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**BIASCA** — Disgrazie in serie presso i cantieri di costruzione delle *Officine Idroelettriche di Blenio*. Sabato 24 novembre scorso un operaio, Giovan Battista Viani di Salvatore, oriundo italiano, all'uscita dal lavoro sulla strada cantonale veniva violentemente investito da una macchinina pilotata dal sig. Guglielmo Venzin di Losone e rimaneva ucciso sul colpo. Venerdì, 30 novembre un'altro lavoratore italiano, Giorgio Perlini, trentenne, alle dipendenze della Ditta Scerri alla cava di Scanera sulla strada Malvaglia-Ponterio è stato sorpreso dallo scoscendimento di due blocchi fra i quali veniva serrato;

Raccolto in seril condizioni veniva trasportato all'Ospedale bleniese. Nella notte su sabato, 1° dicembre nella galleria alla Stampa in Val Pontirone il minatore bernese Arthur Lehmann, trentenne, alle dipendenze della ditta Heller veniva investito da un vagoncino adibito al trasporto dei materiali e travolto. all'ospedale di Bellinzona.

**BELLINZONA** — E' stato approvato il preventivo dello Stato per l'esercizio 1957 come segue: *Entrate* Fr. 87,498,600 — *Uscite* Fr. 87,524,650, una maggiore uscita quindi di Fr. 26,050.

*Poncione di Vespero.*

### OPENING OF THE SWISS HOSTEL FOR GIRLS, LONDON.

The inauguration of the Swiss Hostel for Girls, 9/11 Belsize Grove, N.W.3, will take place on Saturday, January 26, 1957, in the presence of H.E. the Swiss Minister.

The official ceremony will be for holders of invitation cards only, but the Council of Management which is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Daeniker, the ladies of the House Committee and the Warden, Miss Rosie Preiswerk, will be "at home" at Belsize Grove from 3 to 6 p.m., and they hope that all members of the Swiss Colony, interested in the Hostel, will avail themselves of this opportunity to visit the spacious premises purchased by the Swiss Benevolent Society to house this much needed charitable institution.

### A DEPARTURE.

We regret to announce the departure of Mr. E. H. Schlatter, chief cashier at the Swiss Bank Corporation, 99, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

Mr. Schlatter, who has been with the Swiss Bank Corporation for the last 26 years, is returning to Switzerland to take up a position at the St. Gall branch of the "Schweiz. Bankverein". This change was prompted by the fact that Mr. & Mrs. Schlatter's daughter who was married in Switzerland, lost her husband last year in an accident, and was left widowed with three children.

During their séjour in London, Mr. & Mrs. Schlatter have both taken a keen interest in the doings of the Colony. Mr. Schlatter was a member of the Swiss Mercantile Society, where he held the office of Press Reporter; he also belonged to the City Swiss Club and the Nouvelle Société Helvétique. Mrs. Schlatter has been active in the "Nähverein" and in church matters.

We take this opportunity of thanking them for the many services they have rendered to the Swiss community in London, and we wish them much success in their new sphere of activities.

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