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SUNDRY NEWS.

Two items have been dropped from the rationing list in Switzerland. Households are no longer checked on consumption of gas, but coal allocations to gas manufacturing plants are limited. Rationing of unsugared condensed milk, imported and domestic production was lifted.

Monsieur Jerzy Putrament, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland in Berne, who has been transferred as Ambassador to Paris, gave a farewell dinner to mark the occasion. Dr. Etter, President of the Swiss Confederation, Federal Councillor Petitpierre and Minister Stucki, as well as members of the Diplomatic Corps were present.

The consecration of the new Abbott of Einsiedeln, Dr. Benno Gut, took place on Monday, May 5th at Einsiedeln. The papal Nuntius, Archbishop Bernardini, celebrated the "Pontifikalamt" in the presence of several bishops and representatives of the cantonal government. (A.T.S.)

An English woman, Mrs. Beryl McCarthy, was awarded the Zurich silver life saving medal. Last April she dived, fully clothed into the lake of Zurich in an unsuccessful bid to save a drowning man. (A.T.S.)

The medical practitioners of the canton of Zurich have gone on strike. Some time ago, a dispute had arisen between the doctors and the "Verband der Krankenkassen" with regard to the fees to be paid. As no satisfactory solution could be found, the medical practitioners have refused to attend the members belonging to the "Krankenkassen." (A.T.S.)

A memorial service was held on Friday, May 9th, at the Mittelholzer monument at Dubendorf on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of his death. Amongst those who attended the simple but impressive service, were the managers of Swissair, E. Groh, Dr. G. von Meiss, and E. Bethge, as well as the wife and son of the late aviator and members of the staff of the company. Colonel Edwin Schwarzenbach, a member of the Board of Swissair, and a personal friend of Mittelholzer, paid a moving tribute to the great aviator, and placed a laurel wreath on his resting place. (A.T.S.)

The old, old tale of a rich uncle in America, still finds believers. A twenty-five year-old married woman in Zurich, who has been arrested, has managed within three years to swindle three people to the tune of 150,000.-frs. (100,000.-frs. in one case and 50,000.-frs. in two other cases). This expectant heiress kept an expensive establishment and entertained lavishly. Her husband an artist (stateless) will be charged with complicity. (A.T.S.)

From Zurich comes the news of the death of Dr. Hermann Stoll at the age of 84. The deceased was one of the founders of the well-known Maggi concern in Kempthal. In 1889, he was appointed General Manager of the firm, and later on occupied the post of Vice-President, since 1939 he acted as Chairman of the Board. Dr. Stoll also held the post of President of the Board of the "Schweizerischen Kredit-Anstalt" from 1929-1940. The University of Zurich conferred on him the degree of 'doctor honoris causa' in 1928. (A.T.S.)

The heirs of the late Dr. Karl Gyr, head of the firm Landis & Gyr in Zug., have presented the town Council of Zug with a cheque of 100,000.-frs. for the foundation of an infant welfare centre. (A.T.S.).

The Mayor of Berne, Dr. E. Bartschi, has informed the Mayor of the town of Budapest, who recently was his guest, that a couple of bears, coming from the well-known bear pit in the Federal capital, will be sent to Budapest as a present from the town of Berne. (A.T.S.).

The married couple Schwitzguebel-Schmid in Bienne have celebrated their diamond-wedding anniversary (60 years). The husband is 95 and the wife 87 years old, both enjoy good health. (A.T.S.).

Since the beginning of May the railway-line Fribourg-Payerne has been electrified. To celebrate this event a banquet was held at Fribourg, at which members of the cantonal government were present. The Swiss Federal Railways were represented by M. Paschoud, General-Manager. (A.T.S.)

Jules Bovet has celebrated his 60th birthday anniversary in Fribourg, which coincides also with him being a member of the cantonal government for the last twenty years. (A.T.S.)

Dr. Rolf Meier, Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Basle, has been made an Honorary member of the medical academy of Barcelona. (A.T.S.)

The death is reported from Basle, of Dr. Schar at the age of 79. The deceased was for many years closely connected with the Swiss Co-operative movement and President of the Swiss Co-operative Society. From 1905-1938 he was a member of the Grand Council of the canton of Basle. In 1917, he was elected a member of Parliament (National Council) to which he belonged for twelve years. (A.T.S.).

For the first time in the history of the Grand Council of the canton of Basle, this body will be presided over by a communist (G. Baumann). G. Wenk (socialist) has been elected President of the cantonal Government. (A.T.S.)

Federal Councillors Petitpierre and von Steiger have paid a visit to the Pestalozzi children's village at Trogen (Appenzell). (A.T.S.)

Dr. Rolf Buhler, in Uzwil, has informed the President of the Young-Liberal Party that he intends to resign his seat in Parliament. (National Council). (A.T.S.).

A motor boat crossing the "Wallensee" capsized near Quinten, of the eight passengers two were drowned. (A.T.S.).

The A. G. Adolphe Saurer works, at Arbon, have made a donation of over two million francs to various Funds for benefitting their staff. (A.T.S.)

Dr. Molo, until recently in the employ of the cantonal administration in Bellinzona, has been appointed head of the studio Lugano by the committee of the "Co-operativa Radio Svizzera Italiana." Dr. Molo, who was born in 1916, studied at the Universities of Lausanne, Hamburg and Berne, he was, for a number of years, connected with the "Agence Telegraphique Suisse." (A.T.S.).

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the death of Alexandre Vinet, the great Vaudois thinker, writer and patriot, a service was held and wreaths were placed at his grave in Clarens. (A.T.S.).

Georges Bridel has been elected President of the Grand Council of the canton of Vaud. He belongs to the Liberal Party. (A.T.S.).

The accounts for 1946 of the canton of Valais show a deficit balance of 350,000.-frs. (A.T.S.).

Pierre, Auguste Leuba (radical) has been elected a member of the government of the canton of Neuchâtel with 11,941 votes. His opponent, Henri Perret (socialist) received 10,406 votes. The following parties are represented in the government: 2 radicals, 1 socialist, 1 liberal, 1 progr. national. (A.T.S.).

Claude Du Pasquier has been nominated Professor of Philosophy and social insurance at the University of Geneva. (A.T.S.),

Paul Pictet, the founder of the paper "La Suisse," and a former President of the Grand Council of the canton of Geneva, has died at Geneva

at the age of 86. The deceased played for many years an important role in the political sphere of the canton of Geneva.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON DUAL NATIONALITY.

1. Are you satisfied with the present position?.....
2. If not, why not?.....
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3. Do you know any cases of gross misuse of dual nationality?.....
4. Indicate nature of such misuse.....
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5. Do you see any advantages in the continuance of dual nationality from the national point of view?
6. Indicate nature of such advantages, illustrated with complete cases.
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7. Do you consider that changes in the Law are necessary or desirable?
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8. Do you advocate a stern or a lenient and cautious treatment of the question?.....
9. What particular changes of the Law would you advocate?.....
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10. Should Swiss citizens acquiring citizenship or only where naturalisation was a matter of free choice?
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11. Should Swiss women married to foreigners lose their Swiss nationality automatically?.....
12. Or should they be allowed to retain it optionally?.....
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13. Should Swiss children born abroad or otherwise in possession of dual nationality be allowed to retain Swiss citizenship:-
 - (a) Indefinitely?.....1
 - (b) By declaration?.....At what age?.....
 - (c) By opting for Swiss nationality?.....At what age?.....
In the first or second generation born here?.....

The fourth Douglas machine DC-4, ordered by the Swissair has arrived in

Switzerland from the U.S.A. The Swissair has now altogether 21 machines available, amongst them 16 Douglas machines carrying between 14-44 passengers.

Davos has joined the list of towns which possess an air-port. Since the 10th of May an air taxi service has been inaugurated.

The first batch of British War Invalids have arrived in Prévêrenge near Morges where they will stay for three months. An amount of Frs. 300,000 has been collected in Switzerland for British War Invalids of which nearly half of this amount has been collected in the canton of Berne.

Statistics for last year show a great improvement in Switzerland's demographic situation which for years has been causing considerable concern. Last year the number of marriages was 38,747, the highest ever attained in Switzerland. Births also show a considerable increase - 89,102 - only 8,000 less than the highest figure ever recorded, which was in 1901. Last year the birthrate exceeded 20 per thousand, the minimum recorded being approximately 14 per thousand in 1937. The proportion of births over deaths was 38,867 beating the 1902 record by 88. The situation is stated to be due to progressive social legislation and improved economic conditions. During the last 30 years military statistics show that the average height of males in Switzerland has increased about two inches.

The customs receipts during the month of May amount to 38.4 million francs (May 1946 : 22.1 million francs). During the first five months of the current year the receipts returned from the Federal Customs office amount to 155.7 million francs or 50.7 million francs more than during the same period in 1946.

Lord Stansgate, President of the Inter Parliamentary Delegation, at present on a visit to Switzerland, was received by the President of the Swiss Confederation, Dr. Ph. Etter. He was entertained to dinner by the Federal Council.

Dr. Pater Konrad Lienert, Dean of the cloister of Einsiedeln has died at Einsiedeln at the age of 79. (A.T.S.).

The National-Council has voted a credit of 905,000.-francs for the enlargement of the Post Office in Zug, and 1,240,000.-francs for the enlargement of the buildings of the Radio station at Sottens.

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