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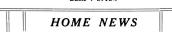
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Dr. Jean Musy has been elected President of the Swiss Confederation for the year 1925. Born in Albeuve (Fribourg) in 1876, he has been a member of the Federal Council since 1920, finance being his particular department. As Vice-President the Federal Assembly elected Mr. H. Häberlin, born in 1868 in Bissegg (Thurgau): he is chief of the Department of Justice and Police.

*** The two Chambers have voted a subsidy of Frs. 200,000 to the Swiss Tourist Office, that is to say, about Frs. 50,000 more than the Federal Council originally recommended.

*** Some forty members of the National Council have lodged a petition with the Federal Council, suggesting that the military budget should be con-siderably reduced, in view of the international arbitration treaties concluded during the last few months months

A somewhat startling statement was made in the Geneva Grand Conseil: Figures compiled from official sources prove that of those liable to can-tonal faxation only 25 per cent. pay capital tax, and 34 per cent. income tax, that is to say, over two-thirds manage to dodge the tax collector.

An embroidery factory, belonging to His & Co. in Murgenthal (near Aarburg) and employing about 400 workpeople, was destroyed by fire and a sub-sequent explosion on Wednesday evening, Dec. 3.

An association is being formed in the canton of Aargau for the purpose of taking charge of criminals released from prison. National Coun-cillor Hunziker is closely identified with the move-ment. It is intended to find suitable employment for those discharged, and to combat generally the prejudices which stand in the way of their return-ing to a regulated life. The cantonal authorities are to be approached for financial assistance. The scheme is the direct outcome of a recent crime, when a friendless and penniless prisoner, on being discharged, committed a murder in order to provide himself with the immediate necessities for existence.

*** During last week's election campaign for the German Reichstag, Socialist newspapers brought the news that on the occasion of the "Hitler Putsch" some Swiss officers—notably Major Bircher of Aarau—had actively assisted an attempt to restore the German monarchy. The Federal Council at once instituted an enquiry, which showed that these rumours were devoid of the slightest foun-dation. dation.

NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

By "Kyburg."

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"We found the two lions dead later, and the natives carried their bodies to the camp, where there was much rejoicing that night. The black lion was a splendid specimen, and its skin will adorn the museum at Berne, according to father's wishes. "It is a curious fact that none of the lions made an attempt to attack us, though they were within springing distance, and in a way we were at their mercy."

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Data data and the idea for some years. In his institution is Dr. Vauthier, who has advocated the idea for some years. In his first report, covering the period from the opening till the end of 1923, he states that 46 students and professions have beenfited by this institution. As far as is possible all the patients are engaged in some definition of the some share the advocated the idea for some years. In his institution is gring the patients and engade in some definition of the some share and more balanced outlook and preserving them from the demoralisation of unemployment. The sanatorium is regularly visited by professors of the different Swiss Universities, who usually make a stay of some days. During these visits they give lectures of the side students. With such resources the students of theoretical work to keep them busy during theoretical work in the sanatorium, and two advocated through visite day give lectures of the side students. With such resources the students of the side sciences in their work. Students of applied science of the calcular students are engaged in some special scientific work.
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Alpine Changes. The Times (1st Dec.):— I feel sure that this admirably written article will charm the majority of my readers. The writer succeeds in producing the real atmosphere, and it is evident that he is a real lover of the beauty of Alpine Nature

succeeds in producing the real atmosphere, and it is evident that he is a real lover of the beauty of Alpine Nature. As the autumn slowly passes into winter a desola-tion begins to permeate the Alpine air. Colour has vanished from the mountain side. The grass is brown, parched and withered: the trees are turning inky and hard; the torrent is all but silent, for cold has already gripped the melting snow and ice. Even the sunshine is losing all power; it shines weakly from a hazy sky. The last fine spell is gone; with it the last party of tourists from some lowland university came to cross on foot one of the lower passes. Even though the day was fine and calm, they were glad to reach the village inn, since it is cheerless to gaze upon the higher Alps as they avait the coming of the snow. The icy summits seem grey and gaunt: no recent snow has softened their flanks. The upper pastures are deserted: the cattle down below expect to be stalled for the winter, Fretfully they seek the last patches of green hard by the village, until the coming of the snow shall cause the treasured stores of hay to be released. Even the chilets lack the brown warmth of their sumburnt beans. The wind blows shrill down the little street and splashes aside the water gushing now less strongly from the fountain sport.

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Geneva Peace Plans.

Daily Express (25th Nov.):— Will Eugland, or rather Great Britain, follow? In spite of indications to the contrary, I still hope SO.

hope so. The French Government has tabled a Bill for the ratification of the Geneva protocol. This is evidence that, while the French Government has loyally agreed to the British request that the question of the Geneva protocol shall not be dealt with at the next meeting of the League of Nat ons in Fecem-ber, none the less, even should various modifications ultimately be made in the protocol, the French Govern-ment has no intention of abandoning the principles and the application of the protocol.

the application of the protocol. Erinnerungsie'er des Winterthurer Stadtbataillons 63. My readers will forgive me if I ask them to-read the following. As an old 63er I naturally take a particular interest in the doings of this battallon, and I have sincerely regretted being unable to take part in the "Erinnerungsfeier" which the "Bataillon 63" held the other Sunday at Winterthur. I venture to believe that the following speech, made by the former field-preacher of the 26th Regiment, the Rev. Mr. Tobler, will strike a sympathetic chord in old Swiss soldiers' hearts, quite apart from the fact that the speech in itself is a very fine interpretation of the real Swiss' feeling where our Army and what it stands for is concerned:--for is concerned:-

Swiss' leeling where our Army and what it stands for is concerned:— Offiziere. Unteroffiziere und Soldaten ! Liebe Kame-raden ! Ihr erlaubt mir, dass ich euch heute wieder so anrede, wie ich es so oft habe tun dirfen im langen Grenzbesetzungsdienst, erlaubt mir, dass ich zu euch un der zweiten Person spreche, wie wir es am liebsten tun, wenn das Herz dem Herzen etwas zu sagen hat. Wir gehören doch zusammen, bilden eine Einheit, so verschieden unsere Stellungen im bürgerlichen Leben und Lebensauffassungen von einander a we chen mögen. dienstbar dem gleichen Volk und Vaterland, zusammen-gehalten durch den gleichen Willen, diesem Volk das Beste zu geben, erfüllt von dem gleichen Wunsch, unser Volk frei, froh und gleicklich, von den furcht-baren Kriegsgreueln unberährt zu sehen. So möchten wir als Kameraden heute in ernster und doch wieder und ein Greizt echter Kameraden auseinandergehen und den Greist echter Kameraden un in hon oftig haben wie im Grenzdienst. Und wenn wir hn so nötig haben wie im Grenzdienst. Und wenn wir heute ein-ander die Hand zum Grusse drücken und einander in die Augen schauen, dann vergessen wir auch die nicht welche vor zehn Jahren und später noch einigemale