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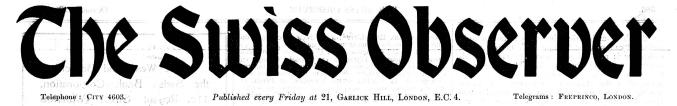
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In the Swiss Federal Budget for 1923 revenue is estimated at fr. 430,730,000, and expenditure at fr. 511,510,000, with a probable excess of expendi-ture of fr. 80,780,000. The budget for 1922 showed a deficit of fr. 99,400,000, while in 1921 the deficit reached the figure of fr. 127,571,870. The estimate of Customs revenue for 1923 totals fr. 145,200,000

The estimate of Customs revenue for 1923 totals fr. 145,200,000, comparing favourably with the fr. 130,200,000 of 1922. Postal and Railway re-venue is anticipated to amount to fr. 203,373,649 (for 1922 this was fr. 210,945,685). The Estimates for expenditure include interest on the national debt rated as fr. 114,624,000 (as against fr. 113,498,005 in 1922) and also includes the Political Department for fr. 6,829,413 (fr. 6,662,922 in 1922). Of the latter sum fr. 2,814,085 is allotted to legations, fr. 1,744,928 to consulates, fr. 440,000 to the League of Nations, and fr. 600,000 in aid of incapacitated Swiss citi-zens returned home from abroad (fr. 300,000 in and 17, 000,000 in aid of incapacitated Swiss citi-zens returned home from abroad (fr. 300,000 in 1922).

The development of education, science and art will cost the Confederation fr. 7,547,406; forestry, fishing and hunting fr. 3,892,852; hygiene fr. fishing ar 1,362,164.

1,362,164. The estimate for military expenditure amounts to fr. 78,895,693 (fr. 80,930,107), of which fr. 17,408,562 is devoted to equipment, the remainder to be allotted to military instruction. The total estimates for the Department of Po-litical Economy will absorb fr. 37,601,286 (fr. 36,208,877). ***

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To-day and to-morrow the joint elections will take place in Switzerland for the National and State Councils.

Since the proposal to exact a capital levy was first discussed in the National Council a month ago, though the voting for this measure only takes place on the 2nd and 3rd December and its adopplace on the 2nd and 3rd December and its adop-tion is considered unlikely, an exodus of capital has already taken place, the sale of securities caus-ing an all-round drop on the Swiss Stock Ex-changes of 10% to 15%. According to a calcu-lation made by the Swiss National Bank this fall corresponds to an aggregate loss to Swiss investors of one milliard francs. The Swiss franc is ap-proaching par value, and in some circles it is expected that before long it may temporarily ex-ceed 25. The effect on trade is already being felt and will no doubt result in a very considerable increase of unemployment.

The "Semaine Suisse," with its motto *Homage* au travail national, is now being held for the sixth time. This somewhat lengthy "week" ex-tends from 21st October to 4th November, and during this period all shops in Switzerland are expected to display only goods of Swiss manufac-ture or the product of pational art. An appeal is expected to display only goods of Swiss manufac-ture or the products of national art. An appeal is issued to the people to buy only national products throughout the "Semaine," thus showing the most effective way of assisting the unemployed.

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The subsidy granted by the Federal Government to the watch industry in Switzerland has been the subject of representations by watch interests in the Franche-Comté, who state that they have been hard hit by this subsidized Swiss competition and demand that the Ministry of Commerce in Paris should take counter measures.

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*** Special measures are under discussion by the Federal authorities to cope with the crisis created by the conditions of the wine market this year, following an exceptionally abundant harvest. Nearly 18,000,000 gallons of Swiss wine have been produced, and prices are coming down. It was proposed that the greater part of the harvest should be taken over by the wine dealers and that the rest should be stored. The requisition of wine cellars and wine barrels by the Federal authorities was also discussed, and finally it was, decided to form a special commission representing all the interests concerned to further examine the whole situation. whole situation.

Owing to a printers' dispute, the Basler Anzeiger and the *Reformierte Schweizer Zeitung*, two papers published at Basle, did not appear for the reason that the staff refused to set up and print an article dealing with the dispute in the Swiss printing trade, although liberty was given them to submit their point of view for publication as a reply.

A lively debate took place on Saturday last during a sitting of the Commission for the regu-lation of the International Labour Conference, when M. Jouhaux, a French labour delegate, proposed French and English—already adopted by the Con-ference. The delegates of the other Great Powers, ference. The delegates of the other Great Powers, jealous of this prerogative, advocated the adoption of their respective languages, and in a short time Spanish, Italian, the Slav languages, even Hin-dustani and Esperanto were proposed, backed by eloquent arguments, as additions to English, French and German. A repetition of the confusion of the Tower of Babel was already anticipated by the dismayed workmen's delegates, when the voting fortunately showed a majority against the motion. We Swiss may consider our reputation as lin-

guists reasonably justified, but even our own dele-gates must have heaved a sigh of relief that their recognised capacities were spared so severe a test.

* * * OBITUARY. Colonel Hermann Schlatter has succumbed, at the age of 77, to a cardiac affection at St. Gall. Col. Schlatter was a prominent citizen of St. Gall, where he held responsible posts in cantonal state affairs and in the commercial world. His record as an officer was distinguished, and he had travelled widely. He has described his ride to Rome and his journeys through Egypt and Palestine in two interesting volumes. He presided for a long time, at the height of its prosperity, over the Central Association of the Machine Embroidery Industry of St. Gall. of St. Gall.

of St. Gall. Mr. Albert Borer, the Director of the Swiss Isola Works, died suddenly of apoplexy on the 19th October at Breitenbach. Mr. Borer was born in 1875, and equipped with only an elementary education, he made his way by sheer force of character and hard work to the directorship of the Isola Works, Breitenbach, which he created and led to prosperity, employing over 300 workmen. The story of Albert Borer's life reads like a ro-mance of endurance and energy, and his untimely end will be widely deplored.

A LEAGUE OF NATIONS EXHIBITION.

A most interesting International Exhibition of Arts and Handicrafts will be held at St. Albans from the 6th to 14th November under the auspices

from the 6th to 14th November under the auspices of the League of Nations Union. Fifty-two nations (all members of the League) will send examples of their home industries to be exhibited in national pavilions. Switzerland, the home of the League, will have her pavilion deco-rated with Swiss flags and cantonal coats of arms. Swiss paintings will be shown, and arrangements are being made to exhibit a fine collection of the beautiful lace made by the Trêfe of Geneva. These will be for sale, and interesting Swiss literature will be for sale, and interesting Swiss literature will be provided for distribution. It is hoped that Swiss ladies resident here will largely attend this Exhibition and patronize the sales on the Swiss stand, especially the Trêfe of Geneva, not only to acquire the beautiful lace, but also to support the admirable charitable work this

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represents. The programme is so varied that it is impossible to give it in detail; contributions to the Art section will come from most of the countries of Europe, America and Asia. Lectures, Readings and "Mys-tery Plays" will be given, and the lighter side of the programme comprises music and dancing.

A WARNING.

A WARNING. There are, unfortunately, several cases where Swiss who have obtained a limited English visa on their passports for the purpose of pursuing their studies here, have subsequently accepted em-ployment without informing the English authori-ties and obtaining the necessary extension to stay. The police have, these last few days, visited some of the large City houses who are known to employ a considerable number of our nationals, and have insisted on the production of their respective insisted on the production of their respective passports; needless to say, those not in possession of the official permit will have to suffer for their inattention to the English regulations.

HERE AND THERE. By J. H. Corthesy.

PRICE 3d.

While London's sky has come back to its own While London's sky has come back to its own grey tint and overcoats have reappeared, as a wintry indication, politics have suddenly forced themselves upon the people. The long-threatened storm over Coalition has broken in a flash in Carlton House with a devastating effect on that political party, which has for many years ruled not only British destinies, but affected Continental ones. For the moment Mr. Bonar Law has taken Mr. Lloyd George's chair, and the world is awaiting im-patiently the chain of events, with the hope that out of it a panacea will be produced for the cure of all worldly ills. This wonderful medicine may be discovered any day, for do we not live in the age of miracles?

age of miracles ? The elixir of life, which—like the philosopher's mul other, "impossible" stone, perpetual motion, and other "impossible" problems, the solution of which has so long captiproteins, the solution of which has so long capti-vated man's attention—has at last been bestowed upon him. This is not a joke or something of the like nature to give journalists a subject to dwell on, wittly or otherwise, but it is a simple reality. Nor is it a consequence to be feared that, because Interview of the second of the

*** Miracles! Not so long ago we heard constantly that "man is not made to fly. It is against nature to do so!"—as so many attempts had been made and all of them had ended disastrously. But with the advent of the internal combustion engine the saying that "this factor alone had made flying possible" is proved as erroneous as "man is not made to fly," and, wonder of wonders, M. Maney-rol's engineless monoplane that won him the *Daily Mail* first prize of \$1,000 in a flight of 3 hours and 22 minutes, was of a design dating 40 years Mail first prize of \$1,000 in a flight of 3 hours and 22 minutes, was of a design dating 40 years back, that is, long before the practical existence of the oil internal combustion engine. Well may one ask what could have been the cause of the delay in bringing to light an invention of such practical value? Probably the same old story of the man who havs the means but does not know or believe.

The scene of a man flying downwards towards The scene of a man flying downwards towards the spectators to ask the time, as he could not see it on his watch, is unique. Not once did he do so, but several times. He had to remain in the air long enough to beat the record of 3 hours 10 minutes set up by Herr Hentzen. Gliding with ease, down and up again, moving along as if carried by a wave, keeping this up for hours, even in rain, he landed about 100 yards from the starting point. And what may be the cost of a gliding machine ? One of them, which staved up an hour, a R.A.F.

One of them, which stayed up an hour, a R.A.F., caused an expense of 18s. 6d., or much below that of a bicycle!

And again it is said that soaring causes no feeling of danger-just sheer pleasure and an un-equalled opportunity for tasting the joy of living!

Another miracle:-

Persons who have suddenly dropped through the air with a rope round their necks, otherwise been hanged, and whose life, it has been attested