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A new basis for naturalisation has been fixed by the Grosse Rat of the canton Thurgau. In future applicants will have to produce a certificate of health and foreigners are given the right to insist on naturalisation if the conditions now laid down are fulfilled. The local commune will have no say in the matter.

All local traffic or intercourse along the Franco-Swiss frontier has come to a complete stand-still; practically the whole length is lined with barbed wire. At St. Gingolph, a small village cut in half by the frontier, a funeral cortege was stopped on the common bridge, the fence was opened for the hearse alone and the mourners were turned back.

It is stated that negotiations are under way between the Italian and Swiss Governments for the construction of a pipe line between Genoa and a Swiss frontier place. Steamers flying the Swiss flag are generally discharging at Genoa and the transport of oil would be facilitated and cheapened by such a pipe line.

The International Red Cross Committee of Geneva now owns nine cargo ships flying the Red Cross flag. So far they have brought from America 100,000 tons of goods of various kinds for distribution among prisoners of war. The ships have made 151 transatlantic voyages.

Opposition is growing to the hydro-electric scheme which would involve the demolition of the three villages of Hinterrhein, Nufenen and Medels in order to create an artificial lake. At an open-air meeting the population of the Rheinwald district in the Grisons, north of San Bernardino Pass, unanimously proclaimed their right to remain on their own land and again opposed the scheme.

The total production of Swiss tobacco amounted in 1942 to 12 million kg. which were manufactured into pipe tobacco and cigarettes. With the small amount of imported tobacco added, the available quantity was sufficient to avoid rationing.

#### SWISS BROADCASTS:

According to information received, the Swiss National Broadcasting Station at Schwarzenburg is now transmitting the twice weekly broadcast to Australia and New Zealand on

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Time: 7.15 p.m. to 8.45 p.m.  
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