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SOCIAL EVENTS.

On June 17th the Swiss Minister and Madame Paravicini gave a dinner and dance for the whole Staff of the Swiss Legation at the Edward VII Rooms, Hotel Victoria.

A few friends were also asked to the entertainment, which was a very merry and enjoyable evening.

M. Paravicini availed himself of this opportunity to thank his Staff for their readiness in assisting him towards the discharge of his diplomatic duties.

M. Charles Corragioni d'Orelli, Counsellor of Legation, replied on behalf of the Staff and expressed to the Minister the deep gratitude of all his "collaborateurs and collaboratrices" for his great kindness and friendly disposition towards the Staff, and for M. and Mme. Paravicini's charming hospitality.

The informal and short "speeches" were concluded by a rhymed compliment of M. Martin to his hosts.

On June 28th the Swiss Minister and Madame Paravicini entertained at dinner at their home the Belgian Ambassador and Baronne Moncheur, the Danish Minister and Madame de Castenskiöld, Earl and Countess of Powis, Lady Katherine Meade, Lady Winifred Renshaw, Lord Stanmore, Lord Fermoy, Sir Basil and Lady Montgomery, Colonel The Hon. G. Keppel, Colonel The Hon. A. Monckton Arundel, The Hon. Mrs. Burn, Mrs. H. Higgins, Mlle. de Pourtalès, and Sir Ellis Hume-Williams.

On July 1st the Swiss Minister and Madame Paravicini gave at 5, Lower Berkeley Street, W.1, a luncheon in honour of M. Alfred Georg and M. John Syz, delegates of the Swiss Government to the Congress of the International Chamber of Commerce.

The other guests were Colonel Prof. Eugène Borel, President of the Mixed Arbitral Tribunal, M. Alfred Reinhart, President of the "Commission Commerciale Suisse" of Alexandria, M. Jacques de Pury, Secretary-General of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce in Paris, and MM. Charles Corragioni d'Orelli, François J. Borsinger, and Henri Martin, of the Legation's Staff.

GODFREY HUNGERBÜHLER †

We deeply regret having to record the death of our compatriot, Mr. Godfrey Hungerbühler, who has passed away peacefully on July 10th at his residence, 4, Inverness Place, W.2, after a short illness.

Born at St. Gall in June, 1849, a citizen of the Canton of Thurgau, Mr. Hungerbühler came to London in the year 1877, establishing himself in business in 1890 as Specialist in Artistic Draperies, Upholsterer and Decorator, in which capacities he succeeded to gain the patronage and great esteem of a wide clientele.

A serious loss is inflicted upon the Swiss Colony, in which the deceased displayed for over forty years a prominent and fruitful activity with sincere devotion, true patriotic spirit and pronounced personal modesty.

Since 1879 Mr. Hungerbühler was a member of the Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres, without ever having figured on their sick list. He was the designer and organiser of the Embroidered Banner, which was presented to that society by the Ladies of the Swiss Colony, at the celebration of the 200th anniversary of its foundation, at the Hotel Cecil in 1903.

In 1879 our compatriot joined as a member the Helvetia Choral Society, acting as its president during 5 years, eventually becoming Hon. Member of the Union Helvetia in 1900.

The "Schweizerbund" he joined in the year 1887, being subsequently also elected Hon. Member and Trustee of this society. On the members' roll of the City Swiss Club Mr. Hungerbühler figured since 1905, and on that of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique since 1916.

Evidence of the master in his own art bore the patriotic decorations arranged and executed by him on the occasion of the 600th anniversary celebration of the Swiss Confederation at the "Star and Garter," Richmond, in 1891, and all subsequent big Swiss banquets and fêtes right up to this year's Fête Suisse at King George's Hall, which, unfortunately, was destined to be the occasion of his last appearance at this particular function, which he had never missed to attend for upwards of forty years.

One personal feat of which Mr. Hungerbühler was especially proud was his winning of the 2nd prize in the Veterans' Handicap at the Swiss Sports of 1920 at the venerable age of 71.

The Eglise Suisse and the Fonds de Fonds de Secours pour les Suisses pauvres à Londres also sustain a severe loss, for Mr. Hungerbühler's beneficence was never appealed to in vain.

Nothing we might wish to add to these brief particulars could tend to further emphasize the deplorable fact that the Swiss Colony has lost "One of the Best."

The remains of Mr. Hungerbühler were laid to rest on Wednesday afternoon at the Kensal Green Cemetery (where the wife had preceded him in 1912), the hearse being covered with over 40 splendid floral tributes.

Present at the burial service in the Protestant Chapel were the chief mourners: Mr. and Mrs. Emile Hungerbühler, Mr. John Kupli and Mrs. Bridge; of his personal friends: Mr. and Mrs. Kienast, Mrs. Honegger, Messrs. V. Burkhardt, A. Bodenehr, E. Maeder, E. Fuchs, A. Müller, Walthart, J. Graf and many others. The Eglise Suisse was represented by Mr. E. Boissonnas; the Secours Mutuels by Messrs. G. Forrer, Ch. Chapuis and C. Campart; the City Swiss Club by Mr. Georges Dimier; the Union Helvetia by Mr. A. Wyss; the Schweizerbund by Mr. Theo. Nanzer; and the Swiss Choral Society by Mr. F. Isler.

PERSONAL PARS.

Mr. A. Stauffer has joined the firm of Messrs. Buser & Keiser (London) Ltd., of 7, Gutter Lane, E.C.2.

Mr. Georges Dimier has left London to spend his summer holiday in Switzerland. We wish him joy and trust he will return fully invigorated.

Miss Nelly Schulthess, daughter of the President of the Swiss Confederation, has left London on the 7th of July, returning to Switzerland after having spent a few months in England.

LONDON TO SWITZERLAND AND ITALY VIA DOVER—OSTEND.

The London Offices of the Belgian State Railways inform us that the passport and customs examinations of passengers and luggage to and from Switzerland, via Ostend and Alsace-Lorraine, which formerly took place at St. Louis, are now performed at Basle, and therefore the stoppage at the former station, which caused a considerable delay to the service, is now obviated.

There are now two daily services to and from Switzerland via Dover-Ostend-Brussels-Luxembourg-Strasbourg-Basle.

Through carriages, 1st, 2nd and 3rd class, also sleeping cars, run from Ostend to Basle and vice-versa.

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79, Endell Street, W.C.2.

Dimanche, 17 Juill. 11h.—M. Boissonnas

Dimanche, 24 Juill. 11h.—M. Boissonnas

BAPTEMES.

Souia Adrienne CORTESY, née le 11 Janv. 1921, fille de Edmond et Joan née Cooke, de Sarzens & Dompierre (Vaud)—le 29 Juin 1921.

Roland Melville COOKE, né le 13 Avril 1918, et Hilaire Edmond COOKE, né le 16 Déc. 1919, fils de Percival et Marie Isabelle née Melville—le 30 Juin 1921.

Gordon Henry HAFTER, né le 18 Mai 1921, fils de Henry et Else née Heyman—de Weinfeld (Thurgovie)—le 3 Juillet 1921.

MARIAGE.

Theodor John GALLMAN, de Zurich, et Blanchette Finch POW, de Hastings—le 2 Juillet 1921.

SERVICE FUNEBRE.

Margrit SCHALL, née Schoenemann, de Berne, décédée à Colsden le 6 Juillet 1921, à l'âge de 25 ans—le 11 Juillet 1921.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Thursday, July 28th, 7.45 p.m.—FETE DU 1ER AOÛT, Soirée-Concert at Steinway Hall, organised by the Swiss Institute. (See advert. on p. 150.)