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# **NEWS AT RANDOM**

Recent developments may aggravate the economic situation of our country considerably. So far most of our supplies have reached us through a French or Italian port of entry; it is stated that fair inland stocks are being held of all the necessities of life.

In reply to a question raised in the States Council, about the liability of foreigners making a contribution towards national defence, it was stated that about 76,000, all of military age, were residing in our country. Generally speaking, interstate settlement treaties precluded their being called upon for active or passive service, the only notable exception being the U.S.A.

An official audit in the canton St. Gall has disclosed considerable deficiencies in the accounts of five communes; a request for dismissal of the culpable officials is meeting with opposition.

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The ban on Sunday employment is being lifted in most of the cantons, especially where the output of farm and agricultural land is likely to suffer.

Arrangements sanctioned by the Federal Council will enable necessitous compatriots who have been evacuated from abroad to raise loans at 1% interest against deposit of stock and other effects for which there is no market under present conditions; the amount so advanced is limited to Frs.2,000.— and each case will be decided on its merits.

Heinrich Hatt-von Meiss, principal of the firm of contractors bearing his name, died in Zurich at the age of 62, after a protracted illness. Many of the modern buildings in Zurich have been constructed by his firm such as the Swiss National Bank, Volksbank, Bahnhof Enge, Orell-Füssli court.

Dr. med. Karl Sturzenegger-Hafter died at the age of 74, in Zurich, where he had a very large practice. He was a colonel in our army, and during the last war he headed the commission charged with the inspection of prisoners' camps in belligerent countries. During his visit to this country he and his colleagues were entertained at Gatti's Restaurant by one of the London Swiss Clubs.

An army plane crashed on June 7th during exercises, the instructor, Capt. L. D. Eugen Frymann, from Dübendorf, being fatally wounded.

As letters and newspapers from Switzerland are reaching this country with considerable delay, we are reproducing some telegraphic reports which appeared in the English press. The "Daily Telegraph," June 13th, gives a Reuter message stating that:

Four persons were killed and 19 injured when unidentified 'planes dropped bombs in Switzerland on Wednesday, June 12th. An Army communiqué stated:

"Early to-day there were several violations of Swiss territory by foreign 'planes. So far as can be ascertained one bomb dropped near a school at Renens, near Lausanne, and several others were dropped near Daillens. Five bombs were dropped near Geneva.'

The bombs near Geneva dropped in the workingclass suburb of Carouge, near the French frontier. The drone of 'planes aroused the curiosity of residents, who left their beds to find out what was happening. A Swiss soldier and a woman were killed and 18 persons were injured.

At Renens, 20 miles from the French frontier, the railway track and part of the station were damaged. One woman was killed and her husband injured, and another man was killed in bed.

### CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les membres sont avisés que

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aura lieu Mardi le 2 Juillet à 6.30 h. précises au Restaurant PAGANI 42, Great Portland Street, W.1.

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Divers.

Le souper est facultatif et les participants sont priés de bien vouloir s'inscrire au plus tôt auprès de Monsieur P. F. Boehringer, 23, Leonard Street, E.C.2. (Téléphone: Clerkenwell 2321/2).

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