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PERSONAL.

We greet with great pleasure the arrival in London of Mr. Pierre Louis Lorsignol to join the Swiss Bank Corporation as a Manager of the London Office.

Mr. Lorsignol comes to the United Kingdom with a long record of international banking experience, for in his earlier years he worked with the Banque Franco-Chinoise in China and subsequently with the Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas in Paris.

At the time war broke out in 1939, he was due to go to New York as one of the founder-staff of the Swiss Bank Corporation's new office in Nassau Street, but the French Army claimed his services.

Subsequently he worked with the Banque Nationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie in Dakar and thence proceeded to Rabat in Morocco as Chief of the Exchange Control. After the war he was called to Montevideo as a Manager of the Banque Française et Italienne pour l'Amérique du Sud, a post which he recently relinquished to take up his new appointment.

With all these years of experience abroad, Mr. Lorsignol does not come to London as a stranger, for his father Mr. Samuel Lorsignol was for many years Manager of the Swiss Bank Corporation and his parents still have their home in Sevenoaks.

Simultaneously the Swiss Bank announce the appointment to be signature holders of the Corporation of Messrs. J. W. Castle, R. W. Callan and A. E. Bickerton, all for many years members of the London staff and well-known to many of the readers of the Swiss Observer. Apart from their professional experience, these three gentlemen bring to the ranks of the Bank's "chiefs" a refreshing flavour of the Services, for Mr. Bickerton served in the Army during the last war and still has Territorial associations, Mr. Callan was a highly qualified pilot in the flying services of the first world war and Mr. Castle had long seagoing experience in the Royal Navy in the second war. We extend to them our sincere congratulations.

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We deeply regret to announce the passing away of Mr. G. Flückiger of 65, Kenton Gardens, Kenton.

The deceased was born at Rohrbach in 1885, and has been in London for a great number of years. He joined the Swiss Mercantile Society in 1916.

On going to Press we learn with deepest regrets that Mr. C. Kunzle, of Birmingham, has died. An obituary will appear in our next issue.

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We wish to convey heartiest congratulations to Colonel Paul Gygli, Military and Air Attaché to the Swiss Legation, on his promotion to the grade of Colonel.

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Heartiest congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. F. Schmid, of the Glendower Hotel, Glendower Place, S.W.7, on the arrival of a daughter.

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We extend heartiest congratulations to Miss Betty Julia Ernst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Ernst, of The Grove, West Wickham (Kent), on her engagement to Mr. Karl Scherrer of Wintherthur and Frankfurt a.M.



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