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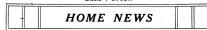
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During a debate in the National Council it was freely admitted that the present number of recruits is considerably below the constitutional contingent; the forced demands of economy in the military the forced demands of economy in the military budget had brought about a reduction which was no less resented by the yearly recruits so put back than it constituted a national danger. In spite of protests from the Socialists, Federal President Scheurer intimated that in the coming year the-unta would be increased. quota would be increased.

From an interpellation in the States Council it would appear that Switzerland will officially take part in the International Exhibition, to be held in 1925 at Paris.

An unexpected decision was recorded last Sunday by the electorate of Thoune, who were asked to vote whether the town council should be empowered to grant a subsidy towards the cost of creating a direct connection between the new railway station and the landing stages of the lake navigation com-pany. As the proposal has been negatived, the navigation company threatens to withdraw the seraltogether on the lake of Thoune.

* * The date of the next Basle Fair (the eighth) has been definitely fixed for May 17th to May 27th. The work of rebuilding will be started immediately. The work of rebuilding will be started immediately. The town council of Zurich have given their archi-tect, Mr. Herter, whose plans had already previously been accepted, special leave of absence, so as to enable him to devote the whole of his time to the building details. A special building for the adminis-tration is to be erected in addition to the destroyed halls; the new conference room, with galleries to hold about 1400 people, will probably not be finished in time for next year's gatherings.

Two accidents to cavalry subalterns, which do not seem to testify to exceptional horsemanship, happened in the neighbourhood of Frauenfeld. In both instances the riders lost control of their mount: been instances the riders lost control of their mount; one of them, Schmid, was thrown from his horse, a double fracture of the skull being the outcome, whilst the other one, Robert Steinemann, during the fall got caught in the stirrup, was dragged along for a few hundred metres and picked up dead.

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Three Basle councillors, Messrs, Calini, Frey and Grieder (the latter two representing Baselland) recently undertook an air trip to London on the invitation of the Handley-Page company. The following description appears in the National-Zeitung from the pén of Regierungsrat Calini:—
"Wir stiegen." bemerkte er, "bei schönem Wetter n Basel auf, und als wir das Häusermeer von Paris vor uns liegen sahen, da hatte bereits die schlechte Witterung gesigt. Tribe bot sich das Bild der französchen Hauptstadt. Es war kein absolutes Vergüigen, bei diesem starken Wind, gregen den ständig angekämpft werden musste, das leichte Fallen und Sinken des Apparates mitzumachen; und doch — — ich wirde sofort wirder fahren, wenn ich Zeit und Gelegenheit hätte. Statt beinahe einen Tag im Coupé zu sitzen, ware in vir in viereinhalb Stunden in Paris, und das bedeutete bereits eine Verspätung von einer Stunde-eben der ausserordentlichen Windströmungen wegen. gegen die wir kämpfen mussten. Wir landeten fürgen die wir kämpfen mussten. Wir landeten fürgen Susach nach Basel liegt, von Monsieur Croni, die Handley-Page-Gesellschaft sehr vorsichtig ist. Aber trotz dem starken Winde entschloss man sich. Aber torz dem starken Winde entschloss man sich. Aber torz dem starken Winde entschloss man sich. Drans grosse Flugzeug, das im Innern ohne Verremassen als die Freiballons beim Gordon-Bennett-Fliegen schweben. Es waren jene, durch die amselben Tage die Freiballons beim Gordon-Bennett-Fliegen schweben. Es waren jene durch die amselben Tage die Freiballons beim Gordon-Bennett-Fliegen schweben. Es waren jene, durch die amselben Tage die Freiballons beim Gordon-Bennett-Fliegen schweben. Es waren jene, durch die amselben Tage die Freiballons beim Gordon-Bennett-Fliegen schweben. Es waren jene, durch die amselben Tage die her fuhren nun in gerader Kichtung and belagieten. Es wönten jene durch die amselben Tage die Keihen von Kand

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 "Als wir in Croydon, dem Flugplatze von London. Ischon eine Stunde später war alles von Sturm und Regenschauern erfüllt. Ausser der Besichtigung der Weltstadt, die mir schon von früheren Aufenthalten. her bekannt war, sodass ich meinen basellandschaftlichen Kollegen als Cieerone dienen konnte, genossen wir ein Stück englischen Landlebens durch die freundliche Einladung des Herrn Handley-Page, sein sechzehn Meilen von London entfernt in Stanmore gelegenes Gut zu besuchen. Da ich am Dienstag wieder zurück sein wirden handley-Page, sein sechzehn Meilen von London entfernt in Stanmore gelegenes Gut zu besuchen. Da ich am Dienstag wieder zurück sein wirden flugtempo verglichen, wie eine Schneckenpost urchs Land zu führen schien.
 "Holn überzeugt, dass wir in wenig Jahren für mittel benützen werden. Auch im stärksten Sturmwinde hat mich nie das Gefühl absoluter Sicherheit verlassen, und ich kann es begreifen. das Passagiere, die für schnent.
 "Wichtig waren für mich auch die Flugfelder. Tasjenge bei Paris ist eine grosse, grüne Matte, in dwurde, Der Platz ist mit einem soliden Drahtzauer ungeben. zu beiden Seiten stehen die grossen Hangars aus feuerfestem Beton, in denne je sechs Flugzeug aufandungsplatz ein Spezialboden aus Kies und Teermaksdam gelegt worden, und der Platz selbst ist von einem inkt sehr Schönen Blechhag umgeben, wie über.
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NOTES AND GLEANINGS. By "KYBURG.

After the very nice things which were written about "Kyburg" in the S.O., and especially after the very able way in which "Notes and Gleanings" were conducted during my leave of absence, I have a feeling akin to the one I used to get on the eve of some impending school examination, in setting about to write these lines. I am afraid that my readers expect too much. Perhaps they think, not unreasonably, that I am like a Giant Refreshed, that I am full of new ideas, impressions and "mustard." That may be true, but I am afraid my holiday has been over-successful in that direc-tion, and it will take some time ere these im-

my holiday has been over-successful in that direc-tion, and it will take some time ere these im-pressions have been properly digested. After the many flattering articles which have appeared in our paper on holidays in Switzerland, I think it only just to state, as a Swiss, that there is indeed only *one Switzerland*. And, apart from the natural beauties of our beloved country, it is always an inspiration to me to find our people on the whole extremely well-informed politically. One can feel how soberly, very often unbiassedly and deeply they read the various political mani-festations and appraise them at their real worth. I was very much struck, in the Eastern part of Switzerland, by the views on politics I came across, and I confess that quite a number of my own ideas have been affected by arguments I have heard. have been affected by arguments I have heard. Of this more by and by.

The Middle Class.

Of this more by and by. The Middle Class. The Middle Class. There are, of course, also funny people in Switzerland. I consider funny, for instance, those who organise and attend a "Congress at Berne to consider the question of the formation of an Inter-national Middle Classes Union." I read in the Sheffeld Daily Telegraph (22nd Sept.):-Organisation seems to be the order of the day, and is latest manifestation is a Congress at Berne to con-sider the question of the formation of an Inter-minisation seems to be the order of the day, and Middle Classes Union. How far international Middle Classes Union. How far international Middle Classes is overdue is acknowledged. The living conditions of the class have not improved in recent years; but then, as history goes, the class itself is but a thing of yesterday. The Middle Ages knew nothing of a Middle Class, at least until the influence of the guildry system grew so strong in urban com-munities as to challenge the feudal rights of the lords-superior. Now the Middle Class has come to be looked upon as the fountain which can minister to the thirst of the other sections of the populace. Parliament can go almost into ecstacies over the worker, put yesems to vanish. Happily there is a growing element in our midds which urges that the middle class shall be remedied. The starting ground for the ventila-tion of such lies at our doors, and not in any cosmo-



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politan society, however lound-sounding in name or well-meaning in objective. The movement inaugurated in Switzerland, however, shows that the battion are middle class has to bear knows no geographical limita-tion. Those who groan under it know that only too well, and will welcome even an international recognition that something must be done to lessen its weight. I have written about this subject once already, in these Notes, and tried to show that a Middle Class Union has not got a iota of a chance. What is Middle Class? The "salaried" proletariat, as distinguished from the mere "wage-earners"? If the middle class of the population—I really do not know who they are—hope to get something by uniting into a Union, why don't they exercise their right to vote? In Switzerland, for instance, the Peasants have already got their Union. Are the peasants not Middle Class? Perhaps some of my readers will enlighten me on the subject. The Opium Convention.

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Morning Post (22nd Sept.):-

The Opium Convention. Morning Post (22nd Sept.):--League Assembly at Geneva: The Committee on Soical Questions, which was discussing opium traffic, was the scene of a little tiff between Dame Edith Lyttelton and M. Ador, Swiss representative. The former complained bitterly about the way in which opium was smuggled from Switzerland into other countries. It was no use, he said, beating about the bush. The truth was that the matter would never be put right till Switzerland ratified the Opium Convention, a thing she had up to the present refused to do, and then Dame Edith Lyttelton proposed what appeared to be practically an appeal on the part of the League to the Swiss people over the head of the Swiss Govern-ment. M. Ador protested at the insistence with which his country was criticised, and indignantly repudiated the accusations, promising, however, that Switzerland would ratify the Convention some time next year. In the end the Committee passed a resolution, urging all Governments which had not ratified the Convention to do so prometly. In Switzerland there is, so to speak, no danger arising out of misuse of drugs. I have been told that this makes it rather irksome for our Govern-ment to ratify the Convention. But, if it was possible to deal with absinthe, in order to help our few welsh Cantons which were not strong enough to deal with the borible danger alone, it will, I think, also be possible to get our people to favour the Opium Convention, in order to help pur few means restrictions wisely applied, or, as they say at home:-"Mer sind halt freii Schwyzer,

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Mer tuend nu was mer muend ! '

Bishop of Basle-Lugano celebrates his Diamond Jubilee. A Swiss National Pilgrimage will leave for the Holy City next month. There have been two successful pilgrimages to the shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes this

pilgrimages to the shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes this year. The Dean of the Swiss Episcopate, Mgr. Jacobus Stammler, D.D., Bishop of Basle-Lugano, recently cele-brated the diamond jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. All the other Swiss Bishops met at Soleure, the official residence of Mgr. Stammler, on the occasion, and attended a solemn service of thanksgiving in the ancient cathedral of St. Ursus. Similar services were held in every church and chapel throughout the diocese. A priest's exciting adventures in the early seventies, during the ill-famed "Kulturkampf." are recalled by the attainment of his golden jubilee in the priesthood by Fr. J. C. Weber, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Basle. At that time, Fr. Weber had to disguise himself as a

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travelling shoemaker, in order to attend, mostly at night, to his priestly duties. The civil authorities of the Can-ton of Berne, supporting the newly-born sect of so-called 'Old-Catholics,' exiled the Bishop of the diocese. Fr. Weber, however, still obeyed his Bishop's com-mands, which led to his being persecuted. He was even fired at. Papal honours have been bestowed on both Mgr. Stammler and Fr. Weber on the occasion of their jubiles.

It seems incredible nowadays to fear a revival of a Kulturkampf in Switzerland. And yet, while in the Canton of Zurich, I heard such fears ex-pressed from at least three different sources. It appears that the Catholics are agitating for Catho-lic schools, whereas, so far at least, nominally the schools are neutral, the majority of the population, of course, being non-Catholic. The opinion I heard mostly expressed was that such agitation might lead to regrettable controversy, the majority of the population, of course, being unwilling to sub-sidise Catholic schools. I am not a judge on such matters. My view is simply this: it seems a great pity that such questions of religious feeling should come up for discussion in the Year of Grace 1923 ! New Machine-Gun. It seems incredible nowadays to fear a revival

New Machine-Gun.

New Machine-Gun. It is also a great pity that even Switzerland should still have to prepare against warlike aggres-sion! *The Times* (Sept. 26th) prints the following: Successful trials have just been made in the Swiss Army with a new light machine-gun, made by the Federal Arms factory. This weapon weighs only four or five pounds more than the ordinary infantry rifle, which it much resembles. Its magazine holds thirty rounds, and it is capable of firing at the rate of 450 rounds per minute. From sixteen to twenty-four of these machine-guns will be allotted to every infantry battalion.

But, happily, the day before the same paper is able to report a more peaceful invention, also due to Swiss brains:—

to Swiss brains:— A private demonstration of a new 'speaking film.' which has been invented by three Swiss physicists, was given in Berlin. Though the invention is still in its elementary stages, it opens up a clear line of advance in the production of a successful speaking picture plant. In order to secure the synchronization of sound and movement, a new microphone is introduced, by means of which the sound waves are converted into electric waves, which, in their turn, produce fluctuations of light in an electric lamp. These are reproduced by photography as small horizontal lines in varying degrees of density and thickness by the side of the main film. When the film is shown on the cinematograph, the revers of this process takes place, the sound being finally transmitted to the screen by an ordinary tele-phone wire and reproduced through a loud-speaking receiver.

phone wire and reproduced through a loud-speaking receiver. The success which the invention has obtained is largely due to the last-named apparatus. A comparison was made between the playing of a piece of orchestral music on an expensive gramophone and its transmission through the loud-speaking receiver. The telephone was proved to be superior, the note, and even all the twangs of the stringed instruments which were being played in another part of the building, being reproduced distinctly.

Swiss Winter Begins.

Vis white begins. Freeman's Journal (22nd Sept.);— Winter has begun in Switzerland, and there have en heavy snowfalls, even as low as 5.900 feet above sea level. Climbing is at a standstill, owing to

been heavy snowfalls, even as low as 5.900 feet above the sea level. Climbing is at a standstill, owing to "Kyburg" evidently timed his holidays well, for during three weeks he suffered only one shower: all the rest of the time the weather was absolutely perfect. At Lugano it was even very warm, and I shall not easily forget the evenings spent at the Kursaal, Hugenins and the Riviera, when the Asti Spumante or the Chianti sparkled, and the night air was wonderfully stirred by the sweet music of the orchestra. Or, again, walking late at night through the Park towards Paradiso, looking out over the still lake towards Caprino, stabbed now and then by the scarchlight's gleam from Gandria, over the still lake towards Caprino, stabled now and then by the searchlight's gleam from Gandria, while the three large boats Ticino, Seppione and Morcote rode at anchor in the Bay, like white ghosts, one could hear a prima-donna's voice floating across the waters from the Kursaal. And from the Salvatore shone the immense querymark-like lights of the upper part of the Funcular Way. Yes, it was nice, and I think I know why so many Swiss make it a habit of visiting Lugano every year!

A new S.A.C. Hut

A new S.A.C. nut. The Times (26th Sept.):— The Ticino Section of the Swiss Alpine Club has decided to erect in the Val Soja, near the Passo della Piotta, a hut, to be called the "Adula Hut," which will facilitate the ascent of the Rheinwaldhorn (11,150 ft.) and the neighbouring peaks.

The Sun Cure at Leysin.

The Sun Cure at Leysin. *Nursing Mirror* (22nd Sept.):— Some little time ago I came across a newspaper article which depicted in glowing terms the marvellous cures said to be effected by Dr. Rollier's sun cure at Leysin, in Switzerland. So striking indeed were the results claimed for this treatment in cases of Pott's disease, coxalgia and other forms of surgical tuber-culosis, that I decided, if possible, to make a short stay at Leysin on my way to winter in Italy. The result was so intensely interesting that I think the readers of 'The Nursing Mirror' may like to know some details as seen through the eyes of a nurse. First let me pay a tribute to the courtesy and consideration I met with from the officials at Leysin. I had no introductions to anyone in the place, but, on presenting myself at the knowledge of the treatment, I was most courteously received by the lady sceretary, put in touch with the necessary officials, and introduced to a Russian lady doctor, who took me with her on ther round. The patients I was permitted to see were naturally the children, since grown persons could hardly be ex-pended to receive visitors during a treatment which

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Canada and Swiss Settlers.

The Canadian Gazette (20th Sept.):— "Canada should grant to groups of Swiss permission to establish themselves in this country in a way to form Swiss villages." said Professor Charles Biegel, in pro-posing the toast of Canada at a supper dance, given by the Swiss National Society of Montreal on the occasion of the Confederation of the Helvetian states. "Canada would have all to win." continued Professor Biegel, "as the Swiss can be easily acclimatised to this country, which so resembles his own by its high mountains and beautiful lakes." The Canadian Gazette (20th Sept.):-

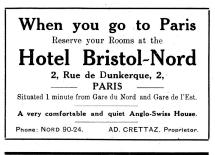
ROTH'S INGLORIOUS FIGHT.

Extreme disappointment—to put it mildly—is the impression caused by the performance last Mon-day at Olympia of Robert Roth, the would-be Swiss champion boxer. Of real boxing there was little evidence: it was all on the side of his opponent, Albert Lloyd. By the end of the second round he was severely mauled; in spite of the interval, he could not sufficiently recover presence of mind to emerge from his corner for the third round, with the result that Mr. Abglanalp found himself compelled to stop the fight. Roth had received a good deal of punishment, and ,experts are of opinion that he possesses the necessary material, for a first-class boxer. Roth, however, does not seem to be able to free himself altogether from his wrestling notions and is slow in becoming familiar with the exigencies of the art of boxing. Extreme disappointment-to put it mildly-—is There would appear to be some truth in the off-heard assertion that a successful wrestler can never heard assertion that a successful wrestler can never be turned into a promising boxer. One thing is certain, and that is that training for boxing in this country demands a far greater mental concentration and undivided attention to details than the prepara-tion which precedes the proclamation of a "Schwin-gerkönig." The only thing that Roth seems to have successfully assimilated is the traditional and boast-ful confidence in victory: to hear him talk before the event, one expected the easiest "Hosenlupf" ever demonstrated. This confident expectation had so deeply settled in his mind that he even refused to allow two of his sparring partners to accompany him as séconds. Roth has now left England, and is reported to have gone to Paris.

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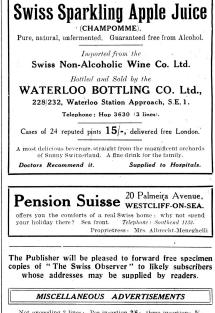
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