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In the nitric acid works at Bodio, steel coils carrying nitrogen tetroxide had become leaky, so that the tetroxide mixed with the cooling agent, benzene. The mixture would have been discharged into the river Tessin, but the water level in the river was very low at the time.

Soviet and Switzerland—Some timely and necessary Corrections.

The Lausanne correspondent of The Daily Telegraph (29th June) writes:—

It is important that certain statements which were published yesterday morning should be at once corrected. There is no truth in the story that the Swiss Government are detaining any Bolshevik funds deposited in Swiss banks.

Respectability run mad.

Daily Dispatch (25th June):—

The latest form of Prussianism appears to have been invented in Switzerland, where, according to a report just received, the Swiss police are attempting to act as watchdogs on the morals of their visitors, and have taken to requiring all couples staying in hotels to produce their marriage certificates or equally satisfactory evidence of marriage—otherwise they must quit the country.

Imagine the position in Blackpool, Llandudno, or any other large holiday resort during the summer season if a similar craze were to seize the local police on representations from a "social purity league"!

Apart from the improbability of any married couple actually having in their possession at the time such "evidence of respectability," many married men would be hard put to it to discover where their marriage certificates were unless their wives were to come to the rescue.

Most married women hide them away in some "safe" corner—so safe and secret that, as often as not, they themselves have great difficulty in naming its precise location.

Similar paragraphs have been published in many British newspapers lately. In cases like this, where such great harm can so easily be done to the Hotel Industry of Switzerland, it would surely be the duty of our Legation to get the newspapers to publish corrections.

Death of Dr. Kunding.

Co-operative News (30th June):—

British co-operators have more than a passing interest in the loss the Swiss co-operative movement has sustained through the death of Dr. Rodolf Kunding, inasmuch as he played no small part in the reception amenities at the Congress of the International Co-operative Alliance at Basle in 1921, and was one of the principal orators at the model co-operative village of Freidorf.

Dr. Kunding was the president of the Supervisory Council of the Swiss Union of Consumers' Societies, the president of the administrative council of the Swiss Popular Provident Society, and the president of the administrative council of the Swiss Co-operative Market Gardening Society, and a member of the commission for the development of colonisation co-operatives.

A co-operator not by circumstance, but by conviction, he entered into the movement because he felt it to be his profound social, or rather religious, duty to do so in order to help to solve the social question. A follower of Vansittart Neale, Ludlow, and Charles Kingsley, he worked with tongue and pen for the cause he held so dear. His lamented death has cut short a study of a great Swiss pioneer, Prof. Schär, which he was preparing for the "Millgate Monthly."

Wireless Telegraphy.

Economist (30th June):—

The Marconi Radio Station—a Swiss joint-stock company established at Berne, and directly connected with the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, Ltd., of London—has just published its first annual report, covering the period from the opening (April 12) to December 31, 1922. The equipment has been largely furnished by the London company, and the instruction of the operators has been carried on in London.

ROUND AND ABOUT.

News has just come through that Madame Charlotte Dimier, the eldest sister of Mr. Georges Dimier, has died in Geneva, after a serious operation. Mr. Dimier, accompanied by his son-in-law, Mr. R. de Cintra, left for Switzerland last Monday night on receipt of an urgent telegraphic message and, I believe, just arrived in time to see his sister alive. Mr. Dimier was very much attached to his sister, and his numerous friends in the London Colony will sincerely sympathise with him in his bereavement.

The meeting of the City Swiss Club at Kingeston last Tuesday was marred by the inclemency of the weather. A good many people were kept away as a consequence of the fatigue resulting from loss of sleep during the previous night's unusual thunderstorm, and the reappearance of this phenomenon just when it was time to start for Kingeston frightened most, except those stalwart supporters of the club who can always be depended upon whether it rains dogs or cats!

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Mercantile Society took place last Thursday, and the president is to be complimented for having secured a gathering of over 50 members. The large enclosed hall of the Union Helvetia is not exactly an ideal place for debating when the temperature is in the neighbourhood of 90 in the shade, and I think the keen interest which those present displayed was very remarkable under the trying conditions.

Once again Switzerland has not been able to secure any honours at the Henley Regatta. Dr. R. Bosshard, of the Grasshoppers Club in Zurich, after being successful in the first eliminating heat, had an excellent chance of winning the subsequent heat against the Canadian sculler, Hilton Belyea; our compatriot was leading by about three lengths when a sunstroke paralysed his further efforts.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES.

Table with columns for Bonds, Shares, and various stock names like Swiss Confederation, Credit Suisse, and others, with prices for July 3 and July 10.

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FONDS DE SECOURS POUR LES SUISSES PAUVRES A LONDRES (1870)—79, Endell Street, W.C. 2.
SWISS HOUSE (1885)—34/35, Fitzroy Square, W. 1.
FOYER SUISSE—12-13, Upper Bedford Place, W. 1.
CITY SWISS CLUB (1856)—436, Strand, W.C. 2.
UNIONE TICINESE (1874)—74, Charlotte St., W. 1.
UNION HELVETIA (1886)—1, Gerrard Place, W. 1.
SWISS CLUB SCHWEIZERBUND (1887)—74, Charlotte Street, W. 1.
SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY (1888)—24, Queen Victoria Street, E.C. 4.
SWISS INSTITUTE (1905)—28, Red Lion Square, W.C. 1.
SWISS Y.M.C.A.—28, Red Lion Square, W.C. 1.
NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE (1916)—28, Red Lion Square, W.C. 1.
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MONSIEUR JAQUES DALCROZE will hold a SUMMER VACATION SCHOOL (Rhythmic Movement, Plastic Expression, Solfège, Improvisation) at University College, Bangor, North Wales (by courtesy of the Senate), August 8th to 23rd, 1923.

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