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## 20th July

There was a serious railway accident between Landquart and Davos. A train of the Rhaetian Railways plunged into the river Landquart swollen heavily by the unusually dense rainfalls. One man was killed.

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## Finals in the junior world bicycle racing championships The Swiss Dill-Bundi's victory

### Successor to Kurmann?

At 17 years of age, Robert Dill-Bundi has once again won a world championship title for Switzerland. It is the one which caused pride amongst the amateurs already at the time of Xaver Kurmann from Lucerne. The latter has retired from championship competition, but it seems as if his successor were chosen on the cycling track of Pontaise where the young Valaisan could count on the spectators' sympathy.

### Without tension

The contest between Dill-Bundi and José Palma took place without any tension, as the Swiss showed undoubted superiority over his unfortunate opponent. In the final combat he remained true to himself, and his racing was marked by regularity. As soon as he felt Palma was near him, he accelerated and pushed forward without restraint as the final pistol shot sounded.

Without any doubt, Robert Dill-Bundi's achievement marked that contest. He was the only one able to catch up with three of his opponents after the quarter, the semi-final and the final round. His performance showed just how much physical ability our rising generation has at its disposal.

## 1st August

For the first time in the history of the Swiss army, a woman, Mrs. Elisabeth Jutzler, began her duties as military *Sektionschefin* at Erlenbach in the Simmental.

### After the Valaisan's triumph

At a time when one talked about discontinuing the Swiss cycling championships for lack of competitors, the discovery of Robert Dill-Bundi means a sure guarantee for the future. The 17 year-old youngster from Sierre, originating from the Grisons, has greatly impressed all specialists. His fair tuft of hair and youthful face represent a strange contrast to his powerful physique.

«It is like a dream», exclaimed Robert Ochsner in surprise. He had forced his «protégé» to renounce the road championship. At first this order had been very hard for the young Valaisan. Obviously, Robert Ochsner wanted to save

this new prodigy for the racing track. That decision had meant a risk, but today nobody regrets it, for he has left an incredible impression of capacity.

With true natural talent (1.83 m, 78 kg), Robert Dill-Bundi, who is doing a mechanic's apprenticeship in a large company at Riddes, follows in the footsteps of Xaver Kurmann. «One must avoid jumping grades», announced Oscar Plattner. The former world speed champion who makes use of his tutoring abilities in the Lausanne Region, knows what he is talking about when he advises moderation to all those who are apt to exaggerate their performances.

At his age, Robert Dill-Bundi has yet to develop a real personality. Yet, yesterday evening, in the glare of the floodlights, this promising sportsman of the younger generation knew how to animate a meeting which was dragging. The mechanic Fritz Bruhlmann had prepared for him a bicycle with wheels of 24 spokes and tyres at 110 gr. Extremely well-trained and coached like no other competitor, Robert Dill-Bundi showed himself worthy of the great hopes put in him.

From «L'Impartial»

From left to right: the Argentinian José Palma, the Swiss Robert Dill-Bundi and the Russian Igor Pelitenko (Keystone).

