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## London Swiss Sports Day 24 h MAY 1930.

A pre-paid wireless enquiry sent to the "Ilotel "nivers" midway between saturn and Venus having established the fact that the Clerk of the Weather had left for a week-end Air cruise without having properly turned off the bath tap, the "executioners" of the Swiss Sports Committee nade frantic efforts to get hold of a plumber to top the leakage, only to find, helas, that these Experts had all gone to the commmity singing :
It ain't goin' to rain no more!'
As is usual, however, in times of emergency well-known member of our "Colon, membered his at one time justly famed "sealing wax" as being likely to prove a temporary measure of relief, and behold: even the Sim smiled for a number of hours upon the ingenuity of our master mas . ., pardon me, master plumber, I should say.

The " Deputy" Official Press Reporter, who had already in the early morning prepared his report on this year's Swiss sports in the cut and dried terms: " It rained all day long?" was now pressed into service and though sorely chagrined that the dignity of his office should have that sparkling " Etoile de St. Blaise" on the Herne Hill grounds encourarl him to seek acces Herne Hill gromas enco, ${ }^{\text {mingle }}$ with the 101 to the " inner ring," mingle with the 10 Directens des Com ", of our London Swiss Colony on its 14th Annual Sports Day. And now here goes

Schoe toe gratuel" one could hear over and over again in the purest ". Frangsay federal" as groups of " young bloods " admiringly surrounded the Winners emerging from the various contests.

Our Minister, M. Paravicini, was an early and welcome visitor, speedily diving into the throng of humanity and becoming an interested eye-witness of the prowess of his temporal flock. We were also glad to see quite a number of our other diplo mats and the presence of Herr Pfarrer Hahm, whose broad-minded spirit has won him so many
hearts, was likewise much appreciated by the organizers.

Due in a large measure to the most successof the S.M.S. " Day-school" rioht happily had a plentiful supply of the "right midable list of prize-winners at the foot hereof is prima facie evidence of a very busy and eventful afternoon It was noted with particular pleawe and satisfaction that our rood friends pleas the Ticino had sent quite a respectable from the Ticino had sent quite a respectable quota of compe," as. a stamina," builder main cuisine Pagan, as a staman tains its famous traditions was speedily proved by the stalwart sons of Messieurs Meschini and
Notari. As usual the Tug-of-War contest proved one
of the outstanding features of general interest, of the outstanding features of general interest, and the rush of would-be onlookers was so great that the safety of both teams her for some time. For reasons which up till now have remained a baffling mystery the members of the "Cercle Valaisan" team did, after a wellearned first success, entirely mistake the pur-, port of their mission by quietly " settling down," as if preparing for one of their local bob-sleigh runs. The Referee being taken entirely unawares he had to admit quite frankly that he was no expert in matters pertaining to Winter Sports, and in the circumstances felt constrained to give his award in favour of the "Union Helvetia" team. Seldom, if ever, was there such a keenly fought Tug-of-War competition witnessed on the Herne Hill grounds, and the stern command "Take the strain" was obeyed to the letter until both sides were nearly exhausted. We take off our hats to both teams and renture to hope that the decision given by the Referee will leave no soreness on anybody's part and thus react unfavourably on similar events in coming vears. May we be permitted to suggest that in future an adequate space of ground be roped off, so that the competitors will not again be almost overwhelmed by spectators eager to get the closest view of an enthralling bout

Our well-liked Chancellor appeared in his proper element when captaining the amusing race of the " Woodbine Bills and Marias," but we are sure some of the latter would have preferred, as a more palatable means to an early arrival at the vinning post, a certain Eastern brand, with which our Chancellor seems to be well acquainted. For his remissness in this particular direction he more than made "p by the expert and ch from the sweet young winners.
"Did you fall or was you pushed, Daddy?" I heard a little mite ask her papa, who had returned from the "Daily Mail" battle ground with decorations all orer his breast and tatoo marks on his wiry arms, which would have been the envy of any enterprising laundry girl out for a good day's washing! And behold, this particular daddy was not the only one, judging by their respective appearances, who had been
"knocked out" by the big push ball and the " handling " of which by so many sinewy frame of humanity calused no end of merriment. A note of sadness was, however, introduced by our eminent Editor being witnessed to wander round the ball (at a respectful distance be it stated in a somewhat disconsolate manner, swinging a beflowered black pillow. Was he actually look ing for customers for his own booth, the Pillow Fight Department? or was he, as is suspected making propaganda for the special " line" of satin cushions at $3 / 11 \frac{3}{4} d$. from Messers. Torn Rags \& Co., Ltd., for whose '• deferred stock our Editor (who is reputed to know a good thing when he sees it), had shown his preference?

We recommend our implied suggest
the attention of our "Dibs" collectors.
Soon after 4 o'clock the glad tidings came throngh that that "Ace" of all sportswomen Miss Amy Johnson, had successfully achieved he marvellous and courageons renture and the fac that the completion of her historic flight to "right below us" should hase synchronised with Our Swiss Sports Day fully entitles her to an
especially hearty acknowletigment at the hands especially hearty
of our Committee

Meanwhile our Editor was able to get into his stride and in due course his customers num
 Unione Ticinese) $(9$ yds.)
Mercantile Soc.) (Scratch)
High Jump: ist-V. Laemmlin (Swiss Mercantile Soc) 5 ft .; 2nd-E. W. Casada (Unione Ticinese) 4 ft . 4 ft . II in.
Long Jump: ist-K. Kopp (Swiss Mercantile Soc.) $19 \mathrm{ft} .10 \mathrm{in} . ; 2$ 2nd-J. Meschini (Unione Ticinese) $19 \mathrm{ft} .9 \mathrm{in} . ; 3 \mathrm{rd}$
Soc.) 18 ft .6 in
440 ydis. Veterans Walking Handicap: ist-C. Donati (Scratch) age 4I; 2nd-J. Haesler (Swiss Rifle Association); 3rd-G. Riederer (Schweizerbund); $4^{\text {th }}$-E. Oggier; 5th-L. Jobin and Charnot dead-heat; Consolation Prize to Mr. Hagenbuch.
I20 yds. Veterans Race: Ist-H. H. Baumann (Swiss Mercantile Soc.) I4 secs. (7 yds.); 2nd-F. A. Pont (Cercle Valaisan) (3 yds.); 3rd—A. Notzli (Schweizerbund) (8 yds.).
Relay Race: Winners-Unione Ticinese, 4 min . $\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{I} / 5$; Uñone Ticinese B Team.
Tug of War: Winners-Union Helvetia; Runners-upCercle Valaisan.
Putting the Weight: ist-K. Kopp (Swiss Mercantile Soc.) 34 yds. 4 in.; 2nd-J. Meschini (Unione Ticinese) 33 ft. II in.; 3 rd-J. Speck (Swiss Gym- $^{\text {rl }}$ nastic Soc.) 33 ft .9 in.
Wrestling (Middle-Weight): E. Hangartner (Swiss Mercantile Soc.) beat H. Schellenberg (S.M.S.).
Pushball: Winners-Swiss Mercantile Society: Runners up-Cercele Valaisan; 3rd place-Schweizbund.
Georges Dimier Challenge Cup: Winners-Swiss Mercantile Society 40 points; Unione Ticinese 23 points; Cercle Valaisan 8 points; Union Helvetia 5 points; Schweizerbund and Swiss Rifle Assoc 3 points each; Swiss Gymnastic Society I point.
220 yds. Handicap for Members of Subscribing Firms: ist-J. Delmar (Swiss Bank Corporation), time 24 $1 / 5$ (7 yds.); 2nd-J. A. Cutts (Credit Lyonnais) (I2 yds.); 3 rd-W. Murphy (Nestlé \& Anglo-Swiss) ( 9 yds.).
100 yds. Flat Handicap for Boys under 16: 1st-A. Schmid (2 yds.); 2nd-V. Berti ( $4 \frac{1}{2}$ ); 3rd—E. Berti
$\left(6 \frac{1}{2}\right) ; 4$ th-M. Berti $\left(7 \frac{1}{2}\right)$. ( $6 \frac{1}{2}$ ); $4^{\text {th }}-\mathrm{M}$. Berti $\left(7 \frac{1}{2}\right)$. $134 / 5$.
100 yds. Handicap for Ladies in Sports Costume: istD. Carver (Lyons A.C.) time 13 2/5 ( 4 yds.); 2nd-
D. Archer (Lyons A.C.) ( $\mathrm{I}_{2}$ ); 3rd-C. M. A. Chinappa (Unattached) (I).
Girls 80 yds. Handicap: Heat I. ist-E. Hayes; 2ndJoan Petit; 3rd-Helen Mascidi; 4th-Doris Mayer. Heat 2. ist-Margaret Schmid; 2nd-Gabrielle de Cintra; 3 rd-Marion Roll; $4^{\text {th }}-\mathrm{S}$. Aebersold. Heat 3. Ist-S. Lachat; 2nd-Elsie Wullschleger; 3rd-Lily Ody; 4th-Renee Charnot. Heat 4 . rst-M. Henderson; 2nd-Rosina
roo yds. Ladies in Towndress: Heat i. ist—Miss W. M. Hanson; 2nd-Mme. Lachat; 3rd—Miss Kitty Schutz. Heat 2. ist-Miss R Prater; 2nd-Mis Pearce; 3rd-Miss Martha Meier.
Boys $80 y d s$. Handicap: Heat i. ist-John Notari; , 2nd-Roger Sterchi; 3rd-Donald Waters. Heat 2. Ist-Ernest Drew; 2nd-Tedare Baumann; 3rdBernard Jaeggi; 4th-Leon Jaeggi. Heat 3. IstA. Wernli; 2nd-Alfred Burkhalter; 3rd-A. Clivaz; 4th-John Streuli. Heat 4. ist-A. A. Juriens; 2nd-Oscar F. Boehringer; 3rd—Matile; 4th-George Borgeat.
Cigarette Race: Heat I. Ist-Miss Carver \& Mr. Moser; 2nd-Miss Archer \& Mr. Zindel; 3rd-Miss M Fuchs \& Mr. Delmar. Heat 2. Ist-Miss Meta Benz \& Mr. E. Oggier; 2nd-Miss M. Meier \& Mr. Guggenheim; 3 rd—Miss Tilliol \& Mr. C. Bolla Heat 3. rst-Miss R. Prater \& Mr. J. Dinmore 2nd-Mrs. Oggier \& Mr. F. Pont; 3rd-Mis Drewery \& Mr. Steiger.
Egg and Spoon Race: Heat 1. 1st-S. Lachat; 2ndViolet Niggli; 3rd-E. Graham. Heat 2. IstAnna Streuli; 2nd-Doris Diethielm; 3rd—Joan Bosshard. Heat 3. Ist-Miss D. Archer; 2ndMiss R. Linder; 3rd-Miss Maud Drieber. Heat 4 Mist-Miss Fuchs;
Blindfold Race: ist-Miss Peters \& Mr. Weber; 2ndMiss Suter \& Mr. Barbezat; 3rd—Mrs. Sheridan \& Mr. Oggier.
Pillow Fight: 1st-C. Krebs; 2nd—R. Bessire; 3rdGaston Guyr. ist. junior prize. Oscar F Boehringer.
Three-Legged Race: Heat i. ist-Miss Archer \& Mr Steiger; 2nd-Miss Day \& Mr. Zindel. Heat 2. ist -Miss R. Linder \& Mr. Potter; 2nd-Miss Woodward \& Mr. Meschini.


