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SWISS BANKING.

The flight of Swiss capital and the withdrawal of the foreign balances in connection with the referendum of June 2nd has assumed considerable dimensions during the month under review. The Swiss National Bank had to support the franc in Paris and lost a substantial amount of its gold reserve. There have been withdrawals of deposits from Swiss banks, which were only partly due to the fears as to the stability of the Swiss franc. To a large extent the withdrawals were the result of pessimism concerning the banking position in Switzerland. It is generally known that the banks have committed themselves to too large an extent in Germany, and also that a large part of the mortgage loans they granted in Switzerland has become hopelessly frozen in consequence of the economic depression. It is also feared that the withdrawals of deposits caused by the flight of capital, national and foreign, prior to the referendum may assume considerable dimensions as the date of the referendum approaches. The price of bank shares underwent a further sharp decline, and there has been much talk both in Switzerland and abroad about the difficult situation of some of the well-known banks.

Various amalgamation schemes have been under consideration in order to provide a solution of the present difficulties. According to one, three banks whose names are frequently mentioned as being affected by the existing circumstances to a particular degree, are to amalgamate. According to another scheme the two leading banks are to take over two of the weaker banks. The disadvantage of both schemes is that all banks have more or less the same weak points to a varying degree, so that any amalgamation would merely accentuate the extent of their weak points. There can be no question at present of any official assistance, since it would support the movement in favour of the measures proposed by the promoters of the referendum.

One of the sources of the difficulties is the system adopted by Swiss banks of issuing across the counter day after day, one-year bonds which to some extent take the place of fixed deposits. Such bonds are constantly maturing, and many holders are not inclined to renew them. While in the case of deposits, customers of old standing would be reluctant to take the initiative in withdrawing them, in the case of bonds falling due the funds can be withdrawn without having to take the initiative by simply abstaining from renewing the bonds.

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