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ST. GOTTHARD TUNNEL.

This year the 75th anniversary of the completion of the St. Gotthard tunnel — the longest double-track tunnel in the world — will be celebrated.

The St. Gotthard, nine miles 562 yards long, is the principal rail link between northern and southern Europe, connecting Goeschenen and Airolo. Its boring took eight years — and the lives of 307 workers.

The present mountain section of the line, between Erstfeld and Biasca, is just 60 miles long, includes 36 tunnels with a total length of 18 miles and 46 bridges totalling one mile.

From the Lake of Lucerne, at 1,400 feet, the track climbs to 3,640 feet at the northern end of the tunnel.

Inside the tunnel itself the average speed is 60 miles an hour and the entire trip takes 12 minutes.

The St. Gotthard, however, is only one of Switzerland's system of tunnels. In all, 662 tunnels cover 193 of the country's total 3,565 miles of railways — a larger proportion than that of any other country and in this network are three of the four largest tunnels yet built.

The first is the two-bore Simplon, whose first single-track bore, completed in 1906, has a length of 12 miles 537 yards.

Italy's 21-year-old Apennine Tunnel is second with a length of 11 miles 879 yards. Then comes the St. Gotthard, which is nine miles 562 yards long, and the Loetschberg, dating from 1913, which is only 122 yards shorter.

The fifth and sixth, not in Switzerland, are respectively the Mont-Cenis, opened in 1871, whose eight miles 868 yards of tracks connect France and Italy and Austria's Arlberg Tunnel, opened in 1884, which is six miles 639 yards long.

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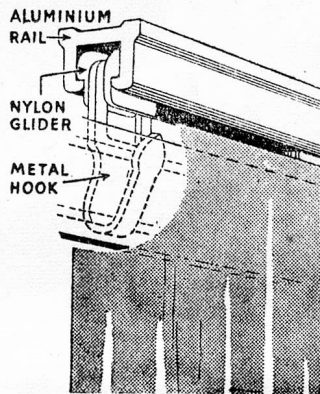
Un tableau automatique indiquant les chambres d'hôtels libres vient d'être mis en service à la Gare centrale de Bâle. C'est le premier appareil de ce genre dans notre pays. Il a été entièrement construit par des maisons suisses.

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Dans un concours d'affiches à Tokio, le jury a apprécié 195 travaux provenant de 45 pays. L'Office central suisse du tourisme a soumis une affiche représentant un costume folklorique, de Kurt Wirth, auquel une médaille d'or a été attribuée. Pierre Monnerat a reçu une médaille d'argent pour l'affiche " Qui dit ski, dit Suisse ".

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