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AFTER TWO YEARS

Of Republic in Cataluña

Two years of the Republic in Spain; two years of the Republic in Cataluña; years of creative effort and of fighting against enemies of progress — these make up the picture upon which the nation is gazing in retrospect during this holiday commemorating the second anniversary of the New Spain.

When on the 14th of April, 1931, the Catalan flag went up on the Generalidad, Cataluña had broken loose from her chains, awake to a new, independent life. Years of suppression and misunderstanding, hatred and intrigue were over. The people felt on that day like men released from prison. For now there was permission to talk their own language, dance their beloved sardanas, raise their flag and elect their own government.

Since those first enraptured days of the young Republic, Cataluña has grown up, quickly and determined to justify the hopes of her people. And as an autonomous state within the Spanish Republic, Cataluña has become strongly attached to the rest of the country, no longer an *enfants terrible* but an affectionate younger brother.

In these two years a large part of the work which confronted the young Republic has been done; a larger part remains, but Cataluña is confident, and behind this confidence are her two great sources of strength — industry and agriculture.

Industry

The southern line that divides industrial from agricultural Europe goes through Barcelona and Bilbao, the only two Spanish districts of industrial importance. Bilbao, centre of heavy industry with its mines, steel factories and shipyards, has the advantage that the Northern district produces its own raw materials and is nearer the world's markets by its favourable position on the Atlantic. Barcelona, centre of cloth manufacture and the chemical industry, has gone on developing in spite of the fact that the Mediterranean is no longer the sea of trade.

Until very recently there were many industrial enterprises in Cataluña and most of them were small. Now, as in the rest of the world, there is a tendency to form big concerns by mergers. Cataluña manufactures mostly necessities for the individual consumer — cloth, shoes, leather, food-stuffs, etc. — while the North produces materials for building, railways and shipping.

Cataluña's chief market is Spain, which is ser-

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In the New Spain

WHEN the Spanish Republic was proclaimed on April 14, 1931, the event was hailed as the birth of a New Spain, the end of an archaic system — and it was also regretted as an unfortunate experiment. But it is more accurate to consider the Revolution as a return to old Spanish traditions, traditions of liberty and freedom that made the Spaniards a race of independent citizens in an age when Englishmen and French hardly dreamed of anything but tyranny.

Gradually the free institutions of Spain were smothered, and her history is the record of increasing centralization of power while other nations were achieving for the first time the liberty which Spaniards were losing.

Appraisal

However, the men who made the Revolution were not merely harking back to an age which might have been pictured as idyllic for those who know very little about it. The new leaders of Spain had very much more difficult and concrete problems to deal with and after two years it is possible to appraise the value of their work.

The Republic saw its course blocked by the obstacles which confront every revolutionary government, and it was armed with the enthusiasm which is the only force that can surmount them.

Two years ago it appeared to many that the principal issue was between the Church and the new State. That has passed. For, while it would be folly to assume that every Catholic is completely satisfied with the position of his Church today, few would consider that the country is passing through a crisis in the religious struggle. Spain is not, as many believed she would be, torn by that bitterest of all warfare, religious strife. It is a fact upon which both sides may properly congratulate themselves.

In the realm of pure politics, the Republic has in two years reached the stage where peaceful change is assured when any change comes. The present Government has survived the armed outbreaks of both Right and Left, as well as the more orderly but probably better organized attack of the Parliamentary opposition.

Constructive achievement has not been lacking either, although two years is too short a time to estimate the worth of the work which the Republic rightly considers its chief merit.

Spain has held her own in two years of profound economic depression; in a bankrupt world she is by comparison to some of her neighbours enjoying a

certain measure of prosperity. The rumours that the peseta would be worthless, rumours that were current a year or so ago, are replaced by a fear that the peseta will be worth too much.

The development of industry and agriculture, the progress of education are discussed in other columns. But perhaps more revealing than generalities is the concrete case of the Duquesa de la Conquista, one of those great landed proprietors who has heard wild rumours concerning the general confiscation of property on the death of the owner.

She has extensive property at El Ferrol and, realizing that it is time for some constructive action on the part of those possessing property, proceeded to call a meeting of her tenants last Sunday.

When all her *colonos* had duly foregathered, the Duchess, who is seventy, announced to them that on her death, instead of leaving her immense fortune to the Church to be spent in prayers for the salvation of her soul, she had decided to leave the entire amount to her tenants and bailiffs, who would continue to hold and till the land as at present, the only condition being that they should pray for her soul.

In this way she hopes to achieve greater happiness for her peasants than they might enjoy under a partition system carried out by the government.

This is acceptance of the modern spirit at its best. But no one would try to give the impression that every Spaniard approves of the new regime; there is still a section of the community who like to

blame the Republic for new taxes, rain on Sunday, financial losses and cold in the head. Ardent Republicans are sometimes disappointed with the rate of progress, for it is only in the older republics that people are beginning to realize that republican institutions and Utopia are not synonyms.

An impartial observer must find that in these two years Spain has gained more and suffered less than many who witness-

ed the Revolution believed possible. The men at the head of the State have proved themselves. No one could say, as did an Embassy official, asked for information on the new leaders in those hectic days of April, 1931:

«You see, we know nothing of these gentlemen, for until last week they were all of them in jail or in exile.»

It is a curious fact that although many of these men who were unknown to the *attache* are remarkably talented writers, the two years of the Republic have not as yet profoundly influenced Spanish literature. True, works and authors once banned in their own country have returned, but the Republican literature seems little different than the Monarchical.

Perhaps it is because the men of letters have been too busy in politics. More likely it is because they have not yet been able to clarify their ideas. No doubt we shall have to wait many years for the epic of the Revolution and for the lament of the Royalists.

In short, after two years the country has found that life goes on for most of us very much as it did before. The prophets of doom and Utopia have both been disappointed, but to the average Spaniard there has been given at least the hope and the promise — with some indications of fulfillment — of better things for his children if not for himself.

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On Wednesday ten gray cabs of the David company appeared upon the streets, and if you wanted a taxi that day, you had to use one of these, for the local men were all on strike, thereby giving the newcomers an unrivalled opportunity to make themselves known.

They were never molested while carrying passengers, but three cabs were stopped as they were returning empty to town. Two were set afire and one overturned. All three can be repaired. In each case the driver rushed back to the garage and asked for another cab, for they were all making good money.

Next day all the old cabs were back on the job, and at lower prices. Their organization has announced a flat rate of Ptas. 2.75 between Palma and Terreno. The David cabs operate on meters, and their rates are 60 céntimos a kilometer, making about 2 pesetas to Terreno. We bumped into one of these taxis at the tunnel on the Bonanova road and found that the drivers are most polite.

Things are so quiet that rival drivers no longer

bother to hoot and whistle when they see Don Manuel Texidor, who is organizing the David service, as they used to do.

More Plays

The Sybil Sutton-Vane Repertory Company is now an established fact, the producer announces. After their success in *Private Lives*, which they may give again with a new show, she and her company selected Sidney Howard's *The Silver Cord* for production in about three weeks time.

This show was first produced in New York at the end of 1926 and in London the next year. The author is one of America's best known playwrights, and Miss Sutton-Vane says she has some interesting additions to the cast which performed in her last show, all of whom, we understand, will appear in the next. All of them, she adds, receive salaries.

The future performances will be held at the Principal, as was the last, and it is planned to give at least one show a month right through the summer season, which is expected to be a busy one.

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The show does not start until 4:30 in the afternoon, so that it is likely the last bulls will be slain by electric light. The three toreros are to be Niño de Matadero, Gitanillo de Triana and Antonio Pazos.

It is seldom that the inauguration of the season here brings forth any recognized stars of the ring, but later in the season we are promised another display by Lalanda, Barrera and Ortega, the trio who last year staged what the experts acclaimed as the finest bullfight ever seen in Palma.

Aviation Trophies Awarded

Clifford B. Harmon, who lives at the Mediterraneo, has announced the winners of the Harmon aviation trophies, which he presents annually to flyers in fourteen countries, the award being based on the votes of previous winners and of various aviation authorities.

For 1932 the international aviator's trophy goes to Wolfgang von Gronau, pilot of the flight from Germany westward around the world. The international spherical balloonist's trophy was voted to Prof. Piccard for his explorations of the upper air, while his companion, Cosyns, gets a medal of honor. Ernst Lehmann, captain of the Graf Zeppelin, has the international dirigible pilot's trophy.

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All these awards were practically unanimous except the last, there having been close competition between Mrs. Putnam and Amy Johnson, the English heroine.

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Those on view now were selected for the honor at an exhibition in Port Mahon. The harbor there has been particularly a favorite subject with artists.

In Person

The excellent concert of the Capella Classica at the Principal on Wednesday was given additional interest by the presence of Manuel de Falla, Spain's leading composer, who received applause equally with the choir, which was obviously on its mettle and surpassed itself under the eye of the maestro.

Ping Pong Challenge

Mr. Kenneth Craven of Son Vent, formerly a leader in New York ping pong (table tennis) circles, has now installed a regulation ping pong table, made to his careful order, and the most complete possible equipment for the game. A keen player himself, Mr. Craven issues a challenge to those who may consider themselves good, and he hopes that a ping pong association can be formed here.

The winners become members of the International League of Aviators, which Col. Harmon founded in 1926. On the anniversary of the founding, May 16, the trophies are presented in the League's clubhouse in Paris. In previous years the President of France has made the awards and it is expected he will do so this year too.

Among the national winners are Charles Kingford Smith for Australia, Bert Hinkler and Amy Johnson for England, Rene Lefevre for France, Gen. Italo Balbo for Italy, Fernando Loring for Spain and Col. Roscoe Turner, Commander Rosendahl and Lt. Commander Settle for the United States. In addition there are a number of medals of honor awarded.

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The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon at the English Cemetery, the Rev. John de B. Forbes officiating. Among those who attended the body to the cemetery were two of Mr. Bright's oldest friends, Mr. John Liddell and Mr. Poole of Genova. Mr. Bright was sixty-one years old.

The German Fleet

Plans for Palma's reception of the German fleet have been changed once again. The German Consul, Mr. Juan Dede, has announced that he has received official announcement from Berlin that modification of the German fleet's itinerary will preclude the squadron's visit to Palma this year.

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WONDER OF THE WORLD

About Barcelona

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis are now staying at the Regina Hotel and will probably make their home in Barcelona. Mr. Dennis was here 20 years ago erecting the wireless station at Prat de Llobregat in connection with the Marconi Company.

The Bishop of Gibraltar, The Right Reverend F. Buxton, is expected in Barcelona on Sunday, May 20th, when in the evening there will be a confirmation at the Church.

On Easter Sunday morning there will be a celebration of holy communion at 8:30 and after morning service, Mr. Heather will play the organ at both services and the Rev. Dr. Jones Ph. D. will assist the Chaplain at the second service.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson, friends of the Rev. C.H. D. Grimes, were among the passengers on the Empress of Australia which was in Barcelona yesterday.

Many friends of Mrs. Fox will be sorry to hear that she has been very unwell since her return from Valencia.

Mr. and Mrs. Charrington, who took such great interest in the Tennis Tournament, have now left Barcelona.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Witty are spending the Easter holidays in Palma, Mr. and Mrs. Warner in Madrid and Mr. and Mrs. Napier in Valencia.

Miss Dufresne left for Paris on Friday. She had been staying with her nephew, Mr. Meade, for some weeks.

Consul and Mrs. Richard Fox of Seville are visiting in Barcelona for three days. They are on a motor trip through Spain.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter left on Wednesday to spend some time in England.

Mr. O'Day of Palma is spending Easter in Barcelona.

Mr. P. C. Richards has gone to Palma to spend some weeks with his parents.

Mr. Norman Cinnamon and his daughter Dorothy are spending Easter in Mallorca.

Mrs. Moorhead, a prominent member of the Irish Suffragist movement, is at present staying in Barcelona.

Christian Boussus, the famous French tennis player, who took part in the match between the Racing Club of France and the Barcelona Lawn Tennis Club last week end, is quite ill at the Ritz Hotel in Barcelona; an attack of grippe has developed into a serious case of measles.

The April Luncheon of the American Women's

Catalan Golfers in Madrid

A Catalan golf team consisting of players from the three clubs of Cataluña, the New Barcelona Golf Club at San Cugat, the Pedralbes Golf Club of Barcelona and the Terramar Golf Club of Sitges, has gone to Madrid to take part in the Easter championships.

The players from Cataluña are José Andreu, Augusto Batlló, Camilo Juliá, Genaro de la Riva, Claudio Lopez-Sert, Juan Antonio Macaya, Lorenzo Pons and Fred Witty. They play today in the Club de Campo championship, tomorrow in a match against the same club, on Tuesday and Wednesday in a match against the Club Puerta de Hierro and on Thursday in the championship of that club.

Einstein a Spanish Professor

Prof. Albert Einstein, the master of relativity, who recently announced his intention of giving up his German nationality because of the persecution of Jews in that country, has accepted a professorship in one of the Spanish Universities.

The most famous of German scientists today, Prof. Einstein has been in receipt of many offers since his intention to abandon Germany became known, and among the countries that have sought his services has been France.

Committee of Barcelona was held Wednesday at the charming clubhouse of the New Barcelona Golf Club at San Cugat. About twenty-five members enjoyed the afternoon in the country, some turning to a round of golf after the luncheon and others to an afternoon of bridge. On the same day the American Luncheon Club held its April Luncheon at the Hotel Ritz, at which the moving picture taken at the banquet of the American Chamber of Commerce on April 1st was shown.

Mrs. Ernest F.C. Witty entertained last Saturday night with several tables of bridge.

Mrs. Harding who has been suffering from pleurisy, is now almost well again and intends to leave soon for Paris.

The annual reunion of Miss Riddel's pupils was held on Wednesday, April 5th, at the lovely home of Miss Salvans, by invitation of Señora Salvans of 134, Paseo San Gervasio. This was Miss Salvans' last year as a pupil as she is to be married in October. The object of the reunions is to encourage the pupils to speak English among themselves. Mrs. A.H. Dewar of Blackheath, London, who has been visiting her father and sister, was also present. Several games were played after tea and all spent a very happy evening.

Mr. Edwin H. Hooker has decided not to return to England as previously reported. He gave a very interesting lecture at the London Club on Monday, his theme being «Oxford Memories.» He spoke about the customs of the students and scored a great success through his witty way of narrating anecdotes and explaining typical customs.

A representative Spanish football team has left for Paris, where they will play against the French team next Sunday.

What to Do and Where to Go in Barcelona

Theatres

ROMEA — *El petó devant del mirall.*
 NOVEDADES — *Jazz Band.*
 TIVOLI — *Xuanon.*
 VICTORIA — *Oro en la Montaña.*
 OLYMPIA — *Circus.*

Cinemas

FEMINA — *Second Hand Wife*, (English).
 CAPITOL — *The Man They Couldn't Arrest*, (English).
 CATALUÑA — Sun. and Mon., *Nagana* (English)
 Tues., *Attorney for the Defense and Final Edition* (both in English).
 COLISEUM — *Blonde Venus* (English).
 FANTASIO — *El Hombre que se reia del Amor*, (Spanish).
 URQUINAONA — *The beast of the City*, (in English).
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Concert

Wednesday — Orquesta Pau Casals at Palau de la Musica Catalana.

Amusements

Football — C.D. Español vs. Club Gijón on Sunday at Casa Rabia.
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The Development of Education in Spain Under the Republic

THE educational principle of the old regime kept the intellectual level of the country low lest the people get ideas and become dangerous. The percentage of illiteracy in Spain is higher than in any other European country, and the Republic found itself confronted with the problem of abolishing illiteracy. Cataluña is better off in that respect than other parts of Spain, but there are still too few schools for the number of children who should be taught.

Perhaps Barcelona is the best example to show the progress of education. Before the Revolution, the teaching of Catalan was prohibited, although there were many Castilian masters. This is why few people can write Catalan; they could not learn it, and Catalan orthography is by no means easy.

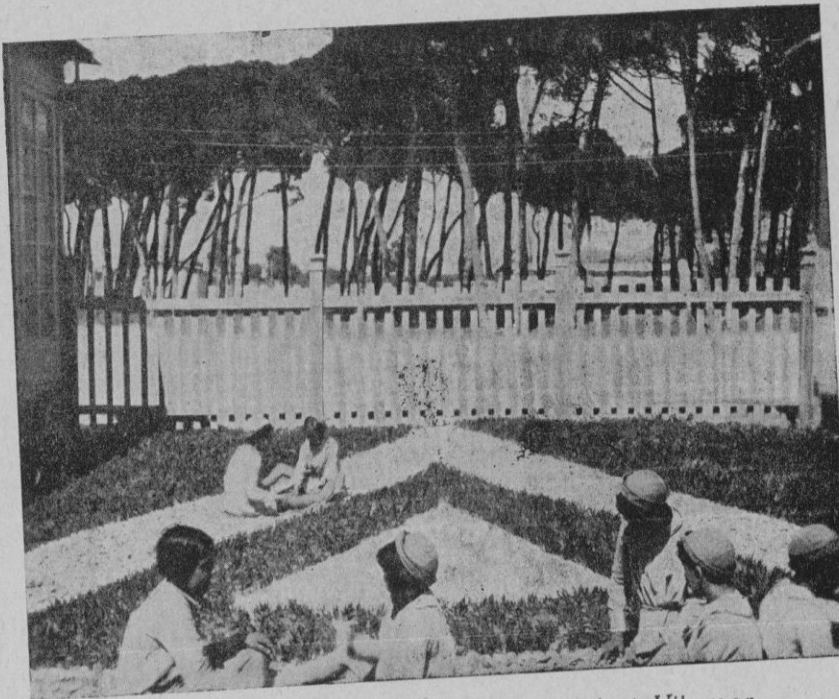
Also, the educational work started by Hermangildo de los Rios in 1906 was interrupted by the Dictatorship. Every time Cataluña asked for state subsidies for education, there was a negative answer from Primo de Rivera, so that before the Republic Catalan education was largely dependent upon a handful of patricians, who gave millions of pesetas to build schools and maintain educational standards.

The Comissió de Cultura, although founded in 1916, could only set to work in 1931, and since then amazing progress can be observed. The three most important tasks set to the commission were: Sufficient schools to abolish illiteracy by making school compulsory for every single Catalan child; the teaching of Catalan as the official language and the training of Catalan masters; improving the poor health conditions of slum children.

New schools have been opened during the last two years so that some 10,000 more children are accommodated than before the Republic. All these schools employ modern educational methods and have up to date equipment. An outstanding example is the Maciá School, where 4,000 children are taught in the large building erected in the Plaza de España to serve as an hotel during the 1929 Exposition and stood empty thereafter.

Another example is the Kindergarten Forestier in the pavilion of the Philippines in the exposition grounds. This little modern house with its large windows and shady playgrounds is an ideal school for small children. There is air and light and sun, and whenever weather permits, classes are held in the garden. The Montessori method is used, for it is a favourite with Catalan authorities, one reason the Dottoressa Montessori is holding her present training course here.

No school fees are paid by the children of the town schools. Even trams and trains are free, the children wearing a special badge to and from school so conductors can identify them. Those very poor children or



Recreation hour at the seaside school at Vilamar
(Courtesy of the Barcelona Ayuntamiento).

those who live very far away also get free lunch.

Teaching is in Catalan, but Castilian is not neglected; children leaving the schools know the two languages equally well. Some parents wish their children to be taught in Castilian, and this is done, so that no one is forced to learn Catalan, but Catalan classes are overcrowded and the Castilian forms almost empty. In the huge Maciá School only about a dozen children take the Castilian course.

The health of Barcelona's poor children is very bad. Living conditions in the slums, the famous Fifth District, are incredible. The flats get no light, no air, and tuberculosis is a guest in nearly all.

To improve these conditions, the Ayuntamiento has founded a number of open air schools all over the country — in the hills, in the woods, on the sea. Some 5,000 children can now be sent to these schools every year.

Typical of these schools are the Escola de Mar on the beach of Barcelona and the School at Berga, installed in the Swedish Pavilion of the Exposition. This was given to the Ayuntamiento by Sweden and transferred to Berga. Another fine school is that on the sea at Vilamar.

As yet compulsory education has not been attained because there are more children seeking it voluntarily than can be accommodated. But at the rate of progress of the last two years, Cataluña — and the rest of Spain — will practically extinguish illiteracy in another generation.

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Republic in Cataluña

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ved at a low price that defies competition and accounts for the comparatively slight effect which the present world crisis has had on Catalan industry. The North suffered heavily from the general depression and foreign competition in her markets.

Two things have opened new horizons to Catalan industry in recent years: the electrification of factories and the discovery of potassium. Power stations have sprung up all over the country and now a third of all Spanish electricity is produced and used in Cataluña. The potassium mines of Cardona opened the first big Catalan industry to be based on the mineral riches of the soil. The industrial future of Cataluña depends on the buying power of Spain, and it is one of the tasks of the Republic to increase this buying power.

Because her industry is so important, many people believe Cataluña's agriculture is of less moment, but this is not the case. The soil is not naturally rich, but the Catalan peasant has always been a hard worker and has made his land fertile so that now all products that thrive here can be, and are, grown with profit. Only 10 per cent. of the area of Cataluña is arable, and even some of that has been brought under cultivation only through the work of toiling generations. The rest of the country is mountain and rock, dry and useless.

Catalan production has concentrated on foods likely to fetch high prices in France and England — the early potato, oranges, wine and oil. This policy developed during recent years and was encouraged by the Generalidad in order to obtain a more favourable trade balance. Now 25 per cent. of Spanish wine and 10 per cent. of Spanish olive oil come from Cataluña.

The Catalan peasant is bound by tradition as are all other peasants in the world, but he has a marked commercial sense. Most Spanish peasants are illiterate; the Catalan can read and write. If his figures show a crop is not profitable, he changes, one reason that although Cataluña is only 6 per cent. of the area of Spain, her agricultural products form 10 per cent. of the total value.

The Law of Agrarian Reform, passed this year after hot discussion, has little interest for Cataluña because it refers principally to big, absentee land

owners whose soil was cultivated by underpaid labour. Catalan farms are in the hands of free peasants, whose land has been in the family for centuries.

It was only during the last century that capitalists invested in land which they rented to tenants while they became merchants dealing in the produce of their own land. This led to the conflict of the *Rabassaires*, tenants of vineyards, who in the last year organized a protest strike. The ancient law of the *Rabassa* (vine) gave tenants a lease until two-thirds of the plants had died. By replanting, the

tenant could keep his vineyard as long as he liked. But after the Restoration of 1873, tenants could have only a lease of 50 years, after which they could be evicted on a year's notice. The Agrarian Reform has settled that problem for Cataluña, Catalan members, in return for this, voting for the clauses which divided up big properties elsewhere.

The Generalidad has fostered agriculture consistently. Subsidies have been given to encourage reforestation; the peasants of Lérida, faced with a loss of over 200,000,000 pesetas by the frost on olive trees, have been helped to save the trees; goat breeding has been assisted to provide the particularly fine skins which are in great demand with the Belgian glove trade; the raising of peaches in the

plain of Llobregat has been sponsored and the orchards produce 21,000,000 pesetas worth of fruit and give employment to many in the canning factories; Gavá, once a sandy desert, has been turned into one of the finest asparagus plantations in Europe.

But perhaps the most important work of these two years has been the reorganization of agricultural instruction, which now is accessible to everyone who desires

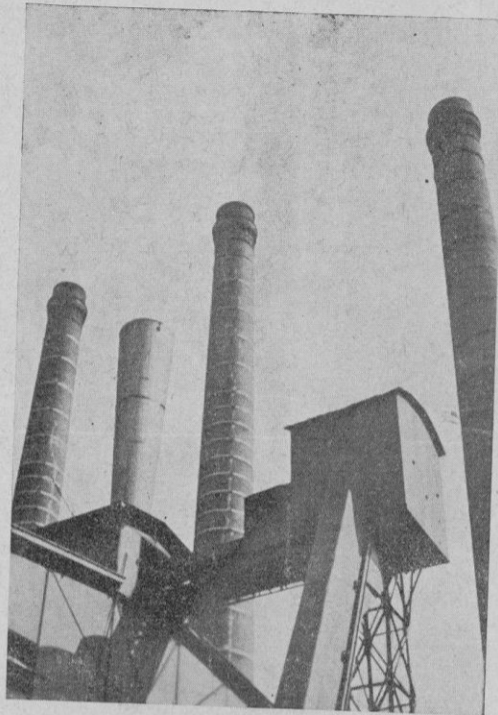
the learn the latest scientific methods. The new generation of Catalan peasants will be able to keep pace with those of other, generally more advanced countries.

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Above, chimneys of the gas works in the Paralelo.
Below, work in a vineyard at Villafranca del Panadés.

Financial Review

THE banks in England are faced with the problem of finding investments for the large sums of money lodged with them owing to the stagnation of trade. Hence the issue of the new 2½% conversion loan, dealings in which on the London Stock Exchange have taken place as high as 94 ¾. We should shortly see the Government borrowing for a long period at nearly 2½%, a God-send to the Government, though it augurs hardly for the lenders, who will soon see their investments yielding one half the revenue which they have been accustomed to for many years. Incidentally the price of 2½ Consols, quoted now about 76½, is bound to rise.

The position of the June debt payment to the U.S.A. becomes more and more acute, and as the time draws near for the British Budget in April, we will see how much, if at all, provision is made for the payment. Though the Bank of England has accumulated nearly 57,000,000 pounds of additional gold, it cannot be assumed that this — large though the sum is — is an amount due to the improvement in trade, but to the movement of gold looking for a temporary security in view of conditions prevailing at home and abroad.

The transfer of war debts remains in the same unsatisfactory position as hitherto, and will do so until the question of their payment is tackled and settled by Europe as a whole. Will France remain outside the scheme or come into line with Great Britain? That is a problem, the solution of which will make for an earlier settlement.

The United States, alarmed probably by the recent disastrous showings of the banks, has taken another step to make the public feel at ease. They have submitted to Congress a bill ensuring to the investing public that the fullest information is given them concerning new issues. That such a measure was not in existence long ago is one of those things that seems hardly credible. The proposed bill is to be modelled on the British Companies Act, a feather in our cap, but the loss of millions dollars is part of the price the U. S. pays for what seems an elementary precaution.

The bill will forbid the sale of any security until detailed information regarding its worth has been filed with the Federal Trade Commission, and the promoters and directors must state the amount of their own subscriptions and what bonuses and commissions are being paid. In the case of foreign government issues, there must appear the amount such government will reap as a result of the issue.

Japan, more than any other country at the present time, is in the limelight, and the need of that country to find money for the prosecution of the war in China is one that appeals to the investor in England, where much of the money hitherto used has been found.

Although apparently Japan is faced, like all countries, with a budget deficit, the Finance Investor predicts the State loans necessary to balance the budget will be raised in Japan. It is as well perhaps that this is so. Japan may know that after her recent treatment of the League of Nations, a loan in Europe would not appeal.

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Manchukuo may be regarded as a sound investment by Japan, but the fact remains that she must for some years pay heavily for bolstering up this «Effete Kingdom.» There may be no need for investors in Japanese securities to be uneasy, but still there is a big drop in the price of these securities, and investors may be pardoned if they feel a bit depressed. Some of the stocks now show a return of nearly 7%, hardly a figure at which a first class nation has to borrow.

JAMES CONCHIE

London Club Programme

Yesterday (Saturday) the London Club's exhibition of photographs taken by members closed after a show of two weeks. Next Saturday Miss Camille C. Reis will lecture to the Feminine Section on *La Femme Scandinave*. On Saturday she will explain photographs by Mr. Joseph Rovira Mas, *From the Adriatic to the Rhine*.

Sunday there will be a visit to the Cathedral in the morning. The following Thursday the Feminine Section will hold a conference and the Philatelic Section will have a meeting. Saturday, the 29th, there will be a conference by Mrs. Eda Marston on *Reminiscences of Ancient Bits of Little Old England*.

Baseball in Barcelona

Tomorrow, Monday, a baseball team selected from the players of Barcelona will meet a team from the American training ship, California State.

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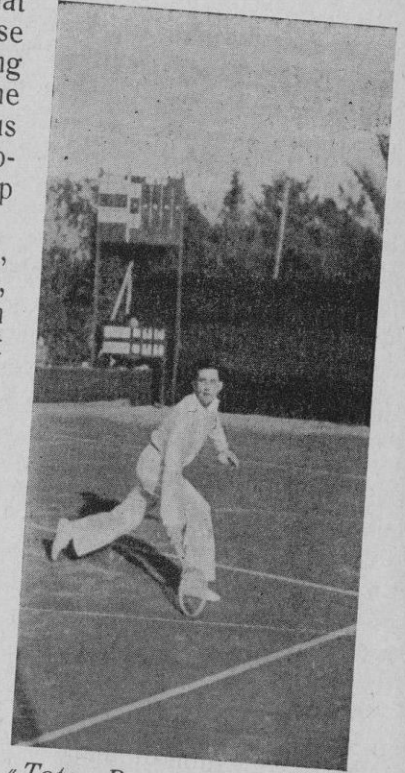
LAST weekend the Barcelona Lawn Tennis Club added a victory to that recently won from the Rot-Weiss Club of Berlin, this time at the expense of the famous Racing Club Team of France. The third and fourth ranking players of France, Christian Boussus and Jacques Brugnon, composed the Racing Club Team but unfortunately Boussus was compelled by a serious illness to retire from the series after having played one match. The Barcelona Lawn Tennis Club was represented by the present Spanish Davis Cup Team, Messrs. Maier, Sindreu and Durall.

In the opening match on Friday Boussus, though obviously ill at the time, was never extended by Francisco Sindreu, who lost in straight sets 6-4, 6-4, 6-3. Boussus had the power to uncover Sindreu's weak backhand to which he directed his attack throughout the match, with frequent sallies to the net where he repeatedly brought off winning volleys. This was the only opportunity that the gallery was to have to enjoy Boussus' fine play. The following recapitulation shows how many more placements and fewer mistakes Boussus made.

	Nets	Outs	Placements	Service Aces	Double Faults
Sindreu	35	32	12	7	3
Boussus	36	22	26	1	4

Immediately after this match, Maier and Brugnon played the feature match of the series. Brugnon, according to his own statement, played his best tennis in months and with Maier in fine form, the gallery was again thrilled as they were with the Maier-Von Cramm match. In the first set Brugnon won the first two games but Maier then won five games in a row and with the loss of only one game more ran out the set 6-3. In the next set Brugnon broke Maier's service once to win the set 6-4 and even the match. Maier immediately retaliated by taking the third set 6-4. In the long and beautifully played fourth set Maier led 4-1 but at this point eased up a bit and Brugnon ran four games to a lead of 5-4. From then on service held sway until the twentieth game when some unfortunate line decisions unnerved Brugnon, Maier winning the set 11-9 and with it the match and the first point for Barcelona.

On Saturday a large crowd gathered for what seemed certain to be a marvelous doubles match but unfortunately Boussus was too ill to play. His place was taken by Berthet, eleventh ranking player of France, who chanced to be in Barcelona on his honeymoon and who, with characteristic fine sportsmanship, agreed to play although he had not practiced in three months. Brugnon, worried by Boussus' illness, was somewhat off form but this is not meant to detract from the credit due Maier and Durall for their win of this match 6-2, 6-4, 6-2. Durall was particularly brilliant and appears to



«Toto» Brugnon in a typical pose during his match against Maier last Sunday

be certain of giving the English Davis Cup doubles team a busy afternoon.

On Sunday, with Boussus still, ill the best that could be done was to arrange another match between Maier and Brugnon. This time Maier won more decisively in straight sets 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. Brugnon was not up to his Friday form, while Maier was much better. Maier remarked after the match that he thought he had never played a better game from the baseline.

Recapitulation:

	Nets	Outs	Placements	Service Aces	Double Faults
Maier	19	34	29	2	3
Brugnon	35	34	14	5	3

Maier's improvement in the last year is very pronounced. The coming Davis Cup tie with England may be much closer than most critics agree.
J. G.

The New Films

Kathleen Norris bases her novels on actual incidents that have happened either to her or someone she has known. In *Second Hand Wife*, a Fox Film showing at the Femina, the novelist wove her plot around an incident which happened in San Francisco. She knew a young business man whose little son was the only bond between him and his wife. He fell in love with his stenographer and married her, thus relinquishing his right to the boy. His second matrimonial venture was marred by the separation of his son, even after a child had been born to him by his second wife.

«True life offers more material than one's imagination,» Mrs. Norris says. «Imagination is a means of intensifying the actual occurrence. Every

incident I chance to come across, I store away in my mind for future stories. Just the other day I had such an experience. I was driving near Livermore, California, and met an old hobo who was furiously angry. A motorist had run over his coffee pot. I told him I'd buy him another, and offered to give him a lift. When we came into town I bought him his new cooking utensil, gave him a bill to put away until he needed something very badly, and also some silver for a meal. He brushed off his hat, adjusted his coat, and invited me to have dinner with him. Sudden prosperity had aroused his instincts as a host. I'll use that incident some time!»

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Madrid Report

on the current news from our correspondent in the Capital.

THE American Luncheon Club had as guests of honour at their luncheon at the Ritz Hotel Tuesday, Don Alejandro Lerroux and Don Royo Villanova. The President, Captain Ross, was also kind enough to extend an invitation to the writer. I fully appreciated the honour, as the two Spanish politicians invited are both men who merit the greatest esteem and respect, not only from their own countrymen but also from the Anglo-Saxon community.

The Spaniard is by nature an orator, but it is not always easy owing to the soothing melody of the Latin tongue to seize the vital points of his discourse. Don Alejandro Lerroux, however, generally says something which attracts special attention, and he did not fail us on this occasion.

He said that those actually governing the country had made many sacrifices during their stay in power, but that the hour had arrived for their renunciation of these sacrifices, as, if the present position were to continue much longer, Spain would become either a country without a Republic or a Republic without a country. Then Don Royo Villanova also spoke; no better type of a Spanish Caballero could possibly be found. This is proved by the fact that all his political opponents in the Cortes or the country have the greatest respect for him. He said that, in spite of the fact that he has always maintained in his political life the most liberal and progressive ideas, he finds himself, through the political earthquake that his country is now undergoing, representing the views of the Right or conservatives.

It is interesting to note that the two Luncheon Clubs, British and American, are of real value to the community in general. The British Luncheon Club last week entertained some illustrious Spaniards, who represented modern Spanish intellectuals in the University of London, and the interchange of views with the British and American communities in Spain have a real international political value in cementing a sympathetic understanding between the different nations concerned.

Whilst touching on the present political situation,

the remarks of the Conde de Romanones, given in an interview to the Correspondent of the Argentine paper, La Razón; and recorded in the Sol of this morning, are of great interest. The Conde said that the country is passing through a very difficult period of indecision, unrest and fear, the outcome of which it is impossible to foresee. Amidst the disorder and violence produced by labour troubles, which have already been solved by other countries, he finds it difficult to find any satisfactory solution.

The Premier's Speech

The Prime Minister, Sr. Azaña, made a speech last Sunday at the bullring at Bilbao. Some of the most important points of it were:

«Measure the value of those people who dare to say they are enemies of the Government and who act as such, by the arms they employ. I have, I won't say the conviction, but the habit to bestow a smile on an adversary, who hides himself in injuries, and pity him.... Foolish procedure, foolish loss of time and foolish people, those who think that to destroy the Republic they only need to discredit the Government in the public opinion, as if the Republic consisted of us, as if we were more than just temporary representatives and, in a certain way, forced by public opinion, as if the Republic was an oligarchy.... And though the wotrs insults are thrown at us, the republican cause is above treachery and disloyalty. The men may get lost, but the Republic never.»

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Mrs. Frederick Wilkins will soon take up residence again at Raixa, whose gardens are visited by nearly all the visitors to the Island in the course of their sightseeing expeditions. Mrs. Wilkins is expected to arrive from the States on the twenty-eighth of April.

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Mrs. John Gordon Lowden and her daughter, Ethel, arrived on the Exeter Friday to spend the summer with Mrs. Lowden's sister, Mrs. Ethel Morand.

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The French painter, Mme. Albert Lasard, arrived in Palma a week ago and will spend some weeks here. She plans to give an exhibition here, prior to her scheduled show in Brussels, meanwhile working on a book which she is doing in collaboration with Paul Vallery, the poet. She is accompanied by her daughter, also a painter, who was formerly with the Russian ballet in Berlin. They have taken one of the *casitas* of the Finca de Don M_____.

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The motor yacht Virginia, flying a British flag, dropped anchor here last Wednesday. She is owned by Mr. S. L. Courtould of England, but has been chartered for a six weeks cruise by a party of eight Americans with Mr. M. Patterson of New York in charge. They proceeded the same day for Algiers.

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The long weekend, occasioned by a succession of Church and State holidays, prompted a number of short trips. The Misses Gwen Walker, Mary North and Kitty Rowledge went over to Menorca, and Mrs. Sarah Waterbury

and a party went over to Barcelona for the bullfight today.

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Col. Knightley Burne, whose home was in Cala Ratjada until recently, has transferred his affections from Mallorca to Portugal. He left on a motor tour of Spain and finished up in Lisbon. Word has been received from him that he is delighted with that city and plans to take up residence there.

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Mr. Richard Henderson and his mother left last night for Barcelona where they will stay to see the Easter Sunday bullfight — the first one in their experience — before going on to Paris and then to Cherbourg. Mr. Henderson will see his mother off for the States and he then plans to return to Mallorca for the summer months. They have been here since last October.

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Thirty-three passengers disembarked at Palma from the Henderson Liner Bhamo on Friday. They were: Major G.H. Athoe, Mr. Barrington, Misses Browne, Miss Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Childs, Mr. T.R. Cross, Major and Mrs. Crawford-Jones and their son, Mr. Firth, Mr. Hiller, Mr. and Mrs. Innes and two children, Mrs. Lee-Jones, Mrs. Southern, Mr. Murchie, Mrs. Oliver, Miss O'Donnell, Miss Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Richman, Miss Southerst, Miss Williams, Mrs. Sutton, Sir R. Tasker and Mr. and Mrs. Barckley.

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Also on Friday fifteen Americans and one Frenchman landed from the Exeter, all but two coming direct from New York. They were: Mrs. Mildred W. Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Doubleday (who were here last year), Mrs. Grace W. Edgecomb, Mrs. Lowden and Miss Lowden, Mr. Roderick F. Mead, Mr. David S. McMillan, Miss Ruth McMillan, Mrs. McMillan-Strong, Miss Virginia Berwin, M. Andre Dumonceau, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Farrar, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Merrill.

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Last week we hailed Mr. Eyre Pinckard as the premier organizer of the Anglo-American colony; this week we must award him the palm as the ideas man of Mallorca. His schemes for making life on the island more enjoyable are many, but his latest tops them all. He proposes nothing less than a dude ranch outside — well outside — of Palma.

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Sir William had become exceedingly popular in Fornalutx during his residence there. The whole village followed his body to the cemetery Monday morning and nearly came to blows in their eagerness to obtain the honour of carrying the coffin.

The best years of Sir William's life were spent in India where he was employed both as Commissioner and Member of Council in the Bombay Presidency, doing extremely difficult work at a very difficult time. Although retired, he was constantly consulted almost to the day of his death by the Council of India in London. Both he and Lady Sheppard had made many friends among the foreign residents of Mallorca.

Mrs. C. S. Rapley

Mrs. C. S. Rapley died unexpectedly at her pension in the Calle Veri on Friday evening. She had not been believed dangerously ill although she had been suffering from a lung complaint. Born in Saigon thirty-three years ago, she became a British subject by her marriage to an Englishman. She is survived by her three children, who are in school in China. She received a Catholic burial in the local cemetery on Saturday.

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Mrs. Nina Duryea gave a tea party at the Hotel Thursday afternoon, and several dinners were given by some of the guests to others who left during the week.

The management of the Mediterráneo announce that every room in the Hotel is booked straight through the month of May and for quite a number it will be a return engagement.

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derable number of walking tours as well. Their enthusiasm for the place rings through the corridors as they exclaim over this and that in rapid French. On the other hand, Mrs. A. Collier and her daughter, who arrived last week, find Mallorca disappointingly cold as compared to Las Palmas from where they came.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gurt and their daughter returned the other day to the Alfonso after an absence of nearly a year. Others who arrived during the week wore Prof. Boller and his friend Mr. E. Staup from Switzerland, Miss Anna Lisa Muhr, and Mr. I. de Arnenschuld-Paek accompanied by his pet dog from Poland.

Last Thursday Mrs. Salzman, a guest at the Alfonso, entertained at dinner in honor of Sr. and Sra. Costa of the Galerias Costa.

Tourist Business

Among the guests at the Hotel Royal last week were Miss Florence Yeoman, who conducts a personal service bureau in Paris for American tourists, and Mr. Gaskell of the United States Lines. Miss Yeoman was having another look at Mallorca — she was here last year — collecting data for her clients, and Mr. Gaskell was selecting quarters for his small son.

New arrivals at the Royal include Baron and Baroness de Trannoy, Mrs. List of Vienna, Capt. and Mrs. Strom of Stockholm, Dr. and Mrs. Emil Lorenz of Berlin, Mrs. Alice Blanchard of Chicago, Mr. Dennis Geoffrey Oswald of London and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wolff.

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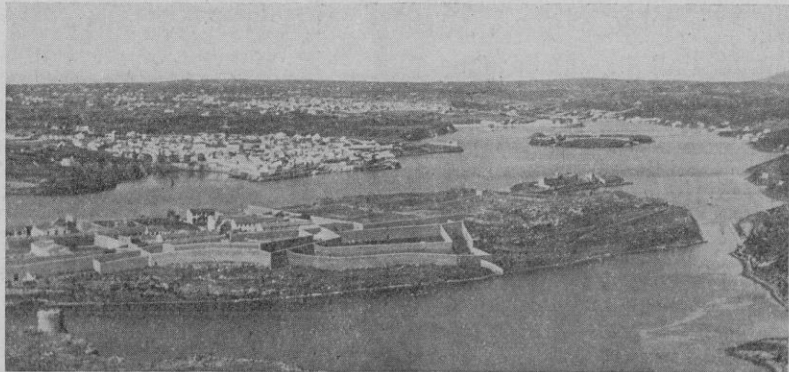
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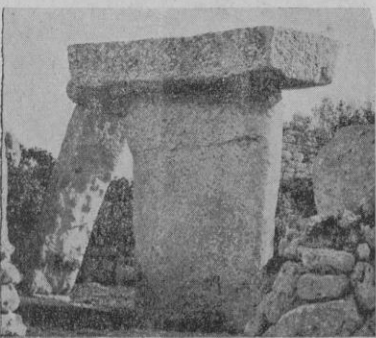


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