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FEDERAL.

75TH JUBILEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

The 75th Jubilee of the "Schweiz. Unteroffiziers-Verband" was celebrated at La Chaux-de-Fonds; amongst the many distinguished guests were Federal Councillor Minger, head of the Federal Military Dept., Army-Corps Commander Guisan and Colonel of division Borel.

M. Minger, in a patriotic address, paid a high tribute to the efficiency of the non-commissioned officers' corps.

As to the Army, he mentioned that the country can have full confidence; "great progress has been made during the last few years," he said, "and today we are ready to stand up against anybody who tries to interfere with our independence."

Federal Councillor Minger, amidst great applause, terminated his oration by saying, that should Switzerland have to fight, they would defend their country in the same spirit, and with the same enthusiasm which animated our forefathers centuries ago.

PROFESSOR BURCKHARDT TO RETURN TO DANZIG.

Professor Burckhardt, the League High Commissioner, has been asked by the Committee of Three on Danzig to return to his post to make a report.

ENGLISH FOOTBALLERS IN SWITZERLAND.

The match played between the English champion team, Everton, and the F.C. Grenchen ended in a draw, each team scoring one goal each.

NEW COMMANDER OF THE FORTRESS OF SARGANS.

The Federal Council has appointed Colonel Fritz Gubler to the command of the Fortress of Sargans.

Colonel Gubler, who is at present on the staff of the 2nd Army Corps, was born in 1887, at Zurich. In the year 1912 he entered the Federal Instruction Corps; most of his time was spent at the St. Gothard Fortress. For some time he held the command of the Fortress Artillery Section 3, and later on he was at the head of the Artillery Regiment 7; for an extended period he was employed on the General Staff, during which time he was sent to foreign countries.

MOTORCARS AND BICYCLES IN SWITZERLAND.

According to figures just published by the Federal Statistical Office, there are at present 124,195 motor cars registered in Switzerland, 26,800 motor bicycles and 1.2 million push bicycles.

SPANISH PICTURES AT GENEVA.

The Spanish pictures from the Prado and the Academy of San Isidoro which are to form an exhibition at Geneva have now been hung in the Musée d'Art et d'Histoire, occupying the 12 rooms on the first floor. The pictures are the best of those sent to Geneva during the civil war, and include the most famous of the Velasquez, El Grecos, Goyas, and Zurbarans. The rest have been returned to Spain. The exhibition will be open from June 1 to the end of August.

SWISS SPEED ACE WINS.

Hans Reusch, the Swiss driver, in an Alfa-Romeo, won the Sydenham Trophy at the Road-Racing Club's meeting at the Crystal Palace.

He beat B. Bira, the Siamese Prince, in an E.R.A. A. H. Beadle, in an Alfa, was third.

SWISS HOUSEHOLDS RESERVES.

Switzerland believes that in a European war she would be in danger of having her supplies from outside seriously interfered with. A system of accumulating household reserves has therefore been introduced.

At the beginning of this month a Swiss law came into force whereby each householder with income above a certain figure, and the heads of institutions such as schools and hospitals, are required to lay in three months stock of provisions. Lists supplied to the persons affected are given in the fullest detail—down to the last match, according to one writer. At the end of the month inspectors will call to see that the order has been complied with. Breach of the order will involve a fine.

The very logical and humanitarian purpose behind this machinery is that in the event of war the Government would be able to leave the more prosperous sections of the community to look after themselves—that is, live on the reserves they had accumulated—while it would be able to concentrate attention on supplying the armed forces and the necessitous members of the community.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS.

The 21st World Jewish Congress will meet in Geneva on August 16. It will be followed by the sixth session of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. The Congress will consider, among other questions, the situation with regard to the Jewish National Home, the position of Jews throughout the world, the attitude of the Mandatory Power, and the relations between Jews and Arabs. The Congress will last from 10 to 15 days.

LOCAL.

ZURICH.

The death has occurred in Winterthur of Dr. Hans Widmer, "Stadtpräsident" of the town of Winterthur.

LUCERNE.

Dr. Zimmerli, "Stadtpräsident" of the town of Lucerne, is shortly retiring from his post.

CITY SWISS CLUB

REUNION D'ETE

à laquelle les dames sont cordialement invitées

MARDI 27 JUIN à 7 HEURES 30

au BRENT BRIDGE HOTEL, HENDON.

Dîner (7/6) — Dance jusqu'à minuit.

Tenue de Ville.

Pour faciliter les arrangements, les participants sont priés de bien vouloir s'inscrire au plus tôt auprès de Monsieur P. F. Boehringer, 23, Leonard Street, E.C.2. (Téléphone: Clerkenwell 2321/2)

Le Comité.

Dr. Widmer, who was a medical practitioner, held the office of Mayor since 1930; in 1935 he was elected a member of Parliament (National Council). For many years the deceased was a member of the "Kantonsrat."

GLARUS.

In remembrance of the late H. Trümpy, who died some time ago in Glarus, members of the family have made donations to various charitable institutions amounting to 100,000 frs.

BASLE-COUNTRY.

The electorate of the canton of Basle Country was called to the poll last Sunday to elect a new member of the cantonal government, in succession to Dr. Seiler, who recently retired from his post.

None of three candidates got an absolute majority, which will necessitate a second poll. Only 55.9% of the electorate went to the poll. The number of votes recorded for the three candidates are as follows:—Dr. Stöckli (Liberal) 5,327 votes; H. Fischer (Peasant Party), 4,915 votes; and Dr. Gysin (Independent), 4,365 votes.

GENEVA.

The five former members of the municipal government of the town of Geneva have been confirmed in their offices. The result of the election is as follows:—H. Schönau (Radical), 5,270 votes; Jules Peney (Radical), 5,714 votes; Jean Uhler (Nat. Dem.), 5,541 votes; Emile Unger (Socialist), 5,264 votes; Marius Roul (Socialist), 5,113 votes.

"SWISSAIR TOUR D'EUROPE."

Westflug 22nd - 28th of May, Dübendorf, Holland, Belgium, England, France, Spain, Dübendorf.

THE LONDON VISIT.

Five minutes earlier than scheduled, the Delegation from the City and Canton of Zurich, headed by Dr. Klöti, President of the City, and by State Councillor Briner, member of the Cantonal Government, arrived by special Swissair plane at Croydon on Wednesday last.

They were greeted on their arrival by the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, and by Monsieur Ch. de Jenner, Councillor of Legation.

Amongst the members of the Swiss Colony present at the Airport were:—Messrs. L. Chapuis, President of the City Swiss Club; V. P. Ceresole, Manager of the London Office of the Swiss Federal Railways; C. Campart, President of the Société de Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres; A. Stahelin, Member of the Council of the Swiss Mercantile Society; A. F. Suter, President of the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique; Ch. Messmer, London Manager of the Swissair; Anton Bon (Dorchester Hotel), G. Marchand, R. Dupraz, W. Gattiker, P. F. Boehringer, G. Wuthrich, Dr. E. Kessler, London correspondent of the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung"; G. Keller, London correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" and the "Schweiz. Depeschen Agentur"; Mlle D. Du Bois, London correspondent of "La Suisse"; A. Stauffer, Editor of the "Swiss Observer"; etc., etc.

The Delegation from Switzerland consisted of the following gentlemen:—

Dr. R. Briner, Président du Conseil d'Etat du Canton de Zurich.

Dr. E. Kloeti, Syndic de la Ville de Zurich.