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The following couples have celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary (60) in Switzerland: Mr. and Mrs. A. Gyr-Koch, of Scans (Engadine); Mr. and Mrs. Rohner-Bänziger, of Buchberg, near Thal.

[A.T.S.]

The undermentioned have reached the age of one hundred years in Switzerland:—

Sister Karoline Büttler, of the cloister "Berg Sion" in Gummiswald, Mme. Müller-Gloggner, of Zofingen and M. Edouard Coandet, of Burg (Châtel-sur-Morat). [A.T.S.]

According to a recent survey, Swiss spending is divided as follows:—

Food and drink	...	23%
Clothes	...	9%
Rents	...	18%
Home articles and materials	...	4%
Doctors and medicines	...	4%
Lighting and heating	...	5%
Recreation, travel, etc.	...	13%
Insurance	...	9%
Taxes and sundry	...	4%

At December 12th, 1950, the official index figure which measures changes in the average level of retail

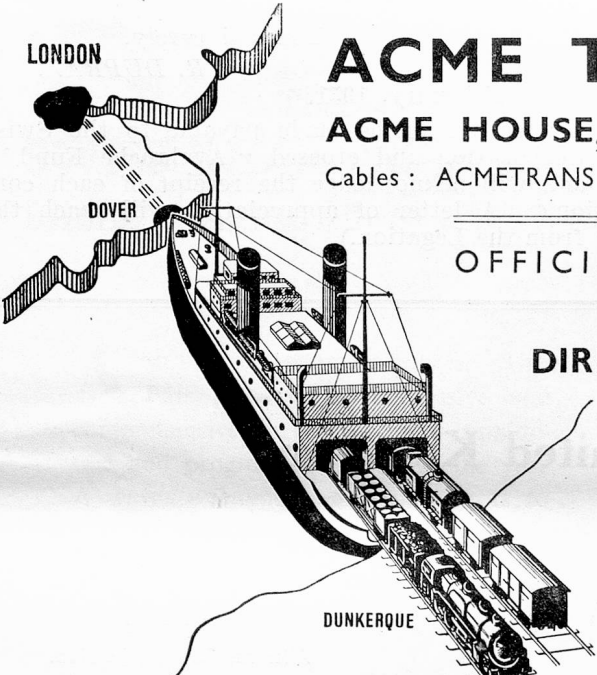
prices compared with the level at the base date, June 17th, 1947 (taken as 100), was 116, the same figure as at November 14th, 1950.

An important movement is at present in progress throughout the whole country and particularly in French-speaking Switzerland. Faithful to the memory of C. F. Ramuz, the C. F. Ramuz Foundation is anxious to assist new talent and is desirous of encouraging the best of the French Swiss authors in their labours which so often pass unnoticed. In awarding prizes in a judicious manner, the Foundation wishes to add to the renown of the whole country.

In the presence of a large attendance, the new Lobhorn Hut in the Interlaken district has just been inaugurated by the management of the Lauterbrunnen Section of the Swiss Alpine Club. Situated at a height of about 6,400 ft., facing magnificent scenery from which emerges the Eiger, the Moench and the Jungfrau, the new hut offers a dormitory for 24 persons.

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