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on him, he expressed, especially to the Chairman, M. A. Renou, his appreciation for the efficient manner in which his short stay in London had been organised, he said, amidst laughter, that he never had a better l'Etat-Major, not even during the last war.

The General then paid a high tribute to his countrymen living in Great Britain for the way in which they had shared the dangers with the British people, and for their unswerving loyalty to their motherland.

He voiced his admiration for the heroic deeds of the British army and its Government, which in the darkest hour stood steadfast under the inspired leadership of its Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill. (Loud applause.)

General Guisan, then related incidents which occurred at his Head-Quarters, when reports were received of an imminent invasion by the German forces, of which the army command was fully informed thanks to the efficient work of the Swiss Intelligence Service. He gave a short *resumé* of interviews with high German officials to whom he made perfectly clear, that the Swiss army was determined to defend our country against whoever tried to violate our neutrality.

Concluding his most interesting address, the General related in a humorous vein some of the contents of the big mail which he received at his Headquarters, of wives who wanted their husbands, or girls their sweethearts released which caused much hilarity.

On resuming his seat the General once again received a great ovation.

Thus one of the most memorable events celebrated in the Swiss Colony in London came to a close, an evening which will linger for many a day in the memory of all those who were privileged to attend.

The gratitude expressed to our General, for his immeasurable services rendered to our country was sincere and has deeply touched both the General and Madame Guisan, and I can do no better than to reproduce here contents of a letter, which Madame Guisan had written on their homeward journey in the plane and addressed to the Chairman :

“J'emporte le plus beau, le plus émouvant, le plus lumineux souvenir de cette suite de joie, de beauté, des jours passés à Londres. Il me semble avoir rêvé. J'ai laissé entre vos mains mon amitié qui me semble vieille de plusieurs années.

Que je suis reconnaissante pour tout ce que vous avez fait pour le Général; il y avait dans votre accueil, dans celui de vos amis suisses et anglais quelque chose de trop merveilleux, il y avait ce qu'on trouve si rarement dans la vie : toute la Loyauté, tout la Générosité, toute la divine Bonté,” and then :

“Chers amis que j'aime tant, aimez-vous bien, soyez heureux, restez toujours ce que vous êtes et que Dieu vous bénisse. M. Guisan.”

ST.

ALPENROSEN-CLUB.

Letzten Donnerstag veranstaltete der “Alpenrosen-Club” in der Pavior's Hall, Westminster, einen Tanzabend, an welchem ca. 250 Personen teilnahmen. Gemütlich verbrachte die “Schweizerfamilie” einige Stunden beisammen und der Abend darf als wirklicher Sympathie-Erfolg bezeichnet werden. Sicher darf der Alpenrosen-Club auch zu den Unterhaltungs-Clubs gezählt werden, wo Schweizermädchen “allein” hingehen dürfen.

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