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SPORTS EVENTS.

Olympic Summer Games.

The Olympic Torch on its way from the Greek mountains to Wembley has been carried through our country. It arrived at mid-night on the 24th July at the "Simplon Hospiz" where it has been taken over by some Valaisan athletes from their Italian comrades. The Torch was carried through Brigue, Sion, St. Maurice, Montreux, Lausanne and thence to Geneva. Festivals with speeches were held at Lausanne and Geneva in order to commemorate the founder of the Olympic Games, Baron de Coubertin, and to praise the Olympic ideals. The Torch left Switzerland again on the 25th July at 00.15 hour, when the last Swiss relay runner handed the Olympic Torch over to a French athlete at Perly. During the course through Switzerland, a total of 152 Swiss runners were engaged in carrying the Torch.

The "Basler Wassersportverein RHENANIA" have left Basle on Saturday, 17th July, in a boat in order to reach London for the Olympic Games by boat. The oarsmen hope to make the river journey from Basle to Duisburg in four days. From there they will row to Rotterdam, from where the boat will be shipped to Gravesend. The last part of the journey from Gravesend to London will again be made on water in the rowing boat. The oarsmen carry a goodwill message from the Council of Basle Town to the Lord Mayor of London and a similar message from the Swiss Olympic Committee to the International Olympic Committee in London.

Cycling.

The Swiss championships for cycling sprints have been decided on the Geneva track over the week-end 24th/25th July. The glory of victory went to Plattner, Berne, for the professionals, and to Kamber, Zürich, for the amateurs. Kamber will also lead the Swiss cycling team at the Olympic Cycling competitions at Herne Hill. The team for the Olympic Road Race in Windsor Great Park will consist of three men whose leader will be Rossi, Lugano.

Tennis.

The Swiss Tennis Association is endeavouring at present to improve the standard of Swiss players and increase the interest of the Swiss youth in tennis. They have recently organised three competitions with inter-

national participation at Gstaad, Wengen and Engelberg. These meetings have shown that our standard of play is at present slightly below the average. The present Swiss tennis champion Jos Spitzer having retired from tournaments, Switzerland is at present without a representative of international standing. The Tennis Association hopes that it will be able to overcome this crisis.

Glider Sport.

An international camp has been opened at Samaden for the last week in July. There are competitors from eight countries including two teams from "behind the Iron Curtain," namely from Czechoslovakia and Poland. It has, however, to be added that on the opening day (Monday, 19th July) the two teams had not yet arrived! The intention of the organising countries is to set up a permanent centre for gliding instruction at Samaden, which would also be run during the winter and serve as a school for skiing and skating, etc., for the members of the Glider Associations.

Golf.

An international meeting between Italy and Switzerland has taken place on one of the lovely Valaisan golf courses. The National Golf Team of Switzerland gained an impressive victory over Italy with 13½ : 1½ points.

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

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