight. The villagers are organising wolf hunts, as the hungry beasts have become so bold as to come to the doors of isolated cottages.

The roads being impassable, sledges are being used to supply food to the villages. Both foodstuffs and fodder for cattle are being exhausted, and some animals have died of cold and hunger.

The snowfall has been continuous for two days in Lugo, in Galicia, isolating many villages. Another heavy fall has taken place at Pontevedra, also in the North-West.

North winds blowing from the snow-covered mountains continue to keep Palma shivering, although the cold is less intense than that reported from most parts of the Peninsula.

A severe thunderstorm with heavy hail is reported from Menorca, hailstones lying two feet deep in the fields and streets in the South-East section of the neighbouring island. Traffic on the San Luis road was compelled to move with extreme caution.

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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

LONDON, Tuesday

The Socialist Party is immediately tabling a motion of censure of the government following the withdrawal of the new unemployment relief regulations.

PARIS, Tuesday

Two De Havilland Comet airplanes have been ordered by the Air Ministry for a study of the characteristics of the technical devices these machines are fitted with, and the possibilities of using the type in effecting swift connections over great distances. The order appears to come as a direct result of the success of the Comet in the Melbourne air race.

BASLE, Tuesday

The Board of Directors of the Bank for International Settlements yesterday ratified an agreement

concerning the cooperation of banks in the question of the introduction of German currency into the Saar. The French Ambassador at Berne, Count Clauzel, and the German Minister, Von Watzsaecker, arrived here and were received at the quarters of the bank where they will sign the agreement.

LONDON, Tuesday

The House of Lords has dismissed with costs the appeal of British Celanese against the decision of the court favouring Courtaulds in respect to infringements relating to the manufacture of artificial silk. The trial occupied thirty-five days with two appeals taking thirty-six days, the approximate total cost being £80,000.

CAIRO, Tuesday

The Wafd party has decided to

create a Superior Council for the organization and control of labour. As a new challenge to the cabinet this step is regarded as the greatest political development since 1922, and is believed likely to result in serious consequences.

Moscow, Tuesday

The Amudarya, the great Middle Asian river, has broken its banks and flooded a vast area, inundating villages and cotton fields and carrying away a hydroelectric dam.

ROME, Tuesday

A Franco - German customs agreement for the Saar territory by which the customs barrier will be moved back to the former Franco-German frontier was signed here yesterday by the French and German ambassadors.

FIRST SPANISH REPUBLIC

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the unhesitating loyalty of the Civil Guard, which accepted and served the Republic from the moment of its proclamation, and expressed the Government's gratitude for its services. General Bedia, in a brief reply, declared that the honour paid to his corps was the highest reward its members could desire.

Other ceremonies took place both here and in the provinces, and also in Spanish Morocco. In Tetuán they coincided with the departure of a contingent of troops which had completed their overseas service, and with the visit of Señor Rico Avello, Spanish High Commissioner for the Protectorate.

Señor Rico Avello reviewed the troops and handed the Military Medal to Lieutenant Lorenci and the telegraphist of the gunboat Dato who accompanied Colonel Capaz in the peaceful occupation of the colony of Ifni last year.

CATHOLIC FIGHT

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and the fight continued until Mueller was ousted by Hitler's order.

Nevertheless the campaign against the Catholics is continuing, as the subject of Cardinal Faulhaber's latest fiery sermon indicates. The Nazis, however, are making little headway with their efforts.

LINDBERGH CASE

Both counsel in the Lindbergh baby murder case made their final addresses to the jury on the thirtieth day of the trial here. The defence insinuated the complicity of Miss Betty Gow, while the prosecution relied on the evidence called to prove that the accused, Bruno Hauptmann, wrote the ransom notes.

STRANGE TRICK ON BRITISH CRUISER

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in that case be liable to a suit for damages. But stating that she was in distress amounts to the same thing, and if the trick is proved to be a trick and not an authentic call for help, it is possible that a suit will be brought.

Since no word has been received from the Seth Parker or the American press about the incident, its authenticity is still questioned here. It is believed inconceivable that the captain and officers of any ship would be a party to so utterly stupid a trick.

JAPANESE PROTEST

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and Italy. The Washington Conference, it is foreseen, is wrecked in advance, despite Japanese assurances of peaceful cooperation. Japan will remain as adamant in the future as she has been in the past, notwithstanding all diplomatic assurances.

SUSANNE OLIVER

The death is announced of Mrs. Susanne Oliver, wife of Mr. Victor Oliver, the well known musician now engaged at Los Pinos.

Mrs. Oliver died suddenly Monday night following an attack of pneumonia. She was known as an accomplished musician in her home in Strasbourg, and had only recently joined her husband as a member of his orchestra.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday morning at 9:30 at the Municipal Cemetery.

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ULTIMATUM TO ETHIOPIA

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ely defensive character. The Italian losses in the fighting near Afduk, to the South of Walwal on January 29 are now officially given as five killed and six wounded. The Ethiopian losses are said to have been much greater.

It is also officially confirmed that the Italian legation at Addis Abbaba has been instructed to lodge an energetic protest in connection the Afduk incident.

FINGER PRINTS

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le at Le Coq-sur-Mer is a methodical man.

The incident is causing considerable amusement, but the good people of Vlisseghem are troubled by a

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