THRILLING TRIP UP THE ALPS A HIGHLIGHT OF SWITZERLAND

Letter No. 7 from the Travelling Cordared takes them to Rotterdam, then to Montroux for a trip up the Alps, and back on the train with Milano next stop.

well. our breakfast at Rotterdam turned out to be a surprise! It was a boiled egg, ham, cheese, jam and coffee (2 cups.) Then on the train again for Luxembourg for stopover on our way once more to lovely Lausanne. I must stop there again for a few days to drink in the beauty of those Alps.

Another surprise, we bought 2nd class tickets for greater comfort while

travelling and had only been seated a few minutes when the conductor came around for surtax. This was Belgium. Now, once again, for Luxembourg we have to pay another surtax. 40 francs. We stayed at the Hotel Excelsior—right opposite the station. This street seems all hotels.

We went for a walk and noticed an run all girl orchestra playing on a raised platform. Just inside the door new They had very pretty costumes on, and red skirts very full and white blouses reau and red bands around their hair. The street is bright with many neon signs, little and the usual sidewalk cafes. That's very an idea for Canada. They have fluores or the street is bright with many neon signs.

prongs of light on very high standards and they slope upwards.

We planned on two days here but discovered the exhibition ended yesterday so, on we go to Lausanne. Now once again in Lausanne. Our

hotel is just across from the station. Hotel Continental. To go shopping in the main streets we must climb a very steep street. In some places one can climb by means of steps but you miss the shop windows that way. All along the vast network of streets that run in every direction are souvenir shops. I went into one place for a new rose and veil for my chapeau and ended up also with a new chap-

It's nearly all French here, with a ... little English and Italian. We have a very nice Italian waiter at the hotel so we can order and be sure of get-

ting what we order. Up till now our meals have been chosen with names that Just look familiar, but we often got fooled. For instance we ordered what we thought was pork chops with french fries, etc., but what did we get

Weather permitting we plan to take a sight-seeing trip to Montreaux. We go by train and have a fifteen minute walk. They tell us it's really lovely. It rained a little here today so here is hoping it's a nice day tomorrow.

Montreux.

Well, here we are again.

We were told not to leave Switzerland until we had been to Montreaux and since it is on the way to
Milano we decided on a stop over
here. Tomorrow we go for a trip
right to the top of the Alps, 6,707 ft.

To Rochers De Naye. We are hop-

ing the weather will be clear for our

We arrived here about 2.30 and had a stroll around the town. It is situsted right at the foot of the Alps and right beside the water. All around us as far as we can see is nothing but, Alps, the famous Matterborn in the distance. We went by tram and bus to Territet, where one can get a ticket to Glion on a railway that goes straight up the mountainside. It looks like a ladder from where we stood at the bottom. We shall be going up that way but much farther up, in fact to the very top of Rochers de Naye Right now we are tired and decided to go to bed for a good night's rest, so after a light supper served in a huge silver bowl from which we help ourselves, and a lightly boiled egg with coffee we retired for the night.

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Morning came after a night of thun-

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der storms. The thunder here is like I would imagine the fire of cannon balls. It sounds so different here among the Alps. However, nothing daunted, we started on our way up the Alps. First we stopped for breakfast at a tea room. It was the usual buns with butters and marmalade and one small pot of coffee so strong you could stand your spoon upright in it, also two large jugs of real hot milk. Apparently coffee over here means bot milk with coffee for we filled our cups three quarters full of hot milk then added the coffee.

Then on our way by train up the Alps. The train has two outside rails and one centre rail with deep cogs which consect with cogs on the train, which is electric. We stopped at Glion then on our way up again to Caux, then up again stopping at various places. At one stop there was a little place which was playing Swiss music — well it sounded like that anyway, but coming down again we saw that all the cows had bells on and it was the different tones of the bells that sounded so nice. It was very musical.

We arrived at the peak but had only a glimpse of the surroundings when
it started to rain again llowever John
decided to go to the platform on
the very tip fo the Alpa. The climb
was a little more than I could take
so I decided to go inside the hotel in
preference to a good soaking. However we did get some good pictures
from the very top of the Alpa providing we had our camera fixed for the

Now at the bottom once again we are waiting for our train to Milano. This will be about five hours so we have decided on a good meal to fortifly us for the trip. Rump steak with french fried and peas. The sun has come out once again and perhaps we shall have better weather.

shall have better weather. They tell me it rains quite a lot here and I quite believe them for the grass is a brilliant green carpet, even up on the Alps. As we travelled upwards through tunnels, and winding around curves, sometimes we passed through dense forests with trees towering high above us. I remembered the thousands of years some of those trees live and once again thought of the prophesy of Isaiah in Chapter 65, somewhere between verses 7 to 25, where it reads "For as the days of a tree, are the days of my people and mine elect shall long enjoy the work

of their hands."

Milano next stop. Maybe not so much news from here as it is a city that may not have so many attractions.

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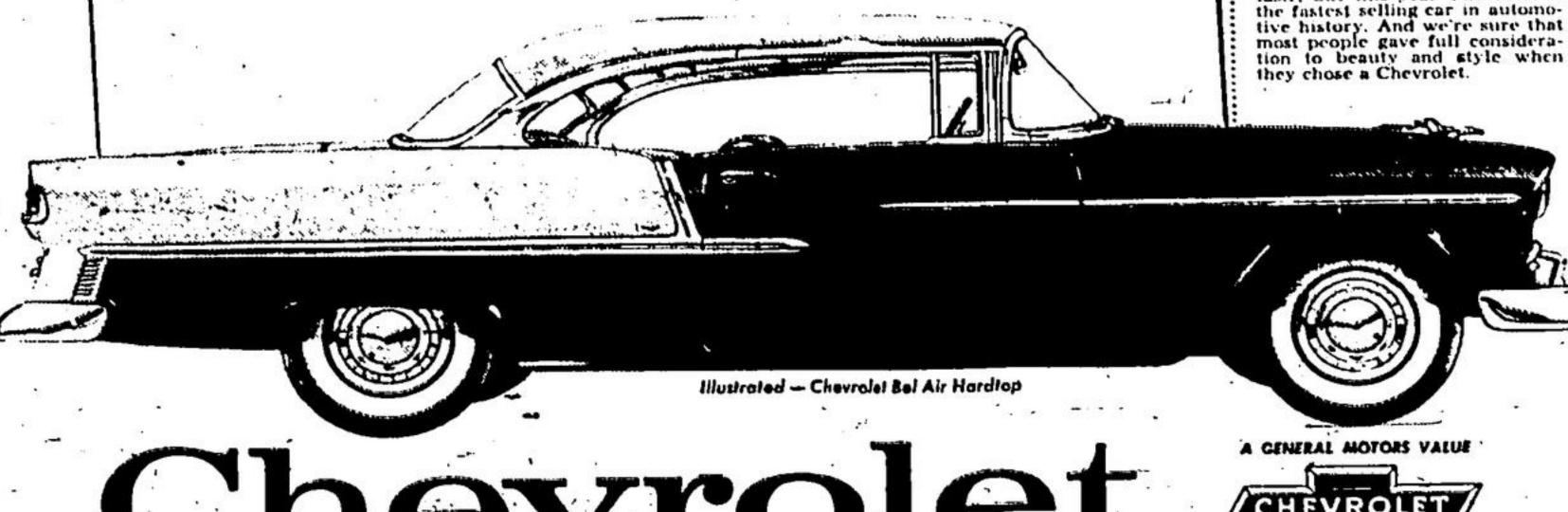
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