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## After Whipsnade, SWISS RALLY for the 'BUNDESFEIER' - 'FETE NATIONALE' on Bank Holiday AUGUST 1st next at the S.R.A. Shooting Ground at the Old Welsh Harp, Hendon.

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### GLACIER MOVEMENTS IN SWITZERLAND.

The observations made during the season 1930-31 on the Swiss glaciers show that snow was more abundant and persistent than usual, owing to the prolonged winter and to the cold and wet summer, which prevented the snow from melting. The consequence was that the glaciers generally increased in volume and in length, though the progress is very small on many of them.

Bad weather during the summer months made it possible only to study and measure 92 glaciers out of 100, and it was ascertained that in 1931, 20 were advancing (against six in 1930), 12 were stationary (12 in 1930), and 60 were retreating (66 in 1930).

Among the glaciers which advanced, the Thäli glacier, in the Binn valley, advanced 69ft., and the Rossboden glacier 60ft. On the other hand, the Roseg and Morteratsch glaciers retreated 36ft., the Upper Grindelwald glacier 57ft., the Rosenlau glacier 54ft., the Paneyrosse glacier 99ft., the Rhône glacier 48ft., and the Findelen glacier, near Zermatt, 75ft.

### FLYING ROUND THE ALPS.

Great Britain is represented among the six entries for the 31st International Aeronautical meeting, which is to be held in Switzerland on July 26, or, in case of bad weather conditions, July 27 or 28.

The contest is to be a circuit of the Alps by commercial machines, the round flight course covering Zurich, Geneva and Milan.

The winner will receive a prize of about £500 and the Chavez Bieder Challenge Cup. This cup was won in 1927 by the German aviator Roeder with a Junker machine in 4hrs. 37min. 52sec.

Points are awarded not only for the speed, but for security of flight, economy of fuel, and weight carried.

### AUSTRIA'S THANKS TO M. MUSY.

The Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Dollfuss has sent a congratulatory telegram to Federal Councillor Musy on the conclusion of the deliberations of the International Loan Commission over which M. Musy presided.

### SWISS COMPANY FRAUD.

Emil Johann Paul Mehling, who has been on trial on a charge of floating a bogus company for the extraction of beryllium — a light metal — from rocks, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment and ten years loss of civil rights.

### LOCAL.

#### ZURICH.

An accountant who had fetched an amount of 20,000fr. from a Bank on the Paradeplatz has been robbed of this amount in a tramcar, the thief has not yet been traced.

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Dr. Julius Maurer, chief of the Swiss Meteorological Central office has celebrated his 75th birthday anniversary; at the same time exactly 50 years have elapsed since he graduated at the University of Zurich.

#### BERNE.

A terrible storm in the environs of Biel has caused considerable damage to the vine yards, especially at Twann and Schafflins.

#### BASLE.

The death occurred at Basle of M. Fritz Brändlin a former Editor of the *National Zeitung* at the age of 79. He was for 34 years a member of the editorial staff of this paper, and was well-known all over Switzerland as an efficient "Festberichterstatter." F. Brändlin was also a member of the Grand Council for 21 years. In 1915 he retired owing to eye trouble.

#### GENEVA.

Lord Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, is to visit the second Swiss Federal Camp for Boy Scouts at Geneva on August 4th.

#### ARGAU.

At the conclusion of the Centenary Federal Gymnastic Festival at Aarau, an official Banquet took place, at which M. Motta, President of the Swiss Confederation, and Federal Councillors Schulthess, Pilet and Minger were present, the

two Chambers, the Federal Tribunal and the Army were also represented. The following countries sent delegations: Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Holland, Portugal, Poland and Czechoslovakia. Exactly 21 speakers were in action during the Banquet. (We wish to correct an error in last week's issue, the drill exercises were executed by 25,000 men, not by 50,000 as mentioned).

### GRISON.

A motor car accident near Mezzaselva caused the death of two people. Mrs. Hürliemann, wife of Dr. Hürliemann from Lyon, and their maid were killed, and Mr. Hürliemann, Dept. chief of the Embroidery firm Reichenbach at St. Gall, received serious injuries.

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From Splügen comes the news of the death of M. Andreas Schwarz-Derungs, a prominent member of the Grand Council, at the age of 67.

### VALAIS.

At Chandolin, in the District of Savièse, a disastrous fire has destroyed many houses, more than 20 families are without shelter.

### TICINO.

M. J. Cattori, head of the Ticino Government died at Locarno after a short illness. M. Cattori was the leader of the conservative party. He was born in 1866 and studied law at the University of Berne and Freiburg, and established himself as an advocate. At the early age of 40 he was elected a member of the Grand Council; in 1909 he entered the government of his native canton, to which he belonged until 1912, when he was elected a member of Parliament; he sat in the National Council until 1923, when he again became a member of the cantonal Government. M. Cattori was also a distinguished journalist, and his services to the canton of Ticino and the country were manifold.

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##### BUNDESFEIER-PROGRAMM:

- 19 h. 30 a. 1. Orchester: Festmarsch von Kempter
2. Männerchor: Schweizerpsalm
3. Rede
4. Orchester: Nationalhymne
5. Glockengeläute
6. Szenen aus dem Dialektstück v. Hans Kriesi, Frauenfeld "Die Gründung der Eidgenossenschaft"
7. a. Der Hofbescheid zu Baden.
7. Männerchor: "Das weisse Kreuz im roten Feld"
8. "Die Gründung der Eidgenossenschaft"
9. Männerchor: In der Fremde
10. "Die Gründung der Eidgenossenschaft"
- c. Rütti
11. Orchester: Werner Wehrli: Präludium und feierliche Musik
12. Männerchor: "O mein Heimatland"
13. Orchester: Marsch aus dem Klein-Basler Festspiel von Hans Huber, Vorträge einer Ländler-Kapelle
- b. Liedervorträge des Sängerpaars Mary & Ernst Frey-Bernhardsgrüter:
1. Kühlerleben, von Krenner
2. Nach der Heimat (Volksweise)
3. Leibjodel, von M. Frey-Bernhardsgrüter
4. Aelplertanz, von Grolimund
5. De plonet Hansli (Volksweise)
6. Appenzeller-Jodel, bearbeitet von Frey-Bernhardsgrüter.

21 h. 40 a. **WELSCHSCHWEIZERISCHER LANDESENDER**  
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- 20 h. 00 Concert patriotique de la Landwehr
- 20 h. 40 Allocution, évocation du 1er août par Fécrivain & poète, René-Louis Piachaud
- 21 h. 22 Concert de musique suisse par l'orchestre de la station.