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HOME NEWS

ZURICH.

The International Silk Association held the 3rd annual congress in Zurich on September 12/14th. An imposing agenda, dealing with matters concerning silk from the raw material to the finished article, was before the meeting. Not the least interesting part of their plans are endeavours to regularize selling terms for woven silks on an international basis and to stabilize customs duties. Two well-known figures in the Swiss Silk Industry, Mr. E. Appenzeller-Frihli and Dr. Niggli, were highly commended for their ceaseless labour on behalf of the Association. N.Z.Z.

On Sunday, 8th September, the Zurich "Zoo" was opened. More than 1,000 animals are housed in it. Thus a long-cherished ambition of Zurich has been fulfilled. N.Z.Z.

The Mayor of Winterthur, Dr. H. Sträuli, is retiring; he has fulfilled his arduous duties, as well as those of National Councillor, during 18 years. N.Z.Z.

Great excitement was caused in the usually peaceful village of Wildberg (Tössatal) by the action of a madman. He posted himself at a window in his flat and started pepperering passers-by with his browning, fortunately without inflicting any injury. The police, after surrounding the house, found the would-be sniper hidden inside a case in the loft. He offered no resistance and was removed to an asylum. N.Z.Z.

The heat of the sun-rays set fire to a stack of wood-shavings at the joinery works of Heinrich Benz at Kloten. When the fire was discovered it had already sufficient hold to render the salving of the works impossible. The total damage is estimated at half-a-million francs, and the amount covered by insurance is only frs. 20,000. N.Z.Z.

BERN.

A bill has been introduced to create a special judicial machinery for dealing with juvenile offenders in the canton Bern. N.Z.Z.

A fire in the celluloid works Worbla A.G. at Worblaufen near Berne caused a great deal of damage. N.Z.Z.

Glarus reports a satisfactory state of employment generally in commerce and industry, with the exception of the Cotton industry, where the continued scarcity of export orders creates uneasiness. The Hotel proprietors can look back on a fairly satisfactory season. A novel experiment is being tried at Engi with the establishment of a silver fox farm which, according to expert opinion, promises to be successful. N.

BASEL.

A well-known and highly respected personality of the town of Basel, Dr. Hans Merz, is retiring and leaving that town after 30 years of unselfish service to humanity. He not only helped his patients with his excellent professional skill, but he also had the gift of infusing them with new courage and the will to recover. His many friends see him leave with very genuine regrets. N.

Berthold Goldschmidt, gardener, and well-known in Jewish circles at Basel is among the sufferers of the recent riots in Palestine. He left Basel a few years ago for Haifa, where his home was destroyed and looted by Arabs. N.

The well-known Ettinger specialist, Dr. Schaub, has been the victim of a brutal assault. When near Balsthal, he was stopped by some young men who asked for a lift in the Doctor's car, a request to which he acceded. Suddenly one of the men wrenched the steering wheel out of Schaub's hands, drove the car into a sideway and attacked him with a knife. Schaub was then thrown into the roadway, and when found, had no less than 22 wounds, mostly on the face and chest.

Fortunately there is no serious injury. The Solothurn police have arrested the criminal, whose motive was robbery. Great astonishment has been caused by the fact that the attacker's companions were released by the police after a short examination. N.

AARAU.

Health authorities at Zofingen are disturbed over the recurrence of cases of infantile paralysis. N.Z.Z.

SCHWYZ.

The plans of a motoring road from Küssnacht to Rigiirst is much discussed at present and, apparently, stands a good chance of realisation. The proposed road would start at Küssnacht and lead to Rigiirst via Seeboden and Rigiänzeli. A car park with room for several hundred cars is foreseen at the first. As the cost of maintenance will, naturally, be very considerable, it is proposed to levy a toll on every car using the road. N.Z.Z.

SOLOTHURN.

On September 9th an empty military train collided with a passenger train between Leuzingen and Lüsslingen-Nenningkofen. Fourteen passengers were injured. It appears that, for some still unknown reason, the special military train did not stop at Leuzingen as foreseen to let the other train pass. St.G.T.

ST. GALLEN.

The Federal Council has granted a loan of 710,000 francs to the Rorschach-Heiden railway for its electrification. The loan is repayable at the rate of 1% per annum, and the interest charged is 4%. N.

The F.C. St. Gallen, the oldest footer club in Switzerland, has celebrated the 50th anniversary of its foundation. St.G.

AARAU.

The Socialist party is leading a movement to obtain a revision of the licensing law whereby the sale of spirits is to be prohibited before 8 a.m. N.Z.Z.

TWO RESIGNATIONS ON THE C.F.F.

For reasons of age and health two heads of divisions of the General Management of the C.F.F. have tendered their resignations. M. de Werdt engineer-in-chief and M. Zuttel chief controller of finance and general accounts have asked to be relieved of their functions at the end of this year. M. de Werdt has been in the employ of C.F.F. since 1893 and Mr. Zuttel since 1884.

THE CREDIT SUISSE PREMISES AT GENEVA.

The question of new buildings to be erected at Geneva for the Crédit Suisse, which was mentioned in our last issue, has now been definitely cleared by the explanation given at the State Council by M. Boissonnas. He explained that the bank obtained at the time due authority to proceed with the construction according to the plans submitted. Therefore the only possible course now is that of expropriation. As the necessary procedure of expropriation would take 2 years at least, the new premises will by then have been erected and it would then be necessary for the town of Geneva to pay, not only for the ground but for the building as well, which settles this argument once and for all.

ALPINISM.

Two more accidents occurred last week. One at Kammilücke where an experienced climber Anton Arnold of Zurich, 49 years of age, has disappeared. In spite of a long search his body has not yet been recovered and further endeavours have been abandoned.

At the Besso near Zinal, three young men from Lausanne sustained a fall between the Zinal and the Morning glaciers. Two of them, Edouard Badel and Fritz Ledermann were killed, and the third, Paul Spetzler, is injured but will probably recover.

PETROL SUBSTITUTES IN SWITZERLAND.

A meeting was recently held in Berne of representatives of municipal and cantonal authorities owning forests, of chemical and gas works, and of motor-vehicle manufacturers to consider the question of finding in the country a substitute for petrol in order to render the country less dependent on imported motor fuel. It was considered that a suitable fuel ought to be obtainable from the timber and tar-oil supplies of the country, and, with the object of going more deeply into the subject, it was decided to form a Swiss association for the study of alternative motor fuels.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT ENGELBERG.

At the suggestion of Sir Henry Lunn, who kindly went to considerable trouble in making the arrangements, the first Anglo-Catholic Summer School of its kind was held this year at Engelberg, Switzerland, from September 1 to 8. The intention was that of combining a little serious reflection with the ordinary activities of a holiday.

DISEASE IN TREES.

A catastrophe threatens Engadine, the famous resort for tourists in the Swiss Alps.

According to the "Engadiner Post," the most handsome of the mountain pines, the Arolla, which withstands the roughest storms, is attacked by a serious disease. A parasite which hitherto has only been found on the larch is now attacking the Arolla, and destroying especially the young shoots.

Another parasite is also at work which prefers the older needles, which it sucks dry. Experts say they have never known such an epidemic before. As the Arolla only grows from eight inches to a foot each year, Engadine may suffer considerably.

WIRELESS FOR LEAGUE.

The long disputed question of the establishment of a League wireless station was finally settled on Sept. 17. It was decided to accept the Swiss offer to run the station for the League in ordinary times. In time of crisis control is to be given to the Secretariat of the League, the Swiss Government having the right to appoint an observer.

The present station will be strengthened by an additional two short-wave transmitters for inter-Continental communications.

This arrangement will cost the League about £8,000 annually, while the income derived by the Swiss radio company from the short-wave messages sent by parties outside the League will be credited to the League Secretariat. A wireless expert, appointed by the Secretariat, will, moreover, be in attendance at the station at all times.

BIG EAGLE SHOT.

A hunter, of Canton Grisons, on Sunday killed near Malans a royal eagle measuring 7ft. from wing to wing, the biggest shot in that region for the past 20 years.

CENTENARIAN.

On Thursday last the church bells of Interlaken rang joyously to announce the 100th birthday of the oldest inhabitant of the town, Mrs. Mary Nisbet, an Englishwoman who settled in Interlaken a few years ago. In the afternoon there was a reception at the Kursaal, where Mrs. Nisbet, who is very alert and in possession of all her faculties, was greeted by the local authorities and members of the British colony.

VISP-ZERMATT ELECTRIFIED.

The railway line from Visp to Zermatt, in Canton Valais, has been electrified, the power being supplied by the Swiss Federal Railways. The reduction in general expenditure as a result will make it possible to assure a regular service during the winter months, thus contributing towards the development of Zermatt as a winter sports resort. Next year a new line is to be built between Visp and Brig, connecting the Visp-Zermatt railway with the Brig-Furka-Oberalp line, and next summer there will be through coaches from Zermatt to Andermatt, Chur and St. Moritz.

SWISS EXHIBITION OF MSS. AND PRINTED PAPERS.

An exhibition has been arranged at Berne by the director of the Gutenberg Museum, Herr Karl Lüthi, which has been specially viewed by Swiss newspapermen. It goes back to the oldest times and contains manuscripts and, later, printed papers and books, as the art of printing developed. Works on the deciphering of Egyptian, Chinese and Phoenician inscriptions are shown, illuminated manuscripts and psalters from the Middle Ages and hand-printed productions, and examples of Chinese manuscripts and books, including an illustrated "Life of Confucius" printed on silk.

MORE RECRUITS FOR THE SWISS GUARDS.

Although a body of young Swiss men arrived from their mountain homes last May to augment the ranks of the Swiss Guards of the City of the Vatican, it has been found necessary, because of the extension of the Papal territory, that another group should be enrolled in the famous corps. The new recruits should be enrolled in uniform, drilled, taught the geography of the vast household, and