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kept secret until a public vote has been cast, deciding the first prize. The winner of the sweepstake receives the most popular picture, whereafter the jury's decision is revealed.

Competitions among industrial exhibitors will be another novelty. In this section products exposed to wear and tear, such as linoleum used on the floors of the Exposition halls, will be examined at the end of the show, a distinction going to the one judged to be in best condition.

The entire history and development of the Swiss people will be carefully portrayed, including the evolution of government from the feudal and patriarchal régimes to present-day institutions.

A special pavilion will be devoted to the efforts Switzerland is at this time making for the military defence of her independence and neutrality, and a specially entertaining department will show how the Swiss spend their leisure hours.

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SUCCESS OF DEFENCE LOAN.

The President of Switzerland addressed his people over the air in regard to the spontaneous success of the heavily over-subscribed defence loan. He expressed his sincere thanks, as well as the intense pride and gratification felt by his Cabinet, the Parliament, in fact the entire population. All cantonal authorities were requested to celebrate the occasion by ringing the church chimes of all towns and villages, to decorate and be-flag the public and private houses fittingly. It was indeed a great celebration and rejoicing throughout the land on Saturday the 17th day of October 1936.

Swiss clubs in London, Milan, Paris, etc. also celebrated the event with the happy feeling that they too, contributed in some measure towards the success of the appeal.

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FAMOUS SWISS DOGS.

So universal is the fame of the St. Bernard dogs that it goes without saying that they rank first among the aristocracy of Switzerland's canine world. Their home, as their name suggests, is the Great St. Bernard Hospice, founded over one thousand years ago by Bernard de Menthon, a saintly priest, and inhabited up to this day by brethren of the order of St. Augustine. Winter lasts from eight to nine months in that isolated mountain region and the snow is sometimes piled up as high as 12 to 15 feet. Blizzards are sudden and descend with such fury that many travellers would surely perish were it not for the vigilance and devotion of the monks and their marvellously trained dogs.

While summer travel to the Great St. Bernard Hospice is increasing yearly, no buses and no private cars can reach those snowbound heights in winter. Yet, the Great St. Bernard Pass has a few wayfarers even at that time, mostly men who are financially unable to make use of modern railroad facilities, also shepherds who inhabit this solitary realm and occasional skiers.

Electricity, steam heat, telephone and radio have in recent decades improved living conditions in the Hospice. The brethren are now informed beforehand of impending arrivals from Martigny, in the Swiss Rhone valley, or from Aosta in Italy. If travellers are expected and a storm or avalanches should suddenly happen to descend upon the region of this historic refuge, the scientifically trained, super-intelligent dogs are