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SPORT EVENTS.

Athletics.

The traditional race Morat-Fribourg, one of the "classics" in Switzerland, took place on Sunday, October 5th. Ernst Sandmeier, Zurich, who already won this competition 3 times, finished first after having led the field of runners during the whole race. His time for the 16.4 km. distance was 56:51 min., which is a new record (former best time was 56:53.4 held also by Sandmeier). There were approx. 150 participants.

Boxing.

5,000 spectators — a record crowd for Switzerland — watched the international boxing meeting between England and Switzerland on Saturday, October 4th, in Zurich. The Swiss team was very anxious to take a revenge over the British fighters who won last year's competition with 14:2 points. The Swiss showed a surprising technical skill and finished the competition with a draw 8:8 points. This result is a very good one and shows the great improvement of boxing in Switzerland. The better style of the English team was largely compensated by the greater fighting spirit of the Swiss who had 4 victories and 4 defeats.

Horse Show Jumping.

A pre-olympic trial for show jumping and cross country riding was held in Turin, Italy, with an international participation. The competition consisted of 3 tests, namely school riding, long distance riding and show jumping. The several tests were extremely difficult so that only 5 participants finished the competition out of the 19 competitors who started. The Swiss team was most successful in gaining the first 3 places of the final classification which was as follows:—

1. Hptm. Balsler on Sommartel 251 points.
2. Major Musy on Pirat 425 points.
3. Lt. Bühler on Amour-Amour 445 points.
4. March. Mangilli on Guerriero da Capestrano 479 points.
5. Cap. Pallavicino on Impero 860 points.

Tennis.

The Municipality of Lugano organised an international meeting at the end of September whereby an Italian team stood against the rest of Europe. The Italians were quicker and fitter than their opponents

and gained an easy victory with 10:5 points. The ladies' single was won by Mme Straubeova, Tchechoslovakia, followed by Mme. Miskova, Tchechoslovakia.

Cycling.

The race "A Travers Lausanne" assembled all the well-known European champions. Winner was the Italian world recordman Fausto Coppi, followed by Fermo Camellini, Italy, Fritz Schär, Zurich, Garzoli, Lausanne, and Robic, France.

The moto-pacet course round the lake of Geneva was started by the cycling club Geneva. The distance of 164 km. was covered by the Frenchman Robert Oubron in approx. 2½ hours, which corresponds to an average speed of more than 60 km. A very fine performance! Oubron won the race with an advance of over 10 min.

Football.

A member of the Swiss Parliament, Henri Cottier, Vaud, moved a question in the Swiss Parliament, inviting the Federal Council to make an inquiry into the recent defeats of the Swiss Football Team in their international meetings against Italy, Sweden and Holland. Mr. Cottier believes that the rules concerning amateurism are responsible for these defeats. The Swiss Press as well as all Swiss sports organisations have now protested that such a question was raised in Parliament, as they rightly consider that sport should be outside the influence of the state and not be directed by the Federal authorities. They are moreover of the opinion that an honest defeat of a national team in no way affects the national honour! Although the Swiss Federal Council did not yet reply to the question raised, it is believed as certain that no interference of the state in sport questions will take place.

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

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