

"COMES THE DAWN"

to amateur expense problem say endorsers of Massachusetts ruling

MASSACHUSETTS, where they are not adverse to firing shots heard 'round the world, has legalized payment of full expenses of its state association's golf teams in the inter-state and Lesley cup matches.

The action, decided upon by unanimous vote of the Massachusetts Golf association's advisory and executive committees, is the outcome of lengthy deliberation, and may reach far with its consequences, as it is directly opposed to the policy of the U. S. G. A. against amateurs taking expenses for competitions other than the Walker cup matches, intercollegiate matches, and the public links championships.

President A. W. Rydstrom of the Massachusetts body, in commenting on the action, said:

"Here in Massachusetts we are just as jealous of the status of our amateur golfers as they are in any section in the country. We guard their welfare zealously. However, we have been reluctant to invite our players to participate in these matches at considerable personal expense. For some time our two committees have been considering the subject, and try as they did, they could find no objection to the payment of legitimate expenses.

"Under the circumstances, we have determined to go ahead in an open and frank manner. It was by a unanimous vote of the executive and advisory committees in joint session. The amateur code will be strictly adhered to in every instance. There will be no short cuts. Players will not be permitted to submit individual expense accounts. In no instance will money be given to a member of a team.

"We anticipate no trouble with the United States Golf association. We have studied the amateur code exhaustively and find no rule that will be violated. The U. S. G. A. does not believe in paying expenses for team matches, other than the Walker cup international matches. Our ac-

tion merely reflects an honest difference of opinion."

Expenses Under Close Control

The Massachusetts association will pay only legitimate expenses for its two annual series and in no instance will cash be paid to an individual. Transportation and Pullman tickets will be provided for train traveling and automobiles for short overland trips, while hotel expenses incurred will be paid directly by the association.

The letters to the various executives of the associations involved make it clear that the expenses of the players will be paid only through the president and treasurer of the association, with the single provision that in the absence of these officials the money transactions will be handled by the chairman of the state team committee.

The inter-state matches with Connecticut and Rhode Island, as well as the Lesley cup matches with Canada, New York and Pennsylvania at Montreal will be played in September and the state association made it clear to the various executives that it thought it proper to advise them of the action well in advance, with the hope that they will concur with the decision.

It has been the practice of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, with the approval of the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews, the governing body in England, to pay transportation expenses for its players in the past. Last year at Winged Foot, where the Lesley cup matches were played, the railroad expenses of the Canadian players were footed by their association, while the members of the other teams were forced to travel at their own expense, points out W. E. Mullins, Boston golf scribe.

The Changing Times

Massachusetts timing its adoption of the amateur expense ruling as the eyes of the golfers are focused on California has aroused considerable interest in the pros-

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pects of a revision of the U. S. G. A. policy on amateur expenses. The long jump many of the amateurs have had to make to California again has aroused the gossips who talk with plenty of freedom but exceedingly few facts of the ground and lofty tricks of amateur athletic financing. Despite its tremendous popularity golf has been fortunately immune from founded comment on unsavory commercializing of amateur's ability. To us, and to many others, it seems unnecessary to run the slightest risk of imperiling this high standing of the game and its players.

Of course our opinion, to use Mr. Rydstrom's phrase, "reflects an honest difference of opinion," and that only. In view of the A. A. U. mess on amateur's pay, the public washday for the soiled pockets in the mid-west intercollegiate Conference, and the piercing jibes at the highly paid amateurs of tennis, it doesn't look incompatible with the highest principles of truly amateur sportsmanship and protection against the peril of the times for the Massachusetts action to be given endorsement and extension by the presiding elders.

Some Thoughts on Fairway Watering

BY LOUIS J. BELL

THE largest fairway watering system that will be found in the Chicago District is now being installed by the Country Club Developers, Crete, Illinois, for the fifty-four hole course for the Dixie Country Club, located one-half mile west of the village of Crete. This plan was decided on by Mr. J. C. K. Lindhout, president, after a very careful study and survey that he made of other golf courses in the district.

It is very fortunate that the property is located in a territory where an abundant amount of water can be secured from deep wells. It was decided that one central pumping station could take care of all sprinkling and fresh water service for the entire fifty-four holes, including fresh water for clubhouse consumption.

Accordingly, a 12 in. well was drilled on Course No. 1 down into rock to a depth of 300 feet, where a capacity of 500 gallons of water per minute was secured. This is being pumped into a six-acre lake to take out the hardness and soften the water, and is being done by means of a deep well centrifugal electrically driven pump.

Water from the lake is taken care of