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sites in Palestine etc., and the past and present were closely interlaced.

The lecturer visited many places of interest and described equally well the brawling in a Greek market, the primitive life in Africa and the Walling Wall in Palestine. Indeed the lecture was a rhetoric treat.

On conclusion of the lecture the Chairman remarked that it was very gratifying to the Society for Mr. Simmonds to come along and give his lecture after having been prominent in a debate in the House earlier in the day.

A vote of thanks, ably proposed by Mr. A. C. Stahelin and seconded by Mr. W. Meier, was very heartily supported by the audience.

This lecture of Mr. Simmonds is a fitting fore-runner of the lecture to be delivered by Mr. Mittelholzer.

W.B.

**PERSONAL.**

We have great pleasure to announce the engagement of M. Walter Meier, President of the Education Dept. of the Swiss Mercantile Society with Mlle. Mariann Gysin, from Basle, our esteemed collaborator (Mariann).

**FOOTBALL.**

17 March, 1935.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.**

Young Boys .....3 Chaux-de-Fonds .....2

By this win Young Boys have taken a further step towards safety; they jump from 12th to tenth place in the table, although it must be said that the two displaced clubs, if one point behind, they have three games (Nordstern) and 4 games (Chaux-de-Fonds) respectively in hand.

**INTERNATIONAL MATCHES**

In Lausanne:

Switzerland B .....1 Alsace .....6

In Prague:

Czecho-Slovakia .....3 Switzerland .....1

Our second string suffered a severe defeat in Lausanne; it was a "hard" game, and "hard" appears to stand for "rough" in our Swiss reports. The match did not prove an attraction. On the previous Sunday 12,000 spectators watched Lausanne play Servette; barely a third of that number put in an appearance to see our Cadets!

In Prague, before 25,000 spectators, our national team once again experienced their usual fate, losing against the Czechs by 3 goals to 1, half-time 2:0. Yet I am glad to hear that, whilst we were beaten by an obviously better team, we were far from disgraced. Perhaps the result is somewhat too decisive, taking all things into consideration. But the fact remains that our forwards have lost the knack to finish off their movements with a well placed shot. And to be once again guilty of a platitude, it's goals that count!

The new tactics which have been adopted seem to be modelled on the Arsenal or thirdback system. That it did not work entirely smoothly at the first attempt, we can all readily believe. That it will ever work satisfactorily, we can only hope. Misunderstandings between Weiler I, left back and Müller, left half led to some ticklish situations, whilst Minelli and Binder on the other side of the field were much better together, but then they are both playing in Grasshoppers' team. The most promising line were the forwards, particularly Bösch at inside right, incidentally the scorer of our goal. But all the forwards were playing well and, for a change, as if they enjoyed it.

There is not much to be said. The referee was Dr. Bauwens (Germany) who has had the honour to be selected to take charge of the match Wales v. Ireland. The teams were:

Switzerland: Bizzozero, Minelli, Weiler I; Binder, Weiler II, Müller; Amado, Poretti, Kielholz, Bösch, Jaeck.

Czecho-Slovakia: Planicka, Burger, Ctyroky; Kostalek, Boucek, Krcel; Horak, Facinek, Nejedly, Puc, Rulc.

Horak scored in the ninth minute and towards half-time Nejedly converts number two, Weiler I being at fault. In the meantime Switzerland had a fair share of the game, but what did not miss the goal by yards or inches was safely dealt with by that superb goalie, Planika, who has few equals in the world. In the third minute after the breather, Bösch headed a fine goal on the centre by Amado. The battle became keener; our team tried hard for the equalizer and held their own very well. Only one minute before the end Nejedly breaks through and shaking off the backs beats Bizzozero.

And in the report I pursued it says: "An Härte konnte es unser Team mit den Tschechen aufnehmen; das sagt wohl alles." Yes, we quite understand.

M.G.

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