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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

During the month of April, 1952, the Swiss Federal Railways carried 19.34 million passengers, 3.41 million more than during April, 1951. The receipts from passenger service amount to 26.54 million francs or 5.71 million francs more than during the same period in 1951.

Goods traffic, however, has diminished by 240,000 tons and is returned as 1.58 million tons, the receipts thereof are stated to amount to 27.44 million francs. (April, 1951: 31.99 million francs.)

The customs receipts during the month of May, 1952, amounted to 53.7 million francs. (May, 1951: 53.8 million francs). The receipts during the first five months of the current year amounted to 242.4 million francs, or 17.9 million francs less than during the same period in 1951.

Cantonal

The "Obwaldner Kantonsschule" in Sarnen has celebrated its 200th Jubilee. More than 200 pupils attend annually its courses. [A.T.S.]

Mr. Friedrich Frey-Fürst, the founder and head of the firm "Frey & Co." Electro-Technical contractors, Lucerne, has celebrated his 70th birthday anniversary. The "Jubilar" has been for the last 30 years at the head of the "Schweiz. Karbidwerke". In 1925, he acquired the Hotels on the Bürgenstock and five years ago two Hotels on the lake of Brienz. [A.T.S.]

The population of the town of Zurich, on May the 30th, 1952, had reached 399,422 inhabitants. [A.T.S.]

The festivities to celebrate the 600th anniversary of the entry of the canton of Glarus into the Confederation started on Friday, June 6th, in the town of Glarus with a youth festival. A procession of over 5,000 school children passed through the gaily beflagged streets, they were afterwards addressed by a member of the cantonal government, (Dr. Stucki) who spoke of the historical significance of this

celebration. Previously a large number of "Glarner" who arrived from all parts of the world, amongst them a delegation from New Glaris U.S.A., were received by "Landammann", Dr. Heinrich Heer, who expressed his pleasure at welcoming them "back home".

The "Official Day" of the 600th centenary celebration took place on the 7th. In all the towns and villages throughout the canton the church bells were ringing. Shortly after 9 a.m. a special train, carrying all the members of the Federal Council and other official guests arrived at the station in Glarus. A procession proceeded to the "Stadtkirche" where a solemn service was held.

At the Banquet which followed at the "Schützenhaus" Dr. H. Heer, "Landammann" welcomed the guests and expressed his pleasure at seeing the President of the Confederation, Dr. Kobelt, present.

Amongst the speakers were, Dr. Kobelt, Dr. Hans Trümpler, President of the "Landrat" of the canton of Glarus, Rudolf Meier, President of the government of the canton of Zurich. The Banquet was followed by a historical procession in which 2,500 persons took part. [A.T.S.]

Two mountaineers lost their lives when on a skiing excursion on the "Jungfrau" (Bernese Oberland). The names of the victims are: Rudolf W. Fülleman, (aged 20) a commercial employee in Zurich and Gabriel Gessner (aged 22) a student at the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich. [E.T.A.]

The Federal Council has appointed Mr. Paul Schachemann (born 1894) to the post of Director of the Federal ammunition works, Altdorf, in succession to the late Colonel Louis Reusser. [A.T.S.]

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