

# TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

**C**URIOUS the messages that came through on the tape in our news-room on 1st April!

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The official opening by the Minister of Agriculture of the Greenkeepers' Association headquarters on the Embankment was well covered, especially his compliments to the B.G.G.A. on its gift of the fourteenth floor and a typing pool to the English Golf Union, and his promise of unlimited subsidies for greenkeeping which he described wittily as "intensive grazing".

The larger ball announced by the R. & A. after the five-year trial period will also be widely approved. Questioned, the L.G.U. anticipated difficulty in lifting it, but the Lechford Engineering Co. report early production of a trailer attachment for trollies to move it from hole to hole (£67 14s. 2d., inc. P.T.). There can be no doubt that the problem of lengthening courses is finally resolved.

The simultaneous announcement that the legal limit of clubs carried will be reduced from fourteen to thirteen was long overdue. Golfers need no longer blame themselves, as they are apt to do, for bad luck during their round.

Messrs. Glesher and Threnny's new tie, embroidered with a plan of the Burma Road and the motto "Et tu, Brute!", led to proceedings for infringement of copyright. "Shakespeare's or mine?", Mr. Justice Wentworth was reported as enquiring on the fourth day of the case. Only last year this prominent member of the Judicial & Private-Eye Golf Match Club caused a sensation at the Captain's driving-in ceremony at St. Andrews when he appeared in wig, robes and knee breeches under the impression that he was to be elected Chairman of the Rules Committee.

The choice of a nine-hole course for next year's Walker Cup match came as a shock but statistics prepared by golf writers prove conclusively that the last three home fixtures have all been lost by weak finishing over eighteen. There is quiet confidence that the shorter round will end each game when the British player is in the lead.

The saddest item was the voluntary winding-up of the Golf Foundation due to popular agitation following that black Sunday in March when play on every golf course in the country ground slowly to a halt. Many who abandoned their clubs were passed over the heads of the crowds and managed to regain the club-house by night-fall, but others who refused to let anyone through until the match in front was at arm's length were marooned until Monday morning.

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However, things are now back to normal.