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## RETROSPECT OF THE

## (January). Picture :- Looking backwards before looking forwards. January 1953 :

Fire destroys the lummry-liner l'Atlantique. The year started with-

-- this disaster of great magnitude, involving the loss--

-- of two million pounds and twenty lives.

Was it accident, or sabotage ? A few

--days later at--

-- Santa Je on the --

-- Chicago river, a grain elevator burst, causing one--

-- of the most spectacular fires ever--

--seen in America. A rescuing--

-- tug boat marrowly escaped being sunk by a crashing wall.

## (EFFECT).

Hitler turned political Europe upside down by proclaiming himself--

-- a dictator and seizing the reigns of the German Government, and he's still helding on tight.

## February)

Picture .: - Tragic February witnessed Europe's most terrible explosion disaster. Whole streets of Neunkirchen --

-- in the Saar were blown flat when a gasometer --

--went up. One-hundred unfortunate people lost their lives --

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--almost instantaneously, and hundreds more lost their homes--

--and entire belongings. The town looked more like a--

--battlefield than Shanhaikwan. In weather umpteen--

-- degrees below mero, Chinese--

-- Soldiers fought bravely to stem the Japanese advance--

--in Manchuria, and that little quarrel--

--involving five-hundred-million people is not settled yet.

This was too much for Mother Barth, --

-- so she vented her spleen through Vesuvius which spat--

-- fire and molten lave, panicking the peaceful countryside.

(March) .

March welcomed back to our shores the fastest man on earth. Sir Malcolm Compbell returned after creating a new world record-

-- at Daytona Beach. 273 miles per hour !

The Grand National horses didn't go quite so fast as that, but thirty-four started ! (EFFECTS). A riderless horse led in the winner. "KELLESBRO JACK" won. His owner was pleased, but thousands weren't.

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April's opening brought disaster to our doors.

--experienced Britain's worst explosion in years. One

-- there was a flourishing chemical factory - - the next nothing but tortured --

-- twisted girders and ruin, and more people rendered homeless