

Zeitschrift: The Swiss observer : the journal of the Federation of Swiss Societies in the UK

Herausgeber: Federation of Swiss Societies in the United Kingdom

Band: - (1923)

Heft: 113

Rubrik: Round and about

Nutzungsbedingungen

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

Conditions d'utilisation

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

Terms of use

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

Download PDF: 16.01.2026

ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>

ZENITH

THE ZENITH WATCH CO. (Gt. Britain).
119, HIGH HOLBORN, W.C.1.
Factories: LE LOCLE (Switzerland).

Watches are good watches. If science could discover more suitable materials or genius devise more perfect methods of manufacture, then ZENITH watches would be better watches. As it is, they are as good as a watch can be made. You can pay more but one cannot buy more.

Sold by leading Jewellers everywhere.

class people generally. But notwithstanding the crude character of many of his observations, his expressions are always delicate and evidence of a refined personality. Like Keller, Schaffner lives eminently on optic impressions, like him he is shy of women, though not so shy as Keller was, like him he does not believe in God, but rather in the might and power of Man's brain. Whereas Keller was swept away by the political enthusiasm of 1848, Schaffner was swept off his feet by the industrial and technical enthusiasm of the Germany of the 20th century, by Berlin growing and expanding with American speed. Whereas Keller, owing to the political evolution of Switzerland, became more and more attached to his country, Schaffner, impressed by the atmosphere of the metropolis, found his mother's country more genial to his temperament. Yet he cannot forget his fatherland either. Over and over again his dynamic novels, written in a brilliant style, depicting in turn Swiss and German *milieus*, knock at our doors and blow through the country, often so self-satisfied, like a fresh blast.

(To be continued.)

ROUND AND ABOUT.

The "Bundesfeier" was celebrated last Wednesday in the London Colony with the traditional spirit and thoroughness. The concert given at the Memorial Hall by the Swiss Institute was, as usual, a great success. A characteristic of this society is the fact that its doors are open to all and every Swiss, membership not being imposed as a *sine qua non* on those who simply wish to attend the regular lectures and other gatherings, arranged by its active committee, of which Mr. H. Joss is the president. The hall was comfortably filled, and over three hundred people greeted the Swiss Minister, Mons. C. R. Paravicini, when he, in a few well-chosen sentences, opened the fête, mentioning that there was no necessity for him to enlarge on the stimulating patriotic activities of the Swiss Institute, which was so well known in our colony. The gala numbers of the programme were, without doubt, the instrumental tunes by the orchestra under the able leadership of Mr. E. P. Dick; they were quite sufficient to transplant our heart and soul into the dear old country, and this is perhaps the reason why it appears that each time we listen to this orchestra it seems to excel its previous performance. The official patriotic address was delivered by Prof. Morier-Genoud; it was an admirable appeal to our sense of duty towards our country, but I think that his references to international politics and his critical remarks on the proposed increase of the English Air Force—which, after all, is not directed against Switzerland or anyone else—might have been more suitable on another occasion. Very much to the point were certainly the few spirited words in Italian of Signora E. Lunghi, and the applause that followed them seems to lend colour to the recent statement in the *S.O.* that "the Ticinese are the spoilt children of our Colony." The gathering at the Memorial Hall started promptly to time and terminated sufficiently early to give those in quest of further inspiration an opportunity to adjourn to other Clubs. At the "Schweizerbund," 74, Charlotte Street, a gymnastic display, with historical *tableaux vivants*, was the principal feature; similar *tableaux vivants* formed also one of the chief attractions at the Union Helvetia, where the busy steward, Mr. Aug. Wyss, added to his reputation as a "Jesser Caruso." At both these clubs dancing continued into the early hours of the morning, but whilst the ladies remained cool and sweet, thanks to the light and airy garments prescribed by the dictators of modern fashion, the stronger sex was severely tried by the tropical heat, which approximated to the temperature usually ascribed to Hades! This explains, perhaps, why at one of the clubs the supply of certain refreshments ran out soon after 11 p.m.

With reference to my remarks on July 21st about a London Swiss Rifle Club, I am told that this idea was mooted some years ago and that there are considerable difficulties in establishing such a club on Swiss lines with ordnance rifles and ammunition. It seems to me, however, that it should not be impossible to adapt ourselves to English usages; after all, a particular rifle does not make a shot. I have also received a challenge from the daughter of our compatriot, Mr. F. H. Rohr, who is anxious to meet Master Barbezat in a friendly contest. Miss Rohr's most recent cards record 92 and 94 out of a possible 100.

I hear that the management of the "Foyer Suisse" has acquired on advantageous terms the lease of two houses, adjoining their present premises, in Upper Bedford Square.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by his Correspondents.

To the Editor of *The Swiss Observer*.

Re "S.O." EXCURSION TO SWITZERLAND.

Sir,—By the address below you can see that the party arranged by you has safely arrived in Switzerland.

It is the least we can do to express our sincere thanks for the splendid arrangements you have made for the comfortable journey of the party from London to Basle. On arrival at Basle some members of the party have asked me to convey to you their thanks and appreciation of your efforts and to let you know how much they enjoyed everything.

Very many thanks are also due to the kind manner and solicitude of Mr. Chas. Studer the Gentleman-in-Charge of the party, who did everything possible to give satisfaction to everyone and see to the comfort of every member. I must say that he succeeded in every way.

If this has been a trial trip, let me assure you that it has well succeeded, and I wish that if the work is not too much for you, every member of the Swiss Colony should avail himself at a future occasion of a trip to the glorious country from which he received his birth and infant nurture.

To the Editor of *The Swiss Observer* mine and all members of the first trip very sincere thanks!

Yours very sincerely,

Zurich, 25th July, 1923. J. J. SCHNEIDER.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les membres sont avisés que la prochaine

Assemblée Mensuelle

aura lieu le MARDI 14 AOUT, au Restaurant GATTI, et sera précédée d'un souper familial à 6.45 h. (sh. 5/6 par convert).

Cet avis tient lieu de convocation. Tout ceux désirant y participer sont invités à s'annoncer en temps utile au Secrétaire, Monsieur G. Marchand, 1, Hatton Garden, E.C. (Téléphone: Holborn 2364).

Ordre du Jour.

Procès-verbal. Admissions. Démissions. Divers.

EUROPEAN & GENERAL EXPRESS CO., Ltd.

MANCHESTER, LONDON, W.1. LIVERPOOL, 32, Brazennose St. 15, Poland Street. 14, South Castle St.

Oldest Swiss Forwarding Agency in England

Household Removals at inclusive Prices in our own Lift Vans.

Luggage and Private Effects collected, packed and shipped to and from all countries

BEST GOODS SERVICE BETWEEN SWITZERLAND & ENGLAND

Average Transit for Petite Vitesse (Frachtgut):

LONDON-BASLE 7-8 days
BASLE-LONDON 4-5 "

Managing Directors: H. Siegmund & Erh. Schneider-Hall.

When you go to Paris

Reserve your Rooms at the

Hotel Bristol-Nord

2, Rue de Dunkerque, 2, PARIS

Situated 1 minute from Gare du Nord and Gare de l'Est.

A very comfortable and quiet Anglo-Swiss House.

Phone: NORD 90-24. AD. CRETTEZ, Proprietor.

Swiss Postal Travellers'

Cheques.

The Swiss Postal Authorities have arranged for the issue in Great Britain of Postal Travellers' Cheques, which can be cashed without formalities at any Post Office in Switzerland. These cheques may be obtained in London from the

SWISS BANK CORPORATION,

43, Lothbury, E.C.2 & 11c, Regent St., S.W.1.

53

VICTORIA HOUSE, 69-71, St. George's Rd., S.W.1

(10 minutes' from Victoria Station)

Offers comfortable Accommodation with Board for

... short or long stay at moderate terms. ...

Phone: Victoria 6533.

E. R. HARTMANN (Swiss).

SWISS STUMPEN

VILLIGER SCHEUNE, SWITZERLAND.

Sole Agent: A. SCHMID,

Coburg Court Hotel, Baywater Rd., W.2

Telephone: PARK 2402.

ALFRED MULLER,

WATCH & CLOCK MAKER,

58, DEAN STREET, LONDON. W.1.

Restoration of Modern and Antique Watches and Clocks of every description.

VENTE DE MONTRES DE PRÉCISION. MÉTAL ARGENT.

"Schweizerbund" Swiss Club,

74, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

(Nearest Station: GOODGE STREET, Tube.)

SWISS CUISINE, WINES, BEERS, etc.

Dancing every Thursday and Sunday.

BILLIARDS, etc.

Membership Fee: 15/- per annum.

New Members welcome.

Telephone: Museum 6420.

THE COMMITTEE.

Pension Suisse

20 Palmeira Avenue, WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.

offers you the comforts of a real Swiss home: why not spend your holiday there? Sea front. Telephone: Southend 123.

Proprietress: Mrs. Albrecht-Menezhelli

OSCAR WEIDELI,

Hairdressing Saloon,

6, Old Compton St. (2 doors from Charing Cross Rd.)

Best Brands of Cigars and Cigarettes.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

(The figure in parentheses denotes the number of the issue on which the subscription expires.)

C. Donati (161), Miss Gordon (134), A. Muller (135), E. Kreis (163), O. Gambazzi (167), Miss N. Nold (118), Jean Fâche (134), Mrs. Cl. Muller (134), L. Duffey (135), J. H. Buchi (134), Chas. Seifert (134), R. H. Cornu (158), R. Stevenson (137), M. Ryser (136), H. Sjostedt (162), A. Maeder (163), W. Bretscher (158).

EGLISE SUISSE, 79, Endell St., W.C.2.

Dimanche, 5 Août, 11h.—M. J. Ramseyer.
6.30.—Dr. Huber.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Tuesday, Aug. 14th, at 6.45.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting, preceded by a Supper, at Gatti's Restaurant, Strand, W.C.

Printed and Published for the Proprietor, F. F. BOHRINGER, by THE FREDERICK PRINTING CO. LTD., at 21, GARLICK HILL, LONDON. E.C.4.