

THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT

The very successful patriotic golf fete held by the Mississauga Golf and Country Club the other day when some \$1,200 was raised for the Navy League of Canada and Prisoners of War Fund reminds one of the fact that the site of the charming club, house and sporting links through which the River Credit runs over its pebbly bed, was formerly the site of an important village of the Mississauga Indians, after which the club is very appropriately named. When the Toronto golf enthusiasts first took over the property it was not at all an uncommon thing to kick up an Indian skull, as near the 15th green was formerly the burying place of the braves. Arrow heads, too, were often picked up in the search for the elusive golf ball.

From the happy hunting ground of the Red Man to the playground of the devotees of the Royal and Ancient is certainly in the vernacular "some change."

And here is another rather extraordinary incident to chronicle. What golfer a decade or so ago could have believed that he would live to see the day when a golfer would land on the first tee from a flying machine and proceed to play the game? But yet this is not an uncommon experience on the Hamilton golf course. At the nearby aviation camp at Beamsville there are a number of flying men who are good golfers and they think nothing of jumping into their machines and cutting across country and landing on the links. After a round back they fly o'er hill and dale and look upon the stunt as quite a commonplace one. Tempora mutantur!

On the city links at Saskatoon are spending some \$4,000 this season in laying water onto the greens. Reports from Saskatoon on the nearby aviation country club in addition to the City Club, which is on municipal property, are to the effect that never in the history of the game have the

links been so crowded. The same story is reported from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The vogue of golf these war times is simply extraordinary. That daylight saving has had a great deal to do with this does not admit of an argument. Busy men find that they can leave their tasks at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and get in a full round of 18 holes either before or after the evening meal. They find, too, that three or four hours spent on the links is time well spent, both from a mental and physical standpoint. Not to mention the companionable and enjoyable side of the outing. Reports, too, from professionals from all parts of the country testify in no uncertain manner to this phenomenal golf growth. "There is not a pro. who is not booked up for lessons from early morning till dusk every day of the week. They are having the most successful season ever recorded in Canada. Never was there such a demand for instruction as there is now. There is a demand for golf goods, such as a demand for golf clubs these days."

It certainly looks as though making holes in one is going to be a very popular pastime this season. In addition to the two "Ones" reported from Vancouver, three more players the past two weeks have accomplished the well nigh impossible on Canadian courses, viz., Mr. R. A. Mackie, the 14th hole at Lakewood, Toronto; Mr. George French, the 5th at Sarnia, and Mr. C. H. Leaman, the general manager of the Northern Elevator Company, Winnipeg, the 7th, at the Winnipeg Golf Club course. Five one-shot holes hardly yet into its stride would seem to indicate that the total of 12, which was chronicled in 1917, will be easily surpassed. A hole in one is, of course, more or less luck and there are tens of thousands of veteran golfers who have never felt the thrill of seeing their ball trickle into the cup from the tee. Yet Mr. Leaman, the Winnipegger, who turned the trick, only started to play

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golf last year. But then the unexpected in golf is one of its most potent charms of the game. That 5th hole in Sarnia seems to especially favor the shot from the tee. Last year two ones were recorded there.

It will interest golfers to know that among the party of representative Canadian newspapermen who have left for England as guests of the British Government to make an extended survey of the Old Country under war conditions and also a tour of the Western front, are several well-known devotees of the Royal and Ancient. Senator White of the Montreal Gazette is a member of the Royal Montreal; Mr. Norman Smith, of the Ottawa Journal, plays at Riverdale; Mr. E. H. Smith, of the News, Toronto, is a member of the Toronto Golf Club; Mr. W. J. Southam, of the Spectator, Hamilton, has for many years been identified with the Hamilton Club; Mr. D. H. Macklin, president of the Free Press, Winnipeg, is a prominent member of the St. Charles Club; Mr. W. A. Buchanan, M.P., of the Lethbridge Herald, is an enthusiastic golfer. So, too, is Mr. J. H. Woods, of the Calgary Herald, whilst Mr. M. R. Jennings, of the Edmonton Journal, is a member of the Country Club of that city. It is a pretty safe wager that those leading members of the Fourth Estate whilst en route will find time for a game of golf or two on some of the famous courses of Great Britain.

By the way, the British Government apparently appreciates the work done for the war by the golf clubs in the Old Country, and by way of encouragement to further effort they have, through the Ministry of Pensions, intimated that they are anxious to enlist the assistance of clubs in providing facilities for the training and employment of disabled men in some form of outdoor work. It is desired that the employment shall be suitable for those suffering from neurasthenia, shell-shock, epilepsy and disorders of recovery from which in many cases may be assisted by an outdoor life. Here is an idea that might well be taken up by the Canadian authorities.

In acknowledging a gift of \$1,000 sent to the Professional Golf Association of Great Britain by the kindred two-year-old organization of America to provide smokes for professionals in the field, J. H. Taylor, five times open champion of Great Britain, writes: "The vast majority of our pros joined up at the outbreak of hostilities and for over three years have been doing great and glorious work. A large number have made the supreme sacrifice, but in the manner and nobility of their death they have worthily maintained the honor of professional golf. When this terrible business is over," he adds, "I hope that the relations between the professionals in America and those in Britain, will grow in cordiality and make for the splendor of the game that we all love."
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HINDENBURG ILL.
By Courier Leased Wire.
London, July 12.—A Dutch traveller from Germany, says a despatch from The Hague to the Exchange Telegraph Company, declares the rumor has spread all over Germany that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is ill and is unable to participate in the work at the army headquarters. The military duties there have been taken over entirely by First Quartermaster-General Lidendorff. German newspapers, the traveller says, are not permitted to mention the rumor.

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Maxim Goriky Stands Out

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Goriky, or "the Bitter" is merely a pseudonym. He was born in a boy's humble home, at Nizhni-Novgorod, as Alexei Maximovich Peashkov, and was brought up as an orphan by his maternal grandfather, a religious miser. He became a tramp and helper to a cook on a Volga boat. He baked bread in a noxious cellar. He wandered with the vagabonds whose chronicle he was to become. He trudged through the Caucasus, labored in railway yards, and herded with the fierce, half-tamed gypsies



MAXIM GORIKY.

and Tartars of his stories. He became so much at home with these wastrels of civilization that he felt uneasy and estranged among "intelligent people." Yet he secretly longed for goodness and beauty. He had not yet, however, reached the point where he could look the heart of the

social enemy and say: "I have you nailed down. You shall no longer blind me to the truth!" After he began the delivery of his message he had still to learn how to analyze aright, to discover causes and separate them from effects.

In these days, Russia's watchword was "The People." The Russian desired to free not only himself, but the people as a mass. The young men of the better class went forth to live with the peasantry, to organize them into secret revolutionary groups known as "The Will of the People." But Siberia swallowed hundreds of the young reformers, and the doors of the prisons of Schlusselburg and SS. Peter and Paul were flung wide open to admit hundreds more. Goriky, himself of the people, helped Russia, as time went on, to see the faces of the masses filled with courage and glowing with strength. With true views and the power of self-expression called to his aid, he changed as conditions changed. He joined the Social Democratic Party in a valiant effort to remedy the social order, but his reforming zeal brought him to the Russian reformer's usual fate, the prison. In 1903 he appeared in America to collect money for the revolutionary cause. Returning to Europe, he lived on the island of Capri in virtual exile until 1916, when he returned to Russia.

The people are always foremost in his thoughts. They are the backbone of a new order, when the people will have won their rights and shaken themselves free from social disabilities. His later work is perhaps too doctrinaire even for Russians. A philosopher and an artist, his art has suffered through his Socialism. Russians there are who would rather exchange his newer gospel for his bizarre characters of the underworld, and the gross scoundrel of Russian civilization, peculiarly his own, with which they were not familiar until he introduced them. But the submerged folk have nothing in common with the mission of the Goriky of the hour.

LIBERALS ELECTED.

By Courier Leased Wire.
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