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No May rift, says Hammond

London.—British finance minister Philip Hammond said yesterday that he would not deny he had occasionally sworn at members of prime minister Theresa May's staff, but dismissed reports of a deeper rift with her team as "tittle tattle".

Earlier this month *The Times* newspaper had reported that relations between the teams of the two most senior members of the British government had worsened after a series of disagreements.

SPAIN SETS SIGHTS ON POST-BREXIT CITIZENS DEAL

● Along with Poland, Spain is one of the remaining EU27 countries with the most at stake in resolving what happens to EU citizens in the U.K., and vice versa, after Britain leaves the bloc.

Airlines group urges alternatives to extending electronics ban

London.—A global airlines group urged governments yesterday to look for alternatives to extending a cabin ban on large electronics devices, saying such a move could cost passengers about \$1.1 billion a year and create new safety risks. U.S. and EU officials were due to meet late yesterday to discuss aviation security, with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security having said an extension of the ban, which currently affects flights from the Middle East and north Africa, was likely.

Airlines, airports and pilots groups have raised concerns over the possible disruption and fire risks of placing large numbers of devices with lithium-ion batteries in the hold. EU officials have also asked the United States to share its intelligence, saying they don't see evidence for restrictions. The International Air Transport Association (IATA), which represents 265 airlines, said that while current restrictions on laptops in cabins on flights from the Middle East and north Africa affect 350 flights a week, some 390 flights a day would be impacted if it was extended to European airports.



Happy Norway National Day

Members of the Norwegian community came together yesterday to mark their national day with parties and events across the island.