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NEWS IN BRIEF.THE MILKY WAY :

Statistics are always a wonderful thing and we often wonder how they are obtained. Very often the correctness of these leave us in doubt. Nevertheless the following milk statistics should be quite correct. It may interest the reader that Switzerland heads the list of the world's milk consumers with 230 quarts per person. The U.S.A. follow with 153 quarts, Denmark with 145, Czechoslovakia 136, while Germany drinks only 92 quarts and Italy only 28 quarts.

THE SWISS MERCANTILE NAVY :

Some time ago it was rumoured that two Freighters on their voyage from America to Europe had been flying the Swiss flag which caused a small sensation amongst the shipping circles. It concerns the S.S. "Mount Parnes", laden with wheat for Marseille and the "Marpessa" with a similar cargo for Genoa. The rumour needs some correction, as the Swiss flag is not flown on any ship but it is painted on the ship's side, as well as the name "Switzerland". The fact is that the Federal Government of Switzerland has chartered fifteen steamers of Greek origin. Flying our flag on any ship would be in contravention of maritime law, and our Federal Council has no intention to sanction this procedure.

The four Swiss who were on board the S.S. "Simon Bolivar" when she was sunk, have been saved. Oskar Hoffman, steward, Bernhard Torgler and Otto Kilcher were wounded and were placed in hospitals. The fourth Swiss, Imhof, besides being wounded lost all his effects and his passport. He had to swim about for a considerable time before he was picked up by a British warship.

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