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Neutralitaetspolitik der Schweiz, welche fuer die europaeischen Voelker eine grosse Friedensgarantie bietet, hat der Voelkerbund das Gesuch der Schweiz um erneute Zuerkennung der vollkommenen Neutralitaet der Schweiz genehmigt.

Die Schweiz wird weiterhin ein treues Mitglied des Voelkerbundes bleiben und an seinen Arbeiten, die auf die Sicherung und Foerderung des Weltfriedens ausgehen, teilnehmen. Sie wird jedoch in Zukunft weder zu militaerischen noch zu wirtschaftlichen Sanktionen verpflichtet sein, falls der Voelkerbund gegenueber irgendwelchen Laendern solche Massnahmen wieder beschliessen wuerde. Der 14. Mai ist damit zu einem neuen Markstein in der Geschichte der Schweizerischen Eidgenossenschaft geworden, und die Schweiz kann sich gluecklich schaetzen, dass ihr altes, geschichtlich gewordenes Prinzip der Neutralitaet vor den Augen der Welt wieder anerkannt worden ist. Die umfassende Neutralitaet der Schweiz bedeutet fuer sie die sicherste Voraussetzung fuer ihre weitere Existenz, und fuer die Aufrechterhaltung des Friedens in Europa eine nicht zu unterschaezende Garantie.

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Ein Vierhundertmillionen-Programm fuer
Arbeitsbeschaffung in der Schweiz.

Wie aus Bern gemeldet wird, hat das Eidgenoessische Volkswirtschafts-Departement eine Vorlage ueber ein neues Arbeitsbeschaffungs-Programm im Betrage von 400 Millionen Franken ausgearbeitet. Rund 130 Millionen Franken sind vorgesehen fuer die weitere Verstaerkung der Landesverteidigung. Es handelt sich hierbei insbesondere um weitere Befestigungsarbeiten an der Grenze und im Landesinneren, z.T. hervorgerufen durch die neueingetretene Veraenderung an unserer Ostgrenze. Gegen 40 Millionen sind sodann vorgesehen fuer die wirtschaftliche Landesverteidigung. Hierbei handelt es sich um die Anlegung von Reservan von Lebensmitteln und Betriebsstoffen. Eine dritte Gruppe betrifft den Ausbau des schweizerischen Verkehrsnetzes durch den Ausbau von Doppelspurren fuer gewisse Eisenbahnen und des Strassennetzes. Fuer allgemeine Arbeitsbeschaffung soll pro 1939 ein Kredit von 50 Millionen vorgeschlagen werden. In gleicher Weise wie bisher sollen daraus Bauarbeiten der Kantone und Gemeinden subventioniert werden. Man hofft damit, das Bauvolumen auf das Normalmass von 1,2 Milliarden Franken zu steigern.

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WHY SWITZERLAND CANNOT EXPORT ANY CHEESE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

Cheese production plays a very important part in the Dairy industry of the United States. According to a statement by the Agricultural Department in Washington the pioneers of this industry are some experienced Bernese cheese makers who settled in U.S.A. 71 years ago. The first attempt to produce cheese for commercial purposes dates back to 1867 when Rudolf Benkert of Bern worked as a labourer for Martin Zumbrunnen in the Swiss settlement of New Glarus. While he was able to make a few pounds of cheese at a time in those primitive days over 40 million pounds of Swiss cheese are produced at the present time amounting to 11 to 12 million dollars in value. In other words, ten times as much cheese is manufactured in the U.S.A. than is imported from Switzerland. Swiss cheese production confines itself to Green County, Wisconsin, where a great number of Swiss Immigrants found themselves a home.

As the name of the colony shows, the first settlers came from Glarus. It was during the year 1845 when the settlement was founded. Monetary assistance from Switzerland about 1000 dollars was invested in cattle which was then evenly divided amongst the Glarner settlers. Today the settlement has now the respectable number of 47,000 cattle. Due to unfavourable economic conditions crops did not bring in sufficient revenue so Benkert decided to make marketable cheese. A year later another Bernese, Nick Gerber,

built a cheese factory at Wisconsin. In 1869 Gerber manufactured for the first time Emmenthaler cheese. His success in this line soon awakened interest in other fellow countrymen. Before long other factories came into being and very soon this new industry was firmly established. Today there are 267 cheese factories in the U.S.A. where Swiss cheese is manufactured. They are spread over ten different States, from the Pacific slope to the Atlantic, but New Glarus still leads in this production. Of a total of 40,078,000 lbs., 27,993,000 lbs. come from Wisconsin. The second largest producer is Ohio with 4,249,000 lbs., then follows Pennsylvania with 645,000 lbs. while California produces 1000 lbs.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Do you know that the well-known firm of Nestle's has altogether 105 factories working, 87 of which are confining themselves to milk products and the remainder to chocolate and other sweets? 60 factories are in Europe, 11 in Central and South America, 18 in North America, 6 in Australia and New Zealand, 2 on the Continent of Asia and 8 in South Africa.

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MEIN HEIMATLAND, ADE. During March 1938, 139 persons left Switzerland to go overseas, 239 less than last year. During the first quarter 1938, 393 persons emigrated against 673 last year.

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According to the yearly report, the City of Zurich can boast of 369 Millionaires. The previous year's total was 264. The number of persons who are taxed for $\frac{1}{2}$ million has risen from 470 to 496. A cheerful sign of improvement of the economic situation.

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The largest agricultural undertaking in Switzerland is the prison farm Witzwil. It has an area of 2,741 Jucharten, 161 of which are utilised for streets, buildings, railtracks, quarries etc. The rest is divided into 693 Jucharten cultivated grassland, 657 Jucharten grain culture, 780 Jucharten of root crops and vegetables. During the past year 421 Jucharten were utilised for rye, 428 with potatoes, 208 with sugarbeet, 118 with vegetables. Live stock amounted to 706 cows, 84 horses, 2 mules, 861 pigs, 420 sheep, 10 goats and 686 fowls. With a revenue of frs. 1,043,000 and expenditure of frs. 576,000, the profit amounted to frs. 467,000.

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A lady travelling the other day by tram from Lausanne to Chailly tendered a German mark for her fare. The conductor refused to accept it with the polite remark that Swiss money only would be accepted. "In a year's time," replied the lady, "you will gladly accept German money." Unruffled, the conductor paid attention to the other passengers until the next tramstop was reached, when he signalled to stop. Requesting the lady to alight, he remarked: "In a year's time you may resume your journey again, if you like."

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End of December, 1938: The Schweizerische Schutzenverein in its 25 Cantonal groups consisted of 3,412 sections with 236,486 members. Bern is leading with 43,678 members, then follows Zurich with 30,601, Waadt 25,254, St. Gall 16,253, Aargau 16,088, Lucerne 13,751, Solothurn 9,878.

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OUR MOST IMPORTANT CUSTOMERS:

At the close of the first quarter of this year the monetary value of exports was as follows :- Germany 47,9 million francs (15%), England 34,2 millions (11.2%), France 31,3 millions (10.2%), Italy 22,1 millions (7.2%), U.S.A. 20,8 millions (6.8%). In comparison with last year, exports to Germany and Italy have risen 5,6 millions and 5,1 millions respectively. England's purchases have also increased by 3,6 millions while trade with U.S.A. and France show a respective decrease of 4,5 millions and 2,9 millions. Exports to Holland show an increase from 4 to 13,5 millions. Other countries showing an increase in purchases are British India, Brazil and Australia.

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HUMOUR: Teacher: "Hans, can you tell me where your heart is?"

No reply.

Teacher: "Can't you feel the beats under your chest?"

Hans : "No, I usually feel them somewhere else."