## Beromunster's inauguration

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## HOME NEWS

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## FEDERAL.

## PROFESSOR HUBER'S NEW POST

National Councillor Schupbach having resigned as a member of the Delegation to the League of Nation, the Federal Council has appointed Professor Huber for this important office, a choice which has found universal approval. will be remembered Prof. Huber was a member of the International Court of Justice at the Hague, which body he presided in 1925-1927.

## LOCAL.

## BERNE

Army-corps commander de Loriol has tendered his resignation to the Federal Council, a successor has not yet been appointed.

Colonel E. Armbruster has resigned from the position of town commandant, a post which he held for the last ten years. His successor will be lieutenant-colonel E. Kollbrunner.

## basLe.

Dr. J. Brodbeck-Sandreuter, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the "Gesellschaft für Chemische Industrie in Basel," has celebrated his 25th service Jubilee. Dr. Brodbeck entered the company in 1906 as secretary to the management and was made a Director in 1918. Since 1928 he was Chairman of this institution.

## GRISON.

Since the Swiss Canton of the Grisons was thrown open, at long last, to motorcars, the num. bers of road tourists have increased enormously every year. The Grand Council has now voted a sum of $12,500,000$ francs $(£ 500,000)$ towards road construction and repair, to be spread over a period of ten years.

## geneva.

Col. Fernand Feyler, military critic of the " Journal de Geneve," and editor of the "Swiss Military Review," died at the age of 62 , after a long illness.

Col Feyler was professor of war history, strategy, tactics, army orgảnisation, and admini stration at the Federal Politecnic of Zurich. During the war his articles on the military operations were universally quoted. He always foresaw events, and when in August, 1914, the German Army was marching on Paris he boldly prophesied its failure. In 1915, when the question of the introduction of compulsory military service in England was discussed, Col. Feyler wrote the introduction to a book entitled "A Citizen Army," which showed how a country can have a citizen
army without becoming militarised.

The Grand Council of the State of Geneva, by 48 votes to 47 , refused to sanction the to save the Bank of Geneva from liquidation

The Finance Minister of the Canton and City of Geneva, M. Alexander Moriaud, has resigned. He was Government representative of the Board of directors of the bank. The depositors to the
number of 18,000
are mostly Genevese trades. people. The Genevese Government was a small shareholder in the bank.

The experts' report shows that the capital and reserves of the bank amounted to $27,000,000$ francs $(£ 1,080,000)$, and that the losses amount ever, of the bank going into liquidation, the loss is expected to be more than double that figure. is expected to be more than double that figure.
This failure is certainly a disaster to the City of Geneva, and comes at a time when economic conditions here are as bad as elsewhere.

The death is reported of M. Henri Boveyron, so.

## BEROMUNSTER'S INAUGURATION.

Have you ever been present at the launch of a great ship? It is a spectacle with a thrid
a series of thrills-quite peculiar to itself

Big ships attract big crowds; their launch upon the great ocean appeals to the heart, as does a wedding. It is the starting point of a great adventure, and "she" is all that matters. Gossip has a place at great launches. All depends, of course, on how goes the launch. Let there be one little hitch and there will be a shaking of heads. Let there be even a departure from the normal ritual at the "christening" - Whether it be from the bursting of a bottle of champagne on the massive bows, or the more picturesque release of a flight of doves (such as the Japanese prefer)and there will be many who will express uneasiness for the vessel's future.

In the four years before the War I happened to be present at the launching of three of the greatest vessels of their kind. One took place on the Tyneside, the second at Clydebank, and the third at Belfast. The tradition of the Irish launching was against the customary use of champagne. At the end of the War, the great ship which had gone " dry" into the waters of Belfast Lough was lying at the bottom of the Mediter ranean; the other fine vessels, despite many vicissitudes, passed through the four years of nightmare unscathed. May one not be excused, therefore, for a belief that something really does depend on the nature of the send-off or on "how

If this is truly the case, then a great and
If this is truly the case, then a great and
appy future lies before the Swiss Landessender happy future lies before the
of Deromünster $(77 \mathrm{~kW} ., 459 \mathrm{~m}$., $653 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$ ), the of Beromünster" ( 77 kW ., 459 m ., $653 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$, the the
latest addition of the " big noises " in European broadcasting.

No ship taking to the water has ever had so pieturesque a send-off as this new " voice of the mountains " whose opening ceremony seemed to be attuned in every way to the spirit of broadcasting and to the lives of those to whom, in
future, she will bring a world of music and of useful things hitherto denied to Swiss peasant life.

The Beromünster transmitter stands, as I found it, on a rolling plateau of waving grass, an hour's ride north of Lucerne, at a height about thee-quarters that of Snowdon. Swinging in the long grass were wild flowers of all colours, rivals in their way to the gems of melody shortly
to be borne abroad from the same spot on the invisible ripples of the ether. It was a perfect day. Around the station, on one side, at a distance, was a chain of snow-clad peaks. Much closer, also around the station, were living chains of children holding festoons of laurel, bouquets of wild flowers, and the flags of the country which they so justly love. A few minutes before we had been in Beromünster itself, a picturesque Ger-man-Swiss village, rich in churches, dominated by one which existed long before the Norman Conquest.

In this village-a mass of colour by reason of its hydrangea-bedecked fountains and the hundreds of streamers and flags suspended from the roofs and windows-we had been met, first by
village maidens in the particular costume of the village maidens in the particular costume of their
commune, who had insisted on placing in commune, who had insisted on placing in our buttonholes bouquets culled from their countryside; then by the village band, playing with a precision and understanding of which they have every reason to be proud, and finally by the " big-
wigs, who gave us most hearty welcome.
We had quenched our thirst in the pind
We had quenched our thirst in the principal village inn whose carved stone pillars and whose sideboards in an upper room, with a panelled ceiling, reminded us that they had been in service since the middle of the sixteenth century. We had learned in that inn that the art of the village maidens was not confined to their skill in the blending of wild flowers, but that they could interpret the folk songs of their country with a diction and an ensemble of a rare order. I was not surprised, therefore, when we arrived within the shadows of the transmitter, to find that the same young women, with their traditional bonnets, their wonderfully-worked bodices and many coloured aprons, had already taken their place before the microphone, in readiness to follow the inaugural speech with some further songs full of the joy of living and worthy of their land. They were joined, a little later, by a youth of the village who added colour by means of his accordion. The speeches were worthy of the occasion-which
(Continued on back Page).

## NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

## By Kyburg.

## THE BASLER YODLERS:

It is perhaps just as well that the Radio Times did not publish the programme of last night's Variety during which our Yodlers from Basle were billed to profuce themselves, in full. I doubt whether many of us would have sacrificed a wonderful summer evening if we had known beforehand that we were going to hear our boys in four songs only and that in between we should have to bear the croaking rancuous noises of an American Band and the more or less feeble jokes of some humorists.

Jean de Casalis was very good, as she always is and that little lecture on melody-cribbing was very interesting too. That band, however, playing at the beginning, in the middle and at the end, was atrocious and sandwiching our Yodlers in between might be compared to an old Appenzeller saying, which, as this is a family paper, I will refrain from citing.

As to the four songs given us by the Basle Yodlers, they were good, especially in the softer passages and the attack of the choir. They made me feel young and "behaglich" in turns, they made me laugh happily and smile a vain smile of remembrance, they filled me with that one and only feeling which comes to a man, long used to exile, when he sees, hears and feels his native country and countrymen again.

But, the four songs were much too short and, for me at least, spoilt somewhat, as I indicated, by the rest of the programme.

I cannot understand the B.B.C. because surely, Yodlers not only rejoice the heart of Swiss, but especially also of Welsh and Scots, and I should have thought that the B.B.C. Would give YOU, YOU BASLER YODLER! I hope to hear you again and soon, by tuning in one of our Swiss stations.

Among this week's gleanings, I have been favoured by a copy of the "Der Barenspiegel" which is, I think , a sort of Bernese "Nebelwhich is, I think ,a sort of Bernese "Nebel-
spalter," only, of course, not so good! I have to add that, otherwise I should lose my Zurichbirthright:

But, I am sufficiently cosmopolitan to enjoy a good story even if it is directed against us citizens of Switzerland's most important canton. I take this from the " Bärenspiegel."

In Zürich wird ein ungemein geistvoller Witz herumgeboten: "Es sei ja ganz klar, warum sich der Ballon so lange in der Stratosphäre aufgehalten habe und warum er so langsam habe herunter gehen müssen; es sei doch ein Berner dabei gewesen!", Fabelhafter Witz, Berner dabei gewesen! - Fabelhafter Witz,
nicht? Aber der Herr Professor wusste wohl, warum er einen Berner und keinen Zürcher mitnahm. Wie hätte z B. ein Zürcher in der mitnahm. Wie hätte z B. ein

Ueberhaupt die Limmat-Athleten! D überreichen sie beim Empfang in Zürich dem Professor eine goldene und dem Doktor nur eine silberne Medaille - wie wenn die Beiden nicht das genau gleiche geleistet hätten. -

解 porter gegenüber, dass sie nicht die mindeste Angst um ihren Mann gehabt habe. Nur bei einen allfälligen Fallschirm-Absprung wäre es vergesse ihr Mann nämlich meistens den vergesse ihr Mann namfich meistens den
Schirm. -
In Amerika hat der Flug (weniger der Wissenschaft, als des Höhenrekordes wegen) grosse Begeisterung ausgelöst. Bereits tragen die Damen den sog. "Piccard-Hut," eine Art Märitchörbli-Sturzhelm-Modell
and now another one, this time against our Bernese friends

## Den rechten Mann auf den rechten Blatz!

Zum Landgemeindeschreiber kommt ein Mann und verlangt Unterstützung wegen Arbeitslosigkeit. Zuerst werden die Persona lien notiert und dann fragt der Gemeinde schreiber : " Cde, was chent der eigetlich?"
" Ja glehrt ha-n-i neume nüt."
' Chöit der schrybe?'"
' Nei ; für e Name mache-n-i drü Chrützli.',
' U rächne?'
"E chly. Emu zämezeue bis uf nüün oder zähe,"
" U läse?"
"Nei, aber i verstah's, we's e-n-angere vorlist."
'U süsch? Chöit der süsch no öppis?"
" Nei, nid dass i wüsst."
"Ja loset, guete Ma, i euem Fall gits numen

## NEWS FROM THE COLONY.

## THE BASLER JODLER GROUPE

A very strenuous programme characterized the short stay in London of the Basler Jodler Groupe.
Arriving at Liverpool Street station on Fri-
may morning they regaled the other early day morning they regaled the other early arrivals both from the boat train and the locals
with a couple of jodling songs. On Saturday with a couple of jodling songs. On Saturday morning they placed a beautiful wreath consisting
of Edelweiss and Alpine Roses on the Cenotaph. of Edelweiss and Alpine Roses on the Cenotaph.

Apart from their turn at the English Broad casting station the outstanding feature of their
visit constituted the reception given by Madame Paravicini on Monday evening at 21, Bryanston Square, W. 1, where they sang to a distinguished gathering. H.R.H. Princess Helena Victoria had graced the party with her presence which also
included the Inuchess of Norfolk with her included the Duchess of Norfolk with hel daughters, Constance Duchess of Westminster, the Duke of Alba and Mrs. Charles Cochran (wife of the well-known producer).

On Sunday evening the Jodlers were the guests of the Swiss Club "Schweizerbund" at oined the City Swiss Club at their Monthly Din ner at the Brent Bridge Hotel.

The troupe left last Wednesday morning for Paris, and we believe they have every reason to be satisfied with their short stay. Their programme had been carefully arranged beforehand and we wish to pay a compliment to Mr. E. Siegrist, the organiser, who had spared no
in securing the well-known deserved success.

## SCHWEIZERBUND (SWISS CLUB)

Nowhere could one have found a more homely atmosphere than at the Swiss Club Schweizerbund," it Charlotte siay evening last. The visit of the "BASLER JODLER GREPPE, attracted an audience beond all expectations, necessitating the abandon ment of the advertised dancing programme. The isitors from our homeland received a great visitors from our hemen much befitting the occasion. They fully proved themselves delightful entertainers by the skilful rendering of their songs and yodels, a fact well confirmed by the repeated applause a fact well confirmed by the repeated applause
of the audience. These homely tunes and melodies must have touched the hearts of many listeners, meviving in them happy memories of by-gone days," It would have only needed a breeze of "Alpenluft"," It would have only needed a bareeze in a trance. It to carly the spectators quite apparent that they forgot their seemed quite apparent that they forgot their that their "last bus," was about to leave, shortly before midnight. The singing of the National before midnight. Anthem by the choir and the audience brought Anthem by the choir and the audience mosery this most successful evening to a close and
one bade farewell to our welcome visitors.

It is to be hoped that arrangements for further concerts of this description will be made whenever the opportunity presents itself.

EAN.

## A REVIVED SWISS FESTIVAL. costume and folklore. <br> Geneva, June 30th.

During the last few days a wave of nationalism has swept over this most international of Festival of Swiss Costume, as it is called, though it means much more than that, is being held here for the first time since 1914 , and we seem to have suddenly returned to gay pre-war days when people came to Geneva becanse it was a lovely place to see and not because there was a League
of Nations. Secretariat installed at the Quai of Nations secre
Woodrow-Wilson.

For a whole week the decorators have been putting up green and flowery arches and turning the streets and quays into avenues of flags and only two days-it took place yesterday and is to only two days-it took place yesterday and to-day- the fun began on Friday, be repeated to-day-the fun began on Friday, drift in from the cantons. At any moment you drift in from the cantons. At any moment you might run up against a group of gaily dressed come out in the sunshine to look at the decorations, or find yourself held up in a crowd outside a cafe where some early arrivals from the mountheir folk-songs. It was not until Saturday morning, however, that the mass of the processionists came pouring in by train and by road, some in came pouring in by train and oy road, some in farm wagons drawn by oxen or great power cos
horses, some riding mules, and all wearing the coshorses, some riding mules, and all wearing the cos-
tume of their craft and their canton, all carrying implements of work and garlanded in some way or other with flowers. The smell of the little mountain rose was strong in the air, and it was this charming flower that the visitors threw from bunches they carried at anybody whose smile they happened to encounter.

The festival was in two parts-the procession, and the performance later of traditional songs and dances in the Parc des Eaux Vives on the
shores of the lake. The procession, grouped according to districts, took over two hours to pass a given point. Beautiful as the whole effect was, it meant much more than an artistic display of colour and costume, for in it, as the different groups filed past, could be seen all present-day
Switzerland-the variation in types striking even Switzerland-the variation in types striking even some of the Swiss spectators-and a good deal of historic Switzerland as well. Some of the had had sent among their work-a-day peasants some groups dressed in the ancent costumes of their dants of well-known founders of Swiss inden dants of well-known dence. William Tell and his son, of course, received clamorous applause. An amusing tableau in the Berne section showed the eighteenth-cen tury mountain doctor and his eighteenth-cen tury lady patient, from Fribourg came the model old Engadine sledges.

THE REAL THING
All these belonged to what one might call the fancy-dress part of the pageant. More attrac tive to many people were the main body of pro cessionists, who come direct from the mountains and valleys in which they live and work. Here were old bearded ploughmen from the oldest canton, Schwyz, fisherman from Lake Constance, vineyard workers from Schaffhouse, with their dray bearing two enormous wine vats, lace makers from Neuchatel, linen spinners-and weavers from Berne, sugar refiners from Aarberg, and, of course, agricultural and farm workers from all parts of Switzerland, carrying corn sheaves and loaves of bread, and cheeses, and cherries, and other fruits of the earth, and leading sheep and goats. There was plenty of other live stock, too, in the way of chickens and pigs, and beautiful dun-coloured cows, and some very good im
popular.

But the marchers did nothing so dull as merely to march past. Frequently they broke into song, the girls from Fribourg and from Thurgovie with some particularly charming traditional songs. A group of musicians from Appenzell, the tympanum among their instruments, played delightful dance tunes. Now and then a young mountaneer whe a magnis achievement yodel ling is than would be dreamed of from hearing its imitators, while a queer mountain cry hearing by the women, sometimes in the shrill voice of an ancient dame, filled up the few intervals that occurred in the moving volume of sound flas-throwers added to the general feeling of in cident by their skilful manouvres with the Swiss flag flung repeatedly into the air all along the route.

THE FOLKLORE OF IT.
Old and new met very interestingly at more han one point. Together with those who carried flowers and fruits and other evidences of the spring festival came a group of very young girls rom schonenwerd (soleure) with their leader who rot, 1 me, carled a decorated with ribbons, flowers, and eggs, which in some villages is carried still from door to door on May Day, the ceremony concluding with a
feast. And not far from the tableau of children feast. And not far from the tableau of children from Argovie, representing the introduction into the village of Brunegg of a peal of church bells, came two groups of traditional dancers from East Switzerland clanging bells, who were undoubt edly, from the folklore point of view, the most emarkable feature of the whole festival. The first group were the Kaltbrunner Klause from the canton of St. Gall. They came running and leaping in single file rather like morris dancers whose costume theirs to some extent resembled or they were dressed impersonally in white shirts and white trousers, and the enormons sheep bell, which they held out in front in a horizonta position with both hands, was fastened to their orod 1 broidered straps coming from the shoulders. But the most extraordinary part of their costume was the high leather headaress, which also formed mask over the whole face and was embossed with various symbols such as the star and the spiral.
Did they belong to Africa or ancient Did they belong to Africa or ancient Egypt, or Mexico? Or to Merrie England, since they were accompanied by the traditional hobby-horse, also dressed entirely in white, and driven by another dancer who acted as clown? One might have asked all these things had this troop of dancers not appeared in a Swiss procession.

The second group were a curious example of the man-woman so often found accompanying dressed queer glittering headdress of great height and bulk. They wore waxen female masks and four or five largish sheep bells both on their chest and their back. With them came running a jack-in-the-green bearing a large bell back and front

THE FETE IN THE PARK.
The fête in the park yesterday evening was much spoilt by a thunderstorm. In spite of it, on wooden platforms to spectators who did not on wooden platforms to spectators who did not so sure, to judge by their remarks to English
people present, that the weather would have been worse in England. The most interesting musical event was certainly some very beautiful playing by three Bernese mountaineers on the Alpine horn, an instrument some fifteen to twenty feet long that rests on the ground at one end. The
St. Gallen yodellers were especially fine, and quite St. Gallen yodellers were especially fine, and quite wooden pipes from their mouths when their large wooden pipes from their mouths when their turn
came to join in the song. But the rain spoilt the came to join in the song. But the rain spoilt the dancing, although one saw some very pretty examples of circular country dances berore it began.

As I write, on Sunday morning, the procession again winds its way around Geneva to the accompaniment of distant thunder, while optimists hope for finer weather than yesterday's for the festival of dance and song to follow in the park down by the lake.
In Manchester Guardian.
Evelyn Sharp.

## BEROMUNSTER'S INAUGURATION.

(Continued from front Page)
was an important one for the canton of Lucerne, and in fact for the whole of the Swis Confederation; for switzerland now possesses a station Which ranks amongst the principal ones of Europe, and will be able to remove any false impression which exists regarding the musical standard of the State. It will soon be discovered by European listeners that Switzerland is not content with " yodelling," but that it possesses in its principal cities orchestras which can compare with those of other cities of Europe, which for some particular reason, are generally recognised as musical centres.

We left the Beromünster transmitter shortly before midday and glided down from the plateau through mediæval towns and villages to Lucerne, where further speeches and music punctuated and enlivened a well-arranged lunch attended by high State officials, local magistrates, and the leaders from all parts of Switzerland in the new broadcasting movement.

The same evening, at sunset, I wes speeding westwards through the mountains, hauled smoothly at about sixty miles an hour by an horse-power-the concentrated energy of illind horse-power-the concentrated energy of millions similar source of electrical energy Com thoys a anything more poetic that the transformatio be anything more poetic that the transformation of those sounds into and radiation of never yet penetrated, into the hospitals and has never yet penetrated, into the hospitals and sana-
toria where colour is so needed to relieve the toria where colour is so needed to relieve the grey-
ness of life and suffering, and into foreign in dustrial cities of which the majority of foreign in dustrial cities of which the majority of inhabitants ders of the Swiss O8berland?

June 26th.
D.W.

## " FUNNY CUTS "

La crise économique rend les affaires pénibles toutes les histoires vraisemblables
Aussi, Monsieur a-t-il prié Madame de songer à ne pas dépasser le budget qui lui est alloué tous les mois.

- Afin d'y parvenir plus aisément, ma chérie, explique-t-il, tu n'as qu'a tenir un compte très exact de tes dépenses.

A la fin du mois, le budget se trouve nette ment en déficit. Monsieur s'en désole et réclame le livre des comptes sur une page, il trouve cette mention : D.S.S.P., 600 fr s. Un peu plus loin, les mêmes initiales se répètent en face de sommes diverses.

- Mais, en fin, que signifient ces abrévia

Alors, Madame, toute confuse
mon chéri!

Maman. - Ma petite fille, il faudra que tu alles voir ta grand'mère cet après-midi.. Oui Elle est malade.

Lolita. - Ma paurre grand'mère... Qu'est-ce qu'elle a?

Maman. - Eh bien! ma chérie, c'est bien ennuyeux: elle est tombée et elle s'est cassé la jambe.

Lolita (désolée). - Oh !.
Lolita a été songeuse et préoccupée pendant toute la matinée. La voici enfin auprès de sa grand'mère qui est couchée.

Lolita (se jette au cou de sa grand'mère). Ma pauvre grand'mère... Tu t'es cassé la jambre . Et elle regarde autour d'elle dans la chambre) Où l'as-tu mise?

