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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The Federal Council will be officially represented on the occasion of the installation, on October, 1st, of the new President of the Republic of Panama, Monsieur José-Antonio Remon Canera. The following will attend the celebrations at Panama: Monsieur Werner Fuchs, Swiss Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas, and Monsieur Hans, Rudolf Blau, Swiss Consul General at Panama.

The Indian Minister, Monsieur Asaf Ali, held a reception at the Legation in Berne, in honour of the members of the new Swiss expedition which is to make a fresh attempt to climb Mount Everest. They left Geneva on August 28th for Nepal.

A luncheon was offered to the German Chancellor, Dr. Adenauer, by the Federal Council on the occasion of his passing through Berne. The following members of the Swiss Government attended: Dr. C. Kobelt, President of the Swiss Confederation, and Federal Councillors Etter and Petitpierre.

Dr. C. Kobelt, President of the Swiss Confederation, and Monsieur M. Petitpierre, Swiss Foreign Minister, addressed the members of the Inter-parliamentarian Union assembled in Berne.

The Swiss Federal Railways carried during the month of July, 1952, 17.76 million passengers or 4,000 passengers more than in July, 1951. The receipts are returned as 32.32 million francs. (July, 1951: 30.89 million francs.)

Goods traffic reached 1.76 million tons or 19,000 tons more than in July, 1951. Receipts: 31.87 million francs which is 2.90 million francs more than during the same period in the previous year.

Cantonal

A serious motoring accident occurred on the road between Root and Ebikon (Ct. Lucerne) when three cars were involved in a collision.

Two persons were killed and three seriously injured. The names of the victims are: Emil Rubrecht, master-plumber, of Zurich and his wife, née Greil, aged 56. The names of the injured are: Dr. med. Renatus Kälin, aged 30, of Gelterkinden; his wife Jaqueline, and their servant, Miss Alice Rebsamen, aged 25. [A.T.S.]

The watch manufacturing concern, "Lavina, S.A." in Villeret (Ct. Berne) has celebrated the 100th anniversary of its foundation. The firm was founded in 1852 by the Brack family, and in 1916, was taken over by Dubois-Peseux. In the year 1937, a Limited Company was formed which at present is under the management of Mr. Maurice Baehler. [A.T.S.]

Dr. Walter Keller, well-known for his translations of old Italian novels, and Ticinese folklore, has celebrated his 70th birthday anniversary in Basle. In 1927, he was awarded the "Schiller Preis". [A.T.S.]

The late Mr. Leonard Erzinger, consulting engineer of Zurich, has left an amount of 100,000.—frs. to his native commune of Schleithem (Ct. Schaffhausen) for the purpose of educating young members of both sexes of the commune of Schleithem. [A.T.S.]

Madame Esterina Somazzi-Bottani has celebrated her 100th birthday at Montagnola. (Ct. Ticino.) [A.T.S.]

A cashier of the "Raiffeisenkasse" in the commune of Herdern (Ct. Thurgau) has been arrested, having embezzled an amount of 50,000.—frs. [A.T.S.]

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