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of the founders of the periodical "Les Cahiers vaudois."

Professor Hans Nabholz (80), of Zurich, until 1945, Professor of constitutional and economic history at the University of Zurich, and Honorary President of the "Allgemeinen Geschichtsforschenden Gesellschaft der Schweiz." [A.T.S.]

Gifts and letters of greeting from the Mayors of two Swiss cities were presented to the Mayor of New York at City Hall recently by Mr. Hugo Mayr, General Manager of Swissair in the U.S.A.

The articles were flown over on Swissair's first regular transatlantic freight flight and came from the Mayors of Zurich and Basel. Zurich's Mayor, Dr. Landolt, sent the Mayor of New York, Robert F. Wagner, an inscribed book about Zurich together with an invitation for Mayor Wagner to visit the historic Swiss city. He also sent a box of Swiss chocolates for Mrs. Wagner. From the Government of the Canton of Basel came a beautiful hand-coloured window pane containing the Basel coat-of-arms.

The Wynental Railway, a line in central Switzerland connecting Aarau with Rheinach and Menziken-Burg, celebrated recently its fiftieth anniversary. On the anniversary day all passengers on the morning train were offered hot coffee and rolls, and smokers were presented with locally-made cigars.

Switzerland allowed 200,000 foreign workers to take jobs in the country last year.

PETITES CHOSES QUI FONT PLAISIR.

(Service de Presse).

Un procédé de purification de l'eau, que le professeur suisse Nægeli a découvert et mis au point pendant de nombreuses années, utilise la ionisation de l'eau par l'argent, à l'aide d'un appareil catadyne, qui est un produit suisse. Cette invention va être mise en service dans les piscines des USA où elle a provoqué un très grand intérêt.

Le prix des amitiés françaises de Bruxelles, prix littéraire international, destiné à couronner le roman d'un écrivain de langue française (Français, Belge, Suisse, Luxembourgeois ou Canadien), a été décerné à l'écrivain vaudois C.F. Landry pour son roman "L'enfant coucou".

Au nombre des films documentaires et de propagande suisses, les bandes "Wasser in Gefahr" et "Südwest braucht Wasser" ont remporté un vif succès lors d'une projection spéciale devant les députés au Bundestag à Bonn. A l'exposition cinématographique de Milan, où 12 pays ont envoyé 180 titres, le film "Raviolis Roco", de la Central-Film, a remporté le prix de la "Federazione italiana della pubblicità".

(Semaine Suisse).

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FIRST OF AUGUST CELEBRATION.

The First of August Committee of the Swiss Colony in London have much pleasure in extending to all Swiss and their families in Great Britain a cordial invitation to join in this year's celebration of our NATIONAL DAY.

For a change it will be held in the Concert Pavilion, Battersea Park. Refreshments (hot sausages and roll and tea, or sandwiches, cakes and tea at 2/6) are made available at the nearby Pavilion of Vauxhall Beer Gardens. After the Celebration a Dance will be held at the same place, entrance 2/6 each.

Admission to the NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION will be by ticket only, obtainable free of charge on application by post to the First of August Hon. Secretary, Miss S. Morosi, 20, Briston Grove, Crouch Hill, London, N.8. As supplies are limited it is advisable to obtain refreshment tickets in advance from the same address, by a remittance of 2/6.

No ticket can be sent unless a 2½d. STAMPED and ADDRESSED ENVELOPE is enclosed with the application. The full names of all persons for whom tickets are required must be stated.

The tickets will be issued after July 15th, but applications should be sent now — the sooner the better. The Theatre holds some 1,500 people. Tickets will be issued in strict rotation. Early application is therefore advisable to save disappointment.

It will greatly help the Committee if ticket holders who find themselves prevented from attending the celebration will be kind enough to return their unwanted tickets AT ONCE to the above address for the benefit of other fellow countrymen.

Programmes will be on sale at a minimum of 6d. and badges at 1/6 each. It will be of great assistance if correct amount is tendered when purchasing.

It is hoped that as many as possible of those attending will wear national costume.

Only holders of tickets to the NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION (which should be retained) can be admitted to the subsequent dance on payment of 2/6.

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