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Paul Kunz (70) of Thun. He was in 1911 appointed editor of the "Oberländer Tagblatt". From 1919-1926, and from 1939-1952, he held the office of Mayor of the town of Thun. Kunz was a member of the Grand Council of the canton of Berne for 15 years, and sat for 7 years in the National Council as a Liberal. [A.T.S.]

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VARIOUS.

Swiss insurance companies have decided to levy a supplementary war risk premium of 0.25 per cent. as from September 24. As a result, the new premiums against war risks will, until further notice, amount to 0.35 per cent. for Egypt, as well as for ships destined for Indonesia, Hongkong, Thailand, and other countries *via* the Suez Canal.

The new premiums for that part of China extending north from Canton up to and including Manchuria, Port Arthur, and Dairen, *via* the Suez, will amount to 0.45 per cent. For all other transport *via* the Suez Canal the premium will be 0.2875 per cent.

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An 1,800 ft. tower, nearly twice as high as the Eiffel Tower in Paris, is to be built for the 1964 Swiss National Exhibition at Lausanne.

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Switzerland displayed the surprise item at the 43rd Paris Motor Show which opened its doors early this month, namely a plastic four seater saloon called the "Soletta", powered by a 748c.c. flat twin engine underneath the back seat. It has a maximum speed of 66 m.p.h. and does 60 miles to the gallon. Designer is Willy Salzmann.

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A model railway lay-out, claimed to be the biggest in the world, is attracting thousands of people to a little house specially built near Zurich Zoo.

The lay-out is a miniature of the whole region of the Bernese Alps, including the Berne-Lotschberg-Simplon tunnel, and nearly 500 yards of track over which 15 trains can circulate at once.

Among the 42 famous summits represented is the mighty Jungfrau, with the mountain railway climbing its flank. The model also includes many of the aerial cableways of the region and steamships on the Lake of Brienz.

Some 20 miles of wiring lead to a central control panel for the lay-out, which measures some 25 yards by 15. Various sky effects also can be obtained electrically on a backcloth.

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The Lunch-hour Meetings which the Swiss Church are now holding every Friday between 12.20 and 12.50 p.m. at St. Mary Woolnoth Church, Lombard Street, have met with a gratifying response, and many Swiss working in the City welcome and support them. Handbills containing the full Winter programme are

now available and we also refer to the announcements appearing regularly in the "Swiss Observer" under "Forthcoming Events". Short addresses in French and German are given alternately and we invite to them all our compatriots working in and around the City. M.

CARONI DAM.

In conjunction with their Associate Company, Acrow Venezuela S.A. in Caracas, Acrow Engineers (Export) Limited have secured the contract for the steel formwork for the Dam, Power Station and ancillary works on the Caroni River between Caracas and Maracaibo.

The contract was placed as a dollar export from this country by the well-known French contracting firm Campenon Bernhard S.A. of Paris, who are carrying out this project through their Venezuelan associates.

ALBERT FERBER RECITAL.

We have much pleasure in directing the attention of our readers to a Piano Recital of our compatriot Albert Ferber, on Saturday, November 24th at 7.30 p.m., at Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W.1.

Albert Ferber, who has just returned from a 3½ months tour in South America, where he had a brilliant success, needs hardly any introduction as by his excellent playing at many Wigmore Hall recitals he has made a name for himself in the music sphere of this country. The programme will include Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin, Schumann and Debussy.

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