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NOTES ON THE "GOLF WAR"

By Sandy McNiblick

It sometimes happened in the war that a bomb hurled at opposing forces was picked up, all a-sizzle, and cast right back at the original heavers, to explode there with resultant confusion if not fatalities.

This, in effect, seems to be what has happened in the promised "golf war." The announcement of the Western Golf Association that it would change its name to the American Golf Association, that it would take unto its fold a sufficient number of eastern clubs to make it the authority and last word as the ruling body on golf in these United States, was a bomb as described hurled in the forces of the U. S. G. A. Old established clubs in the eastern district blinked with the surprise of the thing, for the moment, but were quick to rally to the defense of the national body.

New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Atlanta were instantaneous in forwarding expressions of loyalty to the United States Golf Association. Each of them, moreover picked flaws in the western stand and stated explicit reasons for backing the national body, which itself came out with a dignified statement and showed the fallacies in western contentions.

The W. G. A. apparently disconcerted by this vigorous counter-attack, promptly took water in the statement of its vice-president that the new movement of the westerners was simply one of expansion and that the name "American Golf Association" would be adopted simply to cover the greater scope of the association.

"I doubt if there will be any war," stated Albert R. Gates, the western official mentioned. "I understand some eastern clubs have expressed a desire to unite with the western, preferring our more liberal rulings in golf to those of the United States Golf Association. These eastern clubs are around Boston."

But the Massachusetts Golf Association immediately issued a resolution that it was "strongly opposed to any attempt to supplant the U. S. G. A., as the governing body in all matters pertaining to golf" in this country.

The proposed "American Golf Association" desires to sponsor its own "national" championship, to rewrite the rules so as to apply to American rather than European golf, to de-centralize control of the game in this country by wide representation and has named many other radical departures from the present order of things as it finds them in the U. S. G. A. procedure.

Each side of the embattled bodies has now heard the side of the other. The advantage, it would seem, is all with the United States Golf Association. In the first place, with the complaints of the W. G. A. all on file, it has a chance to incorporate or reject any or all of the western proposals. The U. S. G. A. meeting will be held January 7 in New York. It is more than probable that there will be a full representation of the loyal clubs there and no real reason to believe that many clubs in the west will

not be present, particularly delegates from the established and powerful clubs out there, clubs that have always been represented in the past. Whatever the national body does then should represent the opinion of American golfers, fairly soundly.

After this session the western body will meet to take its steps the following week. Where will it stand after the delegates to the national meeting get through voting on all the very latest proposals for the advancement of American golf? All that will be left to the western meeting will be the rejections of the week before. These, in the vernacular already will be "all wet."

The western body has followed its first blast and second, remodelled stand by complete silence. Its hopes for an eastern invasion, for sympathy with its stand, have plainly fallen flat along the Atlantic.

Both sides are now engaged in corraling their forces for a concrete opinion on the proper method of procedure for a unified stand. One detail is apparent to both and that is that harmony alone will advance the game next season. Neither band believes the other is capable of carrying the air of this harmony tune.

Therefore the next meetings of these big golf bodies of the country promised to be attended with considerable fireworks.

Meantime golfers, east, west, north and south, prepare for the most active season in the history of American golf.

"Golf," states one duffer, "is one-third shots and two-thirds-conversation."

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Christmas trees will be provided this year as usual for about five hundred white and colored native children. Those who desire to share in this worthy undertaking may leave their contributions at the desk of either of the hotels or send direct to Rev. T. A. Cheatham.

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P. B. O'Brien	104-13-91	3rd hole
G. W. Statzell	96-11-85	3rd hole
J. R. Bowker	98-12-86	2nd hole
H. W. Kahler	102-12-90	2nd hole
H. G. Phillips	5-	1st hole
J. D. Chapman	4-	1st hole

CLASS B.

John R. Goodall	97-19-78	Winner
T. B. Boyd	94-14-80	18th hole
G. A. Magoon	104-18-86	17th hole
W. B. Merrill	102-17-85	16th hole
C. B. Hudson	103-18-85	15th hole
James Barber	105-20-85	14th hole
J. Ebb Weir	105-24-81	13th hole
H. W. Ormsbee	21-	12th hole
H. P. Hotchkiss	93-17-76	11th hole
A. L. Reed	106-28-78	10th hole
H. G. Waring	100-16-84	4th hole
H. B. Swoope	99-22-77	9th hole
Geo. Van Keuren	94-15-79	8th hole
C. S. Waterhouse	101-16-85	7th hole
C. F. Dow	113-24-89	6th hole
T. S. Wheeler	109-22-87	5th hole
H. J. Frost	103-18-85	5th hole
A. S. Higgins	99-13-86	4th hole
J. D. C. Rumsey	109-21-88	3rd hole
J. T. Newton	114-22-92	3rd hole
J. E. Pushee	112-14-98	2nd hole
W. W. Windle	107-18-89	2nd hole
A. D. Fisher	113-22-91	1st hole
H. H. Rackham	109-20-89	1st hole

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