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MOTOR PASSENGER VESSEL FOR LAKE OF THUN.

Some particulars of the motorship *Thun* recently constructed at Zürich by Escher Wyss for the Berne-Lötschberg-Simplon Railway Company's service on the Lake of Thun, are given in the *Escher Wyss News*. The vessel has a length of 128 ft. 6 in., a maximum beam of 16 ft. 6 in. and a moulded depth of 8 ft., the draught exclusive of the keel, is 3 ft. 9 in. It is equipped with a 250/300-h.p. Sulzer diesel engine driving a variable-pitch propeller; reversing and speed control is obtained by alteration of the blade angle. The vessel is fitted with both bow and stern rudders operated from the wheel-house by chains. A change-over device enables the steering to be changed from one rudder to the other; the one not in use is locked. The designed speed, when carrying 300 passengers, is 23 km. per hr. (12.4 knots), and the fuel consumption is stated to be 7.4 lb. of gas-oil a nautical mile. The vessel carries a crew of three men. The hull of the *Thun* was transported by road in two sections from Zürich to the western end of the Lake of Thun, a total distance of 60 miles. The largest section was 66 ft. long and weighed 14 tons. The shell of the vessel was completely welded up to the deck stringer at Zürich.

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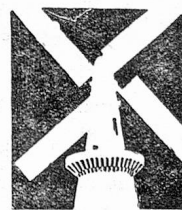
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OBITUARY.

The following notice appeared in the "*Caterer and Hotel Keeper*," April 10th.

"The death occurred last week of Mr. Ernest Rubli, chef de cuisine at the Clifton Arms Hotel, Lytham, Lancs, at the age of 51. A native of Murten, Switzerland, Mr. Rubli was well known in the catering industry, and was for many years chef de cuisine at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff, and also at the Shakespeare Hotel, Stratford-on-Avon.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, May 2nd, at 12.45 p.m. — City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting, at Brown's Hotel, Dover Street. (See Advert.).

Wednesday, May 13th, at 6.30 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society — Monthly Meeting, at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1. (See Announcement).

Saturday, May 16th, at 2.15 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly Meeting, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1, followed by Mr. G. Keller's "Comments on Current Events."

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