

Zeitschrift: The Swiss observer : the journal of the Federation of Swiss Societies in the UK

Herausgeber: Federation of Swiss Societies in the United Kingdom

Band: - (1940)

Heft: 982

Rubrik: Forthcoming events

Nutzungsbedingungen

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

Conditions d'utilisation

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

Terms of use

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

Download PDF: 22.02.2026

ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>

plutocracy," Switzerland's future supplies are assured by the Reich and its armed power. Therefore, out of gratitude for the protection of the Reich, Switzerland is expected to deliver more and more, until, within a few weeks, her stocks will be exhausted. Then Germany will have another starving population on her frontier, if not, by that time, in her midst.

In the meantime, however, the Swiss are being blackmailed into "leasing" rolling stock for the much denuded German railways, sadly depleted by R.A.F. attacks and by the need to maintain Poland's industries, for in the last partition of Poland, Russia seized the bulk of Polish rolling stock, as well as the great locomotive works at Bialystock.

Already suffering from the tension of the Soviet-Nazi Treaty, Germany must watch her axis-partner south of the Tyrol, for even now Italian propaganda is countering Goebbels's pleas to German-speaking Swiss to come "back into the Reich."

Italy cannot afford a break-up of the Swiss State, even if she benefited territorially, because as things are, a buffer state against its Aryan friend may one day give a little breathing space before the march south takes place in a possible Hitlerian attempt to seize Italian lands, by virtue of the accident that once made them a part of the Holy Roman Empire, whose sceptre has, in Hitler's mind, fallen into his hands.

So far Italy has shown a helpful attitude towards Swiss problems, because of this fear from the north. If Britain could rely upon goods sent through the blockade not being snapped up by Germany, British contraband control over Swiss chartered ships en route for Italian ports, might be relaxed, but can the Italians be trusted any farther than the Germans? No!

Therefore, because of the political dishonesty inherent in our enemies, we must continue to apply the blockade to Switzerland, even at the risk of being considered uncharitable. Better to suffer this stigma, than by our decent acts to encourage the Swiss to become another larder and workshop for our enemies.

If, as I said in a recent article, we cannot lift the blockade for any part of France, on the grounds that the conquered Frenchmen are now tools of Hitler for our destruction, as shown by recent announcements that French heavy industrialists are making arms for Germany, then we cannot relax our blockade, wherein lies our strength, in favour of Switzerland.

Now as in Napoleon's day, all Europe lies under the yoke of the aggressor. Against this aggressor there remains only Britain. We must not, and will not, heedlessly throw away a weapon which nature, by granting us control of the seas, has given to our hand.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, October 12th, at 2.30 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — Monthly Meeting — at Swiss House, 34/35 Fitzroy Square, W.1.

*Drink delicious "Ovaltine"
at every meal—for Health!*

G. E. CORNIOLEY †.

We much regret to announce the death of Mr. G. E. Cornioley, of "Oakhurst," St. Stephens Road, Ealing.

Mr. Cornioley was born at Chez-le-Bart (Neuchâtel) in 1854, and was therefore in his 87th year. He came to this country in 1877 for the purpose of founding a branch Office in London of the well-known firm of Henri Picard & Frère, La Chaux-de-Fonds, wholesale dealers in watch materials and tools for watchmakers, which firm he joined as an apprentice at the early age of 14. His great capacity for hard work, his strong personality and business acumen were such that under his energetic and wise direction the London Office developed rapidly and in a comparatively short time it outgrew in importance the parent firm. Today the London firm is in a leading position in the Watch Material Trade and well known throughout the world.

Mr. Cornioley was a self-made man in the true sense of the word; he maintained the active direction and leadership of the firm to within a few days of his death.

In the social circles of the Swiss Colony he was not widely known, as he concentrated all his best energies on his business, which was his life's work, but he always took a keen and sympathetic interest in our Colony, as the treasurers of the various Swiss Charities well know. He always kept a warm corner in his heart for his native land and as the goods he was dealing in are mostly of Swiss origin, the Swiss industry loses in him a very valuable outpost and a faithful supporter. A long and fruitful life has come to a close and we therefore should not mourn.

F.

Divine Services.

Dimanche 6 octobre 1940 : à l'Eglise Suisse, 79, Endell Street W.C.2.

11h. Culte M. M. Pradervand.

Mardi 8 octobre, à 2h.30, au Foyer Suisse, 15, Bedford Way, W.C.1, Réunion de Couture.

Pour tout ce qui concerne le ministère pastoral, prière de s'adresser à Monsieur le pasteur Marcel Pradervand, 65, Mount View Road, N.4. (Téléphone Mountview 5003). Heure de réception à l'église le mercredi de 11-12h.30.

Sonntag, den 6. Oktober 1940 : in der Schweizerkirche, 9, Gresham Street E.C.2.

11 Uhr. Gottesdienst. Mr. B. Segal.

Für alle Amtshandlungen wende man sich z.Z. an Pfr. M. Pradervand, 65, Mount View Road, N.4. (MOU 5003)

Printed and Published by THE FREDERICK PRINTING CO., LTD., at 23, Leonard Street, London, E.C.2.