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National Councillor Charles Albert Favrod-Coune died in Berne at the age of 62; it was only last Monday week that he attended the opening of the Swiss Parliament.

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It is officially stated in Basle that none of the civil population has so far been evacuated; should war operations be brought close to the frontier some threatened outlying districts may have to submit to this measure.

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Peculiar and at the same time intricate conditions are ruling in the little village of St. Gingolph on the lake of Geneva. Half of the hamlet is in Switzerland while the other half extends into French territory. Through the closing of the frontier families have been separated and farmers are prevented from looking after their cattle where stables are on the other side of the line. The only church and cemetery is on the French side. The French Maire and the Swiss Syndic are striving hard to amend the imperfections.

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"Konstanz liegt am Bodesee — wers nicht glaubt kas selber gseh" we were taught in our school-days. The "Daily Telegraph" (Sept. 26th) has improved on this by boldly stating that this town lies "partly in Germany and partly in Switzerland."

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"Se non e vero e ben trovato" is probably a fitting description of the following tit-bit which appeared in the "*Evening Standard*" (Sept. 26th): A newshawk had been sent to the German Embassy where he was directed, by a typewritten notice, to a side door by the Duke of York's Steps. Here a wooden notice now identifies the building as "Special Division, Swiss Legation."

The notice has been nailed over the top of a brass plate inscribed "Deutsche Botschaft." While this was being done a policeman asked the responsible Swiss official why he did not remove the brass plate altogether.

"They told us to leave it," was the reply. "They said they expected to be back before long."

CITY SWISS CLUB.

We understand from the Secretary that he has arranged with the Institut Français that they will kindly allow members of our Colony, both ladies and gentlemen, to attend a series of lectures on the International Situation by Professor Denis Saurat of the University of London (King's College) and Principal of the Institut. The opening lecture on the Causes of the War was extraordinarily interesting, presenting quite new lines of thought, and each week different phases and new developments will be treated, running concurrently with the all-important question of Construction for Peace. It is planned to throw the meetings open to general discussion which will naturally add to the interest of this already outstanding opportunity.

This gesture of the Institut Français is very much appreciated, and it is hoped that many of our members will take advantage of it and attend regularly. The lectures are in English on Wednesdays at 5 p.m., or in French on Fridays at 5 p.m., and they last about an hour.

There will also be a free course on First Aid by the famous Dr. J. Moore, on Fridays at 3.30 p.m.

Please let the Secretary know which lectures you can attend so that he may arrange for reservations as far as possible. Just drop a note to Mr. Henry Bingguely, Bulle House, 187a, Tottenham Court Road, W.1.

The next monthly meeting takes place on Tuesday, October 3rd at 6 *p.m.*, this time being set in view of the War. No official dinner has been organized, but those who wish to dine will find accommodation after the meeting if they will kindly reserve their seats by telephoning Mr. Boehringer (Tel: CLErkenwell 2321) not later than Monday.

It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend so that decisions may be arrived at concerning the Club's activities during the War.

Considering the number of compatriots who have left England it is the earnest wish of the Committee that all those who are fortunate enough to remain here for the time being, will pull together and preserve the patriotic feelings of the Colony.

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RATIONING PREPARATIONS.

The Swiss Government, as soon as war was declared, took drastic measures to restrict or prohibit the sale of various categories of foodstuffs and fuel.