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SPORT EVENTS.

Football.

The international meeting between Holland and Switzerland which took place in Amsterdam on 21st September, ended with a Dutch victory 6:2. This Swiss defeat is the heaviest which Switzerland has suffered since the war. The Dutch team was surprisingly quick and clever, whereas the Swiss players seemed to be slow and almost unfit. Swiss Sport papers deem it necessary that some of our older and formerly very good players should now give up their places in favour of younger elements.

In the Swiss Football Championship the lead was taken by Grassopper, Zurich, followed by Locarno.

Tennis.

Gstaad organized, over the week-end, 13th/15th September, an international tennis competition between Belgium and Switzerland. Although many expected a Swiss victory or at least a drawn game, the Belgian competitors were more successful and got away with 18:11 victories of a total of 29 games. The Swiss weakness lay especially in the doubles and ladies' games which were all lost.

Athletics.

The Swiss Athletic Association formed lately a Swiss national team to meet a Hungarian and Austrian side. The meeting against the Hungarian team took place in Budapest on September 14th. Although the Swiss fought valiantly, they lost the meeting 71:96. It has however to be said that the Swiss team were held back at the Austrian/Hungarian border because the Russian entry visa to Hungary was not yet delivered. This entry permit arrived with great delay and caused the Swiss players to arrive in Budapest at the latest moment. Notwithstanding there were 7 Swiss victories, namely by Scheurer (Gerlafingen) in high jumping with pole, Hardmeier (Zurich) in 400 m., Senn (Bern) with bowls, Volkmer (Basel) 800 m., Christen (Bern) 400 m. hurdles, Wähli (Bienne) high-jumping and by the Swiss team 4 times 400 m. relay.

The competition against the Austrian side was organized in Vienna on 16th September. It ended with a fine Swiss victory 67:57 points and 7 Swiss victories in 13 competitions, Senn, Bern, established a new Swiss record with the bowls, 14.39 m.

The French railway authorities held an international athletic meeting in Paris between railway teams of France, Switzerland and England. The French team won this friendly meeting with 118 points followed by Switzerland with 72 and England with 16 points.

Marathon.

The Swiss marathon championship over 42 km. ended with a surprise. A new-comer indeed, Hans Frischknecht, St. Gall, beat the Swiss elite and won the race in 2.52.00 hours, leaving behind him all the other well-known Swiss competitors. The course was well organised by the Athletic Association Winterthur and the participation was bigger than ever.

Handball.

The Swedish national handball team paid an official visit to Switzerland and held an international competition against the Swiss team at Basle on 14th September. The Swedish players were much stronger and taller than our compatriots and played them literally out, gaining an easy victory with 10:4 goals. The Swedish team is a marvellous *équipe* and has given a real lesson in handball to our fellow countrymen.

Cycling.

Lucerne organized, in Mid-September, the military cycling championship for teams (4 members). The results were exceedingly good. Not only did all the 35 teams which started finish the race, but they covered the very difficult race over 67 km. at an average speed of 32.7 km. In view of the many mountains to be crossed, this must be considered as a very good time indeed. The honours of the Swiss military Championship went to the team of Cycling Cp. 11/4.

Shooting.

The traditional Knabenschiessen at Zurich was fought out on 14th/15th September and ended for the first time in history with the victory of a foreign boy, G. Leonard, 15 year old Estonian, living with his mother in Zurich. His points score was 34.

Boxing.

The well-known boxing arbitrator, Roger Nicod, Geneva, Chairman of the Swiss Boxing Association, drowned in the Lake of Geneva on Friday, September 12th. It is a great loss for the Swiss and international boxing sport, as the late Mr. Nicod was one of the best-known referees in all capitals in Europe.

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