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SPORT EVENTS.

Cycling.

For eight days Switzerland was enthralled by the already famous Tour de Suisse. The total distance covered was 1,580 km. and the race which took place on 16th—23rd August went over such great Alpine passes as St. Bernardino, St. Gotthard and Col de Pillon. The interest shown by the Swiss people in this international competition exceeded all expectations. The national teams of five countries, Switzerland, France, Italy, Belgium and Luxemburg participated. The final victory went to the outstanding Italian competitor Cino Bartali, who covered the Tour de Suisse in 47.35.55 hours. Best Swiss competitor was A. Kübler, who finished fourth in 48.01.51. Amongst the first ten participants who finished the course were only two Swiss against four Italians and four Belgians.

The special prize for the best performance in climbing passes was also granted to Cino Bartali who was followed by Ockers, Belgium, and Kübler, Switzerland.

Tennis.

The Grasshopper Club in Zurich organised the Swiss championship during the week 18th—24th August. The new Swiss champions are:

mens' single: Jost Spitzer,
ladies' single: E. Sutz,
mixed double: Enzen/J. P. Blondel.

Swimming.

The national Swimming Championships in Arosa on 23/24th August were a great success. The main honours of the day went to Helmuth Rauber, Zurich, who won no less than four championships, whereby he established a new record performance for 150 m. treble. The Swimming Club of Zurich showed another surprise in creating a new Swiss record for the team competition 4 x 200 m. in 10.19,5 minutes.

Athletics.

Holland and Switzerland met in an international athletic championship at Basle on Sunday 17th August. It was a beautiful, well-balanced meeting in the course of which the Dutch team developed a great fighting strength which led to their victory with 89.5 points against 78.5 points of the Swiss team.

The Swiss team were handicapped insofar as one

of the best members could not compete in the meeting owing to injuries.

Scheurer, Bienne, established a new pole-jumping record with 4,105.

Marathon.

In remembrance of the late Swiss champion, Ruedi Morf, a "Ruedi Morf Marathon" was organised by the Sport Club Oerlikon which was contested over a distance of 25 km. Kaspar Schiesser, one of the best Swiss runners crossed the winning post first, followed by Hans Frischknecht and Jakob Jutz. Schiesser is one of our Olympic hopes for this kind of competition.

THE SWISS COLONY IN LIVERPOOL.

The Swiss Colony in Liverpool had again a marvellous time when the members met to celebrate the occasion of the Swiss National Day on the evening of August 1st, at Reece's Restaurant, Parker Street, Liverpool. The Swiss Club, on the initiative of its able president, Mr. Comte, assisted by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Tüscher, and the members of the Committee, had decided to arrange a party under the Swiss Flag for the 1st of August, and they had a very fine success as the meeting was attended by nearly 60 people.

In his presidential address Mr. Comte pointed out that the Swiss Club will be very glad to resume its social activities, he reminded his hearers of the activity of the Swiss Relief Committee and he invited his fellow members to join the Club. His proposal was supported in the address of Mr. Schärer, Acting Consul. The latter passed on to the general topic of his speech, dealing with the political period in the life of Niklaus von Flüh who, by his intervention at the meeting in Stans, saved so gallantly and wisely the existence and the future of the Swiss Confederation. Miss Comte, in a very happy speech, invited the ladies to join the Club and a list, which was passed round for applications of new members, produced excellent results. Everybody joined cheerfully in the melodies of the Swiss National hymn and Swiss songs, with Mrs. Moser at the piano. Both in English and in "Schwyzerdütsch" Mr. Hermann Clottu thanked all those who had contributed to the success of this happy meeting at the end of which Mr. Comte stated that the Swiss Club intends to organise a dinner dance for the Swiss in the very near future.

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