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THE HOTEL INDUSTRY AND DEVALUATIONS.

The devaluation of the £stg. by 31% means that an English tourist travelling abroad would find his expenses increased by 40%. No doubt the high demand of English tourists for holidays in Switzerland will slacken off and the English will seek opportunities to spend their holidays at more economical places. It is hoped, therefore, that English will abolish the quota system.

FRENCH-GERMAN COMMITTEE FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING:

On September 29th, Federal Councillor Petitpierre, the Swiss Foreign Minister, received a delegation of a Committee for Better Understanding between France and Germany, which has been formed by delegations from cities of the two countries. As neutral President and mediator, the Swiss writers Eugen Wyler and Dr. Hans Zbinden are members of this Delegation. The task of the committee is to bring the outlook of the two peoples closer together. In Switzerland, which like any other small nation is greatly interested that Europe should be peacefully reconstructed, all possible assistance is given to this committee, and it is intended to institute a Swiss fund for inter-state understanding. Federal Councillor Petitpierre has encouraged all participating in futhering this work, for which much idealism and faith is needed.

GONZAGUE DE REYNOLD TRAVELLING TO SOUTH AMERICA

M. Gonzague de Reynold, Professor of French literature at the University of Fribourg, left Switzerland on October 4th for South America. On the request of the Governments of the Argentine, Uruguay and Brazil he is giving lectures on Europe and Switzerland.

POSTER EXHIBITION.

Under the patronage of associations and institutes interested in posters, the fund "Pro Helvetia" has created an exhibition entitled "The Swiss Poster". For the time being it will be shown in Finland, Norway, Holland, Belgium, England and Italy, later, presumably in North and South America. The selection of the 128 posters has been made entirely from artistic and technical viewpoints. The Swiss Office for the Development of Trade has been entrusted with the technical organization.

CLOSING OF FACTORY

The management of the aluminium factory Viktor Robert Neher Ltd. in Neuhausen, has given advice to its employees that the factory is to be closed in spring, 1950. The raw materials today are more expensive than finished aluminium can be obtained for in Canada. The 150 employees and workers will have to find alternative employment. Two other factories in Neuhausen, Georg Fischer Ltd. and Alfred Amaler & Co have already expressed their willingness to absorb the employees from Viktor Robert Neher Ltd.

LA FOIRE DE GENEVE.

On October 5th, the Foire de Geneve opened its doors. It comprises 227 exhibitors.

FROM THE PRESS.

M. Pierre Liniger left the editorial staff of "La Sentinelle". He is being replaced by M. Robert Bergel, editor of the "Travail" a weekly paper of the socialists from Fribourg and Valais.