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### MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL.

**SWISS FRANC AND GOLD STANDARD.**

### SWISS BANK'S CLOSURE.

Already 21,000,000 francs have been lost by the Canton of Geneva in the affair of the Banque de Genève, and it is felt that, disastrous as the failure of the Banque d'Escompte is, and in spite of the hardships to many people that it involves, it is impossible to go on squandering public money in enterprises of this kind. The banks of Geneva made an offer to the Genevese Government to find the 5,000,000 francs if the Government would guarantee them, but when M. Naine, the Minister of Finance, suggested that if the

**COLONEL PHILIPP HEITZ.**<sup>†</sup>

**LANDSGEMEINDEN.**

At Trogen (Appenzell A/Rh.) eleven thousand citizens assembled. Amongst the visitors were Federal Councillors Motta and Haeberlin,

## HIGH POWER RADIO.

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BERNE.

M. Hans Ryffel, from Stäfa, since 1927 chief of the Federal Finance Control, entered the Federal Post administration in 1894. He, too, took part in many international conferences and has rendered great service to the Federal Finance Department.

GENEVA.

**BASLE.**

NEUCHÂTEL.

**VAUD.**

The death is reported from Grandson of M. Jules Vautier, head of the tobacco firm Vautier Frères et Cie. M. Vautier was an honorary member of the cantonal Chamber of Commerce.