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The Week in Review

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MUCH like the Arabs, the itinerant golfers, who are the winter guests at Pinehurst, folded their tents recently and silently stole away, leaving a great quiet in the hotels and on the links. But following in the footprints and divot scars of the regulars, however, came others in organized companies for convention sojourns.

At this writing, and following the Electrical association, the Executive Council of the American Bankers is assembled in convention here, some 350 strong, and the unoccupied moments find the delegates and their wives on the clock putting surfaces and roaming the fairways in mixed four-some matches and other golfing events.

Headmaster Currie tells us that courses Number 2, 3 and 4 will eventually be closed to summer play in order to rest them and put them in shape for next season. Number 1 course will be open all summer for the use of the guests who come, as well as for the many who spend the summer here as a part of the Pinehurst organization. Recognizing the appeal which the game makes to one and all, and recognizing also the value of contentment and cooperation among all those who contribute to the well-being and success of this great golfing resort, an arrangement has been put into operation whereby employees of the corporation may play golf and tennis for a very small summer-time fee. Last summer nearly a hundred players availed themselves of this opportunity to play regularly. In addition to the resident players there were something like three hundred and fifty transient guests who paid a daily fee of \$1. each, being considerably less than the winter-time charge. One may easily play 18 holes here after 5 o'clock during the three summer months, and that is the very best part of the day, according to those who have spent their summers here.

As this issue of THE OUTLOOK reaches its readers the nation's golfing pulse will be beating fast in anticipation of what may or may not happen on British soil. Many there are who will be left behind and who believe that our chances for lifting all three of the championship title trophies were never quite so rosy. Surely not since the triumph of Travis in 1904 has our invading amateur team looked so formidable, while the pros will go to St. Anne's-by-the-sea with pretty much their full strength, and Glenna Collett, National champion and runner-up in our North and South, is good enough to turn the trick alone for the women. With William C. Fownes, Jr., of Pittsburg, as the head of the United States Golf Association, the executive committee, inspired by Mr.

Fownes' well-known inclination to thoroughness, has not only recruited a great Walker Cup team, but the whole U. S. G. A. Executive Committee has gone along to lend encouragement to the boys, and to further cement the cordial relations which already exist between the two golfing nations.

WE'VE WON EVERY MATCH

Of the four international team matches already played, the United States has won all of them, so there can be no new thrill in taking the fifth, but with the British championship it is quite another matter. We have tried and tried again during the past twenty years but to no purpose.

Each country has a win to its credit, Travis coming through at Sandwich in 1904, while Harold Hilton came to Apawamis in 1911 and carried away our championship title.

If Bobby Jones, George Von Elm, Jesse Guilford, Jess Sweetser and Francis Ouimet can't stop the British at Muirfield at the end of this month, then the Britishers must be pretty good this year. Jones and Von Elm look like our best bets.

Soon after this reaches you in print the Americans will have their first competitive baptism, a 36 holes medal test which should put them right on edge. The occasion is a tournament at Sandwich for the historical St. George's Vase, an event won by Ouimet three years ago.

We see they are installing some fifty new traps and bunkers at St. Anne's-by-the-sea, England, the course on which the British Open Championship will be played in June. The stiffer they make the course the better for the class player, and the less likelihood of an ordinary golfer shooting "over his head." The standard scratch score at St. Anne's is 76, and the new bunkering is expected to make this score difficult of attainment.

With the eight men who have been selected to represent this country as members of the Walker Cup team to try to win for this country the British Championship, it seems appropriate and fitting to say something of their qualifications for the job and their characteristics as golfers of parts.

It is a mixture of youth, age and seasoned experience that we are offering the Britishers, and many there are who believe that these boys and men will give a good account of themselves.

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