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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

Monsieur Leland Harrison, the retiring American Minister, accredited to the Swiss Confederation, held a reception at the American Legation in Berne. Amongst the 250 guests present, were Dr. Ph. Etter, President of the Swiss Confederation, members of the Federal Council, and the diplomatic corps, representatives of the Bernese government and Dr. Bruggmann, Swiss Minister in Washington. [A.T.S.]

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Dr. C. Kobelt, Swiss Defence Minister, fractured his shoulder and suffered other injuries when the military plane in which he was flying over the St. Gotthard mountain region was compelled to make a forced landing. He was taken to the military hospital at Andermatt.

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The following Members of Parliament (National and States Council) have declined to put their names down as candidates for the next Parliamentary elections which will take place in the autumn of this year.

Norbert Bosset (St. Council) Avenches, Lib.; Henry Burrus (Nat. Council) Porrentruy, Cath. Cons.; Karl Muheim (Nat. Council) Altdorf; Jakob Meyer (Nat. Council) Murten, Cons. Pop. Party; Dr. Jos. Riedener (Nat. Council) St. Gallen, Cons. Christ. Party; Bernhard Widmer (Nat. Coun.) Zurich, Christ. Soc. Party; Prof. Pierre Aebi (Nat. Council) Fribourg, Cath. Cons. Party; Armand Melly (Nat. Council) Vaud, Liberal; J. Stutz (Nat. Council) Zug, Cons.; Jgnaz Burri (Nat. Council) Lucerne, Liberal; H. Berthoud (Nat. Council) Neuchâtel, Radical; Francesco Borella (Nat. Council) Ticino, Soc.; Edoardo Zeli (Nat. Council) Ticino, Soc.; Antoine Pugin, Geneva, Christ. Soc. Party; and H. Schnyder, (Nat. Council) Zurich, Indep. [A.T.S.]

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Following negotiations between the Governments of South Africa and Australia on one hand and the Swiss Federal Council on the other, it has been decided

to establish diplomatic relations between the respective countries. [A.T.S.]

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The traditional conference of Swiss Ministers, at present staying in our country, took place in Berne on the 12th of this month. The question of Swiss Foreign Policy was discussed. [A.T.S.]

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The Federal Political Department (Swiss Foreign Office) in Berne has officially denied that Dr. Carl, J. Burckhardt, Swiss Minister in Paris, has tendered his resignation. [A.T.S.]

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Gottfried Isler from Wädenswil (Zurich) has been appointed Honorary Swiss Consul in Rotterdam, in succession to F. H. Martin Koch, who recently resigned the post which he had occupied since 1916.

The new Consul is the Manager of the Rotterdam branch of the "Schweizerischen Reederei A.G." Basle. [A.T.S.]

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The Federal Council is putting before the two chambers a proposal to erect Legations in the Indian Union, Pakistan and Siam. [A.T.S.]

Cantonal

Dr. Ernst Dübi, late General Manager of the "von Roll'schen Eisenwerke" in Gerlafingen, has died at Hertenstein at the age of 64. In the army, he reached the rank of Colonel (artillery), the last command he held was that of the artillery brigade II. [A.T.S.]

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The late Dr. Waltisbühl, who at one time practised at Stäfa as a dentist, has left an amount of 32,000.— frs. to the District hospital in Männedorf. [A.T.S.]

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