

Golfing Around the World



1. Members of the Round-the-World Golf Club aboard the Empress of Scotland on her globe-encircling cruise. 2. A golf course in India. 3. Commander Jock Latta of the Empress of Scotland, an enthusiastic member of the Round-the-World Club.

Some people are unable to understand the fascination of that Royal and Ancient that they refer to as "chasing a little ball round and round a field"; but it must be admitted that there must be a good deal to it when players actually start chasing the little ball all around the world.

And that is what twenty members of the Canadian Pacific Round-the-World Cruise are going to do this winter. Of course they don't say that the only reason why they are going around the world is in order that they may play on 26 different golf courses in as many world ports; but if the truth were known the Sphinx and the

Taj Mahal hold not the lure for them that do the golf courses of China and India and Egypt.

Commander Jock Latta of the Canadian Pacific Cruise ship Empress of Scotland, now on her way round the world, is one of the most enthusiastic of the Round-the-World Golf Club, and it is he who tees off from the deck of his ship and splits the fairway far into the ocean with the first ball of the tournament.

The above picture shows a few of the members of the club taken on board, and a few golf clubs that won't be allowed to grow rusty with disuse this winter.

GERMAN PRINCESSES UNLUCKY AS WIVES

Princess Marie Augusta of Anhalt is, according to cable despatches from Berlin, to settle down in Dessau, where her father, the Grand Duke, still lives. The news is something less than thrilling thus stated, but when it is recalled that the lady is the former wife of Prince Joachim, son of the ex-Kaiser, and that her husband committed suicide while she was still trying to get a judicial separation from him, it improves slightly from the movie point of view. We add that three of Wilhelm's sons found marriage unendurable and said to publicly. Two of them have been divorced. The Anhalt princess has become the bride of a man several years her junior who loved her when he was a lad and has kept on doing so in spite of the fact that she was for a considerable period the wife of Prince Joachim. He persisted in his devotion when it was announced officially that she would be married to Lieut. Benart, of the Saxony Hussars, and when this engagement broke off he became more devoted than ever. The name of this unflinching wooer is Baron Johann Michael Von Loen, and his father is Court Chamberlain to the Grand Duke of Anhalt.

Noah's Descendants

Princess Joachim was the youngest son of the Kaiser and the only one unmarried when the war broke out. It is probable that either his father or his mother selected his wife, who proved to be Sophie Charlotte, of the oldest family in Germany. The Anhalts claim direct descent in an unbroken male line from Noah himself, but if our recollection of Holy Writ is not mistaken we must all have had a similar ancestry, since Noah and his sons and daughters constituted the population of the earth at one time. The Anhalts in addition are worthy people, and the princess was a typical German girl, quiet and serene. Joachim, who is said to have been the best of the Kaiser's brood and one of the bravest officers in the German army, was not of rugged health. Service on the Russian front was so severe that for a time he was placed on the retired list, after having been wounded. It was from the Russian front that he went to Berlin for his wedding. Though a son was born to the couple in due time, it was an open secret that they were not happy, and when he took his own life, they were not living together.

An American Tale

Naturally there never were complete details of the royal suicide, but it was supposed at the time that he soldier, with quite uncharacteristic Hohenzollern sensitiveness, had brooded over the disgrace into which his family had fallen and chose to leave the world altogether. Another theory is put forward by Major C. E. Russell, of the United States Secret Service, in his book, "True Adventures of the Secret Service" for whose truthfulness we do not vouch. Major Russell says that when Prince Joachim was on the retired list he volunteered for an especially dangerous piece of business, namely, to burn the gasoline docks at La Rochelle, a submarine base of the American Army. Near the docks was a prison camp and one of the men stationed there was

supposed to be a member of the Swiss Red Cross, detailed to minister to the prisoners. An investigation of several dangerous fires showed that the supposed Swiss had been buying chemicals, presumably to destroy vermin in the clothing of the prisoners. He was arrested and it was learned that the chemical he used had the habit of bursting into flame several hours after it had been applied to the discarded clothing. The prisoner made no defence and suggested that he ought to be shot at once.

Betrayed High Secrets

But appeals began to come in from high quarters before the spy could be shot and it soon became known that he would be sent back to Germany. He was accompanied by several members of the American Secret Service, disguised in their imitable "american" secret service way, to look like Spanish grandees friendly to Germany. It is stated by Major Russell that on the trip home the prisoner, off his guard, and supposing that he was among friends, revealed some valuable military secrets which the detectives communicated to headquarters, with the result that Germany lost the war. In remorse for having thus betrayed his country, the Swiss Red Cross man who, as our readers have anticipated was none other than Prince Joachim, shot himself. That, at any rate, is Major Russell's story. After his death his wife was slung by high German society for she was blamed severely for not having made the poor Prince happier. She might have pointed out that other high-born ladies had signally failed to make other sons of the Kaiser happy, and that it was bad luck to become one of them.

Unhappy Wives

The wives of Prince Eitel Friedrich, the second son, and Prince August Wilhelm, the fourth, chose the notoriety of divorce proceedings rather than continued life with their husbands. Their marriages also were affairs of state. Princess Alexandra Victoria was said to have been one of the handsomest women in Germany when she became the bride of August Wilhelm, and it was expected that after her marriage was annulled she would enter the movies, though she had reached the ripe old age of forty. She said that the Prince bore her no love, and did not at times disguise the unpalatable fact that she was highly repugnant to him. She complained once to the Kaiserin, who told her it was a woman's duty to submit. She is now married to a naval officer and lives in a small house in Munich, where she does not scruple to scrub the floors. Prince Eitel's wife was supposed to be the wealthiest Princess in Germany. This did make the pair happier, especially since the Princess was supposed to be in love with a Baron von Plettenberg, though how a woman could be in love with a man with such a name, only a German can explain. The Baron's wife divorced her husband and at the trial some incantatory letters of the Princess were read. Some time after she and her husband were divorced. It is now reported that both will remarry.

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STATE TO CONTROL RADIO IN BRITAIN

Though the coal miners' strike has been the major topic under discussion in Great Britain for months, the radio broadcasting services and system of the country have been receiving attention of late for two reasons. In the first place, changes have been made in the wave-lengths upon which the twenty odd broadcasting stations in the United Kingdom operate. These changes that affect the working of every receiving set in the land and, therefore, concern every radio listener, have been the result of international efforts to eliminate interference between broadcasting stations in Europe. Several meetings of radio experts representing the majority of European countries have been held at the headquarters of the League of Nations in Geneva. Several plans for a redistribution of wave-lengths among broadcasting stations in Europe have been drafted and several series of broadcasting experiments have been carried out. Within the past month the British Broadcasting Company notified listeners that its stations were to be operated on new wave-lengths, and asked those listeners to withhold criticism of the changes for a few weeks. At first, listeners seem to have had some difficulty adjusting their receiving apparatus to the new wave-lengths. Whether or not they are now perfectly satisfied with these wave-lengths is not yet clear. The British Broadcasting Company, for its part, some days ago announced its belief that "in the main the experiment has produced successful results."

Radio Centralized

Another and more important subject of discussion in Great Britain has been the impending change in the system under which broadcasting stations have been operated in that country. Broadcasting has been carried on in the United Kingdom under a different plan than that followed in Canada and the United States. In Great Britain the Government some four years ago used its influence to bring about a merger of existing broadcasting companies. There a single company, the British Broadcasting Company, was organized to operate all the broadcasting stations in the country. It was organized by private capital. It was given a share of the moneys collected by the Government in license fees from owners of receiving apparatus, but was not allowed to pay more than a fixed dividend annually to its shareholders. It was subjected to certain restrictions, for example in respect of the distribution of news and the dissemination of political propaganda. By bringing about the incorporation of this company, the British Government hoped to bring about a co-ordination of radio services in the United Kingdom and make possible the provision of programs varied in character and of a high standard of quality.

Company Praised

Speaking of the British Broadcasting Company in the British House of Commons not long ago, Sir W. Mitchell-Thomson, the Postmaster-General, said that it had at its head men who had great technical and organizing ability and who had also high purpose and a wide outlook. Since the company has been in existence there has been a steady increase in the number of radio receiving sets in the country. On March 31st last there were 1,964,000 receiving licenses in force. On October 31st last there were 2,637,000 and it is estimated that there will be 2,200,000 on March 31st next. The license of the British Broadcasting Company will expire on December 31st next and, in anticipation of that event, the Government has been considering what should be its future policy with respect to radio. A committee headed by Lord Crawford, made a lengthy inquiry and recommended that the State acquire the broadcasting equipment of the country and have it operated by a public corporation or commission. Upon that recommendation the Government has decided to act. It has made an agreement with the British Broadcasting Company whereby the latter will liquidate all its liabilities and transfer its assets and copyrights, free of encumbrance, to a new administrative body that has been formed by royal charter, on January 1st next.

The New Authority

The new body will be known as the British Broadcasting Corporation and it will be established for a term of ten years. The governors of the corporation will be Lord Clarendon (chairman), who has of late been parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Dominions; Lord Gainford (vice-chairman); Dr. Montague John Randall and Mrs. Ethel Snowden. The director-general of the corporation will be Mr. J. C. W. Reith, who has been chief executive officer under the British Broadcasting Company. The chairman will receive a salary of £3,000 a year, the vice-chairman £1,000 a year and each governor £700 a year. The governors will have wide powers to appoint committees and sub-committees to assist them, and through those committees and sub-committees will keep in touch with such interests as music, literature and science. The corporation will receive from the Government a share of fees paid for license fees; ninety per cent. of the fees for the first million licenses, eighty per cent. of the fees for the second million and seventy per cent. of the fees for the third million and sixty per cent. for all additional licenses. It will receive in 1927, it has been estimated, some £805,000 wherewith to carry on its broadcasting operations. The corporation will have wide powers and will be subject to certain control by the Postmaster-General. It will be prohibited with certain exceptions, from broadcasting advertisements and it will not be allowed to broadcast its own opinions on questions of public policy. To what extent it will be able to allow its services to be used for discussion of controversial subjects has not yet been clearly defined. The Crawford Committee proposed that "a moderate

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