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SPORTS EVENTS.

Olympic Winter Games 1948 in St. Moritz.

The participation of almost all European and American countries in the Olympic competition to be held in St. Moritz has been secured. Some doubts still exist as to whether Russia will send a team or not. The American team is already appointed. It consists of 79 competitors and 13 officials. The Americans take part in Bobsleigh, Ice-Hockey, Skating, Speed-Skating and Ski-ing. The Swiss Olympic team will be chosen after a special training course which is fixed for the period of 3rd—15th December in St. Moritz. The nominations for the team will not be made upon the results in the selection competitions, but exclusively on the basis of the observations made by the training chief and the trainers.

The Ski Club of Spain has approached the Swiss Ski Club with a request to obtain a Swiss trainer for the Spanish Olympic team.

Football.

For the 12th time in history, the Swiss and Belgian football teams met in an international competition in Geneva on 2nd November. In the 11 games in which the two nations met up to now, Belgium won 5 times, Switzerland twice and there were 4 draws. For last week's meeting in Geneva, the Swiss selectors put up a very young team. This experiment was quite successful, as Switzerland gained a well-deserved victory 4:0. The Swiss attack was fast and straightforward. All goals were scored in the first half-time. The Belgians were rather unlucky in not having 1 or 2 goals in the second half during which their play was very dangerous and sometimes superior to ours.

In the Swiss football championship League A, Grasshoppers still lead with 11 points out of 7 games, followed by La Chaux-de-Fonds and Bellinzona. At the bottom figures Cantonal with only 2 points of 7 games.

Gymnastics.

Vienna organised an international championship competition between Austria and Switzerland. The very interesting meeting which had an enormous attendance ended with an expected Swiss victory 233:217.9 points. The honours in the single classification went to Marcel Adatte, Zurich, and Josef Stalder, Lucerne. Another Swiss gymnastic team was

invited by the South African Government for the purpose of touring the Southern countries and giving exhibition shows. This team left Zurich by Swissair and has already arrived in Johannesburg where the 1st display met with a tremendous success. The tour will last approximately 3 months.

Ice-Hockey.

Switzerland is preparing very seriously for the Olympic Games and has sent a number of Swiss players to Garmisch-Partenkirchen for a special training. This team, consisting mainly of players from Arosa and Davos, went afterwards to Czechoslovakia where they had three games against the best Czechoslovakian Clubs. The results were:

Davos — Budejovice	9 : 3
Davos — Praha	4 : 2
Davos — Praha	2 : 10

The victory of Davos in the second game is to be considered as a very fine performance, for Czechoslovakia won last year's championship mainly with the Praha players.

Fencing.

A fencing meeting between Austria and Switzerland was organised lately in Innsbruck. The Austrians being well reputed fencers with some world champions in their teams, had an easy and not surprising victory. They won the men's competition with 11:5 points and the ladies' game with 13:3 points.

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