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A new law in the canton Ticino makes it compulsory for all medicos, veterinary surgeons, dentists and chemists exercising their profession within the canton to have sat for their degrees at one of the Swiss universities.

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The St. Gall Education authorities have addressed a circular letter to teachers and school officials notifying them that complaints have been received about the bad-mannered and disrespectful behaviour of pupils under their charge.

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In order to facilitate trade relations between the Zones and the Geneva district, pass control offices have been established in Annemasse and Gex; so far applications for visas had to be addressed to Lyons, the nearest Swiss Consulate.

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The second instalment of the military exemption duty (Militärsteuer) for the year 1939 is due on February 1st and must be paid within 30 days of receipt of demand note. The cost of postage and a small fee are added to the original amount where further applications have to be made.

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A reduction of 12% on the amount of the licence is offered to car-owners in Basle on condition that their cars are kept in service for the whole of the twelve months.

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Dr. E. Gagliardi, professor at the University of Zurich, died after a prolonged illness at the age of 58. He is the author of many works dealing with the history of Switzerland and illustrious compatriots of recent generations.

## CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les membres sont avisés que

### L'ASSEMBLEE MENSUELLE

aura lieu Mardi le 6 Février à 6.30 h. précises au  
Restaurant PAGANI 42, Great Portland Street,  
W.1.

### ORDRE DU JOUR :

Procès-verbal.

Décision concernant les  
fonds suisses du Club  
House Fund.

Admissions.

Démissions.

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).

Le Comité

The gross takings of the Federal Railways for the year 1939 amount to over 358 million francs against expenses of about 212 million; the surplus of 146 million compares with 39 million for the twelve months to end of December 1938.

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By a decree of October 1936 the cantonal authorities of Geneva were empowered to forbid the opening of new shops if in their opinion aesthetic considerations or the existence of a similar shop in the immediate neighbourhood made the new venture undesirable. The validity of this cantonal law has now been tested by an appeal to the Federal Tribunal with the result that it has been declared unconstitutional, and abrogated.

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Further particulars have now been published dealing with the evacuation of certain towns in case of emergency but the army command points out that this does not indicate any new danger or a changed outlook; these plans are now completed and it is considered desirable that they should become common knowledge. Some of the instructions are very comprehensive such as that domestic animals must be let loose, gas and water mains turned off and doors of houses left unlocked.