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STATISTICS ABOUT THE FEDERAL COUNCIL

**NEW CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL
MILITARY INSURANCE DEPT.**

"HUNGER MARCHERS" IN SWITZERLAND.

CIVIL AVIATION IN SWITZERLAND.

The Federal Council have decided to create a special organisation, under the title of "Commission d'études pour l'aéronautique à l'école polytechnique fédérale," for the purpose of promoting the development of aviation in Switzerland and of co-ordinating the activities of the various Government departments in matters relating to aviation. The new organisation will comprise members of the Federal Technical College, the Federal Military Department, and the Federal Department of Posts and Railways.

PLANS FOR DEVELOPING USE OF THE B.I.S.

New Zealand and Canada may, it is believed, shortly become shareholders of the bank, the capital of which is entirely held by governments, and open credits as soon as their currencies have been definitely stabilised.

LOCAL

The death is reported from Zurich of M. A. H. Hürlimann-Hirzel, at the age of 77. M. Hürlimann was "Seniorchef" of the well-known brewery firm Hürlimann. In the army he reached the rank of lieutenant-colonel; he was at one time Adjutant of the 3rd Army Corps.

LUCERNE.

BASLE.

M. A. Morel-Vischer died of heart failure at Naples on the eve of embarking for a Mediterranean cruise. By his death the Basle banking world loses one of its most brilliant representatives. He was born in 1866, the son of the former Federal Judge Morel. He spent his youth at Lausanne, where he attended the schools, and afterwards entered the banking house of Masson in Lausanne as an apprentice. On the conclusion of his apprenticeship, he went to London (Swiss Bank Corporation) and Paris (Crédit Lyonnais), where he perfected his knowledge. In 1894 he entered the "Basler Handelsbank," of which institution he became manager four years later (1898). In 1914 he was appointed delegate of the board. M. Morel was also a director of the "Kredit- und Industriebank," "Bank für Transportwerte," "Schweiz Gesellschaft für elektrische Industrie," "Baloise," "Elektroanlagen A.G.," "Schweiz Bodenkredit-Anstalt," "Viège-Zermatt Bahn," "Gornergrat Bahn," and many foreign companies.

The 18th Basle Fair was opened last Saturday. Dr. Meili, Manager of the Fair, received about 200 Swiss and foreign newspaper men. There are altogether 1,222 exhibitors (1933, 1,157), the rental of stalls producing 650,000 frs. (1933, 598,000 frs.), covering a surface of 30,000 square metres.

GENEVA.

This aero show will take place in the Grand Palais des Expositions, Geneva, where the International Automobile Salon is held each year in the month of March. Important aerial displays are planned on this occasion.

M. Isaak was convicted of taking part in the Socialist riots in Geneva in November, 1932.

SOLOTHURN.

M. Oscar Miller, manager of "Papierfabrik" Biberist, has died. He was known as one of the biggest collectors of pictures in Switzerland. His large collections comprised works of Giacometti, Hodler, Amiet, Auberjonois, Huber, Morgenthaller, Berger, etc.

APPENZELL A. RH.

M. Christian Ruedi in Gais, a member of the cantonal government for 15 years, has expressed a wish to resign on the occasion of the next "Landsgemeinde."

ST. GALLEN.

Frau Keller-Giger, who died last December in St. Gallen, has left 175,000 frs. for charitable purposes.

SCHAFFHAUSEN.

The government of the canton of Schaffhausen has made an appeal to their employees to spend their holidays in Switzerland, in order to help the hotel industry.

NIEDWALDEN.

The government of the canton Nidwalden has resigned *in globo*. The going out of office will be discussed at the next "Landsgemeinde." A violent Press campaign against the government, in connection with the Bannalp Electricity Works, is considered to be the chief reason for the retirement.

GRISONS.

A large part of the village Alt Felsberg, at the foot of the Calanda, has been destroyed by fire.

VALAIS.

A smuggler had a miraculous escape from death when, during a desperate chase by frontier guards over the snow and ice of the Alps on the Italian border near Brig, he and a companion slipped over a sheer precipice.

His companion fell 150 feet and was killed; he fell more than 200 feet and was found alive and comparatively unharmed. His fall had been broken by his knapsack catching on the rocky wall of the precipice.

FOOTBALL

8th April, 1934.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Blue Stars	1	Lugano	3
Basel	2	Urania	2
Young Boys	1	Grasshoppers	4
Lecarno	4	Nordstern	1
Servette	0	Concordia	0
Chaux-de-Fonds	2	Young Fellows	0
Lausanne	4	Biel	2

The three leaders are closing up, Bern being still first with 31 points, with Servette and Grasshoppers on their heels with 29 points and one game in hand, fourth and fifth, Biel and Lugano, with 24 points.