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THERE IS NO BULLETIN TOMORROW BUT WE WILL BE BACK ON BOXING DAY. HAVE A SAFE AND FANTASTIC CHRISTMAS

Happy Christmas but don't forget your passport or face mask



● Balearic government has extended the use of the Covid passport to ALL bars, restaurants and cafes and the use

face masks outdoors is compulsory from today in new restrictions which have been introduced. See Inside.

A new working deal in Spain, says Madrid government

Madrid.—Spain's left-wing government has reached a labour deal with unions and employers, the Labour Ministry said yesterday, ending months of talks and bringing it a step closer to overturning a previous conservative administration's pro-business reforms. The new deal will give more power to unions in collective bargaining negotiations, limit the extent to which companies can rely on temporary contracts, and make permanent a furlough scheme brought in to cushion the economic blow from COVID-19. "We end 2021 fulfilling the government's commitment: a new labour law that recovers rights in favour of decent work," Labour Minister Yolanda Diaz tweeted. Reforming its labour laws is one of the

commitments made by Spain to the European Commission to obtain the second tranche of European recovery funds. Spain expects to receive 70 billion euros (\$79.14 billion) in total, but so far only 19 billion euros have been secured. Negotiations with employers and trade unions to replace the previous text, which was drawn up in 2012 without a broad consensus and has generated significant labour conflict, have dragged on for months. The 2012 law was agreed as a condition for Spain to receive a bail-out of its banks and concentrated collective bargaining in companies with scant union representation.

THANK YOU AND GOODNIGHT IN CATALONIA

Madrid.—The northeastern Spanish region of Catalonia won court approval for a night curfew on Thursday as Madrid pledged to distribute millions more test kits to tackle the Omicron variant that is driving up infections and overshadowing Christmas.

Spain lifted most restrictions over the summer thanks to a high vaccination rate that suppressed infection but Omicron's arrival has sent daily infections soaring to a record 60,000 on Wednesday, prompting some regions to clamp down again. Adopting the hardest line since Spain emerged from a state of emergency in May, Catalonia, which surrounds the city of Barcelona, will ban residents from leaving their homes between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. from Thursday night, while other regions took a less stringent approach.