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APPOINTMENT OF DR. LEON BOSSHARD, TARARU/THAMES, AS DELEGATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS IN NEW ZEALAND.

We are pleased to advise that Dr. Leon Bosshard of Zuerich, a member of our Society and a resident of New Zealand for many years, has recently been appointed by the Committee of the International Red Cross at Geneva, as their Delegate in New Zealand.

Dr. Bosshard is well known in New Zealand as a geologist, in which capacity he has for many years been active in this country in petroleum research work. He is at present Director of a gold mining enterprise in New Zealand. Dr. Bosshard is married to a New Zealander whom he first met in Switzerland, where they married. He has one child, who was born in New Plymouth.

By his appointment as Delegate of the International Red Cross in New Zealand, Dr. Bosshard has been signally honoured and we wish to extend to him our hearty congratulations. It may be pointed out again on this occasion that all the members of the Committee of the International Red Cross at Geneva and their many delegates all over the world are exclusively Swiss citizens, and the important role the International Red Cross Organisation is playing again in this war need not be stressed here as it is common knowledge of everybody.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. ERNST DICKERMANN, OF ZURICH, AS CHANCELLOR OF THE SWISS CONSULATE AT WELLINGTON.

A little more than a year ago, Mr. Ernst Dickerman, coming from Bangkok, Thailand, arrived in New Zealand, and has recently been attached by the Swiss Federal Political Department in Berne, to the Swiss Consulate in Wellington as Chancellor.

Mr. Dickenmann is a member of the staff of the well-known Swiss firm, Diethelm & Co. of Zurich, who have branches in different parts of the Far East. He came here to spend a vacation in a cooler climate, and to do a little mountaineering. Soon after his arrival, war broke out in the Pacific, and he was unable to return to Thailand. In the meantime Mr. Dickenmann has quite settled down in Wellington and besides his own work at the Consulate, is taking an active interest in the Committee work of the Swiss Benevolent Society.

MAIL AND PARCELS FOR SWITZERLAND.

There has been no change regarding the mail service New Zealand - Switzerland, that is, in other words, letters and postal cards for Switzerland are accepted by the New Zealand Post Offices as heretofore. It is, however, not possible, at this juncture, as it has not been for one year, to send postal packages to Switzerland.

SWISS BROADCAST.

We herewith wish to inform members, that the Swiss National Broadcasting Station at Schwarzenburg near Berne has changed the time of transmission to Australia and New Zealand, and the details are now as follows: -

Broadcasts:

Twice weekly.

Tuesday, mainly in English

Saturday, in the three national languages

Reception time in New Zealand: 8.45 to 10.15 p.m.

Wave length: 25.28 m