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HOME NEWS

Swiss Custom receipts from January 1st to July 10th, 1922, amounted to 76,228,490 frs., which revenue surpasses the receipts for the same period of 1921 by 33,815,283 frs.

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The Canton of Zürich has admitted 750 foreigners during 1921 to Zürich citizenship.

Although this figure represents a considerable drop compared with naturalisations during the war and immediate post-war years, it still exceeds pre-war figures by nearly 300.

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The employees of Brown, Boveri & Co., of Baden, went to ballot on the wage reduction of 8 per cent. which the firm proposed to carry through. By 1,858 votes to 935 the firm's proposal was accepted and a strike rejected.

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The employees of the Schweizer. Industriegesellschaft Neuhausen have also declared themselves willing to agree to a reduction of wages by 5 per cent. per hour, and of 5 to 10 per cent. lower rates on piece work. The majority was 500 against 160 dissentient votes, a condition being that the present scale of wages shall suffer no further reduction before the end of the present year.

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From Germany 600 children of Swiss parents, and from Paris 100 children, have arrived in Switzerland for a short stay to recuperate.

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The high-water level of the Rhine rose at Basle on Saturday last by 2.89 metres, gaining an additional 1.81 metres on the following Sunday.

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An ill-founded rumour caused a run to be started on the Zinstragende Ersparniskasse Basel.

Although the Basle Government had issued a notice to the effect that the deposits at this savings bank are fully covered and that not the slightest ground exists to alarm the creditors, the run continued. However, withdrawals are met in perfect order and for the past few days attained over one million francs per day, which should prove the best means to eradicate the panic of the depositors.

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At the great alpine tourist centre Zermatt trials have recently been made to establish telephonic communication with London, and have proved quite successful.

The Federal Telephone authorities have consequently opened a telephone service Zermatt-London, which is daily available to the public from 6 p.m.

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For the Federal Gymnastic Festival, which has started at St. Gall yesterday (Friday), 658 societies, with a total membership of 15,400 gymnasts, have entered.

It is to be hoped that the financial result will be as gratifying as proved that of the Federal Sängerefest.

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At the International Swimming contests for the championships of the Ober-Rhein, which took place at Schaffhausen on Sunday last, 97 competitors started, representing Austria, France, Germany and Switzerland, the fair sex contributing 33 exponents of this healthy sport.

In the 5,000 metre course from Büsingen to Schaffhausen, H. Geldenmund, Vienna, proved victorious.

The swimming competition for novices was won by H. Räber, of the Schwimmklub Schaffhausen, and the senior race for competitors over 32 years of age by Fritz Preu, Schwimmverein Augsburg.

Fräulein Else Döbler, member of the Schwimmunion Neu-Köln, secured first prize in the 3,000 metre race.

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Balloon Race for the Gordon-Bennett Cup 1922.—

The start for this important international event will take place at Geneva on Sunday, August 6th next.

Switzerland will be represented by last year's victor: Captain Armbruster, Lieutenant Ansermier, and Major Gerber.

That the Swiss Aero Club, as well as its Geneva Section and the City of Geneva, are sparing no efforts to make this occasion a real *Gala Week*, is obvious from the rich programme, which has been fixed as follows:—

Dimanche 30 Juill.—Course internationale vitesse et fond au Vélodrome de Genève.

Mardi 1er Août.—Grande fête de nuit dans la rade de Genève avec feu d'artifice, organisée par l'Association des Intérêts de Genève.

Mercredi 2 Août.—Concours de distance pour ballons de 1re, 2me, 3me, et 4me catégorie.

Jeudi 3 Août.—Concours de rallye ballon-automobile, organisé par l'Automobile Club Suisse avec le concours du Touring Club Suisse.

Concours international de grand tourisme de la Fédération Internationale Motocycliste. Départ de la course de "Six Jours" en Suisse.

Vendredi 4 Août.—Concours de direction pour ballons de toutes catégories.

Samedi 5 Août.—Championnats d'aviron de la Suisse romande. Match 8 rameurs entre le Cercle de l'aviron de Lyon et Société Nautique de Genève. Joutes nautiques. Régates à voile de la Société Nautique de Genève et de son Cercle de la Voile. Fête vénitienne dans la rade.

Dimanche 6 Août.—Coupe Gordon Bennett. Départ de 20 ballons représentant la France (3), l'Angleterre (3), les Etats-Unis (3), l'Italie (3), la Belgique (3), l'Espagne (2), et la Suisse (3).

Mercredi 9 Août.—Concours international de grand tourisme de la Fédération Internationale Motocycliste. Arrivée de la course des "Six Jours" en Suisse.