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## A WHIM OF CHARLEMAGNE

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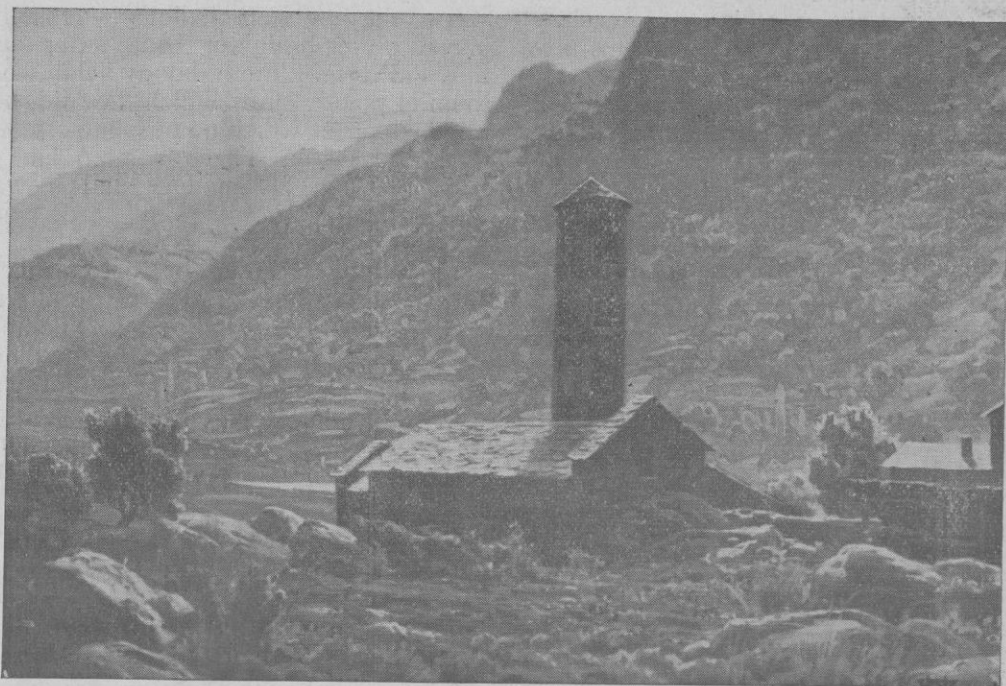
VERY recently indeed has another been added to the list of the world's Republics, and no king lost a throne by the change. The six parishes of the «Neutral Valleys of Andorra,» with their dependent villages, ostentatiously threw off the mild double yoke of the French Republic and the Spanish Bishop of the Seu d'Urgell, and one of the last remnants of the early feudal system has thus vanished from the earth.

Tradition ascribes the charter of the anomalous little state to a grant of Charlemagne. The famous document so carefully guarded in the Casa de la Vall, in Andorra la Vella, is probably a forgery, but one of such antiquity that it has acquired a glory of its own, as does blood royal when its diversion into a left-handed channel has been a matter of centuries past. There is solemn ceremony needed to see the document, for the cupboard in which it reposes has six different locks, and the Mayors of the six chief towns each have a key, so that unless some great moment of woe or rejoicing brings them all together, the charter cannot see the light of day.

Dates and documents, after all, are of less importance than living facts, and the fact is, that Andorra has actually existed for almost a thousand years under a nominal dual sovereignty, one ruler being the Count of Foix or his heir, finally represented by the French Republic, and the other the Bishop of La Seu, both of which potentates made formal appearances there at long intervals, while in practice the tiny nation governed itself. A modest yearly contribution to the revenues of the spiritual and temporal lords lay lightly on the shoulders of an independent and self-sufficient race, and an enlightened and pacific medievalism flourished in the land.

### Cattle and Contraband

Within the valleys, closed away from the outer world so much of the year by the snow which blocks the high passes, tradition has almost taken the place of law. The rulings of those great neighbours, France and Spain, with regard to smuggling, seem to the hearty mountaineers no more than a challenge to test their skill. Tobacco is grown in the valleys with success, and marketed



*The Church of Santa Coloma, Andorra, from the painting by Pere Borrell, who is shortly to exhibit in London.*

shrewdly across both borders, while less important merchandise is by no means scorned, be it both portable and profitable. The *contrabandista* is a favourite hero of Andorran lore, and his exploits are considered creditable to both his muscles and his wits.

On the other hand, the placid business of the dairy, has planted its stronghold among the more peaceful, or less agile, of the inhabitants, and beautiful cattle, soft grey in colour, and armed with dangerously long horns which are belied by the bovine gentleness of their eyes, graze everywhere on sloping pastures, and yield their rich milk to supply distant cities.

### Tales of Wonder, Ancient and Modern

Such a country lends itself readily to legends. Perhaps the oldest of those is that which ascribes the name of Andorra to an early attempt to identify it with the Endor of the Old Testament. A mere trifle like geography had little weight with the devout and ignorant people who found this derivation entirely reasonable.

A more modern tale, and more easily credible, is that of the Andorran army

in the World War. One has heard of the General and his eight men who marched away to join the allies, and of the monument erected to them in Andorra la Vella, when, after the signing of the Armistice only six returned, three of them badly wounded. If this monument exists, the writer at least, in many visits to the old town, has never seen it, though it is an unquestionable fact that numerous individuals of this race fought in the French Army.

The newest wonder proceeding from the valleys is more believable, and now bids fair soon to become an accomplished fact. This is the establishment in the valleys of a gigantic broadcasting station, useful in times of peace, invaluable in the event of another vast war. It will be a tremendous power for that moulding of public international opinion which is recognised by modern military experts as the peak of successful strategy. High above the famous bell-towers of Andorra's ancient churches will stand the tall steel skeletons, and the valleys will attain to enormous wealth as warring nations bid against each other for the use of this huge mouthpiece. The tiny country has emerged from its thousand-year seclusion.



It happened in a small, well-to-do community in the United States. A town where the majority of the men daily commuted to New York to their various offices in the big city. To this town there came one day a man who put up at the local hotel for a fortnight. He knew no one and seemed content to sit about the hotel lobby and read the local papers. He was a large man and, had he stood erect, would have been well over six feet in height, but his shoulders were stooped and he walked with a peculiar, swinging gait.

After a week or so in the hotel he directed himself to a local firm of real estate brokers and leased from them a house that they had on their books. It was a nice house and in the good quarter of the town. He gave them no references, nor did they ask for them as he paid the first six month's rent in cash.

He settled down quietly in his new home, a cook, a housekeeper and a valet appeared, all of whom he had apparently employed at another time. He made no particular efforts to become acquainted with the people of the town but, as is natural, it was not long before he met one or two of the men and through them quickly became known to all.

He proved to be a definite asset to the community. He was a batchelor, apparently wealthy, though he made no show whatsoever of his money, an excellent dancer and bridge player. There are few communities where such a man would not become popular.

He was an exceedingly homely man but his looks were quickly forgotten

# White Ties and Tails

under the charm of his manner and his invariable politeness. It was a strange fact though, that he was more popular with the women of the town than with their husbands. No one could quite put his finger on the reason for this. The men admitted that they liked him but when among themselves agreed that there was something about him which they could not understand and which prevented them from accepting him into their intimate group. As time went on this feeling instead of wearing off became more pronounced.

They discussed it with their wives but were told they were jealous because he played better bridge or rode better than they did or took their money away from them at poker, all of which he did, but in a manner at which no possible offense could be taken. There was no hint of superiority in his manner and it was found that his winnings at cards were going anonymously to local charities.

Things went on in this manner for a year or two. Mr. Sanford, for that was not his name, continued as a popular member of the social life of the place. Gradually it was noticed that he was seen more often with one of the young girls of the town than with the others. This girl was nineteen and just home from school.

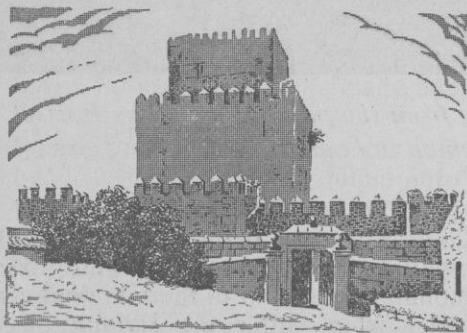
His attentions continued and despite

a ten year's difference in their ages they became engaged. The men, while reluctant to mix into something which was patently none of their business, nevertheless felt that they should make an effort to break the engagement. Two of their group called on the girl's father and told him how they felt. Her father agreed with them thoroughly and said that he had spoken to his daughter about it but that she had said that if he could not give her some definite thing against the man, aside from the difference in their ages, she would go ahead with her plans and marry him.

On the night before the wedding the girl's brother decided that he would make one last effort himself to prevent his sister's marriage which he felt sure would end unhappily.

He went alone to Mr. Sanford's house where he was met by the valet who told him that his master was dressing and would be down shortly. The young chap said that it was important and that he would go up and see him while dressing. He ran up the stairs and along the hall to Mr. Sanford's room. The door was open and on the far wall of the room was a full length mirror. Sanford was in front of the mirror tying his tie—but he was seated on the floor tying it with his feet.

*(This is a true story of an actual happening. Sanford, when questioned by the girl's father admitted the strain of the ape in his family tree. He had, he said, been forced from other communities by this unfortunate blight.-Ed.)*



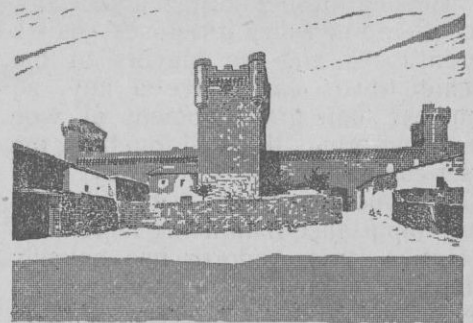
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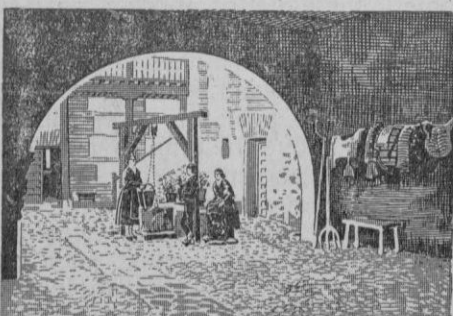
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# ABOUT BARCELONA

A cresty wave of distinguished visitors to Barcelona this week included Prince Eugene of Sweden, who, travelling incognito, bought himself a fountain pen in the Rambla. Decidedly not incognito, von Cramm, Germany's star racquet, and Stanley Wood, famous Irish racing motorist, also appeared during the week. Mrs. Woods accompanied her husband, who will take part in the Montjuich races tomorrow, competing with many other speedy celebrities. This event vies with the Davis Cup matches which commence on Saturday... The Spanish team—Maier, Manolo Alonso, Blanch and Sindreu are expected to put up a good fight... «Bubi» Maier is in good form too... Contrasting with such a wealth of sport the Contemporary Music Congress has brought a record number of European intellectuals to the Catalan capital. The concerts have attracted large audiences and cacophony, sane and otherwise, has held sway for seven days. The three great B's of the moderns are definitely Blum, Bartok and Berg. Over tempting dishes of *fetge al all*, Europe's troubles have been discussed at the little restaurant near the Plaza Nueva... Boloney a la Pantellaria will be on next week's menu... Davis Cup parties have been plural and interesting, that of Mrs. Ernest Witty for Sra. Alonso, American wife of the great Manolo, being one of the first... several balls are planned to wind up the mach... and already many cocktails have been drunk to winners and losers to be or not to be... Several tourist ships have also called in here, one of them *Lancastria* carrying several hundred English school-children who were fêted at the Pueblo Español with local folk-dances and a typical *merienda*... Apropos of cruise boats and tourism in general, it seems a pity that visitors, of all ages and sexes, should be mobbed into cabarets they would not dream of entering in their home countries, where for a high price they are treated to travesties of Spanish dancing. Barcelona has more to offer.

The Hot Club, spiritual home of the ever-growing army of jazz lovers, gave another of its concerts on Tuesday, in which Matas proved what an almost-very-good pianist he is... if arrangements are not changed he will accompany Don and Dolores in their appearance here soon—probably at the Coliseum. This remarkable couple danced

dangerously in *42nd Street*. Local entertaining included this week a garden party given in honour of his house guests by Mr. Van Voorhees at Llaveneras. Many of the American and English colonists were present... Mrs. Daniel Braddock was hostess at a bridge and a tea party last week, and Mrs. John Jordain entertained for her mother who has come to Barcelona to live... Mr. and Mrs. J. Roberts are staying in Barcelona. On their way here they had a bad motor accident in France but were not hurt... Mr. Gould, European representative of United Aircraft, and Mrs. Gould are expected to spend some time here... From London, where he has spent a month. Mr. J. R. Williams has returned to carry on the good work. Miss Taylor, formerly of the British Consulate, left on Thursday for England and Sr. Borrell, the painter, on Friday. For Paris and New York, Mrs. Gwynne left on Tuesday last with her son Jimmy, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mahuzies are motoring to Madrid this week-end. From Gibraltar Lieut-Commander Adams and Mrs. Adams have arrived in Barcelona by car. They report all quiet on the southern front. Mrs. Marguerite Jellinek arrived here on Thursday from Valencia and will join her husband's parents in Mallorca shortly... Also Mr. Hemingway approaches this innocent hamlet. Its almost a case of «Coming Soon»... On a short visit to Barcelona Mrs. George S. Noble is expected next week, accompanied by her second daughter, «Gibby»... and last, but by no means least, news comes from Houston, Texas of the first birthday party of Miss Sue Lykes, daughter of Mrs. Jean Bigham Lykes. To conclude, what about letting us have a little decent weather for a change? We are getting morose.

### Thief Caught

The police on Wednesday took into custody one Antonio Lequerica y Polo de Bernabé who, after questioning, admitted that he was the one who had stolen the paintings from the Archaeological Museum at Segovia as well as certain gold rings from the local museum. He had evidently made a speciality of this sort of work for he was found to have a criminal record, included in which were other thefts from museums. The rings stolen from the Barcelona museum were ancient Roman pieces which were dug up in Mallorca. The paintings which he took from Segovia were a Durer and a Rembrandt. The police are to be complimented for their prompt work.

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Roses deck the Rambla,  
Riotous in hue;  
Raucous women sell them  
Round that avenue.

Roars sound in the Rambla,  
Rowdy mobs dispute;  
Rifle-waving soldiers  
Ride in close pursuit.

Refuged in the Rambla,  
Right up in the trees,  
Robbins, tits and sparrows  
Roost all night at ease.

Reeling down the Rambla,  
Rather worse for drink,  
Ruffled sailors try to  
Reach the water's brink.

Roving through the Rambla  
Red-faced tourists go;  
Robed in bright attire which  
Rivals sunset's glow.

Raid at night the Rambla  
Ruby painted lips,  
Relics of loose-living;  
Raise unseemly quips.

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## SPORT

**Cricket:** Oxford University play the first important match next Saturday, when teams of Seniors meet in the Parks, and a week later the season will be in full swing. There will be further trial of the experimental leg-before rule, under which all matches will be played, and a team will be selected for Australia next autumn. I do not think the team from India will do much more than act as a test by which the selectors can obtain a good team for the coming tour «down-under.» The Indian side with their delightful batting and keen fielding have always something to show us, and if the weather is favourable some good matches should be witnessed. One of the greatest problems that confronts the selectors is that of the captaincy. We need successors to Chapman and Jardine if the Ashes are to be regained. The older players must be definitely put aside and younger blood given a chance.

**Swimming:** Carmen Soriano has been in the limewater again and to some effect, for she has tipped the records for the 800 and 1000 metres crawl-over and has put new times for others to aim at. The club championships of the C. N. B. have been extremely successful and the visits of the central European teams will be watched with great interest. There are also young swimmers who are displaying very good form indeed, but the wet Spanish spring and the cold has favoured the cinemas rather than swimming. The Spanish records are still much too high but they are being consistently lowered and if technique could be coupled with enthusiasm, a very honourable showing might be made in the Olympics. A little more and Oh how much it is, a little less, and Oh what yards away:

**Golf:** Lawson Little has passed to the ranks of the professionals, taking the handful of silver in order to follow the example of Bobby Jones and make money by golf. His position as head of the Jones circus will undoubtedly do much to popularize the game in the States, where the golfing population is by no means as large as it should be. It is always a little sad to see a great amateur turn pro, but the labourer is worthy of his hire and there have been too many shamateurs in the past. Anything done to bring a game before the public is good work, and it is to be hoped that the Little-Jones racket will be successful, but the championships are the poorer for the loss of these great gentlemen and players.

**Tennis:** We dealt with the Davis Cup elsewhere, but in passing I stop for a moment to comment on the retirement of Mrs. Helen Wills Moody, another great loss to a great game. England's efforts to retain the Davis Cup against the strong French and German challenge, not to mention the Americans, will be worthy of detailed study.

**Motor-Cycling:** All records have been broken by the magnificent entry received for the Grand Prix of Barcelona, and the leather-coated and crash-helmeted riders who will careen round Montjuich will draw all men and not a few women unto them. I hope Stanley Woods will record another victory, a more sporting or gallant rider never straddled one of those noisy pieces of machinery that they call bicycles.

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### TENNIS

#### The Davis Cup

Spain is busy preparing for her Davis Cup tie with Germany which will take place this year at the Turo Lawn Tennis Club, Barcelona on the 25th, 26th and 27th of this month.

Last Sunday we saw the men who had been chosen by the Federation to represent their country in the forthcoming events, «Buby» Maier, Manolo Alonso, José M. Blanch and Paco Sindreu, hard at work. After a good many singles Maier and Blanc played a doubles against M. Alonso and P. Sindreu. The result was a victory for the first named pair, and they will probably play the doubles against Germany. This match attracted a large crowd which filled the club. After tennis, cocktails were served and there was dancing to a good band.

The German team which arrived last Tuesday is composed of: G. von Cramm (the German champion) K. Lund and Henkel. The non-playing captain is H. Kleinschroth.

W. W. P.

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### London Letter

Somewhat agog, we are watching the trials of *Queen Mary*, after that boat's journeyings between the Clyde and Southampton. Latest news is that the boat has exceeded the 30 knot mark, but not enough to give the *Normandie* a run for the Blue Riband. Whether it matters, or not, depends on what you think of North Atlantic travel.

Anyhow, it is in connection with the *Queen Mary* that murmurs of discontent are heard in Fleet Street and other quarters where newspaper men foregather and swear their belief in the new ship as a first class story. The Cunard-White Star Line, however, don't see things that way, and insist that the whole thing has got to be pretty dignified, my good chap.

The point is made by Liverpool, with some truth, that the ship doesn't belong to the Cunard-White Star Line yet, and won't until all trials have been completed to everybody's satisfaction. Which is cold comfort for journalists who want to look over the craft, who want to know who is travelling on her maiden voyage, who want to take photographs, and generally give the story to the world. Liverpool is just realising that the clamour has got to be appeased somehow, and the latest word is that as a concession some newspaper work can be put in on the *Queen Mary* just before she

sails on May 27. («But not on Sundays—Cunard-White Star directors have definite ideas about Sunday being the day of rest.»)

As the theatre world is about to enter upon its annual doldrums some of the more commercial aspects of the cinema have been borrowed by London managers. Several theatres have boldly proclaimed the advent of twice-a-night shows, among them being the Cochran show «*Follow the Sun*» at the Adelphi, and the Charlot revue «*The Town Talks*,» now at the Palace.

Not content with this, cinema prices are being borrowed at the same time, and «*The Town Talks*,» for instance, is open to all at prices between 1s. 6d. and 8s. 6d. Cochran has been talking in terms of enthusiasm of the move, which has netted his show something like £750 a day since he initiated twice-nightly showings, which is darn nice money in any currency.

It had to come, and now it has—British film cartoons with which it was thought Walt Disney was getting away far too easily. We are shortly going to see the adventures of Old Sam in *Alt, who goes there?* The speaking part behind the scenes is taken by Sam Holloway. It is guaranteed (informally, of course) that almost anyone can sit through a showing of the film without smiling once. Another «animated» is *Carmen*, but decency forbids comment. Walt Disney's characters may be American, but mostly they are funny, and what more do we want these days but good hearty laughter?

One of London's most famous characters has just gone, with the death the other day of Tommy Bell. Nameless to most of his customers, Tommy Bell sat on a stool every day near the stage door of the London Coliseum, ready to lend money, without any security, to any asker. He would lend a shilling as readily as he would lend five pounds, and had a regular clientele which borrowed and always repaid.

It sounds like a hazardous business lending money just like that to any asker, but when Tommy Bell died it was found he had amassed a sizeable little fortune. I wish I could figure out what that proves.

C. E. Head.

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## Sour Grapes Department

According to a well-known, and frequently quoted Spanish proverb, a man's opinion on a given subject depends upon the colour of the glass through which he observes it. This little truth was thrust upon us recently in our dreams, and, without troubling to psycho-analyse the result, as we know we should have done, we produce herewith a few excerpts on the subject of Spain which that night troubled our international imagination.


### Phoebe, in «The Pratler»

«All roads nowadays lead to Spene, and county folk who are really in the «know» are planning a visit this year. Lord and Lady Marchmellow, with their girl, Octavia (Poppy), and A. N. Other have already decided to close Ferny Hough for the summer, and are taking a snappy suite at Saragossa, the Basque resort so popular with our younger set. Lady Marchmellow who was, of course, one of the famous Rompinghe sisters, has always been keenly interested in Spene. She is also a keen horsewoman, and delights in her needle. As a young girl she studied Castillian at Territet under Professor Dino Sauer. Spene in those days, was quite unsafe for girls. Lady Marchmellow tells an amusing tale of how, when molested by a foreigner in London during the little season, she sent him about his business by saying «Camarera, traigame los zapatos. masc, y la blusa azul, fem» (You are not in your own country now, scoundrel). She realised cleverly that he was a foreigner as he was not wearing a school tie.»

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## From the «New Hatesman»

A very interesting situation has arisen in Spain following upon the formation of an extra-parliamentary union between the pro-chauvinist elements and the Andalusian branches of the Malthusian operatives association. It will be interesting to see how the intellectual reaction to neo-Blavatski-ism which, as Señor Duomuno has stated «...is an impelling force and a practical agrarian illustration», will coincide with the active policy of the Philipist militants, whose party aim, apparently, «is to administer justice in so far as this may be possible», thus offering an eloquent example of the obscurantist tendencies of the Urban Watch Committees. Particularly satisfying is the...

### The «Daily Mull»

«Spain» announced Don Rodriguez, a well-known Spaniard, to a «Daily Mull» correspondent yesterday in his suite at the Savorkely Hotel, «is making a valiant fight for prosperity and happiness—AND SHE IS SUCCEEDING». Since the death of the Catholic Kings, Philip and Isabel who drove the Moslem hordes out of Valladares in the sixteenth century, Spain has struggled to regain her enviable position. In their honour the 6th of January is now called *Kings Day*. Ample scope is now being given to the Pelotaris (Workmen's Syndicates) to form cooperatives for working the huge banana plantations which form the nation's main industry.

### English Girl's Heroism

«Your beautiful young English girls have always been admired in Spain» Don Rodriguez told our representative. And he told how when Philip I wanted to conquer the British Isles and set sail from Corunna, where Thomas More lies buried, Good Queen Bess decided to make her sister marry him in order to keep peace. Philip immediately offered her his country, following an old Spanish tradition, but she naturally refused, as she was a real «sport», and kept only Gibraltar as a token of respect. The Dons and Signorinas will never forget this simple, normal girl's heroism.

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### Eclair de Montmorency

L'Espagne n'existe plus. Les Pyrénées se sont allées en Afrique. Il nien reste que Guad La Jarra, ancienne ville de Catalogne, emplacée entre les cocotiers embaumés. Visitez Montmorency, sa cuisine, son golf, sa golfe, sa natation, son «swimming». Toujours le High Life. Hotel Edouard VII et du Basquet.

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 CAPITOL—*Desbanque Montecarlo* with Ronald Colman and Joan Bennett.  
 CATALUÑA—*Morena Clara*, with Imperio Argentina. Spanish talkie.  
 COLISEUM—(Monday) Dietrich and Cooper in *Desire*. Paramount.  
 FANTASIO—*Yo te doy mi corazón* with Gita Alpa.  
 FEMINA—*Babes in Toyland*, with Laurel and Hardy. Metro-Goldwyn.  
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International events have been considerably speeded up recently by the sudden intrusion of an island called Pantellaria into the conscience of Geneva. According to a well-informed, if indiscreet, contemporary, the Duce has seen to the fortification of this island which is about equidistant from Tunis and Sicily. Apparently Pantellaria has now become a permanent dreadnought, whose long range guns could be most effective and whose many galleries are absolutely impregnable from air attacks. From the same source we learn that the crash of the Austrian Phoenix Insurance Company is not all it appeared to be at first glance. Linked up with this unfortunate event are the movement for conscription in Austria, Shussnigg's recent journey to Rome, and a general fear in Rome and Berlin that Austria might find the Little Entente quite tempting. Who knows but the Poenix may rise some day from the Pantellarian ashes?

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 BORN—Two Paramount films: *With Byrd in the Antarctic* and *George Raft in Suena el clarín*. (Both in Spanish.) Thursday; *La Llamada de la Selva*, (in Spanish) with Clark Gable.  
 LIRICO—*Morena Clara* with Imperio Argentina and Miguel Ligeró (in Spanish.) Shortly; *Broadway Melody of 1936*, with Jack Benny, Eleanor Powell and Robert Taylor.  
 MODERNO—Until Monday; *Torbellino de Almas* and *El Rayo Mortífero* (both in Spanish.)  
 PRINCIPAL—Claudette Colbert in *Sucedió una Vez*, a Columbia film (in Spanish.) Wednesday; *Niño de Marchena*.  
 RIALTO—Martha Eggerth in *Una Carmen Rubia*, Ufa Film. Thursday; *Valses del Neva* with Franchot Tone and Jean Muir.

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Among the paintings which caused exceptional comment were the portrait of the painter Erbach, by Boje Postel, the work of Herr Segal who exhibited two portraits and a still life, and the large canvasses of Mr. Esten. Mr. Brierley showed an attractive oil of his wife.

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## Social News

Mr. A. S. Wallace, the Circulation Manager of Odhams Press Ltd. which publishes the *Daily Herald*, *The People* and other London papers visited Gibraltar as a tourist among the passengers landed on Easter Monday by the cruising liner «*Voltaire*».

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His Majesty the King has been pleased to give his Patronage to both the Royal Calpe Hunt and the Royal Gibraltar Yacht Club.

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Sergeant N. Gilhespy, R.A.S.C. retained his title by winning the Garrison Individual Billiards Championship against Conductor T. Davies in a final game played at the Garrison Recreation Rooms on Tuesday the 14th. Sergeant Gilhespy won by 350 points to 269.

At the conclusion of the game His Excellency the Governor, who is himself an excellent player, congratulated the finalists on their splendid display and presented cups to the winners and runners-up of the following competitions:—

### Garrison Individual Championship

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### Garrison Senior League

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The present storage capacity of these reservoirs is about eleven million gallons. The water is supplied to shipping, and, as required, to the towns-people who, in general, depend from October to June on the supply collected from roof-tops into a tank under each house.

Tourists to Gibraltar should not miss the opportunity of visiting the water-works. This can be done at 11 a.m. or 3 p.m., special arrangements being made for large parties. The visitors are taken in trolleys through the tunnel which pierces the Rock from East to West and are shown the reservoirs by the foreman in charge.

The trolleys are then pushed out into the sunshine at the far end of the tunnel and the visitor finds himself on a track which runs round the foot of the catchment slopes. From here the view is remarkable for its beauty, for it embraces the Mediterranean shores of Spain on one side and on the other the African coast with Monte Hacho, ancient Abyla, the other Pillar of Hercules.

## Sports News

The final of the «Governor's Cup» competition for Association Football was played on Thursday the 9th instant at North Front between the Royal Artillery and the Royal Engineers.

The Gunners won the «Cup» by six goals to one. The game was very close during the first half, each side scoring one goal. During the second half the Gunners scored five goals and their men. Alcock and Budge, provided some excellent playing making themselves greatly responsible for the final result.

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The hounds of the Royal Calpe Hunt met on Tuesday the 14th instant at Guadacorte.

## The Hindenburg

The giant German airship «*Hindenburg*» passed over the Straits of Gibraltar about a mile to the East of Europa Point at 7.20 p.m. on Thursday the 9th, on her way towards Barcelona. Her illuminated cabins and her outline could be clearly seen.

## The Ranpura Aground

The P. & O. liner, *Ranpura*, which is carrying the Chinese art treasures back to China arrived on the 14th. escorted by H.M.S. «*Veteran*». Heavy seas and an exceptionally strong gale dragged the steamer aground and it required several days of intensive effort to free her.

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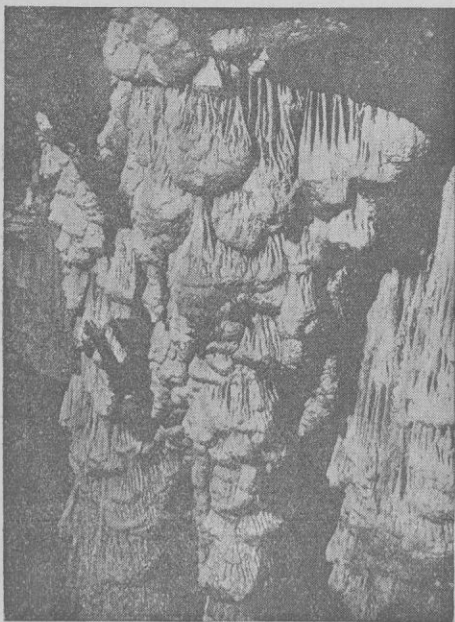


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Friends of Comm. Niall Griffin were sorry to learn that two hours after his arrival in London last week his father died. The Commander left here in response to an urgent telegram advising him of his father's illness.

Among the crowd that left on the *Scharnhorst*, Monday, was Colonel Cecil Riccard. His schedule calls for a bit of town life, a spot of the horses and a long rest in the country. By that time Mallorca will be calling again and back he will come.

Among the new pupils at the Ecole Internationale is Miss Jean Wilkens, recently returned from America.

The waterfront will look strangely vacant for a few days. On Wednesday the *Foam* went up on the slip for her spring cleaning. In the meantime Major and Mrs. Lee with Mrs. Lee's sister, Baroness de Weber are living in Terreno.

Miss Majorie Lafayette, who returned early in the week from a few days in Puerto Pollensa, left again on Thursday for Paris. She will be gone for a fortnight or so.

The Marques de Targiani was in Palma for a few days over last weekend. He is Vice President of the International General Electric Company and in charge of their Paris office from where all its European affairs are managed. The Marques is also a Director of the local Gas and Electric Company and came here to attend a directors meeting. On Sunday he went, with several people, among whom were the Clays, the Wilkens, and Major Cleaver to Alcudia for a spot of golf.

Mr. Charles Salisbury and his brother are leaving for England on Monday. They are going overland and Mr. Salisbury expects to remain for about a month.

The Florida Bar that was so popular last year at Camp de Mar re-opens a week from tomorrow. This year it will be under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. «Tony» Wheeler, who have just been married and have come out here for the summer.

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Sr. D. Alfonso Gonzalez Gorbena and his friend D. Alfonso Igartua de Bilbao who have been at the Little Condal for some time have again postponed their departure and are spending their time in their car enjoying the beauties of Mallorca.

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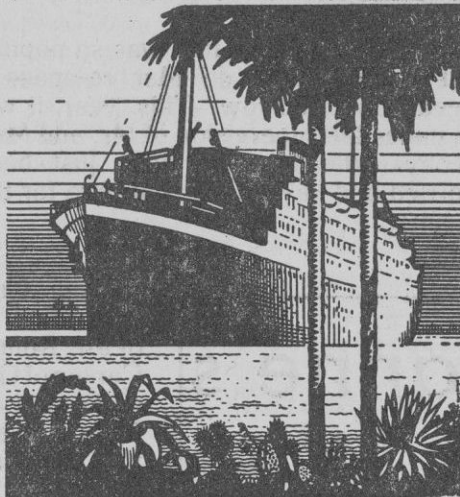
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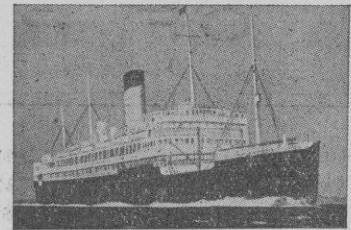
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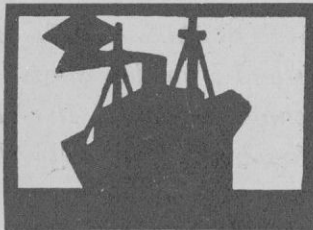
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acquainted intimately with the most beautiful and historical places in France, he has cycled over 10,000 miles in Europe. He has a fund of amusing stories and recollections and he will be greatly missed.... Mr. Cook and his son spent a couple of days here. They are having a short cycling holiday... Mr., Mrs., and Miss Lewellyn, frequent visitors here, have arrived once again and are planning on a stay of some months at the Castellet... The foreign colony is quietly preparing a pleasant surprise for the Mallorquin children here. They are to be entertained at Pedro's Cafe on May 1st.

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Guests at the Pension Playa Talamanca are Mrs. Stewart Baxter of Poyrings, Sussex, also Mr. and Mrs. Emile Pessis of Paris.

Recent arrivals at the Balear are Mr. Juan S. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Duran de Cottes.

Madame Rousseau has arrived here to join her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Rolin Roth de Gentil.

Mr. William Bell, who has contributed several articles to the MAJORCA SUN on the subject of Douglas Social Credit has been here for several weeks resting. He returned to England last Friday.

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Throughout the British Empire on Thursday, as well as in all parts of Cataluña, people paid honour to their Patron Saint. Over sixteen hundred years ago on that day, George of Cappadocia was tortured and put to death by the Emperor Diocletian.

The true story of this soldier-martyr is so shrouded in the mists of time and so wrapped about by legend that it is difficult to know just why he became such an important figure in the imaginations of those of the Middle Ages. He is supposed to have lived in the 4th century and to have become a distinguished soldier. His fame had become folklore by the time of the Crusades and it is not strange perhaps that these hapless folk chose his image as the one to follow. He was pictured as riding a snow white charger, a soldier-saint who invariably led his armies to victory. His slaying of the dragon became his most celebrated exploit. This he is supposed to have accomplished single handed from horseback. The dragon was made to represent sin and his victory over it was symbolical of the conquering of Evil by Christianity.

It soon became customary to dedicate churches in his name and many fraternal orders came into being, with St. George as their patron saint. The famous Order of the Garter was founded in 1344 with him as its special patron. The cross of St. George, red on a white ground, was worn as a badge over the armour by every English soldier in the 14th. and subsequent centuries. The red cross of St. George is now in the Union Jack together with that of St. Andrew.

Not only in England but in Cataluña

as well, were military orders founded with St. George as patron. In the year 1432 the Cortes of Barcelona appropriated funds for the construction of a chapel in honour of St. George. The chapel was built in the Palace of the Diputación and the site selected was that of an old tower at the corner of what is now the *Patio de Naranjas*, on the *Calle del Obispo* side.

No money was spared in the construction and decoration of the chapel, and thanks to the famous architect, Marc Cafont, we have in it today one of the finest examples of florid Gothic. In 1456 the *Cortes*—then regularly holding its sessions in the cloisters of the Cathedral—agreed to officially recognize the Feast of St. George. This increased immensely the popularity of the affair and it became a fixture. The traditional *Feria de Rosas* which is celebrated each year in the *patio* of the palace is one of the few remaining heritages in the life of Barcelona which has been handed down from that time.

The *Generalidad* was lavish in its donations of valuable treasures for the decoration of the new chapel and in articles for use in its altar service. Many

of the treasures have disappeared. Some have gone to Catalonian museums, though the majority still remain. Among the latter, and possibly the most valuable of all, is the piece of tapestry depicting the slaying of the dragon by St. George. This exquisite piece of work is done in gold and silver thread and represented a life time's labour by Antonio Sadurni.

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A jeweller was preparing to leave his office for the week-end. He locked up the safe and gave the keys to the night watchman, saying, «Give these keys to my partner tomorrow morning. I am taking the 8:50 train tonight instead of my regular train at 9:30.»

At this the watchman became a bit upset and said to the man. «Oh, sir, I wish you would not take that earlier train. I dreamed last night that there had been a bad accident to that train and many people had been killed.»

The jeweller pook-hooded the idea but on the way to the station began thinking about it, and, rather ashamed of himself, finally let the earlier train go without him and caught his regular one at 9:30. A short way out his train was held up by a previous wreck which proved to be the earlier train. There were many killed.

When the gentleman returned from his week-end he called the watchman in to his office, gave him a five pound note, his thanks for saving his life and also told him that he would require his services no longer.

Why did he give him notice?

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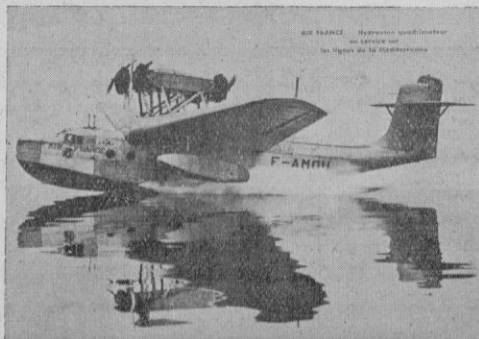
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