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cation. Venizelos was recalled in order to put things straight, but when he got there he found that passion was still so hot that he could do very little. His health gave way and he retired, I suppose finally, from the stage where in past years he had played such a distinguished and such a decisive part.

The Greeks are a greatly gifted race, but they do not seem to understand the art of compromise, so well, at any rate, as some of the nations in the West of Europe.

There is one more thing I want to say about Greece, and that is to remind you of the fact that as a result of the great *débâcle* in Turkey about a million refugees were thrown into Greece, thrown out of Turkey, and out of what used to be Large Greece into what is now the Smaller Greece which we know to-day. Nearly a million of them—and when they arrived in Greece it was impoverished by years of war. Now I am glad to say the League of Nations has responded to the appeal of the Greek Government to come to the aid of the Greek refugees, and a committee has been appointed, under the guidance of Morgenthau, who was the American Ambassador to Turkey during the Great War. This committee is being very ably managed, and at the wish of the League of Nations the Bank of England advanced £1,000,000, to be spent under his direction in helping the refugees to become self-supporting. The money was not to be spent and has not been spent in relief. It was to be spent and is being spent entirely on what we would call reproductive expenditure, such as preparing the soil for crops, building houses and procuring agricultural implements. A second £1,000,000 has now been promised, and Greece will require, and will, I am sure, receive, several millions more. She asked for £10,000,000, and if she wants it, I am sure she will have it, because the Greeks, with all their faults (and every nation has faults of its own) are a very hard-working, thrifty race. They eat very little, perhaps less than almost any race in Europe, and they are extremely industrious and extremely clever. Scores of thousands of the refugees, I am glad to say, are already self-supporting, and I have not a doubt that in a few years their arrival in Greece will form a source of strength, financial, military and political, instead of a source of weakness.

I now pass to Bulgaria. Since I was here before, Bulgaria has been settling down under the new régime. Stamboulisky, that remarkable man, who governed Bulgaria like an autocrat during the years after the war, was overthrown by a revolution and murdered, and Bulgaria is now being governed by a number of people representing what we may call the towns, the middle classes, whereas the power of Stamboulisky rested entirely on the peasants. When he was overthrown, fears were expressed in this country and elsewhere that his pacific foreign policy might be changed. Bulgaria is steering a very steady course. Now that Greece has been defeated by Turkey, the expected war between Bulgaria and Greece will not take place, at any rate, not for a very long time, and the only danger of war between Bulgaria and any of her neighbours is between Bulgaria and Jugoslavia, or Big Serbia. If there is to be a war between them it will be on account of the problem of Macedonia, which Bulgaria always desired to obtain, and which, as you know, is now part of the dominions of the Serbian king. So pacific is Bulgaria that until a few weeks ago the Bulgarian Government suddenly arrested as many of the leaders of the Macedonian revolutionaries as she could get hold of, and thereby showed to her neighbour, Serbia, that she was bent on peace. Bulgaria is gradually recovering. Her people are very hard-working. The country can feed itself. I am sorry to say that I cannot report that the King of Bulgaria has found anybody to marry him. I think of that lonely young man in the great palace at Sofia with great sympathy. He is cut off from his family, who are, as you know, all living in Germany. He has no power, and his throne is considered so unsteady that no princess, or at any rate no fond and ambitious father with a daughter to marry is willing to trust that daughter to King Boris of Bulgaria. I hope that when things gradually settle down, as I believe they will, I may be able to announce to you on some future occasion that this lonely young man has found somebody to share his throne and his home with him, because, as everybody knows, he is a most excellent, attractive and democratic ruler.

As regards Roumania, we have all been thinking of the visit of the King and Queen to our midst: so that I regret to say that I think as badly of Roumania to-day as I did a year ago. I still think it is essentially the weakest of all the states in Eastern Europe. I do not mean "weakest" in the military sense, but in what we may call the moral foundations of national greatness. Finances are bad. There is a great deal of corruption in the Government and the Civil Service, and the Roumanians seem as unable to content the racial minorities who now form part of their enlarged kingdom as in the old days the Hungarians were able to content the remaining minority who were then under the rule of Budapest.

(To be concluded.)

## SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A spirit of very keen competition prevailed at the shooting range last Saturday and Sunday, and if attendance fell a little short of expectations, the results of the shooting were all the more satisfactory. Here are some of the best results:—

Saturday, May 17th—

Mr. Holliger, 84 and 90 points (possible 100);  
Mr. Ernest, 89 points;  
Mr. Krucker, 84 and 87 points.

Sunday, May 18th—

Mr. J. Haesler, 85, 89, 91 points (winner of the day's prize);  
Mr. J. Haesler, junior, 88 points;  
Mr. Krucker, 86, 88, 90 points;  
Mr. A. Schmid, 86, 88, 88 points;  
Mr. Holliger, 88, 89, 90 points;  
Mr. Rohr, 83, 80, 85 points.

On\* the 300-metre target Mr. Burger scored 16 out of a possible 25. Some improvements will follow on this target before long.

It must be borne in mind that the automatic (100-metre) recorder compares unfavourably with the ordinary way of marking, where the higher points are always allowed if the inner ring is but touched, so that the above scores would almost in every instance show from 8 to 10 points more. Nevertheless, we shall even now be able to increase these with practice.

*Important.*—A competition is being arranged for Saturday and Sunday, May 24th and 25th. Entrance fee 2/6. The first prize is being offered by members of the S.R.A. who have subscribed for this purpose, whilst another handsome cup has been kindly offered by Mr. Charles E. Barbezat. The prizes will be presented to the winners at the Swiss Sports at Herne Hill on Saturday, May 31st. The conditions will be made known at the range on Saturday before shooting starts. For further particulars apply to the Range Commission.

## Gymnastic Society 'Schweizerbund.'

A gymnastic display (followed by a dance) was given by the Gymnastic Society "Schweizerbund" last Sunday evening and attracted a large number of members and friends to the spacious hall at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

The perfect execution of the various items on the programme bore witness to the hard and strenuous training, especially the parallel-bar exercises and pyramids. An original turn was introduced by a "Clown Reigen," performed by a few gymnasts in pierrot costumes. Great hilarity and applause accompanied a little comedy in Swiss dialect, entitled "Flitterwoche, oder: Vor em Turnfäst"; it was admirably rendered, and the rôle of "Tante" could not have found a better exponent.

Mr. G. Lüthy, the active president, in a short address referred to the great difficulties under which they were working, on account of lack of support, and appealed to all those interested in gymnastics to join their society either as active or subscribing members. Mr. Eric Block, on behalf of the Swiss Sports Committee and other invited representatives, heartily complimented the Gymnastic Society on the excellence of the display, than which there could be no better advertisement to secure the wholehearted support of the Swiss Colony.

## THE INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW.

The Federal Military Department has granted permission to eight Swiss cavalry officers to accept an invitation to take part in, and compete at, the International Horse Show which will take place towards the end of June at Olympia. The officers in question will cross over from Paris, where they are already engaged for the Olympic Games during the month of July. The whole of the team, which will be in charge of Col. Ziegler, of Thun, are the guests of the organising committee, which is defraying the whole of the expenditure in connection with this official visit.

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## EGLISE SUISSE, 79, Endell St., W.C. 2.

Dimanche, 25 Mai, 11h.—Sermon de Charité.

M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme.

(Collecte spéciale en faveur du Fonds de Secours.)

6.30.—Pfr. H. Urner.

Dimanche, 1er Juin, 11h.—Confirmation.

### BAPTEMES.

Margaret Violet TANNER, née le 28 Oct. 1922, fille d'Oswald et de Frida née Stuber, de Berne—le 11 Mai 1924.

Bertil WETTSTEIN, né le 8 Fév. 1924, fils d'Ernest et d'Alice née Valentin, de Russikon (Zurich)—le 17 Mai 1924.

Anne Marguerite WYDLER, née le 29 Mars 1924, fille de Guillaume et d'Anne née Schwaiger, d'Ottensbach (Zurich)—le 18 Mai 1924.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, May 28, at 7.30.—NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE: Council Meeting at 28, Red Lion Square, W.C.1.

Saturday, May 31st, at 2.30 p.m.—SWISS SPORTS at Herne Hill Athletic Grounds.

Tuesday, June 3rd, at 6.30.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting, preceded by a Supper, at Gatti's Restaurant, Strand, W.C. (See adv.)

Thursday, June 19th, at 7 p.m.—55th FÊTE SUISSE at Caxton Hall Westminster. Tea at 5 o'clock. (See adv.)

Every Saturday and Sunday (weather permitting).—SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION: Shooting Practice at Hendon (opposite Old Welsh Harp).

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