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LONGER HOLIDAYS

Spain Carries the Festive Spirit Well Into the New Year, Polishing Up the Old Traditions for the Children's Day Next Friday.

REJOICING in a series of festivities which prolong the holiday spirit far into the New Year, Spain does not pause today to recover the breath lost last night. At home New Year's Day marked the end of the traditionally gay holidays; in Spain we are simply in the midst of them.

If you were at a Spanish party anywhere in any society for New Year's Eve, you joined in one of the oldest and prettiest of Spanish customs. You had twelve grapes in your hand, and as the New Year was chimed in with much bell ringing you ate, with what solemnity or merriment seemed best to you, one grape at each stroke.

The ceremony, we are assured, is a promise of good luck, prosperity and happiness throughout the coming twelve months. This *Fiesta de las Uvas* is held publicly throughout Spain, great crowds assembling in the plazas of some towns to eat their grapes as the bell tolls the inauguration of the new year.

For the Children

With us, this ceremony would end the gayety, but not so in Spain. It continues and indeed, at Carnival time, intensifies, winding up with a blaze of glory in parties and masked hilarity just before Lent.

The biggest celebration of the coming week will be on Friday, the Day of the Three Kings, which in the minds of Spanish children is the real Christmas. For that is the day when they get their presents, and while English, American and German infants are completing the task of smashing up their new toys, their Spanish brothers and sisters are painfully composing letters describing just what they want the supernatural powers that dispense such things to bring them.

For the Spaniards, with a more exact historical sense in these matters than the Germans who originated the northern version, have taken for this celebration the day on which the Three Kings came to Bethlehem hearing their gifts to the infant Saviour.

Unlike Christmas, the sixth of January is entirely a children's festival, and some of the customs of the day illustrate the way in which the traditions of mankind develop on parallel lines without owing anything to each other. Spain has remained com-

pletely untouched by the northern custom of hanging up the stocking or by the legend that Santa Claus comes down the chimney. Children of the South were less likely to consider the stocking a necessary article of apparel, and Spanish houses never had chimneys.

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The New Film

An old time Western picture, modern in its photography and its acting, is coming to the Rialto on Thursday. *The Gay Caballero*, which somewhat Spanish title has been changed for Spain into *Audaz y Galante*, is packed with hard riding, strong men fighting, gun play, riders of the night and beautiful Spanish ladies.

The scene is laid on the Mexican border of the U.S.A. and the plot is adapted from one of the Southwest's favorite legends, the story of the Robin Hood who helped the poor against the rich and ruthless cattle baron. George O'Brien, Victor McLaglen and Conchita Montenegro star in a picture which is particularly interesting to those of us who now are in Spain and see what, according to the movies, was the influence of Spain upon Western life.

As if that weren't enough excitement for one evening, there is also *Devil's Lottery*, a hard name to give the Calcutta Sweepstakes, which is the deus ex machina of the play. Elissa Landi plays the lead in a story revolving around the presence of all the big winners of the Sweep at one house party, invited there by a curious nobleman. Love, theft, cheating at cards and murder all enter into a tale constructed to display to best advantage Miss Landi's alluring personality.

A Bad Xmas for Smugglers

The happy Christmas season has been a very sad time for the contrabandistas of Mallorca, who in the last few days have taken the hardest financial punishment they ever received. Somebody has been giving all their best laid plans away, and the result has been that the carabineros seized enormous quantities of contraband Christmas cheer.

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tremely low. Many of those who find that smuggled smokes taste sweetest are obliged to purchase the lawful variety.

Among those who have suffered most, it is understood, are two Englishmen. They invested a fair sum in a little contraband venture, and the shipment was one of those seized. Instead of doubling their money, they have lost it. Several foreigners have in the past had a flutter in the contraband racket, but they take no risk other than the loss of their money.

The present blow to the business has resulted in a little unpleasantness among the contrabandistas themselves. It is obvious that one of their own number has been collecting an informer's fees, and the fraternity are growing suspicious of each other, inclined to nervousness and quarrels. One of the stories circulating among those interested in such activities is that one of the suspected «squealers» was found with a knife in his middle the other day.

A New Artist

A young American artist who shows more than the required promise, is Edward Hurst. His first subject after his arrival on the Island was Mrs. Alice Robbins of Son Alegre and soon after, Mr. Fulton Leser sat for him. Mr. Hurst insists that red heads are not his speciality but he has done unusual things with the lights.



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Preview

WHEN Universal produced *The Old Dark House*, from the Novel by J. B. Priestley, they gave the film public one of the most exciting pictures it has been our privilege to see.

It was shown privately at the Rialto yesterday, the first exhibition of its kind in Palma and the first glimpse Spain has had of the play, and a small, select audience was extremely enthusiastic about it.

The book was termed a horror story, but the picture is more than that. There is mystery, suspense and plenty of dramatic action combined with extremely fine acting against artistic sets. The story opens with one of the traditional Universal storms raging in the hills, and three people in a rain soaked and wind rocked car seeing the only shelter within miles — a small brick house built on an overhanging ledge of rock. A weird family occupy the place — a religious fanatic and her brother who is at least affable though obviously equally erratic; a butler who resembles an ape and who emits fantastic sounds in answer to the strangers' questions because, as is learned in due course, he is dumb; a senile, bedridden father and, last of all, a pyromaniac brother who is kept in a locked room on the top floor of the house.

Two other fugitives from the storm are admitted into this sinister house and these, incidentally, provide just enough comic relief to alleviate somewhat the tension of the stark drama as it is flashed on the screen. One exciting incident rapidly succeeds another, and the suspense is sustained until the very end when the climax is reached with a tussle between the incendiary maniac and the hero.

Boris Karloff has excelled himself as the drunken butler and to say that he is a worthy successor to the late Lon Chaney is but a conservative estimate of this new star's ability.

The Old Dark House is a horror story, but one filled with suspense, mystery and human drama, and has the distinction of saving its climax until the very last flash.

Another unusual offering of Universal is a production entitled *The Rebel*, a story based on the history of the Tyrolean peasants' uprising against Napoleon in 1809. There is a German cast, and the picture was taken by the famous German photographer, Sepp Allgeier, and is worth seeing for its photographic achievements alone. Nearly all of the scenes are outdoors, shot against the sun, and the

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Anyone who can act or who even thinks he can act is invited to try out for parts in the next production of the Palma Theatre Guild, according to Mrs. Homer Whyte, who has just been selected to direct the organization's second performance of the season. She has expressed the hope that all English speaking visitors or residents who are interested in acting, professional or amateur, will attend the general meeting which has been called for Jan. 11th at 4 p.m. in the Trocadero.

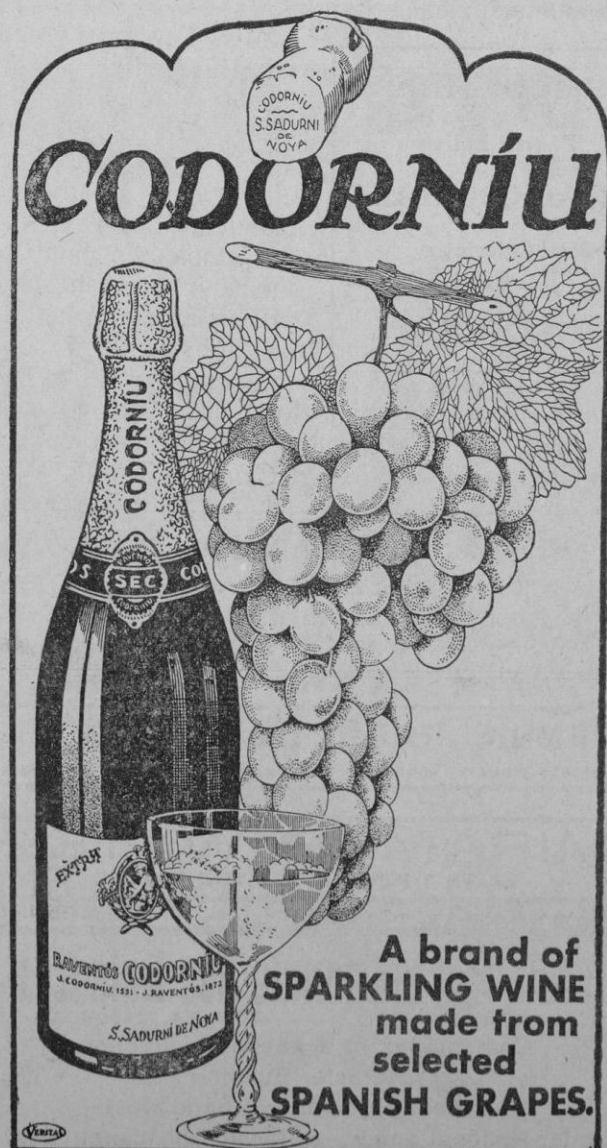
Mrs. Whyte is confident that there is sufficient talent to form an acting group which can entertain both itself and an audience.

The Executive Committee of the Guild announces that at the meeting on the 14th, changes in the Constitution will be considered and officers elected to fill vacancies. The Committee hopes to arouse a more general and active interest in the Guild than has hitherto been displayed by the English speaking public.

dialogue, of which there is comparatively little, is also in German. However, the continuity of the story is so excellent that even without subtitles one can easily follow the story of the young student's revolt against the infamies of Napoleon's men.

Both these pictures will be shown in Palma soon and it is safe to say that they are both worth waiting for.

A third successful film, which will have its Spanish debut in Palma, is *Back Street*, also a Universal film shown yesterday, based on Fannie Hurst's best seller of the same name.



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These duties are so large that they would prevent any ships from calling here profitably. Consequently, those that do come in would probably cease bringing third class passengers.

However, we are informed by the customs authorities here, the old regulation is still under consideration and has not yet been put into effect. If it is enforced, it would very probably put a severe crimp in the booming passenger business which half a dozen lines have recently been harvesting here.

Words and Music

The ball given by the International Language Club last Thursday night at the Trocadero was a success as a dance, but even more for Herr Werner Schulz and Miss Eva Tay. Herr Schulz, during the interval, told the dancers about dancing.

He traced the development of the art from prehistoric times through the classical dancing of Greece and Rome, folk dancing in the middle ages, the ballet and the modern forms initiated by Isidora Duncan, rationalized by Rudolf von Laban and brought to perfection by his pupils such as Mary Wigman and Nadine Lang.

Miss Tay gave graceful illustration to his lecture with two dances of her own composition, whose strength and feeling were greatly applauded. Miss Tay, who has studied in many of the most important schools in Europe during the last five years, is soon to open a school of her

own in Palma. Don Jaime Roig, who accompanied her, added to the excellence of the performance and later played a solo, *The Clown of Turina*.

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More Refreshment

The end of bars and tearooms in Mallorca is not yet. The rush of foreigners into business, which recently concentrated in Terreno, has returned upon Palma. Its latest manifestation is the taking over of the Rainbow Shop in the Avenida Antonio Maura by Mr. Oswald Savage, an Englishman who will convert the glass store into a bar.

A few doors away, two foreign women have purchased the lease of the little cafe between Victor's Bar and Short's Tourist Office. In the quarters hitherto dedicated to the ease and refreshment of the Mallorquin working man, the new proprietors will open a tea room for the visitors to the Island.

Christmas Carols Today

This evening in place of the usual evening Church of England services at Short's Tea Rooms, the Rev. John de B. Forbes has arranged for a Christmas Carol Service. This will be at six o'clock as usual.

Unclaimed Mail

The British Vice Consulate is becoming swamped with a flood of mail for Mrs. Chaese, and the officials are hoping she will call for it before they have to expand their quarters to take care of it.

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This applies to all residents save those who have acquired property in Spain or are in business in Spain. They have only until Jan. 18 to pay or get the car out of the country. The order from the customs reads:

«Foreigners who reside here, whether in hotels or in houses leased in their own names, are exempted from the payment of the customs duties (on automobiles) and may drive their cars until the expiration of the period of their triptic, this not to exceed one year, it being understood that at the end of this period of one year they must pay the duties or leave Spain without the right to re-enter Spanish territory with the car except upon payment of the duty.

«All this does not apply to those foreigners residing in Spain who have acquired any property

or have established any business whether in their own name or in that of their wives. Those who are here under these circumstances must pay the duty or take their cars abroad before Jan. 18, 1933.»

Zoological

(Although it is against our custom to publish communications not signed in good faith, the following bears sufficient marks of its origin to remove most of the suspicion attaching to anonymity.)

Gentle-men,

I greatly enjoyed your letters about turtles and falcons. I am a lover of animals. We can learn so much from them. Gentleness, kindness, patience, also poise. Many the mornings during my sunrise sea dips I have enjoyed the company of coral and Nile green turtles frisking in the violet waters of Palma Bay making happy foghorn sounds! Yet during my cross-country rambles on the Puig Mountains never do I remember having noticed stray dark birds, *tailless*, sighing and whistling at once. Some sort of nocturnal bird I did see near the Born, in a fog; it was out of humor, having lost the same. They tell me it was fed a drink, later. The only other animal I know off without a tail is a Maltese

— cat.

(Editor's note: Manx cat?)

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The Week in Spain

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It seems that the three per cent. tax which was imposed some time ago by the Minister of Public Works on all railway tickets of more than 1.50 Ptas. and on the invoicing of merchandise to the same amount will be extended as from the first of January to tickets of one peseta and to parcels the «facturaciones» of which cost 50 centimos.

The boom of an explosion at No. 633 Calle Mallorca brought the police to the house last Thursday. They found quite an up-to-date bomb factory with laboratory containing all the latest material for the manufacture of munitions. In one room more than a thousand bombs of different sizes were found, as well as cases of explosives marked «fragil» ready for export to places outside Barcelona. In another room were twenty carbines, a large number of small arms and the necessary ammunition. Documents in the house referred to *ebanists* and anarchists. Later another haul was made in the Calle Valencia where four rifles, ten carbines, a Mauser and eighty-seven revolvers were seized. The occupants were all arrested.

As a result of the discoveries made here, ramifications of the same organization were unearthed in Seville, and several arrests were made.

A subscription is being raised for the relief of the sufferers from the recent floods in the vicinity of Gerona, and at the head of the list of contributors is President Maciá of the Generalidad.

This Sunday (today) a national meeting of agrarians will be held in Barcelona under the auspices of the Radical Socialist Party. It is becoming more and more widely recognized that the agrarian question is one of the most important which confronts Spain at present.

New Barcelona Golf Club

Little golf is played at San Cugat after the championship of Cataluña until well into the New Year, but during the Christmas holidays the Club pays attention to its social side.

On the afternoon of Christmas day a number of members gathered in the Club for tea and dancing, and at midday on Boxing Day was held the traditional turkey luncheon when over fifty covers were laid.

Owing to the many celebrations in town for New Year's Eve, nothing special was arranged at San Cugat, but on Sunday there will be a mixed «fearsome» competition which, it is expected, will be enjoyed as much by the spectators as by the players. On Jan. 6th (Reyes) the usual dinner and dance will be held, and then members can settle down again to serious golf.

Next Sunday, the 8th, San Cugat will be sending representatives to play at Pedralbes for the championship of Barcelona, and on the 15th the

About Barcelona

The Dover Road, a play by A. A. Milne, will be given on January 14th at 9.45, by a group of amateurs. The proceeds are in aid of the *Enfermeria Evangelica*. Tickets at Ptas. 10 and Ptas. 5 can be obtained at the British Club or from any member of the cast.

Mr. John Park and family, who have been living at Sitges, are now moving across to Mallorca to take up their residence there.

Mr. Park will act as manager of the Spanish Trading Company in the Balearics, which branches were recently established by his father, Mr. Kendall Park.

A number of boys and girls who have been in England at school are now back again with their parents in Barcelona for the Christmas holidays and many parties have been arranged for their entertainment.

The annual breaking-up party of the English School, Bonanova, was a great success. Staff and pupils wore fancy dress and there were games and dancing till evening. The little guests went home happily to enjoy the holidays after this foretaste of the festivities to come.

The Rev. Fr. Charles Roberts of S. Winejudas arrived in Barcelona during the week and is staying at the Hotel España. He was confined to his room for some days due to injuries received in the recent Perpignan-Barcelona railway accident. He is now quite well and is able to go about. Mrs. and Mr. John Smith are also staying at the hotel España.

The English Protestant Church was nicely decorated for Christmas Day, and there was a large congregation at the morning service. Afterwards the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Braddock was baptized, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dawson being the godparents, and the whole of the American consulate staff was present.

Today Mr. Busy, who was long representative of MacAndrews in Barcelona and during his residence here was organist of Church, will again play on the organ at the morning service.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cinnamon, who have been spending the week end in Mallorca with their youngest daughter, will return to Barcelona on Tuesday. They have been accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hobsbaum of Universal Films in Berlin.

Among the visitors to Barcelona during the week has been Mr. Reginald Glossop, English author. He is here to make some of the preliminary arrangements in connection with the filming of one of his books, which may be taken in Spain.

first of the New Year's monthly competitions will be held.

The players are reported all in good form for the coming tournaments, and the Club is looking forward to a successful year.

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CONJUNCTIONS

I shall go *notwithstanding* my cold. I shall go *provided* you come with me. He will not come *unless* you come too. I have my overcoat *therefore* I shall go now. Give me my hat, then I shall go. He *as well as* his sister are ill. He will not come, *neither* will he let his brother come. I have a cold, *else* I would go with you. The young lady is *both* pretty and nice. *But for* you I should be rich now. I cannot go, *seeing that* there is no one in the office. I shall stay *in order that* you may go. I shall go *whether* you wish or not. He spoke *as if* he were somebody. I shall not give it to him *as long as* I need it myself. You may go *as far as* I am concerned. I am anything *but* rich. *Since* you have made up your mind you may go. The man was *both* rich and happy. I went with him *though* I was not well. I was *neither* angry *nor* annoyed when I saw what he had done.

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It was not altogether without fear of some popular disturbances in those less liberal days that the consecration ceremony took place, and of those who were present at it we read the names of not a few of those who lie in the old cemetery near the Parque de la Ciudadela. However, the fears proved groundless.

The Church, which is capable of holding about 150 persons, was built by public subscription. James Frederick Roberts, Consul General from 1897 to 1914, was chairman of the building committee and with F. Witty, the church warden, was responsible for the work of raising the necessary funds. The Church is still maintained by subscriptions of members and a contribution from the Church Society in London. It falls under the jurisdiction of the diocese of Gibraltar.

The interior decoration of the building is striking, especially the four main windows — one at the east end and three in the north wall — which were the gifts of English and Scottish families long resident in Barcelona.

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On arriving at Saler, we take one of these boats and following the direction of one of the canals for about four kilometers we arrive at a lake of considerable size; about 10 kilometers by 4. The access to the lake is truly charming, recalling one of those large Swiss lakes, but with no lofty mountains surrounding them. There are some villages on the borders of the lake which add to the beauty of the landscape, and there are wild ducks in abundance which attract «gunmen» in the season. A flock of these timid little creatures duck into the water and disappear to rise again behind us when we have passed.

Away to the left between the lake and the sea extends a pine forest of considerable dimensions, which makes a setting not unlovely.

In the centre of the lake we see a large number of rods which seem as if growing from the bottom. but they are not there by chance; they are fishermen's signs, for there is an abundance of fish in the lake too, and the fishermen leave much of their tackle out with their marks and traps.

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Málaga Notes

By Our Correspondent

CHRISTMAS was celebrated by Briton and Spaniard, each in his traditional and national way. The well-known fact that in Spain young and old alike go «all out» and often return with the milkman after having enjoyed Christmas Eve whole-heartedly, cannot be disputed. Thus the Britons by far outnumbered the Spaniards for the following Christmas Day Dinner-and-Dance at the big hotels. Everybody in the British and American colonies and most of the visitors were either at Caleta Palace or at Grand Hotel Miramar. The biggest and gayest party was given by Lady Collins at Miramar. It included the acting British Consul, Mr. H. J. Cameron, Colonel Boyd Magee with Mr. Desmond and Master Brian Boyd Magee, Colonel and Mrs. Morris, Captain and Mrs. Lance, Mrs. Newton-Robertson, Miss Windfield, Mr. and Mrs. Tweed and Miss Meurton.

Everybody had a thoroughly good time but the brightest feature was — beg your pardon, ladies — the from-ear-to-ear smile of Dr. Lingoh Wang, Chinese Minister to Madrid. Some people got a little bit tired as the gay night turned into pale morning, but the jovial deputy of the Far East greeted the sun that rose out of the blue Mediterranean waves with the same radiant smile.

The Sunny South of Spain attracted artists of all nations long before it became a playground for sun seekers. It still does and perhaps the most notable of the ones that visit Málaga at present is Erkki Kulovesi, the most fashionable portrait painter in Finland. Although not yet in the forties, Mr. Kulovesi has already acquired great fame, not only in his own country, but also in international circles.

The Duke of York S.C. from Gibraltar has played against F.C. Malagueño during Christmas in the grounds at the baños de Carmen. The visitors were fairly good and perhaps a little bit above the average of amateurs from a provincial town. But the F.C. Malagueño is an entirely professional team — even if second-rate — and had no trouble to win comfortably, 4 to 2. We only remember two players from the visitors' team who proved that they had more than a superficial knowledge of the game that their fore-fathers taught the modern world, Williamson and Rampling. On the whole, one must say that the home team got some quite good practise in preparation for League matches to come.

Merchants and hotel proprietors in Málaga are going into joint action in order to promote their town as a winter resort. They have formed a «Sindicato de Iniciativa y Propaganda del Turismo» under the Presidency of Don Pablo Homs. Notable

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The first big bull fight of next season is to take place in Málaga on March 5. The *toreros* starring on this occasions are Marcial Lalanda, Manuel Bienvenida and Domingo Ortega. It is next to a crime, from a fan's point of view, to print these names without doing it in capital letters. The reason is that these undisputed top-notchers and star-performers of Spanish bull fights are the three biggest attractions and only very seldom are seen together. Bookings are already beginning to come from Madrid and Seville. Málaga is the only fairly big town in Spain where the weather allows a bull fight to take place at so early a date as this.

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Significant of the closer relations between France and Spain was the dinner given by the Commission for the Direct Railway between Valencia and Madrid in the Circulo de Bellas Artes to celebrate the formation of the Sociedad Hispano-Francesa, which has undertaken to finance the railway. The constructor of the Eiffel Tower was present, and Señor Azaña's political secretary on the premier's behalf. Don Alejandro Lerroux was in the chair, as President of the Bellas Artes, and many important Spanish commercial organisations were present in force.

A full account was given by French and Spanish representatives of the Sociedad Hispano-Francesa of all the works constructed by this group in Spain and of those they hoped to construct in the future. There is no doubt of the increasing intimacy between France and Spain, and we have heard it said that France will find the employment of her gold in Spain more remunerative to her than in paying her debt to the States.

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It was, for example, strange to hear those who had shopped for everything at El Siglo saying that they felt they had lost one of their own houses and that the fire had for them somewhat saddened the Christmas festivities.

The fire is supposed to have been the result of a fused wire in a toy electric train waiting in the children's department for the sixth of January. The watchmen in the building were having their Christmas dinner at the time, and the start of the blaze therefore passed unnoticed. In two hours the entire building was in ruins.

El Siglo, fronting on the Ramblas, was composed of seven houses, some of them extremely old and no doubt their age contributed to the speed with which the fire raged through the stores. At one time it was feared the adjoining buildings would have to be torn down to keep the flames within bounds, but the fire brigade managed to obtain control without resorting to this desperate expedient.

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- Jan. 28—ORAMA, Orient Line.
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Music

It was well that the Capella Classica gave its concert so soon after Christmas as last Tuesday, for those who were moved to regret that Don Juan Thomas was not at the Cathedral organ Christmas Eve were compensated by seeing him conduct his choir through Christmas carols which made us understand at last why Dickens was so fond of them.

We are always enthusiastic about the Capella; one reason is that you can never hear them save when perfectly trained, and they are always a tribute to their leader's genius. The Teatro Principal was crowded to the point of standing room, and no similar event of the season has drawn so many foreigners.

Monday night at nine o'clock the Asociación de Cultura Musical will present its January concert, the Kolisch string quartet from Vienna, who will give a program composed entirely of Mozart, Debussy and Schubert. The performers are all young men, Rudolph Kolisch, first violin, being the eldest at thirty-six. A wound in his left hand has compelled him to become ambidextrous. His second violin is Felix Khuner; viola, Eugene Lehner; violincello, Eduard Heifetz.

The quartet has never been heard here before, but comes with a considerable reputation earned in larger cities.

Economic Recovery in Minorca

While the rest of the world remains in the depths of economic stagnation, conditions on the island of Minorca are gradually improving, apart from the tourist trade, and the promise for the future is encouraging.

Years ago the shoe industry here was thriving. Thousands of men and women found steady employment in it. Cuba was then the best market for Minorcan shoes, which were of an elegant type, but when the United States drove the Spanish flag from that island, Yankee industry flooded Cuba with machine made shoes at comparatively low prices and dealt a death blow to the Minorcan trade. Thousands of shoemakers were thrown out of work, and many emigrated to South America and Algiers.

Recently the Spanish Government has become aware of the need to do something for industry in Minorca, and has planned a number of projects

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here. Among them is the naval base at Port Mahón, which has given employment to many. The fortification of several spots which were vulnerable from the sea has followed, engaging more and more men on both coasts of the Island.

Persistent rumors of a possible war in the Mediterranean caused the maritime powers to consider the strategic importance of the Balearics, especially Minorca, for several nations have coveted that splendid refuge, Port Mahón harbor. The Spanish Government was not slow to appreciate the effects of possible occupation of Mahon by some other power, and the Cortes appropriated 15,000,000 pesetas for defensive works.

To the hundreds who found employment in these works have been added others engaged by the City Council of Mahon to improve the looks of the *Ciudad Blanca*. The further economic relief from the tourist business is a promise rather than a fact as yet, but the recently formed Committee of Propaganda is hard at work. Thousands of pamphlets describing the beauties of the Island are to be distributed over the world, and by next summer Minorca confidently expects to be launched on a period of prosperity.

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Talbot Mundy had no doubt exhausted the possibilities of Mallorca as a scene for his tales of adventure. During nearly a year on the Island he had written three books (not necessarily with a Mallorquin setting) and found that he would soon have to pay duty on his car. He and Mrs. Mundy left Tuesday night for London, before they could be informed that they would be permitted to finish out the term of their triptic. They were both anticipating with some delight the chances of an exciting time among the floods which have interrupted motor traffic on the Continent.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Jones inaugurated their new studio apartment in the Calle Almudaina Thursday with a cocktail party, but illness kept the host at home. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Talcott Camp, Mrs. Paul Windom, Mr. and Mrs. C. Livingston Allis, Mrs. R. H. Van Sant, Miss Ruth Vant Sant, Mrs. Mary Dahlberg, Mr. and Mrs. Ricard Brooks.

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On holiday from the quiet charms of Ibiza, Mr. Elliot Paul, the writer, is spending this week-end amid the more metropolitan gayeties of Palma.

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Lady Sheppard is leaving next Tuesday for a trip to India on the Mongolia of the Orient Line. Sir William Sheppard will remain in Mallorca.

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Miss Marty Mann, the young Bond Street photographer and teller of horror stories, is spending her holidays in Palma. She is prolonging her stay in order to attend the exhibition of camera studies by Mlle. Helene de Marguerie, which will be on at the Galerias Costa from Tuesday.

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After a brief rest in Mallorca, Mr. Thomas Weguelin is on his way back to London. He left last Friday, accompanied by Mrs. Weguelin, and the fact that his departure was concurrent with that of his friend, Sir Nigel Playfair, who visited the actor during his short stay on the Island, would indicate that Mr. Weguelin will return to the boards of London soon.

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Mrs. Bradshaw and a friend arrived in Palma yesterday to visit Mrs. Ivan Lake of Genova, Mrs. Bradshaw's sister.

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Mrs. Doris Cameron and Victor Brandes entertained jointly at Mr. Brandes' home in Terreno last night. There was open house from ten thirty in the evening on.

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At La Miranda, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Byrnes watched the New Year in with a party of friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Heber Blankenhorn have taken over Son Palerm, which Mr. Roland Hayes and Mrs. Peggy Roskamp had since the Spring. The former tenants returned to London last week.

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Mme. Natacha Rambova, who has been visiting her mother at San Juan les Pins over the holidays, is expected to return to her multifarious business affairs in Mallorca at the end of this week or early next.

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Four new guests arrived at Son Vent, the Anglo-American guest house in Porto Pi last week. They were: Miss Gregory, Miss Findlay, Mr. and Mrs. Van Dyke. Mr. Pratt, who was in Mallorca on business, has left for a tour of the Peninsula.

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A buffet supper in honor of Miss Fanny Browning of Paris was given at Son Dureta by Mr. and Mrs. Requard on Thursday evening. Miss Browning arrived that day for a visit to Mallorca and is staying at the Hotel Mediterraneo. Among those present at Son Dureta were Major Charles Goetz, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Goetz, Miss Bancroft, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Leser, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marvil, Mrs. R. H. Van Sant and Miss Ruth van Sant, Mrs. Sarah Waterbury and Mr. and Mrs. Eyre Pinckard.

The popularity of contract bridg seems not to diminish, if the number of prospective pupils who inquired for Mrs. James J. O'Hara at the English Tea Rooms is any indication. Mrs. O'Hara is giving lessons in the art of contract, but the inquirers came sooner than she expected and before she was on hand to receive them.

Miss Inez Story Maskelyne of Bath is spending a brief holiday in Mallorca. The attractions of the Island have proved great, for she is foregoing the national festival of the English Folk Dance and Song Society, in which she is a prime mover, to remain a little longer in Palma. She is visiting her protegee, Miss Eva Tay, the dancer.

The second exhibition of photographic studies which Mlle. Helene de Marguerie has given in Palma will open at the Galerias Costa on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricard Brooks celebrated their wedding anniversary on Thursday, and then remembered that it should have been Friday, so they could celebrate all over again.

Yesterday afternoon the Little Club was looking forward to the largest evening of its existence, and great preparations had been made for the New Year's Eve crowds that had reserved space. There were special favors from Paris and a special supper and rather bright entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. Eyre Pinckard and Mrs. Sarah Waterbury were giving a pig dinner at ten and among those who reserved tables for later were Mr. Alvin Meiers, Mr. Harold Jenkins, Mr. Requard, Mr. and Mrs. Drake Campbell, Mr. Del Regal, Mr. T. P. Leaman and Mr. Lunderman.

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The Excalibur took ten American visitors away with her. Mr. Albert E. Beach was only going as far as Gibraltar; the others, all bound for New York, were: Mr. Joseph Balch, who has been living in Bonanova, Mrs. Gertrude M. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wheeler, Miss Charmione Wheeler, Miss Carolyn Wheeler, Mr. John Dawson Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Laport.

The company you may have seen with movie camera and make up shooting scenes in the environs of Palma is a local outfit making a picture about which no one seems to know very much. Mr. Norman Cinnamon and Mr. Hobsbaum, of Universal Films, who are here from Barcelona on business offered the director and camera man some friendly advice, but they could not tell whether he expected to take it or not.

Exchange of the Week

Foreign exchanges were extremely unexciting on the Madrid bourse last week. Sterling, which was 40.80 pesetas on Monday, coasted gently down to 40.65 by Saturday, while the dollar remained 12.30 and 100 francs, 47.90.

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Mr. and Mrs. Worrell and Mrs. Bremer, who are also visitors at the Mediterraneo, gave a joint birthday part at the Little Club on Thursday night. Baron and Baroness Bucovitch, Mr. and Mrs. Eyre Pinckard and Mr. Fuller were among the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bean are new arrivals at the Hotel.

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Mr. Carter came to Europe to recover from the effects of an industrial explosion in Philadelphia five years ago.

For the last three years he has been engaged on the excavations of the Caverns at Les Eyzies (Dordogne) where he has found some fine examples of prehistoric art. Pictures on the walls of these caverns nearly all represent animals such as bison, reindeer, mammoths, rhinos and wild horses, and beautifully decorated weapons also illustrate the love of beauty of this extinct people.

Mrs. Hugh Flower, daughter of Lord Claude Hamilton, who is also staying at the Alfonso, is endeavouring to stimulate interest in the foundation of a Cancer Clinic in Paris where patients could be treated by Madame Scanlin's new method of diagnosis and treatment by «bloodless surgery». Mrs. Flower says she was herself cured of cancer by Madame Scanlin and so, it is reported, was George Arliss.

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to be handed to the delegates. One of them declared that the favorable day to sign the agreement was July 9, and on this day the agreement was signed.

There are other favorable dates for improving the world's economic conditions. A conference on the subject

should be held between Sept. 13 and 21 with Sept. 19 to sign «a great economic pact of universal benefit to humanity.»

Mr. Sturgis selected Mallorca as a place for a vacation partly because he felt that in the Island there was already, what with the very great cosmopolitanism of the visitors to the place, a certain amount of universalism already realized, and he wanted to observe it.

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It is understood that a squadron of the British Mediterranean fleet will be in Palma harbor as usual in February, and one of the first activities of the new Association will no doubt be the entertainment of the officers and men from the warships.

A committee meeting on Friday did not definitely settle on a place for the general meeting, but this will be announced later.

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