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NEWS AT RANDOM

The failure of the postal authorities to deliver any mail from Switzerland since last week makes it impossible to compile any reliable news from our own country. We are informed that the Swiss postal service to this country, which so far operated via Lyons, may be re-instated at any time. In the meantime we should be pleased to hear from any reader who is in the habit of listening in to any of the Swiss broadcasting stations and who has the good luck of enjoying a fair reception.

Very little news appeared in the English press about our country. Units of allied troops, estimated altogether at some 50,000, have crossed the frontier along the Jura and have been interned. A satisfactory reply promising full reparations has been received from the British Government with reference to the aerial bombardment earlier this month when fatal casualties were reported from the region of Geneva. — Feeling throughout the country seems to be more confident and a partial demobilisation is said to be in contemplation.

REPATRIATION OF SWISS.

In consequence of recent developments it has been found advisable to suspend the preliminary arrangements announced in our issue of June 15th with reference to a special convoy to Switzerland. All the same those wishing to return should make the necessary application without delay.

As it may be some time before this conducted party can be fixed, our compatriots should not leave their present employment; should anyone have to look out for a new vacancy it is important to strictly observe the "Aliens Movement Restriction Order." Only such employment can be accepted which is provided for in the English visé on your passport or is previously sanctioned by the Home Office. If you change your residence the local police both at your old and new place has to be notified; if there is a change in employment a call at the Labour Exchange producing papers of identity is essential.

MAILS TO SWITZERLAND.

The Postmaster-General has announced the temporary suspension of the mail, parcel-post and printed matter services to Switzerland.

The radio is the only means by which we can get into touch with business friends or relatives in our country, the ordinary post office rate for messages being 2½d. per word. There is, however, another service which is more economical and which may appeal to those readers who wish to convey urgent communications. It is called "Night Letter Telegram" and the charge is 2/7½ for 25 words (incl. address) and 1¼d. for each additional word. Messages must be in French or English and can be handed in at any post office during the day for delivery the next morning.

GREAT BRITAIN AT WAR.

Impressions by a "Neutral."

What a privilege to live in London in these stirring times! London, the seat of the mother of parliaments, the heart of a great Empire and the hub of the World.

Nine months of war have left their mark. Looking back one can see the cumulative effects of events. The declaration of war itself was a mere thunderstorm and did not really rouse the people. It required a series of catastrophies like Norway, Holland and Belgium to act as roaring tempests and to make the crowd sit up, whilst the entry of Italy into the war and the Capitulation of France had the effect of an earthquake, shaking up everything and everybody and awakening the energies of all and sundry.

And now the lion roars. In September he merely yawned. Later he got angry and put his claws on the

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les membres sont avisés que

L'ASSEMBLEE MENSUELLE

aura lieu Mardi le 2 Juillet à 7.0 h. précises au Restaurant PAGANI 42, Great Portland Street, W.1.

ORDRE DU JOUR:

Procès-verbal.	Démissions.
Admissions.	Divers.

Le souper est facultatif et 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