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HOME NEWS



FEDERAL.

THE FREE ZONES.

The Government has now notified The Hague Court that the negotiations with France regarding the Free Zones dispute have had no result.

The decision of The Hague Court in July 1929 was to the effect that the Free Zones, as set up by the Vienna Treaty of 1850, were not suppressed by the Versailles Treaty, and a recommendation was passed on to the two countries hoping that a solution could be found before May 1st, which would be mutually satisfactory. Negotiations in December last were broken off after deliberations which lasted only two days. France insists on a Customs barrier at the frontier and Switzerland wishes to retain the Zones, a point of view which found the full support of the Hague judgment. The Hague Court will now—in conformity with last year's decision—be requested to finally settle the question.

BASLE'S SHUNTING YARD.

The Swiss Federal Railways have provided the most up-to-date shunting yard in Europe at Basle. A large part of the European goods traffic passes through Basle and between 1,800 and 2,200 goods wagons are uncoupled every day.

WIRELESS.

At the end of March there were 87,002 wireless sets in use in Switzerland, of which a large percentage in the Canton of Zurich.

SWISS GYMNASTS IN ALGIERS.

The gymnastic societies of Klein-Basel, Langenthal and Meilen have left for Algiers where they will attend the 56th display of French gymnasts.

AEROPLANE BUILDING IN SWITZERLAND.

The famous French aviator Doret has gone to Thun to take delivery of a Dewoitine machine which was built by the Federal Air Works. The machine will be used for stunt flying and has so far given entire satisfaction. It is built entirely of metal and of the same type as used by our Military Air Force.

EMIGRATION.

During the first three months of this year 892 persons left Switzerland for countries overseas as against 970 during the same period of the preceding year.

INTERNATIONAL REPARATIONS BANK.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors took place on April 22nd, and Basle's authorities arranged an official banquet in the evening. The agenda for the meeting was so heavy that it was expected to last at least two days.

MITTELHOLZER HONOURED.

The Austrian Aero Club has presented to Walter Mittelholzer the golden Sports Medal in remembrance of his second aerial raid to Africa at the beginning of this year, in company with Baron Rothschild, who was also the recipient of a medal.

NO TRIALS ON THE KLAUSEN THIS YEAR.

As no satisfactory arrangement was arrived at between Uri and Glarus the Zurich section of the A.C.S. will not be able to hold their usual trials on the Klausenpass this year and the competition will probably be transferred to the Grisons.

LOCAL.

ZURICH.

The house of the well-known cartage contractors Korrodi in Fluntern was partially destroyed by fire. The damage caused amounts to about 30,000 francs.

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Under the presidency of Mr. Baumann, municipal councillor, a committee was formed composed of the representatives of various sports associations, to study the question of the erection of a large stadium with covered hall on the 'Allmend,' at an approximate cost of 3 million francs.

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A conflict has broken out in the building industry and a meeting between workmen and employers at Sierre, which was presided over by States Councillor Broillet, had to be adjourned as the employers could not accept the demands of the workmen. Another meeting will be held at the end of the month with a view to settling the dispute.

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