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peace will come to Europe and the world within the limit of this present legislature; but the peace will bring a multitude of problems.

The first two meetings were taken up by validation formalities. These were somewhat longer this time than generally, because of an appeal for an investigation of the elections in the Cantons of Vaud and Geneva. In each of these districts one list was rejected, because it carried the names of candidates who were not eligible by virtue of the Federal decree prohibiting all political activity on the part of the Communist Party or analogous organizations, but the representatives from both Vaud and Geneva were declared elected.

The chambers have elected their various officers.

National Council:

President: Dr. oec. publ. Paul Gysler von Obfelden, born 1893  
(Präsident und Geschäftsführer verschiedener  
gewerblicher und industrieller Organisationen.  
Mitglied der Bauern-Gewerbe -und Bürgerpartei)  
Vice-President: Dr. Pierre Aebly, von Fribourg, born 1884 (Catholic)  
State Council:  
President: Dr. jur. Adolf Suter, von Muotathal, born 1882  
(Gerichtspräsident in Schwyz) (Catholic-Conservative)  
Vice-President: Dr. Paul Altwegg, a Thurgovian, born 1884 (Radical)

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ELECTION OF THE SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL.

At the beginning of the week the different parliamentary groups held important meetings. The purpose of these meetings was to name a successor for Mr. Wetter, Federal Councillor, who has resigned for the end of the year. The three groups forming the governmental majority that is, the Radical-Democrats, the Catholic-Conservatives and the Agrarians, have decided to present for re-election the six remaining Federal Councillors who have accepted to stand again for election. They are: Dr. Marcel Pilet-Golaz, Dr. Philipp Etter, Dr. Walter Stampfli, Dr. Enrico Celio, Mr. Edward von Steiger, Dr. Karl Kobelt. These parties are not nominating a candidate for Mr. Wetter's succession. That means that they are leaving the door open for the election of a Socialist candidate. The Socialists are presenting two candidates, Mr. Ernst Nobs, 1886, Henri Perret, 1885, National Councillor and director of the Neuchâtel Cantonal Technicum of Le Locle.

On December 15th the two houses have re-elected the six Federal Councillors and elected one new one, Mr. Ernst Nobs, Socialist.

An imposing majority of 197 votes elected Dr. Stampfli president. (Vice president in 1943.) Dr. Pilet-Golaz was elected vice president by 147 votes with a required majority of 97.

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THE QUESTION OF DENATIONALISATION OF SWISS CITIZENS BEFORE THE SWISS PARLIAMENT.

During the first week the chief debate was on the Federal Council's Decree making it possible to withdraw the Swiss citizenship from Swiss citizens residing abroad who show themselves unworthy of their citizenship by activity directed against the independence of their country. Luckily they are not large in number. The few that can be found, however, do admit making themselves the champions of foreign ideologies that are entirely incompatible with our traditions and our institutions. Compatriots living in the countries where this activity was carried on have been the first to complain about this and to ask for measures against it. To be sure, the withdrawal of citizenship is an exceptional measure, little in harmony with our juridical conception of things, and our authorities have no desire to increase the number of people in the world who are without nationality.