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FEDERAL.

ITALY EXPELS SWISS JOURNALISTS.

M. Paul Gentizon, since 1927 Rome correspondent of the French paper "Le Temps," has been ordered to leave Italy before March 5th. M. Gentizon was consistently friendly to the Fascist regime, but in spite of his political sympathies he ranked as the best informed of the French journalists in Rome, and his messages in the "Temps" were an extremely valuable source of information.

The ideal foreign correspondent in Rome, according to the Italian Government, is apparently a person who provides neither views nor news, but only transmits communiqués. M. Gentizon had a different conception of the functions of a journalist, and that apparently has been enough to cause his expulsion.

M. Gentizon is of Swiss nationality. Two other Swiss journalists, both of whom have lived nearly all their lives in Italy, have been ordered to leave. They are Dr. Hodel, the distinguished correspondent of the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung," and M. Pedrazzini, correspondent of various Swiss papers.

A SWISS GOVERNMENT INQUIRY.

M. Motta, Chief of the Political Department, informed the Federal Council of a preliminary report received from the Swiss Minister in Rome. According to this, the Italian authorities declare that the measure does not imply disapproval of the attitude of Switzerland or of the Swiss Press, but is based on personal motives. As a matter of fact, however, the three journalists have always been considered in Switzerland as very favourable to the Fascist régime.

The Federal Council, therefore, did not consider the reply satisfactory and instructed the Swiss Minister to inquire of Count Ciano on his return to Rome the real reasons for the Italian decision. M. Motta will discuss the matter with the Italian Minister in Berne.

WILLIAM TELL OPEN-AIR PERFORMANCES.

Open-air performances of the William Tell drama will again be a feature of Interlaken, on Sunday afternoons, from July 9th-September 10th. For the convenience of spectators the auditorium is covered. The program will, as usual, start at 1:30 p.m. with fees of admission ranging, as heretofore, from 3.30 Swiss Francs to 12 Swiss Francs each, including ticket tax.

At Altdorf, fondly described as William Tell's home town, the Tell drama will be presented during the same period in summer, also on Sunday afternoons, in the William Tell Playhouse.

TOSCANINI TO CONDUCT IN SWITZERLAND.

In view of the extraordinary success which the first International Music Festival at Lucerne registered during the summer season 1938 plans are now being made for a repetition of this event from middle of July to beginning of September, 1939. Toscanini, the great maestro, who directed the special Wagner Festival concert in Tribschen Park near Lucerne last August has definitely consented to direct several symphony concerts, also Verdi's "Requiem" with choir, soloists and orchestra. Negotiations are also being made with several eminent conductors and soloists.

BASLE FAIR.

At the Swiss Industries Fair in Basle from March 18th to 28th, 1939, a special section "Wholesome Food" will display a variety of samples of the many food products manufactured in Switzerland. The organisation of this exhibit by the Fair Management will be carried out in close collaboration with theoretical and practical experts.

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INFORMATION from the Swiss Railways & State Travel Bureau, 11-B Regent Street, London, S.W.1. 'Phone: WHitehall 9851.

Another feature of this year's Swiss Industries Fair will be a new and very spacious pavilion for the always elaborate Watch Fair.

SWISS MINIATURE WRIST WATCH SHOWN IN AMERICA.

A Miniature wrist watch which took six months to construct entirely by hand at the Sentier watchworks in the Swiss Jura consists of 74 small pieces and measures 0,2 x 0,5 inches. It is the smallest timepiece in the world and will be shown in the World's Fair. Cost of production was 2,000 Swiss Francs.

SWISS WATCHMAKERS FOR GERMANY.

It is reported that German agents have been engaging unemployed Swiss watchmakers for work in German watch and clock factories. This would enable the German industry to compete to greater advantage with the Swiss watchmakers in the Balkan trade. Measures are being taken to stop the activities of the German agents.

DUPLICATING OF AIR SERVICE TO SWITZERLAND.

When the Summer schedules come into force on April 16th the pooled service of Swissair and Imperial Airways to Basle and Zürich will be duplicated. The Frobisher class liner of Imperial Airways will leave Croydon at 08.15 hours and get back at 19.45. The Douglas of Swissair will duplicate the journey in the opposite directions.

In the past two years Swissair have been running the route alone, in the Winter at least. The Summer schedule has been as indicated: Zürich—Croydon—Zürich in the day. In the Winter Croydon has been made an overnight stop. In all seasons the traffic has been extraordinary good and duplicating has been frequent. Triplicating has occurred several times.

QUEEN WILHELMINA IN SWITZERLAND.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland has arrived in "Bad Hondrich," near Spiez, where she will spend a few weeks' holiday.

FORTY MILLION FRANCS LOAN TO THE CANTON TO BERNE.

The National Bank has granted a loan amounting to 40 million francs to the canton of Berne.

This loan, which is covered by securities, will be used for writing off bad debts incurred by the Cantonal Bank of Berne, in connection with local Railways and the Hotel Industry.

ALEXANDER CASTELL †.

The well-known Swiss novelist and author, M. Alexander Castell, has died in Kreuzlingen, at the age of 55.

The deceased, who lived for many years in Paris, is the author of a large number of novels which enjoyed a great popularity. Amongst his best known works are the following: "Bernards Versuchung" (1911); "Das Fenster," "Marga Bever," "Die drei Schwestern," etc.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Please reserve

SATURDAY. MARCH 11th, 1939.

(at 7 p.m.)

for the

DINNER AND DANCE

at the

MAYFAIR HOTEL, Berkeley Square, W.1.

LOCAL.

BERNE.

The death is reported from Berne of National Councillor Gottlieb Gnägi at the age of 60. The deceased was born in Schwadernau (Ct. Berne). In the year of 1907, he was elected a member of the Grand Council over which he presided during 1926-27. M. Gnägi was a member of Parliament (National Council) since 1919, where he represented the Peasant Party, he was also on the Board of the National Bank, and for many years he presided over the Peasant Party of the canton of Berne.

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The seat in the National Council, which has become vacant through the death of M. Gnägi, will be occupied by M. Werner Hadorn, who was already a member of Parliament from 1928-1935. He is a member of the Grand Council of the canton of Berne since 1920.

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The death has occurred in Bienne of M. Hans Lanz, until recently Manager of the Swiss Bank Corporation in Bienne, at the age of 74.

The deceased played an important part in the commercial sphere of our country; he was one of the founders of the "Verbandes Schweizerischer Verkehrsvereine." In the army he reached the rank of colonel of Infantry.

ZUG.

An action has been started throughout the canton of Zug against the use of swearing and bad language. Both parents and schools, as well as the Press are asked to support this movement.

BASEL.

Dr. Emil Haefely, General Manager of the engineering firm Haefely & Co. A.G., in Basle, has died at the age of 74. The deceased was a member of the Grand Council and the Chamber of Commerce in Basle.

AARGAU.

Local Authorities in the Fricktal, where a number of iron-ore beds are located, are petitioning the Swiss Government to undertake further investigations regarding the economic utilisation of the Fricktal ores, particularly by means of the Siegwart-type furnace, which burns liquid fuel.

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States Councillor Hans Fricker from Laufenburg, has celebrated his 60th birthday. M. Fricker was for many years President of the District Court, and the Grand Council of the canton of Aargau. In 1930, he was elected a member of the Superior Court of the canton of Aargau. In 1925, he entered Parliament (National Council). Since 1933 he has represented his canton in the States Council. M. Fricker is one of the most popular members of the Swiss Parliament.

GRISONS.

A former administrator of the "Kantonale Brandversicherungs Anstalt" in Chur has been arrested. Investigations have proved that an amount exceeding 300,000 frs. has been embezzled.

The arrest has caused a sensation throughout the canton. The cantonal government is in charge of the investigations.