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the large and small undertaken as well as for the artisan. The very essence of economy is change, expansion and contraction, and these cannot be prevented by force for any length of time. (News contained in this article apart from sources already mentioned, was received by courtesy of Agence Telegraphique Suisse)

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Auckland Swiss Club

On September 18th, the Auckland Swiss Club held a masquerade ball. Clowns, Arabs, Cleopatra, Red Indians, Vikings, Maori Tikis, Toadstools and even our own rioting prisoners were just a few of the characters who met in the dimly lit Edendale Hall underneath huge lamps, coloured streamers and a bamboo canopy.

We all appreciated the good supper, especially the Fastuacht-schuechli.

Obviously everyone there had a good time but it does seem a pity that those who spent many days in preparing the hall and decorations were not encouraged by a better attendance.

—M.H.

NEWS FROM TARANAKI

Here we are back again, after our recent trip around the world and to tell you some of the things that we saw, especially in our 3½ months stay in Switzerland.

Switzerland we found to be one of the cleanest countries in the world, and the people are very proud of it, and aim to keep it so, nowhere did we see, paper or bottles or rubbish lying about, the countryside and farms are so neat, it is no wonder visitors call it a fairy land.

Flying in from Rome we had a most wonderful view of the Matterhorn and the mountains. They were a sight to see. While flying into Switzerland on a Swiss plane we were served, Most, Swiss cheese and sandwiches.

The people in Switzerland are very busy, and take a pride in their work. Even after employing thousands of Italians and Spanish and Turks, there are still many jobs left undone. Nearly all the big factories are expanding. "Landis & Gear," in Zug, are building another big addition to their huge building. In fact, every where you go you see buildings going up.

Switzerland, as I knew it, in my younger days, is no more. Even in my home town, Mettmenstetten, it is two or three times as big.

We went up most of the big mountains like Youngfrau, Santis, Bernina and to Zermatt, and I must say the Swiss railways are an engineering feat that must be seen. The tunnels and bridges are a wonder, a wonder that man can do such things.

I had some Americans say to me, that the Swiss railways are a wonder on their own, always on time and so clean and speedy.

Taking it all in I am proud to be a Swiss, and to have Switzerland as a Fatherland, and every other Swiss here should be too.

We found Swiss people everywhere in the world, in the Philippines, Hong Kong, Beirut. In fact, in some of the outlandish places, where you least expect to meet a Swiss, there was some there.

While in New York we went to the World Fair, one of the many highlights of our trip, and we went to the Swiss pavilion there where we had Swiss ice cream etc, even saw a Swiss watch made out of an old cycle and it kept perfect time and had our last ride on a chair lift.

We went through America to see the Niagara Falls, Grand Canyon, Los Angeles and San Francisco. America, we found very expensive so, we were glad to get home again where we got our pound's worth.

All in all, we had a jolly good trip and enjoyed ourselves very much. The only thing we find it hard to settle down, and of course it is much colder here than where we've been.

—Werner Schicker.

Wellington Swiss Club

For the first time in our Club's history we had a fancy dress ball evening on Saturday, 11th September under the motto: "Fashion yesterday and tomorrow."

I must say it was a surprise all the way. First of all you could hardly recognise the hall, it was all changed to a real gay atmosphere. There was a bar with harem girls as bar maids who were more dynamite than the poison in the bottles standing on the counter.

Faruk himself was present and if you believe it or not, I heard him asking one of the Arab shieks who was present with some of his wives "Effendi how much." I must say, I did not know that such things are still in existence here in New Zealand.

Again the band El Greco was playing for us, and I am sure they helped make the evening. A special thank you to the young chef who helped Ceasar and Cleopatra prepare and serve the supper, it was excellent. There were prizes for the nicest dressed man or lady under the motto and the most original dressed single or group costumes. If I remember rightly Mr and Mrs Napp's party got the prize as the best group under the motto and Mrs Frick as the best dressed single lady. Please do not ask me who won the others. My vision got lost some time between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m.

One thing for sure, thanks to the committee, the evening was a success, there were about 60 people in fancy dress and about 35 otherwise, a shame only, where were the Swiss?

—NEVERMIND.