

pens to be a bachelor and one of the very leading lawyers. Last year he lost three months' business in connection with his qualifying for captain. He shrugged his shoulders when he admitted a sacrifice of thousands of francs, but he said, "It is my duty to my country, and our trainings in the mountains are the best holidays one can have, indeed," he added, "our military service is such a mental change and diversion from civil professional work, to say nothing of physical benefit, that I would not be without it for a great deal more money than I lose through it."

Several hotel proprietors I have met are officers. One seem-



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ed to take much pride in the fact that he commanded the same battalion which his father and grandfather had commanded before him, both of whom had been proprietors of his hotel.

Of the soldier class, I spoke to a young married man, with one little child, who was off for his annual training in a few days leaving his young wife and child. When questioned about serving, he said it was only 13 days and he enjoyed it. I asked whether his wife liked his going away, and he replied something to the effect that she was a good Swiss woman and was glad that he should do his duty to his country (see Clauses 21-22 of act concerning assistance in case of distress).

It will be recollected that during the time a Swiss is amen-