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LOCAL.

BERNE.

A fountain in honour of the poet Rodolphe de Tavel has been inaugurated.

LUCERNE.

A galaxy of eminent musicians will take part in the first Lucerne Festival which opens on August 3rd and lasts for over three weeks. They include Ansermet, Boult, Busch, Casals, Gigli, Horowitz, Huberman, Rachmaninoff, Walter and Toscanini. The scheme includes two performances of Verdi's "Requiem." Toscanini and his son-in-law, Horowitz, will appear together in Brahm's B flat piano concerto on August 29th.

FRIBOURG.

Professor Anton Picart, of the University of Fribourg, has died after an apoplectic fit. He was well known for his philological works.

SOLOTHURN.

The 440th anniversary of the battle of Dornach has been celebrated at Dornach.

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Nazi propaganda carried on in their leisure time earned seven local residents imprisonment of from one to six months, apart from the cost of the proceedings when they were charged at the tribunal of Solothurn-Lebern. With the exception of one, a local post office clerk, they were workmen of a munition factory, the Waffenfabrik Solothurn A.G.; three of the culprits could not be found and are said to be hiding in Germany. A new commercial Manager has recently been appointed to the company and he is stated to be a German.

BASLE.

Considerable damage has been caused to the crops by hailstorms in the region of Basle.

LAUSANNE.

M. Paul Rossy, vice-president of the Swiss National Bank, has received the degree *doctor honoris causa* of the University of Lausanne. M. Rossy has attended several international economic conferences in London where he is well known in banking circles.

TICINO.

A pioneer of Continental cooking in Glasgow, M. Francis Ferrari, has died at his home in Ludiano. M. Ferrari was 78 years of age and came to Glasgow at the age of 20. He started with a small restaurant in Cowcaddens and then opened several other shops in the town, notably the well-known restaurant of Sauchiehall Street. The Glasgow press publishes affectionate accounts on the life of the noted restaurateur.

NEUCHATEL.

Four canoes were overturned by a sudden gust of wind on the Lake of Neuchâtel. M. Jean Demieville, school-master of Yverdon, and a young man who accompanied him were drowned.

NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

By KYBURG.

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The approach of the 1st of August makes us SWISS feel grateful to Divine Providence for the preservation of our homeland from perils both from abroad and from within and the Anniversary of our Federation's birthday makes us remember its past history and form pious and sincere wishes for its future welfare.

We are living at a time when great changes, affecting the thoughts and actions, the habits based on tradition and experience, and even our ideals, are making themselves felt and are taking place, whether we like it or not.

It is a period, so it seems to me, during which we see the old order which has served up till recently and has achieved what we are wont to call our modern civilisation, slowly, but inevitably make room for a new arrangement which is, as yet, hidden from our eyes, but for which we all, each according to his ideas, strive and yearn.

Some think that the capitalistic system is played out. Others again think that the old order permitting the so-called privileged classes of society to enjoy a better existence than their poorer, or lower brethren, is about to totter, while yet others hope that out of the present period's birth-pangs humanity may see some sort of a religious revival preparing the way to better things.

We, SWISS, on this 1st of August 1939 feel that we too are subjected to all these tormenting, conflicting, perplexing and anxious currents of thought and actions arising from them. We see our, on the whole smoothly and peacefully working, democratic way of doing things, assailed by happenings beyond our frontiers. We are made to feel the repercussions of economical and political experiments forced upon other peoples by circumstances largely produced by the World war 1914-18 and the so-called Peace made by people who had spent years in making war.

We too, we SWISS, feel the voice in our heart telling us that all is not well, and that, if we wish to survive, we must prepare and mend our ways.

Gone are the days when, on the 1st of August, we simply remembered our glorious political past, our National Heroes, and, remembering them, felt that we too were the salt of the earth and able and strong enough to ward off any enemy that might be tempted to attack us and our liberties.

To-day, I think, the feeling is rather that, by the grace of God, and by our own exertions, we are ready to do all that we can in order to defend such liberties, of thought and action, and to continue building up our community along the paths of Justice and Co-operation.

We are strengthened in our task by the fact that we Swiss do not possess, nor covet, that which belongs to others. We are on our guard, lest we should have to surrender that which we took from others.

By our peaceful efforts alone are we strong and by our love for our Country, composed of many nations living amicably together, striving together for progress and better times, are we united unto death.

Switzerland to-day is a nucleus of what Europe to-morrow and the whole World later on might be and we are ready to sacrifice everything rather than that that isle of sanity in the heart of Europe should be destroyed.

And in this spirit we will remember the Ruetli-Schwur and that motto from which springs our whole achievement, political, economical and cultural and to which, perhaps, we have a right to be proud to-day:

ONE FOR ALL: ALL FOR ONE.

Turning to this week's Press Gleanings I find, among lots of articles dealing with various aspects of "Holidays in Switzerland" one that show the splendid effort that is being made for lovers of things musical in Lucerne. Says the *"Sunday Times"* 16th inst.

A Challenge to Salzburg:

Great efforts are being made to establish Lucerne this summer as a musical centre that will challenge the claims of Salzburg to festival honours. Both festivals will take place next month, and while Salzburg has such stars as Richard Strauss, Tullio Serafin, and Karl Bohm, Lucerne has gone out boldly for Tosca-

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1st AUGUST

For several years past the S.M.S. College has had its own 1st of August Celebration when students and masters were addressed by a member of the Swiss Legation or other prominent members of the Swiss Colony. This year there will be no separate function but the whole.

S.M.S. COLLEGE

has been invited to join in the Celebrations at St. Pancras Town Hall. There you will be able to meet many young compatriots and have a chat about things in Switzerland and abroad. And, by the way, whenever you want any information about the S.M.S. College get into touch with the Secretary.

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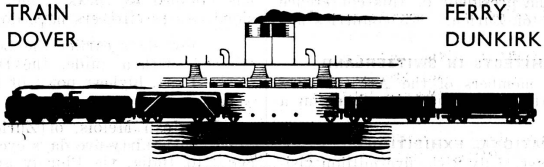
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