

Golf Matches Provide Thrills in the Pinches

Making Hole in One Stroke Enough to Make Balmiest Grow Excited—Ball Sometimes Makes Its Way Alone, But More Often an Unseen Foreign Agency Assists it in Its Course.

It has been said that golf is not lively or exciting; that it presents few opportunities for either individuals or outsiders to enthuse; that it is too quiet, etc. While there are those who admit to that, their favorite diversion is not widely exciting; that opportunities rarely occur for partisan crowds to display their feelings—not forgetting the scene at the close of the Quimet-Travers match at Brookline—it is also claimed that golf unquestionably has its thrills says the New York Tribune.

For those having once experienced the sensation of making a hole in one, it is needless to attempt to describe the feeling of exhilaration experienced by the lucky player as he sees his ball disappear in the cup. Many holes have been made in a single stroke, and after searching for a considerable length of time at last found "a ball" in the hole. On such occasions there is always an element of uncertainty.

Furthermore, jokes have been played on unsuspecting golfers, probably the most cruel one being that at the expense of a fat man and woman at Essex Falls several years ago. As a passerby stood near one of the greens of the course in question he noticed two balls, one after the other, land on the green in front of him. They had evidently come from the tee, which could not be seen from the green. Scarcely had the balls come to rest, a couple of boys dashed from behind a clump of bushes pick-

ed up the balls, dropped them in the hole and scampered away as quickly as they had come. In a few moments the green and began looking for the balls. They were nowhere to be seen. Finally the man casually inspected the hole, then frantically beckoning his companion to see what he saw.

"Great Scott!" he shouted. "We have both holed out in one. Did you ever see anything like that?" Then they proceeded to rush to the club house to tell the wonderful tale, which undoubtedly they are still relating. This sort of a flaworth County club not long ago. It seems that a certain member of the club, who was not prone to spend it unnecessarily, was playing the seventeenth. He drove the green, but it happens that there is a high mound short of the green so that from the tee players on the green cannot be discerned. As this golfer made his tee shot he did not notice any one who had not holed out. Meanwhile, the golfers in front noticed a ball come sailing over the mound and knowing to whom it belonged placed it in the cup and made off. Thus a hole in one was accomplished unwittingly and the unfortunate performer forced to refresh voracious thirsts of various members and their friends. It was one way of "getting even."

Much ado was made about the performance of Edward P. Allis, third, during the Western amateur championship tournament at Homewood where he made a one at the 307-yard first hole, which was widely acclam-

ed as a "world's record." The feat of driving 300 yards is not accomplished by amateurs with any degree of "consistency," so Allis' feat was at once hailed as something never before done.

However, John G. Anderson, of Brac Burn, the runner-up to Jerome D. Travers in the recent national amateur championship at Garden City performed even more remarkably in September, 1908, when he holed out his drive on a 328-yard hole. On the other side, A. C. Ladd, of Henley-on-Thames, holed out from 330 yards.

UNITED CABINET

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Mr. Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, in a speech at Bristol, denied the stories of a divided Cabinet. He said that people could dismiss from their minds the notion that there was any difference of opinion whatever.

They were a united government fully determined and glad to consider any reasonable desire that could be put forward on behalf of any portion of Ireland as long as it was not wholly inconsistent with the wish of four-fifths of the population.

They were not so pedantic as to swear by every line or word of their bill; they were prepared to make substantial alterations to it, but would not depart from the principle of self-government by an Irish Parliament, with an Irish executive responsible to it.

"An Englishman," he added, "should get it out of your minds that you can be casting your votes at a General Election get rid of the Irish question. If you returned a Unionist government to power their first job would be a Home Rule Bill under some other name." (Laughter and cheers.)

HOCKEY GOSSIP

Art Warwick, captain and manager of the Toronto lacrosse team will try his hand at hockey this winter, and will work out with the Toronto pros. Lee Walden and Gus Edwards will fight it out for the right wing job on the London intermediates. Edwards will have to show something to beat Lee out for the place.

Hamilton Spectator.—Manager Bob Parker of the intermediates is one who expects much of the junior team that Billy Graham is working hard with. Graham has nearly all last year's players out again, including Sloan, the good goal tender.

Hamilton Spectator.—The talk of a new arena for this city is so much hush. Some of those behind the talk can't go much farther. They haven't the money, and it is doubtful if they would loosen up if they had it. It costs money to build an artificial ice plant.

Eddie McCafferty, who is looking after the interests of the Toronto pro clubs, is out with a novel idea. He proposes to take the two teams on a tour prior to the opening of the season. Hamilton, Cleveland, Syracuse, Detroit and other cities would be visited and the teams would play a series of games.

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NO GENERAL STRIKE OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES

Secretary of the National Committee in Great Britain Announces That Action Has Been Deferred.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—There is to be no general strike of the 97,500 Government employees in the post, telegraph and telephone service during the Christmas holiday season as had been expected; for the secretary of the National Committee of Postal Workers' Unions announced last evening that action had been deferred.

He gave this information to the newspaper after a prolonged interview had taken place between a delegation of the workers and Herbert Samuel, the Postmaster-General, who reiterated his refusal to consider their demand for increased pay.

Mr. Stuart, the men's secretary, declared the Postmaster-General's reply to be absolutely unacceptable to the men, and said the whole question would now have to be referred to the National Joint Committee of the unions.

The concessions formerly made by the Postmaster-General to the demands of the post-office staff, it is officially stated would cost the country over \$6,000,000, and when Mr. Samuel refused to consider further demands, he told the men's leaders that if a strike were to occur at Christmas time the country would demand that measures should be taken to render the recurrence of such a thing impossible. This was taken to mean that the strikers would be refused further employment, and thus a blow would be dealt at the unions.

The leaders of the men were anxious to avoid a strike, but were pressed by some of the men, who declared the concessions made were not adequate.

What Will Be Conceded. "On a number of smaller points Mr. Samuel agrees either to reject

the report or to discuss the matter with representatives of the staff. "He also agrees to give an immediate raise of pay to men and women whose wages in London are \$8.75 a week or less, or \$7.50 or less in the provinces.

"In practice this will mean that a certain number of men and women will get increases of pay ranging from two cents to fifty cents a week. "The concession is subject to 50 many restrictions that only about 25 per cent of the staff will be affected, and this proportion is almost wholly composed of postmen.

"At our interview last week Mr. Samuel referred to the cost of some concessions, and his subsequent Post-office circular has shown that in one instance he overestimated the amount by \$395,000 a year.

"His estimate was \$500,000, and the actual immediate cost will be \$105,000—the item referred to meal tickets and hours of duty.

"Apart from these facts, the staff much resents his referring to the concessions as 'costing' money, which he really should have said was he expected to save.

"The staff associations are holding meetings, and up to the present have unanimously condemned the proposed concessions as absolutely inadequate.

ALFONSO IN PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 11.—King Alfonso of Spain is taking great interest in what the reporters write about his visit here. While walking this morning with two members of his staff he occasionally chatted pleasantly with several correspondents who had accompanied the party, and in one case revised the report correcting some small details. Queen Victoria spent this morning in the department stores making purchases for Christmas.

Rebel bands swept down upon the city of Tampico, in Mexico, but were repulsed.

Co-operative Disposal Of Surplus Vegetables

Was Suggested at the Annual Meeting of the Brant Vegetable Growers Association—Notes of the Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the Brantford branch of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association held last night in the city hall, Mr. William Doherty, a member of the Brantford branch, stated he believed there should be a co-operative system of disposing of surplus vegetables. The branch co-operate in the buying of seed and boxes, why should there not be co-operation in the disposal of the surplus production. There had been a surplus production of certain vegetables in 1912, and in many the surplus had been used for feeding purposes.

President J. Macfarlane, who presided, stated that nearly all the growers had storage facilities. A reply was made that there was no use of carrying vegetables over the winter when there was no demand.

Mr. Doherty cited Simcoe and Peterboro, where there were markets as places where co-operative shipping had been satisfactory. As the 1913 demand was equal to the supply there was no necessity of shipping any of this year's production, and then the question was disposed of for the time being.

The branch purchase seed direct from the grower and baskets and sundry supplies from the manufacturers. A general discussion arose over this department of activity.

A notice of motion was put to have the membership fee raised from 50c to \$1. There was need of having more money at the disposal of the branch.

Secretary H. Hackborn read the annual report from the head association; also the annual report of the branch. The reports showed the year to have been a very satisfactory one. The election of officers took place:

Mr. P. H. Greenwood was made president, Mr. John Norris vice-president, and Mr. James McConkey second vice-president. Mr. William Doherty and Mr. William Macfarlane were elected directors to attend the meeting of the central association, Mr. Doherty being re-elected. Mr. Herbert Hackborn was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Messrs James McConkey, R. Hackborn and J. Macfarlane were elected as the executive and Messrs William Doherty and Geo. Wood were re-elected auditors.

The retiring president asked the members to stand by the new president as they had stood by him. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried thanking the officers of the past year.

The next meeting of the branch will take place early in January. The members will be notified.

OPENED TO-DAY

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 11.—The Manitoba Legislature opened this afternoon for what is expected to be the last session before the provincial elections. The usual ceremonies attended the opening. The real business of the session begins Monday when E. L. Taylor will move, and George Steele second the adoption of the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

REBELS SUCCEEDED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Official reports from Rear-Admiral Fletcher to the navy department to-day said the constitutionalists were making progress in their attack on Tampico and that Americans and all other foreigners had been removed to a neutral zone for protection of American guns. Thus far no foreigners have been injured.

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