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SWISS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Over 350,000 Swiss people are earning their living in foreign lands. They are scattered all over the globe, and are found not only in all civilized countries, but also in darkest Africa, in the jungles of South America, and forgotten parts of Australia. But wherever the Swiss may have settled, they strive to remain true to their native traditions, and in this respect they are particularly anxious that their children receive a good education. In countries where educational facilities are far off the Swiss standard, the Swiss colonies endeavour to maintain schools at their own expense, and this in many instances calls for great sacrifices. In order to help needy Swiss schools in foreign lands, the national collection, which is made annually on the Independence Day - August 1st, is occasionally devoted in full, or partly, to that worthy cause.

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TOURIST TRAFFIC.

During April last, 5844 Hotel-Establishments recorded a tourist traffic of 203,000 guests. This, comparing with last year, meant a decrease of no less than 10%.

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ZURICH: A large concern in Zurich, whose name has not yet been published, secured a contract from the Government of Ecuador, Central America, to build a railway of a considerable length, the continuation of the Quito-Jbarra Line to San Lorenzo. When completed, it will reduce the travelling time to Panama from about 2 weeks to 36 hours. Besides the building of the railroad, the contract will include the formation of a harbour at San Lorenzo as well as the supply of the entire rolling stock.

LUCERNE: About 8,000 people witnessed the consecration of the new Chapel, which was erected on the spot where the unfortunate Queen Astrid of Belgium met her untimely death.

BASLE: The motor tugboat "Bernina" owned by the Swiss Tugboat Association, arrived in Basle from London, after a passage of 8 days. She was accorded a great reception. The Captain of the "Bernina" brought a letter from the Swiss Ambassador in London, Dr. Paravicini, to our Federal Minister Motta.

LUCERNE: A novel transportation method could be witnessed in Lucerne on June 22nd. Two Infantry Battalions were transported from the city over the lake of Lucerne by steamer. Six ships and two lighters were required for the transport of 1800 men, 230 horses, and 25 vehicles. The embarkation passed off without a hitch, and was completed in 75 minutes.

APPENZELL: The Santis railway promises to be a well paying proposition. The company just issued the second report for 1935, comprising a period of 5 months. The receipts amounted to Fr. 192,570, exceeding the expenditure by Fr. 122,761.

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Various tests regarding the milk production of goats have been made lately in Switzerland. The brown coloured Toggenburg breed seems to be one of the hardy and prolific sort. For a period of 12 months, they produced from 600 to 790 liters, while one Alpine goat broke the record with 1131,5 liters. The result of these tests proves that goats roaming free in nature do much better in the alpine country than the lowlands.

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