BATHING BELLES.

A change is good for everybody, so here's what they're doing in California --- trying out rubber fins to give extra speed to your swimming. And they do make a tremendous difference, as you'll see. On your marks!



## E IRE DEFENCES, (Mines.)

Since Nazi Germany has announced her intention of respecting the neutrality of Southern Ireland, everyone has been expecting the invasion to start. So Eire has mined her coasts and the approaches to her harbours. The mines are not of the type used by Britain or Germany. One ne doubt they are very good: Whether they are better is really only for an expert to say. They are not magnetic, nor do they explode by contact. They are fitted with a plunger, operated from the shore. The watcher on the shore waits for the enemy ship to pass over the mine and then blows it up. It must be very difficult on a dark night.