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SWISS COMPETITORS

at the Amateur Athletic Association Championships,
Stamford Bridge, S.W.

Friday, June, 30th (5 p.m.) & Saturday, July 1st, 2.30 p.m.)

The participation of Swiss athletes at international meetings is always fraught with considerable difficulties on account of the heavy financial outlay; our societies at home do not command sufficient funds for these journeys, and the expenses have to be borne by the individual competitors. Last year it was intended to send to London a strong deputation, but the scheme had to be dropped on account of lack of financial support. The Swiss Association has this year again considered the proposal and, in anticipation of some financial encouragement from the Swiss Colony in London, has selected the following four athletes to represent our country at the forthcoming Stamford Bridge Championships:—

JOSEPH IMBACH—Geneva

for the 100 yds. and 220 yds. race (was first in 100 and 200 metre flat race between France/Switzerland and Germany/Switzerland).

WILLY MOSER—Bienne

for throwing the javelin and hurdle races (a well-known Swiss athlete).

— GERSBACH—Basle

for hurdle and pole jump (Swiss champion).

PAUL MARTIN—Lausanne

for one-mile and half-mile race (best sprinter in Switzerland).

It is confidently hoped that our men will distinguish themselves at Stamford Bridge and that their success will stimulate that financial backing without which participation at international meetings cannot take place. In order to assist in defraying the expenses to be incurred by the above four competitors, a special fund has been opened in the London Colony, and the following donations have already been received:—

	£	s.	d.
City Swiss Club	10	10	0
Georges Dimier, Esq.	2	2	0
Paul Hardmeyer, Esq.		5	0
Chas. Valon, Esq.		5	0
C. A. Barbezat, Esq.	1	1	0
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F. Zogg, Esq.		10	0
J. H. Oltramare, Esq.		10	0
A. Rueff, Esq.		5	0
Th. Schaerer, Esq.		10	0
Swiss Mercantile Society	2	2	0

Donations may be sent to the Swiss Bank Corporation, 11c, Regent Street, S.W.1, for account of "Comité d'Athlétisme" (Association Suisse de Football et d'Athlétisme), or to *The Swiss Observer*, 21, Garlick Hill, E.C.4, in whose columns amounts so received will be duly acknowledged.

Mr. W. P. Krebsner, of 112, Tulse Hill, S.W.2, informs us that he has been appointed by the Swiss Association to act as manager to the team during their stay in this country.

He will be pleased to attend to any enquiries connected with this matter and addressed to him.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Chancellor of the Swiss Legation, Mr. J. W. Sterchi, is enjoying a holiday with his family in Switzerland. He will be returning to town by the end of the month.

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Dr. and Mrs. Paul Lang have left for Switzerland and expect to be back in London at the end of July.

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The Nestanglo Sports Club, President C. Aguet, Esq., C.B.E., is holding its eleventh Athletic Meeting to-day at their own sports grounds, Eden Park, Elmer's End, Beckenham.

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We learn that Mr. H. Nozières, our sportsman-com-patriot, will also compete at the forthcoming Amateur Athletic Association Championships at Stamford Bridge, in his capacity of member of the "Association Suisse de Football et d'Athlétisme."

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

The Great Demonstration in Celebration of League of Nations Day in Hyde Park takes place on

Saturday, June 24th at 5 p.m.

The Procession will form up on the Thames Embankment and will be headed by detachments from foreign colonies in London in alphabetical order. It will be led by a detachment of mounted police and by a full band of the British Legion, and will proceed by way of Whitehall, Admiralty Arch, The Mall, Constitution Hill, Hyde Park Corner and across the grass in front of the twelve platforms, where it will disperse and join in the meetings.

The Procession will be marshalled by the British Legion and the Boy Scouts Association, who will give every possible assistance to those taking part and will be identified by a yellow armband with "L.N.U." in red letters. *The head of the Procession will be at Westminster Bridge; the nearest stations are Westminster and Charing Cross.*

The *International Platform*—No. 6—where our compatriot, Professor E. Borel, will speak, will be at the centre of the Park, between Hyde Park Corner and the Marble Arch, and on this platform will be assembled speakers from the majority of the countries within the League. The chairman at this platform will be Lt.-Col. Bordon Turner, O.B.E.

Those taking part in the Procession should assemble on the Embankment at 3.45. The Procession will move off at 4 p.m.

Press and cinematograph photographers will be stationed at intervals along the route to obtain a complete series of pictures of the Demonstration.

The *City Swiss Club* decided at their last meeting to send a delegation to take part in the above demonstration.

Members who are desirous of taking part are requested to send their names to the President, Mr. R. de Cintra, 46, Cannon Street, E.C.4. Telephone: Central 1321.

The *Swiss Mercantile Society* will also officially take part in the demonstration procession. Will intending participants kindly communicate their names to the President, Mr. G. E. De Brunner, 11, Southampton Row, W.C.1.