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the people unemployed, whereas the machine, metal and watch industries, which have found that their markets are improving, have been able to employ new workers.

### SWISSAIR WINTER AIR TRAFFIC ENGLAND-SWITZERLAND.

New winter schedules will come into force on October 5th. The Swissair service England-Switzerland will be continued throughout the winter. A most convenient time-table will bring Switzerland and its popular autumn and winter tourists centres within a day from London. The machine leaves Croydon at 9.20 a.m., and arrives at Zurich at 13.45 (Swiss time) where fast trains will connect with all principal tourist stations.

The departure from Zurich has been fixed at 2.00 p.m. to connect with the mid-day train arrivals from all parts of Switzerland. The landing at Croydon is scheduled at 4.40 p.m. (English time) in order to give good connections to all evening train departures from London.

Further it should not be forgotten that an excellent train connection between Zurich and Milan links up with the Swissair arrivals and departures, bringing also Italy within a day's reach from London.

The Swiss service operated by the well-known Douglas class of airliner runs non-stop from London to Zurich in about 3½ hours, giving a tremendous saving of time compared with the fastest train connections. From October 5th to December 12th this Swissair service is operated weekdays only. For the peak of the winter sport season until the beginning of the summer season a Sunday service with similar time-table will be introduced, thus bringing the Swiss Winter Sport Week-end to reality. At the same time this new Swissair Sunday service will extend the holidays of English tourists by at least 2 days taking into consideration that it will be possible to fly to Switzerland on a Saturday and return from Swiss Winter Sports on a Sunday.

For the winter sport season Zurich has all the important train connections to the popular winter sport resorts in the Grisons, the Bernese Oberland and Central Switzerland so that it will be possible to have breakfast in London and dinner at St. Moritz, Davos, Arosa, Engelberg, Wengen, Murren, etc. The same train connections have been ensured for the return journey to England.

The Douglas airliners are now well known for the comfort offered to passengers. During the winter the cabin will be well heated and as usual stewardess service on board. By reducing the capacity of the Douglas airliner to 12 passengers, additional pay load will be offered for the heavy baggage and the winter sport kit of tourists flying to Switzerland.

For the sake of safety no landing will be made at Basle during the winter, to have full use of the blind landing equipment at the airport of Zurich. English airports are now being equipped with the standard blind landing apparatus which corresponds with the instruments carried on every Swissair Douglas airliner. It has been proved last year what a regularity even in winter operation can be achieved on the Swiss route, as during the 4 months operation period only 3 services did not land at the terminal airport in London. Owing to extremely bad weather conditions one machine had to land at Paris and two arrivals were made at Lympe, Croydon being completely fog-bound. With the unrivalled summer- and winter experience of all Swissair pilots flying the London-Switzerland route it is anticipated that a similar when not better record will be achieved this year.

### SALVATION ARMY NEWS.

On the occasion of the return of the famous Chalk Farm Band of the Salvation Army, from a sixteen days tour, — during which, visits have been paid to various central European capitals, amongst them Berne — a reception was held, at the Citadel, Chalk Farm, the Headquarters of the Band, on Saturday last.

The band, under the conductorship of band-master A. W. Punchard, played outside the Palais Fédéral in Berne; on this occasion, M. Meyer, President of the Swiss Confederation, accompanied by various members of the government, addressed the Band, paying a great tribute to the Salvation Army work.

Last Saturday's Festival was presided over, by Sir William J. Collins, K.C.V.O., M.D., Vice-Lieutenant of the County of London.

Amongst the guests were several representatives of the countries which the band had visited. M. de Jenner, Chargés d'Affaires of Switzerland, having been unable to be present, M. Stauffer, of the Swiss Observer attended this very enjoyable gathering.

### OLD LUCERNE.

From fair Lucerners lofty towers — on lowly huts it's freedom pours — and shows the strangers silent train — of terror that scoured o'er the plain — seeking the forest's deepest glen — to house with peasants — and escape from men.

Few are they the tale to tell — for, sorrow — worn — the people fell — and in wild terror to the land — down to the ships the linked band. The well-known man the order gave — in silence o'er the swelling waves — with noiseless oars his vessels gay — from Brunnen there to get away. And Wilhelm Tell found justice rare — offers with him the realm to share — people — no doubt — rejoice to find — the country's free — with peaceful mind. The tears o'er good Tell's silent bier — the people's tears — were all sincere — even they to whom no riches gave — carried him heavily to the grave. All hearts were struck at the hero's end — his country wept as for a friend — his family oft alone would muse — as pondering o'er unthought of news. The village lasses — we were told — made ready all their might to hold — their Schweizer wit expressed in cheese — did not our stern heads fancy please? Now many a maiden fair will be — in boat with oars — to splash the sea — who will not wake perchance next morn — to laugh at freedom newly born.

Mary E. Brandwood.

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Friday, September 25th — Swiss Mercantile Society — Dance at the Palace Hotel, Bloomsbury Street, W.C.2. (tickets 2/6).

Friday, September 25th, at 8.30 p.m. to 2 a.m. — Union Helvetia Club — Grand Gala Dance — at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. (See advert.)

Wednesday, October 7th, at 7.30 p.m. — Société de Secours Mutuels — Monthly Meeting, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Saturday, October 17th — Swiss Mercantile Society — Annual Banquet and Ball — at the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, W.1.

Friday, November 27th — City Swiss Club — Annual Banquet and Ball — at the Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W.1.

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Une collecte spéciale sera faite en faveur des  
Suisses d'Espagne.

6h.30 — Prédication et culte de communion. —  
M. R. Hoffmann de Visme.

### BAPTEME.

Christian et Albert Petit, nés le 30 janvier 1936.  
Fils de Max Petit et de Lucie, née Bailloil —  
23 September, 1936.

M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme reçoit à l'église, 79,  
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(near General Post Office.)

Sonntag, den 20. September 1936.

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11 Uhr morgens, Wiederbeginn der Sonntag-  
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