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A New Star in Golf World

THE hall mark of class is written large on the golf game of Rokuro Akahoshi, 24-year-old Japanese royal prince, who startled and delighted the golfing colony here recently by wading through a field of 319 sharpshooters to victory in the 20th annual Spring tournament, largest simon-pure event on the world's links calendar.

Until this Spring meeting of the knights of mashie and putter, Japan never had made a dent in the history of the royal and ancient game. She will do so often in future. Rokuro will care for them in large measure and his example to others of his race will be such that we can look for big things from the far east on fairway and green.

Akahoshi is the Sarazen of his country. Following Gene's rise to fame at the game, Italian names began to crop up in big



tournaments until last year at Inwood in the National Open championship 40 former caddy boys, of Italian extraction, entered the lists and many carried on well. The game among amateurs perhaps will get its greatest forward push, from Akahoshi's recent success than it has known since that day in 1913 when Frances Ouimet turned back the invading British stars, Vardon and Ray, to win the open title.

As Japanese come and go, Rokuro is a big man, weighing around 185, and as solid as a rock? He gives you the impression that he has great strength and a look at him making shots just verifies the impression. As a long-distance hitter he stands well to the front. When he times his stroke properly he gets tremendous distance. Some of his Pinehurst drives were well beyond the 250-yard mark, and



An unusual position acquired by Akahoshi when making one of his long brassie shots. Akahoshi driving the 210-yard fourth hole with an iron.