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THE GAY '30'S

By «DONG»

WITH 1936 nearly upon us, it would be very difficult to imagine a world less prepared to dispense the health, happiness and prosperity it is so busy wishing itself. The whole situation is unfortunately reminiscent of the consumptive's dream of what he will do when..... In case the simile be considered inappropriate, at least it is not an unusual one, to judge from the pontifications of philosophers on the subject of the grievous sickness of civilization. When examined carefully, this ailment boils down to be nothing but a slight case of «unbalance» characteristic of extreme youth or senility. Scientists who see the world in terms of a million years are apt to put it down to youth. We, who are in it and of it, see our civilization as something very old already, old enough to know better. The fact that in spite of our good selves and our elevated intentions things seem to get worse and worse is possibly due to the fact that we have not yet achieved the «long view.» It appears also that unless we put a break upon ourselves, give ourselves an autotreatment, we never shall. It all revolves upon the question of whether the patient wishes to be cured, or has sunk so far into the comatose state as not to care very much either way. The reason probably for so much international dithering is that nobody can make up his mind what he wants to do. To be a savage, that is the question. If you are a savage, you win out, kid yourself into thinking that was the only course to take in all justice and do your little bit to keep the world in a state you do not approve of. At this stage the doctors usually burst in with a tirade on the subject of the herd instinct and the *saue qui peut* complex. It does not make much difference, though, whatever you call it, for the fact remains that as far as our average mentality is concerned the only way to instil higher thought into those who are apparently without it, is by means of force. Thus we reach the end of our vicious circle.

What's to be Done About It?

There is a clergyman in England who when preaching to his flock recently, saw fit to blame our present calamities to the pernicious influence of Sunday games. Spain's present position in European affairs he put down to the insti-

tution of these Sabbatarian pastimes during the fifteenth century, citing Córdoba as a place where the greatest havoc had been wrought. Octogenarians, when questioned as to the secret of a happy life, usually advocate the avoidance of worry, and possibly they are right as far as they themselves are concerned. The youth of the 1930's, however, called upon to deal with the most frightful problems sociology has seen, simply has to worry, or become a moron. Youth, it is claimed, is always impetuous, self-centred and egoistic, but when this youth is called upon to confront situations that its grandfather would have quailed at, at the age of 60, the young may, on this occasion, be right. With higher education at the stage it is today, with lower grade schools teaching philosophy and psychology, the result is a race of people being launched forth into a life it cannot live.

problem of adolescence, one of knowing whether to go back or forward.

The World Ahead of Itself

The scientist who said that at the rate civilization was going now it would soon destroy itself (every new means of causing death should be accompanied by an adequate defence against it) has been heartily laughed at. But really does he deserve to be? If we want to preserve life and encourage international happiness, we must do something about it. It is claimed that our modern «comprehensive» education tends to turn out a flabby race which allows itself to be imposed upon by less educated peoples. That is a lesson in itself. Either you have a race of neo-savages, educated according to the precepts of modern hygiene, or you have a mob of shilly-shalliers. The former is more practical, the latter more desirable. The experiments upon neo-savage lines in Germany and Italy particularly, are interesting as such. Many people do not agree with them, but what else would they have! Presumably common-sense modes of living, combined with an intelligent appreciation of man's inevitable weaknesses, are the only solution to the problem. Yet, the trappings of militant civilians, equipped with mass enthusiasms and despairs, would not seem to be the crowning effort of *homo sapiens*. Where are helicopters, sun bathing, radio and cocktails taking us? To a systematic cultivation of personal well-being and sensuality (with attendant complications of warlike sentiments) which are hardly compatible with the lofty ideals of the League of Nations. It is strange, also, that England, least spiritual perhaps of all the large powers, is prime mover in this world-bettering campaign. Then again, that America, with her internal cosmopolitanism, should not be in a similar position. To the man in the street it looks as if the time had come for us to decide between God and Mammon, with very little choice whatever direction we take. If we have overstepped ourselves a little, and have set up an ideal which only our great-grandchildren can ever hope to carry out, would we not be wiser to realize that we are a bridge from one phase to another, to sit back and let time run its course? Here's to a Happy 1936, and let's know why we want it!

A Happy

1936

To All

The old English system of cramming a boy with Virgil and Wordsworth and then sending him into an Accountant's office was hardly more rash. He did not expect to have a good time, was used to the idea of having to work hard for his living, in usually unhealthy conditions, and to retire at the age of fifty to some villa in the suburbs. Nowadays such a thing is unfortunately rare, but to anybody who has studied ethics at a high-grade school, modern business ethics are little more than barbarous. Beyond having to forget all his better, normal instincts, the modern man has also to learn to cheat, lie and generally do everything he used to be smacked for doing at school. He also has to soothe his own conscience. If he does not do these things he is a failure. If he does them well, he is a success. It certainly seems as if the world is up against a

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mr. Anthony Eden, who succeeded to the Foreign Ministership of England early in the week, while the youngest to have this post in her history has had a career peculiarly suited to train him for this important position. Though less than forty years of age there are few men who have had such intensive training in the difficult art of international diplomacy. His appointment has caused some apprehension in France but as a whole England as well as most foreign countries look upon him as one who will do his utmost to end an unwarranted and disastrous war.

Lindberghs Leave

Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh, driven from the United States by the bright glare of publicity, sailed from New York last Sunday preparing to take up their residence in England. They have been hounded so long by threats of gangsters, demands for money and the insistant clamour of the Press for publicity that they have forsaken America, for an indefinite period. Whether their flight to England will result in more peace for them remains to be seen. Their decision to leave came suddenly and only a few near relatives were aware of it.

Gay Christmas

Reports from London and New York state that this Christmas was the gayest in years. The dining rooms of all the larger hotels and restaurants were crowded to capacity both for Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day itself.



Hoare and Laval during a recent discussion

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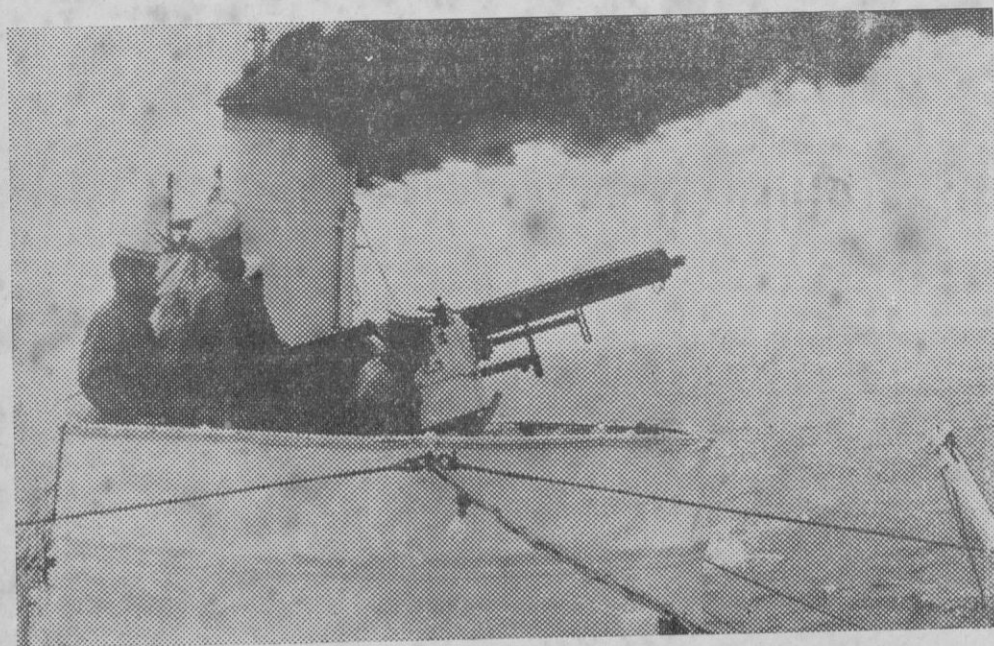
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BARCELONA SOCIAL NOTES

The Bishop of Gibraltar, Doctor Buxton, is coming to Barcelona next week and will hold the service at St. George's Church on Sunday, January 4th. Bishop Buxton will later pay a visit to Palma of about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gwynn were hosts at a cocktail-party yesterday, to many of their friends.

Mr. Surrige, together with Mr. Sandy Pratt, left for London and Christmas on Saturday. Mr. Hedderwick was another traveller on the same train.

Commander and Mrs. Gordon Groves are entertaining on New Year's Eve, at their apartment on the Paseo de Gracia. The Misses Pastor are also giving a small dance on the same evening.

Mrs. Edris Backstrand and her child expect to arrive in Barcelona on Boxing day, from Palma.

Mr. Robertson Deans, the baritone, arrived in Barcelona on Christmas day, and will stay for a few months. It is likely that he will broadcast while in Spain.

A new arrival in town is Mrs. Tree Iago, who hopes to spend some time here. Mrs. Tree is a member of a very old Cornish family, and says that in spite of reports to the contrary, the Cornish language has not entirely died out.

The streets are literally bulging with good fare these days, for New Year and *Reyes*, but the limit of opulence is reached by an establishment in the Calle Caspè which is offering peacocks, also truffles as large as your fist. Boar's heads and swans have yet to be seen.

The Bazaar at the Seamen's Institute realised Ptas. 3,100, the highest figure for some years.

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- Pres. Mr. Carl Long.
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- Secy-Treas. Mr. Ray Palmer.

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The New Year's Eve dance, organized by the Anglo-American Dance Committee, will take place as arranged, at the Hotel Continental. Tickets should be obtained early.

Mrs. Palfren, with her youngest daughter, Marthe, spent Christmas in Barcelona with Mdme. Niewiarowski.

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THE WINTER OLYMPICS—The American team sails on January 1st. and they anticipate a good measure of success. Before leaving they will give a display in New York, and it seems that the side is particularly strong in skating and bob-sleighting. The British team is reported to be practising hard in Switzerland but it will be difficult to take the laurels away from the Germans and Austrians, where figure and fancy skating are concerned.

HISTORY OF OLYMPIC GAMES—They were first held in Greece in the year 1453 B.C., being inaugurated in order to turn the mind of the public away from war, and this year's games are surely not being held at an inappropriate date in this connection. The games were subsequently revived as follows:—

In the year 1896, in Athens, Paris in 1900, then St. Louis, Mo. 1904, London, 1908, followed by Stockholm in 1912. Games were cancelled during the war years and again revived in 1920 at Antwerp, 1924 in Paris, Amsterdam in 1928 and Los Angeles in 1932. Next year's games will be at Berlin and the Germans have spared no effort to lay out a magnificent stadium and to do everything in their power to ensure that athletes will be hospitably treated, have every training facility and that the games be worthily celebrated, with all that pomp and circumstance, which the Teuton mind so loves.

HOCKEY—The Regional Championships have well advanced and we have seen some fine games. The international matches are now to be played and the Spanish side should put up a very good show indeed. The standard of play exhibited so far has been extremely high and, with better grounds and consequent improved stick-work and ball-control, a Spanish XI might be very hard indeed to defeat. In the Home countries, England has been searching hard for a side which may retain the championship which she won with an unbeaten record last year. Ireland has definitely decided to throw overboard old warriors like the Sullies, who have been the mainspring of the Irish forward line for the last ten years. Modern hockey is a game for young players, and it is always a pity if veterans are allowed to preserve their places, on representative sides, to the exclusion of «the coming men.»

BIGGER AND BETTER «PILLS»—For a long time golf has resisted the attacks made by those zealous reformers, who in these days of rationalization wish things made easier or more complicated. It seems, however, that we are to have a bigger and better ball: it will be better value, last more rounds and perhaps, make for shorter driving. With latticed or recessed markings it will cost 2s. a time. The days of the old bramble gutty are indeed happy and far off. A suggestion that a new football might be introduced, which would prove «undroppable,» has not met with great favour but something might surely be done, to ensure that a Rugby ball has the same form and pressure. A ball that is too pointed or too hard is just as much a curse to players as one which is too rounded or too soft. These be high matters and we must postpone their consideration until after the holidays.

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SPANISH FOOTBALL—The principal match held last Sunday was the one between Barcelona and Madrid, which was played at Las Cortes where Madrid were the visitors.

In spite of the bad weather the ground was crowded.

Barcelona, who had an «off day», played very badly and were beaten by three clear goals, the score would have been higher but for Zabalo, who was very sure.

The other Barcelona team, the Español, were also beaten in the ground of Buenavista, where Oviedo trounced them by 5 goals to 2.

There is also an unlucky team in Spanish football who, like Aston Villa, are at the bottom of the League, the Athletic de Madrid, who, in spite of having some good players, have only got 2 points in 7 matches played.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Ath. de Bilbao	7	5	1	1	22	9	11
Madrid	7	5	0	2	20	9	10
Racing de Santander	7	5	0	2	17	14	10
Betis	7	4	1	2	14	14	9
Barcelona	7	4	0	3	16	13	8
Oviedo	7	3	2	2	24	18	8
Hércules	7	4	0	3	17	14	7
Español	7	3	0	4	12	18	6
Osasuna	7	3	0	4	16	16	6
Valencia	7	2	0	5	13	18	4
Sevilla	7	1	1	5	8	21	3
Ath. de Madrid	7	1	1	6	6	19	2

The following are the matches fixed for tomorrow:

- Madrid v Oviedo
- Osasuna-Barcelona
- Ath. Bilbao-Racing
- Betis-Sevilla
- Hércules-Valencia
- Español-Ath. Madrid

ENGLISH FOOTBALL—Many matches were cancelled last week owing to the bad weather, among them being those of the Arsenal, and Huddersfield Town, which might have put on a different aspect on the position of the League; as it was Sunderland increased their position by a good win over Derby County, their nearest rivals, and have now 30 points to their credit. Derby County and Huddersfield Town came in next with 25 points each, but the latter have a match in hand.

In the Second Division the race for leadership is as keen as ever, Leicester City and Doncaster Rovers having the same number of points, 27, but the City have a better goal average.

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New York Letter

Party big shots are getting together to decide on nominees for the next presidential campaign in the fall of 1936. The results of the recent election encouraged ex-president Hoover so much that he emerged from his three-years seclusion to launch a tirade against the New Deal. Incidentally, it's time someone thought of a new title for President Roosevelt's schemes. The novelty has definitely worn off. The ex-president made a noble bid for recognition in the hope of gaining the Republican nomination. Of course, Mr. Hoover would be the last to admit his motive; he cannot bear to see our great country in the grip of inflationists, the people's money squandered, etc., etc. At all events, he stands no chance of nomination at present writing. He would have done much better not to weaken any Republican chances. The most likely candidates on the Republican ticket are Col. Frank Knox, Chicago newspaper editor, Governor Alf Landon of Kansas, and William Borah, U. S. Senator from Idaho. Mr. Borah enjoys the marked distinction of being one of the few Republicans with fortitude, and may therefore not be nominated.

The Democratic party foresees a split in its ranks. Some authorities have remarked that the next election will not concern parties, but will be for or against the New Deal. In the main, it seems a sound prediction. Roosevelt will run again; whether he likes it or not, he would have to make a gesture toward carrying on his policies, and judging from the character of F. D. R. as so far revealed, he is eager for the opportunity. Nevertheless, a split in the party is definitely indicated, its extent depending on the Republican candidate.

Governor Olsen of Minnesota has made several announcements of his Resolution to form a Labor Party. It is safe to predict that if the party is ever formed, it will be a Labor party in name only. However, it may furnish new blood for the nation's politics, and it will be interesting to observe the effects on the membership rolls of the Socialist party, in particular.

William Randolph Hearst has not yet turned his full attention to the future campaign. He is still informing the nation that we are all for world peace, of course, but that we must build up our military resources against possible aggressions. We must give all our support to the armament makers and big business, he says, because they are our only hope for a bigger and better U. S. A. Mr. Hearst still has the Red Peril on his mind, too, but he will get around to national politics presently.

Generally speaking, it looks like a cold, hard winter, and even in this prosperous country there are a number of people due to starve before it is over, although the world's gold supply is flowing toward the national coffers. The situation gives one to think—but the Democrats assure us that no one will really starve, and the Republicans promise that starvation will cease when they get in office, so everything will be all right sooner or later. J. F. C.

"Night and Day....."

*A Personal Impression
of the Astaires*

by **SEAN LAMB**

THERE have been many reports in the Press recently of how and when Fred Astaire made his dancing name. Most of them imply that not until the talkie came into being was he «discovered.» I do not know Astaire's age, but owing to the fact that at least ten years ago he and his sister, Adele, were the sensation of London, I should imagine him to be in the middle thirties, and decidedly not a «new» star. It was in «Stop Flirting» that the Astaires first came to London, and with them started the boom for American artists in England that still shows no sign of waning. At that time Noel Coward, too, was beginning to appear on the horizon as an all-round phenomenon, and a strong friendship grew up between the Astaires and the author of «Vortex.» Many parties were given in honour of the Astaires, the Prince of Wales being amongst their hosts. I remember that in the musical comedy «Stop Flirting,» which ran for about two years, Fred and Adele were scheduled to do seven spectacular dances, with an average of four encores to each. No wonder that when the show finally ended they «gave» their testimonial to a well-known nerve tonic! Of Adele Astaire one hears very little now, except that she is an exemplary member of the Cavendish family and daughter-in-law of the Duke of Devonshire. I wonder if she has ever animated the gigantic conservatories of Chatsworth with her fantastic pirouettes? There is no doubt that Society's gain was Terpsichore's loss when Adele abandoned the stage, for she is as clever on her feet as her brother. Who will ever forget the famous «Oompah Trot,» that solemn running round the stage which looks so easy and is so difficult? «Night and Day» has been Fred's success, both in the show and film version of «Gay Divorcee.» In «Stop Flirting» he made a great hit with «Night-time and day—dreaming of you, scheming for you,»—eternal devotion seems to be his forte. Mimi Crawford was the desired object in this latter case, and Henry Kendal made the first appearance of that grand name in musical comedy. His brother Bill was also in the chorus. They say Dame Madge never forgave them for it.

In private life the Astaires are a delightful couple. Adele is the wittier of



the two, but Fred's slow, tantalizing humour never leaves him. He is so much himself when on the stage or making a movie that he is the delight of directors. He just walks off the street onto the stage or set and goes on being himself. As a dancer his training is not so severe as people imagine. He dances all the time, when dressing and shaving even, and many of his most spectacular gyrations are products of some little movement made on the way from bedroom to bathroom, which he develops later to music. Ginger Rogers must know to her cost what it is to keep up with Fred's feet. They are always doing something different, and she has the consolation of knowing that there is only one other woman in the world who could keep up with them—Adele. Fred's dancing recently has developed almost into a ballet style, and, indeed, some of the posturing Russians might learn a good lesson from a man who has developed his own foot personality into a definite school. Astaire has the knack of making his most difficult steps look easy and natural, which is an effect the Russian ballet always seems to wish to avoid. The story runs that father Astaire was a beer-brewer in Chicago before prohibition, and when that came, ruin stared him in the face. Consequently, Fred and Adele set out to make their names, and did it. I don't know how the brewing business stands today in Chicago, but maybe it has picked up and there is a nice little income on the side piling up for one of the world's greatest dancers. Mrs. Astaire once said to me, «Both my kids manage their money well, but they have no mercy on their feet.» Which is a pity, as they have so much money and only two feet. Here's looking forward to «Top-Hat.»

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Is it eternal—this league of ours?
Who knows for sure!
If not—
Tomorrow I shall miss you less,
And ache of heart and heaviness
are things that time should cure.*

*I will then walk alone again...
Not a stir—not a sound.*



*Your image is folded in my eyes—
On opening them I push you out;
On closing them I kiss you
with my lash's lips
like this—and this—and my thoughts
like two brown hands of earth—or
two white hands of vision, hold you.*



*Moments lived can never die—
but hide themselves in dreams
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Málaga Notes

How many people know that in a valley not far from Málaga there are acres and acres of roses? It's a fact that, unknown to most visitors to Andalucía, there is a considerable production of Attar of Roses which successfully rivals the Balkan product.

Unfortunately one hears a great deal too much criticism of Spain and the Spanish Government by tourists who have not a real knowledge of the country. Therefore it is with special pleasure that we learn that a member of the British Club, who wishes to remain anonymous, has just sent to the Civil Governor the sum of 500 ptas. for the City Board for the Suppression of Mendicancy. A welcome method of showing appreciation of the country in which one lives.

It has been officially announced that the Banco Hipotecario has reached an agreement with the *Hoteles Unidos S.A.* whereby the latter are to take over control of the Miramar Hotel. Sr. Don José Gaspart Bulbera, director of the H.U.S.A., arrived recently and work was immediately started in to order open the Hotel for the Festive Season.

The *Orilla del Mar* promises to be a cosy bar, stocked with all the best liquid refreshments for the comfort of the increasingly large number of visitors who arrive from both Málaga and Gibraltar on Sundays and *fiesta* days.

With the laudable idea of helping the poor fishermen of the village through the winter, Mrs. M. Hawker, Mrs. Alcock and Miss K. Kalmon are arranging for the amateur performance of an one-act play at Santa Clara, Torremolinos. It is to be hoped that this effort receives the support it deserves. The proposed date of performance is *Reyes*.

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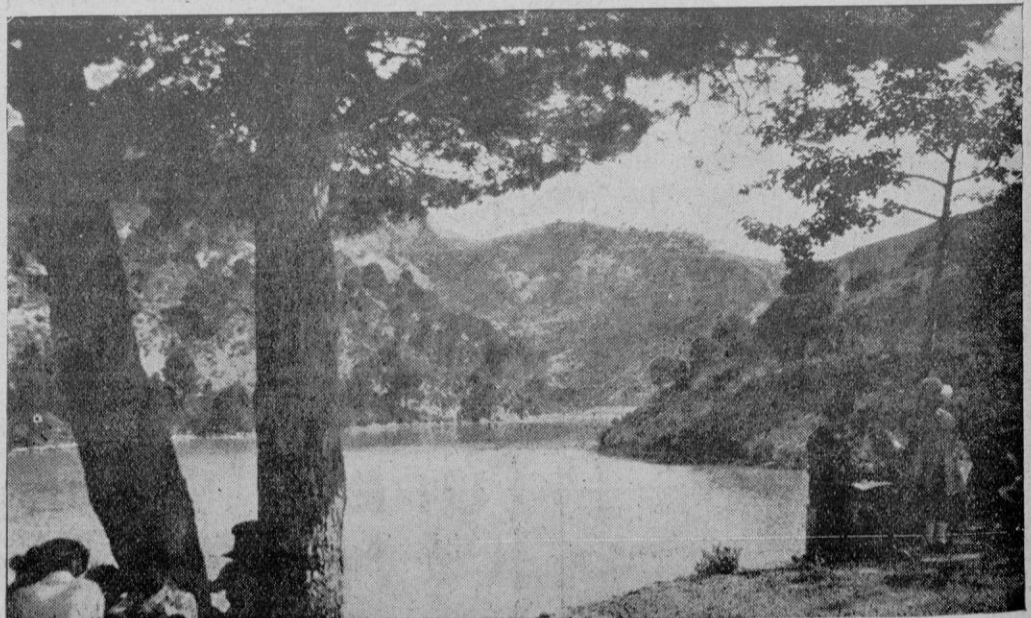
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A very amusing article appeared in a special number of the well known Spanish weekly, *Estampa*. Entitled «*Sunny Spain, Los Ingleses en Andalucía*.» The article gives a more or less veracious account of the activities of the Anglo-American residents and visitors in South Spain. There are a good number of illustrations, including one of the charming Miss «Babs» Mannion, and a close-up of a wild game of bridge in the British Club of Málaga. Another photograph is of a graceful sportswoman ploughing up



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A Radio Film

Irene Dunne the wonderful film star with the silvery voice has had her most recent triumph in «ROBERTA.» Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire are her principal supporters in this film.

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«Many great composers are already in Hollywood, and the vanguard of singers of the screen. These are to be augmented by new talent, possibly much of it to be developed,» he says. «Where could we find a tenor to play Don José, who could sing superbly, photograph handsomely and act perfectly?»

The screen, however, could eventually find or develop one, he believes.

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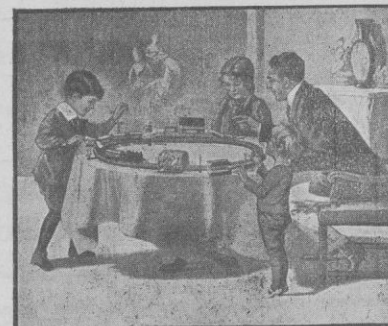
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Sobre treinta años, alto, fornido, de ancha musculatura, piernas demasiado largas, manos cuidadas, ademanes rítmicos y distinguidos, actitud, dólida o doliente, cara ancha, piel rosada y blanca, cabello rubio, ojos azules de melancólica mirada, vagando sin cesar de un sitio a otro, como el que busca precisamente lo que sabe, que no ha de hallar.

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Lo que Dice la Silueta

¿El castellano? Creo es el idioma más hermoso del mundo, sonoro, preciso, ofrece todos los matices para expresar las diferentes gradaciones del sen-

timiento. Parece fácil de aprender y tiene escollos que nunca podrá un extranjero salvar. Usar el modo subjuntivo de los verbos con propiedad, es casi imposible.

¿Dígame, señorita, cuénteme algo de las instituciones religiosas, que fines tienen. ¿Qué labor social hacen en España tantos y tantos conventos como hay? ¿De qué viven?

Podría V. darme una explicación del por qué son los hombres de España tan celosos siendo las mujeres tan amantes del hogar y tan honestas y fieles?

¿Formentor? Si, realmente es un sitio magnífico. Como de ensueño... pero más de dos días allí es imposible en aquella soledad... es necesario algo más.

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«Adios señorita, creo esta será mi última conversación de castellano en España. Mañana me iré seguramente, si es que el sol no me retiene unos días más... Tal vez vuelva... no lo se... nada puedo asegurar aún... realmente no lo se todavía» y al decirlo, su pensamiento a través de sus ojos se podía ver que como una estrella fugaz, corría a una velocidad vertiginosa.

Al observar la señorita la actitud de despedida extremadamente cortés del caballero sueco, le pareció oír, como en sueños, un «a los pies de V. señorita», pero la silueta al decir adios, abrió la puerta del ascensor, dejó paso a su interlocutora e inclinándose profundamente como en una corte, oprimió el botón del ascensor y la señorita, sin tiempo a responder con un saludo adecuado al incógnito caballero, sintió una ligera conmoción al pasar el ascensor el último piso, en el preciso momento que le iba ya a corresponder con un «beso a V. la mano».

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The guests were welcomed by Don Luis Karakadze, local head of the organization and to whom must go much of the credit for this new addition to Palma. Don Juan Miquel Bañus, director of the Bank of Marsans in Barcelona, spoke, giving a short history of the famous house of Marsans after which a supper was served. Among those present were the *Commandante Militar de Baleares*, General Masquelet, with his *aide* the Commandant of the Infantry, Sr. Feliu, the mayor Sr. Ferrer, Sr. Herminio Aroca representing the *Hacienda*, Sr. Francisco Vidal and Sr. Antonio Mulet representing the Patronato Turismo, Don Enrique Manera of the Agencia Schembri, Sr. Rafael de Lacy, Sr. Noble Clay and Sr. Leo Burgess of the Gas y Electricidad, S. A., Sr. George Copeland and many others.

Mr. and Mrs. Christie Miller, who were married a few days ago are spending their honeymoon here on the Island.

Major Charles Gilson has had a stroke of bad luck. In the dark, in Terreno the other evening, he stumbled over some rocks in his path and took a nasty fall cutting his leg badly. While it has slowed up his navigation a bit he has not allowed it to spoil his Christmas cheer and he is as gay as ever.

Mr. and Mrs. George Saward and Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Short were among the crowd enjoying the cocktail hour at the Triana, last Sunday.

A number of the foreigners took their youngsters to the circus at the Balear last week. Captain Dare was there with his trio apparently getting an equal kick out of it.

Captain Chrystal and Major Johnson have gotten together in London recently and celebrated an Old Mallorca Night. Part of the festivities consisted in sending greetings to all their friends here. Captain Chrystal has had to have his arm re-broken and set again in London.

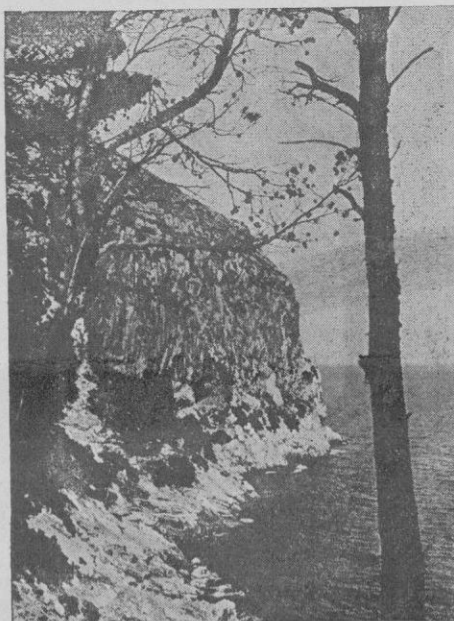
It was eggnog time at the Wilken's home on Christmas morning and a crowd dropped in to drink to their health. Among those who imbibed this marvellous concoction were Mrs. L.H. Clay, Mrs. Rice, Miss Sally Rice, Mrs. Anley, Miss Phyllis Harvey, Sr. and Sra. Caubet, Sr. Pascual, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Clay, Mrs. Florence Atkins, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Leo Burgess and Mrs. Dora Raffloer.

Practically all of the foreign colony found their way to Tito's some time or other on Christmas Eve. It was very gay, the dinner was excellent and Harry, the new manager, seems to have imparted a new spirit to the place which bids fair to make it once again an extremely popular *rendezvous*.

There are lots of parties planned for New Year's Eve and Palma promises to be a gay place on the last night of the year. Mrs. Martha Fell is having a small dinner party that evening, there will be another one at the Clay's home and in most of the hotels special dinner parties have been arranged.

It was a great shock to all his friends when, only a few days before Christmas, Mr. Lawrence Dundas, co-editor of the English page in «El Dia» slipped on a banana peel in the market-place and fractured his leg. The fracture was a compound one, and the surgeons decided to saw the bone before setting it again with the result that one leg is now very much shorter than the other. For a while it was feared that Mr. Dundas might lose his leg. Now, however, it is hoped that in several months time it will be possible to break the leg again and graft bone on to it.

Mrs. Doris Cameron's daughter Mlle. Lilian Van der Elst arrived last Tuesday to spend the holidays with her mother. Mrs. Cameron's home in Santa Catalina will be a gay spot New Year's Eve when she will throw it open to her many friends. Parties at Doris's house are always memorable affairs, and this promises to be one of the best yet.



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One of the gayest of the Christmas-time cocktail parties took place at Mrs. Martha Fell's new apartment last Saturday. Mrs. Fell has made many friends in the short time that she has been here and many of them were on hand to help christen her new home. Among those there, were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carson, Mrs. Luscombe, Mrs. Grace Atwood, Sir John Dunn, Mr. N. C. L. Mather, Miss Phyllis Harvey, Mrs. Anley, Mrs. McClintock and Mr. Charles Salisbury.

On Monday afternoon the Committee of the British Association gave a sherry party at the new quarters of the group for the members and a few other friends. The rooms were crowded with almost the entire British Colony, and many were the toasts which were drunk to the success of this admirable organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Clay, following their annual custom, had a number of friends in on Christmas evening and despatched their gracious hospitality in their usual bounteous manner. There was dancing and ping-pong and all sorts of games of chance and it was late when the last of the party drifted towards home.

It's getting to be a sort of a game with the Trocadero. For the last two weeks we have tried to advise our readers just what drinks cost on which nights. We mixed it up badly the first time, last week we had it almost right and here is the correction for that. Drinks are 1.50 to 3.50 every night except Saturdays and gala ones. And Mr. Dubost spells his name so and not Dubosc.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. M. Koch, who are staying at the Alfonso Hotel, expect to remain until March.

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Miss M. I. Allfrey, who has been a visitor at the Hotel Calamayor, left yesterday for Barcelona, en route for Las Palmas and Cape Town.

Mr. Winston Churchill has, apparently, again changed his plans, for after leaving Palma for Barcelona last week he went to Cadiz on Monday, and it is rumoured he will go on to the Canary Islands. It is also said that he may visit Tangier to see Mr. Lloyd George, who is staying there at the moment.

Miss Ethel Morris arrived on the *Orion* today, and is staying at the Hotel Mediterráneo.

Last Saturday night most of Palma was gaily heading for the Christmas spirit. There was a large crowd at Tito's, including Mr. Wolfe, of Cooks, Miss Audrey Malcolm, Mrs. Kidd, Commander Harry Green, Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnel, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Leaman, Mrs. Patullo, Major Gilson, Mrs. Hewitt and Major and Mrs. Horan.



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W. B. Yeats, the Irish poet who is here as a visitor to Mallorca, has asked us to put in a plea for privacy on his behalf. He is not trying to be difficult about this matter, but really needs the rest which only quiet can give him. His secretary, Mrs. Foden, and Mr. Swami, with whom he is discussing philosophy, left London to call for Mr. Yeats in Dublin. They all had a bad trip here and the last few days saw the poet prostrated in his cabin. He still looks badly and shows the effects of the rough passage. He has moved to the Hotel Terramar, as the effort of climbing stairs proved too much for him. He is enjoying the sun terraces there immensely and hopes to remain several months.

His philosophical studies, apart from his own poetical work and the intense interest he takes in world affairs, keep him fully occupied, and as his present state of health is so weak he begs for peace in which to work and recuperate. Asked for his opinion as to what will come to pass in the present world condition, he replied that the immediate future is not interesting—that it should have another name—just as the immediate past is not important. What to him is interesting is the remote past and the «now.» Talking of journalism, he said, «Most good writers in America begin as journalists. Why is it that, in America, I find the journalists, man for man, better than the English? And on the other hand, why are the papers so comparatively bad in America?»

His companions then insisted that he went to his room to rest, and he bade us goodbye, saying that he hoped to be in a condition to be more sociable very soon.

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28th December

Your character is a mixture of conflicting tendencies. On the one hand, cautious, rather timid, slow to make up your mind, but very determined once your decision is made, you are also frank, genial, fond of outdoor life and sport.

Your lucky number is 8; day, Saturday; colours, brown, black.

In business you should certainly do well. Hindrances and difficulties may be put in your way, but you will certainly have the capacity for overcoming them, and are fairly lucky in regard to money matters generally. Your organizing ability and foresight would mark you out for a position of responsibility in the business world.

Faithful and sincere in love-affairs and friendship, marriage should bring a lasting tie. There would be few children, if any.

The constitution is not too robust, but you should get stronger as you grow older. Guard against colds, chills and rheumatism.

29th December

Coming under the dominion of the sign Capricorn and the planet Saturn, you are ruthlessly ambitious, determined, patient, capable, practical; you may appear «hard» at times, but you are very sincere. Curiously enough, however, there is a somewhat psychic, intuitive strain in your nature. You sometimes indulge in dreams, strange fancies and imaginings. Music appeals to you very strongly.

Your lucky numbers are 2 and 8; colours, brown and black; day, Saturday.

You may have rather a hard struggle in your profession or business career, but you should certainly attain a secure and responsible position in the end. Your capacity for hard work and marked organizing ability should bring you success.

Marriage would come rather later in life and should prove a lasting tie. You are essentially faithful in your affections.

Health is not too robust. Cheerful surroundings are essential. Avoid too much solitude and introspection.

30th December

You are born under the dominion of the sign Capricorn. Your planet is Saturn. From Saturn you get a sensitive nature, and also much ambition. The sense of duty and caution are over-developed in your case.

It will be difficult for you to get the place you need in business, partly because of your lack of self-confidence. Nevertheless, once you start on your work you will carry it through with tenacity and resolution. Frequent change of work should be avoided at all costs. Your fortunate numbers are 3 and 8. Brown is your lucky colour. Every third and eighth year of life will be eventful and important.

Very faithful in your affections, you would have few but sincere friends. Marriage would come rather late in life, and there would be but few children.

You are not robust, chills should be avoided, but long life is promised.

31st December

Yours is a very steady, determined, cautious, hard-working type of character. Sparing in speech and usually rather slow to act, you are very sure and reliable. There is danger, howev-

er, of hesitating too long in order to think things over, and thus losing opportunities.

Your lucky numbers are 4 and 8; colours, brown, black; day, Saturday.

Your business or professional career will, I am afraid, be strewn with hindrances, obstacles and set-backs, yet you are very persistent and will ultimately obtain your ambitions. The latter half of life will be more prosperous or generally more fortunate than the first.

You would marry comparatively late in life, and probably more for the sake of friendship, companionship, and other «common-sense» reasons, than through any very emotional influence. There should be lasting happiness.

The constitution seems fairly strong, but there might be danger of chills or rheumatism.

1st January

Saturn is the planet which has rule over your life, hence your strong sense of duty, capacity for steady effort and conscientiousness. You will, perhaps, not be sufficiently optimistic and be too slow at seizing opportunities. Your fortunate numbers are 1 and 8; your colour, russet brown.

In business you would do well in anything which called for application and perseverance. Comparatively slow-moving trades and business would be best. There is good organizing power, and official work of any kind would be suitable.

You will be slow to love, but faithful; a little suspicious of those about you, but you can rise to great heights of unselfishness. Avoid introspection. Do not be too critical of your family and friends. Marriage to a partner older than yourself is likely. There would be few children.

The constitution is sensitive and not too robust; the stomach, the knees and bony framework generally being the weak spots.

2nd January

Ambitious, strictly practical, very determined to obtain your own ends, you should surely «get on» in the world. In private life you are rather shy and retiring, very silent, but when you speak you command attention. Not given to boasting, your word is to be relied upon.

Your lucky numbers are 2 and 8; colours, brown, black; day Saturday. Your planet is Saturn.

In business, your path will be strewn with obstacles and difficulties, but there is a power about you which makes for success. At some

time in life you will be drawn towards political interests.

Very faithful and sincere in your affections, you are likely, I am afraid, to have some sorrow in connection with love affairs or marriage. If you do not marry until rather late in life you will then find happiness.

Health seems fairly good, but there is danger of colds, chills and rheumatism.

3rd January

Born under the influence of the sign Capricorn and the planet Saturn, you are essentially persevering, strong-willed, ambitious. Though you are faithful and sincere, others may sometimes regard you as crafty or mean. There is danger of being misunderstood.

Your lucky numbers are 3 and 8; day Saturday; colours, brown, black; stones, lapis-lazuli, sapphire.

You may have rather a hard struggle in business life; things may tend to move rather slowly, but you have the capacity for overcoming all difficulties. Careful with money, you yet know how to spend wisely, and should attain a secure financial position eventually. Your organizing ability and foresight should mark you out for a responsible position in your business.

Marriage would probably come rather late in life; your partner would tend to be younger than yourself, and there should be happiness.

Health should be good, but rheumatism and liver chills are a source of danger.

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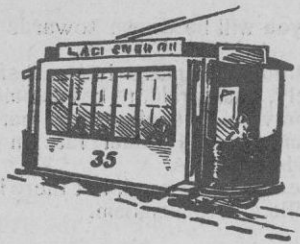
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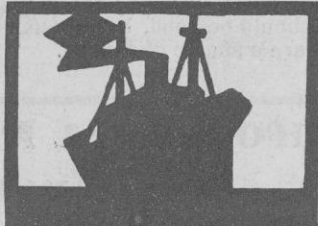
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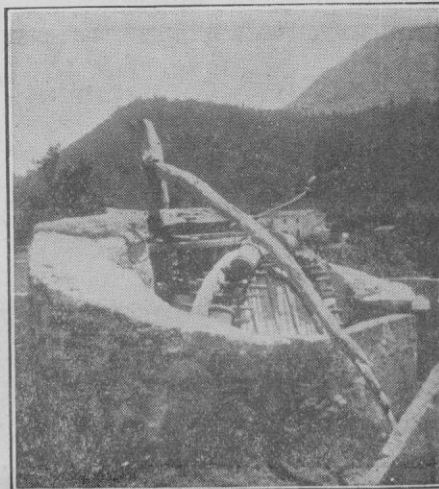
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- PRINCIPAL—Spanish Theatrical Company.
- RIALTO—Fox presents Catalina Bárcena in *Julietta Compra un Hijo*, with Gilbert Roland. Colour Cartons and newsreel.
- THURSDAY: Shirley Temple in *La Simpática Huerfanita* (in Spanish).

Miss Francis Fitzgibbon, the artist, who has been staying here about two months is leaving today for Barcelona, and from there will proceed to New York for a holiday.

At Santa Eulalia, Mrs. Warfield Gramkow has her two sons home for the holidays and invited all her friends to a party with Christmas tree and «all the trimmings.»

The spirit of Christmas and New Year is abroad in full force. The market is crowded, all the shops have outside stalls at the time of writing this and the peasants are wearing *fiesta* garb. Two days ago a band of students of Madrid, in their picturesque gowns, entertained us in various localities with their delightful music, and all the hotels and restaurants served gala dinners topped off with a dance at the Grand. Certainly, in spite of somewhat unseasonable weather, it has been a merry Christmas.



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The Hotel Denis allowed its cook, Julio, to lend his services for the great night to «El Cairo,» with the result that a good many of the hotel guests dined at the latter place. We noticed Miss Hartrich, Mr. Broddigan and Miss Dennis, of Deyá, among others who went on to the Frontera later.

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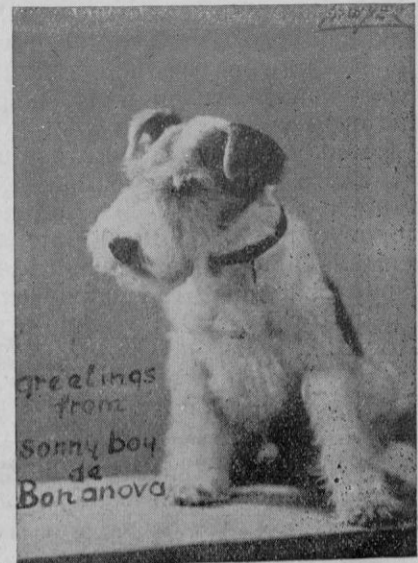
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There Ought To Be a Law -

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We turned into the shop and tried to explain in our feeble Spanish that we wanted hats for children, hats like those men wore who tended cows. Out of it all the clerk understood hats. That was the one word we were sure of, too, so maybe it wasn't his fault either. We were at once surrounded by hats of all kinds. It was some little time before we could check his enthusiasm sufficiently to allow us to go into our song and dance again. By this time we had the entire staff embroiled in the affair and the rest of the customers had forgotten what they came in for and were in the midst of it as well.

Finally, after flirting around with the word *vaca* long enough, toy cows and cattle of all sorts began to appear. It didn't seem to us that the verb *arreglar*, which we insisted on using, was just right, either. After all, you don't regulate a cow or adjust it, or even can a cowboy be said to moderate or compound a cow. No, that part of the misunderstanding was due to us entirely. Finally the clerk said, «*Caramba, el señor quiere sombreros de cowboy!*» and dashed to the back of the shop. He came back triumphantly bearing a nice red number, reminiscent of the French Foreign Legion, a sort of cross between the hats worn by the Palma firemen and those which adorn the heads of the *gendarm-erie* of Paris. It had, too, a little feather to which the clerk pointed with pride and seemed pretty much downcast when we said no. The Tyrolean touch was something on which we hadn't figured and we tried to explain that the kids couldn't even yodel yet, so what good was a hat like that. He said it was quite easy to learn and so we fell for it, or them rather, feather and all. And now all we have to do between now and Christmas is to persuade the young sons that they would much rather be Tyroleans than cowboys. Oh yes, and teach them to yodel, too.

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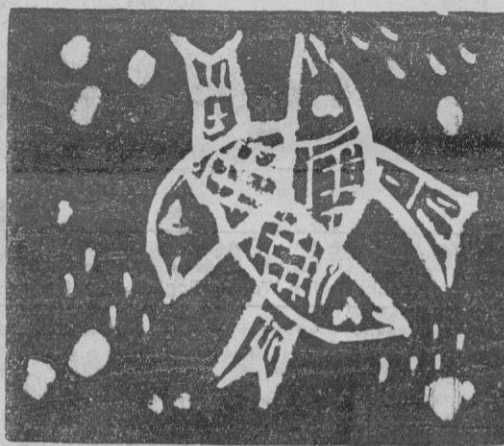
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BOOKS

«Spanish Adventure»

Norman Lewis

(Gollancz)

With the above title, Gollancz, of London, have recently published the latest book written on a Spanish theme. The young author, Norman Lewis, has not, as might be imagined, created but another work of phoney romance 'neath starcrammed skies, but has written an amusing if rather unfair account of his journeyings through Spain last autumn. Not for Mr. Lewis those incredible occurrences one meets in the usual book about Spain. In fact the absence of fierce, half-savage peasants speaking very Polytechnic Night-class Spanish, is quite notable. Mr. Lewis is unfair in that during his short sojourn in this country he seems to have made a point of searching for the most unpleasant facts of Spanish life. At times one comes to the conclusion that he has a perfect knack for finding himself in unhygienic surroundings. His language, whilst inclined to be academical, is entertaining in itself, and the book is full of good laughs of the more sophisticated variety. A description of Madrid during the October revolution of last year, together with some unusual information about Communist activities, is in a way the best part of «Spanish Adventure.» During the whole length of the book the author rushes us through cabarets, churches, cheap hotels and third class railway coaches. The tale begins in France and ends, rather surprisingly, in Morocco, where after some amusing and rather salacious adventures in Casablanca (this is becoming a wornout subject nowadays) Mr. Lewis gives us a final glimpse of some hitherto unmentioned horrors. On the whole, an irritating and brilliant book, improved by remarkable and fascinating photography.

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