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## HOME NEWS

Anent the pending report of the Federal Council on the activity of the Swiss Delegates at the second assembly of the League of Nations, the Commission of National Councillors has handed in the following motion at the Federal Chamber:—

“Der Bundesrat wird eingeladen, in seinem Bericht über die Sessionen der Völkerbundsversammlung alle Anträge aufzunehmen, die in Kommissionen oder im Plenum der Völkerbundsversammlung gestellt worden sind und in Minderheit geblieben.” — Anträge der Kommissionsminderheit (Graber, Nobs, Schmid-Oberentfelden): 1. Postulat: “Der Bundesrat wird eingeladen, zu prüfen, ob nicht die Wahl der Völkerbundsdelegierten der Bundesversammlung übertragen werden sollte.” 2. Postulat: “Der Bundesrat wird eingeladen, zu prüfen, ob nicht die Tagesordnung der Völkerbundsversammlung baldmöglichst der Bundesversammlung mitzuteilen sei, damit diese bei der Aufstellung der Instruktionen für die Delegierten mitwirken kann.” 3. Postulat: “Der Bundesrat wird eingeladen, zu prüfen, ob nicht der fernherhin zu erstattende Sonderbericht über die Tätigkeit der schweizerischen Delegierten an der Völkerbundsversammlung frühzeitig genug eingebracht werden sollte, dass er im Laufe der unmittelbar folgenden Session der Bundesversammlung behandelt werden kann.” 4. Postulat: “Der Bundesrat wird eingeladen, der Bundesversammlung Bericht zu erstatten und Antrag zu stellen über die Ausführung der Ziffer 10 der Resolutionen betreffend die Beschränkung der Rüstungen, welche Ziffer verlangt, dass mit Ueberzeugung und Begeisterung eine Propaganda zugunsten der Rüstungsbeschränkung unter den im Völkerbundsvertrag vorgesehenen Bedingungen unternommen werde.” 5. Motion: “Der Bundesrat wird eingeladen, den Delegierten zum Völkerbund Instruktionen zu erteilen: a) in geeigneter Weise die Initiative zu ergreifen, um eine Einschränkung der Rüstungen herbeizuführen; b) allen, der allgemeinen Beschränkung der Rüstungen dienenden Anträgen, die im Plenum oder in Kommissionen gestellt werden, zuzustimmen.”

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The Federal Council has appointed Dr. Rüfenacht (Director of the Federal Insurance Department) Swiss Minister to Germany, as successor to the late Dr. G. Carlin.

Minister de Pury has been appointed Swiss Minister at the Hague, and Counsellor of Legation Dr. Egger will become Swiss Minister at Buenos Aires.

The Federal Council has further requested the Swiss Minister, M. Gertsch, to represent the Swiss Confederation at the forthcoming Brazilian Centenary Festival.

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Unemployment in Switzerland is happily showing signs of diminution. At the end of May there were 71,100 persons unemployed and 34,292 persons on short time.

This total of 105,392 shows a fall of 14,656 compared

with the figures of April last, and further a decrease of 25 per cent. compared with May, 1921.

Federal, Cantonal and Communal emergency employment has been found for close on 40,000 workers, while 31,757 unemployed are in receipt of State aid.

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Nearly forty families of Le Locle had formed a syndicate for the purpose of emigrating to the Argentine, in consequence of the serious unemployment in the Jura. When the authorities received information of their intentions, they at once made inquiries and established the fact that the prospective emigrants had been grossly misled by an interested party who was anxious to derive financial benefit from an undertaking which could only have ended in misery and destitution, as the party was destined to settle in utterly uncultivated and barren country of the Argentine.

Intending emigrants are again cautioned to consult the Federal Emigration Office in Berne, which will give exhaustive and trustworthy information relating to emigration.

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For the summer semestre the University of Lausanne has enrolled 906 students, among whom are 135 women.

At the University of Fribourg 508 students have been matriculated, including 46 women; 203 are studying theology, 132 law, 103 literature, and 106 science. Those of Swiss origin number 290.

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Last Saturday a strange hydroplane alighted outside the Ad-Astra hangar on the Lake of Zurich.

It appears that the pilot, V. B. Cordova, member of the Spanish Aero Club, Valencia, had left Varese (Italy) to fly the machine to Spain. He lost his way in the fog above the Alpes Maritimes and hovered for a considerable time around Mont Blanc, being eventually driven towards the lakes of Central Switzerland, where he made a first descent on the Lake of Zug. Not being able to renew his stock of petrol and oil there, he was advised to proceed to Zurich, where he again descended safely and replenished his tanks. Before rising again for the trip to Spain, the plucky pilot promised that after this unexpected but delightful visit to Zurich he would not fail to put in an appearance in September and take part in the Zurich International Flying Meeting.

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Sir Robert Baden-Powell will be the guest of the Genevève Boy Scouts on July 31st and August 1st next.

Scout delegates from all the other Swiss Cantons will also be present at the reception given in honour of the Founder and Chief Scout.

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Two experienced members of the Swiss Alpine Club, Messrs. E. Ledermann and E. Favre, both from Berne, sustained serious injuries by a fall while descending the Blümlisalp (3,761 metres) on Sunday last.