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MOUNTAINEERING ACCIDENTS

The periodical "Die Alpen" has just published statistics of mountaineering accidents according to which 83 accidents occurred in summer 1958, costing 66 lives, and causing injuries to 47 persons. During winter 1958/59, 23 accidents were reported, causing the death of 15 persons, whilst 15 people were injured.

Recently several accidents have occurred. A guideless party of three mountaineers was observed on the summit of the Nadelhorn (4,330m). As the party did not return to the Mischabel hut in the evening, a rescue party was organised, who found the three mountaineers on the Hohballen glacier having fallen down 800m over the Nadelgrat. Werner Schmiriger (39) electro-technician of Lucerne, was found dead, and his two brothers Dr. jur. Xaver Schmiriger, "Landschreiber" of Schwyz, and Benedict Pater Odilo Schmiriger, Prior of the Engelberg Abbey, were found injured. The dead and the two injured were taken to Saas-Fee.

Three Bernese alpinists, Alfred Zürcher (47), Otto Allemann (58), and Mrs. Marie Allemann (55), lost their lives on the ascent of the Aletschhorn.

Willy Brand (34) of Berne was killed whilst ascending the Balmhorn (3711m). His brother René Brand (25) was injured and was taken to the hospital at Frutigen.

Dr. med. Dietrich Staehelin (41) of Zug, and his daughter Lisbeth (8) lost their lives on the descent from the Piz Calandari (Ct. Grisons).

M. Claude Demelière (20) of Geneva was killed on an ascent to the Dent Blanc. [A.T.S.]

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VARIOUS.

The collection made this year in Switzerland for refugees and displaced persons in various foreign

countries brought in the amount of 866,000.—francs. [A.T.S.]

The "Balair" A.G. of Basle have recently undertaken their first long distance flight (20,000m.) to Johannesburg. [A.T.S.]

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The 60 million francs loan at 3½ per cent of the Grande Dixence S.A. has been oversubscribed and allocations had to be reduced. [A.T.S.]

PERSONAL.

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. Paul Haberstich, Managing Director of the Acme Transport Co. Ltd., of "Acme House", Whitecross Street, London, E.C.1, who on Wednesday, September 9th 1959, celebrated his 60th birthday.

We send our sincere congratulations to Mr. E. Buchi, Swiss Consul in Manchester, on his promotion to the rank of Consul General, and his transfer to San Francisco.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

At the Meeting on Tuesday, September 8th 1959, it was decided that the 95th Annual Banquet & Ball of the City Swiss Club will take place on Friday, November 20th at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Our next issue will be published on Friday, October 16th 1959.

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