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The Chairman further reported that under the patronage of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, special efforts were being made by the Colony to collect a substantial sum towards this year's Federal Shooting Competition—"Tir Fédéral." A contribution of five guineas was thereupon voted from the funds of the London Section, the wish being expressed that the London Swiss Colony, as on former occasions, be again represented by a team.

The Meeting also decided its agreement in principle to hold again this year a First of August Celebration. It is contemplated that our National Day be féted by the whole Swiss Colony, and it is proposed that this function be held at the Botanical Gardens, Regent's Park.

This terminated the proceedings.

W. B.

LONDON SWISS RIFLE TEAM.

The first shooting practice took place last Sunday at Bisley. Rain and bad visibility, added to the fact that the members had no opportunity for practising since summer, 1932, adversely affected the results. Shooting, however, proceeded without interruption, and the competitors shot off three series each in quick succession. Mr. H. Senn had the good luck of scoring the first bull's-eye; the best score was secured by Mr. Alfred Schmid with 51, the runner-up being Mr. W. Fischer with 47.

The arrangements made at Bisley, thanks to the courtesy of officials of the N.R.A., left nothing to be desired.

Sunday, March 11th, will be the next practice day.

EDITOR'S POSTBAG.

Ambassade de Belgique.

Londres, le 26 février 1934.

Monsieur le Directeur,

J'ai reçu un exemplaire du *Swiss Observer* du 24 de ce mois, où j'ai trouvé à la deuxième page un magnifique éloge de mon Grand Souverain qui m'a vivement ému.

Je vous remercie sincèrement pour votre gracieuseté de m'avoir fait parvenir cet article, et je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Directeur, l'assurance de ma considération très distinguée.

(sig.) BARON DE CARTIER DE MARCHIENNE.

Ambassade de Belgique.

London, 24th February, 1934.

The Editor of the *Swiss Observer*.

Sir:—

I have before me the number of the *Swiss Observer* containing an eloquent tribute to the memory of our beloved King.

On behalf of myself and my Colleagues at the Embassy, I should like to thank you for this moving expression of the sympathy that the Swiss Colony extends to all our people in the unexpected and tragic loss we have suffered. It is good to realise that far beyond the borders of Belgium men will remember him with esteem and affection, just as his own subjects do.

I am, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

(signed) C. BASTIN,

Commercial Councillor.

SWISS RAILWAY LOAN.

The loan of 100,000,000 frs. which the Swiss Federal Railways were authorised to issue to cover current deficits, failed to secure full subscription from the public. It is announced that only 75,000,000 frs. was subscribed by the public, the balance remaining on the hands of the underwriting banks.

In official circles this failure is attributed to the general crisis; to the fact that the issue coincided with the Paris and Vienna troubles; to the dearth of liquid assets owing to the decline of trade; and to the preference of investors for the older stock which has greatly depreciated, in the hope that there will be greater profits when conditions revive.

The newspapers, however, point out that nearly 1,000,000,000 frs. are hoarded in Switzerland in gold or banknotes. They urge that the lack of success of this loan is a warning to the Federal Parliament to take serious stock of the financial position of the country.

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Monday, March 5th, from 8.30 p.m. to 2 a.m. — Bal Masqué. — Union Helvetia Club, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. (Tickets 2/6.)

Tuesday, March 6th, at 8 o'clock. — City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting, preceded by dinner (7.15 sharp), at Pagani's Restaurant, Great Portland Street, W. (See advert.)

Wednesday, March 7th, at 7.30 p.m. — Société de Secours Mutuels, Monthly Meeting, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Friday, March 9th, at 8 o'clock. — Concert of the Yodelklub C.F.F., at the Union Helvetia Club, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. Admittance, 2/- per person.

Saturday, March 10th, at 7.15 sharp. — Dinner and Dance — City Swiss Club — at the May Fair Hotel, Berkeley Square, W.1. (See advert.)

Saturday, March 17th — Swiss Club Birmingham — Annual Dinner and Ball — at the Midland Hotel, Birmingham. (Reception 6h.30; Dinner 7 o'clock.)

Saturday, March 17th, from 4—6 p.m. (Reception 3.30 p.m.). — Social Afternoon — Sunday School of the Schweizerkirche — At the Foyer Suisse, 15, Upper Bedford Place, W.C.1.

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8 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst.

8 Uhr, Chorprobe.

Dienstag, den 6. März, nachm. 3 Uhr, Nähverein im "Foyer Suisse."

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