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Suisse" and the Secrétariat des Suisses à l'Etranger according to which the latter will co-operate in its management and be financially interested in the enterprise. The "ECHO Suisse" is a most promising monthly and is particularly recommended to the attention of the members of the N.S.H., to whom the annual subscription will be 8 francs. It is an illustrated magazine and has articles written in the three national languages. Copies of it can be seen at the Secretary's office, 28, Red Lion Square, Holborn, W.C.1.

The S.A. des Editions "Sonor" at Geneva are going to publish simultaneously in German and French a book called "Our History," which will be lavishly enriched by 16 coloured illustrations by G. Courvoisier. The price is 10 frs. for members of the N.S.H. Three samples of the illustrations can be seen at the Secretary's office on request.

There was some discussion about the educational movement, "Bibliothèque de la Jeunesse" (Schweizerische Jugendbücherei für Naturschutz), and it was decided that, though the Group could not give financial help, everything would be done to bring the matter to the notice of its members.

The position of the N.S.H. in regard to the question of the "Lex Haeblerlin" and the Referendum shortly to be taken in its connection was raised, and the conclusion was come to that it would be well for the Secretary, Dr. Lang, to make further enquiries in Switzerland about this matter and draw up a report with a view to having a discussion on it.

It was also agreed that the N.S.H. should appoint a Committee to report on the League of Nations Union, and the following members kindly consented to act on such a commission: Messrs. F. Beyli, C. Compant, A. Despond, Miss A. Reutiner, Mr. Sterchi, and Dr. Weibel.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

The second meeting of the specially appointed Commission took place on Friday of last week at the Swiss Legation, with Mr. H. Martin, Councillor of Legation, in the Chair.

The report of the Sub-Committee was discussed, and after going thoroughly into the question of financing the new scheme, which will require an approximate amount of £400, it was unanimously agreed that the next monthly meeting should be declared an Extraordinary Meeting, and that the findings of the Special Commission should be brought before the Members.

Mr. Werner, President of the Swiss Mercantile Society, thanked Mr. H. Martin for the keen interest he has shown and for the valued suggestion he made. The meeting lasted over three hours. A. S.

SWISS INSTITUTE.

The attendance on Friday of last week, when the Rev. Ernest Bury, M.A., delivered his lecture on "Napoleon I," was again very good. The subject was, of course, very attractive, and it was rendered all the more interesting by the lecturer describing Napoleon in a light which was no doubt unfamiliar to many of us. It was apparent, as a matter of fact, that his severe criticism of Napoleon's character came somewhat as a surprise to part of the audience, who had evidently expected to hear all about the greatness of Napoleon's achievements. The lecturer made it clear, however, right from the beginning, that his object was to deal exclusively and without any prejudice whatever with the personal character of Napoleon, but some speakers in the lively discussion that followed, no doubt under the hypnotic influence of the history of the French Emperor's striking military and political successes, had evidently some difficulty in keeping this important fact in mind. The lecturer described Napoleon as being utterly unscrupulous, for which no doubt the influence of his early childhood in Corsica was mainly responsible, through his having been brought up in the spirit of intrigue prevailing there at the time. In the eyes of the lecturer there were certain occurrences in Napoleon's career which tend to show him as having been cruel, though not for the sake of cruelty. He was affectionate to the members of his family, but ruthless towards any of them who dared oppose his will. The ruthlessness with which he waged war all over Europe, to a great extent to satisfy his personal ambitions, was to cost him his throne, for, as the lecturer mentioned had Napoleon put an end to war after the battle of Smolensk, setting up a neutral Poland which would have been friendly to him, he could have created a stable empire and become omnipotent in Europe.

SWISS BANK FOOTBALL CLUB.

LONDON JOINT CITY & MIDLAND 4th XI versus SWISS BANK 1st XI

(in London Banks' Football League, Junior "A" Division).

Play at first was mostly in City Bank's field, with Swiss forwards pressing hard. The game was very fast throughout, and in the first half the visitors (Swiss) would have probably scored had it not been for rough surface of ground near the City's goal. Later the City team seemed to be having the better of the game, but towards the end the Swiss were once more on the offensive. Play resulted in a draw, no goals being scored by either side.

Swiss Bank team: Zuercher; Herzog, Rasch; Bornand, Way, Castle; Tobler, Goubach, Dr. Rufer, Holton, G. Weber.

GRINDLAY'S BANK 1st XI versus SWISS BANK 2nd XI (in London Banks' Football League, Junior "B" Division).

This was the return match on Private Banks' ground at Catford Bridge, which finished by sharing the points. The Swiss captain was lucky in winning the toss and took, therefore, the advantage of the strong wind and the sun. Right at the beginning the referee decided a penalty against Grindlay's for handling the ball in goal area, but same did not materialise. The Swiss forwards, in spite of wind and sun being in their favour, were not smart enough to beat the Grindlay's defence, which was a very sound one. The second half was no less exciting, each team trying very hard to take the lead, which, therefore, made the game very lively. The ball was netted on each side once, but the whistle blew just in time to give off-side and to cancel the point. The game was a most enjoyable one and resulted in a goalless draw.

Swiss Bank team: Floyd; Schwendener, Kronauer; Schranz, Steiner, Zurlinden; Quaipe, Gautschi, Kurz, Smith, Picard.

SWISS BANK 3rd XI versus COX & CO. 4th XI.

Cox's had the advantage of the toss and soon got busy, but the Bank's defence was safe. Play was very even for the first half hour. Then a sudden change occurred, Cox's scoring four times in quick succession. After half-time the Bank improved considerably, Howell and Rueff reducing the lead. Cox's got through twice more before the end.

The Bank were very weak at half back, the attempts at passing being very poor. Still, Cox's deserved to win, but not by such a big score.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY FOOTBALL CLUB.

GERHARD & HEY, LTD., v. S.M.S. 2nd XI.—3—2.

This return match took place last Saturday in ideal football weather. Unfortunately the ground on which this game was played proved to be most unsuitable for football. Although the Swiss did most of the attacking in the first half, only on one occasion were their efforts successful. Combination had to suffer through an excess of eagerness to score displayed by certain forwards, and many good chances were thrown away by "off-side" mistakes. Half-time: 1—1.

After changing over the picture was somewhat reversed. The Mercantile's opponents doing the greater part of the attacking. With a strong determination to win, G. & H.'s XI pressed the visitors' defence at times very hard, with the result that the Swiss lost the match by the odd goal in five.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les membres sont informés que la prochaine assemblée mensuelle aura lieu le

Mardi 7 Mars

au restaurant Gatti, et sera précédée d'un souper familial à 6 heures 30 (sh. 5/6 par couvert).

Cet avis, en raison des décisions prises lors de la dernière assemblée remplace les circulaires de convocation, et tous ceux désirant participer à cette réunion sont invités à s'annoncer en temps utile au Trésorier, M. G. Dimier, 46, Cannon Street, E.C.4 (Téléphone: Central 1321).

Ordre du Jour.

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