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ON THE ISLAND

More than seventy enthusiasts left Palma on Friday afternoon for Pollensa to be present at the amateur bullfight staged there by Señores Homs, de Zayas and Garau. The matadors performed nobly, and so did the animals, which were of a respectable size. After the fight most of the foreigners attended the dinner dance which was given at one of the hotels. Among the numerous aficionados who made the trek to Pollensa to see the amateurs wield their capes were Mrs. Seymour Burt, Sr. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eston, and Mrs. Isabel Kemp, who brought a party of twenty friends.

VISIT:—

Mr. Harry Fawkes, who will be remembered by those who were on the Island two years ago as one of the proprietors of the famed Little Club, returned to his old haunts last Saturday. He made the rounds and greeted friends here and there, and left on Tuesday for the United States. He expects his New York physician to perform a slight operation for a complaint which is the result of a war wound, and then to return to Palma with Mrs. Fawkes. It is probable that they will reopen their home in Genova.

PRESS:—

More gentlemen of the press have descended on Mallorca during the past week, but not to cover stories. Mr. J. H. Yindrich of the United Press Associations and his friend Mr. Houdey, together with Mr. Melville M. S. Fagan of the Evening Standard, are the latest additions. They took one look at the working journalists busily digging for news in Palma and chuckled quietly to themselves. Whereupon they turned away from the pathetic sight, Mr. Fagan to sun-bathe at Calamayor and the Messrs. Yindrich and Houdey to travel to Cala Ratjada for a stay of a few days before making a trip around the Island.

BETTER:—

Mrs. Pauline Leser is very much better, having almost fully recovered from the effects of her recent illness. She has returned to this side of the Island from Formentor, and is living with her friend Mrs. Morse, out in the country, but within reach of Palma.

SAILOR:—

Commander Harry Green is no arm-chair sailor. When he wants to go places he sails himself there. Hence it is no surprise that he returned to Mallorca with his wife and young son Thomas in his yacht. He came down by way of Bordeaux and the Midi Canal, and made a fine passage all the way. Anchoring off the coast near Las Platas on Thursday, he found the water a trifle too rough, so he brought his boat around to Palma harbour and tied up. Naturally, though, the next place at which he tried the anchorage was Lena's. Now he is once more back in Mallorca, he hopes to stay quite some time.

MOVED:—

Sir John Dunn has moved from the Hotel Catalonia to his original residence, which was Mr. Havelock-Clark's yacht. He has, it seems, heard several new jokes recently, and wants to be nearer the center of town so that he can retail the jokes to his friends more easily.

HOUSE:—

Mr. Stefano Eichenbronner arrived recently from Paris by Air France and is staying at the Grand Hotel. He will soon occupy the new Mallorquin country summer house which has just been finished for him at Miramar. It commands a view of the vast estate recently acquired by Mr. Eichenbronner and which was formerly owned by the Duke Luis Salvador. Surrounded by one of the most beautiful landscapes on the Island, the house is built on an eminence which looks down 700 feet to the sea.

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CATHEDRAL JEWEL ROBBERY

PALMA RESIDENT ARRESTED

TREASURE FOUND

Miss Edda Urbani, who until recently was living in Palma de Mallorca, was arrested last weekend in Valencia and taken to Barcelona, where according to latest reports she is still being detained at the Jefatura de Policía.

It seems that Miss Urbani had correspondence with Ferdinando Papaello, the Italian who is suspected of being concerned in the notorious theft of jewels from Pamplona Cathedral on Sunday, August 11. The police apparently hope that she may be able to shed light on his activities.

Papaello and his wife, a Russian named Nadia Orloff, were arrested in Paris last weekend, and released for lack of proof against them. The Italian told the commissaire, M. Guillaume, that he left Spain two days before the theft with the Mexican José Oviedo de la Mota, the other principal suspect, and parted from him in Paris.

Those details of the Italian's story that could be checked by the French police were found to be correct. Nevertheless it is expected that the Spanish authorities will apply for his extradition, since both he and Oviedo are believed to have prepared the ground for the theft, though they may not have committed it.

José Oviedo was reported on Friday to have reached London. No official confirmation of this news has yet been received, but Scotland Yard has been on the watch for him and his companion from the first.

Most of the stolen property was recovered during the week in Pam-

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ESPIONAGE?

Miss Edda Urbani is reported from Barcelona to have been placed at the disposal of a judge of Palma de Mallorca. The report adds that a pistol has been found in her luggage, and that she is suspected of espionage, though the documents and addresses she was carrying have nothing to do with such matters.

CYCLIST KILLED GENERAL'S CAR ACCIDENT

A cyclist was killed and another seriously injured in a collision with the army car in which General Don Francisco Franco Bahamonde, Chief of the General Staff and formerly Military Commander of the Balearics, was travelling near Salamanca at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday.

The dead man was Agustín Pérez Curte, 24, and his injured companion is Matias Martín Cornejo, 26, both of them farm labourers. They were on their way to look for work at the time of the accident.

Señora de Franco, who was in the car with her husband, and the driver, a sergeant of engineers, were slightly hurt. The General and his adjutant escaped without a scratch.

The car, heading towards Madrid, met the cyclists riding in the opposite direction, at a place called Cabezuelas, between the villages of Santa Maria and Calvarasa. The sound of its horn apparently confused the men, so that they swerved in front of the car.

They were too close to avoid running into them, but the driver clapped on his brakes so suddenly as to throw the car into a terrifying skid. It swung broadside on, left the road and turned a complete somersault, coming to a stop with its wheels in the air.

The occupants climbed out of the windows, while such people as were about came to their assist-

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TROOPS SENT TO BALEARICS

RUMOURS OF WAR THREAT

REASSURANCES

The Spanish Government's decision early in the week to reinforce the garrisons in the Balearic Islands led to rumours of a possible war in the Mediterranean, with Italy as one of the belligerents, both in Palma and in Madrid.

The decision was couched in the minds of the pessimists with the appointment of General of Division Don Carlos Masquelet, who was Chief of the General Staff before he became Minister of War in the last Cabinet, to the vacant post of Military Commander of the Balearics. A mobilisation plan discussed at Monday's Cabinet meeting was seen as another significant development.

General Masquelet arrived from Madrid by way of Barcelona on the Rey Jaime I on Thursday morning. He was met on the quay by General of Brigade Don Alvaro Fernández Burriel, Military Commander of Menorca and acting Commander of the Balearics, and other high officers, and went immediately to the Comandancia to take over his new post.

The troops sent to the archipelago consist of two artillery groups, two machine gun battalions and three more battalions of infantry. It is understood that the guns

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AIR MAIL TO MADRID

From Saturday, August 24, mail can be sent from Palma to Valencia, Madrid and beyond by air.

Air mail letters, which must bear stamps of the value of twice the ordinary postage, will be received at the Post Office in Palma from 6 a.m. until the mail is taken over to the L. A. P. E. office and handed over to the company. They will travel by the air liner which leaves Son Juan aerodrome at 6:45 a.m., reaching Valencia at 8:15 a.m. and Madrid at 10:20 a.m.

The official Gazette has published an order approving the timetables for the Palma-Valencia service of the LAPE and another new line, between Barcelona

and Valencia. Both lines are operated daily, Sundays excepted.

Departure from Manises aerodrome (Valencia) is timed for 7:15 a.m. for arrival at Prat de Llobregat (Barcelona) at 9:05 a.m. The reverse flight begins at 2:30 p.m. from Prat and ends at Manises at 4:20.

The order further declares that the distance from Palma to Valencia is to be taken as 285 kilometres for the purpose of the Government subsidy, and that between Valencia and Barcelona as 315 kilometres. Fares are fixed at 100 pesetas from Palma to Valencia, 110 from Valencia to Barcelona and 200 from Palma to Madrid.

«DEFENCELESS» BARCELONA GAS PROTECTION CAMPAIGN USELESS GUNS

Should the international complications arising out of Italy's African ambitions lead to war in the Mediterranean, Barcelona would lie at the mercy of the first belligerent to attack it.

Such is the contention of the founders of the League for the Protection of the Civil population against the Attacks of Chemical Warfare, which has just been formed in that city. They also point out that the largest town in Spain, with its important port, would certainly be one of the immediate objectives of any power seeking to make itself master of the inland sea.

The first propaganda meeting organised by the League was held on Tuesday in the historic Salón de Ciento of Barcelona City Hall. The General commanding the Fourth División and the other local authorities lent the campaign the support of their presence, but the general public was scantily represented.

Nevertheless Doctor Felipe Pérez Feito and Señor Salude, a civil engineer attached to the Spanish Red Cross, carried on and addressed the small assembly on the effects of poison gas and the use of masks and of underground shelters in preventing them. The Barcelona branch of the Red Cross is throwing itself heartily into the Defense League's campaign by drawing up a comprehensive scheme of first-aid «flying columns».

Though Barcelona has ranked since its foundation as a fortified place it now has only the name and certain relics of the past to justify that title. Such relics are the old guns of the Montjuich batteries, which were already there to protect the city against the possible bombardment by United States warships which was one of the scares of the Spanish-American war.

Fortunately for the peace of mind of the authorities, the Catalan metropolis is not quite so defenceless as it sounds, in spite of the absence of effective coastal artillery. The protection of its million odd people against annihilation from the sea is not entrusted wholly or mainly to land forces, but to the Fleet and Air Force.

Barcelona is not a naval harbour, but it has an important naval air base. The real centre of the defense of the Catalan coast, however, is not on the mainland at all, but in the Balearics.

Mahón and, to the South, Cartagena are the nodal points of the defence of the Mediterranean coast of Spain. The general defence plan approved by the Madrid Government and now being put into execution revolves essentially round the Balearic Archipelago.

IN SOLLER TOWN HONOURS A JOURNALIST

The town of Sóller, the second most important port in Mallorca, has decided to take official cognizance of the fact that it has an Illustrious Son.

That title was officially bestowed on Don Juan Marqués Arbona, Director of the local weekly newspaper *Sóller*, by the Town Council at a session held on Wednesday. The decision was unanimous, and so was the supplementary resolution to place a portrait in oils of the newly illustrious one in the Council Chamber and name one of the streets of the town after him.

Sóller, which recently celebrated its silver jubilee, has another claim to distinction besides being the oldest newspaper on the Island. Its printshop staff consists entirely of women and girls, who made an excellent job of setting up the fat special number with which the paper celebrated its fiftieth birthday.

A noteworthy feature of the jubilee number was the fact that many of the advertisements were in French. They were mostly from French fruit importing firms, and recalled the long standing commercial connection between the town and the neighbouring Republic, whose language is spoken in Sóller at least as much as Spanish, if less than Mallorquin.

Councillor Don José Aguiló Pomar, who proposed the honorific motion in the Council on Wednesday, based his proposal on Señor Marqués Arbona's distinguished services to «the moral and material interests of Sóller.» Councillor Lósada, who supported the motion and declared that he would have tabled it himself if Councillor Aguiló had not forestalled him, was responsible for the street-naming suggestion.

The Mayor, in giving his support to both proposals, emphasised the material benefits which the newspaper and its Director had helped to bring about, referring especially to the local gasworks and bank and the electric railway linking it with Palma. If no such weekly as *Sóller* existed, he declared, it would be necessary to create one.

A strong fleet with its headquarters in the islands can dominate the whole of the Northeast of the Mediterranean and effectively prevent an enemy from coming within striking distance of the mainland. The Government's plan includes a naval building programme and the establishment of a military aerodrome in Mallorca, as well as the reinforcement of the Balearic garrisons, which has now begun.

SPANISH SHAWLS
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LA JAVA Colón, 34

FAMOUS EXPLORER PREPARING VOYAGE TO THE AMAZON CONGRESSES

Captain Iglesias of Amazon exploration fame arrived in Valencia from Madrid on Thursday to superintend the final preparations of the expedition he is to lead to Brazil in October.

Most of them concern the *Artabro*, the motorship which has been built specially for the expedition, and which recently visited Palma on a trial trip. The *Artabro* was built in a Valencia shipyard and is fitting out there.

The expedition plans to sail from Seville on Columbus Day, October 12. The explorers' presence in the southern port will coincide with the opening of the International Americanist Congress.

The City Council of Seville has resolved to ask the Government to send a representative to be present at the departure of the *Artabro* and attend the inauguration of the Congress. With that request will go another for financial assistance for the ceremonies with which the occasion is to be solemnised.

Yet another of the congresses for which Spain has become the favourite stamping ground will meet in Madrid from September 23 to 29. It is the tenth International Congress of History of Medicine, in which representatives of Great Britain, France, Spain, Germany, the United States, Switzerland and many other European, Mediterranean and American countries will take part.

Don Niceto Alcalá Zamora, President of the Republic, will preside at the inaugural meeting, which will be held at Toledo. The congressmen will also visit the Escorial, the Monastery of Silos and that of Guadalupe.

«Arab Medicine in Spain.» «Medicine in America during its Discovery and Colonisation» and «Medical Folklore in Different Countries» are among the themes which will be discussed in the Congress. The latter is under the patronage of the state and of the Spanish Academies of History and of Medicine.

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BOMBS IN FIRE HEROISM AVERTS CATASTROPHE

The courage of Sublieutenant Don Claudio Vallejo of the Civil Guard prevented a disastrous explosion when the barracks of that force at Avila were partly destroyed by fire on Monday night.

The flames were already licking at the door of a storeroom containing large quantities of small arm ammunition and some hand grenades when Señor Vallejo broke it in. Other volunteers assisted him to carry out the explosives and deposit them in safety at the Colegio Reparatorio Militar.

The fire broke out at 5 p.m. on Monday and was not extinguished until 2 a.m. on Tuesday. The living quarters of the *guardias*, the harness room and the armoury were completely destroyed, but the offices and the officers' quarters, separated from the rest of the building by a courtyard, suffered no damage.

The building was formerly the monastery of San Jerónimo, part of which, formerly housing forty *guardias* and their families, was abandoned a year ago as unfit for habitation. The fire started in the abandoned portion.

The dry timbers of the ancient edifice burned like tinder, so that by 7 p.m. the place was a furnace. Civil Guards and other volunteers took enormous risks to save the arms and other belongings in their living quarters.

The Avila fire brigade, insufficiently equipped, was delayed in getting to work on the blaze. Don Luis Rodríguez, chief of the fourth zone of the Madrid brigade, and the whole of his section were sent from the capital to lend assistance.

Fast driving brought them to Avila by 9:30 p.m., by which time the local firemen had succeeded in localising the flames. The Madrid men, handling their up to date equipment expertly, were attacking the fire in a remarkably short space of time.

With their aid it was brought under control, and finally extinguished, but not before a part of the old building had collapsed. The explosion of some cartridges overlooked by the salvage party added to the danger, but the Red Cross section in attendance had to treat only a few slight injuries.

The Colonel commanding the Civil Guards in Avila set to work after the fire to find fresh quarters for his subordinates. Meanwhile the streets nearest to the burned-out building were kept closed to traffic in case of a further collapse.

BREAKUP OF THE UNIVERSE MAY END AT ANY TIME TIME LIMIT

The Universe may come to an end at any moment, according to Lieutenant Colonel Don Emilio Herrera, Director of the Superior School of Aeronautics and Spain's aspirant to the title of explorer of the stratosphere.

On the other hand, it may last another 30,000 years. But no more.

«The Universe,» explained Colonel Herrera in an interview given last week in Madrid, is breaking up at this moment into a multitude of pulverised fragments which are shot into the depths of superspace.... Constructed of an elastic material, the ether, subjected by the centrifugal force of its rotation to a strain amounting to more than 300,000,000,000 times its coefficient of elasticity, which compels it to increase enormously in volume, the explosion is inevitable.»

«At present,» he told his interviewer, «the breaking-up process is taking place at the points of minimum resistance or maximum strain. The nearest splits observed cannot reach our planet for three hundred centuries.»

That period, he pointed out, is the maximum, not the minimum possible life of Mother Earth. Disaster may come before then, at any moment, from another source.

«We have very close to us,» said the Colonel, «one of the danger points of space, the companion of Sirius, where the ether is subjected to a great strain and a notable deformation in a gravitational field far greater than that of the Earth.»

«The mass of this little star presents the highest degree of condensation of matter known, and the force of gravity on its surface is so intense that a body falling freely on it can travel some 100 kilometres in the first second as against the five metres which it travels on Earth and 140 on the Sun.»

«Should the ether give way under the heavy strain that tends to tear it apart at that point, a few years after the appearance of «pimple» on Sirius the entire solar system would be affected by the split, and flung in atoms—or rather, in electrons—together with the elements of the ether which sustains it, likewise disintegrated into the unfathomable abysses of superspace at the rate of three hundred thousand billions of metres a second.»

The expert refused to hazard a guess as to when that catastrophe might occur, if at all.

«If that contingency is not realised, the world will live for three hundred centuries, certainly not.»

SPAIN TO COMMEMORATE DEATH OF ARMADA SURVIVOR

LOPE DE VEGA, SOLDIER, DRAMATIST, POET AND LOVER

The death of one of the survivors of the disaster of the Invincible Armada will be commemorated throughout Spain on Tuesday, August 27.

Tuesday will be the tercentenary of Don Lope Félix de Vega Carpio, soldier, poet and dramatist. He and his younger contemporary, Pedro Calderón de la Barca, are the twin Shakespeares of the Spanish theatre of their time, which so closely resembles the Elizabethan stage, its English contemporary.

The marriage of sword and pen was no unusual one in those stirring times. Notable examples were Sir Philip Sidney and Sir Walter Raleigh in England, and Garcilasso and Cervantes in Spain.

Cervantes, a contemporary and admirer of Lope, lost the use of a hand fighting the Turks at Lepanto before writing that epoch-making novel «Don Quixote» with the other. The disablement was seventeen years old when the Armada sailed in 1588, while the adventures of the Ingenious Hidalgo did not go to press till 1604.

Nor was the illfated expedition against England Lope's first. In 1583, at the age of 21 he had shipped from Lisbon with Don Alvaro de Bazán against the remnant who held out in the Azores against Philip II after his conquest of the mainland of Portugal.

Lope left a sorrowing bride behind when he embarked for England on the galleon San Juan, which was to limp into Cádiz harbour with the other remnants of the shattered fleet at the end of the year. His wife was Isabel de Urbina, daughter of Don Diego Urbina, king of arms, whom he had married by proxy in Madrid on May 10, 1588.

Isabel was the first of the gallant and adventurous poet's many loves. His affections had nevertheless been shared by others, including a certain Elena Velázquez.

Elena found a fresh and more reliable suitor, soon after which the gossips of Madrid were discussing certain very scurrilous anonymous verses which referred to Jerónimo Velázquez, Elena's father, and other members of her family. Lope was suspected of being the author and brought to trial.

He was found guilty and sentenced to banishment from Madrid for two years and from the kingdom of Castile for five. He went

off to Valencia and there occupied himself in writing plays which helped to lay the foundations of the national theatre.

But he remembered Isabel Urbina, and returned to Madrid to carry her off. It was to escape the penalties for breaking his banishment order, and possibly for abduction as well, that he took service with the Fleet as a marine.

The incident is typical of Lope's history, as well as of his age, in which «off with the old love» was seldom considered a necessary preliminary to «on with the new.» His offspring by different alliances were many, though the number of the children of his fertile brain throws them utterly into the shade.

He tried the epic, pastoral novel and story forms, but the bulk of his production is represented by his plays. According to one estimate they total 900 comedies and 200 autos sacramentales, the religious allegories performed annually on Corpus Christi day.

With this enormous facility Lope combined an imaginative power, a skill in weaving plots and a lyric strain which earned him the title of the «monster of Nature» from Cervantes, and that of «The Phoenix» from an anonymous punster tempted by his second name—«Félix» becoming «Fénix».

Lope was born in the Calle de los Francos (now Cervantes) in Madrid, and in that street he died, on August 27, 1635, in the house which is now number fifteen. The house has been restored to the condition in which he left it by the Academy of the Spanish Language for his tercentenary.

The dramatist bought the house in 1610. In it he wrote the last of his works, and suffered the last blows of fortune.

Doña Juana de Guardo, his second wife, died there after a long illness. His son Carlos did not survive her long. The poet's love affair with the beautiful actress Micaela de Luján was also ended by her death in 1612.

Lope de Vega was ordained a priest in 1614, and future visitors to Calle de Cervantes, 15 will be able to see the tiny oratory where he officiated, as well as the study where his works were written and the garden which was his chief delight in the last lonely years. And not far away is the Trinitarian convent where his daughter Marcela took the veil, and where the poet himself is buried.

PALMA CITY AND ITS WALLS

LAST BASTION WANTED

APPEAL TO GENERAL

General Don Carlos Masquelet had hardly stepped off the Barcelona boat and taken over the command of the troops in the Balearics when the local evening newspaper *La Ultima Hora* came forward with an editorial asking him to forward what it describes as a long felt aspiration of the City.

There is one part of the old wall that proclaims Palma as a former fortified city which is not municipal property. It belongs to the War Department, and *La Ultima Hora* seeks the General's support for the contention that it should be handed over to the City Corporation.

The paper recalls that when it was decided to demolish the fortifications of Palma at the beginning of this century the seafront wall was excepted. It continued to be under the control of the War Office and subject to the laws and regulations governing fortified places.

The restriction was removed in 1922. The wall passed into the hands of the City Fathers, who instead of knocking it down and replacing it with boulevards, like the inland ramparts, laid it out with flower beds and fountains and gravel walks, transforming it into the charming promenade which now extends from in front of the Cathedral nearly to the ropewalk at the eastern end.

Two bastions, the Baluarte de Berard and the Baluarte del Principe, were retained by the War Office in 1922, the first named being ceded to the City a few years ago. The Baluarte del Principe, which is still military property, is at the eastern corner of the wall, overlooking the ropewalk.

It is this bastion which *La Ultima Hora* wants handed over, so that the City of Palma may be in a position to treat the ramparts that recall its past as an artistic whole. Two reasons are given why the completion of the *Paseo de la Muralla* is important.

In the first place, the position of the coveted bastion causes it to cut off the end of the promenade, making a dead end. Once it passes into the possession of the City it will be possible to make that end accessible by a staircase like that at the other, beside the cavalry barracks at the seaward end of the Avenida de Antonio Maura.

The other reason is that the bastion is of the right size, shape and general conditions for making an ideal children's park, of which Palma is much in need.

Such is the enterprise to which the newly arrived Military Commander is asked to «lend his decisive support.»

IMAGE OF THE VIRGIN THAT PRESIDED OVER PARLIAMENT

HISTORY AND LEGEND OF PAMPLONA'S STOLEN TREASURES

Kings, princes and parliaments formerly did honour to the Virgen del Sagrario, the revered image of the Virgin whose ornaments were part of the booty of the now famous burglary of Pamplona Cathedral.

Nuestra Señora la Blanca, or Santa María la Real, as she is also called, used to preside over the Cortes held in Pamplona when Navarre was an independent kingdom. The kings of Navarre kept vigil before her on the night preceding their coronation, before her they were crowned, and in her presence the heirs to the throne swore to keep the statutes of the realm and received the homage of their future vassals.

According to a pious tradition, the image was brought to Spain by Saint Peter. No one knows just how long it has been in the Cathedral, but there is a record of its being covered with silver in the twelfth century, thus hiding the original black wood.

The crowns worn by the Virgin and by the Child in her arms were among the stolen works of art. They are of gold set with emeralds, and were presented by the City of Pamplona by popular subscription in gratitude for the ceasing of a plague in 1783.

The reliquary containing a piece of wood from the Cross—the Lignum Crucis—which was also stolen was given to the Cathedral by King Charles the Noble of Navarre in the year 1400. It had been presented to that monarch by the Emperor Emmanuel Palaeologos of Constantinople, as is attested by documents bearing the Emperor's signature and preserved in the Cathedral archives.

The occasion of the present was one of the many embassies sent from Constantinople to ask the kings of Christendom for aid in defending the tottering Byzantine Empire against the Turks. A neat touch of diplomacy is revealed in the mingling with the biblical scenes on the base of the gold fleurs-de-lys on a blue ground, which formed the arms of the reigning Navarrese dynasty.

Mystery surrounds the presence in the Cathedral of the rare and ancient insignia of the Order of the Golden Fleece, which attracted the special notice of ex-King Alfonso when he visited Pamplona in 1920. It belongs to a kind which by the rules of the Order could not be inherited or alienated, but must be returned to the Order at the death of the holder.

Likewise unknown is the date of the coming to Navarre of the ivory casket of Hispano-Arab workmanship, for which over a million and a half pesetas were offered and refused two years ago. It was made about 1015 by an artist named Namayr for the Moorish chieftain Abd el Malek, son of Almanzor, whose name is inscribed on it.

Before passing into the possession of Pamplona Cathedral the casket belonged to the ancient and famous monastery of Leyre, in Aragon. The monastery, at the time when it received the casket from one of the early kings of Aragon, was ruled by an abbot named Virila, of whom a strange story is told.

Abbot Virila, according to certain authors, «saw eternity through the song of a bird.»

The good abbot was reading in his breviary near a certain fountain which can still be seen. He was pondering an obscure text concerning the nature of eternity, and found it so difficult that for the mornen his faith was shaken.

Just then a bird began to sing, distracting his mind from the problem. The song was not ended when the monastery bell called the brethren to evening prayer.

The abbot hastened to obey the summons, but found the door shut. He knocked, and a face showed at the grille.

«What do you want, brother?»
«Open to your abbot, who is late for chapel.»

«Doubtless, brother, you come from a long pilgrimage and have missed the way to your monastery. Our abbot has been in his stall in the choir for some time.»

«Open to Abbot Virila! I am not come from Rome or from Compostela, but from a stroll in the woods.»

To convince this obstinate stranger the monk opened the door. Virila saw that the man inside was a stranger wearing the white habit of the Cistercians, whereas the abbot's was that of the Benedictine order.

Virila understood that he had suffered the consequences of his doubt, and started to explain it to the monk for a warning. While he spoke his figure faded, and he was seen no more.

The Cistercian monks looked up their records that they had taken over with the monastery from the Benedictines. They found that there had in truth been an Abbot Virila, who had gone for a walk in the woods and vanished without trace 300 years earlier.

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LATEST WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

GLENDALE, Cal., Saturday
The remains of the late Mr. Will Rogers lay in state here before the funeral yesterday, the army and air force providing guards of honour. It is estimated that 100,000 people tried to reach the cemetery, while a minute of silence was observed throughout California and broadcasting systems closed down for thirty minutes.

PARIS, Saturday

Acting on anonymous information, the authorities searched several houses at Gien yesterday for hidden arms. A machine gun with a large quantity of ammunition was found in the house of an arms dealer belonging to a combatant Right wing organisation, while a further quantity of machine gun and rifle ammunition was found in the rooms of the local leader of the Patriotic Youth.

ADDIS ABBABA, Saturday

The Turkish General Mehmet Bahib Pasha, who commanded a Turkish army corps during the Great War and won distinction in the defence of the Dardanelles, has been entrusted by the Emperor of Ethiopia with the command of the Ethiopian army in the South. He has already left for Walwal.

His appointment to command in that region is important in view of the fact that as a Mohammedan he is considered certain to gain the sympathies of the Mohammedan Somali tribes of the province of Ogaden (Ethiopian Somaliland).

ROME, Saturday

Although satisfaction is expressed here that the British Cabinet passed no resolution against Italy, the feeling prevails that the Brit-

ish attitude prevails unchanged and that the danger of British support for the application of sanctions in case of war is not only not removed, but even increased by the solidity of opinion now said to exist between the members of the Cabinet and the leaders of the Opposition.

That the door to a peaceful settlement is apparently not closed by Italy is indicated by a noteworthy remark of the *Popolo d'Italia*, which writes; «Either the efforts to find a basis of understanding between Italy and Abyssinia will succeed, or England will try to force France to support a resolution at Geneva directed against Italy.»

MILAN, Saturday

Major Cimmaruta, commander of the Italian garrison at Walwal, is on his way to Berne to give evidence before the Italo-Ethiopian Arbitration Commission.

BERNE, Saturday

The members of the Italo-Ethiopian Arbitration Commission—MM. de la Prandella and Potter for Ethiopia and Signor Marescotti and Count Montagna for Italy—arrived here yesterday to continue their labours. They paid a visit of courtesy in the afternoon to Federal Councillor Motta, Chairman of the Political Department.

A public meeting to demonstrate against Fascism and the East African dispute had been convened for last night. Two foreign speakers were to have addressed the assembly, one of them being a Negro. The meeting was prohibited by the Swiss Federal Council in accordance with the provisions of the decree of August 13 forbidding all assemblies which by virtue of their

international character might violate Swiss neutrality.

ADDIS ABBABA, Saturday

Count Vinci, the Italian Minister here, called on the Ethiopian Foreign Minister yesterday to inform him that investigation has proved to his complete satisfaction that Signor Muzi Falconi, the Italian consul who was shot while hunting, wounded himself by careless handling of his rifle. Count Vinci thanked the Ethiopian authorities for the care taken of the wounded consul.

LONDON, Saturday

Official circles here are extremely reticent on the subject of the multilateral naval talks which it was hoped to hold here next month. It is thought probable that they will not take place, since Japan's insistence on a common upper limit of fighting tonnage, which in effect means parity with Britain and the United States, is definitely opposed by America.

DUBLIN, Saturday

The Blue Shirt Youth Congress was addressed here yesterday by Mr. O'Higgins and Commandant Cronin, both of whom castigated President De Valera's Fianna Fail party for attempting to represent

itself as an ultranational party with the slogan «Ireland isn't a free country.»

Commandant Cronin declared that the first essential of the country was unity, both national and economic, and that there were men in the country big enough to achieve unity without giving away geographical advantages.

BELGRADE, Saturday

The Cabinet crisis which had been brewing for some days became acute yesterday, when three Ministers—MM. Preka (Social Policy), Auer (Justice) and Sjemovics (Forests)—tendered their resignations to the Premier, M. Stojadinovich, on his return from an audience with Prince Regent Paul at Veldes.

While the reasons for the crisis are not stated officially, it is understood that it is due to disapproval of the formation of a new Government party, which is considered likely to make the solution of the Croat problem still more difficult.

LUCERNE, Saturday

The German question will be freely discussed at the nineteenth World Zionist Congress, now meeting here, according to Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, the United States

Zionist leader. Rabbi Wise in an interview given yesterday rejected the view of the German Zionists that nothing the Congress could do could help the German Jews; «Nazism does not declare German Jews an inferior race, but that all Jews are.»

LATE SPORT NEWS

BRIXHAM, Saturday

Mr. Sopwith's yacht Endeavour beat Yankee by nine minutes twenty seconds over a twenty eight miles course here, Astra taking second place on time.

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TRAFFIC SAFETY
 recent city ordinances whe-
 pedestrians and automobile
 are fined on the spot for
 infractions of the traffic
 have given rise in the last
 weeks to some amusing inci-
 and not a little disgust.
 disgust, of course, is chiefly
 part of those who have been
 and fined, while the am-
 ent, naturally enough, eman-
 from onlookers and friends
 from the stories are afterward
 view of the number of pos-
 infractions and the number
 sons, chiefly foreigners, who
 unfamiliar with the new code
 its applications, it is amazing
 more fines have not been le-
 whatever one may think of the
 it must be admitted at once
 foreigners in general have
 let alone, on the ground of
 nance, and that Mallorquin of-
 ers are the ones who have had
 gentleman with the frown and
 book step up to them and in-
 them of their traffic mis-
 and there a foreigner has
 fined, generally for parking
 in a forbidden spot. Pure co-
 by has been responsible for the
 of interest in foreigners who
 to cross the roads between
 brass studs marking the pe-
 man's pathway, and not laxity.
 the example of the for-
 ers who forget that they are
 ing a city whose life goes on
 day to day whether visitors
 on boats or not, and walk
 in city streets here in costu-
 they would not dare to wear in
 own home towns.
 men, in the past two hot
 this, such improperly dressed
 gers have appeared, they
 not been jailed or even ar-
 forthwith. They have in-
 case been politely requested
 return to their homes and put
 more clothes. And that is all.
 The traffic ordinances are being
 for the definite purpose
 getting down accidents and in-
 ing safety. The enforcing is
 done with all consideration.
 These facts were realized, it
 do away with a good amo-
 of the senseless grousing being
 nowadays, and much of the
 and amusement at the ex-
 of a worthy municipal ef-

Out Of My Head

by HARRY GALLAND

It seems that the times here, as everywhere always, aren't what they used to be. I've been talking to an old-timer who remembers the good old wicked days in Palma, when—according to his story—things happened.

The reminiscencer in question has the happy habit of forgetting completely what has taken place, where he was and why and with whom, when he has had one over the eight. It is a convenient habit.

Now and then, according to his own frank confession, he has a little more than is good for him. In other words he sometimes gets tight, fuddled, pickled, stewed, canned, pie-eyed, tanked, squiffy, blotto, ossified, or, if you prefer, a little woozy.

It was on one of those occasions that a stern-looking person in a blue uniform with brass buttons came to see him. Our friend was feeling pretty good. Not argumentative, you understand, but just pretty good.

The scene was the doorway of the Little Club, which will be remembered by old inhabitants here as the local hot-spot for convivial souls. An audience was present when the stern person appeared and demanded an interview, and our friend thought that it was up to him to do something by way of pleasing the audience.

He asked the *guardia* in for a drink. It didn't work. It was, of course, in the convivial one's mind to get the guardian of the law slightly cock-eyed himself, and then to turn the tables by arresting him.

Apparently the man in the uniform wasn't in a mood to be trifled with, and in any case certainly not before an audience of *extranjeros*. His brow visibly darkened as he realized that nobody was taking him seriously. It was then that the man he had come to see decided what he was going to do about it.

«Did you,» he asked the policeman, «by any chance come here to arrest me?»

The *guardia* readily admitted that he had come for just that purpose.

«Because,» added the man who was feeling pretty good, «I'm damned if you will.» And taking a long breath, he made a dash for the door, out of it, and down the street.

The *guardia*, taken by surprise, followed. The chase was fast and furious. The cop was a young man in good condition, while his quarry was no mean runner himself. They fled down the street like arrows, the policeman less than a hundred feet behind.

Thus they ran, hell for leather through the streets, with the quarry pulling away from his pursuer bit by bit. But it didn't last long. The convivial one reached a haven and darted into it, less than fifteen seconds ahead of the *guardia*.

He had led the cop a merry chase straight into the police station.

TURNING THE PAGES

by Bibliófilo

AMERICAN OUTPOST, A Book of Reminiscences, by Upton Sinclair. *Tauchnitz Collection of British and American Authors*, Vol. 5060, 5.50 ptas.

Mr. Upton Sinclair is not Governor of the State of California, in spite or because of all the noise created by his famous EPIC campaign. But he is not dead yet, nor, according to latest advices from across the Atlantic, is EPIC.

Neither is he old, at any rate if there is anything in the saying about a man being as old as he feels. And he claims in his preface to «American Outpost» that only a temporary feeling of oldness due to overwork prevailed on him to usurp the privilege of the senile and reminisce for the two hundred odd pages of this autobiography.

The question every reader implicitly asks his author on opening a book is not «How old are you?», Mr. Sinclair notwithstanding. It is «What are you talking about and what have you got to say ab-

environment as a member of a poor branch of a proud and wealthy family, in which he himself traces the origin of his preoccupation with the contrasts of wealth and poverty. Another phase of family history is displayed to explain why he is a Prohibitionist, capable of making such a fallible prophecy as this: «The Prohibition question was settled for our time when the women of America got the ballot.»

The author has evidently made a sincere and strenuous attempt to see his former selves as they were in the different stages of his development. On the whole, one receives the impression that he has been more successful than one would expect.

The youth one sees growing up, getting educated mainly by sheer thirst for knowledge, forming opinions, learning to write, falling in love and fighting his own particular devils is a perfectly credible person reacting to his environment at each stage in a per-



fectly possible way. out it?» Which means, in the case of an autobiography: «What have you done, or what has happened to you?»

Mr. Sinclair has had a busy and eventful life. He therefore has plenty to say about Mr. Sinclair, and he has no hesitation about saying it.

The book was written before the California gubernatorial campaign, and moreover does not bring the narrative up to the time when it was written. It stops short at Mr. Sinclair's marriage with his second wife, for he insists that the rest of the story is hers.

Nevertheless «American Outpost» has great interest for anyone trying to understand what is going on in contemporary America. It provides valuable material for studying a movement which may yet have a profound effect on American political and economic life, by tracing the evolution of its founder and depicting the conditions that helped to make him what he is.

Mr. Sinclair's political views and literary achievements are well known. What is less well known is that he is a Southerner, descended of a line of sea-captains whose history is exactly as long as that of the American navy.

«I always considered ancestors rather a bore,» declares the author, so he jumps that stile by quoting from a naval historian who finds these particular ancestors interesting. He was right not to leave them out.

They help to explain his early

BY HOOK OR BY CROOK

«The natural tendency of Man is not to move house,» declares a Spanish colleague.

My fellow-scribe has uttered what is known in the expressive idiom of Andalusia as a truth the size of a Cathedral. If any doubt him, I refer them to the actual experience of my old friend Theophilus Gundlestraw, formerly of Lying-in-the-Hay, Hants., and now of Palma de Mallorca.

Theo, or Straws-in-the-Hair as he is affectionately known to his friends, arrived here three years ago from Valencia for a short visit. He has never been out of Palma since. His furthest wanderings have been to Ca's Catalá on the West, Arenal on the East and Son Sardina on the North. His southern limit is the lighthouse on the end of the Muelle, which is only natural since he doesn't own a boat.

And don't get away with the idea that Straws-in-the-Hair has fallen in love with what a Madrid editor called the «stone meander» of Palma. He hates the place and everything in it. I won't say everyone, for he has been known to assure his boon companions in his cups that «the only thing I shall regret when I get out of here is the boys I leave behind me.»

«Why doesn't he get out?» you ask, with that perspicacity for which readers of this column are noted throughout both hemispheres. I used to wonder too, but the other day I called on Theo in his room at the cheap boarding house he has infested since his arrival on these shores, and I wonder no longer.

I hammered on the door, and was rewarded by hearing a remarkable series of assorted grunts from within. They were followed by a creaking noise, which suggested to my trained ear that Theo was engaged in the difficult operation of lifting himself off the bed on which he had been taking an undeserved siesta.

Ten minutes elapsed, during which there were sounds as of an earthquake wrecking a sardine cannery. After that the door opened, offering to my startled eyes the unique spectacle of Theo against the appropriate background of his lair.

I shall not describe the sight. The pencil of Mr. Heath Robinson has its prerogatives, upon which this halting typewriter dare not encroach.

But I understand now why Theo is still on the Island. And, after taking a few soundings in my own bachelor apartment, I can just hear my landlord when he hears I have skipped out on him and tries to dig the value of his rent out of the junk.

El Gancharo.

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LA JAVA

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ON THE ISLAND

-- By The Wayfarer --

(Continued from page 1)

ALBANIA:—

Miss Meveritt, who has been a house guest of Miss Emily Kemp at Miss Kemp's home in Terreno, is leaving in a few days for a trip which has the ring of adventure. The destination is Albania, and it sounds interesting to the stay-at-home ears of your correspondent. Miss Meveritt has been here a month, and expects to return to Mallorca.

DANCES:—

The dinner and thé dansants at the Hotel Formentor are delighting the management and the guests these days, for they are proving increasingly popular. The dansants take place in the bar downstairs, which looks out on the terrace. Thus guests in their rooms upstairs, wearied by a day in the sun and air and in bed early, are undisturbed.

CLOSING:—

Mr. Joe Dreyer, the genial proprietor of the bar bearing his name on the Calle 14 de Abril in Terreno, is permitting himself a small vacation during the month of September. Joe's Bar will be closed every Sunday during that

month, but will resume the usual routine in October.

REFUGEE:—

The official registration figures for Soller issued during the week show that Soller and its port are enjoying a tourist boom. Fifty French, nine English, five North Americans, two Germans and one Swiss are on the list of 68, leaving one whose nationality is not given. He is listed, with maddening mystery, simply as «and one refugee.»

CALA:—

With more comings than goings still being reported, the popular resort of Cala Ratjada is now full—with more arrivals daily. Mr. Rudolf Levy, the painter, is back from his trip to Paris and Biarritz, and brought with him to the Cala as his guest Mr. Goetz Eyck, a young musician who hails from Hollywood. Miss Nita Dreierberg and her mother, Mrs. Nellie Dreierberg, left Palma on Thursday and are now installed at the Castellet, and Miss Yvonne Lasserre joined the trek on Friday. Cala residents seen in town during the week include Miss Hippie Seckel, Mrs. Peggy Kidd, and Mr. Alex Akerbladt, among others. Mr. Akerbladt re-

turned to his palette and brushes on Friday after having been relieved of an unwanted ache and pain or two, and says he is so familiar with injection needles now that he ought to be an expert at embroidery.

INCLUDED:—

Miss Sybil Sutton-Vane, who almost went yachting to Ibiza over the weekend but was much disappointed at the last minute by not being able to get away, points out that any kudos extended for the Ode to Orthography on the difficulty of spelling names correctly in a social notes column which received notice here last week should include Mr. Robert Gavett. That scrivener, it seems, modestly failed to mention his own part in the work of writing the Ode, which amounted to 50%.

VOYAGE:—

Mr. Harold Leinau and Mr. F. R. Poole returned from their voyage to Ibiza in Nimbus on Thursday, bringing news of the inhabitants in those parts. They stayed four days, including an extra day in order to see the famous Sunday parade of the belles of the town, and reported that Mr. Elliott Paul, who is in Ibiza with his

wife, is learning to play the accordion, that Mr. Kenneth Graham has completed a novel called «A Wild Ass» that Mr. Conor O'Brien is preparing to sail to England in his yacht Saoirse, and that Captain and Mrs. Flower are considering sailing to Alicante, before they stopped answering questions and called for another round.

LUNCHEON:—

Mrs. Bowman-Burns was the hostess at a luncheon party on Thursday at her home in Terreno. The guests included Major Charles Gilson (who has moved to the Pension Schay in Terreno since his return from Arenal), Mrs. Pamela de Prizer and Mr. A. Crystal.

KEY:—

The Fiesta at Alcudia on September 8 is going to be a gala affair, judging by the plans. Sr. Santos, proprietor of the Hotel Miramar, is donating a cup for the winner of the donkey race, and there will also be horse races, in which foreigners are invited to participate. Any member of the foreign colony who can ride a horse can enter the races by giving notice to Sr. Santos twenty-

four hours in advance. It is ed out that horses can be ped to Alcudia by rail for ten setas. In the evening there will be a bullfight, for which full-blooded bulls will be imported. The ring will be brought in and presented to the president of the corrida by a British lady riding a spirited horse, who will give a brief exhibition of riding. Without doubt all roads will lead to Alcudia (and be filled with cars) on September 8.

RETURN:—

The yacht Dalga, which has been in and out of Palma several times, returned on Wednesday. Her skipper, Capt. Carter, looked cheerful and well-burned, a little more of both when last seen here. Dalga belongs to Sr. Bemberg, an Argentine financier.

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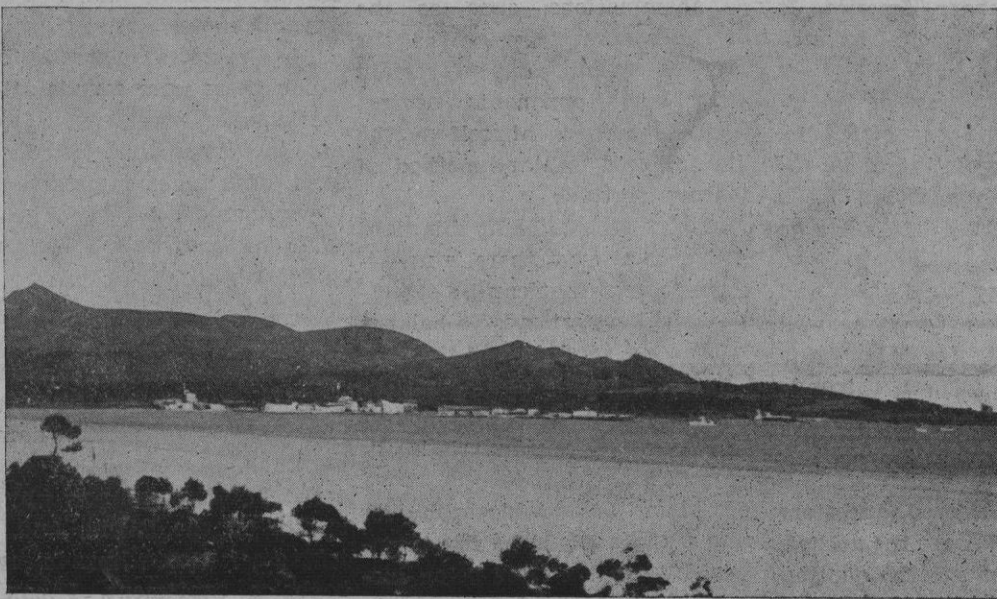
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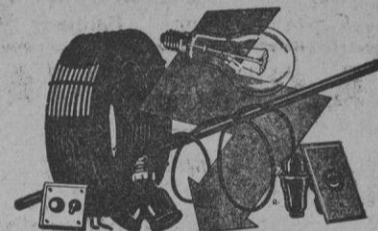
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are on their way to Palma and Ibiza, and that the infantry will be distributed between Palma, Andraitx, Pollensa, Mahón and Ibiza.

One machine gun battalion arrived in Palma at midday on Friday on the steamer Delfin from Almería. This unit is stationed at Inca for the time being.

Another battalion which comes from Alcoy was due the same day at Ciudadela, Menorca. A third battalion and one of the artillery units were expected in Ibiza, likewise on Friday, on board the motorship Ciudad de Alicante from Castellón de la Plana.

Meanwhile, however, the alarmist talk had been checked by the Home Office in Madrid.

The Home Office note issued on Thursday declares; «The preoccupation which is being produced in the world by certain circumstances of international politics acquires in certain minds exaggerated proportions, which are translated into erroneous reports and an unjustified state of alarm...»

«A decision of the Cabinet has been taken as a pretext to start the alarm. To dissipate this baseless alarm it is sufficient to say that it concerns a military mobilisation bill which has to be read, reported on, discussed and voted in Cortes before it can be promulgated.

«There is no reason why the tranquility of citizens should be disturbed.»

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ance. The car was badly damaged. The Civil Governor of Avila, who happened to be passing in his car, took the injured on board and drove them to Salamanca. The labourer Matías Martín, after being treated for injuries in different parts of the body at the Casa de Socorro, was taken to the provincial hospital, while Señora de Franco, having received attention to a bruise on the head, went to a hotel.

General Franco, it will be remembered, left the Balearics to become Commander-in-Chief of the army in Spanish Morocco. He was recently appointed Chief of the General Staff in succession to General Masquelet, who is now Military Commander of the Balearic Islands.

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plona itself. It is now reported that only the priceless eleventh century ivory casket and an emerald worth nearly 50,000 pesetas are untraced.

A search made on Monday in the house of Gregorio Arias, clockmaker, in the Calle de la Zapatería, Pamplona, resulted in the discovery of pieces of the crown of the Virgen del Sagrario, the Golden Fleece and the Lignum Crucis reliquary. Confessions made by Arias and further searches yielded the rest of the booty, including a package containing about 2,000 pearls of different sizes.

The police believe they have a conclusive proof of the guilt of Oviedo and Papaello in a small key like those of the cases in which the treasure was kept, which was found on the floor in the Cathedral. The locksmith who made it has recognised photographs of the Mexican and the Italian as those of his customers.

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