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SUNDRY NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND.

In his address at the official opening of the Fiera Svizzera in Lugano, Fed. Connc. Petitpierre stated that the aim of our generation would be the maintenance and development of social peace. A collective system which eliminated private enterprise and transferred the whole of responsibility for our economy to the State would have serious consequences and result in the gradual impoverishment of our nation.

After Winston Churchill spoke in the session chamber of the Bernese Grosse Rat and subsequently apologised for his indifferent French, one of the Councillors, on being asked whether he understood him, is reported to have replied, "Extremely well, as he spoke the pure Francais d'Emmental."

A further convoy of 300 Swiss repatriates from the Russian occupied zone of East Prussia has arrived at Basle; they are spending the first few weeks at home in a quarantine camp at Rheinfelden.

The Basle court had to deal with another fatal motor accident. A motorist travelling at an excessive speed on the road from Reinach to Basle endeavoured to overtake a furniture lorry and noticed too late a horse-drawn cart in charge of a farm labourer travelling in the same direction. The cart was knocked over and the farmhand died soon afterwards. Three years' imprisonment, the temporary loss of the driving licence and a fine of 200 francs was the sentence (!).

In the canton Vaud a government proposal to establish a chemical laboratory as a separate annexe to the University at Lausanne was negatived by the electorate by a small majority; the cost of the necessary ground would have entailed the expenditure of 1½ million francs.

The depredations of the unknown foreign squatters which a "Times" correspondent has now discovered to be a "panther trio" are continuing along the upper Rhone valley without hindrance; in the Turtmann valley a shepherd has lost in one night eight sheep.

In the meantime the cantonal police have appealed to hunters far and wide for assistance and parties from other parts of Switzerland are joining in the drive. Meets and hunts are being arranged similar to the fox hunts in this country.

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SWISS LEXICON.

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