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SWISS INDUSTRIES.

The well-known engineering firm of Sulzer Bros. Winterthur is at present constructing an electric locomotive of 4400 horsepower for the Rumanian Government. This huge engine is intended for the international trains from Bukarest to Brasov, & will have a drawing power of 600 tons. The character of the country through which this line threads its way compares with that of the Gotthard railway. So it is not surprising that there is much similarity between this Rumanian locomotive and the "Mammoth" type of the Swiss Federal Railways, namely in the separation of the two short-coupled halves of the engine, each half running on four driving axles and three running axles. The engine, measured over the buffers, is 29 meters long and has a weight of 220 tons. Over the flat country from Bucharest to Carpathia, a speed of 100 Kilometers per hour is expected.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

During the 18th century the canton of Glarus had approximately 12,000 sheep. Today the number of sheep has fallen to 614. The peasant confederation of Glarus has now decided to raise sheep breeding to a higher standard. With the introduction of pedigree stock they hope to improve quality and breed of the present stock.

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Out of 100,000 unemployed in Switzerland during last February 30% were foreigners. Every 11th inhabitant is of foreign extraction. Every 12th Swiss lives in foreign countries, because they are unable to procure their daily bread in their own country. These Swiss emigrants are good, hard-working people who do not want to be a responsibility to their borough, country or state. Nevertheless it means that they have to make room for the "Ausländer."

In a thickly populated country like Switzerland, this state of affairs is more or less a calamity, especially so when its Government has to call on its resources to assist emigration.

Centuries ago, emigration, to a great extent, only temporarily, was due to a restless nature, more than to any other cause. The Wanderlust and fighting spirit caused many to go abroad, perhaps to find a fortune or to fight other countries' battles. But in late years, thousands of Swiss have been obliged to leave their native homeland and to find a home elsewhere.

It is a statement we can justly be proud of, that wherever they settle they always enjoy a good name as to their abilities, and especially their character. A Swiss need never be ashamed to name his country.

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