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A GREAT DEAL OF TALK ABOUT MONEY

THOSE Englishmen who had hoped that the budget for the coming year would bring some relief from the heavy taxation which they have borne for years were disappointed, but they should have been few in number since the prospects of any reduction were exceedingly slim at best.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Chamberlain's budget is just under 700,000,000 pounds, and the only class of taxpayers who benefit in any important degree are the beer drinkers, for whom legislators seem to have a very kindly feeling in all countries this year. A penny a pint is coming off the beer tax, and the brewers have promised to celebrate by increasing the alcoholic content.

As last year, there is no provision for payment of the war debt to the United States. This is somewhat counterbalanced by the absence from estimated revenues of any receipts from England's war debtors or from reparations. Obviously the Exchequer expects the debts to be settled on some sort of satisfactory basis. But the same expectations were held a year ago, and the amount of England's deficit last year is almost exactly the amount of the December debt payment, for which no provision had been made.

Possibly the other feature of most general interest in the budget is the increase in the fund set aside for maintaining the stability of the pound on its present level. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was extremely emphatic in declaring that this was in no way prompted by the recent developments in the United States. He almost said straight out that the fund will not be used to keep the dollar higher than the pound in order to retain England's advantage in foreign trade.

Big Figures

One of the first effects of the conversations between Prime Minister MacDonald, M. Herriot and President Roosevelt was a great deal of speculation as to whether the pound and the dollar were going to engage in single combat to see which could go lower. Since neither did go any lower, the talk died down, but it was not replaced by anything much more authoritative.

The international conversationalists, if they have taken any definite decisions, have been very careful not to let them leak out, for they would not want premature publicity on anything that matters. Consequently we have only a certain amount of very highly qualified conjectures, nearly all of them optimistic. However, in these conferences it is not so much what is said publicly that counts as the impression which the conferees manage to foster. In this case the impression is that there will be

some progress towards international settlement of questions which involve enormous sums of money.

Indeed, there is so much optimism that it hardly seems too ridiculous to think that, with everybody feeling the pinch, we may stop spending most of our money on armaments.

Certainly the League of Nations seems to think so and from Geneva there are murmurings and whispers as the Disarmament Commission once more bestirs itself and the old, old formulae are dragged out into the light.

Meanwhile, M. Herriot has said his say and departed from Washington. He carries with him Mr. Roosevelt's promise to ask Congress for power to suspend the June debt payments and give international cooperation a chance to impart some stability to the world's monetary systems.

Happy Land

Spain is probably the only country in the world today where municipal elections could command such interest as was conceded the recent voting in this country. Most other nations are so much concerned with debts and exchange and suspicions of their neighbors that the normal in politics is almost ignored. It is significant of the profound tranquility of the land that the greatest political excitement is caused by scattered municipal elections.

The general result was, as had been expected, a trend towards the Right in republican politics. The Opposition promptly urged the Left Government to take this as an irrefutable sign of the people's will and resign. It is a demand made periodically but hardly seriously and this time received about as much attention as usual. This is enough to lead to talk of a political crisis which Premier Azaña will settle next week.

This will be, it is said, when the President of the Republic returns to Madrid.

Oriental

While Japan has been strengthening her hold on Manchuria by marching on Peking, a more immediate danger than the Chinese has been threatening from the other side. Russia, whose interest in the railway across Manchuria is keen, has been suggesting once more that she is not satisfied with the manner in which Japan administers the country.

The Soviet gestures do not constitute a sufficient threat to check the Japanese advance towards Peking, but they represent an attitude which will make it impossible for the conquerors ever to rest easily upon their conquest. Manchuria will remain to constitute just one more apple of international discord.

Financial Review

THE banks continue buying gilt edged securities and the prices have soared during the last few weeks, but rising securities and falling railway traffic, plentiful money and no incentive to borrow it, high wages in sheltered industries and millions of unemployed are anomalies which seek very urgently a remedy.

Cheap money—less than the 5% charged by the banks—would, it is believed, stimulate trade, and a reduction in national expenditure would bring a relief in taxation. But people are beginning to lose hope of any of these blessings.

The soundness of our British banks we may regard as a priceless asset in view of recent banking affairs in the United States, and though at times we are provoked by their conservatism and unwillingness to depart from established practice, we have a pride in their inherent stability.

de Bourbon v. Westminster Bank, Ltd.

An action listed in the English courts as above concerns former King Alfonso of Spain. He claimed delivery of certain securities, including English Victory Bonds, which were deposited a long time ago at the head office of the Westminster Bank for the account of their Madrid branch.

The Westminster Bank would not accede to Alfonso's request when he said he had terminated the authority of the Bank of Vizcaya, who had been brought into the action by the Westminster Bank.

The Bank of Vizcaya claims the Spanish Government is entitled to the securities, whose face value is stated to be 11,200 pounds.

The Bank of Vizcaya's claim is asserted under the decrees of the Republic confiscating the private fortune of the former King, and they want it determined how far, if at all, the English courts would enforce these decrees. The bonds and securities were part of

Alfonso's private fortune. After bringing the action, the Westminster Bank was granted an order permitting it to stand aside until it has been determined which the the two claimants is entitled to the securities.

There has been great activity during the last few weeks in shares of the Kaffir Market in London, and the rise in prices seems justified by the course of events.

It was feared at one time that the South African Government would impose fresh taxation upon the mines, once that country has finally decided to go off the gold standard, but on the formation of a coalition government with General Smuts as one of the leaders, its declared policy will lengthen the life of the field. In fact every encouragement is to be given to the gold mining industry of South Africa, so that we shall soon see fresh developments and the opening up for gold mining in and around the town of Heidelberg, towards the south-east of the Rand, where the gold reef is known to exist.

Holders of gold mining shares should have no fear because the United States has gone off the gold standard. Gold will rise materially in value and will bring even a higher price in New York, while there is no fear of any serious depreciation in the sterling value of the pound.

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Tennis Tournament

Play for the championships of the Mallorca Lawn Tennis Club began on the Son Alegre courts Thursday, and a number of matches were played off before the end of the week. Fortunately there is no great rush about this tournament, and the local players will not have to hurry in unaccustomed fashion time as they did when Barcelona sent over men to play in the Island championships.

In the men's singles, first class, only three matches were played in the first two days. Calafell and Leakey had each won a set — 5-7, 6-4, — when Leakey defaulted the match. Haskins beat Alomar, 7-5, 6-3, and Servera had an easy time with La Portilla, 6-0, 6-1.

Results in men's singles, second class, were: Fullerton beat Ramis 6-3, 6-1; Llompart beat Sanders, 7-5, 6-2; Alemany beat Mather, 8-6, 6-0; Alemany beat Llompart, 6-1, 6-2; Peters beat Fortesa, 8-6, 6-3. In the third class Andree beat Salom 6-3, 6-1.

In the women's singles, first class, matches were played as follows: Dwinnell-Riche, 6-3, 6-3; N.K. Walker-Bosch, 6-3; 7-5; Leakey-Dahl, 6-4, 6-2; La Bruyere-Spittal, W.O. Haskins-Ballester, 6-0, 7-5.

Second class in women's singles brought out some very close matches, including: F. Riera-C. Bosch, 6-6, 6-2, 6-3; Riche-Sbert, 9-11, 6-0, 6-2; Delgado-Cardell, 6-1, 6-0; Delgado-Roche, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

Two hard fought mixed doubles matches were played off. In the first Dahl-Crolius defeated La Bruyere-Dominguez, 6-4, 6-4, and in the second Riche-Morey beat Ballester-Sampol, 6-4, 6-4.

The draw in the men's singles is such that some good tennis is almost certain in the final and semi-final rounds. The Mallorquin favorites are Dominguez, Calafell and Servera; the foreign colony is perhaps best represented by Crolius and Park.

Exchange of the Week

Dollars gained and pounds dropped a little on the Madrid bourse during the week, according to quotations furnished by the Credito Balear. Sterling, opening at 41.55, declined steadily to 39.85 on Saturday, Dollars opened at 10.65, dropped to 10.60 and recovered to 10.71. For 100 francs the figure was 46.35 on Monday and 46.30 on Saturday.

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He is a much travelled man, having plied his trade all over the Peninsula, and is said to be a great improvement on the tonsorial carabinero who has hitherto monopolized the hair-cutting business of San Agustin.

It is the new artist's boast that he will do you up in any of the latest styles you may affect, and you can pick your own location. He will cut your hair in your living room or on your terrace or while you weed the garden, and he will tell you stories of his travels at every snip.

French Warships

A squadron of the French navy is coming to Palma the French Consul has informed the authorities. The ships will be here from June 15 to 23.

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The Bullfight

A few pointers for spectators
of the Spanish National Art

(Next Sunday, the 7th, the local bullfight season starts and for the benefit of those to whom the national spectacle is new we are publishing two explanatory articles, of which this is the first, based on a much longer analysis by a Spanish expert.)

THE well worn argument as to whether or not bullfighting can be classed as a sport (since the bull has no chance in the long run) never bothers the Spanish connoisseur. For to him the spectacle is rather an art than a game; he criticizes the performers as artists rather than as athletes.

Some form of bullfighting is older than recorded history, but it bore no resemblance to the play of today. No more did the mediaeval fight in which aristocratic amateurs killed their bulls from horseback with a lance. These gentlemen were attended by footmen to provide fresh spears, and from these footmen the *corrida de toros* developed about two centuries ago. Shortly before the middle of the eighteenth century, Francisco Romero made the modern game, introducing the *muleta*, the red cloth with which the killer draws the bull's charge. His grandson, Pedro, born in 1754, was the first professional *torero*, and since his day the game has been formalized and reduced to conventions embodied in a thick book of regulations.

The preliminaries of the spectacle take place on Saturday. The horses are given a trial, to make sure they are sufficiently strong for their part. Then the *matadores* draw lots for the bulls and watch the animals driven into their dark cells, from which they will emerge only next day. The various weapons to be used are also inspected, to conform to the regulations, and are locked up.

The actual fight Sunday afternoon is opened with traditional ceremony. The bull ring is under the complete charge of the President of the day, whose orders are law and who directs each phase of the fight. He is assisted — for upon his good judgement much depends — by an expert in the game and by one of the veterinaries who inspected the bulls the day before.

The show will begin exactly on time. Whatever you may have heard about lack of punctuality in Spain does not apply to the bullfight.

The President's white handkerchief flutters, a trumpet sounds, and into the ring ride two *alguacillos* (constables, in the costume of the days when bullfighting was very young. They salute the presidential box from which the keys to the cells are flung, and ride off with them to emerge immediately at the head of a colorful procession. Behind them march the *matadors* dressed, regardless of expense, in their tight fitting uniforms profusely adorned with gold braid. Next come the *banderilleros*, who will plant the barbed darts in the bull's back, their costumes trimmed in silver. Then the *picadores* and *peones*. All salute the President and scatter to their posts behind the barrier. Again the white handkerchief flutters, the trumpet sounds, a wide door swings open and the first bull comes out into the bright sunlight.

The first of the four «pictures» into which the

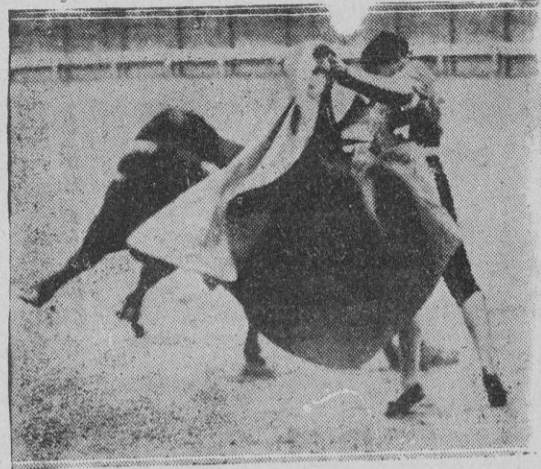


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The Verónica

corrida is divided has begun. This phase is devoted to «settling» the bull, getting him accustomed to the light and steadied for the play. A peon or a *banderillero* makes a few passes with the cape while the matador watches carefully, studying the bull's footwork, his speed, the manner of his charge, and so on. Then the matador himself steps in executing his most brilliant passes until the animal is settled. Usually the *verónica* is employed, the pass which takes its name from the saint who held a cloth to Christ's face.

The second «picture» is the one most foreigners do not care so much about. This brings in the *picadores* with their padded, armored uniforms and their gaunt, blindfolded and padded horses. Their purpose is to tire the bull, who is usually permitted three charges, although the number is at the President's discretion. The skill of the *picador* consists in jabbing his lance well into the bull and holding him off the horse.

As soon as the charge has gone home, one of the matadors springs forward to draw the bull away from the horse. This manoeuvre, known as the *quite*, is executed by each of the performers in turn. The pass by which the bull is diverted must be both effective and artistic, and a variety of styles may be used — *navarras*, *faroles*, *reboleras*, *chicuelinas*, *mariposas*, etc.

The third «picture» is one of the most graceful, and is performed without the aid of a cape. Bull and man face each other at a little distance, the man holding in each a barbed *banderillero* and advancing with a sort of tango step until the bull charges. For a split second the man seems to be actually impaled as he reaches across the horns to plant the barbs in the animal's back.

This is the «pairing», since two *banderilleros* are jabbed in at once, and as the bull snorts and plunges in pain, the man slips clear and runs for safety. On a very refractory bull, *banderilleros* with fireworks which explode under the skin are used to arouse a proper fighting spirit. And once that is done, we are ready for the last phase of the fight, the climax of the play and the opportunity for the greatest artistry, to which the second of these articles will be devoted.

Pre-View

On Tuesday Mme. Albert-Lazard will open in the Galerias Costa an exhibition of her lithographs, sketches and watercolors, of which she gave an informal pre-view in Terreno last week. Most interesting are the amazingly fine reproductions of her watercolors for a limited edition, subscription book which she and Paul Valery, the poet, are doing together. He is writing verses to go with the illustrations of birds and animals which she has done.

Next in interest are the sketches Mme. Albert-Lazard made in Morrocco last year. Many artists come back from such countries with works which resemble a steamship line's posters, but Mme. Albert Lazard has preserved a delicacy of co-

loring which is gratifying. But her work strikes the beholder because it is so obvious that the artist had a splendid time doing it, a joy which is reflected in every stroke of the brush and pencil.

Mme. Albert-Lazard is leaving Palma at the close of her show — about ten days to two weeks.

Day of Rest

Tomorrow (Monday) will be a good day to stay home and indulge in contemplation. The *fiesta* of May 1st is labor's holiday, and it is enforced. No trams or taxis, no shops of any kind open, no cafés or restaurants—nothing. Even the hotels may not serve hot meals after 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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Strike in Barcelona

ON Monday rumours circulated in Barcelona that a transport strike had been proclaimed by the Syndicates for Tuesday. The Civil Governor tried to induce the leaders of the movement to abandon the idea, but on Tuesday morning all taxi-, auto-bus- and tramdrivers stopped at home instead of taking their cars to work. Barcelona offered a very peaceful picture on Tuesday morning. There was not a single tram, no 'bus, nor taxi, and only very few private cars dared show themselves as their owners were afraid of riots and feared damage for their vehicles.

Early in the afternoon, however, a few trams and taxis appeared on the scene and their number increased later in the afternoon. The trams were driven by engineers, volunteers or guardias de asalto and were well protected by police and guardias of different kinds. On Wednesday there seemed to be the usual number of trams and autobuses, but as the strike was continuing, they were all conducted by guardias and volunteers, who not being used to the job had a number of accidents and smashed several motorcars. A general strike which seemed to be imminent on Wednesday did not come off, and on Thursday morning Barcelona had returned to her usual street life.

The strike was one of the quietest Barcelona has ever seen. There were hardly any riots and very little shooting; only in Sans, the workmen's district, groups of strikers threw stones or shot at passing trams, but without hitting anybody. When the guardias on one of the trams answered the fire, they hit and killed a man who, as usual, had nothing to do with the riots. The bullet reached him in a shop where he had fled when the shooting started. The whole town seemed to be full of guardias de asalto, so that the strikers had little chance to succeed in upsetting the public order. The authorities handled matters in a very strict way, closed some syndicates and arrested a large number of people. A temporary prison was installed in an old liner, the Manuel Arnus, where the prisoners will be kept for the time being.

The transport strike collapsed, but that of the building and port workmen is still continuing.

Americans Lose at Own Game

A selected Catalan baseball team last Sunday knocked out a 12 to 4 victory over the team from the American training ship, California State. The local players won their game in the first two innings when they batted in nine runs. After that the game was fairly even and interesting.

At the end, the customary American cheer for the winners, given by the losers, was an innovation to local players and fans. A social get together, in which Cunningham of the California State expressed the thanks of himself and his team mates for the kindness with which they had been received, wound up the occasion in a most cordial spirit.

Bridge Olympic

Mr. M. L. Glidewell will entertain 16 of the best Barcelona Bridge players tomorrow night at his home in Diagonal for the World bridge Olympic. The rest of the competitors will be playing at the New Barcelona Golf Club at San Cugat as previously announced.

About Barcelona

Mrs. K.J. Wharton and her daughter, Audrey, were assaulted by an unknown man on Wednesday night while walking along the railway line between Bonanova and Tres Torres. The man knocked both of them on the head several times with an iron bar wrapped in paper, rendering them unconscious. He then ran away without trying to rob them. Luckily the blows have not had a serious effect so that Mrs. Wharton and her daughter escaped with the fright and a few bruises. The British Consul General, Mr. Norman King, has sent in a complaint to the authorities. Mrs. Wharton seemed to recognize the assailant as a man who came to beg at her house quite frequently. The police are looking for him.

Today the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barrington will be baptised after morning service in the English Church.

The dinner of the Group on Tuesday evening last was a very successful affair. There were 26 members present and Mr. Roberts presided. The guest of the evening was Señor Baptista Roca, Secretary of the Palestra. Mr. Norman King, the British Consul General was unwell and so unable to attend, but he promised to talk to members of the Group on Mexico at their next gathering in a fortnight's time. Mr. Braddock, the American Vice Consul, was also unable to come. Considerable discussion took place as to the activities of the Group during the summer months.

The marriage of Mr. C.L. Jones and Miss Molly Park is announced for the 10th June.

Mrs. Bryfogel gave birth to a daughter on Tuesday the 25th April. Mother and child are doing well.

Mr. R. M. Nosworthy, a prominent member of the British colony in Barcelona for many years, died last Friday at his home in Bournemouth after a long illness. His brother-in-law, Mr. Bendier, has gone to England and is returning shortly with the late Mr. Nosworthy's daughter, Mary, who expects to stay in Barcelona for some time.

Mr. Ian MacRosty, the golf champion, is expecting to return to England very shortly.

Mrs. Coningham is giving a large bridge tea at Casa Llibre on Friday, May 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Meade who had been staying with their son, Mr. G. Meade, for six months, have returned to their home in Normandy.

Mr. Muddiman, the Canadian Trade Commissioner for Spain, arrived in Barcelona on Wednesday for a short visit.

Sra. B. Dutton de Pons won the Chiswick Hard Court Championship on Saturday last by beating Miss A.E.L. McOstrich in the final 3-6, 7-5, 6-4. The match lasted two hours and a quarter.

Mr. Alexander Pons has returned to Barcelona

after a pleasant holiday in Palma.

Mrs. Catharine Andrews gave a tea party in honour of Mrs. Merriman on Tuesday at her home in Calle Adolf Blanc.

Mr. and Mrs. George Noble and family have now moved into their new home in Calle Ganduxer, Bonanova.

Mr. F. Dubois is leaving on Saturday for England where he intends to spend a short holiday.

Christian Boussus, the French Davis Cup tennis player who fell ill after his first match here, stayed over to see the Davis Cup tie between Spain and England. He sat in Sra. Maier's box throughout the three days of play, looking a little pale and following carefully the strokes of the men he may meet later on in the challenge round.

What to Do and Where to Go in Barcelona

Theatres

ROMEA — *El petó devant del mirall*.
TIVOLI — *Marina*.
NOVEDADES — Jazz Band.
VICTORIA — *Oro en la Montaña*.
APOLO — *El Transatlántico William's*.
OLYMPIA — Circus.

Cinemas

FEMINA — *Der blonde Traum*, (German).
CAPITOL — *Der weisse Daemon*, (German).
CATALUÑA — *Nicole et sa vertue*, (French) and *Generalstabschef Redl*, (German). Thursday; Catalan Film Week: *Draps i Ferro Vell* (Bric et Brac et Cie.), a French film doubled in Catalan, and *Gloria*, (German) with subtitles in Catalán.
COLISEUM — Today and Monday; *Topaze*, (French). Tuesday; *Coiffeur pour Dames*, (French).
URQUINAONA — *Susan Lenox, Her Fall and Rise*, (English).
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For the first time a Catalan golf team travelled away from home to compete against other regions, and although it did not return with victory, it achieved results better than were anticipated. Playing against the Puerta de Hierro Club in Madrid, the Catalans won five matches, drew two and lost eight.

This was considered a very good showing indeed in view of the skill of the Madrid players and the enormous difference in the playing conditions of the Madrid links.

In Barcelona golf is a young game, and the quality of the links has to some extent prevented the players from making as rapid progress as they would elsewhere. Nevertheless, some of them are genuinely national hopes, and especially Mr. Augusto Batlló, who won both his matches against the Puerta de Hierro and halved those with the Club de Campo, all four being against competitors of international standing.

Mr. Fred Witty also proved his high qualities in beating his opponents of the Puerta de Hierro and losing only at the Club de Campo against Mr. Pedro Catres, several times national champion. Mr. Catres won only because of his better knowledge of the ground, especially the greens.

Messrs. Lorenzo Pons, Camilo Juliá, Baron de Ovilvar and Genaro de la Riva also deserve honourable mention for their victories.

Next month the Madrid players will meet the Catalans on the links of the Terramar Golf Club, Sitges, and the local players have an excellent chance to win on the home grounds. They will have the advantage of playing over a course with which they are familiar, and they will be filled with the confidence which is inseparable from playing on one's own grounds, and confidence is a great part of golf.

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Today and tomorrow teams of eight a side from the two Barcelona Golf Clubs will be competing for the honour of holding for a year the handsome Challenge Cup presented two years ago by the Pedralbes Club for annual competition.

Each Club has won the cup once, San Cugat being the actual holders, and a close and interesting match is expected.

English Examinations

The British Chamber of Commerce for Spain has presented twenty-six certificates to those who passed its elementary examinations in English this year and seven diplomas to those who passed the higher examination.

After a short speech by the Chairman of the Barcelona centre, Mr. A. F. Loveday, the British Consul General, Mr. Norman King, gave away the prizes and addressed the pupils and the assembled company. Champagne was then served.

The prize awarded by the British Ambassador to the entrant obtaining the highest number of marks in the elementary examination was won by Mr. Antonio Trujols.

The New Films

During the last two weeks choice among the films playing in Barcelona theatres was a very difficult one; there was no interesting picture on any bill, though there were lots of those films that draw big crowds, some through a «hot» title, others through an actress whose sex appeal has world fame. *Blonde Venus* was taken off the Coliseum programme after a successful run of two weeks on Friday and *Topaze* came on instead. Marcel Pagnol's comedy, on which the film is based, has been the most successful play produced on the French stage in the last five years. Is a play of the true French type — Molière family — and a worthy descendant of *Le Malade Imaginaire*.

Topaze is a schoolmaster who strictly keeps to the moral principles he teaches his pupils and by force of habit develops a kind of superhuman honesty that brings him in conflict with the headmaster and loses his employment. He is out of work and falls into the hands of a man who takes advantage of *Topaze*'s official influence for his immoral business transactions. When *Topaze* realises the nature of his new friend's activities, it is too late for him to withdraw. Both his friend and that man's girl have been too nice to him to break the friendship suddenly. He soon learns his new job so well that he makes himself independent and becomes an influential businessman who is respected by society for his honesty.

The part of *Topaze* is played by Louis Jouvent, an actor drawn from obscurity by Jacques Copeau who discovered him in a «faubourg» theatre where he used to enact the villain. Copeau was struck by his talent, engaged him for the Vieux-Colombier and made a great actor of him.

Topaze will be at the Coliseum for only four days, perhaps because it is good picture. *Coiffeur pour Dames* which is coming on Tuesday, can boast a title which assures a big hit.



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*Left,
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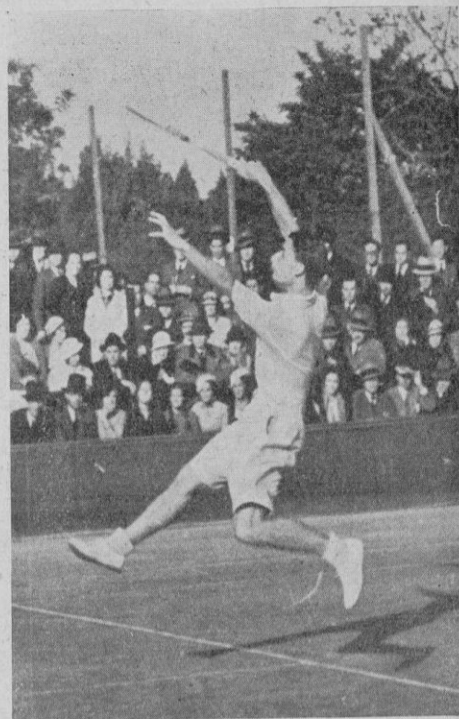
*Leaping
for a Smash.*

*Right,
Bunny Austin's*

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LAST Friday the curtain rose on the 1933 edition of that most time honored international sporting fixture, the Davis Cup. England defeated Spain by four matches to one, on the courts of the Barcelona Lawn Tennis Club. For this series England nominated her first four ranking players, Perry, Austin, Lee and Hughes while Spain was represented by Maier, Sindreu, Durall, and Garriga-Nogues.

In the opening match Fred Perry drew the Spanish Champion, Enrique Maier, and beat him in a brilliant match 7-5, 7-5, 6-2. During the first set Perry attained a lead of 5-1 but at this point Maier speeded up his attack, went «all out» for every point and succeeded in equalizing at 5 all. Perry then ran out the next two games for the set. In the second set neither player enjoyed a lead of more than one game until Perry, with the score 5 all, raised his game to a magnificent pitch to take two successive games and win the second set. The third set was closer than the score (6-2) would indicate as every game except one went to deuce. The high quality of the play did not lower for a second and when Perry had made two beautiful placements to win the final game, the gallery gave the players a spontaneous and prolonged ovation which they so well deserved. The recapitulation of this match is as follows:

| | Nets | Outs | Placements | Service Aces | Double Faults |
|-------|------|------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Maier | 48 | 45 | 27 | 13 | 4 |
| Perry | 35 | 24 | 21 | 4 | 2 |

In the second match Austin defeated Sindreu 6-0, 6-3, 6-2 to give England a lead of two points with the first day's play. The result was never in doubt as the great disparity in the class of the two players enabled Austin to win as he chose from an opponent who could never at any time make a match out of it. Austin won the first nine games, principally by attacking Sindreu's weak backhand and finishing the point on the volley. Sindreu braced a bit and won a few games on Austin's errors but the game remained a distinct anticlimax after the superlative first match. Recapitulation of the

second match:

| | Nets | Outs | Placements | Service Aces | Double Faults |
|---------|------|------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Sindreu | 32 | 26 | 17 | 8 | 4 |
| Austin | 12 | 16 | 25 | 2 | 1 |

On Saturday the large stgallery ever to witness a tennis match in Spain jammed the center court for the doubles. Hundreds who where refused admission crashed the gates and even Spanish señoritas climbed trees in order to have a glimpse of the game. England played Fred Perry and Pat Hughes and Spain relied on Enrique Maier and Alberto Durall who, contrary to all forecasting, turned the tables on the Englishmen, winning a thrilling five set match 6-3, 6-1, 1-6, 4-6, 6-3.

In the first two sets the Englishmen were erratic, missing many volleys and frequently netting the return of service. Perry managed to win only one of his services. This, added to some amazing doubles play on the part of young Durall, quickly put them two sets behind. In the next two sets Perry and Hughes changed their tactics and resorted to a lobbing game which was more successful. Durall failed to continue his extraordinary winners. The Spanish team work became less effective as the Britons greatly improved and the match was soon squared at two sets all. In the deciding fifth set, excitement ran high in the gallery which, however, behaved very well throughout. Perry and Hughes with one service break led 3-1 and England had fine chances of winning. But after Maier had won his serve, Hughes' service was broken in the crucial sixth game. On Durall's delivery, Maier made three superb winners to put his team into a 4-3 lead. After this thrilling game Perry's service was taken by the Spanish to give them a score of 5-3. Maier served out the set and match. The linesman's decision on the last point was a dubious one, but it is not probable that this point could have in any way effected the final outcome. The following recapitulation is of the doubles match:

| | Nets | Outs | Placements | Service Aces | Double Faults |
|------------------|------|------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Maier and Durall | 55 | 46 | 52 | 7 | 6 |
| Perry and Hughes | 46 | 37 | 31 | 4 | 6 |

On Sunday, the third day, Perry trounced Sin-

dreu by almost the same score and in the same manner as Bunny Austin had done the first day. Sindreu played a little better but was hopelessly outclassed. Perry, though not sufficiently extended to produce his best form, won easily 6-1, 6-3, 6-0, to give England the deciding point of the series.

Recapitulation:

| | Nets | Outs | Placements | Service Aces | Double Faults |
|---------|------|------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Sindreu | 43 | 28 | 16 | 4 | 12 |
| Perry | 24 | 15 | 24 | 10 | 4 |

In the final match which had no bearing on the result of the series, Bunny Austin defeated Maier 8-6, 7-5, 6-1. The first two sets were hard fought with games following service in all but two instances. Austin maintained a steady flow of beautiful deep drives on both forehand and backhand. His errors were amazingly few. With perfectly executed passing shots he kept his opponent away from his favorite position at the net. Maier tried everything in an effort to break Austin's command of the play but to no avail. In the last set the Spanish Champion showed signs of fatigue after three strenuous days of play. Austin with Lacoste-like precision ran out the set 6-1.

Recapitulation:

| | Nets | Outs | Placements | Service Aces | Double Faults |
|--------|------|------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Maier | 58 | 40 | 35 | 8 | 2 |
| Austin | 24 | 27 | 24 | 1 | 1 |

The traditional Davis Cup banquet was held at the Club on Sunday night. In a charming speech the English captain, Mr. Roper Barret, paid high tribute to Maier, who so creditably discharged his heavy responsibilities in this series, and to Durall, who as a young man playing in his first Davis Cup match gave such an outstanding performance. Mention was also made of the excellent organization of the matches and of the splendid behavior of an intelligently appreciative gallery.

President Macaya of the Barcelona Lawn Tennis Club spoke in fluent French on the pleasure it had been to receive such a splendid group of sportsmen and how much everyone had enjoyed the opportunity to see tennis of the highest class. He also wished the English team good luck in their future matches in the quest of the Davis Cup.

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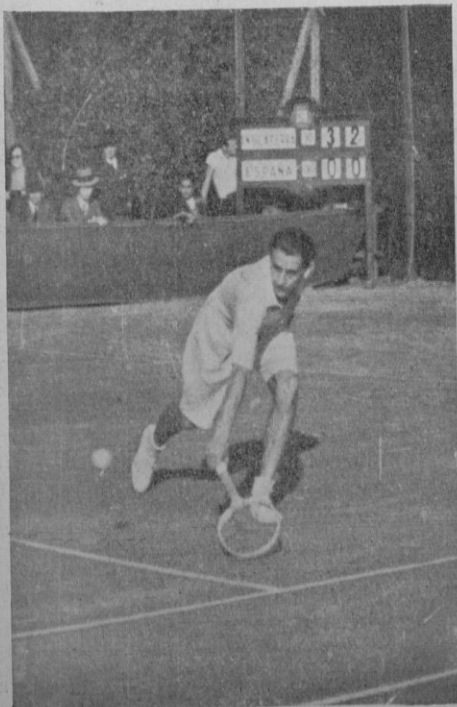
Davis Cup Sidelights

The Davis Cup tie between Spain and England was the first to be played this year. The English players had asked for an early date, as they intend to take part in the Bournemouth Hard Court Tournament next week. The other matches of the first round will be played on the 5th, 6th and 7th May.

When Bunny Austin appeared in shorts for his match against Sindreu on Friday, people thought it a great joke and received the player with surprise followed by sarcastic smiles. Commentaries of all sorts were made on Austin's age and the beauty of his hairy legs.

Alberto Durall is the son of one of the richest men in Barcelona, whose fortune is estimated at over a million pounds. In good old Catalán fashion he keeps his sons—all of them are good tennis players—extremely short. None of them has a car or has ever arrived at the Club in a taxi, unless invited, and even though Alberto is now representing his country in the Davis Cup, his allowance for rackets has not been increased. After having played divine tennis in the first two sets on Saturday he broke a string of his racket, and everybody was surprised when he exchanged it for one of an entirely different make and with a much softer stringing. The change put him off his game entirely and he played rather badly and unsteadily in the next two sets. Only towards the end of the match he got used to the other racket and refused to exchange it for the first, which had been repaired in the meantime. As Alberto has now proved to be one of the best doubles players in the world, we hope that his father will approve of the purchase of a new racket.

«Buby» Maier was seen swallowing three whiskeys at the Club bar after his victory in the doubles though his friends tried to make him postpone the celebration until after his match against Austin the next day. The effect could be seen on Sunday when he played a nervous and unsteady game, while Austin played with the precision of a machine.



Fast Work

at

the Net.

Bunny Austin

(Left)

Taking a Low

Volley.

Right,

Maier Duplicates

the Pose.

Photos Barna Press.



Cau Ferrat

By Elizabeth O. Deeble

ONLY a week ago, Catalunya passed a milestone, an unusually handsome stone even for this land of art, when Cau Ferrat was reopened to the public after being closed for long months for the rearrangement and enlargement of its unique collection of wrought iron and glass, ancient and beautiful specimens brought together by a painter-poet who was more than what is usually implied by the word «artist», for he was an artist in life, and not merely in the works of man.

Santiago Rusiñol i Prats was born in Barcelona, but Sitges was the home of his adoption and his love, and it was to the town of Sitges that he left his home and its contents, for a museum to which his fellow-citizens are admitted free, while visitors from other places pay the small sum of one peseta. The house in which he lived was once the simple home of a fisherman, and the ground floor is arranged for ordinary life as it was during his occupancy.

The little bedroom, with its century-old bed, its gold-framed mirrors, its quaint paintings on glass, its pottery urns and basins, seems antique until one goes out of it into the more formal rooms of the house. The kitchen has an open hearth and great hood over it, and it is here that the collection of iron begins to be in evidence. Many styles and many periods are shown, but well-wrought iron lives harmoniously with its kind, and Aragonese racks support Andalusian forks, while Catalan chains keep the too-curious visitor a judicious distance.

The family sittingroom is lined with paintings, by Rusiñol himself, his wife and his friends. There are little sketches by Picasso and Zuloaga, bits of Roman statuary, and a vase of fresh flowers renewed every day by the ladies of Sitges. The wide windows look directly on the water, and spray dashes up to wet their greenish panes.

More formal guests must always have been received in the room beside this one, and a little balcony out over the water extends its hospitality as well. The walls are lined with plates and more plates, flowers, ramping lions, and the *Ocell de la Sort* or bird of good luck, being the favourite designs. One glass case holds a fine alabaster group in high relief, an old English carving of the Epiphany, faintly polychromed. But the focal point of this room is no work of man, for the fountain in the center is completely buried beneath a luxuriant

mass of green, a maiden-hair fern so huge that it seems the apotheosis of all the ferns of the world, and even the carvings and the plates, and the iridescent tear-bottles in the glass case on one wall fade into man-made insignificance beside it.

One follows the red line in the plan given in the excellent little guide-book (as yet available only in Catalan, but soon to be published in other languages), to the upper floor, which Rusiñol built to house the rest of his collections. It is a single large room, with carved rafters which make one think of the old churches of Norway with their twisted dragons. The walls are lined with iron pieces, framing paintings which include among others two superb El Grecos and a fine Zuloaga. In the center of the room are more glass cases, containing the small but rich collection of glass, every bit a gem, and wrought iron chains and lanterns hang from the rafters, while iron candlesticks fill corners. A Sicilian bed in wrought iron is one of the rarest pieces in the whole museum. Crosses, knockers, nails, weapons, hinges, are ranged in neatly decorative rows on a background of dull red cloth.

Two things in particular have a most individual appeal to the visitor. One is the large carved chest which bears the arms of the little Aragonese who bore, whether rightly or wrongly, for so many years the little of Pope Benedict XIII. It is said, upon good authority, to have been his personal possession, and one may even fancy that it was the cupboard for his famous store of sweetmeats, if one wishes to mix the possible with the historic to make the delightfully probable. The other article has a humbler story. It is a large fruit bowl in Venetian glass, so covered with etching that it appears translucently white, which Rusiñol discovered in a village of Old Castille, and for which he paid a man to make the long journey to Sitges holding it carefully in his hand, lest its fragile ancient beauty should be destroyed by any other means of conveyance.

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on the current news from our correspondent in the Capital.

THE political situation is once more extremely interesting. The elections for *Concejales* in the small towns with the idea of wiping out *Caciquism* and replacing by public election those *Concejales* who had retained their posts under the Republic without election have just taken place.

The provinces concerned represent about half Spain, so that the result gives one a good idea of what would be the effect of general elections for the municipalities throughout the country, especially without the Law of Defence.

It should be realised that no change whatever in the Republican Régime enters into these elections, as it is not a question of Republicans versus Monarchists, the latter being now a negligible quantity. These elections reveal the feeling of the country with regard to the Government at present in power, whose support is mainly derived from Socialists and Radical Socialists. The Government have recorded 5,048 votes as against an Anti-Governmental vote of 10,983. Those against the Government consist of Republicans in opposition, who registered 4,754 votes; Parties of the Rights, Catholics, etc., 4,954, and Communists and a number of other independent parties, 1,275 votes.

For many of 2,400 villages it was their first election and in all of them women were allowed to vote for the first time. Sr. Azaña said on Tuesday, when a member of the opposition suggested that the Government parties had lost the elections, that all parties seemed to have won them, as they all celebrate their election victory.

As 70% of the voters are illiterate they are still politically dependent on their employers—in this case the landowners—and vote their party. This is the reason why the Agrarians who belong to the right wing have gained in comparison with the elections of 1931.

This election represents a serious rout to the Socialists, who only triumphed in the province of Badajoz, and who become more unpopular in the country the longer they stay in Power. It shews also that the present Cortes Constituyentes does not represent the feelings of the bulk of the Republicans in the country, but in spite of this the Government intend to stick fast, so long as they can

retain their present majority in the Cortes. There is much excitement in Congress, but it is difficult to see how any immediate change in the Government can be effected, as the Socialists stick to their seats in the House like seaneenomes to a rock.

British Embassy Church

The annual General Meeting took place on the 25th of April in the British American Club, the Chaplain presiding, supported by the British Ambassador. Officers were elected for the coming year, the Churchwardens being Messrs. McGroarty and Haselden. The meeting learnt with great regret of the resignation of the Chaplain, the Rev. H.B. Firth, who owing to the state of his health feels unable to face another winter in Madrid. Mr. Firth, who is an excellent preacher and has won the respect and affection of the British and American residents in Madrid, will be sadly missed.

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Retired from the German diplomatic service, Baron von Herman was one of the vanguard of those who fell in love with the beauty of Mallorca. He is now adding to the natural beauties of Puerto Pollensa, where he is living, by opening a new flower shop in the Villa Blau y Blanc next door to Es Pins. The shop will be modern in every respect, and will have its inauguration Tuesday or Wednesday. The Baron is the owner of the beautiful property, Huerta de Son Bruy, near Pollensa.

Col. and Mrs. Bernard are leaving next Tuesday for England, having effected an exchange of houses with friends there. They expect to be gone for the summer months.

Mrs. Talcott Camp of The Treasure Chest left last Thursday for Paris where she plans to spend a month or six weeks. One of the purposes of her trip is to seek medical advice.

Having worked hard and enthusiastically for a year, Natasha Rambova and her husband, Don Alvaro de Urzaiz, have decided to enjoy Mallorca without the harassments of business. They are building their own home in Paguera, far enough from Palma to keep them out of trouble. As part of their preparations for a quiet life, they have transferred the management of the Caves of Genova, which they equipped with electric lights and usable passages, to their former barman who will continue to show visitors over the caves and serve drinks and teas at C'an Covas.

The auxiliary schooner, Sunbeam II, dropped anchor here last Thursday. She is owned by Sir Walter Runciman, former President of the Board of Trade, who is on board with a small party of friends.

Wind and weather permitting, the *Princess* will leave these waters the early part of the week and the robin's egg blue Rolls Royce which has become a familiar sight around town, will go with her.

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Mrs. G. A. Street left for Paris, via Barcelona, on last night's boat to meet her sister who is coming to Mallorca for a visit.

Mrs. Faith C. Seaverns of Chicago has rented C'an Señoryda in San Agustin, not far from the site of what will be her permanent home. She has bought land in Genova and is having a villa constructed there.

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Mrs. G.A. Macpherson, who has been spending the winter in Palma with her daughter, entertained at Los Pinos Thursday afternoon with two tables of contract, tea being served on the terrace.

Among the guests at Los Pinos, the new pension in Terreno, are Capt. Harold Gough, Dr. Grunach, judge in the high court of Berlin, and his wife, and Mrs. Dorothy Miedel-Dahle, who arrived Tuesday on the Llandaff Castle.

Mrs. Hugh Flower gave a luncheon party at Joe's last Wednesday, and her guests were Mr. and Mrs. Eyre Pinckard, Mr. and Mrs. Dorr Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Waterbury, Mr. Dudley Dean Bigelow, Major Goetz and Mr. Owen and his sister, Mrs. Braddon.

The Allen-Rossello School is going to have a summer camp during the months of July, August and September. Since there will be no tuition, the heads of the School announce, the fees will be low.

Mrs. J. Seward Cottrell returned from Africa where she joined her husband last week on his Easter holidays. He has gone back to England, and Mrs. Cottrell has left Mallorca for the more simple life in Ibiza.

Miss Jean McMillan and her brother David, who are stopping at the Mediterráneo with their mother, Mrs. Samuel Strong, were formally entertained on two different occasions this past week. Thursday afternoon Mr. Clifford B. Harmon was their host and, of course, waffles were served. Among those invited were Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Nina Larry Durvea and her son Chester, Mrs. Mina Middleton, Miss Daisy DeHart, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Carr and her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Requardt and her two daughters Mary Ann and Dickie, and Mr. Bert Yarborough.

The following day, Friday, the McMillans were the guests of honor at a luncheon party given by Mr. Bert Yarborough at Son Dureta. Among those who were invited were the Misses

Ethel Lowden, Betty Marshall, Betty Grinnell, Mary Ann and Dickie Scoville, and the Messrs. Mather, Line and Salisbury.

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Mrs. George Bowden and her young son together with Miss Daisy DeHart and Mrs. Mina Middleton and her daughter, Quita, are going over to Ibiza next weekend.

Mrs. A. Duane, who has made her home at the Hotel Victoria since her arrival, will move into No. 56 Calle Salud, formerly occupied by Mrs. Reffluer who is leaving for Germany shortly.

The Oasis in the Borne

In the course of the last few months, passersby have stopped to watch black marble bases and huge plate glass windows put into place on the corner of the Borne near the Formentor Bar. Speculation was rife as to what was going on behind the whitewashed glass.

The doors were finally opened to the public last week and the mystery has been solved. Decorated in the most modernistic manner, the main part is already in operation as a tourist and real estate bureau. Beyond, there will be a tea room and grill, all of which has been designed by the architect, Middlehurst.

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British Society Picnic

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Mediterraneo Notes

Mr. Kendall Park, head of the Spanish Trading Company, arrived at the Mediterraneo from Barcelona the other day for a short business visit and perhaps to watch his son, manager of the Palma branch of the firm, play some tennis. Young Mr. Park is conceded a fair chance to win the tennis tournament now in progress on the courts of the Lawn Tennis Club.

The Mediterraneo is also the temporary home of several passengers who arrived on the Excambion Friday, including Miss Estelle Nellany, Miss Laura T. Brown, Mrs. Anna V. McSloy and Mr. John Gooduin. Other Americans registering at the Hotel were Mr. Oswald Uhl, Mrs. C.A. Taney, Miss Jean McHugh, Mr. Arthur Townsend and Mr. Foster Wilson Susall of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Louis Lefevre arrived from France and Mme. Hoffman from Switzerland.

The Hotel reports unusually heavy bookings throughout the summer, a circumstance which still surprises Mallorquin hotel keepers who used to shut down for four months before it was discovered that Mallorca is even pleasanter in summer than in winter.

From England

The Llandaff Castle brought a number of English visitors to Palma last week. Among them were Mrs. M. Marshall, Miss Finley and Miss A. Trilnick (known better as Ann Trevor) who all

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Mrs. D. Miedel-Dahl is spending some time at the Hotel Ingles, and Mr. and Mrs. I. Goldschmidt are stopping at the Grand The Llandaff Castle also brought a new member for the staff of the International School, Mr. A.J. Swanton.

Return Engagement

The parrot which was one of the most popular guests of the Hotel Alfonso last autumn is coming back for another visit. Originally left behind by some Swiss visitors, the linguistic bird spent some months *en pension* before being returned to his owners. He is coming back without them, too. He is scheduled to arrive this week.

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Those who left on the Excambion were Lady Charles Mappin, Mr. and Mrs. Hart-Davis, Mr. Franklin Walle, Mr. and Miss Dudley, all for Marseilles, and Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. R. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Farrar, Mrs. W.E. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Karger, Mr. and Mrs. Long, Mr. Trabulsi for Genoa.

The Llandaff Castle on Tuesday took eleven passengers. Two for Genoa were Mrs. Stilewell and Mr. Owen. The others, who went to Marseilles, were Mrs. Grinling and her son, Mr. and Mrs. Yaruntowski, Mr. and Mrs. Mobitz and Miss Marg.

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