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into a turret and with an exposure meter incorporated behind the objective. This model, which enables one to take pictures at seven different speeds, also possesses an automatic changeable obturator. The range of Bolex cameras is completed by a third novelty, namely an 8mm. pocket camera which, in spite of its simplified construction, offers numerous advantages and, like all the other products of this firm, a mechanical performance of the highest precision.

Brown Boveri build a new factory.

The firm Brown, Boveri & Company Ltd., which was founded in Baden sixty years ago, employed twenty-five executives and a hundred manual workers when it first started. At the end of 1958, however, its personnel consisted of 3,300 executives and nearly 10,000 manual workers. Feeling that it required more space than was available on its property at Baden, the firm gradually acquired more ground in the same region, at Birr, near the town of Brougg. The firm now possesses grounds there extending over 420,000 square metres, *i.e.*, space which represents about two-and-a-half times the superficial area occupied by the plant at Baden. Brown Boveri have built a new plant there for the manufacture of heavy and medium electric machines. These buildings, which were recently shown to the Press, consist of three large workshops, measuring 270 metres in length, and 36, 24 and 10 metres in width, respectively. A furnace-room, provided with a tower, 46 metres high, supplies the heating. The big workshop, measuring 270 by 36 metres, will be used for the manufacture of very large machines, so that its useful ceiling has been fixed at 24 metres. The foundations of the necessary powerful machine-tools have been made the subject of particular care, as has also the lifting apparatus. By coupling two movable bridges, of 150 tons each, it is possible to lift loads weighing as much as 300 tons. The machine-tools which are to be installed in this workshop are really gigantic: a revolving lathe with a working diameter of 14 metres and weighing 730 tons, which can machine-finish articles weighing as much as 200 tons; a double drill-press, with a drilling capacity of 21 metres in length, etc. It is anticipated that this new plant will be put into service in April 1960. As a result, the biggest Swiss works for the manufacture of electrical material and machines for the production of electric power, will then be in a position to tackle successfully the problems relating to development, which are to-day facing all large business concerns. (1 metre = 1.09 yard).

Swiss industry during the First Quarter of 1959.

An official enquiry on the situation of Swiss industry during the first quarter of 1959 shows that, in spite of a slight decline in the number of workers employed, the state of employment and prospects of business for the near future would appear to be more favourable than they were during the preceding quarter. In the building trade, employment shows a revival which is more marked than the usual seasonal activities.

Switzerland and Eurovision.

The Eurovision network connects the national televisions in Europe. When it is operating fully, it extends over more than 15,000 kilometres. Its highest connecting point is to be found in Switzerland, on the

Jungfraujoch, at an altitude of 11,500 feet, where it forms an important junction between the North and the South.

Horological Museum in Switzerland.

A new Horological and Historical Museum has just been inaugurated at Le Locle, a Swiss watch-making city in the heart of the Jura. This new institute is complete and attractive. In it can be seen, arranged with infinite taste, a large number of rare clocks and watches, as well as mechanical figures.

The development of telephony in Switzerland.

It is expected that very soon Switzerland will be able to register her millionth telephone subscriber. Two other important figures will be attained about the same time, namely: 1,500,000 telephone posts in service, and 800,000 telediffusion subscribers, *i.e.*, subscribers to the transmission of six radio programmes by telephone wires. These figures are really very impressive when one remembers that Switzerland's population at present numbers 5.2 million.

THANK YOU!

The editor wishes to thank the many subscribers who have so kindly sent him messages of congratulation on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the paper, and his 70th birthday, which have been greatly appreciated.

He also expresses sincere thanks to the Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker for the reception given to him at the Embassy, and to the Swiss Societies who very kindly presented him with personal gifts.

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