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## NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

By "KIBURG.

If I have indulged in "day-dreaming," as the Editor note of last week would suggest, I feel Editor's note of last week would suggest, I feel that I have been in good company, and very many of my compatriots must be doing the same, i.e., seeking refuge from the heat by giving the sun-kissed City of London a temporary miss and by going, instead, to fill their lungs with the energy-reviving sca-air. Just to satisfy the curiosity of my readers a wee bit, I will let them into a secret, namely, that Cornwall is really a wonderful place to go to for a short, or preferably a long, holiday, especially if one is very careful in the selection of one's company. of one's company.

Now to the business of the week !

## Pope and Switzerland.

Universe and Catholic Weekly (4th July):-

Pope and Switzerland. Universe and Catholic Weekly (4th July):— A splendid reception was given on Whitsunday by the Catholic population of the city of St. Gall to H.E. Mgr. Luigi Maglione, Titular Archbishop of Cæsarea, Apostolic Nuncio to the Swiss Government, invited to St. Gall by the Bishop of the Diocese, Mgr. Robertus Buerkler. His Excellency celebrated High Mass in the beautiful old cathedral of the city, named after st. Gall, the Irish mork who Christianised that district some fifteen centurices ago. Trevious to the service. Mgr. Maglione paid a complimentary visit to the local Government, invited to the Service, Mgr. Maglione paid a complimentary visit to the local Government, who received him corporately at the Town Hall. The acting Previous to the service, Mgr. Maglione paid a complimentary visit as far back as 1847, and acknow-ledging all the good the Holy See has done, during and since the war, in the interest of peace and for the banefit of those who suffered from the war and tis many consequences. In reply, His Excellency said the had always considered his mission as one to be fulfilled in a spirit of true and complete harmony mongst the various religious denominations. "I pray Catholic," he continued. "to look upon their non-Catholic fellow-citizens as their brethren, and to look first their own Catholic rights and liberties within the limits of law and order." In the beavening there was a magnificent gathering in the spacious Tomhale, about 7.000 people attending. Representative Catholics from both the clergy and laity welcomed the Papal representative, addressing him in tatin, Italian, and German. Replying, Mgr. Maglione deeply moved, at first extended his hearty thanks to al strong desire to deal fairly and respectfully with al denominations. Justice towards all is also sufficient to the Catholic Swiss as their only wish is liberty and respectively and respectively with and then antions. Justice towards all is also sufficient to the Catholic Swiss as

and at St. Gall, with the precious library of its former glorious Abbey."

Human nature will probably not allow of the Human nature will probably not allow of the various denominations of Christian Churches uniting, unless some outside pressure, some danger too horrible, perhaps, to contemplate now, forces them to do so in sheer self-defence. Meanwhile it is a pleasure to see that sometimes differences can be temporarily forgotten and replaced by the brotherly Love, which is the foremost privilege of true followers of Jesus Christ.

## Across the Alps.

lowers of Jesus Christ. Across the Alps. Morning Post (7th July):— With the disappearance of the last snow from the Grand St. Bernard, all the Swiss Alpine passes are now open to motor traffic. Until a few years ago motoring in the Swiss Alps was tolerated only on a restricted number of routes, but now practically every pass of importance can be used in safety and comfort. The original hostility of the peasants was due in great measure to the fact that, as originally constructed, many of the passes were unsafe for heavy vehicles. Where these are now allowed, however, the roads have either been widened or strengthened on the outside. In addition, the law providing that the official postal cars shall take the mountains. The Swiss Post Office has now twenty alpine motor craffic in the mountains. The Swiss Post Office has now twenty alpine motor coach services in operation, and up to the present to accident of a serious nature has occurred. In the course of their journeys half of these cars have to make daily trips over passes of six thousand feet, and last year the number of passengers carried was 132.622, as agains 65,000 in the days of the old diligences. The cars possess a special automatic brake of great power, and the maximum speed allowed is twelve meles an hour when climbing, and thirteen during the descent. Specially rained chauffeurs are employed. Chief amongst the excursions to be made by Swiss postal coaches are: Orsières to Grand St. Bernard, 8110 ft.: the Simplon, 6.594 ft.: from Brigue to Iselle on the Italian frontier: the Furka, 7.976 ft.: from Klausen, 6.404 ft.: and the Julier, 7.303 ft., from Chur to St. Moritz in the Engadine. The bove article, or perhaps also previous experience, have evidently inspired the following, taken from *Light Car and Cyclecar* (4th July):— Owner of Singer car, leaving on July 18th on an 18-day tour through Swiss Alps, would be pleased to hear of another light-car over contemplatine the tour-

Owner of Singer car leaving on July 18th on an 18-day tour through Swiss Alps, would be pleased to hear of another light-car owner contemplating this tour on date given with a view to joining company...-J. C. Nussle, 4, New London Street, E.C.3.

I hope Mr. Nussle will find a companion and have a glorious time, unmarred by punctures and carburettor troubles, etc.

Swiss Railway Electrification. "Kyburg," as the name says, watches the pros-perity of his native town with great sympathy and interest, and paragraphs like the following always fill his heart with legitimate pride (*Engineer*, 4th Luby). July):-

July):-I connection with the articles on the Swiss Federal Railways, published in our issue of June 6th, 13th and 20th, we are requested to state that all the electric locomotives now being built for the Federal Railways, as far as the mechanical portions are concerned, were entirely designed by the Swiss Locomotive Machine Works at Winterthur, and that the mechanical parts of all of them were built by this firm. We may add that as a result of the successful operation of these locomotives the Swiss Federal Railways have entrusted this firm with the orders for all the mechanical parts of their electric locomotives.

Have you ever noticed, when returning home Switzerland, that the name of "Winterthur" appears on all locomotives which await you at the frontier to take you home?

## Switzerland's Water Power.

The following abstract of a paper read at the World Power Conference (Engineering, 4th July) will interest our readers:-

World Power Conference (Engineering, 4th July) will interest our readers:— As is well known, Switzerland is greatly favoured from the point of view of water power, and already has developed these resources to such an extent that in 1922 the possible production was placed at 4.870,000,000 kw-hours. The actual production was 2,880,000,000 kw-hours. The actual production by Messrs. Bucht, Eggenberger, Harry, Strickler and Zangger, each of whom have appended their names to sections. The water-power still avail-able can be reckoned at 8,000,000 of installed horse-power. In 1922, 53 per cent. of the energy was used for lighting, motive power and heating, 23 per cent, for electro-chemical and metallurgical processes, 16 per cent. was used for railways. It is estimated that 95 per cent. was used for railways. It is estimated that 95 per cent. of all localities was connected to electric distribution systems, and 90 per cent. of the houses were fitted with electric light; 95 per cent. to 98 per cent. of the motors were electrical machines, and from 40 per cent. to 45 per cent of the railways were electrified. The price per unit was relatively high on account of the cost of transmission. The rivers haal asmall flow in winter and large in summer, and water was stored in lakes, etc., for equalisation. The usuall granted by the Cantons, subject to compliance with Federal laws. And 1 think the following article, while con-taining many things known to most of my readers, will yet interest them greatly, on account of its concise exposition of facts which are especially important to Switzerland and the Swiss. **World Power–What it means to Mankind.** *David Wares*. (5th Iule):—

World Power–What it means the Boxbar World Power–What it means to Mankind. Daily News (5th July):— The World Power Conference at Wembley is of more than passing interest to the average citizen. His own well-being, the prosperity of the community—in fact, the very existence of civilisation—depends upon the application of power to transport by sea, by land, by air. Continents are linked together by power-driven ships. All civilised countries are intersected by power-driven railways. No town of any size is with-out its power station for lighting and transport. Water supply, sanitation and all public services depend upon power.

driven ships. All civilised countries are intersected by power-driven railways. No town of any size is with-out its power station for lighting and transport. Water supply, sanitation and all public services depend upon power. A listener-in to the discussions at Wembley would frequently hear the expression "horse-power-hour," "kilowatt-hour," The strange-souncing combination of works "horse-power-hour "has a simple meaning. It stands for the amount of work is a foot pound. A foot pound of work is done when a weight of one pound is lifted one foot high. A man walking up a hill 300 feet high, ding thereby 40,000 foot pounds of work in addition to the muscular work of walking the distance up the hill on the level. Whether he walks up or runs up the hill, the work done is the same, but the time taken to do it is different. The power of the man is measured by reducing the distance up the hill on the level. At this rate it would take him nearly 650 seconds to walk up the rate of 70 foot pounds per second. At this rate it would take him nearly 650 seconds to walk up the hill. A horse is conventionally assumed to be able to 60 500 foot pounds per second. At this rate it would take him nearly 650 seconds to walk up the hill. A horse is conventionally assumed to be able to do 500 foot pounds per second. This is an incon-veniently small number. so that engineers take as their unit of energy for buying and selling purposes the work a horse is able to do in one hour, namely, 1.980,000 foot pounds. The term "horse-power-hour" is thus synonymous with the definite quantity, "1.980,000 foot pounds. The term "horse-power-hour" is thus synonymous means that you can purchase 1.980,000 foot pounds for a penny. The term "kilowatt-hour" is the buying and selling unit of the metric system. It is equal to 265,500 foot pounds. It is better known by its other name, the "Board of Trade unit, a not unusual price for cleetric integy for lighting upropses, means that for sixpence we purchase 265,500 foot pounds, renergy, should not be used

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# Tomb of St. Sigismund. Catholic Herald (5th July):-

Catholic Herald (5th July):— The tomb of the saint-king, Sigismund, the Bur-gund, who died 1,400 years ago, has been discovered it St. Maurice, in Switzerland, by Dr. Stuckelberg, of the University of Basle, and the discovery has caused a sensation in Switzerland. Dr. Stuckelberg found relics of the saint in the tomb, he has reported. Some time ago this same investigator discovered rare silk and linen embroidery of the sixth and seventh centuries at St. Maurice. Sigismund ruled over the old German nation of the Burgunds, and undertook to destroy Arianism and brought his people to the Catholic Church. He him-self built the monastery of St. Maurice about 515, and became king upon the death of his father, Gundobad, n 516. The synods of Epaone and Lyons were held under his presidentship, and he also founded schools to promote the study of Latin and Greek science and literare.

under his presidentismp, and no accentionant to promote the study of Latin and Greek science and literature. The German Emperor Karl IV opened St. Sigis-mund's grave in 1364, and many of the relics were taken to Prague, in Bohemia. About 1650 the tomb had been filled up, and in 1714 a parish church was built on the spot. Since the tomb had also been walled up, all endeavours in the last few centuries to find it were in vain.

## DIE STEUERN IN DER SCHWEIZ.

Zu den verdienstlichsten Publikationen des Eid-Zu den verdenstühensten Fromkationen des Fau-genössischen Statistischen Bureaus zählen die jähr-lich erscheinenden "Zusammenstellungen über die Erwerbs- und Vermögenssteuern in den grösseren Gemeinden der Schweiz. Diese Statistik vermittelt einen ausgezeichneten Einblick in die grössen Unter-schiede, die bei der fiskalischen Belastung der einzelnen Einkommens- und Erwerbskategorien von Kanton zu Kanton bestehen....

Die Belastung des Arbeits-Einkommens.

In den Erwerbssteuern zeigen sich von Stadt zu In den Erwerbssteuern zeigen sich von Stadt zu Stadt grosse Verschiedenheiten, die teilweise auf veraltete Steuersysteme zurückzuführen sind, teil-weise aber mit der ökonomischen Lage der Be-völkerung zusammenhängen. Speziell in der Be-lastung der niedrigen und mittleren Einkommen herrschen die grössten Differenzen, während in der Besteuerung der haben Einkommen ehrer Einheitlastung der medrigen und mittleren Einkommen herrschen die grössten Differenzen, während in der Besteuerung der hohen Einkommen von 3000 Fr. ist in Basel steuerfrei, wenn man die Kirchen-steuer (Fr. 7.50) nicht in Berücksichtigung zieht. In Zürich sind dagegen für 3000 Fr. bereits 82 Fr. zu entrichten, in Bern 144 Fr., während die höchste Belastung in Bellinzona mit 156 Fr. erreicht wird. Ein Einkommen von 10,000 Fr. bezahlt in Basel 460 Fr. Steuern, in Zürich 770 Fr., in/Bern 798 Fr., in Herisau 1147 Fr. und in Chur 1626 Fr. Ein Arbeitseinkommen von 50,000 Fr. ist in Basel mit 6,492 Fr. belastet, in Bern mit 7,575 Fr., in Zürich mit 8,175.; exorbitante Sätze haben Chur und Davos mit über 15,000 Fr. Aus der eidgenössischen Steuerstatistik ergibt sich, dass in Basel die sozial-politisch trefliche Tendenz verfolgt wird, die be-scheidenen und mittleren Einkommen zu schonen und so die Vermögensbildung anzuregen, während in einigen anderen Städten der Steuerdruck bei diesen Bevölkerungsschichten relativ härter ist als und dan behen Einkommen Vorzeloten üben Einkommen die diesen Bevölkerungsschichten relativ härter ist als diesen Bevölkerungsschichten relativ härter ist als auf den hohen Einkommen. Vergleiche über die

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# PERSONAL.

Mr. J. Geilinger, of 30, Lammas Park Rd., Ealing, W.5, celebrates to-day the eightieth anniversary of his birthday. He is in the best of health and still keenly interested in the activities of our Colony; there is hardly a Swiss meeting or patriotic gathering which Mr. Geilinger does not make a point of attending. His large circle of friends, old and young, who all admire his exceptional vitality, will join us in wishing him many happy returns. Dr. A. Lätt has just arrived in London for a few weeks' study and research work; his address for those who wish to renew an old acquaintance is at 28, Red Lion Square, W.C. (his old headquarters).

# Divine Services.

## EGLISE SUISSE, 79, Endell St., W.C. 2. (Langue française.)

Dimanche, 20 Juillet, 11h.—M. Jean Ramseyer. BAPTEME. Jean WEBER, né le 13 Juin 1924, fils de Jean Jacques et de Marie Louise née Gaillard, de Witikon (Zurich)—le 13 Juillet 1924.

## SCHWEIZERKIRCHE (Deutsch-Schweizerische Gemeinde)

St. Anne's Church, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

Sonntag, 20. Juli, 11 Uhr vorm.—Gottesdienst. Pfr. W. Dietsche.
6.30 abends (79, Endell Street).—Bibelstunde, Phil. 3, 12-14. Pfr. W. Dietsche.
Requests for Pastor's visits, Baptisms, Weddings, etc.. can be made on Sunday morning after the service, or to the Treasurer, C. Bertschinger, 114, Fore St., London, E.C.2.

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Thursday, July 31, at 8 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Patriotic Concert in celebration of the Swiss Ist of August Day at Caston Hall, Westminster, S.W. In the Chair: The Swiss Minister. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 6.30.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting, preceded by a Supper, at Gati's Restaurant, Strand. W.C. Every Saturday and Sunday (weather permitting).— SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION: Shooting Practice at Hendon (opposite Old Welsh Harp).

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Steuern in einigen grösseren Ortschaften ergeben sich aus der nachfolgenden Tabelle: Für das Arbeitseinkommen hatte ein Verheirate-ter ohne Kinder 1923 folgende Steuern zu entrichten: Einkommen: 4000 Fr. 8000 Fr. 20,000 Fr. 218 Fr. 1607 Fr. Basel ... ... 71 Fr. Liestal ... ... 124 ,, 318 Fr. 1607 Fr. 326 1040  $1040 \\ 1715$ , La Chaux-de-Fonds 127 370 
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Grosse Unterschiede bestehen auch bei der Be-Grosse Unterschiede bestehen auch bei der Be-lastung der Vermögen; auch hier zeigt sich, dass einzelne Gemeinden die kleineren und niedrigeren Vermögen stark belasten, die grossen Vermögen hingegen schonen. Besonders auffallend ist dies wiederum in der Ostschweiz. Ein Verheirateter ohne Kinder hatte für sein Vermögen, wenn es in Wertpapieren bestand, folgende Steuern zu be-zahlen: zahlen:

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Hoffentlich hat die regelmässige Publikation der Steuerverhältnisse durch das Eidgenössische Sta-tistische Amt die Wirkung, dass sich sozialpolitische Motive bei der Festlegung der Steuersätze immer mehr Geltung verschaffen.

(National-Zeitung.)

## SWISS SPORTS.

On Thursday, July 3rd, the Committee of the Swiss Sports, together with the delegates from the Swiss Societies in London, met at the Union Hel-vetia, Gerrard Place, W.1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as were also the accounts recording re-

Swiss Societies in London, met at the Union Hel-vetia, Gerrard Place, W.1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, as were also the accounts regarding re-venue and expenditure of the Sports Meeting held at Herne Hill on May 31st, 1924. It was noted with great satisfaction that, as in previous years, the appeal for funds towards the expenses of this year's Sports was responded to in a splendid manner. As will be seen from the copy of account printed hereafter, the donations, etc., exceeded the expenses to the extent of £26 19s. 9d. Thereof the meeting voted £25 to be allocated to the Fonds Georges Dimier. The remaining balance of £1 19s. 9d. is being carried forward. The 'old Committee was re-elected unanimously with acclamation, and therefore consists of the following gentlemen for the next twelve months:— President, Mr. C. A. Barbezat, Vice-President, Mr. R. de Cintra; Secretary, Mr. C. Kiefer; Treasurer, Mr. H. Senn; Asst. Treasurer, Mr. C. A. Acschi-mann; Directors of Sports, Messrs. R. Dupraz and J. Sermier; further, Messrs. E. Bloch, H. Nozières and R. E. Pfister; Auditors, Messrs. A. Rueff and Dr. P. de Wolfi. The business of the evening was dealt with smoothly, and the various discussions were con-ducted in the same good spirit which animated the meetings of the past and which has become traditional for the Swiss Sports. Alter the close of the meeting, the draw took place of the raffle for a Bulle Clock which had special prize. By a new invention, the clock in question does not require winding up, but will go ' tick-tacking " for many years. The Committee decided to organise a raffle for the clock, the value of which was considered to be too high for being given away in the form of a Sports prize. All the subscribers and donors, without exception, of minimum 2/6, were allotted a number for every half-crown contributed, and the winner of the clock is Dr. K. Eckenstein, who had subscribed £1 1s. on the list of the members of the City Swiss Club. It was a pleasant surprise for him, Swiss Club. It was a pleasant surprise for him,

as he had not known that his donation was going to be included in a raffle of any kind. C. A. A. GENERAL ACCOUNT in respect of the Sports Meeting held on May 31, 1924. REVENUE. £\* s. d. 165 9 0 Donations .... Sale of Programmes and Additional Sub-scriptions for Raffle of Bulle Clock Advertisements in Programme .... Unclaimed Money for Badges ....  $egin{array}{cccc} 16 & 1 & 6 \\ 9 & 12 & 6 \\ & 15 & 0 \end{array}$ £191 18 0 EXPENDITURE £ s. 66 1 Donation to St. John's Ambulance Various Gratuities on the Ground Wreath for G. Dimier ... ... Balance ... ... £191 18 LIST OF DONATIONS. £3555522222 s. 3 5 5 0 2

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# UNIONE TICINESE.

In meno di due mesi questo sodalizio ebbe a rimpiangere la perdita di due soci fondatori. Scom-pare cosi gradatamente la schiera dei ticinesi che il 8 Febbrajo 1874 mossi ed inspirati da zelo patriotico fondarono questa società di mutuo soccorso che da un mezzo secolo continua il suo scopo altamente filantronico filantropico. Il 19 maggio moriva in Acquarossa dove si era Il signor Luigi

Il 19 maggio moriva in Acquarossa dove si era ritirato in ben meritato riposo il signor Luigi Reggiori, socio fondatore e curatore della società. Insieme al fratello Pietro, predecesso, fondava la casa "Reggiori" che è trà le più rispettate e conosciute nella nostra colonia. Il suo prezioso contributo morale e materiale fù sempre a dis-posizione del nostro Sodalizio, e per lunghi anni fù uno dei nostri più sagaci curatori. Martedi 8 cor, ebbero luogo al Cimitero di Kensal Green i funerali del compianto signor Giacomo Monico morto nella veneranda età di 90 anni.

90 anni. Il defuntò fu pure uno dei soci fondatori e per Il defuntò fu pure uno dei soci fondatori e per molti anni prese interesso vivo nello sviluppo del sodalizio. Di principii altamente patriottici conservò sino all'ultimo l'amore alla cara Svizzera ed al patrio Ticino e l'ultima volontà espressa fu che il feretro venisse coperto colla bandiera Svizzera, volontà che venne scrupolosa-mente osservata. La società era rappresentata dal segretario sig. O. Gambazzi e dal tresoriere sig. E. Biucchi ed al cimitero una schiera di membri vollero colla loro presenza dare l'ultimo addio al socio fondatore. socio fondatore.

Colla loro dipartita scompaiono due delle ormai cola loro dipartita scompaiono due delle ormai poche personalità che, membri di una numerosa schiera di Vallerani Ticinesi, emigrarono più di 50 anni or sono in Inghilterra e che col loro lavoro onesto e tenace, seppero lasciar orme gloriose e far conoscere ed apprezzare il buon nome Ticinese

in questa metropoli. Sulla tomba dolenti deponiamo il fiore del perenne ricordo e dell'imperitura riconoscenza. O.G.

