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tinues. Unless worse things befall, the League, joined by North and South America, Japan, Russia and all Europe, will be more necessary than ever.

There must be a new social order in Europe, built on foundations which themselves will be well laid and solid; free from greed, avarice, intolerance and brute force. This will require the highest statesmanship and religion, broadminded and tolerant.

But above all, there must be a revival of Christian faith whose strength rests on spiritual truth.

Therein lies the only hope for a better Europe and a nobler world.

There has been too much political opium and not enough Christian spirit, too much argument about dogmas, doctrines, creeds and denominations, and not enough tolerance, charity and brotherly love.

Unless the Church pulls itself together, plays its part and fulfils its mission, Christian civilisation will perish.

This conflict is a life and death struggle between two moral concepts and two cultures, on the outcome of which the future destiny not only of Switzerland, but of all Mankind depend.

Let us hope and pray that the forces battling for progress and all the things worth living for will emerge victorious and that we shall in due course be permitted to witness the dawn of a new era of happiness, prosperity and universal Peace.

Meanwhile, we must be of good cheer and put our trust in God.

Long live Switzerland!

F. ISLER.

A GAME OF GOLF AND THE SEQUEL.

(The following, reprinted from the "*Evening Standard*," 12.7.40, seems to show that in the present trying times even innocent jokes and humour may have unpleasant consequences.)

A Nazi salute given as a joke on the first tee of Muswell Hill golf course caused three men to be arrested.

Hans Koch, a Swiss, Albert Henry Cremer, and August Muller, were charged at Wood Green with being concerned in using insulting behaviour.

Mr. Pease, steward of the golf club, said that he looked out of his bedroom window at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, June 30th, and saw Cremer come up to Koch and Muller at the first tee and give them the Nazi salute. He heard Koch say that was a risky thing to do in public.

Mr. Pease said he was annoyed; he telephoned the police and the three men were arrested.

It was stated that the prosecution did not impute any sinister motive to the action, nor had they reason to believe that the men were disloyal.

The three men all avowed their loyalty to the country, and said Cremer gave the salute as a joke. Muller said he would die for this country.

Cremer said he might have done it in derision. "I often say when hitting a ball, 'I wish that were Hitler,'" he added.

The case was dismissed, but the chairman said the bench thought it had been very rightly and properly brought.

CORRESPONDENCE.

July 20th, 1940.

The Editor,
The Swiss Observer,
23, Leonard Street,
London, E.C.2.

Dear Sir,

A propos Mr. Borel's letter which appeared in your issue No. 974, I can endorse his remarks as I too mentioned the reports which appeared in the "*Swiss Observer*" to the local Police and they obviously appreciated the advice given therein. Your news regarding the ownership of "cameras and telescopes," however, came as quite a shock to me seeing that my Company is responsible for the distribution of cine cameras made by E. Paillard & Co. S.A., of Ste-Croix, and we happen to have some two hundred such cameras of high value in stock. The statement may do a certain amount of harm to the trade — and Swiss trade at that — whereas it is perfectly true that the number of subjects which may be taken is, of course, restricted, it nevertheless is a question of "common-sense" and there is no real reason why this fascinating hobby should be discarded just because one may not, of course, photograph docks, harbours, camps and subjects which no one would ordinarily wish to photograph.

Adverting to your remarks concerning Swiss radio reception, I have experienced no difficulty as regards Beromünster and the reception from Monte Ceneri is quite good; admittedly that from Sottens is very poor, indeed at times quite hopeless, although I manage as a rule every night to hear the news bulletin at 10.20 p.m. even if it means sticking one's ear to the loudspeaker.

This past week, however, I have found the reception relatively good and free from interference. I have to add, however, that I own one of our best Swiss makes of radio sets with a reputation for selectivity.

Yours sincerely,

CHARLES FER.

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