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ELECTRIC POWER IN SWITZERLAND.

The latest statistics relating to the development of hydro-power in Switzerland, recently published by the Swiss Association for the Development of Water Power show that Switzerland is one of the most highly electrified countries in the world. The rate of development has been particularly rapid during the last two decades, as is shown by the following tabular statement, which includes works with installed plant exceeding 500 h.p. :—

Years.	Total increase in h.p.	Average annual increase in h.p.
1891-1900	121,000	12,100
1901-1910	387,000	38,700
1911-1920	620,000	62,000
1921-1928	743,000	92,900

Plant to the extent of 478,000 h.p. was in course of construction at the end of last year, and it is anticipated that the average annual increase for the period 1921-1930 will work out at approximately 122,000 h.p. Only 5,000 h.p. were completed during 1928, including the Trient hydro-electric station of the Federal Railways, but work was proceeding on no fewer than eight power stations, which when completed will bring the total rating of the installed plant in the country to 2,620,000 h.p. Moreover, a number of schemes are being elaborated for the erection of further power stations in the near future, the rating of which is put at some 730,000 h.p.

At the end of 1928 the rating of the installed plant totalled 2,142,000 h.p. distributed as follows :—

Private companies	847,000 h.p. = 40%
Municipal undertakings	198,000 h.p. = 9%
Cantonal and semi-State undertakings	782,000 h.p. = 36%
Federal Railways	315,000 h.p. = 15%

During 1928 Swiss electric power works produced approximately 5,300,000,000kw. hours, against only 1,700,000,000 in 1913. A marked increase was recorded last year in the utilization of the total output, 85.88 per cent. of the available power having been absorbed by consumers. This increase was due principally to closer co-operation between producers, the more rational utilization of surplus night power, and larger exports. The consumption of electric power in 1928 was distributed as follows (millions of kw. hours) :—

Lighting, power and heating	1,700
Supplied to large electro-chemical and metallurgical undertakings	1,200
Exports	1,034
Railway Traction	610
Chemical and metallurgical industries, and thermal applications in special industries	560
Small private power producers	200

The power consumption represented an average of 1,070kw. hours per head of the entire population, compared with 907kw. hours in 1927, exports being excluded in both cases.

NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN.

The Conference of the International Federation of University Women, which this year has been held at Geneva, has been discussing this vexed question, and by a large majority passed a resolution supporting the demand that a woman should have the same right as a man to retain or change her nationality. Thirty-four nations were represented at the Congress. The last war showed how vital a matter declaration of nationality might prove to many women, and several curious cases were brought to light of women married to husbands of non-British origin, who were placed in awkward predicaments, although they were widows, or had been deserted by their husbands many years before. The University women urged that the principle should be incorporated in the Convention to be prepared by the first Conference under the League of Nations for the Codification of International Law, which is to meet at the Hague, probably next year. The question was discussed at the Imperial Conference in 1926, and British and Australian Parliaments have unanimously adopted resolutions in favour of a woman retaining her nationality on marriage with an alien, unless she expressly makes a declaration that she is desirous of adopting that of her husband. The Preparatory Committee at its recent meeting in Madrid proposed that the sessions of the Nationality Committee should be held in private, but the International Women's Organisations are opposed to this, and are sending resolutions of protest to their respective Governments. Much comment has been caused in the Press by the fact that woman lawyers of France, Holland, Spain, and Switzerland were opposed to the resolution at the University Women's Conference, but their opposition was over-ruled, and had not the support of other professional women even from their own countries.

"A TRAVERS LA SUISSE."

The Council of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique begs to advise that arrangements will be made to show the famous film "A travers la Suisse" in a Hall in London on or about the 14th October.

It may be remembered that we were unfortunately prevented from showing this film at the "Bundesfeier" at Hendon and announcements as to definite date and place will be given in this paper.

The Council of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique.

**SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.**

In connection with the scholastic programme the following lectures were given by the students during last week :—

W. Egli, Winterthur: "Russian Literature." K. Nef, Appenzel: "Oxford." E. Raschle, Winterthur: "The Skin Game," by John Galsworthy. W. Kramer, Zollikon: "English Characteristics." P. Bezençon, Lausanne: "Some Principles of Management." E. Cornamusaz, Lausanne: "Travelling Abroad." Miss V. Buol, Flims: "The One and Only." Miss K. Bachmann, Nidau-Bienne: "Magnetism and Hypnotism." Miss H. Saager, Zurich: "Hospital Work." W. Blattmann, Wädenswil: "Parallelism of Drama, Poem and Music in Wagner's Operas." E. P. Aklin, Zug: "The Modern Style of the Interior Decoration in Different Countries." C. Unkauf, Lausanne: "Early Years of Napoleon I." J. Scheiwiler, Gossau-St. Gall: "The Channel Tunnel." A. Reynold, Lausanne: "Leipzig Fair." D. Eberle, Zurich: "Comparison between the English and the Swiss." Miss T. Merz, St. Gall: "Secretaries." Miss A. Tuchschnid, Geneva: "First Impressions of the Sea-side and of English School-life."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects :—

"Should Persons of Different Nationalities Marry?" Proposer, M. v. Arx. Opposer: W. Schellenbaum.

"Can Human Society Exist Without Religion?" Proposer, E. Raschle. Opposer: O. Gloor.

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Ordre du Jour:

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Dimanche 22 Septembre 11h.—"L'amour de Dieu manifesté en Christ."—Jean xv. 9. M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme.

6.30h.—Culte du soir: "Prière et Recueillement."

MARIAGE.

Harold HEWITT de Londres, et Annette ROHR, fille de Monsieur et Madame Fred. Rohr—le 14 Septembre.

L'Ecole du Dimanche reprendra le 29 Septembre, à 11h. Prière d'amener les enfants de 4 à 15 ans au No. 83 d'Endell Street.

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Sonntag, den 22. September, 11 Uhr vorm.—Gottesdienst und Sonntagschule.
7 Uhr abends Gottesdienst.

GETAUFT wurde am 8. 9. Alice Elisabeth LUTHER, Tochter des Max Albert Luther von Münster (Luzern) und der Jeanne Louise geb. Jaquière von Démoret, Moudon, Brantes u. Prahins (Vaud); geb. am 15.4.29.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Monday, September 23rd, at 6 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY (Education Department). Re-Opening of New Session.

Friday, September 27, at 8.15 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY, Lecture by P. Seaford, Esq., "The Flying Scotsman."

Monday, September 30th, at 7 p.m.—Victoria Hall, Southampton Row, W.C.1. The Hendon FIRST OF AUGUST FILM and others will be screened to be followed by Dancing. (See special advert.)

Tuesday, October 1st, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB Monthly Meeting at Paganì's Restaurant (See advt.).

Wednesday, October 2nd, at 7.30 p.m.—SOCIÉTÉ DE SECOURS MUTUELS: Monthly Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

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Our thanks, however, are due to our Minister, Mons. C. R. PARAVICINI, and those Ladies and Gentlemen who did brave the eye of the camera, and the result is surely encouraging for future efforts.

THE FILM EDITOR.

1. The Swiss Minister greets the assembly.
2. *Round some of the Side-Shows :*
The Hoop-La, conducted by Mrs. P. F. Boehringer and Mrs. Gerig, is well patronized.
3. The popular Secretary of the S.M.S., Mr. J. J. Pfaendler, catches some of the "Early Birds." What they have caught we do not know.
4. The Cocoon-Shies, in charge of Mr. Henry Buechi, receive the patronage of Mons. and Mlle. Paravicini and members of the Legation.
5. The revolving "Bronco" upsets a few would-be "Cavaliers."
6. Dancing under difficulties on the rain-drenched platform by fair Swiss representatives in National Dress.
7. Some of the Swiss Rifle Association Victors, back from The Tir Fédéral at Bellinzona : Messrs. Brullhard, Buechi, Burger, Hilfiker, Schmid, Strubin and Wyss.
8. Patriotic Address to the gathering by the Swiss Minister in "heimeligem Schwyzerdütsch."
9. Le Conseiller National, Mons. Valloton-Warnery, delivers his inspiring oration to the assemblage.
10. Counsellor of Legation, M. von Sonnenberg, speaks in Italian.
11. That was Mr. P. F. Boehringer, the main-spring of to-day's Patriotic Rally, in the words of our Minister : "De Begründer vom *Swiss Observer*."
12. Herr und Frau Frey-Bernhardsgrütter, s'Appizeller Jodler-Duett, who made our hearts go pit-a-pat !
13. A back view of Mr. P. Dick, the able Conductor, directing the Band during the singing of our Schwyzer-Psalme "Trittst im Morgenroth daher."
14. The Swiss Choral Society "in action."
15. Fräulein Bertha Zindel, one of the successful vendeuses des Plaques Nationales.
16. Eusi reizendi Appezelleri beschlüsset ouser's Filmlin mit
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