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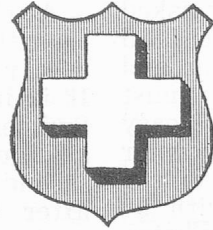
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NEWS OF THE COLONY

A Swiss-New Zealand Wedding

The wedding of Mr. Fridolin Wehrli to Patricia Eleanor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hunter, of Khandallah, Wellington, was celebrated on October 17th, in the lovely old English Church, St. Barnabas, at Khandallah. The bride wore a gorgeous Swiss organdy dress with a long train, a Queen Anne bonnet with long veil, and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley. The church was also decorated with these traditional flowers of English weddings. The young couple looked extremely happy on that fine spring day.

After the church ceremony the bride's parents gave a reception at their home, which was attended by over 50 guests. Many toasts were offered and everybody wished the young couple a long and happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Wehrli then left for their honeymoon, to be spent in the South Island. When they return they will be able to move into their own home, which Mr. Wehrli planned and constructed himself.

NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND

Swiss Society for Public Welfare

The Swiss Society for Public Welfare will soon hold its yearly meeting in Geneva. This Society was founded in 1810 in Zurich and is especially devoted to the support of professional education, social aid and popular education. Their first task was to build homes for foundlings, but the Society has also helped people who have suffered from natural catastrophes and the young and old, whenever aid was necessary. The Society has worked out plans for family vacations and they have constructed with their own funds small vacation houses for workers and their families.

More Safety for Cyclists

A new electric tail-light for bicycles has just been put on the market by a well-known Swiss firm. This new device consists of a special white lens which illuminates the back and the hand signs of the bicyclist, and a red light with a strong light reflector which can be seen from a great distance. The new invention not only provides more safety for cyclists but also gives warning to car drivers at night. It is very moderate in price and will certainly contribute to increased safety in night traffic.

New Swiss Invention

Among other Swiss inventions which have just been placed on the market, a new device for preventing car thefts may be mentioned. The mechanism is based on the vibration principle and will give alarm as soon as the car or any of its parts is tampered with. This safety gadget can also be used to protect offices, homes, or public places.

No Fear of Coal or Steel Shortage

In order to make secure her ability to obtain natural resources Switzerland recently formed a special delegation for the European Coal and Steel Pool. The question of obtaining natural resources was also discussed a short while ago by representatives of several Swiss industrial organisations. As it appears now, Switzerland need have no fear of a coal and steel shortage, but there is some question about the future satisfaction of her needs. Discrimination and the "double Prix" are still a threat to the Swiss machine industry. Switzerland does not possess enough natural resources to meet all of her demands, but she cannot allow her economic situation to be endangered by new factors which are arising in the field. The newly appointed delegation is expected to protect Switzerland's interests in the Pool.