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and those Gentlemen, who after the starting shot rang out, ran for their lives, although my programme billed it as a *walking* race, did not look a bit like old warriors.

A no less interesting event proved to be the Tug-o'-War. The two teams (Union Helvetia and Hayes Cocoa Co Ltd.) made a spectacular entry. The last year's winner, the Hayes Cocoa Co. Ltd., clad in *cocoa* colours, received an especially hearty reception, and when I noticed that their "anchor" man, whose "figure" I admired so much last year was still in evidence, and looked still as imposing as ever, I was prepared to back them as a "cert." but I am glad I did not, because I would have lost my bet. The Union Helvetia team pulled splendidly, and deservedly won with amazing facility. I am sure that some of my friends from the Union Helvetia took my last year's tip, and stocked their larders with Hayes Cocoa, hence their splendid victory, which is an equally fine advertisement for the Hayes Cocoa Company.

One would have liked to see more entrants for the Wrestling combat, which is such a popular event in our home country.

Amongst the classical races, the Relay race (220 x 220 x 440 x 880 yds.) caused a tremendous stir amongst the spectators. Three teams were entered for this event, viz. Swiss Mercantile Society A. and B. teams and a team of the Swiss Gymnastic Society. The race was won by the Swiss Mercantile Society B. team in 4 min. 8 2/5 secs. and this much coveted trophy, presented by M. A. Meschini, will for the 2nd time adorn the "silver shrine" at the "Swiss House." Runners-up were the Swiss Mercantile Society A. team.

One of the outstanding performances of the day was the splendid achievement of Mr. A. Matter, Swiss Mercantile Society, who performed the "hat-trick" by winning three first prizes (Putting the Weight, High Jump, Long Jump). A. Matter in the Putting the Weight event has beaten all previous records obtained at the Swiss Sports (36ft. 1in.), in the High Jump he eclipsed the record for the Swiss Sports by no less than three inches, and amidst hearty cheering cleared 5ft. 8ins.



A. MATTER (S.M.S.) making a record High Jump.

The "George Dimier Challenge Cup" for scoring the highest aggregate number of points, which was won outright by the S.M.S. last year, and replaced this year by Mne. George Dimier, was awarded to the Swiss Mercantile Society.

Such fancy events as the "Cigarette Race," "Egg-and-Spoon" Race, "Blindfold Race," and "Three-Legged Race," could unfortunately not be held owing to weather conditions, which was a great pity as these popular events usually give much cause for merriment. The "Pushball" competition did not take place for the same reason.

However, the amusing "Pillow Fight" made some amends for the loss of the above mentioned events. First honours ought to be awarded to Mr. Haesler, who knocked out one of the "Bobbies" who was on duty, and I feel sure, that if everything should fail, Mr. Haesler would be a welcome acquisition to the London Police force, it occurs but rarely that one is allowed to knock out a guardian of public order without getting into trouble. The first prize, however, went to Mr. Bähler who lustily swung his pillow around the different faces. Master Tony Gerig, whom I knew as a baby, and who has become a strapping fine fellow, won this event in the "Boys" class, for which I congratulate him most heartily, and on the next occasion, I shall visit his father, who is a good friend of mine, I shall take great care not to "challenge" him, as other-

wise I might have to consult a famous face specialist, who by the way is a popular member of the Swiss Colony.

The duties of a Press reporter are manifold, and in my official capacity I had to visit some of the "side shows" where less strenuous competitions were held, from two mysterious looking vehicles, bottles containing delicious vintages grown in our homeland disappeared with an alarming quickness amongst the competitors, I understand, however, that no prizes were given for these "bouts," but I have since learned that some of the entrants for these events have received due rewards for their exertions, and I can fully sympathise with them, my prize consisting of a Belladonna plaster which recalls some memories, pleasant and otherwise, from my walking race from one show to another. I have also been told that a famous member of the Colony found his umbrella rather unruly.

Shortly before the prize distribution, M. Paravicini, the Swiss Minister, addressed the sporting community, thanking the organisers for their disinterested efforts to make the Swiss Sports a success, and his short address was greeted with three hearty cheers.

Mademoiselle Paravicini, unfortunately not having been able to be present, Madame R. Dupraz, the charming wife of one of the Directors of Sport, took her place in presenting the prizes, and I am sure the cordial handshake with which every winner was favoured must have been a welcome addition to the prize.

M. de Cintra, who so ably deputised for the President, terminated the proceedings with a few words, expressing the wish of the competitors and spectators that the popular President of the Sports Committee, M. Charles Barbézat, might be soon able to be amongst his many friends again.

In summing up, one cannot help but voice a certain disappointment about the weather which so persistently has interfered with the Swiss Sports of late; but that this yearly event is still as popular as ever was proved by the great number of competitors and spectators who met at Herne Hill. For whatever shortcomings there might have been the weather must take chief blame.

The Sports Committee, and those who so liberally contributed towards the Funds are entitled to the hearty thanks of both competitors and spectators; I wish to single out in particular those officials, who stuck to the ground, although they must have been nearly drenched to their skin. M. H. H. Baumann, who acted for the first time as Secretary, deserves thanks for his efficiency.

May the next Meeting in 1934 once again bring us sunshine.

#### The Official Press Reporter.

#### RESULTS.

100 Yds. Flat Handicap (Men): Heat 1. 1st, G. Peter, S. Gymnastic Soc. 10 4/5; 2nd, W. Meier, S.M.S.; Heat 2. 1st, D. H. Baumann, unattached 10 3/5; 2nd, H. Daehler, S.M.S.; Heat 3. 1st, E. W. Casada 11, Unione Ticinese; 2nd, G. Ehrson, Swiss Y.M.C.A.

100 Yds. Flat Handicap (Boys): 1st, A. Schmid 12 2/5; 2nd E. L. Baumann.

100 Yds. Flat Handicap (Ladies) (in Sports Costume): 1st, Miss J. Cox, Heathfield S. A. 13; 2nd, Miss G. W. Austen, Lyons A. C.

Putting the Weight. 1st, A. Matter, S.M.S., 36ft. 1in.; 2nd, O. Chanton, S.M.S. 33ft. 11ins.; 3rd, H. Daehler, S.M.S. 33ft. 4ins.

100 Yds. Flat Handicap: 1st, G. Peter, S. Gym. Soc.; 2nd, W. Meier, S.M.S.; 3rd, E. W. Casada, Unione Ticinese.

High Jump: 1st, A. Matter, S.M.S., 5ft. 8ins. (Sports Record); 2nd, E. W. Casada, Unione Ticinese, 5ft. 1 1/2ins.; 3rd, H. Daehler, S.M.S., 5ft.

Wrestling: 1st, J. Speck, S. Gym. Soc.; 2nd, E. Marquard, S. Gym. Soc.

120 Yds. Veterans' Handicap: 1st, H. H. Baumann, 12 2/5, S.M.S.; 2nd, F. A. Pont, Union Helvetia; 3rd, C. Krebs, S.M.S.

Veterans' Walking Handicap: 1st, Donati (Hors Concours), Unione Ticinese; Winner Oggier, Union Helvetia; 3rd, Naef; 4th, F. A. Pont, Union Helvetia; 5th, E. von Bergen, 6th, F. von Bergen, S.M.S.; 7th, L. Jobin, City Swiss Club.

440 Yds. Flat Handicap: 1st, F. V. Pritchett, 53, Monseigneur Restaurant; 2nd, R. W. Murphy, Nestanglo Sports Club.

220 Yds. Flat Handicap. Heat 1: 1st, D. H. Baumann, unattached, 24; 2nd, W. Meier, S.M.S. 24 3/5; 3rd, E. W. Casada, Unione Ticinese.

Heat 2. 1st, E. Jaeggli, 28 2/5, S. Gym. Soc.; 2nd, O. Chanton, S.M.S.

Tug-O'-War: Union Helvetia beat Hayes Cocoa Co. by two pulls to nil.

220 Yds. Flat Handicap: 1st, D. H. Baumann, unattached 24; 2nd, W. Meier, S.M.S. 24 3/5; 3rd, E. W. Casada, Unione Ticinese.

Long Jump: 1st, A. Matter, S.M.S., 19ft. 2ins.; 2nd M. O. Henchoz, S.M.S. 18ft. 10ins.; 3rd, W. Burren, S.M.S., 18ft. 4in.

880 Yds. Flat Handicap: 1st, V. Kull, S.M.S., 2 min. 17 3/5 secs.; 2nd, H. Baumann, S.M.S.

100 Yds. Handicap (Ladies): 1st, Miss Lily White, 2nd, Miss Archer; 3rd, Miss Day; 4th, Miss Hardmeier; 5th, Miss Tofts; 6th, Miss Spooner.

Girls' 60 Yds. Handicap. Heat 1. 1st, Miss Calame; 2nd, Miss Hauswirth; 3rd, Miss Tall; 4th, Miss Ochs; Heat 2. 1st, Miss Rubysa; 2nd; Miss Hochs; 3rd, Miss A. Rhodes; 4th, Miss Pont. Heat 3. 1st, Miss P. Jaeggli; 2nd, Miss Doris Lillywhite; 3rd, Miss G. Clarkson; 4th, Miss M. Schmid; Heat 4. 1st, Miss Lily Jäggi; 2nd, Miss R. Charnaux; 3rd, Miss J. Boos; 4th, Miss P. Hill.

Pillow Fight (Men): 1st, H. Bähler, 2nd, R. Dupraz; 3rd, J. Christen.

Pillow Fight (Boys): 1st, Tony Gerig.

Boys' 80 Yds. Handicap. Heat 1. 1st, Masters R. Sterchi; 2nd, E. Burridge; 3rd, R. Oggier; 4th, A. Savoie. Heat 2. 1st, T. Tall; 2nd, E. von Bergen; 3rd, F. Ernst; 4th, B. Jaeggli. Heat 3. 1st, Wernerli; 2nd, E. Walken; 3rd, J. Mitchell; 4th, R. Savoie. Heat 4. 1st, L. Jaeggli; 2nd, J. Baumann; 3rd, Roger Borne; 4th, Th. Kummer.

Relay Race: 1st, Swiss Mercantile Society B. team, 4min. 8 2/5 secs.; 2nd, Swiss Mercantile Society A. team; 3rd, Swiss Gymnastic Society.

#### 64th ANNUAL SWISS FETE.

Central Hall, Westminster — June 22nd, 1933.

With the gay songs of the birds and the white clouds sailing through the blue sky, all exiled Swiss begin to feel a longing for their homeland. They seem to see the lakes and the peaks, the forests and the meadows of their beloved country and the "Heimweh" creeps over them irresistibly: "Es ist nicht Schmerz es ist nicht Lust,

"Im Auge perlen Tränen..."

says the well-known song.— Still the heart is heavy, the eye is watery, because "home" is so far away.

And that is why of yore, our Colony has always come together, in this month of June, to celebrate its' big family feast. Others have sprung up, each with its own end and meaning. But the "Fête Suisse" remains a peculiar thing for itself, which, so some have said, few Colonies abroad have had in the same way and for the same length of time. There it was, it is and will be, — we trust, for a good many more years, answering the secret wishes and longings of so many.

We cannot conjure up glaciers and snow — but the songs, the yodels, the old cherished tunes, the costumes, the whole "Stimmung" all will help you to feel Helvetia quite close to you — And should there be no going over to Switzerland this summer, for holidays, well, you will find that somehow, something of Switzerland has come over to you to greet you.—

Do not miss, therefore, that evening of Thursday, June 22nd, and be sure to get your ticket. You will even have the satisfaction of knowing that by buying one you help the needy compatriots in our midst. Last year a fine sum of £17 17s. 0d. or so was handed over to the Swiss Benevolent Society" being the whole of the proceeds of that year's fête.

H.-d.V.

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