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Fribourg stumbled and fell 900 ft., and was killed outright.

On the southern ridge of the Jäger Horn (Ct. Valais) a Swiss alpinist, Mr. Schluchter, fell 1,000 ft., after a rock had collapsed under his weight, and was killed.

Two Swiss alpinists, René Basset and Henri Mützenberger both of Geneva lost their lives on the Blümlisalhorn.

A 23 year's old student, Charley Imhof of Visp, lost his life when gathering flowers in the Val d'Hérens. (Ct. Valais). [A.T.S.]

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Three hundred and sixteen candidates, representing 32 countries, have applied to take part in the ninth International Competition for Musical Performers, which will be held at the Conservatoire in Geneva from September 21 to October 4. Of the applicants, 154 are women and 162 men. The entries received so far include 106 pianists, 109 singers, and 39 cellists. France will be represented by 73 performers, Italy by 36, Germany by 34, Switzerland by 33, Austria by 27, the United States by 24, Belgium by 17, England by 12, and Yugoslavia by seven. Other countries to be represented will be Argentina, Denmark, Australia, Finland, Spain, Canada, Greece, Brazil, Mexico, the Netherlands, Uruguay, Chile, China, Cuba, Egypt, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, Persia, Poland, Sweden, South Africa, and Turkey. The final concert of the prize-winners will take place on October 4 at evening and will be broadcast by several foreign stations.

Eighty-eight people were killed in the Alps during last summer and winter, the Swiss Alpine Club announced.

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Professor August Picard, 69, the Swiss scientist, is ready to begin tests for an attempt to set up a new underwater record — two-and-a-half miles.

Professor Picard, who has already been up ten miles in the stratosphere in a balloon, will make the descent in a 30 foot cigar-shaped bathysphere. The tests, he said in Naples, will be held off Capri.

SWISSAIR FLY 500 HOLIDAY MAKERS TO SWITZERLAND IN ONE DAY.

The biggest ever Air Lift in one day was undertaken by Swissair on Saturday, July 25th, 1953, when 500 Britons, all holiday makers, were flown to various points in Switzerland.

To carry out this operation, Swissair had operated six extra services, in addition to the normal eight scheduled flights.

NEWS FROM THE LEGATION.

The Swiss Minister and Madame de Torrenté have left for Switzerland. They will be away until the beginning of October.

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