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SPORT EVENTS.

Football.

The International football match between Switzerland and Great Britain was played at the Hardturm in Zurich on the 18th May and ended with a quite unexpected and surprising Swiss victory 1:0. 30,000 spectators were enthusiastic about the Swiss success which was due to a very fine team technique. The goal was scored by Fatton, Geneva.

On the same day a second international meeting took place at St. Gall between Switzerland and Luxembourg. The Swiss were the better side and won 5:0.

The English national team met, on Wednesday, 21st May, the Switzerland B team at Geneva. The game ended with a lucky draw for Switzerland, 0:0, as the English eleven were clearly the better players. Each side had a goal disallowed by the referee owing to offside. Some spectators grew excited over the referee's attitude and invaded the field. This incident was sharply criticised and rejected by the Swiss press.

Gymnastics:

The spring season brought a revival of the "town crossing races." The following teams gained victories:—

Across Basel: B.S.C. Old Boys Basel.
 Across Schaffhausen: L.C. Zurich Juniors.
 Across Arbon: S.C. Brühl St. Gall
 Across Soleure: T.V. Bern.
 Across Baden: T.V. Olten.
 Across Bern: G.G.B. Bern.

Tennis:

Switzerland met the team of Tchechoslovakia in the second round of the Davis Cup. The meeting which was held at Prague was lost by the Swiss team 1:4.

We learn that a meeting between Great Britain and Switzerland will be organised for 12/15th June and disputed at Wimbledon. This friendly meeting should provide an opportunity to the Swiss players to get accustomed to grass courts.

Cycling:

The Swiss cycling association created a new event, "Tour de Romandie." It consisted of four stages. The Belgium participant D. Keteleer secured the lead already in the first stage and kept it to the end. The final classification was:

1. D. Keteleer (20h. 55.27sec.)
2. G. Bartali (Italy)
3. Ferdinand Kübler (Switzerland)
4. Walter Diggelmann (Switzerland).

The town of Lucerne organised an international race for professionals. The first place in this "Critère de Lucerne" was won by Leo Weilenmann, Zurich, followed by Ferdinand Kübler, G. Schulte (Holland), S. Rigoni (Italy), etc.

Another international cycling competition which took place at Yverdon brought a French victory. Eloi Tassin, France, finished first, followed by Diggelmann, Switzerland, Weilenmann, Switzerland, etc.

Land-Hockey:

Switzerland and France met in Lausanne for an international game. The Swiss showed more initiative and won the fight 4:2.

SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER.

More than a hundred members and friends of the Swiss Club assembled at a film-show at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 19th of May. A number of short films were shown which aroused considerable interest. The main attraction was a military film. This silent production "Front auf 4000 Metern Höhe" was taken under active service conditions of the 10th Mountain Brigade during the war, and the proceeds accruing from the showing of this documentary evidence of bravery, dangers and hardship of Swiss Mountain troops, are to be placed at the disposal of the "Fonds de Secours" designed to sustain families and particularly children of those members of the Brigade who have lost their lives on active service.

Mr. Huber, Vice-Consul, gave a short address and appealed to the generosity of the assembly to give generously to this cause. The subsequent collection was extremely gratifying. About £17 will be sent to the fund in Switzerland.

Two more shorter films showed "Scenes from Switzerland." The amazing contrasts of this small country were admirable portrayed. It was with pride and pleasure that the Swiss audience saw their beloved homeland in pictures. Switzerland is indeed a country of many aspects with its numerous industries, glorious sceneries and high cultural standard.

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