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Geneva Farce

HIGH comedy is being played on the ample stage of the League of Nations, and Mr. Heber Blankenhorn, after three months of watching from the wings, has returned to Palma with Mrs. Blankenhorn so that he can laugh in peace, get a little sunshine and chase away the oncoming of influenza threatened by the fogs and damp which enshroud the Geneva scene.

Mr. Blankenhorn, a newspaper correspondent of long experience and proved judgment, has been observing the current complexities of League politics with a professional eye, and he has reached the conclusion that the Banquo's Ghost of the play is the debt-to-America question.

Grave statesmen debate the limitation of armaments — on its merits, of course, but in the background stalks the restless shade of the eternal problem, «What's to pay?»

As Mr. Blankenhorn speaks in his deliberate manner which always results in just the right word, a little light illuminates the gloom which has always hidden from us the truth about Geneva. We appreciate the importance of the very excellent new bar which has opened next to the League palace, saving weary delegates the trouble of going across the street.

We see the stately, slightly ludicrous farce of Manchurian negotiations, becoming somewhat grim as the deadly importance of the issue is remembered. The Lytton report, damning and lucid document, lies before a shrinking committee which is torn by feelings which the correspondents delicately refrain from probing.

England and France, Mr. Blankenhorn thinks, would gladly bury the report, but would there be a resurrection? The United States has opinions on the subject, and how would that affect the debts? And just to add to this embarrassment, a group of smaller powers, led by Don Salvador de Madariaga of Spain, press for complete fulfillment of the Lytton findings. Embarrassed delegates could not for the world show any discourtesy to the Japanese envoy, who must go home for instructions. Say two months to go, a month to memorize orders and two months to come back, Five months delay. Well, Geneva will be having better weather than perhaps.

Meanwhile, the League; terrified by the tempest in its own little teacup, wonders what the world is coming to and why the elaborately meaningless despatches in which the correspondents interpret the official mind no longer make the front pages of important dailies.

And Mr. Blankenhorn, escaping south into the sunshine, is sufficiently under the influence of his late surroundings to declare a little wistfully: «Things have been moving fast up there the last few days.»

Propaganda

ANYONE who has gone down to meet a ship in Palma, or has arrived on one of the large liners that now call here so frequently, has murmured bitterly that he and his luggage are exposed to rain and wind, for even in the *clima ideal* we have both wet days and chilly days.

Consequently it is good news that local officials and local shipping agents are vigorously pushing a campaign to secure a covered landing stage where passengers, greeters, luggage — and the officials, too — can be comfortable.

The hitch in the speedy construction of such an improvement to the port is that the necessary funds must be appropriated in Madrid. It is naturally very hard for officials in an inland capital, not very much interested in Mallorca and less in the comfort of tourists and shipping agents, to consider the matter of sufficient importance to warrant speed.

However, they can be stirred to action, and Sr. Mulet, head of the Port Works Authority of Palma, announces that a strong petition has been forwarded to the capital pointing out the need for a covered landing stage.

This need is of quite recent growth, for it is only within the last year that the port has become so busy as to warrant extensive comforts. And it is to be busier. The California today inaugurates a new service with America; the Orient Line begins regular calls next month and so does the Henderson Line. Tourist steamers will be numerous during the season. And all of them will benefit from the building of a covered landing stage.

The petition is being advanced, too, by the Balearic deputies in the Cortes, Sres. Carreras and Jaume. These gentlemen have also presented a request for road improvement which actually has good chances of success, for Minister of Public Works Prieto, to whom it was made, accompanied President Alcalá Zamora on his visit to these islands last Spring and admitted the advisability of improving roads in the interests of the tourist trade.

Those which will probably receive first consideration are the roads to Formentor, the Caves of Drach and Artá, Cala Ratjada, Valldemosa, Sóller, Andraitx and Estallenchs.

The selection makes it plain that it is the tourist traffic which is being considered rather than any other needs of the island, for these are the roads most used by tourists. Improvement of that to Estallenchs will be a particular blessing, since this is one of the loveliest drives in Mallorca.

The fact that the Minister himself was interested in the improvement indicates that we may have quick action. Less rapid will be a further requested improvement in the water supply of Palma.

All organizations interested in the tourist have urged these improvements.

Voices

For a long time we have been wondering just what makes one type of speech sound like the dulcet cooing of doves to some people and like a saw cutting through the skull to others. We have been collecting data on the subject for years, without being able to come to a conclusion, but perhaps there is an explanation hidden in the latest addition to our fund of knowledge, which is this:

At one of our better known hotels there is staying an American woman, cultured, travelled, self possessed. At a table near hers in the dining room is an Englishwoman of similar attainments.

The other day the latter approached the American with a complaint.

«You must,» she said, «stop your constant conversation with your friend at the next table. With all you Americans and your terrible voices, this island has become impossible to live on!»

«You must be very sensitive.»

«I am.»

Now, with the resulting argument and the rearrangement of seating at table we are not concerned. But the broader principle involved seems to us of importance. In the interests of international amity, eugenists should devote themselves to evolving human nerves which will not be rasped by any voice.

Transatlantic Visitor

Mr. Juan Dede, manager of Baquera, Kusche y Martin, has received word that the SS California arrives today (Sunday), inaugurating the second direct United States-Palma service. She comes from San Francisco by way of Los Angeles and the Panama Canal and has several passengers for Mallorca.

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Seeing's Believing

To the Editor:

I feel sure your newspaper will be interested in the following and will give me the explanation, as to me the whole thing is a puzzle. The other afternoon I was resting in the sunlight on one of Mallorca's beautiful beaches, looking out to sea, when a strange little noise near me, something between a sigh and a whistle, made me turn around; to my astonishment right near me on the sands was an immense green turtle frisking about.

Forgotten memories of delicious turtle soup flashed through my head, and yet, I asked myself, was this creature a real one, as I had never heard of large turtles in Mallorcan waters. The turtle and I passed some twenty minutes together, the slimy creature seeming to enjoy my company, only just when I was about to try to catch it — in an instant it had dipped into the sea and disappeared!

Kindly let me know if others have seen turtles on these shores, as I am still perplexed and still can hardly believe my own eyes. This animal was so large that a small child could have easily ridden on its back.

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REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S NEWS

DEBTS and their repercussions on French politics have left an interesting but hardly pleasant international tangle for next week, and next year. England and some other countries paid the instalment due on the war debts to America; France and some others refused, and in Paris Premier Herriot was overthrown by an overwhelming vote in the Chamber of Deputies when he insisted on payment.

The usual scramble to find someone who can get a working coalition in the Chamber is now going on, but the problem will have effects far more important than the difficulties of French statesmen at home. The influence of the decision upon the disarmament question will be considerable.

The United States is meanwhile devoting its attention to the prospect of beer, with only occasional side glances at such things as debts — after all, 100 out of 125 millions have been paid — the League of Nations, Germany, and disarmament. A people which may soon be able to get decent drink legally can hardly be expected to concern itself with less tasty affairs.

Prospects of Settlement

As soon as the new American Congress can get the matter of beverage and internal revenue settled, there is every hope that it will turn its wisdom loose upon the debt question. An increasingly large body of opinion in the United States inclines towards cancellation, especially if an advantageous trade in other international issues can be arranged. This has become so strong that it may even penetrate the consciousness of a majority in Congress.

Practice for the League

Great Britain is referring to the League of Nations a little dispute with Persia over the cancellation of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company's contract. It is a chance for Geneva to try its hand at a new

tangle, but this one is more the League's size, nothing like so troublesome as the limitation of armaments or Manchuria, over which the delegates have been debating so long with hardly noticeable effect.

Peace in Germany

The new von Schleicher government is settling down to face Germany's problems, and after the turmoil of half a dozen futile general elections most of the country seems willing to give the Chancellor a chance. He is making excellent gestures towards doing something about an employment and economic recovery, and German delegates will return to the armament discussions if that means anything.

Exchange of the Week

Throughout last week the dollar and the franc were steady on the Madrid bourse at 12.13 and 48 pesetas respectively. The pound, opening Monday at 39.85, fluctuated with reports of England's debt payment to the United States and closed at its highest point for the week, 40.60.

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The Maltese Falcon

By S. Sutton-Vane, from the book by Dashiell Hammett, produced by the Palma Theatre Guild at the Teatro Lirico, directed by the dramatizer.

The Cast

Samuel Spade
Effie Perine, his secretary
Miss Wonderly (or Brigid O'Shaughnessy)
Miles Archer, Spade's partner
Policeman
Police-Sergeant Thomas Polhaus
Lieutenant Dundy
Joel Cairo
Caspar Gutman
Wilmer Cook, the punk
Captain Jacobi of «La Paloma»
Photographer

Marlyn Brown
Elsa Bowen Brown
Ruth Allen
Kenneth L. Craven
Bertram Galbraith
Bert Mullin
Victor Brandes
Roland Hayes
Clifford Richmond
Bertram Yarborough
Richard J. Jackson
Charles Schwarz

On Tuesday the Palma Theatre Guild's second production *The Maltese Falcon*, opened at the Teatro Lirico before a well-filled house. It was an ambitious play of three acts and twelve scenes, and it was a pity that in a cast of ten men and two women the fairer sex did not shine to greater advantage.

It was impossible not to sympathise with Mr. Spade (Mr. Brown) when he said he could not help Miss Wonderly (Miss Allen) unless he understood what it was all about. We felt that way ourselves. Nor did Miss Perine (Mrs. Bowen Brown) do much to enlighten us. She was attractive, and as a secretary seemed capable, but being secretary to a San Francisco detective has its exciting moments, and frankly, Miss Perine failed to excite us.

I have not had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Brown perform before, but I can imagine no part more suited to his type. Even the sniffs (for he was suffering from a bad cold) seemed in keeping with his dockside nocturnal vigils.

Mr. Richmond interpreted his part with a sympathy which, though lacking at times in sureness, shewed an aptitude for character acting. «Lily of the Valley», Spade's epithet for Joel Cairo (Mr. Hayes) seemed an appropriate name, but the part was a thankless one and unsympathetic. The police officers were well cast and convincingly aggressive. Personally I took a great fancy to the white-faced punk (Mr. Yarborough). He was the only one who kept his mouth shut (I felt a trifle shocked when he opened it in the last act) and needed no interpretation. He and his six-shooters explained themselves. I am sorry we did not see more of Captain Jacobi (Mr. Jackson). His masterly entrance filled me with admiration whilst adding to my mental perplexities.

The play - as a play - gave me a decided inferiority complex. I felt that owing to some undeveloped «crime» sense, my intelligence was not fitted to grapple with the complicated mystery that failed to unfold before my eyes.

Towards the end, too much talk held up the action and one was left bewilderedly groping one's way from Constantinople to Hong-Kong, to San Francisco and back again; but Miss Sutton-Vane is to be congratulated on having

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A Spanish Spectator's Impressions

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«Learn while you play,» the American aphorism, was demonstrated by the anagram method of finding seats.

The actors are very human. They hit in jest and kiss in earnest.

When one of the characters puts his hand in his pocket and draws forth only a handkerchief, we sigh with relief. We were afraid it would be another gun!

There are spectators (a few) who blush. They must be English.

Diverting noises during the play: The wailing of a cat that set one's hair on end and the hoarse, intermittent sound that constituted the great mystery of the evening.

The Spaniards, accustomed to the annual performances of *Don Juan Tenorio*, were not frightened at the sight of so many guns and murders.

Back stage the actors congratulated themselves that the play was over. The audience, escaping into the street, did the same.

The epilogue took place in the Little Club where the deadly aim of feminine glances proved more dangerous than the pistols of the gunmen.

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On the Dance

The subject of Mr. Werner Schulz's lecture before the International Language Club at the Trocadero on Tuesday afternoon will be the dance, and Miss Eva Tay will illustrate practically what the lecturer has to say. A considerable crowd is expected, as Mr. Schulz's last lecture proved extremely popular.

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It is against regulations to park cars anywhere except in places especially allotted in the Ramblas and other crowded sections of the city. Cars may not be stopped at street intersections; traffic lights and precaution signs are there to be obeyed, the Ayuntamiento declares.

Tennis Tournaments

A cycle of tennis tournaments in the northeast of Spain is being organized under the auspices of the Spanish and Catalan Lawn Tennis Associations. It is considered high time that this country should be known abroad as possessing good tennis clubs where first rate tennis can be obtained. For a great many years the Riviera (both French and Italian) has been a most popular rendezvous for tennis players and yet here, where the weather is really more favourable, no steps have been taken in recent years to attract the foreigner to the Spanish courts.

It is hoped, therefore, that the programme of tournaments given below will interest intending visitors:

Barcelona Lawn Tennis Club, Barcelona; Feb. 11 to 19.

Sporting Club of Valencia; Feb. 21 to 26.

Mallorca Lawn Tennis Club, Palma; Feb. 27 to March 5.

Mahon Lawn Tennis Club, Mahon; March 7 to 13.

Information concerning any of these tournaments can be obtained from Mr. Ernest F.C. Witty, Aragon 261.

Storm in Barcelona

For some days all Cataluña has been subjected to heavy rain and storms from the East, which reached their height on Thursday; there were driving rains and furious wind all day which made themselves felt particularly in Barcelona. No damage was done here, but Gerona has been seriously affected. There were exceptionally high and rough seas all along the coast, as a consequence of which many ships suspended sailings. In the port, goods were handled with difficulty, and at times owing to the strong wind and heavy rain had to be suspended. The waves were washing over the Rompiolas and many of the immense blocks of concrete which lie along the sea side were dragged out to sea by the current. The correo de Mahón suspended sailing owing to the weather conditions.

Barcelona-Palma Cable Damaged

Direct telegraphic communication between Barcelona and the Balearics is suspended, messages going via Valencia. The cable is damaged about six miles out and can be repaired only by the foreign cable ship which at present is in demand by other nations. It will be some time before the repairs can be made and there will be unavoidable delays in telegraphic communications.

About Barcelona

Since his arrival in Barcelona early in the week, the Archdeacon Buckton has been kept busy meeting friends and acquaintances. He is well known here and tea parties, lunches, and dinners have left him little time for sight seeing. Last Tuesday Mrs. Ernest Witty had a party at her home in Tres Torres for him, and yesterday Mrs. Cretchley entertained in his honour. Last Wednesday the Archdeacon was presented with a «vino de honor» at the Hotel Majestic Inglaterra. A number of the Anglo-American colony were present. The British Club had a tea on Friday at which he was the guest of honour.

Today's services in St. George's Church will be conducted by Archdeacon Buckton, and the English and American children will sing carols.

Mr. Norman King, the British Consul General, opened the bazaar last Thursday which was held in aid of the Seamen's Institute. Despite the bad weather of the week, it was well attended, and the children especially enjoyed it, showing great interest in the Christmas tree and «lucky dips.»

Inclement weather on the island with the *clima ideal* caused Mrs. W. Riley Deeble and her daughter, Mrs. Joseph A. Molloy, to wait over until Monday before returning to Barcelona. The rains and winds have been so terrific in Mallorca that the Palma-Barcelona trip has been considered a wise thing to avoid these last few days.

Mrs. L. Hawkins underwent an operation during the week, and is now well on the way to recovery.

Among the Christmas visitors to Barcelona are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Flood-Johnston and their daughter. They expect to stop at the Hotel Colon and later will go on to Valencia.

Last Tuesday the «modistillas» of Barcelona celebrated their patron saint's day, Santa Lucia, with more than the usual enthusiasm. Although the weather was cold and cloudy, they thronged the streets all through the day, wearing multicolored caps and blowing whistles. Trams and taxis made way for them. Some of the revellers paraded in decorated cars. A party of them called on the President of the Generalidad, who received them cordially and promised to assist at their evening function at the Palacio de Bellas Artes. They called on the Alcalde and he promised to be present at the election of their Queen in 1933.

In the afternoon the modistillas had a brilliant function which was almost a municipal celebration. Señor Maciá and his wife were present as well as the Alcalde. The municipal band supplied a selection of popular airs while the election took place.

The Museum of Pedralbes

Due to the official inauguration of the Museum of Decorative Arts in Pedralbes to-day, the entrance to the gardens of the Palace will be exclusive to those holding invitations to the inauguration.

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Terramar Golf Club, Sitges

Over 18 holes against bogey, Don Lorenzo Pons and Don Juan Andreu were the winners of the Julio Renteria and Daniel Planas cups on Sunday last.

The inscription has been opened for participation in the competition which will take place on the 25th and 26th over 18 holes, medal play for the Buxeda cups. By agreement, players can take part in the competition on either of the days mentioned.

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Book Reviews

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Fuller's Earth, by Carolyn Wells. A man walks in his own house and is not seen again. Was he killed on the premises, lured or carried away or had he left voluntarily? A good mystery.

Lady Chatterley's Lover, by D.H. Lawrence. One of the last books by a very great novelist.

Black Cocks' Feathers, by Maurice Walsh. David Gordon is a great figure in a great story of storming incident and adventure. Here Mr. Walsh, in a setting on his native heath, has out-done himself.

Lecture by Fr. Gabana

What might be considered less a lecture and more a delightful tete á tete was given by Fr. Gabana, the chaplain of the English speaking Catholics, on last Sunday evening at Paseo de Gracia 17. He spoke on the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin last summer. His information was first-hand as he was an official representative of Spanish journalism at the Congress while accompanying Bishop Irurita.

In a graphic description of the proceedings, illustrated by a profusion of lantern slides, he spirited his audience away to Dublin and back again, introducing interesting visits to places and people on the way. His slides showed something of the vast crowds who attended the congress, as well as the numerous prelates and priests from all parts of the world. The lecture was further illustrated by a moving picture taken by Mr. Cerbera.

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The Capture of Port Mahon by the English

It used to be a saying that June, July, August and Port Mahon were the best harbours in the Mediterranean, and indeed the latter's deep, long, land locked waters enabled the British fleets to winter there as they could not in the more open roadstead of Gibraltar, and with Gibraltar it made England mistress of the inland sea in the eighteenth century as Malta did in the nineteenth.

When, during the War of the Spanish Succession, Toulon could not be taken, it became a commonplace among the statesmen that it was essential to have a harbour where a squadron could winter near at hand to watch the French in Toulon, and that Mahon was for that purpose in every way suitable.

The Austrian claimant to the Spanish throne, Charles III, urged the English to occupy for him «our island of Menorca.» The Englishmen agreed, secretly intending, however, to keep the island for themselves.

In September, 1708, General Stanhope, then in command of the English forces at Barcelona, set out from this town with some 2,000 soldiers, half of them English. With the assistance of an English fleet then off Menorca under Admiral Sir Edward Whittaker, he set about the capture of the island.

The army, with the assistance of 500 marines lent by the navy, had no difficulty in reducing the island to submission with the exception of Fort St. Philip, which commanded the entrance to the harbour and was defended by a garrison of 500 Spanish and 500 French troops.

The islanders were on the side of Austria and the English, as was the case in Barcelona. Some 42 cannon and 15 mortars were landed and dragged over difficult ground: ten days later the bombardment began. Brigadier Wade, afterwards known as the road maker of the Highlands, commanded the right wing, and his grenadiers rushed through a breach, the rest of the army following.

Soon the whole outwork was taken, but not before Stanhope's brother was killed. He had two sailors lift him so he could look over the wall, and was promptly shot in the forehead. The citadel might have held out for a long time, but the French commander yielded to Stanhope's threats of slaughter which would follow further resistance. When he returned to France he was sent to prison for surrendering so easily.

As the tidings spread through Europe that the English had taken Menorca, men knew she had come to stay in the Mediterranean, not as a yearly

visitor but as a resident with a house of her own. All our seamen, wrote Stanhope, agreed that Port Mahon was the most convenient harbour in Europe, and when he was raised to the peerage he took the title of Earl Mahon. It was plain notice that the English intended to keep the place for themselves rather than Charles when Stanhope persuaded Parliament to spend 60,000 pounds to make the fortifications impregnable and insisted they should be garrisoned by English troops.

In 1711, the treaty of Utrecht ceded Menorca and Gibraltar to England. The Spanish King tried to provide that Moors and Jews would be barred from the island, but Queen Anne would not consent, although her ministers were willing.

The only change in the government that the English made was to move the courts of justice from Ciudadela, the old capital, to Mahón. General Kane, who was lieutenant governor from 1713 to 1725 (his superior being stationed in Gibraltar) and governor from 1733 until he died in 1736, made an excellent ruler. He abolished the Inquisition, built a good road from Ciudadela to Mahón, introduced much needed sheep, cattle and poultry, and induced the Menorcans to improve the breed. He was buried on the island and a magnificent tomb built in his honour. On the whole the island enjoyed a good government under his successors, too.

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Lesson 16

TO MEET and TO FIND

These two verbs present difficulty to the Spanish student of English because in his language both are represented by the one verb «encontrar» but the application of them is not difficult and can be got over by attention to a few simple rules and observations.

TO FIND, referring to persons or things, is used when searching for, or looking for is implied; used in an idiomatic sense it often means result, ascertainment, experience etc.

I FOUND him in his office writing letters. You will FIND your gloves on my table. Where did you FIND your friend? I FOUND him sitting outside the cafe. I can never FIND my pen when I want it. I FOUND it difficult to convince him. You will FIND your work very congenial in that office. I shall FIND time to speak to him. The jury FOUND him guilty of murder. Why do you always FIND fault with what I do? Oh, because fault FINDING is my duty. He FOUND the car to his liking.

TO MEET is used in all other cases; when not actually looking for, a person or thing; referring to an agreed-on place of rendezvous, chance encounters, movement of one person or object towards another either casually or by agreement; also in an idiomatic sense when movement, or approximation is implied.

We MET him this morning in Plaza Cataluña. By chance I MET him going down the Ramblas. I never MEET you now-a-days, what are you doing? We shall MEET at the Hotel Colon this evening. When the cars MET, the occupants shouted to one another. He MET the charge with a placid face. I cannot MEET my expenses this month. If that is his attitude, I shall MEET him half way. Till we MEET again. Where is your MEETING place? When will the MEETING take place? I have never MET a more disagreeable person. He MET with his deserts.

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To the Editor:

Referring to the article on the «Baby Parliament» which was published this week, I beg to call your attention to a copy of the statement made by Sr. Francesc Maciá a few days before the opening of the Corts, the contents of which copy are known to all Catalans since childhood.

(In this statement, it is recalled that «Cataluña was the first state in Europe to have a Parliament,» that she «gave an example to the other states of Europe,» and that this legislature lasted for five centuries, until dissolved by Philip V, first of the Bourbon Kings.)

You will see that the Corts of Cataluña were the first to function in Europe and for this reason may be considered as the real «Father of Parliaments» instead of the «Baby.»

Another remark says Sr. Maciá «was applauded by all, save the Lliga.» This, I think, is natural since, besides the party of the President, the Esquerra, there is only one other party represented, the Lliga, who comprise one third of the members.

PERE CALLOT

(Editor's note:) Cataluña's distinction as having the first European parliament seemed to us so well known as not to need comment, and we referred to the existing Cortes as a «baby» only to indicate its rebirth after more than two centuries. The statement that the Lliga did not applaud was given solely as a matter of fact; we should have been surprised if these members had applauded the leader of a party to whom they are in opposition; in a purely descriptive passage, no criticism of either side was intended.)

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After supper and the show, dancing continued until four, and the guests pronounced it a great success, both from the charity and the society points of view.

It was a good start for the winter season, which will carry on through the Christmas and New Year's Eve balls, the Red Cross affair on January

6th and that of the Italian colony on January 28th.

The group of bachelors who, on leaving the Ritz, went to the Pinguin to have eggs and bacon a bottle of beer enjoyed an experience so rare in Barcelona that it must be registered. They felt briefly as if they were in some delightful *boite* in Montmartre. The well cut evening dresses and the mannequins under the subdued light revived for an hour the elegance of Paris, of which the Barcelona cabarets are so devoid.

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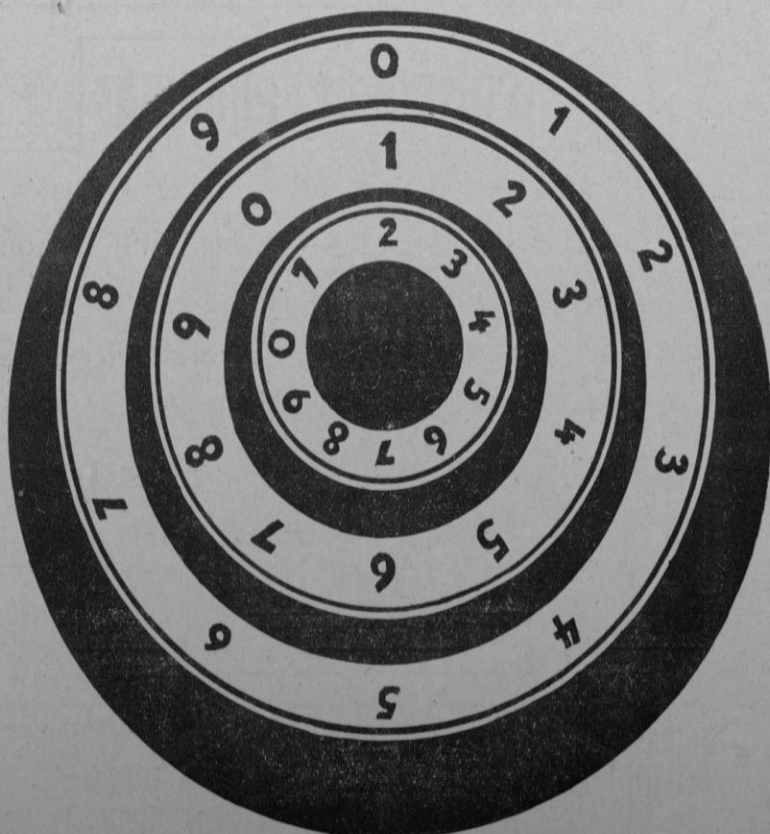
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Málaga Notes

By Our Correspondent

Commander Draper, for twenty years the naval commander of Port Sudan, has been elected Commodore of the newly-formed Torremolinos Yacht Club. The Commander is so impressed by the yachting possibilities of the Torremolinos that he has recently purchased another charming little craft in Málaga harbour. Colonel Peache and Mr. R.G. Keys are President and Hon. Secretary of this new sporting enterprise.

Lady Melchett has arrived at Grand Hotel Miramar.

The British Club dances have during the last years acquired a name of being well organized and always attended not only by members but also by numerous friends amongst visitors and residents. The first one of this season took place on Saturday in Caleta Palace Hotel and was a success from beginning to end. There is nothing like a «Paul Jones», that traditional feature of an English party, for bringing people together. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. H.J. Cameron, aided by Mr. Ralph Jones was responsible for the entertainment and carried it out to general satisfaction.

The newest cinema in Málaga, Echegaray, is in every respect up to the standard of the leading cinemas in the capitals of Europe and America and the most important of the attractions added this year.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Keys have bought a charming little house in Torremolinos. That is, the house was not so charming when they bought it, has turned into a most attractive place since it has been rebuilt and redecorated. Mrs. Keys is the niece of Lady Palmer.

The Catalan Parliament

The *Diario de las Sesiones* of the Catalan Parliament has begun to be published, and those who wish to have official and exact details of the debates and proceedings of the Catalan Cortes can become subscribers at 16 pesetas per month, or can buy loose copies at 1.50. The Administración del Diario de Sesiones, Casa de Caridad, Calle Montalegre 5, supplies them.

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Warner Oland, the Swede who plays the title role, has found himself at last in this series. When he played *Fu Manchu* he was an excellent Chinaman, but too plump and mild to be convincingly villainous. But as the benevolent detective from Honolulu, he is perfectly cast.

However, the acting is not the most important thing about a mystery show. The story is everything, and Biggers has a flair for keeping up the suspense without sacrificing the smooth running of the story. Too many detective writers get their thrills if any at the expense of intelligibility. Biggers never does, and the directors have managed to preserve in the film the same smoothness which characterizes the book.

The scene of this picture is New York. The murder is in a penthouse, and the story, without seeming unduly crowded, manages to bring in Scotland Yard, the somewhat crude methods of the New York police line up, Chinatown, high society and a good deal of the rest of the shifting metropolitan panorama.

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OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Mrs. Mary Dahlberg of Chicago, the Cartuja in Valldemosa, Paris, etc. has just completed a new novel (her second) called *Fairyland*, which the Viking Press will publish in New York in the Spring. Despite the title, we understand the scene is not laid in Mallorca at all. Mr. Thomas B. Jones, the American painter, is doing the illustrations for the book which is highly praised by those who have been privileged to see it in manuscript.

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Although suffering for some time from a rather obscure internal disorder, Mr. Ricard Brooks carried on with his work of designing, building and changing the sets for *The Maltese Falcon*. But at the last performance Wednesday night he collapsed, and was rushed to a physician, who thought it might be appendicitis. Later he was not so sure, and Mr. Brooks is now recovering at his home in Genova.

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Mrs. Mary Agatha Foster and her son, Major Gough, deserted Mallorca for Malaga on Friday, sailing on the Ubena. Mrs. Foster had been on the Island for two years, most of the time at the Mediterraneo, and her friends expect her back early in the new year.

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An exhibition of Miss Helene de Marguerie's photographic studies will be held from Jan. 3 to 16 at the Galerias Costa. The photographer, who had a studio in Paris before she established herself here, will be remembered for the character studies she exhibited here last Spring.

After several months on the Island, Mrs. Seed and her two daughters are planning a Christmas holiday trip to Palestine. They will leave on the Exeter next Friday and will be gone about a month.

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Under the direction of Miss Ruth Van Sant, six of Palma's youngest younger set were hostesses yesterday afternoon to some forty children at a Christmas party at Miss Van Sant's home in Bonanova. They were the Misses Betty and Natica Waterbury, Quita Middleton, Lenore Allis, Amata Randolph and Denise Root and so perfectly did they attend to every detail, that even though this was the first Christmas that many of the young guests have spent away from their native heath, they missed none of the fixings or decorations of an old fashioned Yuletide at home.

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'Gene Byrnes, the creator of «Reglar Fellers», one of the most universally popular of all newspaper comic strips, has selected Mallorca as a place to rest and contemplate life as the local kids may live it. He and Mrs. Byrnes are at the Hotel Victoria.

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Mr. Louis S. Noble and Mr. and Mrs. William McDonald, who arrived from America on the Excalibur last week, have already become householders. They have taken the lower floor of the Villa Xiscos in San Ahustin.

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Mrs. H. A. Laidlaw took advantage of the new direct service between San Francisco and Palma and is arriving on the California today (Sunday) to visit her daughter, Miss Jane Laidlaw, who lives in Son Alegre. This is Mrs. Laidlaw's second visit to Mallorca, and after the Christmas holidays they will go up to Paris together.

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The Flower Shop in Terreno is shortly widening its scope by running a department for antiques, glass products, pictures, trays, lamps, and cocktail tables. Mrs. Middleton is also making up special Christmas baskets of fruit, and jars of Mallorquin preserves. Workmen are engaged in converting one of the rooms into suitable quarters for the venture, and it is hoped that all will be ready by Wednesday. Miss Daisy De Hart, Mrs. Middleton's sister, will manage the new department.

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The following passengers left Palma for London on the Durham Castle Thursday: Mr. Eric Hiller, Mme. G. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kirkpatrick, Miss Fleming, Captain and Mrs. J. A. Guthrie. Those arriving were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Butler from Mombassa, and Mrs. Casement and Miss T. Wall from Genoa.

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Mme. Dr. Dorogi arrived from Budapest, via Marseilles, yesterday to visit her family who occupy the beautiful old house, Son Riera in Santa Catalina. Her mother, Mme. Blair-Stein, is personally supervising the elaborate culinary preparations that are under way at Son Riera for the Christmas Eve party at which her daughter will be the guest of honor.

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The little fountain in the garden of the English Tea Rooms back of Joe's Bar was used as a swimming pool one evening last week. It was reported that the water was cold.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Bowden have left the Alfonso and taken a house across the road. This is only a temporary move, for they have bought land a few kilometers from Palma on the Andraitx road, where they expect to build a permanent home. Mr. and Mrs. Bowden have been staying at the Alfonso since their arrival in September.

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Mr. Eyre Pinckard left for Barcelona on last Thursday's boat. He has been in communication with the United States Ambassador in Madrid in connection with the newly enforced ruling about foreign residents' motor cars. He has gone over to the mainland to put before the proper officials the protest of foreign car owners on the Island. Mrs. Pinckard accompanied him.

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The large attendance which the performance merited was in the Principal on Wednesday evening to hear Claudio Arrau, the Spanish pianist, in the second of the season's concerts by the Asociación de Cultura Musical.

The artist gave an interesting program in a splendid manner, and was much appreciated by an audience which contained more foreign visitors than any of the Association's concerts last year could boast, for it is becoming known that this organization provides the answer to the cry for good music in Palma.

Despite wretched weather on Friday, the Segura-Pomar concert at the English Tea Rooms well attended and the audience considered itself well rewarded.

Christmas Mass

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The Hotel Mediterraneo are having a dinner and dance on Christmas day for their guests. An orchestra is being provided for the occasion.

Mrs. Bumbary, who has been visiting her sister, Miss Hughes, at the Hotel, has left for England.

Col. and Lady Braithwaite, Mrs. Henry Tuck, Mrs. E. Davidson, and Mr. and Mrs. Mercar Puy Singleton have arrived this week.

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Sir Nigel Playfair, the actor-manager, who has been staying at the hotel, is returning to England next Wednesday, and we understand that while here he discussed stage business with Mr. Thomas Weguelin of Fornalutx, who is going to London in January.

Dr. and Mrs. Ward are at Camp de Mar on their way to the West Indies.

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The management of the Hotel Alfonso is arranging a special program for Christmas Eve. There will be a dinner and dance, and an orchestra has been engaged for the occasion.

The party is being eagerly anticipated by many of the former residents of the hotel who have taken houses, and will have a sort of reunion on the 24th.

Miss Petersen has been ill this week, and has had to stay in bed for several days. She is now able to get about again.

There have been few new arrivals. Colonel Gustav Bergren, his wife and his daughter have come from Switzerland for a stay of several months. His son is expected to join the family in a few days. Mr. J. E. Flemming, a friend of the Duvillards of San Agustín, and Mrs. Dorothy Molloy are also new guests of the Hotel.

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Novelist at the Royal

Mr. Peter Ruric, American author and scenario writer, arrived in Palma on Thursday from Paris, and is here to rest and do more work. Mr. Ruric is a friend of Dashiell Hammett, author of *The Maltese Falcon*. He saw him in Paris a short time ago and Mr. Hammett mentioned that he had had a letter asking permission to dramatise the novel. The first thing Mr. Ruric noticed at the Hotel Royal was a poster announcing the performances of the play, which he arrived a day too late to see. Mr. Ruric's last novel was *Fast Work*, a gangster theme. The film rights have been bought by Paramount. Mr. Ruric has no idea whether he is likely to spend days, weeks or months in Mallorca.

Last night (Saturday) was the first Gala night of the season, when the Barcelona Jazz Band provided the music for a ball lasting until the early hours. Tea dances, starting from today will be held every Sunday and Thursday. The Royal is arranging a special dinner and dance for Christmas Day, with small Christmas trees to add a festive air.

New arrivals at the Hotel this week are Miss Eileen Thornberry, Mrs. K. Payne, Mr. James Ekin, Miss Natalie Swift, Mrs. D. Blake, Miss Alicia Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Read, Miss Helen Fox, Mrs. Edna McCord, and Miss Alice Dalton.

Mrs. Sawyer and her daughter have left for

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Christmas Dinners

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Dinners with turkey and plum pudding are to be had at the Mediterraneo, Royal, and Bellver. Son Vent is having an old-style noon dinner.

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