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no other protection against unfettered violence than that of Switzerland.

In fact, it was more than aid that Switzerland was able to give, thanks to the considerable work of the Services of the International Red Cross and of a number of semi-official and private Institutions, which made great efforts to alleviate the sufferings to which the populations were exposed by warfare.

During the entire period of hostilities, then after the armistice and up to the present day a great number of Swiss citizens have devoted and are devoting their time and full activity to the cause of European solidarity, among whom there are men, whom Mr. André Siegfried in his recent book qualified as great international figures, of Swiss nationality.

It is easy, obviously, to oppose the concept of neutrality to that of solidarity, and to consider that the first excludes the second. I believe that Switzerland has, by her entire international activity of the last few years, proved that such an antithesis or exclusive opposition is not unavoidable.

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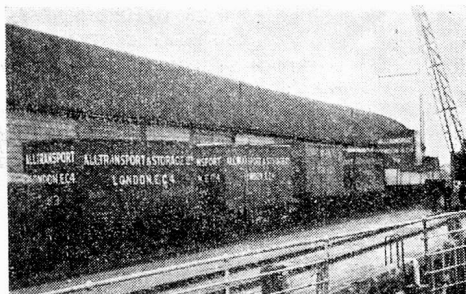
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Thursday, May 7th is the date chosen this year for the traditional Fête suisse. Central Hall, Westminster, should be filled to capacity because the Programme is certainly one of the most attractive offered to the Colony.

The "JODLERKLUB WATTWIL" has gained quite a reputation inside as well as outside Switzerland, and the Head of the Swiss Radio was telling me the other day that their performance was one he had really enjoyed immensely. . . and he is a very spoiled gentleman! They are not just jodlers but with the support of their own "Laendlerkapelle" and "bellringers" they give a show both artistic and amusing which is also very unusual. I understand that some surprise items might be expected!

To support them the "Corale Unione Ticinese" will bring us the sunshine of their lovely land; it will be the echo of all the festivities which are taking place to celebrate the anniversary of the entry of the Ticino into the Swiss Confederation. No manifestation is really complete without the appearance of the children. This year it will be those from the Sunday School of the Schweizer Kirche who expect everybody to come and watch them, refusing even to give their secret away before what will be for them THE Day. The "Romands" could not fail us; the success of the short production last year of the "Jeunesse de l'Eglise" encouraged them to do even better this year; special recordings have been flown to London to support them.

A fine evening it will be!

As in the past our Friend Mr. A. Schmid and Family have agreed to organize the Catering and from 5 p.m. until 6 as well as during the interval you will enjoy their home made delicatesses, there is no need to go hungry!

Our Guests from the Toggenburg will appear on the B.B.C. and will also give a Concert in the Main Hall in Folkestone. They are flying over and will have therefore a very busy 3 days here. Applications for seats have started early this time; if you have not got your tickets do not delay ordering them, bring your family, your friends, to enjoy this 78th Fête Suisse.

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