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EIDGENÖSSISCHE GLOSSEN.

Kanadischer Käse.

Jüngst sah ich in einem Lebensmittelgeschäft apfelsindefarbenen Käse in Silberpapier mit der Aufschrift: "Kanadischer Käse." "So, gibts das auch," sagte ich. "Ja," antwortete der Verkäufer, "seit kurzem." Ich dachte an unsere 120 preisgekrönten Käsesorten und fragte: "Haben wir denn das nötig?" "Ja," sagte er achselzuckend und strich wohlwollend das kanadische Silberpapier zu recht, "das ist halt eben für das verschiedene Gelüst!"

Abends las ich in der Zeitung, dass unser Maschinenexport zugenommen habe. Interessant sei dabei die fortgesetzte Ausfuhr von gebrauchten Stickeremaschinen, die im Kanton St. Gallen keine Verwendung mehr fänden. Im April allein habe man 43 Stück exportiert. Da dachte ich so für mich selber: Die Schweizer sind seltsame Leute. Die Wirtschaft ist nicht rosig, die Stickereiindustrie liegt gewissermassen im Sterben, die englischen Zölle verfinstern den Exporthimmel, vielleicht sind die französischen und deutschen, die sich vorbereiten, nicht besser. Aber der Schweizer lebt immer noch unbekümmert in den Tag hinein. Es ist ja nicht so tragisch, dass kanadischer Käse gekaufert wird. Aber es ist nicht ohne humoristischen Beigeschmack, dass gerade im gerühmten Käseland irgend einem durch den Händler geweckten Gelüst zuliebe, mit Verwendung vieler Hände, von tausenden von Eisenbahn- und Schiffs-kilometern etwas importiert werden muss, was wirklich nicht importiert werden müsste. Ja, das liebe Gelüst! Da haben wir eine der Ursachen unserer hinkenden Volkswirtschaft. Aber wer will den Anfang machen und darauf verzichten? Den einen gelüstet es nach dem, und den andern nach jenem. Man stopft in den Mund, was man gern hat, und lässt die Kehle herunterrinnen, wonach man dürstet, ohne lange zu fragen, ob das Land dabei wohl fahre oder nicht. Der alte Spruch, dass man esse, um zu leben, und nicht lebe, um zu essen, scheint immer noch keine grosse Gemeinde gefunden zu haben. Und doch wäre eine gescheite Selbstdisziplin gerade auf diesem Gebiete eine patriotische Tat, die kein Blut und kein Geld kostet, nur ein wenig Nachdenken und etwas mehr Willen — und eine gewisse Widerstandskraft gegenüber dem "Gelüst," eine Widerstandskraft, die man vom Kinde verlangt, wenn es Zucker begehrt, und die man auch vom Manne verlangen dürfte, um des Vaterlandes willen!

Jodsalz.

In einem anderen Lebensmittelgeschäft: Ich verlangte jodiertes Salz. "Nein," sagte die Frau gehässig, "das haben wir nicht, das führen wir nicht mehr. Mein Mann will es nicht." "Warum denn nicht?" "Es hat uns nicht gut getan. Dem Herz nicht und dem Magen nicht. Ja, meinem Herz. Viele Leute sagen das Gleiche. Es ist wieder aus der Mode gekommen." Ich versuchte ein paar Einwände. Es war nichts zu machen. Es habe ihrem Herz schlecht getan, und dem Manne habe es den Magen verdorben, dabei blieb sie. Ohne Jodsalz, dafür mit der Bestätigung einer alten Erkenntnis verliess ich den Laden. Wenn das Gelüst unserer Volkswirtschaft nicht gut tut, so schädigt die Einbildung unsere Volksgesundheit. Die Aerzte nehmen zu wenig Rücksicht darauf. Die Kurfischer wissen besser Bescheid. Hätte man gesagt "natürliches Salz" statt jodiertes Salz, so hätte die Frau nichts im Herzen gespürt und der Mann nichts im Magen. Denn das natürliche Salz enthält eben das Jod, das unserem allzureinen Kochsalz abgeht. Hätte man überhaupt nichts gesagt und die eine Salzsorte ganz still durch die andere ersetzt. Nun ist die Einbildung und die fixe Idee da. Je mehr die Aerzte begreifen, dass es mit ihrem Wissen und Können nicht getan ist, sondern dass es sich immer wieder darum handelt, dem Volke die rechte Meinung beizubringen, umso erfolgreicher wird ihre Arbeit sein. Es genügt nicht, dass man das Kurfuschertum bekämpft, so wichtig es ist, ebenso wichtig ist die Bekämpfung von Dutzenden von Vorurteilen und vorgefassten Meinungen, die zum Schaden einer durchgreifenden Besserung der Zustände die Anstrengungen führender und erleuchteter Aerzte zunichte machen!

Tbc.

Das Tuberkulosegesetz war uns für das Frühjahr sicher versprochen. Wo bleibt es? In den Traktandenlisten der Bundesversammlung steht es nicht. Dafür kann man derweil in der Beilage zum Bulletin des Eidgenössischen Gesundheitsamtes wieder einmal lesen, wie verschieden die Anstrengungen der verschiedenen Kantone sind, wenn es sich um die Bekämpfung der Tuberkulose handelt. Während in einigen Kantonen Vereinigungen und Fürsorgestellen grosse Summen zur Bekämpfung der Volkssuche aufbringen, fehlen andere Kantone gänzlich oder stehen mit ganz ungenügenden Ziffern in der Statistik. So ist es denn kein Zufall, dass im Kanton Wallis beispielsweise auf 10,000 Einwohner 24,8 an der Tuberkulose sterben, während der Landesdurchschnitt nur 12,7 beträgt. Darum muss das ganze Land helfen, wenn der einzelne Kanton zu schwach ist. Und darum braucht es nicht nur eidgenössische Gelder, sondern auch eidgenössische Verpfichtungen! Aber das

Gesetz ist immer noch nicht vor die Räte gelangt, geschweige denn vors Volk. Die Gesunden können ja getrost immer noch ein wenig warten, und die Kranken — sterben! Es eilt also nicht....

(Felix Moeschlin in der "Nat.-Ztg.")

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND.

On the 5th of September next an amount of Frs. 46,500,000 in 6% Treasury Bonds of the Confederation will fall due for redemption from the 1920 issue, and a further amount of Frs. 92,250,000 from the issue of 1921. The Government have been engaged in negotiations with the financial authorities concerned for the issue of a new loan of Frs. 140,000,000 to provide the funds required to meet this repayment. A twelve years' loan is suggested, and the rate of interest will probably be fixed at 5%. Further particulars have not yet been decided, but the issue is likely to be made in the course of the summer.

With a view to meeting the repayment of their 8% loan in America at the earliest date permissible in the terms of the prospectus, viz., April, 1926, the Municipal Authorities of Zurich propose to raise a loan of Frs. 20,000,000 in Switzerland. This operation will have as its result a great saving to the Zurich exchequer, which should have no difficulty in obtaining the necessary funds on a 5% or 5½% basis.

The report of the U.S.C.—the Union Suisse des Sociétés de Consommation—in Basle for the year 1924 contains some interesting particulars illustrative of prevailing economic conditions in the country. The total value of purchases effected by the Society for the benefit of the 619 co-operative associations which are its members, was Frs. 118,873,254, a figure slightly inferior to that of the preceding year, while sales show an increase from Frs. 122,808,815 to Frs. 126,932,892. An available surplus of Frs. 533,566 was turned over partly to reserves and partly to new account. The entire liquid assets of the Society now amount to Frs. 33,547,228, which is an increase of more than two million francs as compared with the figure for the preceding year.

The report of the S.A. Fabrique d'Accumulateurs d'Oerlikon states that the year was a very favourable one. The output of transportable accumulators has again increased. The dividend is maintained at 20%, the net profit having shown a small increase, and now standing at Frs. 623,381. The capital is Frs. 2,200,000.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES.

BONDS.		May 26	June 6
Swiss Confederation 3% 1903	...	77.37%	77.00%
Swiss Confederation 5% 1923	...	99.25%	99.12%
Federal Railways A—K 3½%	...	79.82%	80.27%
Canton Basle-Stadt 5½% 1921	...	101.30%	101.17%
Canton Fribourg 3% 1892	...	72.37%	72.25%

SHARES.		Nom.	May 26	June 6
		Frs.	Frs.	Frs.
Swiss Bank Corporation	...	500	659	659
Credit Suisse	...	500	707	707
Union de Banques Suisses	...	500	563	577
Fabrique Chimique ci-dev. Sandoz	1000	3185	3197	3197
Société pour l'Industrie Chimique	1000	1737	1745	1745
C. F. Bally S.A.	...	1000	1235	1242
Fabrique de Machines Oerlikon	...	500	690	687
Entreprises Sulzer	...	1000	847	851
S.A. Brown Boveri (new)	...	350	350	358
Nestlé & Anglo-Swiss Cond. Mk. Co.	200	220	220	220
Choc. Suisses Peter-Cailler-Kohler	100	197	194	194
Comp. de Navig. n sur le Lac Léman	500	570	570	555

LA CARTE DU MONT EVEREST

dessinée par un Suisse.

Les Suisses de Grande Bretagne apprendront avec un sensible plaisir que notre concitoyen Monsieur Charles Jacot Guillarmod, ancien élève de l'Ecole polytechnique de Zurich (1886—1890), ingénieur-topographe attaché pendant près de 25 ans au Service topographique fédéral à Berne et auteur de quelques feuilles de notre belle carte Siegfried, vient d'être appelé à Londres par le "Mount Everest Committee" pour dessiner la carte de cette région de l'Himalaya d'après les documents photographiques rapportés par les trois expéditions anglaises de 1920 à 1924.

Très habile topographe, habitué par la longue pratique de nos Alpes à la cartographie en haute montagne, notre concitoyen sera à même, sans aucun doute, de remplir la tâche qu'on lui a confiée, celle d'exécuter l'image cartographique de la plus haute sommité du monde et de faire ainsi le plus grand honneur à notre pays.

C'est un travail de patience dont il nous a été donné d'admirer le début à la "Royal Geographical Society," un dessin à la plume, où l'on reconnaît déjà la main d'un maître, que d'ailleurs nos amis anglais ne se font pas faute d'apprécier. Ajoutons que M. Jacot Guillarmod est membre d'honneur du Club alpin suisse et du Club alpin français, et il n'est pas sans intérêt de dire, qu'il vient de passer six années à Pékin, où sous le nom savoureux de "Dji Ya Moa"—remarque les inévitables trois monosyllabes—il a été professeur à l'Ecole militaire de Topographie, et a enseigné à des officiers chinois une science fort appréciée chez nous: le pro-

fesseur, ne manque pas de louer l'intelligence et l'application de ses élèves.

Monsieur Jacot Guillarmod est qualifié pour parler de la Chine, de ses relations personnelles avec le monde des affaires, car tout Chinois qui se respecte... fait des affaires, des possibilités extraordinaires qu'offre un échange commercial sino-suisse bien compris, et que désirent commerçants et financiers.

Citons en terminant, un détail intéressant pour notre colonie, le professeur "Dji Ya Moa" était à Vevey camarade de collège de M. J. Baer, qu'il n'avait pas revu depuis quarante ans.

CcCt.

"GEORGES DIMIER FUND."

(The following appeal is being circulated in the London Swiss Colony and amongst the English friends of the late Mr. Georges Dimier.)

Sir,—When Georges Dimier, one of the most worthy members of the London Swiss Colony, was laid to rest in February, 1924, the opinion was voiced by many that his memory should be suitably perpetuated.

At various meetings of the Swiss Sports Committee, which—as you are doubtless aware—is a representative body of the London Swiss Colony in general and of the various Swiss Societies in particular, discussions took place as to the specific form in which the commemoration of his name and manifold activities for the benefit of the Swiss in this country had best be given effect to.

In view of the fact that the Swiss Benevolent Society, of which Georges Dimier was President ever since 1908, was the Society nearest to his heart, and that he himself had left a handsome legacy in favour of this institution, it has been agreed that we could not possibly honour our departed friend and benefactor in a more useful, beneficial and lasting manner than by adding the weight of the Swiss Colony in general to the work that had always been so dear to him, namely, the care of our poor and distressed co-citizens in this metropolis.

The Committee of the Swiss Benevolent Society have started a special "Georges Dimier Fund," and the sub-joined particulars of the Resolution governing the object and administration of the said Fund will be of informative interest to you. Be it further noted that apart from the net value (£450) of the Georges Dimier bequest of £500 the following contributions have already been received in favour of the said special Fund:—

£100 from the City Swiss Club;
 £26 5s. from La Loge L'Entente Cordiale No. 2796 (the late Georges Dimier having been its Secretary);

£25 from the Committee of Swiss Sports (1924).

It will be known to you that Georges Dimier has been the President of the Swiss Sports Committee ever since its inception in 1917, and it is for this reason that the delegates of the various London Swiss Societies on this Sports Committee have agreed that the "Georges Dimier Appeal in favour of the afflicted Swiss" had best be launched under the auspices of this neutral, as well as fully representative, body.

In accordance with the mandate thus entrusted to the Executive of the Swiss Sports Committee, we hereby address a strong appeal to all the members of the London Swiss Colony to subscribe as generously as their positions and means may permit to the special "Georges Dimier Fund" herein alluded to and thus prove in a tangible manner that the noble and unselfish work of the late Georges Dimier is, and will ever remain, fully appreciated.

Could a more fitting testimony of our gratitude for his invaluable services in many walks of life be rendered by us, than by practising that noble virtue of which he had given such a fine example: Help to our needy brethren?

Your subscription will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Presidents of the various Swiss Societies and Clubs that have started special subscription lists in favour of the said Fund, or donations can be sent direct to either: F. M. Gamper, Esq. (Hon. Treasurer of the Swiss Benevolent Society), London, E.C.2; or H. Senn, Esq. (Hon. Treasurer of the Swiss Sports), 11, Hart Street, Mark Lane, E.C.3.

Trusting that the objects of our endeavours may commend themselves to you and that you will handsomely respond to our Appeal,

We beg to remain,
 Yours sincerely,
 For and on behalf of the Swiss Sports Committee for 1925,
 C. A. BARBEZAT, President.

The following Resolution, above referred to, has been duly passed by the Committee of the Swiss Benevolent Society:—

"That the legacy of £500 made to the Swiss Benevolent Society by their former President, Mr. Georges Dimier, be the nucleus for a special Fund to be called "Georges Dimier Fund," subject to the following conditions:—

Administration.—The Fund shall be under the exclusive management of the Committee of the

Swiss Benevolent Society and, as in the case of everything connected with that institution, of a character free from all and any religious denomination.

Capital.—All sums paid for the "Georges Dimier Fund" shall be added to the capital of this Fund and be invested in gilt-edged securities, according to the directions of the executive Committee of the Swiss Benevolent Society.

Aim.—The capital shall remain intact until the Committee of the Swiss Benevolent Society decides that the time has arrived for the whole or part of same to be applied to the establishment of a home in England to hospitalize needy Swiss residents in the United Kingdom, as was always the wish of the original donor. Of the interest accruing annually from the said capital, 50% shall be added to the capital of the "Georges Dimier Fund," 50% shall be used towards the pensions granted by the Swiss Benevolent Society.

In case of liquidation and/or winding-up of the Swiss Benevolent Society and of the impossibility for the "Georges Dimier Fund" to be carried on as stated above, all monies and other property of the Fund shall be handed over to the Swiss Legation in London to be disposed of for benevolent purposes at the discretion of the Swiss Minister."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents and cannot publish anonymous articles, unless accompanied by the writer's name and address, as evidence of good faith.

To the Editor of *The Swiss Observer*.

Sir,—I am enclosing a letter of thanks which has been received from His Lordship the Bishop of Lugano, addressed to the Ticinese Colony in London, and expressing his admiration for the splendid result of the function we arranged on behalf of the "Seminario Diocesano Ticinese," which was the means of collecting over £122 for this worthy cause. He has expressed a special wish that he should like it to appear in *The Swiss Observer*, and I should esteem it a great favour, therefore, if you could find space to include it in the next issue.

Thanking you very much in anticipation,

Yours sincerely,

W. NOTARI.

AMMINISTRAZIONE APOSTOLICA DI LUGANO

Esimia Sagra. Linda Meschini, Londra.

Ho ricevuto a mezzo suo, con commossa riconoscenza, la generosissima somma di £122, più franchi svizzeri 20, offerta dalla Colonia Ticinese in Londra, a favore del nostro Seminario Diocesano.

Ho sott'occhio le liste degli offerenti: ma non tutti i nomi dei pii oblatori vi figurano, poichè non pochi hanno dato senza sottoscrivere. Perciò, nella impossibilità di ringraziare direttamente i singoli benefattori, prego la di Lei cortesia a far in modo che questa mia lettera trovi gentile ospitalità nello stimato giornale della Colonia Svizzera in Londra, affinché a tutti giunga la parola della incancellabile gratitudine del Vescovo, del Seminario, della Diocesi.

Il Seminario è il cenacolo dove si formano i sacerdoti destinati ad alimentare e conservare la fede e la vita cristiana nella terra benedetta e cara che i nostri padri ci hanno lasciata, dopo avervi stampate le impronte indestruttibili della loro profonda religiosità.

La nostra buona emigrazione di Londra ha quindi scritto, coll'atto che ha compiuto, una bella pagina di fede e di nobilissima carità.

Il Signore ricompensi tutti i benefattori con ogni benedizione per loro, per le loro famiglie, per i loro morti.

Il giorno 30 corr. prima che tramonti il santo mese della Madonna, celebrerò la S. Messa per tutti gli oblatori, e nello stesso giorno sarà celebrata nel Seminario speciale funzione, ispirata a profondo sentimento di gratitudine.

Così la Madonna custodirà sotto il manto della sua protezione la nostra cara emigrazione di Londra e la prospererà per il tempo e per l'eternità.

A Lei, buona Signora, che tanto e cordiale impegno si prese per questa opera buona, i miei particolari ringraziamento.

Obblmo.

(Firmato) AURELIO VESCOVO.

Zurigo, 21 Maggio, 1925.

Telephone:
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Telegrams:
Foyssuisse, London.

Foyer Suisse 12 to 14, Upper Bedford Place
(Nearest Tube Station: Russell Square.) W.C. 1.

Swiss Art Exhibition.

A fine collection of water-colours, by W. Bollier, has been kindly sent us (sale or return) and will be exhibited for the next few weeks in the banquet hall. Open to the public every afternoon free.

WILLY MEYER, Manager.

The International Fair of Colonial and Foreign Products

from June 27th to July 12th at Lausanne.

At the same time as the 6th Comptoir Suisse, an International Exhibition of Foreign and Colonial Products will be held at Lausanne this year. Apart from agricultural and horticultural produce and the different by-products, minerals, metals, precious stones and fuel will be on show—a new feature which is sure to attract widespread interest in Switzerland. Several foreign Governments are sending official exhibits, such as France (and her Colonies), Belgium, Holland, Italy, Spain, Turkey, Canada, and most of the South American Republics.

The fact that the exhibition is held at a time when foreign visitors are touring and staying in Switzerland should materially assist in giving it an international character.

"TIPPING" IN SWISS HOTELS.

An agreement has now been arrived at between the majority of the Swiss hotel proprietors and the four leading Swiss hotel-staff associations by which "tipping" is standardised, that is to say, we are being told what in their opinion is a fair remuneration for the services of the staff without which their establishments could not, of course, be run! There is no compulsion on guests to pay the agreed scale of tips, but it is hardly necessary to point out the consequences which would follow any refusal to do so! The "service" is calculated in percentages on the hotel bill and is graduated according to the length and the nature of the stay, from 15% down to 5%.

We believe this ingenious system was originally concocted somewhere in Germany and has since captured the fancy of some of the hotel proprietors in other countries. We believe, however, our own hotel industry in Switzerland would have adopted a wiser course in copying the systems of those hotels which in the first instance pay a proper living wage to the whole of their staff and do not interfere with the "tipping" which is a personal and voluntary geste on the part of the visitor.

EDWIN HUBER †

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Edwin Huber, of 52, Onslow Gardens, N. 10, and 11, Nicholl Square, E.C. 1; he died in a London nursing home on Wednesday morning (June 3rd) at the age of 54 after a protracted illness.

Mr. Huber comes of a well-known Zurich family. His father was the distinguished steel engraver and etcher, whose pictures, mostly dealing with alpine scenery, have found their way into many Swiss homes: some of them adorn the club room of the City Swiss Club, of which Edwin Huber was a devoted member and at one time president. He arrived in this country over thirty years ago and was greatly respected by a large circle of friends.

Mr. Huber leaves a widow and three boys.

The funeral takes place to-day (Saturday) at 11 a.m. at the Highgate Cemetery, N. 6.

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CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les membres sont avisés que la prochaine

Assemblée Mensuelle

aura lieu le MARDI 9 JUIN au Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon. Cette assemblée sera précédée d'un souper familial à 7 h. précises (6/6 par couvert) et suivi d'une danse.

Pour faciliter les arrangements, le Comité recommande aux participants de s'annoncer au plus tôt à M. P. F. Boehringer, 21, Garlick Hill, E.C. 4. (Téléphone: City 4603).

Ordre du Jour:

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The Publisher will be pleased to forward free specimen copies of "The Swiss Observer" to likely subscribers whose addresses may be supplied by readers.

Divine Services.

EGLISE SUISSE (1762), 79, Endell St., W.C.2
(Langue française.)

Dimanche, 7 Juin, 11h.—M. Jéquier, de Neuchâtel.
6.30.—M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme.
7.30.—Répétition du Choeur.

Pour tous renseignements concernant actes pastoraux, etc., prière de s'adresser à M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme, 102, Hornsey Lane, N.6. (Téléphone: Mountview 1798.)
Heure de réception à l'Eglise: Mercredi 10.30 à 12h.

SCHWEIZERKIRCHE

(Deutschschweizerische Gemeinde)

St. Anne's Church, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

Sonntag, 7. Juni, 11 Uhr vorm.—Gottesdienst.
Nahverein am 16. Juni im "Foyer Suisse."

Sprechstunden: Dienstag, 12—1 Uhr, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2 (St. Anne's Church);
Mittwoch, 12—2 Uhr, 12, Upper Bedford Place, W.C.1.

Pfr. C. Th. Hahn.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Tuesday, June 9th, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting, preceded by a Supper, at the Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon. (See Advt.)

Wednesday, June 10th, at 8.30 sharp.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Monthly Meeting at the Union Helvetia, 1, Gerrard Place, Shaftesbury Av., W.1.

Thursday, June 25th, from 6 to 10.30 p.m.—"FETE SUISSE" at Caxton Hall.

SWISS GYMNASIUM SOCIETY.—Exercise Evenings:
Wednesdays at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.
Fridays at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.