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to her little baby brother, aged 18 months. A few hours later the poor little mite died of poisoning, the bottle having contained benzol.

(Extracts from *Swiss Papers*.)

A Genève un Russe nommé Koukinsky se livrait au commerce des reptiles, dont il fournissait les laboratoires des universités de Lausanne, Fribourg, Neuchâtel et Genève. Il avait dans son logis plus de 200 vipères, couleuvres, etc.

Or, le jour de l'Ascension, K. étant absent, six reptiles s'échappèrent et pénétrèrent dans l'appartement voisin, habité par Mme. Guenin, qui, en entrant à son domicile, se trouva, avec l'effarement que l'on comprend, en présence de deux vipères et d'une couleuvre buvant, dans une jatte, le lait du chat de la maison. La gendarmerie, accourue aux cris de Mme. Guenin, réussit à tuer les dangereux visiteurs et découvrit peu après les trois autres fugitifs. On juge de ce qui aurait pu se passer si les 200 pensionnaires de ce peu banal industriel s'étaient répandus dans le quartier.

Payenne.—Le bataillon de sapeurs I, sous les ordres du major Waeber, vient de terminer son cours de répétition. Le lendemain de sa mobilisation il construisait une passerelle sur la Broye au lieu dit: le pont des aveugles et recevait la visite du chef de corps et de deux officiers belges.

Pendant ces quinze jours la troupe a fait des exercices de marche et nous laisse en souvenir une superbe passerelle en bois, de 38 m. de long et de 2 m. de large qui se trouve au Châtelard, juste en face de la briqueterie. Elle rendra de grands services aux promeneurs et aux pêcheurs. Le bataillon en a fait la remise officielle à la Municipalité vendredi matin. Les Payernois garderont un bon souvenir de cette belle troupe.

SWISS CREWS FOR HENLEY.

Through the courtesy of our Minister, Mr. C. R. Paravicini, we have just received information that the rowing section of the "Grasshopper Club, Zurich" have entered an "eight" to compete in the Grand Challenge Cup, and a "four" for competing in the Stewards' Challenge Cup at the Henley Regatta, which takes place from July 5th to July 8th next.

For a long number of years it has been the sincere ambition of the "Grasshopper Club" (rowing section) to compete at Henley, but circumstances have always prevented this aspiration from being realised until this year.

It will be the first time that Switzerland is represented at Henley, and we trust the fact that Dr. Hans Walter will be one of the members of the crews (he acted as stroke with the victorious "four" at the Olympic Games in 1920 at Antwerp) augurs well for the success of the Swiss crews at Henley.

The crew of the Swiss "eight" for the Grand Challenge Cup will be composed of the following:—

F. Lecomte, C. Muhr, A. Tiedemann, E. Albrecht, Benno Bauer, M. Syz, Dr. R. Bosshard, Dr. Hans Walter; while for the Stewards' Challenge Cup—

Dr. R. Bosshard, M. Syz, Benno Bauer, Dr. Hans Walter will take to the water.

It is anticipated the gentlemen named will reach England in company with the President of the rowing section of the "Grasshopper Club," Mr. Fritz Waltisbühl, about June 26th or 27th next, the members of the crews taking up their quarters at the Catherine Wheel Hotel, Henley.

We hope the members of the Swiss Colony will realise that these athletes from our mother country are undertaking

a task which will demand supreme efforts, since all competing countries delegate only the cream of their talent and champions to Henley, where the contests are by tradition most keen and strenuous.

If, therefore, the Swiss Colony can inspire our competing compatriots to give of their best, we hope the members of our Colony will turn up in strong force at Henley to give the sporting representatives of Switzerland that moral confidence and courage which it is possible to infuse and which, admittedly, plays no mean part in aiding the endeavours of our men to see the standard of the "White Cross" hoisted.

We confidently trust our appeal will be gallantly responded to, and we couple that hope with wishes of best luck and success for our compatriots at Henley!

We further learn from another source that for this year's International A.A.A. Championships, which are to be held at Stamford Bridge from July 30th to August 4th, several athletes from home have sent in their entries. As soon as we are in possession of further details, we shall not fail to communicate full information to our readers.

City Councillor G. T. DE LORIOI, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Most of our compatriots who temporarily or permanently forsake their mother country for the British Isles, usually succumb to the magnetic power of the great City of London.

But no rule without exception—English provincial towns also attract Swiss, and if prospects of rise to fortune, prominence and position are proportionately remoter there, the greater is the merit of those who do aspire and attain to a successful career in centres where the possibilities are more restricted.

Consequently, Mr. G. de Liori may indeed be proud of his record, which incidentally goes to prove that the high esteem and full confidence which the community of Newcastle-on-Tyne reposed in him were not misplaced.

Born in 1865 at Crassier (Canton de Vaud) as the son of Mons. P. de Liori-Le Fort, the world-renowned Genevese geologist and zoologist, Mr. G. de Liori was educated at Geneva and at Lyons (France), at which latter city he obtained his diploma as Civil Engineer at the Ecole Centrale Lyonnaise.

He came to Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1886, entered the coal export trade and established the firm of G. de Liori & Co. in 1900, which succeeded in building up an extensive coal exporting business, with wide connections in France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Egypt, etc. etc.

Having acquired British citizenship, our compatriot was elected member of the Newcastle City Council in 1908, was appointed Sheriff of the City in 1912, and subsequently Justice of the Peace.

Apart from holding these municipal offices, Mr. de Liori was also for ten years Chairman of the Newcastle Trade and Commerce Corporation.

His wide knowledge and experience, coupled with a genial personality, earned him the full appreciation of his colleagues in office, genuine popularity amongst his Newcastle co-citizens, and highest esteem from his wide circle of business friends.

Mr. de Liori will take with him into his partial retirement on his property near Geneva memories which will doubtless afford him well merited pleasure and comfort, while Switzerland will welcome the return of one of her sons who has represented her nobly in this hospitable country here, whose people are not slow to recognise and value good service rendered in the public interest.