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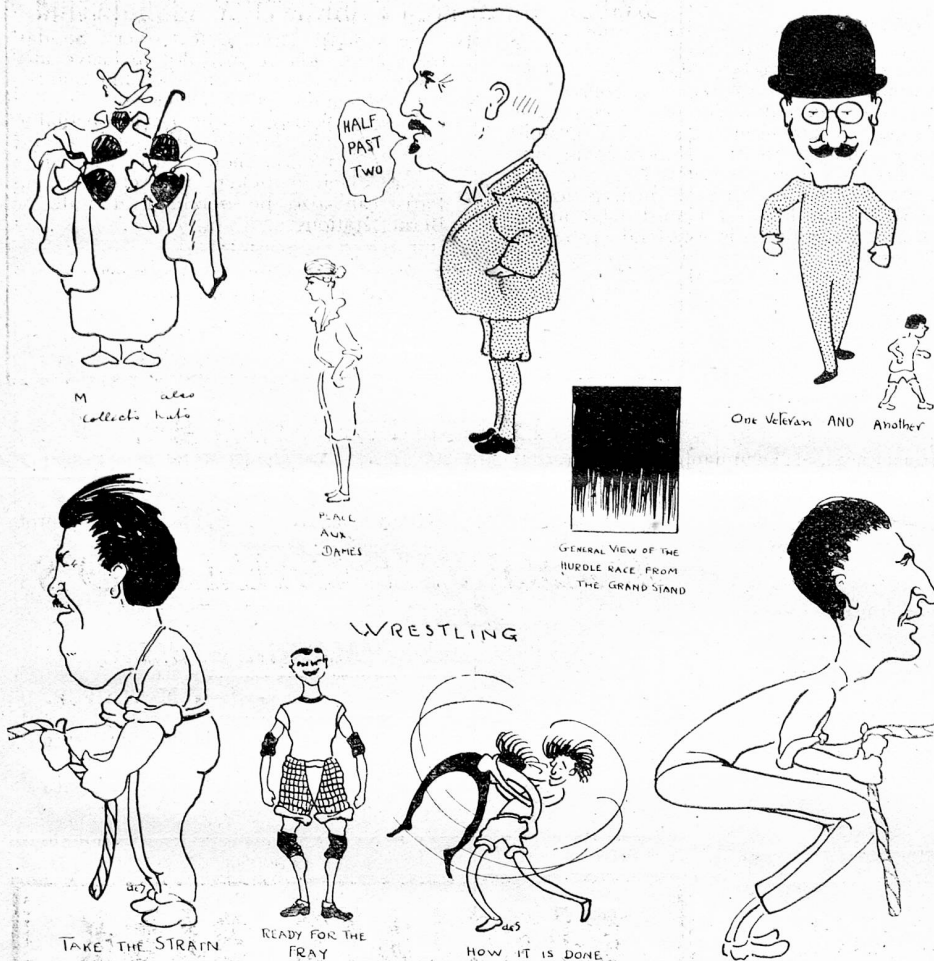
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SWISS SPORTS, 1921.



Various impressions from the meeting, as seen by our Office Boy.

It may be said at once that, although a varied and attractive programme awaited decision, promising an afternoon full of good and entertaining sport, the attendance did not reach those proportions which one is accustomed to associate with this annual outing of the Swiss Colony.

The threatening clouds in the morning resulted in a good many taking too gloomy a view of what might follow in the afternoon. As it happened, the stay-aways were unduly pessimistic, though. There certainly was a quarter of an hour's copious downpour shortly after 3 p.m.; this, however, caused but little discomfort to the spectators, who quickly found shelter, but tended to damp temporarily the ardour of the competitors in the Tug-of-War and other field events which were resumed after the sluice gates had closed again, the soaking of the ground adding considerably to the strain on the athletes, who found the underfoot conditions very trying for a time.

The active President of the Swiss Sports, Mr. Georges Dimier, had been early astir, heavily loading the long table on the tribune with an imposing array of prize gifts which excited the admiration of the spectators and tempted competitors to strive their utmost.

The keenest interest centred in the Tug-of-War, for which a valuable Challenge Cup had been presented by Messrs. A. & F. Isler, the holders of which were the Swiss Bank Corporation team, who had been the victors in the two preceding years. It soon became apparent that the Bank's "A" team had gone through a course of serious training, resulting in their showing superior technique and greater staying powers and enabling them easily to dispose of their adversaries during the preliminary pulls. The ultimate issue was thus little in doubt, and although the Swiss Mercantile Society's "A" team made a gallant attempt in the final, they succumbed by two pulls to nil to the Swiss Bank's team who are now the proud possessors of the Challenge Cup, after a well-deserved and decisive victory.

On the whole the numerous other events went with a good swing, many individual efforts being loudly applauded from the crowded tribune and stands. As the afternoon passed on the sun had made a welcome reappearance. The distribution of the numerous prizes was performed by Mr. Georges Dimier, assisted by Mrs. P. F. Boehringer and the secretary of the sports, Mr. E. Burgin.

Mr. Dimier then briefly addressed the

gathering. He thanked the members of his Committee for the loyal and satisfactory manner in which they had carried out the heavy preliminary work entailed in arranging this annual Sports meeting of the Swiss Colony. He also thanked the competitors for their efforts and the spectators for their presence and expressed the hope that all would meet again at next year's festival, concluding by proposing the toast of "La Patrie" which was enthusiastically responded to.

Mr. W. Rappard's vote of thanks to the President for his unselfish devotion and ceaseless efforts in connection with the Swiss Sports was also warmly acclaimed and endorsed with the hearty singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow."

The band then took up its position on the lawn, and dancing was indulged in until about 9 p.m., when another of these interesting and enjoyable annual outings was brought to a close.

RESULTS.

100 Yds. Flat Handicap, 4 prizes.—1, H. Nozières (10secs.); 2, J. Ryter; 3, E. Allenbach; 4, P. Hofer.

Putting the Weight, 2 prizes.—1, G. Schenker; 2, F. Maeder; 3, H. Nozières

100 Yds. Ladies Handicap, 6 prizes.—1, Miss Wright; 2, Miss Sermier; 3, Miss Bossard; 4, Miss Smith; 5, Miss Walter; 6, Miss Rivers.

Veterans' 440 Yds. Walking Handicap, 6 prizes.—1, Mr. Mottu; 2, Mr. Sermier; 3, Mr. Dimier; 4, Mr. Goetz; 5, Mr. Rappard; 6, Mr. Guignard.

Tug-of-War Challenge Cup.—Final Winners: Swiss Bank Corporation's "A" team.

120 Yds. Hurdles, 3 prizes.—1, Ch. Studer; 2, W. Schwendener; 3, W. Zürcher.

Girls' 60 Yds. Handicap, 10 prizes.—1, Misses Lilly Hausermann and Rosie Barton; 2, Faith Copy and Louise Valon; 3, Flory Sermier and Clara Bossard; 4, Cecilia Valon and Grace Sermier; 5, Winnie Freeman and Ellen Spuhler. Wrestling (Swiss Style), Light Weight.—Winner: R. Jacquenoud.

Middle Weight, Winner: J. Vogt. Heavy Weight, Winner: H. Bachofen. 440 Yds. Flat Handicap, 5 prizes.—1, R. W. Smith (53 3-5secs.); 2, W. J. Gordon; 3, A. L. Skinner; 4, C. Weber; 5, G. W. Hollingsworth.

Boys' 80 Yds. Handicap, 10 prizes.—1, Masters C. Baylie and Battie; 2, J. E. Pettifer and Endicott; 3, J. Peacock and Selby; 4, O. Boehringer and Suter; 5, Herb. Schild and Barbezat.

Ladies' Potato Race, 3 prizes.—1, Miss Cressonnier; 2, Miss Clara Bossard; 3, Miss Nelly Meyrat.

Long Jump, 3 prizes.—1, H. Nozières (19ft. 2in.); 2, W. Zürcher (17ft. 4in.); 3, D. Saudon.

High Jump, 3 prizes.—1, M. Schoenholzer (4ft. 8in.); 2, H. Nozières (4ft. 7in.); 3, W. Schwendener.

220 Yds. Flat Handicap, 4 prizes.—1, H. Nozières; 2, E. Allenbach; 3, F. Graenacher; 4, J. Ryter.

Sack Race, 3 prizes.—1, W. Steiner; 2, Fuerst; 3, R. Jacquenoud.

Three-legged Race (mixed), 6 prizes.—1, Miss Blake and Mr. Smith; 2, Miss Smith and Mr. Hofer; 3, Miss Suter and Mr. Suter.

880 Yds. Relay Race.—1, Helvetia Team; 2, Schweizerbund Team.

2 Miles Walking Handicap, 4 prizes.—1, C. Weber; 2, C. Donati; 3, G. Rueff; 4, J. Buqui.

1 Mile Flat Handicap, 3 prizes.—1, A. Roten; 2, V. L. Chabloz; 3, H. Mathieu

Ladies' 1-lap Walking, 4 prizes.—1, Miss Rossier; 2, Miss Jacquenoud; 3, Miss A. Rohr; 4, Miss E. Scherer.

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MEETING OF THE COUNCIL,
May 18th, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

1) Three candidates were admitted; notice was taken of five resignations.

2) Notice was taken of the fact that the "Echo Suisse," a recently founded monthly for the Swiss abroad, is run independently of the Secrétariat pour les Suisses à l'étranger and that Mr. de Traz is in no way connected with it.

3) The view having been expressed that the N.S.H. was considered in some quarters to have political tendencies, the Secretary was asked to transmit any such criticisms to the C.C. for information.

4) The Council agreed with the Committee's proposals concerning the next three lectures, viz., June 17th, "Some Modern Swiss Writers"; Sept. 23rd, "Social Reforms of recent date in Switzerland"; Sept. 21st, "A Centenary: H. F. Amiel." These arrangements are only provisional and subject to alteration.

5) It was resolved that only members can be elected members of sub-commissions.

6) The Secretary gave an account of his journalistic work done on behalf of the Society, and presented a report on the Press Commission's activity.

7) Dr. Latt wrote a very charming letter to the Council thanking them for their most acceptable gift.

8) The Treasurer's monthly report was agreed to.

LECTURE ON "THE ZONES OF SAVOY,"
May 20th, at Steinway Hall.

The lecturer is pleased to state that he had a very hearty welcome at his début, quite a number of members being present. The subject of the lecture seemed to interest the audience, although it was of a very delicate and special nature. After the lecture a lively discussion ensued in which two antagonistic morals, likely to be drawn by Swiss people from this affair, were vigorously and skilfully defended. We are all glad, however, that a friendly settlement now seems more probable than ever.

The work in connection with the Entraide Committee—a new scheme to help to procure suitable board-residence for the Swiss in London—is daily increasing. It would, therefore, be appreciated if any such enquiries were stated as clearly as possible and accompanied by a stamped envelope.

DR. PAUL LANG,
Secretary.

CONCERTS by SWISS ARTISTES

On Mr. Emile Frey's first appearance in England at the Steinway Hall on Wednesday afternoon, May 25th, "The Morning Post" comments as follows:—

"As a musical nation the Swiss have not as yet come into any great prominence, though there are occasional examples of their undoubted proficiency to be met with. One of them is found in M. Emile Frey, a pianist who made his first appearance in England yesterday at Steinway Hall to give the first of two recitals. He is obviously an artist and one of high attainment. If he is representative of Swiss art then it is a matter of satisfaction that his standard is so high. His work is thoroughly sound. In a programme that was entirely of the serious order, since its main features were the Appassionata Sonata of Beethoven and the whole of the Kreisleriana of Schumann, some Scriabin and some Chopin, there was no question of his ability to deal with standard matter, and his attitude was sincere and musician-like, with, on the technical side, an admirable touch founded on the right principle, and an execution that was serviceable, but never made a means for display. As a composer, which is another side of his work, M. Frey introduced himself by means of a Chorale Fantasia. More of his own music will be heard at his next recital on June 3, which is satisfactory, since it is clear that he can make a just claim both as creator and executant."

The Classical Concert given by Miss Felia Dorio and Mr. Arthur Hirst at Mortimer Hall on 31st May was undoubtedly a great success.

The hall was well filled by an appreciative audience, who, judging by the applause, were delighted with the singing of Miss Felia Dorio and the pianoforte playing of Mr. Arthur Hirst. Miss Felia Dorio is an artiste with a pleasing personality. She possesses a beautiful voice, which has great charm and expression, combined with clearness, sweetness and strength, and she thoroughly held and thrilled her audience with her fine rendering of the songs of the early Italian composers and also those of Brahms. These were sung with great feeling and were tone pictures of colour and harmony.

The English interpretation of the songs was read by Mr. Arthur Hirst, before being sung in the original by Miss Felia Dorio.

Mr. Arthur Hirst's fine playing needs no other comment but praise. He is a master of his art and plays with great brilliancy, beauty of expression and delicacy of touch, and he held his audience with his fine execution of the selections from Beethoven and Chopin.

A. P. H.

SWISS FEDERAL RAILWAYS.

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via Dover—Calais—Laon—Belfort.

This service will run on and from June 4th to September 13th inclusive on the following dates:—

Departures from London (Victoria Station) on Saturdays, June 4th, 11th, 18th,

25th; July 2nd and every subsequent Tuesday and Saturday until September 13th inclusive.

Departures from Bâle: Every Sunday from June 5th to July 3rd inclusive and every subsequent Wednesday and Sunday until September 14th inclusive.

Return tickets can be issued available via Laon on the outward journey and via Belfort-Paris homewards, or vice-versa. Detour tickets for returning via Paris can also be obtained at Bâle or Berne stations.

EGLISE SUISSE.

79, Endell Street, W.C.2.

Dimanche, 5 Juin, 11h.—M. Gilliéron.

— 6h. 30.—Deutscher Gottesdienst.

Jeudi, 9 Juin, 8h.—Causerie.

M. Boissonnas: "l'Anglicanisme."

Dimanche, 12 Juin, 11h.—

M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme.

— 6h. 30.—M. Boissonnas.

The Consistoire of the Swiss Church has issued the following appeal:—

"At the last meeting of the Consistoire the financial position of the Church was thoroughly discussed, and it was decided that at least £500 is urgently required in excess of our normal income (provided our regular subscriptions remain as they are) in order to be in a position to continue the activities of the Church on their present basis during the current year.

Last year's expenditure exceeded income by £120 (see annual report), further it was found necessary to borrow £135 from the very limited Church funds to meet the expenses of the first quarter of 1921.

The Church buildings require urgent repairs which could not be undertaken during the war period.

The financial demands of the Church have increased considerably with the steady growth of the work, and the Consistoire does not feel justified in curtailing it without first appealing to the Colony.

The Consistoire is convinced that the Swiss in London who have supported their Church for nearly two centuries will continue to do so generously.

In the name of the Consistoire:

JEAN BAER, President."

Contributions should be sent to Rev. R. Hoffmann-de Visme, 102, Hornsey Lane, N.6, or to the Treasurer.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, June 8th, 6.30 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY. Annual General Meeting, preceded by a dinner, at the Union Helvetia, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Tuesday, June 14th, 6.30 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB. Monthly Meeting and Supper.

Thursday, June 23rd, 7 p.m.—SOIREE ANNUELLE SUISSE at King George's Hall, Y.M.C.A., Tottenham Court Rd., W.1.

Tuesday, June 28th, 8.15 p.m.—RODOLPHE GAILLARD'S CONCERT at Leighton House, 12, Holland Park Road, West Kensington, W.14.