Chip Shots Around the Pro Circuit

Well, now, one great international crisis is avoided for the newspapers now carry the story that Walter Hagen didn’t send the Prince of Wales a bill for $325 for a set of matched woods and irons that were sent to the bonny monarch after he had played with Sir Walter. The affair carried two stories: one that the bill was sent and another that it wasn’t. Perhaps the fine Italian hand of impresario Roberto Harlow got this two-time feature into print. Why not send the bill to the Prince? He isn’t married so what has he got to spend money for?

Not Too Many Pro Shops

You hear merchandising experts say that one reason for the advent and hectic growth of the chain stores is the surplus of small retailing outfits that have no economic license for existence. It is interesting to note the pros’ immunity from this criticism. There is just one pro shop per club and not an over-development of retailing outlets in the pro field.

Protest Florida Shakedown

Some timely comment on the pro entry fee required in open tournaments conducted for resort publicity is made in the Bristolite. The La Gorce demand for a $25 entry fee came in for a strong and entirely justified slug. It is reasonable to suppose that $15,000 prize money wouldn’t have been offered if the establishment hadn’t seen more than that amount of publicity in sight as the result of professional participation.

The claim that the $25 fee was needed to keep off the course coyotes was not in order. Presentation of a P. G. A. card for the current year would have been assurance enough that the entrants meant business.

But, anyway, the Bristol paper sets forth:

"Unless certain differences are ironed out there may be a scarcity of tournament professional golfers in Florida next winter. The competitive awards were nothing to speak of anyway, but the blow-off came when the date drew near for the one event in which they had a chance to play for real money. That was when the boys were soaked a $25 entrance fee for the La Gorce tournament."