

# THE SEARCHLIGHT

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### Phrase of the moment

The good intentions of creation if put into execution would serve to make a happier world; rather than merely prolonging untold agonies, but we spend so much time in looking after the perishable pleasures of life, that we fail to grasp the immortal; hence the world will ever be the same for man seldom heeds the warning note until too late.

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## Britain's financial difficulties A Brutal Crime

In 1929 the Revenue of Britain was £ 233,971,000 while 1930 only fetched... £ 203,123,000 meantime her estimated expenditure for... 1931 has swung into... £ 293,822,000 therefore the necessity of retrenching in every department of private and public life as advised by Mr. Stanley Baldwin.

The money values has fallen, occasioning a loss in values of 30 million pounds. The pound sterling has dropped in comparison with the dollar from 3.91 to 4.32. The standard mint value has been suspended for six months, as a consequence of which the value of gold in bars has risen from £ 3.17.6 per ounce to £ 4.4.11.

France and the United States are disposed to do everything in their power to save the situation of England and to stabilize the Sterling.

A world slump of the character of what has occurred during the past two years, must inevitably place a strain on the soundest of currencies. On the raw material countries, the strain has been very severe in consequence of the deflation of commodity prices. In the manufacturing countries where the trade slump has called for a different sort of regulation the strain has not been so sudden or intense, yet the effects while resisted for a considerable time will break through such resistance and manifest the inevitable crash which must come if quick and permanent adjustment is not brought to bear. As the financial trade circular of the Royal Bank of Scotland says: "Superficially, the sterling has shown a successful resistance against the American dollar, although this superficial appearance of strength is deceptive."

It will be convenient at the outset to draw a line between the temporary and fundamental factors which may affect the exchange between countries—the international movement of short term funds, and the balance of trade indebtedness. Of trade influences, a serious falling away in exports, other things being equal, may be expected to set up an adverse exchange tendency, since the demand for the currency of the exporting country in order to

### PAY FOR ITS EXPORTS

will be smaller. The corrective of such a position is, in effect, economy in the exporting country. If the inhabitants desire to continue to enjoy their usual mode of living, all they can do ultimately is to contract their imports, so reducing their demands on outside currencies, or to restimulate external demands for domestic currency by increased productivity. All this is tantamount to a reduction of costs of production. In the short run they have indeed another "remedy." By borrowing abroad on short term, they may set up a temporary demand for the domestic currency against the sale of external currencies, which will provide a prop to the exchange. This sort of corrective, however, is of strictly limited application. For the time being it may offer a breathing space during which the more fundamental necessary adjustments can be devised and put into operations, but it can never be a permanent substitute for these adjustments. For continuous borrowing, without creation of the means for liquidating the amounts borrowed, eventually destroys the credit of the borrower.

What has all this to do with the present position of sterling? This. The stability of sterling is largely a result of the second of these remedies, not the first. To that extent it is somewhat artificial. The intrinsic position of the pound is much weaker than it at first sight appears.

The world-wide depression has placed this country in an unsatisfactory export position, and confronted her as a nation with the necessity of making certain fundamental adjustments in her costs of production. Other countries are faced with the same problem but not in the same degree, partly because other countries are not so dependent

### UPON FOREIGN TRADE

as we are nor aim at being the world's bankers; partly because, even before the present slump, Great Britain's competitive position in the world's export market was not as strong as it might have been. The figures of our international balance of payments estimated annually by the Board of Trade illustrate the nature of our special problem. Last year we had a credit balance on international account of £ 39 millions. In 1929 the comparable figure was £ 138 millions, in 1928 £ 137 millions. These figures are the net result of our transactions with the rest of the world in commodities, of which we regularly import more than we export, and our large invisible exports of shipping, financial and other services. They measure roughly the surpluses which we have available for lending abroad. They may be contrasted with the actual annual amount of our loans abroad—109 millions in 1930, £ 94 millions in 1929 and £ 143 millions in 1928. The comparison is instructive. It will be seen that last year we lent to overseas borrowers £ 70 millions more than we had available to lend. In other words we had a debit on our account with the rest of the world. Lending in any form tends to react unfavourably on a country's exchange. Over-lending

Increases the strain considerably. Here then is our problem. We are under the necessity of lending abroad (any international monetary centre must be prepared to do that), but we are not accumulating by our own efforts a large surplus out of which to lend. We are faced with the task of

increasing that surplus by raising our competitive efficiency in the world's markets. The task involves adjustments in costs of living and production, which so far we have not been prepared to accept. The result has been a considerable pressure on sterling.

In order to maintain the stability of sterling the Bank of England has had to resort to the temporary expedient of creating an artificial demand for it. This, in fact, is what has happened during the last six months. In January and at intervals afterwards the Bank successfully intervened in the money market to raise and maintain short-term money and discount rates above those prevailing in other centres. The effect was to attract an

### Influx for foreign funds

At this same time the Bank intervened to curtail the volume of sales of sterling against foreign currencies by discouraging the issue of further foreign loans. The prop was effective. Sterling, which at the beginning of the year was weak, recovered; the Bank which in January was losing gold, began to receive gold. As we have seen however, this sort of remedy, which in substance is merely borrowing on short term, is strictly limited in application. The flow of international short term funds is extremely susceptible to all kinds of influences. The presence of large foreign balances liable to sudden withdrawal contains an ever present threat to exchange stability.

## Ireland troublesome again

The Republicans are again in turmoil in the land of the dear little Shamrock.

Murder Gangs are again set loose. The Irish Republican Army is secretly drilling their recruits in secluded mountain passes. They clash at times in open warfare with the Police, who of late have unearthed several Ammunition Dumps in which have been met Machine Guns, Rifles and Ammunition of all Kinds. The Superintendent of Police has been shot down with some of his men, and leaflets have been distributed in the area under surveillance reading "Let this be a warning that no Police officer will be allowed to stand in the way of The I.R.A. There are supposed to be... 20,000 men under drill, but witnesses cannot be induced to declare for fear of being done away

The Bank of England a few weeks ago abandoned its control of the money market. It is not yet clear what interpretation is to be placed upon this action. The Bank may have decided that it had gone as far as circumstances warranted in guarding against the inherent weakness of sterling. It may have concluded on the other hand that the process of adjustment to the underlying factors in the position was substantially complete or that adverse developments in other countries had lessened the urgency of those adjustments. Its action is too recent to permit definite test of its intentions. The weight of present evidences suggests a combination of the first and last factors, but London short-term money rates are still above those ruling in New York, Paris and other centres. Political considerations are still causing a transfer of credits from Europe to this country. In the circumstances the intrinsic position of sterling is hidden.

To safeguard the crushing effects of this over-lending, private Bankers of France and the United States have agreed to hand over to the Bank of England the huge sum of £ 80,000,000 with which it is hoped that the value of the Monetary Standard will be stabilized: it is left now to be seen how the National Cabinet which has recently been formed will manipulate the suggestions of Stanley Baldwin on drastic economy in the private and public life of the Nation.

with. The authorities have come to the decision to suppress them at all hazards. The movement seem backed by communism.

## A thirsty land

While some places are suffering from excessive rains, news come from Madrid that at Lorca near Murcia on the Mediterranean Coast there has been no rain for over seven years. No less than 20,000 families have had to abandon their homes for happier regions.

## Al Capone

This great bootlegging financier has offered, through his friend Pisano, to buy out a wine making establishment in one million dollars. The product of the grape is said to be in concentrated form. The essence is set out in Brick shape, and one has only to put this brick shape concentrated substance into a pail of water and you have your wine according to the strength required.

In connection with the murder of the Chinaman Choc King Loy and the burning down of his Shop at The Hospital gate in Limon, a black man named Alfred Davis, Duncan, born in San Juan del Norte, Nicaragua, has been arrested on suspicion & many declarations leading up to prove his guilt, have been taken.

The crime was committed on Friday night 18th. inst. The doctors say that the Chinaman was killed instantaneously by the blow which he received in the back of his head, by a heavy bar or stick, which made a

## Banana Powder

The Northjohn Corporation of New Jersey, U. S. A., has informed the Jamaica Agricultural Society that it contemplates erecting a factory in that Island in the near future and would be requiring some 12,000 stems of bananas weekly. This will, afford the planters a splendid opportunity of profitably disposing of their rejected fruit. The Corporation has also intimated a willingness to form a local Company and to offer 49 per cent of the shares to investors in the Island.

The erection of the factory will take place as soon as the Corporation secures contracts for a weekly sale of... 100,000 pounds of the powder; so far 50,000 pounds have been contracted in New York city alone.

## Echos of the Convention

Following on the decision of the Convention which was held in Limon in August, we are asked by the Committee of The Million Tens drive for building a Reformatory School for the waifs and strays on the streets and an old age home for our infirm and aged by the cooperation of all the Lodges and all branches of U. N. I. A., to state that two modes of collecting have been agreed upon. First a book with ten cents Tickets will be in the hands of the collectors; any sympathizers on giving a donation will demand a ticket for every ten cent donated. The second will be a punching Card, on which a hole will be punched for every ten cent given to the collector. We therefore solicit the charity of our friends to a worthy cause.

The names of three gentlemen will be given as Trustees, in whose names these collections will be lodged in the John Keith's Bank.

pulp of the cranium; so that when the Shop was ignited he was already dead. On Saturday morning when the body was found among the debris and taken to the Morgue, it was discovered that it was not the incendiary that caused his death but the wounds which were inflicted on him prior to the fire.

Don Rogelio Gutierrez, our energetic Comandante of Police, is personally, along with his detectives señores Rojas and Cartin, working up this case, and the public is anxious that the crime should be cleared up and the murderer brought to justice, as the vicinity is horrified over this occurrence; the dwellers in the neighbourhood should therefore give every assistance to the Police to bring the guilty party or parties to justice, remembering that what has occurred to this Chinaman may happen to some one else tomorrow. The Main case is one also that demands the help of the residents, so that the Police may be able to clarify these crimes, they are getting much too frequent now; what with the attempt on the life of old man Savvyers, at Beverly Bridge, not a month yet, the Shooting in his bed of Mr. Boven two weeks ago and now this brutal murder, is something that the residents in these vicinities should certainly help the Police Department to unearth; if not, Life and property would not be worth anything in the near future. With regards to the Beverly Bridge tragedy, we understand that there are some people who met the man in underclothes coming towards Limon but who are afraid to declare, because they may belong to the same Association. Fraternal Societies do not teach their members to cover up such dastardly acts; and fear should not permit citizens to encourage such crimes.

## Kidnapping

As an echo of the San Ramon revolt, it has been divulged that a Plot was made to kidnap the President of the Republic, Don Cleto Gonzalez says that he knew about it but took no notice of it. The matter has been placed for investigation before the Courts.

## Very peaceful Relations??

Following on the visit of Messrs Laval and Briand of France, to Berlin, the German Government has taken extreme precaution for the safety of these two Ministers by putting on 5000 Special Policemen to guard the

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# Limón al Vuelo

El sábado 19 de los corrientes tuvo verificativo el suntuoso baile en el Limon Tennis Club, en celebración del 110 aniversario de nuestra Independencia Nacional.

Para darle mayor realce y esplendor a esta simpática fiesta social enviaron invitaciones a elementos de la sociedad de San José para que participaran de la alegría y el contento de la sociedad de Limón.

La cancha del Limón Tennis Club estaba magistralmente arreglada a una de las decoraciones pudimos ver la combinación de los colores azul, blanco y rojo, los cuales nos presentaban el pabellón tricolor costarricense.

A las nueve de la noche se dejó oír las dulces notas del Himno Nacional ejecutado por inspirados músicos, los cuales habían sido traídos expresamente para amenizar esta memorable fiesta social la cual ha dejado muy hondos recuerdos en nuestro ambiente social porteño.

A las diez de la noche del 19 las parejas se lanzaban al baile locas de entusiasmo y alegría, pues con esa fiesta rendían un homenaje a la memoria de los próceres de nuestra Independencia y he allí el por qué de tanto júbilo en esa noche de grata recordación para todos aquellos que disfrutaron de los encantos de ese baile en que reinó la felicidad más completa.

## Para San José

Para San José salió en carro especial agregado al tren ordinario nuestro dilecto amigo don Juanito Romagosa actual Gobernador de la Provincia de Limón.

Buen viaje y que regrese pronto son nuestros fehacientes deseos. En este mismo carro

iba para San José la estimable dama doña Marquita Pinto a quien también le deseamos muy feliz viaje.

## La llegada de los maestros panameños

El 23 de Setiembre arribaron a este puerto los maestros panameños los cuales vienen a Costa Rica en viaje de buena voluntad. A recibirlos al muelle estuvieron las escuelas de esta ciudad y autoridades de la provincia. En el tren ordinario de ese día salieron hacia la capital en donde fueron bien recibidos y festejados.

Gabriel Giraldo

## Obituary

Died: Allen J. W. on the 11th. inst. at Belize, Honduras, in the great Catastrophe, leaving a widow, son and a daughter in Limon, Costa Rica, to mourn their loss of a good husband and father. May his soul find rest.

The many friends of Mr. Allen in Costa Rica, will be sadly grieved to hear of the unfortunate occurrence which resulted in this good man's death.

Mr. Allen was one of the pioneers of Limon, having come here in the early years of the Construction of the Ferrocarril Costa Rica, and a constant employee of the Co. until he decided to go to work in the Jamaica Ryvork shops, and with a view of searching for broader fields, he decided to go to British Honduras where he met his sad end. He was a foundational member of the Limon Lodge of the G.U.O. of O.F. the oldest Fraternal Organization in Limon; he was also a member of the Order of Good Samaritans, being attached to the Guiding Star Lodge. The deceased was also much respected as a Staunch Churchman, his advice was much sought after in any Assembly in which he was connected. To his sorrowing widow and daughter in Limon, as well as to his son Mr. Thomas Allen of San Jose, The Searchlight begs to extend its sincerest condolences.

# La reunión del Partido Republicano Nacional en el Teatro Arrasty

Una vez más nos dimos el gusto de ver en la noche del lunes 21 de los corrientes, la hermosa reunión que hubo en las espaciosas localidades del Teatro Arrasty, en las cuales se había reunido lo más granado de todas las clases sociales de este puerto. Fue esa noche de completo entusiasmo, de loca alegría, de júbilo delirante; pues en el semblante de cada asistente se dejaba ver la alegría infinita, inusitado contento en aquella memorable asamblea cívica en la cual se había dado cita lo más culto y consciente de la ciudad de Limón.

Sería esto de las ocho de la noche, cuando a manera de bandada de gaviotas iban llegando lindas damitas de nuestra sociedad porteña, lo cual fue motivo más que suficiente para que nuestro hermoso Teatro se viera engalanado con la presencia de nuestras bellas mujeres, las cuales también son participe en el engrandecimiento del partido Republicano Nacional.

La compacta muchedumbre que desfiló en la noche del lunes 22 de los corrientes hacia nuestro Coliseo para escuchar a los briosos oradores que debían de hablar en esa recordada manifestación de verdadera simpatía hacia don Ricardo Jiménez Oreamuno, es una prueba eloquente de la inmensa corriente de simpatizadores que existen en este puerto por la candidatura de uno de los hombres más destacados de Costa Rica.

Las pasadas reuniones que se han efectuado con lujosa asistencia del género femenino en el Teatro Arrasty, nos dicen muy alto que si a estas horas ya se hubiese implantado el voto femenino en Costa Rica, puedo asegurar que serían muy pocas las mujeres que no votarían por el candidato del partido republicano nacional; pues la candidatura de don Ricardo, priva en la conciencia de grandes y chicos por todos los ámbitos de la República. Es necesario haber asistido a estas asambleas para darse exacta cuenta del contenido que reina en todas las personas que llegan a presenciar estas reuniones en que se labora a favor de un ciudadano el cual llegará por tercera vez a la Presidencia de la República.

El pueblo de Limón, consciente de sus deberes ciudadanos, no ha metido en apoyar de nuevo la candidatura de un hijo de Costa Rica, el cual debido a su gran experiencia en los asuntos de administración pública, hará que en su tercera administración, la República vaya por senderos que la lleven hacia

la meta de un mejor futuro. Esto es precisamente lo que necesita el pueblo de Costa Rica, un sujeto de los quilates de Ricardo Jiménez, para que haga renacer de nuevo la confianza nacional y extranjera y así conseguir la renovación económica y fiscal de la Nación.

Por todas estas circunstancias es que el pueblo de Limón está de lleno en esta hermosa campaña en que sin duda ninguna saldrá triunfante la candidatura de don Ricardo Jiménez, y así lo veremos ir de nuevo a la casa presidencial, a empuñar las riendas del poder en el periodo próximo. En vista de estas razones incontrastables, es que todos los ciudadanos corren presurosos a las asambleas que efectúan para que todos conozcan la marcha y el avance del partido, el cual va hacia la meta de un verdadero triunfo. Así fué como vimos esta última vez el lleno que hubo en el teatro Arrasty el 21 de los corrientes en cuya reunión hiciera uso de la palabra el Sr. don Virgilio Chaverri, don Amaro Castillo, don Asdrúbal Villalobos y otros más los cuales estuvieron a la altura, pronunciando brillantes discursos a favor de su candidatura. A las diez de la noche se terminó esta inolvidable asamblea en la cual se hizo derroche de civismo y alegría, llevando todos los concurrentes la seguridad de que en próxima fecha se realizará el triunfo de los grandes ideales de la inmensa masa de simpatizadores que apoyan a don Ricardo Jiménez.

## El Conde de Xolotlan,

Limón, Costa Rica Sep. de 1931.

## Edith mills retains ownership of house

The case of Edith Mills versus David Johnson was finally decided recently by the Supreme Court. This Tribunal found that the house was the lawful property of Miss Mills and not Alfred Barnes for whose debt it was embargoed. Miss Mills was represented by Limon Service Bureau and Johnson by Attorney Rufino Solis.

## Attention!

# Dr. C. L. Valverde Vega

San Jose

Graduate of the University of Paris

Specialist in affections of the blood and other diseases. Surgical cases given special attention. Treatments modern. Prices moderate. Patients met on arrival by his interpreter, T. C. Lewis. Further information, if required, can be had of "The Searchlight".

# Court Proceedings

## CLELAND TRAM Co.

The case of Reginald James, William Mowatt, Clifford Royal & Joseph Johnson against James Anson Cleland, all residents of Estrada, was decided in the first instance by the Civil Court for the Province of Limon, in the latter part of August last.

The plaintiffs James, Mowatt, Royal and Johnson, in suing the defendant, Cleland, alleged the existence of a Corporation known as "Cleland Tram Company Incorporated"; that the Company was the owner of a tramway measuring some three thousand four hundred metres, a considerable number of mules, harnesses and other accessories necessary for the efficient operation of the tramway; that the said James Anson Cleland was entrusted with the administration of the business at a monthly salary specified; and that he was also under the obligation to submit reports to his supposed partners of the incomes and disbursements made by the company each month which he has never done since September 1927; that they have in their possession, proof to the effect that they are entitled to not less than six thousand colones as their part of the net profit earned by

the said company up to December 23, 1929; that they are demanding Cleland's dismissal from the company on account of mal administration; that Cleland should present to the court all the books and other documents belonging to the said company; and that he should be ordered to pay all the cost. They also ask for a judgement in the sum of \$ 6,000.00. Defendant Cleland, in answering the suit, denied the allegations on which the action is based and pointed out certain defects of form in the presentation of the suit, which he considered should be sufficient to declare its inadmissibility.

The court in deciding, declared that all the documents presented by the plaintiffs were valueless, except one which Cleland himself admitted; and taking this admission into consideration, the court simply decided that Cleland must submit to the plaintiffs a detailed report of his administration, but that he cannot be removed from the office of Manager nor dismissed from the partnership; neither has the judgment for \$ 6,000 been granted.

Both plaintiffs and defendant have taken an appeal against this decision and the case is now in the hands of the Appellate Court where the date will be fixed for the trial of second instance. Plaintiffs are represented by Attorney Daniel Zeledon and the defendant by Limon Service Bureau.

## Divorce granted

A decree of divorce was granted in favour of John Henry Blake, a locomotive engineer, from his wife Jennetta Priscilla Stevart, on the grounds of adultery committed by her.

The plaintiff Blake pointed out and proved to the satisfaction of the Court that his wife had left his premises to live in concubinage with another man. The plaintiff was represented by Limon Service Bureau and the defendant was tried ex parte.

# Pan Pomona

MANZANA 31—Lot 4

Next door to the office of Juan José León (Sucs) you will find the People's Bakery, where you can get, at all times, Booth's Biscuits, Bread and Buns of the best quality and flavour—the finest in Limon, I am offering to the public a New Style of Bread called Pan Pomona made from the best quality flour. A trial will convince you. Its a size loaf that cannot be had for the price in Limón.

P. BOOTH  
Limon, May 25th. 1931.

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Dr. J. E. D'Azevedo  
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# Cricket Board of Control

The Presentation Match in connection with the JACK ORANE CUP COMPETITION will be played on Monday the 28th Inst at the Limon Oval in front of the Cuartel between the winners, The Wanderers and the Rest. The latter team will be captained by Mr. E. C. Chambers; the presentation of the Cup to the Winners will take place at 4.30 p.m. The presentation will be made by Mr. Jack Orane. Three other prizes will also be presented. The match commences at 10.30 a.m. All are invited.

W. Le Ray (Crshr.)  
Z. Harrison (Contr.)  
G. Roman (M.Pwr.)  
A. W. Sutton (Xlcr.)  
T. Spence (Brtnr.)  
F. S. Burke (Matna.)  
B. Hazel (Penst.)  
A. Ramsden (Cairo.)  
V. Isaacs (Constr.)  
B. Scott (M. Pwr.)  
Reserve: Garfield Walker  
Umpires: Messrs  
P. Irons & A. Drummod  
The Wanderers will be represented by S. Butler, Capt., C. Tomlinson,

L. Tomlinson, E. Reid, L. Whyte, K. Johnson, A. Colville, J. Lawson, W. Leslie, E. Smith, and C. Groves.  
It has been arranged for a prize to be given to the bowler with the best average.  
Names of players with the best averages will be given in our next issue.  
R. Ferris, President  
C. Hayling Secretary

## An Appeal

Mr. Editor  
Sir.

Please give me space in your valuable paper to refer to what we term our sense of justice. Sometime past, a friendly game of cricket was played in Limon, by the Excelsior and Motive Power Cricket Clubs, in which the writer took part as one of its umpires, two appeals were made and decisions were given in accordance with Rule as read in the M. C. C. Book of Laws on Cricket (Laws Nos. 19 & 24), but which were considered unfair and stigmatized that the umpire was interested in the Motive Power C.C., by some of the narrow minded members of the Excelsior C. C., and others who would try to force their Ideas of cricket, down the throats of others, forgetting the old adage you can not fool all the people all the time.

My thirty-five years study of the game in Barbadoes and Panama places me in a position to judge it, and I would advise these players and lovers of the good old game to study its laws, and thus save umpires a lot of unnecessary criticism and abuse, and which would help to improve cricket in Costa Rica.

The M. C. C. Books of Laws on Cricket,

## Very Peace...

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Railway lines from the French frontier to Berlin; besides the French government has put several detectives, who speak the German language, to accompany them.

## GEORGE BREEDY NEW STORE

I beg to announce, to my numerous customers, that I have again established my store in Limon at the corner of the Market, (formerly José Yunis).

You can be assured of the same kind treatment which I gave you in the past, when I was Manager of the Jamaica Store, for many years which is well known by one and all in Costa Rica.

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# The Fiestas at Siquirres

The Fiestas in Siquirres just came in the nick of time to drive some of the great despondency away from the poor people in and around Siquirres brought about by the laying off of working men and cutting of wages by U. F. Co.

On Monday 14th the Band arrived from Heredia on the Passenger train and was received by our officials and their arrival celebrated with bursting of Bombs and vivas.

The Municipal Palace was very nicely decorated in all colours and with the Costa Rican flags. All Siquirres displayed the Colours. The band marched to the plaza where all preparations were made to Celebrate the 15 of Sept. On the Ground was the Band Stand from which point, Fire works in all colours were shot off. In the day foot-ball games, nicely arranged, a Grease pole with values on the top in Colon bills, and other games in Puzzles.

At the Government Building all officials met on Tuesday morning, where Speeches were delivered in great eloquence by Dr. Shaw and others; the declaration of Independence of Costa Rica was read. The Band playing the National Anthem of C. R. Thousand of people paying rap attention, with school children from the Spanish school and of teacher Cornife all in lines with flags to answer by the call singing patriotic songs of Costa Rican love and liberty. Banners & flags waved, Bugles sounded & children brought to attention from both schools formed

a correct line marching off to the Spanish school. At 7.30 p.m. the teachers prepared their scholars for a concert at the teatro Peña accompanied by the Government Band; after this performance they marched to the plaza where the Band gave a rendition and the fire works enlivened the hearts of all. Thousands of people enjoyed themselves. On the 16th Sept. at 1.30 p.m. all prepared for Horse Racing & Bull Fights, but only 2 races were run for the evening. The Bull play was poor, only one man by the name of Wilson, could entertain the heavy

crowd for a while. Much praise must be given to our much esteemed Secretary of the Jefe Politico, don Nicolas de la O. Miranda, don Moises Cortes, and his associates in bringing off this fiesta, which has had the effect of chasing the despondency of the moment and giving a stimulus to the spirit.

The authorities are to be complimented in the efficient manner in which they kept order, and the public for their civilized deportment, in consequence of which there was not an incident to be lamented in the whole festivity.

A Resident

## JUAN MEZA-DENTIST

CARTAGO - COSTA RICA

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## To whom it may concern

In reply to the article published by my supposed wife Louise McLeod in "The Searchlight", I would like to make the following statements, to clarify the matter and to give the lie in her face, that the public may know the truth of our lives.

I unfortunately married her, Louis Sampson, in 1910 in this country at the age of 17. After our marriage I took her home to my relatives they showing her a life of respectability that she never seemed to have anticipated. I left her there for Cuba returned to Jamaica for her soon after; again I took her home to my Brother's residence, while there her mother arrived from Costa Rica and induced us to return to Costa Rica which I did, alas fatally, to my life of respectability. Soon after we arrived here I bought the property in question at Siquirres. She did invest \$500 of a piece of the 2nd. prize of the Lottery Ticket in the purchase of the spot, and her mother loaned me in all \$700, also arising from a similar piece of Ticket which her aunt won and paid over to her mother and for which I extended a pagaré, on which I have already repaid over two hundred colones, and shall settle this the only debt on my property.

Now with regards to our lives, the public of Siquirres know full well that this is the third time that this woman "who to my great sur-

prise signs herself Louise McLeod" has left my home and protection to carry on with other men; she is now away from me a year and three months living openly with a man, which she acknowledges also does her mother acknowledge, therefore legally I do not hold myself responsible to her for any claim on my property as she has taken off my ring and thrown in my face, saying in life of death we are no more man and wife.

I should therefore like the public to know that I acknowledge my responsibility to my children, because if I sell the property it is to be used on them if it is not sold it remains theirs, therefore any persons who may want to buy or mortgage my property will have nothing to fear as I shall fulfil from the amount of sale or mortgage my full responsibility to her and my children.

She lyingly asserts that I got from her \$1000, but she only handed in \$500, which I claim as having been paid to her, by her expenses caused me for doctors and other fees caused by her own misconduct.

Charles A. Mc. Leod

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## Of Local Interest

### Banana exports

In consequence of the heavy damages which the cultivations of the United Fruit Company suffered from the recent hurricanes and floods in British Honduras and the neighbouring Republic, there was a noticeable increase in the quantity of fruit exported from this Country during the past week. This increased demand has giving the planters, particularly the smaller ones an impetus, so needed at this time, to give greater attention to their farms so that rejections may be minimised.

### National Liquor Factory

The Administrator of our National Factory states that while the sale of Liquor has, to the end of last month, fallen short of the estimated sales by nearly \$266,000, he is confident that with the increased sales which usually take place during the last quarter of the years, the

estimated \$4,000,000 will be reached.

### The Keith's Corporation

Mr. Jose J. Ulloa, who has been long connected with the Keith Costa Rica Corporation, has been appointed the Agent for the Corporation in place of don Manuel Montejo, who occupied the position for many years, and recently left for the United States.



The Truth must Rise Happenings in the World

In defence of my rights so that the public will know the truth, however much I hate such scandal but I am bound to defend myself. The house was practically bought with my money, I have witnesses that I won a thousand colones and gave it to my husband in the purchase of the home, besides other moneys which I worked for, my mother also loaned him \$1300, on account of which he gave her a Pagareé for \$708 with the house as Security; so anyone purchasing same will find themselves in trouble.

Relative to my leaving his home, the entire district of Siquirres, even the doctors who attended me know, that it was in consequence of the blows and illtreatment which he gave me that I had to flee for refuge to my mother's and aunt's home, & had I not got them to assist me I would have died long ago; my mother and Aunt have been the sole support of my children; for several years now Mr. McLeod does not know whether they eat or they wear.

So far as the ring is

concerned, it was he who pulled it off my finger, in presence of witnesses, it is a lie that I ever took it off and flung it in his face. I am a working woman, buying my goods in Cartago and taking them on the lines for sale; that is what has supported myself and children latterly.

He sold my mare, and appropriated the money all to his own uses.

I have enjoyed two years of what married life should be, but for fifteen years now I have been bearing the burden of my home expenses; even in Cuba I was from the washtub to my machine, which he cannot gainsay; but as I refuse now to make myself any longer the Slave and the beating post, hence my troubles with him. Anyway I only want the Public to know that this home is mine and my five lawful children's, and that the Laws of the country will not allow us to be turned on the Streets.

Louise Mc.Leod

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Of Vital Importance

In an interview given by Mr. Alejandro Alvarado Quirós to a Reporter of 'La Tribuna' we note that he has touched on two items of vital importance which we cannot but bring before our readers. It is already well known that the United States government has suspended the idea of Constructing the Nicaraguan Canal for an indefinite period. What then don Alejandro asks is, the reason for American Marines occupying Nicaraguan Territory. This is a very wide question, but for want of space we shall return to the issue.

The other is that a market should be opened with France for our Coffee, Cacao and Bananas. It will be remembered that some time ago France asked for a rebate in the duties on such things as her Champagne and other wines, Suero de Pastuer, perfumeries, etc. but this was refused by our Congress. don Alejandro now insists that the matter should be taken up and acted on so that we may be able to get a favoured clause in the French Tariff, especially now that France is so powerful financially and the Sterling has so depreciated.

The Italian Minister, resident in Panama, has asked for a rebate on the products of his Country under the favoured Nation's clause with a reciprocal treatment of our Coffee, Cacao and bananas. It is well known that bananas have not been allowed in Italy heretofore, with this exchange we shall soon be having another market for our fruit.

Municipal elections

The election to select members of the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation Council was booked for the 23rd. inst. The nomination took place on the 16th. inst. but in consequence of the change of the sailings of the United Fruit Coy's boats from Jamaica for Colon we have not been able to get the information.

Mr. Marcus Garvey was nominated among the Candidates and left the same night for England, leaving his campaign in the hands of

and Master G. Campbell in 'Introduction'. The school children were not the least in the performances and were encored several times for both recitations and songs.

Miss D. Easy after delivering the message of the school, received a thunderous applause, and Miss White moved the house to dance as she sang with expression, 'Summer Morning', The 'Quarrelling Song' by Mrs. C. Esco and others was another big hit.

The able vway in vvhich the pieces vvere presented speaks highly for the progress of the section. educationally, and vve hope to lose no time in the furtherance of our onvvard march in intelligence. Mr. Satchwell, The Teacher. The Officers and members of the Division and all concerned in the get up of this entertainment must be highly complimented.

Messrs. DeLeon & Jones; he will return on the 15th. November. He is gone to Europe to visit France and Geneva so as to have a glimpse at whats happening in the League of Nations. He will return in time to take his seat in the Council, if he is elected, the success of which is almost assured.

Ab del Crim

There is a strong rumour that this great african Patriot has made his escape from the Island of Reunion on which he was exiled by the French Government, but there is no confirmation of the news.

Illiteracy

In a contry which affords such marvellous facilities for educational opportunities, it is surprising to find such a large percentage of illiteracy, by the last census it is found that there are 4,283,573 persons in the United States who can neither read nor write, in 1920 there were 4,931,152, being more than four per cent of the population.

Death of doctor Anderson

Died in Panama recently Joshua Fitsbert Anderson Medical Doctor, a native of Trelawny, Jamaica and a graduate of Howard, University, Washington. He carried on a lucrative practice in the States and Panama. He was also associated with Dr. Vine in Jamaica.

He was known in Limon where he also practised for a few years. His very many friends in Costa Rica will mourn to hear this sad intelligence.

He leaves a Widow a native of Washington D. C. to whom the Searchlight tenders its sincere condolence.

Walking the Seas

An Austrian Teacher named Paul Naumestnek walked across the British Channel in 8 hours in water skids canoe shaped, six feet long and one foot wide. A fishingboat accompanied him along the 20 mile route; at times he had to rest his legs by stooping down. He said the task was a most difficult one. The passage is twenty miles but the sea was rough and the current said to be very strong and drifted him many miles out his course.

High Treason

King Alfonso will have to face a Court Martial for High Treason in Spain. Several high Ex officers of this regime have been arrested on charges of irregularities in the Primo de Rivera administration great interest has been awakened in this Trial.

The Cuban revolt

The Machado government says that the Revolution is squashed, but the rebels says no, that there are several consingments of insurgents with Ammunitions yet to be landed.

Another rebel leader Dr. Aurelio Hevia has just been captured, there is only one said to be out, and that is Sergio Carbo, the Editor of 'La Semana'. There are over 2000 prisoners taken and among them some very prominent men and veterans of the Cuban Independence War. No one is allowed to leave Cuba without military permits from them Military Headquarters.

Catholic action clubs

The trouble which existed between the Italian government and Pope Pius IX, State is now all settled after three months serious tension. The differences arose over the activities of the Youths of the Catholic Action Clubs meddling in affairs of the state which were considered menacing to Facist interests.

The ban put on their movements has been lifted in so far as their Religious endeavours are concerned, they shall resume their activities, but not to introduce their ideas in sports and athletics, nor shall they mix in Trades Unions nor such like organizations.

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**A Vocal Contest**  
Another  
An Islandwide vocal cotest was also to have come off at Edelweiss Park on the 14th and 15th inst. in Jamaica. We are also in great expectancy to see who would be the victor in the elocution contest for first place between Miss Marson and Mr. Cupidon, which should have come off on the evening of the 7 th inst.

**On the Sick List**  
We are pleased to find our sincere friend and fellow citizen, Mr. Josiah Fraser, convalescing in the San José Hospital after his operation by Dr. C. L. Valverde Vega. Mr. Fraser had been suffering for many months now in Limon, and decided to go up to see Dr. Valverde Vega in whose hands he seem to be doing well; we wish he will soon be out again among his friends.

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A grand dramatical concert was successfully staged at cimarrones under the auspices of the U. N. I. A. on the 14th. inst. in honour of Independence Day.  
Under the strict management of the officers of the Division, the intertainment, was given the unusual compliment in the district of exemplary behaviour. The Chief of police was present and was given a hearty greeting of welcome.  
The programme was very lengthy and lasted till 12-30 a. m. There was an overwhelming pleasure on all sides for being intertained with such appreciable pieces acted so ably by the school children on one hand, and by the progressive few of the grown ups on the other. The stars of the evening were: Mr. A. Satchwell, acting as 'Fusiman' in a play 'A Lady's Party'.  
Miss F. Bryan, as Fatima and Mr. U. Gilmore, as 'Blue beard' in 'Bluebeard'.  
Misses M. White, B. Whyn, and Masters G. Campbell, N. Scarlett, O. Sharpe and V. Francis in the school-play 'The Teacher and his Pupils'.  
Mr. E. Brown, as Tom and Misses M. Sharpe, as Louise, and B. Jones as Jane, in the play 'Courtting Jane'. Mr. S. Francis, as 'Old Will', Masters Campbell and Francis in the play, 'Old Thief', and Misses I. Esco, M. White

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