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A Welsh railway icon ready for Majorca train museum

ONE of the centre pieces of the future Majorcan railway museum will be a Swansea Wagon which was purchased by the Majorca Railways in 1874 from its Welsh builders. It was used as a mail wagon for many years on the Majorcan railways and was saved and lovingly restored. When it was retired from services it was due to have been destroyed but a timely intervention meant that it was saved so that future generations could admire it. The Majorcan railway museum will soon become a reality with the local train company having ambitious plans.



Don't worry, you won't be deported, Davis tells EU citizens

London.—Brexit minister David Davis told EU citizens living in Britain yesterday not to worry about the country's departure from the European Union, say-

ing they were not about to be deported.

But Davis, speaking to a parliamentary committee, said one sticking point in protecting citi-

zens' rights might be over voting rights in other countries - something British ministers may have to settle through bilateral negotiations.

British EU space police axed by Brexit, moving to Spain

London.—A security centre for the European Union's Galileo navigation satellites

will be moved from Britain to Spain because of Brexit, the EU executive said yes-

terday after a meeting of its commissioners. Britain is already losing 1,000 jobs

as the EU's medicines and banking agencies quit London for the continent.

Spain's ruling PP party used "dirty money" in campaigns, ex-politician says

Madrid.—Spain's ruling People's Party (PP) funded a 2007 regional election campaign with kickbacks from businessmen in exchange for work contracts, a former senior party official told a court yesterday as part of a corruption trial.

The PP has denied any wrongdoing and said it had not received any illegal payment.

The trial at the Spanish High Court follows several long-running graft investigations into allegations that the conservative People's Party (PP) used a slush fund to illegally finance campaigns, which the party denies.

The case has tainted the 6-year-long administration of Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, the PP's leader since 2004, restricting his minority government's ability to negotiate legislation with other parties and fuelling calls for him to resign.

Rajoy became the first sitting Spanish prime minister to give

evidence in a trial when he appeared as a witness last July. He denied ever taking illicit payments and said the allegations were "absolutely false".

Ricardo Costa, the deputy PP head for the Valencia region from 2007 to 2009, said he was aware the party's regional leadership accepted payments from local businessmen, who would deposit cash in accounts at different Valencian bank branches.

The payment amounts were below 3,000 euros (\$3,700) to skirt the threshold imposed by the law that governed party financing. Several of these businessmen testified last week that they had financed Valencian election campaigns in 2007 and 2008. "Yes, it's true that the PP financed itself with dirty money in the 2007 election campaign events," Costa said during a televised court appearance. The PP won that year's regional election.