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Spanish court overturns Catalanian bull-fighting ban

Madrid.— Spain’s Constitutional Court yesterday overturned a ban on bull fighting imposed in Catalonia, calling it a cultural asset protected under national law in a ruling likely to fuel political tensions between the region and Madrid. Bull fighting, a bloody ritual intended to ennoble both the ‘torero’ and his victim, has been popular in Spain for generations. But its appeal has waned as animal rights activists and a generation of Spaniards exposed to less traditional values question the legitimacy of an activity they say is barbaric and archaic.

Catalonia, a wealthy region in the country’s north east with its own language and cus-

toms and a strong and active independence movement, became the first part of mainland Spain to outlaw the spectacle in 2012.

But the constitutional court ruled yesterday that the ban was invalid as bull fighting was protected under Spanish law and exempt from prohibition at regional level.

Having already refused to accept a ruling from the same court invalidating Catalonia’s pursuit of independence, authorities in the region indicated they would ignore yesterday’s verdict too.

“There will be no bullfights in Catalonia again,” said Josep Rull, a member of the Catalanian parliament. See inside.



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● Some of Britain’s most wanted criminals are believed to be hiding in Spain. ● See Page Five Inside Today.



Maywants to work with Europe

London.—Arriving at her first European Union summit, Prime Minister Theresa May promised that Britain would remain a strong partner to the EU after Brexit and called for unity in pressuring Russia for its “sickening atrocities” in Syria.

May, who replaced David Cameron in July after Britons shocked the EU by voting to leave the bloc, was due to spell out

her vision for Brexit at a dinner with her 27 counterparts on Thursday evening.

Her speech at a conference of her Conservatives in Birmingham in early October suggested she is leaning towards a so-called “hard Brexit” in which Britain would place limits on immigration and lose access to Europe’s lucrative single market. See Report Inside.



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