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## FEDERAL.

### THE FIRST OF AUGUST AT HOME.

Throughout the country our National Day has been celebrated with the traditional rejoicings and patriotic demonstrations. The sale of the little "Badges" and official postcards is said to constitute a record.

Though separate demonstrations by communists and fascists had been rumoured no serious incidents have occurred. In Geneva a gathering of communists was dispersed at its inception. In Zurich a strong force of police had to separate some rowdy elements from a group of the "National Front" who intended to honour a battalion of recruits that were being discharged from the local barracks.

### WIE DIE ALDEN SUNGEN, SO ZWITSCHERN DIE JUNGEN.

The students at the University of Frankfurt o/M have forced Prof. Hans Bluntschli to discontinue his activity. For nearly twenty years he has been a celebrated lecturer on Anatomy at that seat of learning. It is stated that Prof. Bluntschli, who is a grandson of the illustrious J. Caspar Bluntschli, declined to be drawn into the whirlpool of German politics and to denounce the democratic principles of the "Heimatland."

## LOCAL.

### ZURICH.

Attention is drawn to the continuous increase of unemployment in an official appeal issued by the "Stadtat" of Zurich. The citizens are invited to anticipate any orders for house alterations, repairs, etc.

### BASEL-LAND.

The events which led to the creation of this half-canton, exactly a hundred years ago, were commemorated last Sunday at Frenkendorf. In the course of the official address the proposed re-union with Basel-Stadt was somewhat unfavourably commented upon.

### ST. GALL.

Prof. Dr. Otto Schulze who has been identified with the foundation and development of the "Handelshochschule" whose rectorship he held from 1904 to 1920 has died at St. Gall at the age of 78.

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Surprise has been caused on the Swiss side of the lake of Constance when it was noticed that — especially on the first of August — German steamers plying on the lake omitted to observe the old-established custom of lowering their national flag when navigating or anchoring in "Swiss waters."

### SCHAFFHAUSEN.

To exclude from state employment all those belonging to parties or organisations hostile to the Constitution is the purpose of an initiative demand now being launched throughout the canton.

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### VAUD.

A historic link with the past is broken by the death in Ouchy, at the age of 87, of Count Albert Maximilian de Poutalès-deRougemont. Though a citizen of Neuchâtel he fought against the French in 1870 as a captain of the Prussian army.

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The "laboratory fund" of the Engineering College in Lausanne has received a gift of Frs. 100,000 from Prof. Auguste Dommer who for 32 years has been one of its lecturers and who now retires.

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