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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

During the month of September, 1952, the Swiss Federal Railways, carried 19.08 million passengers, 564,000 more than during the same period in 1951. Receipts: 28.01 million francs. (September, 1951: 25.89 million frs.) Goods traffic carried amounted to 1.64 million tons, 105,000 tons less than in September, 1951. (Receipts: 33.95 million francs.)

Dr. Walter Nägeli, President of the Federal Supreme Court, Lausanne, and Federal Judge Dr. Eugen Blocher, have tendered their resignations.

Dr. Nägeli has been a member of the Federal Tribunal since 1933, and Dr. Blocher, since 1928.

Cantonal

During September, 1952, 844 traffic accidents occurred in the canton of Zurich. (Sept., 1951: 869). 385 persons were injured and 17 people were killed

A serious motoring accident occurred between Kehrsatz and Wabern (Ct. Berne) when two motor-cars collided at full speed. One passenger was killed and eight seriously injured. The name of the victim is Mme. Loos of Belp. The respective drivers of the cars will be prosecuted for reckless driving.

Monsieur Victor Doré, Canadian Minister in Berne, has paid an official visit to the University of Fribourg.

Dr. Raymond Lapp of Lausanne has been appointed head of the section dealing with internal disease at the Cantonal Hospital in Fribourg. Since 1951, he had held the post of surgeon-in-chief at the Nestlé clinic.

The newly appointed Dutch Minister, Baron A. Bentinck in Berne, has paid an official visit to the town

of Basle. After a visit to the Rhine port he was received at the town hall by the municipal authorities.

The elections for the government of the canton of Schaffhausen resulted in the following being elected: Karl Waldvogel (Peasant Party); (no change), Ernst Lieb (Peasant Party), (no change), Theo Wanner (Socialist) (no change), Georg Leu (Socialist) no change, Robert Schärer, (Liberal) new.

Owing to irregularities which had occurred in the administration of the "Kursaal" in Montreux, the Board has decided to close the gambling section.

Mme. Grüning-Huguenin, the oldest inhabitant of Montreux, has celebrated her 100th birthday.

Mme. A. Chavan-Barbey, of Pully, has also reached her 100th birthday.

The "Conservatoire" of La Chaux-de-Fonds has celebrated its 25th Jubilee. There are, at present, over 500 students enrolled.

The late National-Councillor, Dr. h.c. Schmidheiny of Heerbrugg, (Ct. St. Gall) has left an amount of 100,000.—frs. for the foundation of a Trust for the "Förderung der beruflichen Weiterbildung".

Director Ernst Rösel of Buchs (Rheintal) has made a donation of 20,000.—frs. to the "Kindergarten-fonds" of the commune of Buchs.

The University of Geneva has honoured Professor Dr. Paul Scherrer, of the Federal Institute of

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