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NEWS AT RANDOM

The army command has issued an urgent warning to the population to keep indoors whenever firing is heard. A few days ago Swiss territory was violated by foreign aircraft and when fired upon by our own defences people were congregating in the streets gazing at the so far uncommon spectacle.

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The public inquiry dealing with the irregularities in the accounts of the cantonal hospital at Fribourg has now been closed. The members of the former board of management are to be asked to make up voluntarily the deficiency of about Frs.100,000 so as to obviate legal proceedings.

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According to statistics compiled by one of the Swiss dailies, our government pays the highest soldiers' family allowances though they vary with the dependants' costs of living, that is to say in big towns the amount exceeds the one for country districts. A married soldier with two children receives Frs.7.80 (in towns) the respective grant being Frs.3.26 in Gt. Britain and Frs. 2.30 in France.

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A large unoccupied factory in the main street of Arbon belonging to the Saurer A.G., is to be acquired by the local commune and converted into an administrative centre; the electors have voted a credit of Frs.300,000 for this purpose.

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Owners of motor coaches are to receive a government subsidy for the purpose of transforming their vehicles into lorries. The object of this decree is to increase in the national interest the transport means of goods (and war material) and to offer the owners an opportunity of obtaining some return on the capital so invested; the existing petrol restrictions are, of course, seriously interfering with the popular motor excursions.

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It is stated that the Brazilian government has decided to engage 27 professional teachers and instruc-

tors of Swiss nationality who will constitute practically the whole of the teaching staff at the technical college in course of formation in that country.

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One of the correspondants of the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, Dr. J. C. Meyer, has been ordered to leave Germany within three days. His expulsion is a reprisal for that of the correspondent of the *Völkischer Beobachter*, ordered by our own Government.

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Fridolin Hofer died in Römörswil (Lucerne) at the age of 78; his five volumes of poetry are considered the best among Swiss lyric literature.

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During military manœuvres a single decker crashed near Yverdon; the machine caught fire and the pilot, Major Jean Köhli, was mortally wounded.

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