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**CITY SWISS CLUB.****October Monthly Meeting — "Bierabig".**

Members and friends of the City Swiss Club met at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W. 1, on Tuesday, October 24th, to spend a congenial evening in the form of a "Bierabig".

These unconventional meetings which were introduced only recently seem to meet with the approval of the members, and once more a large attendance was registered.

Mr. A. Bon, the President welcomed, on behalf of the Club, the two guests of honour, Monsieur Jan Masaryk, Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia, and Mr. Valentine Williams, the well-known English author.

Monsieur Masaryk, in an excellent speech, thanked the Chairman for the invitation, which he had accepted with great pleasure. It is to be regretted that this magnificent oratory from one of our most distinguished statesmen cannot be made public. All those who had the privilege of hearing the speaker will not readily forget his remarkable *exposé* of the present world situation.

Mr. Valentine Williams also addressed the company, in a manner which pleased all those present.

The second part of the meeting was devoted to some light entertainment in which Messrs. Heimerdinger and Luterbacher took part.

**November Monthly Meeting.**

The monthly meeting of the City Swiss Club took place on Tuesday, November 14th, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W. 1.

M. A. Bon, President of the City Swiss Club, was in the Chair, about one hundred and twenty members and friends were present.

The guests of honour on this occasion were H.E. Dr. P. Gerbrandy, Prime Minister of Holland, and the Hon. Harold Nicolson, C.M.G., M.P.

The President extended a hearty welcome to the two distinguished visitors, whose presence, he said, was highly appreciated by the members of the Club.

Dr. Gerbrandy, on rising to address the members received a striking ovation from the gathering. He gave a moving description of the happenings since his country's invasion. His narrative of the hardship, privation, persecution and sacrifices endured and made by this gallant little nation left behind a deep and lasting impression on the hearers, and the declaration by the speaker that Holland would never yield to brutal force, and that the spirit of the Dutch people is and

remains unbroken, was greeted with loud and prolonged applause.

Mr. Harold Nicolson addressed the meeting on "The last Peace Treaty and the next". He referred at some length to the Versailles Treaty, on which subject he could speak with some authority, having served on the British Delegation to the 1919 Peace Conference. He declared that the principal fault of the last Treaty was not so much the Treaty itself but the way in which it was carried out. Many of the terms imposed were never carried out or side-tracked. Mr. Nicolson expressed the hope that such omission would not occur again, when the next Treaty is framed. "It will be a hard Peace", he said, "but let us hope a just one".

He terminated his interesting address with a tribute to our country, for the humanitarian work carried out, which he said has, and will receive universal recognition.

Close of the meeting, 9.30 p.m.

**Thé Dansant.**

To enable the ladies to take an active part in the Club, the Committee of the City Swiss Club had arranged a Thé Dansant, which took place on Saturday, November 4th, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

Approximately two hundred members and friends attended this function, which proved to be a most enjoyable affair and a good antidote to present prevailing conditions. Chapman and the Dorchester Band enticed young and old to the dancing floor.

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**SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.**

The Swiss Benevolent Society and the Swiss Churches in London appeal once again to their compatriots for their kind contributions in kind or cash, in order to provide a little extra cheer for Christmas to our Swiss in need. All kinds of wearing apparel and household goods would be much appreciated and gratefully received. Please send if possible by December 13th.

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