GOLF AND GOLFERS.

BRITAIN'S TEAM.

This week's announcement that the match between the United States and Great Britain for the Walker Cup has been fixed to take place at St. Andrews, on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 19, acts as a reminder that very soon the Championship Committee of the Royal and Ancient Club will be faced with the task of selecting eight British amateur golfers capable of retrieving some of the honours that have been lost in America during the past two years. Rightly or wrongly, there is a conviction in this country that, if only the right men be chosen, the United States can be beaten. The side that did duty in the experimental contest at Hoylake in 1921 was regarded everywhere as an unknown quantity. Even before the match, nobody professed to be satisfied with it, and I believe that the selectors themselves evolved it only as a compromise after considerable differences of opinion. Their trouble was that form had not settled down sufficiently after the long interval in golf established for the resumption of play, and the crux of the matter was reliance to be placed on anybody's prospect of playing well. The easy victory of the United States by 9 games to 3 came as something of a shock, but when, a week later, the amateur championship had been decided on in same course, it was recognised that plenty of good golfing material still existed in this country. In the championship, the Americans, who secured the team match, were bowled over with little ceremony. Such men as Mr. W. I. Hunter, who won the event, and Mr. Charles Hodgson, the Yorkshireman, who beat Mr. Francis Ouimet, showed what serious omissions had been made from the British side as a result of insufficient knowledge of form.

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FOOTBALL.

NOTES ON TO-DAY'S MATCHES

The wintry visitation will not, fortunately, interfere to any serious extent with to-day's important football matches. The worst that is to be apprehended is that some of the matches on grounds which have been covered with snow may have to be played under heavy and perhaps disagreeable conditions. Such circumstances will not, however, detract from the interest of the football public in the third round proper of the Cup Competition. Yorkshire has one of the most attractive of these ties in the meeting of Huddersfield Town and Bolton Wanderers at Leeds. The Bolton team that at Hoylake in 1921 was regarded everywhere as an unknown quantity. Even before the match, nobody professed to be satisfied with it, and I believe that the selectors themselves evolved it only as a compromise after considerable differences of opinion. Their trouble was that form had not settled down sufficiently after the long interval in golf established for the resumption of play, and the crux of the matter was reliance to be placed on anybody's prospect of playing well. The easy victory of the United States by 9 games to 3 came as something of a shock, but when, a week later, the amateur championship had been decided on in same course, it was recognised that plenty of good golfing material still existed in this country. In the championship, the Americans, who secured the team match, were bowled over with little ceremony. Such men as Mr. W. I. Hunter, who won the event, and Mr. Charles Hodgson, the Yorkshireman, who beat Mr. Francis Ouimet, showed what serious omissions had been made from the British side as a result of insufficient knowledge of form.

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THE INTERNATIONAL MATCH AT DUBLIN.

The match between Scotland and Ireland will be played at Dublin to-day. Writing on the prospects of the Scottish team, our Edinburgh correspondent says:—With 27 victories to Ireland's 10, Scotland occupy a very strong position, but it is of interest to note that in the last 10 engagements each country claimed five wins, and that in the last 12 Scotland won only two in Ireland. The Scottish team will be selected to a great extent on their forwards, but the Scots, this season, have developed the strength of their pack, rather fancy their back play. It is unlikely that A. L. Grace will reach the heights which he attained in the last days of the match at Cardiff, but there is an inspiration in his personality that will stiffen the effort upon the team. E. H. Liddell on one wing and J. Browning on the other are the best receiver finishers, and E. McLaren, the other centre, is a formidable player, and could be no straight runner. Against Wales the line on occasion combined with a dazzling brilliance, plus the Scottish average, and their defence was very effective. Bryce is a very good centre, a fast steady type, who can take any amount of knocking about, and he has confidence in the understanding with S. B. McQueen. There is not much guile about McQueen, but he is expert and reliable with his hands, and like his Border compatriot full of grit. Stephen is a full back can field, kick, and tackle, and is always on the outlook for a chance of turning defence into offence. He has great ability among the Scottish backs if they get the ball.

Both against France and Wales the Scottish forward were consistently good in the loose, but their success in the tight was not the decree of their dribbling advances at Cardiff were greatly executed, but there were periods when they were beaten for possession in the scrum-mages. There were occasions also when they got the ball and put it out slowly. Whether the two changes made by the selectors will improve the scrummaging power of the pack is questionable, but both Neil Macpherson and R. S. Simpson are alert and resourceful players in the scrums. The pack of Scottish forwards have played together very frequently, and that fact should make for discipline and cohesion.

Scotland are very keen on winning, so that the team is at certain on unbeaten team next month. While they think that they may accomplish with an effort what England performed with such ease they do not draw extravagant inferences from the Leicester run. They remember that it is they who have on this occasion to make the go-getting, they attack due weight to an Irish environment, and they recall sundry matches in which Ireland paid scant heed to comparative form, and won matches which seemingly on the book they ought to have lost. With all these reservations, however, the Scots expect to be on the winning side at the finish of a strenuous game.

The following are the teams:—

Ireland.—J. Cosgrove (Clarkfield, Lansdowne), full back; *D. Crosen (Dublin University), *G. V. Dunican (Wanderers), *J. Bradley (Lansdowne), *J. Hall (Instonians), half backs; *M. J. Beatty (Dolphin), *E. Colclough (Bective Rangers), *W. P. Collopy (Bective Rangers), *D. Cunningham (Queen's University), *J. Dynes (Bective Rangers), *R. Grace (Old Wesleyan), *J. A. Davison (Harlequins), *J. K. A. Thompson (Dublin University), and *J. K. A. Thompson (Dublin University), forwards.

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Referee, Mr. T. Dallas (Wales).

WALES v. FRANCE: THE CHANGES IN THE WELSH SIDE.

Writing on the prospects of the Welsh team in the match with France at Swansea today, our Cardiff correspondent says:—There are three new "caps" for the Welsh side (three regressed) Wales. These are D. E. John (Bridgend), full back, and half backs, Alfred Williams (Newport), and Dan Pascoe (Bridgend), who are giving their first "cap" in the selection of John, which is hailed with great delight in West Wales, shows that the Match Committee of the Union recognise that the Welsh team must have a fair share of the chance, and war-worn veterans be given the rest they deserve. John was in international cap very largely by his wonderful display against Gloucester last year. Further surprise selection is that of Mapson Williams, the solo representative of the Welsh side at the undefeated Newport fifteen, who has been preferred to his club-mate Tom Rees Davies. The other new international, Pascoe, has figured among the reserves on all the previous occasions, and is now honoured by virtue of his dashing play at Toulouse last week. The team to meet France is Wales's best which can be chosen by Scotland, and the dropping of Clem Lewis (Cardiff) and Jenkins (Abertillery) will be not unexpected, leaves the Welsh Metropolis with only one representative in the side.

The captaincy reverts to Tom Parker (Swansea), and it is a good thing for the game in Wales that on the five occasions on which Parker has led the side it has been undefeated. The other three changes involve the welcome return of Jim Bancroft, who goes in for the dropping of D. G. Davies (Cardiff), and the introduction to the Cardiff line of the three-quarter line of Melbourne Thomas (St. Bott's Grammar School, Cardiff), who has shown previous appearances in international matches (Cross Keys), and Ivor Jones, a fine type of the selectors to do something to revive the form of Wales's forwards. Thomas is one of the best exponents of this form of three-quarter.

It is generally admitted that the Frenchmen show a great advance this season, and an energetic and fast forward driving-rush, which will be equal to the visitors in pace as well as in weight, and Wales will need to be the determining factor. For the French to stand and drawing-room, which have been erected on the St. Helen's Ground, for the accommodation of the Welsh team, has occasioned a great demand for tickets.

The French team was chosen at Swansea yesterday afternoon, and were accorded a civic reception. Mr. Sutherland, secretary of the French Rugby body, said that the French forwards were more powerful than those who played against Glamorgan. He added that the French team had not played any Welsh and that all the players were quite fit.

The team expected to turn out as follows:—Wales—Joe Rees (Swansea), full back; Melbourne Thomas (St. Bott's Hospital), Alfred Jenkins (Llanelly), T. Johnson (Cardiff), and Rees Harding (Swansea), three-quarter backs; Jim Bancroft (Swansea), and Ivor Jones (Llanelly), half backs; T. Parker (Swansea), captain, Ivor Jones (Llanelly), Dan Pascoe, Jim Baker (Neath), Gwilym Michael (Swansea), Leo Jenkins (Abertillery), Bennett Williams (Newport), Dan Pascoe (Bridgend), and Steve Morris (Cross Keys), forwards.

France—J. Clement (Valence), full back; A. J. Jauregui (Stade Toulousain), Ramis (Bobsteyan), and M. Lalanne (Racing Club), three-quarter backs; J. Cassayet (Stade Toulousain) and Lacanelles, half backs; R. Lasserre (Cognac), captain, Bernard, Ribeyrolles, Bernard, R. Cassayet (Saint-Gaudens), G. Larrieu (Stade Toulousain), Ch. Ducos (Racing Club), and A. Bayard (Stade Toulousain), forwards.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

RUGBY LEAGUE.

At Bradford, Swinton v. Bradford Northern. Referee, Mr. Bromley.
At Bramley, Leigh v. Bramley. Referee, C. Denham.
At Brighouse, Brighouse Rangers v. Batley. Referee, Mr. Kilner.
At Halifax, Rochdale Hornets v. Halifax. Referee, W. Ward.
At Hull, Warrington v. Hull Kingston Rovers. Referee, Mr. Lewis.
At Leeds, Huddersfield v. Leeds. Referee, Mr. Jackson.
At Leigh, Leigh v. Oldham. Referee, T. Bayliss.
At Liverpool, Liverpool Stanley v. Barrow. Referee, Mr. Hedley.
At Liverpool, Wigan v. Liverpool Broughton Rangers. Referee, Mr. Hedley.
At Manchester, Salford v. Hunslet. Referee, Mr. Dyson.
At Oldham, Oldham v. Wakefield Trinity. Referee, Mr. Ward.
At Rochdale, Walsall v. Rochdale. Referee, J. E. Grimshaw.
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At Wigan, Wigan v. Wigan. Referee, J. Houghton.
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INTERNATIONAL MATCHES.

At Swansea, Wales v. France.
At Dublin, Scotland v. Ireland.

YORKSHIRE CHALLENGE CUP—Semi-Finals.

At Beckett's Park, Edinburgh v. Headingley O.B.
At Otsett, Smith's Park v. Otsett. Referee, G. W. Ward.
At Rugby, Rugby v. Rugby. Referee, Mr. Kinsack.
At Senior Final, Knightlands v. South Elmsall. Referee, J. Ellis.
At Wakefield, Wakefield O.B. v. Morley. Referee, E. Ward.
At Pontefract, Leeds T.C. v. Pontefract. Referee, J. Trueblood.

DURHAM SENIOR CUP—Semi-Finals.

At Hayden, Hartlepool Rovers v. Hayden.
At Durham, Durham v. Durham.

ORDINARY MATCHES.

At Bradford, Bradford v. Bradford Northern.
At Ilkley, Ben Rhydding v. Ilkley A.
At Leeds, Leeds v. Leeds O.B. At Leeds St. Margaret's.
At Doncaster, Sheffield R.F.C. v. Doncaster.
At Sheffield, Sheffield Wednesday v. Sheffield O.B.
At Sheffield, Sheffield Tigers v. Sheffield Union.
At Birkenhead, Hull and L.R. v. Birkenhead Park.
At Bolton, Bolton v. Bolton O.B.
At Bailey, Kirk Sandall v. Bailey.
At Hull, Hull v. Hull O.B.
At Hull, Hull Ionians v. Hull Kingston.
At Leeds, Brighouse Rangers v. Balden.
At Leeds, Leeds Parkinson's v. Leeds Parkinson's.
At Northampton, Manchester v. Northampton.
At Nottingham, Nottingham v. Nottingham.
At Cambridge, Cambridge v. Cambridge Uni-ity.
At Cardiff, Lansdowne v. Cardiff.
At Cardiff, Cardiff v. Cardiff.
At Cross Keys, Abertillery v. Cross Keys.
At Newport, Newport v. Newport.
At Pontypridd, Pontypridd v. Cambridge Uni-ity.
At Middlesbrough, Boro College v. Middlesbrough.
At Stockton, Stockton v. Stockton.
At Whitby, Bar. Goshen's Seconds v. Rockcliff.
At Leeds, Leeds v. Leeds.
At Leeds, Leeds v. Leeds O.B.
At Newcastle, Tynedale v. College of Medicine.

ASSOCIATION CUP.—Third Round.

At Huddersfield, Bolton Wanderers v. Huddersfield.
At Liverpool, Sheffield United v. Liverpool. Referee, A. H. Kennedy (Bolton).
At Cardiff, Tottenham Hotspur v. Cardiff City. Referee, Mr. Bakewell (Sheffield).
At Leeds, Leeds United v. Bradford City. Referee, Mr. Ashton.
At Preston, Preston North End v. Sheffield. Referee, W. E. Russell (Preston).
At Swansea, Swansea Town v. Bristol City. Referee, W. Bestwick (Nottingham).
At Stoke, Stoke v. Hull City. Referee, Mr. Kennedy (Bolton).
At Bury, Southampton v. Bury. Referee, I. Jocelyn (Leicester).
At Upton Park, Plymouth Argyle v. West Ham United. Referee, Mr. Bakewell (Sheffield).

THE LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION.

At Highbury, Chelsea v. Arsenal. Referee, G. N. Watson.
At Wesley, Aston Villa v. Stoke. Referee, A. Scholey.
At Manchester, Burnley v. Manchester City. Referee, J. W. D. Smith (Hull).
At Sunderland, Sunderland v. Sunderland.

SECOND DIVISION.

At Blackpool, Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Blackpool. Referee, H. Hepworth.
At Bradford, Coventry City v. Bradford City. Referee, G. Mansell.
At Salford, Clapton Orient v. Crystal Palace. Referee, J. Lewis.
At Fulham, Rotherham County v. Fulham. Referee, J. Hickling.
At Hull, Stockport County v. Hull City. Referee, J. Cahill.
At Oakwell Road, Barnsley v. Leeds United. Referee, J. Hierons.

THIRD DIVISION—NORTHERN SECTION.

At Wrexham, Wrexham Town v. Wrexham. Referee, T. G. Fashaw.
At Stalybridge, Chesterfield v. Stalybridge Celtic. Referee, H. F. Hutchinson.
At Barrow, Barrow v. Accrington Stanley v. Barrow. Referee, Mr. Bakewell.
At Darlington, Bradford v. Darlington. Referee, G. H. Jones.
At Harthepool, Tranmere Rovers v. Hartlepools United. Referee, Mr. Bakewell.
At Rochdale, Walsall v. Rochdale. Referee, J. E. Grimshaw.
At Grimsby, Ashington v. Grimsby Town. Referee, T. Bayliss.
At Hull, Hull City v. Hull City. Referee, Mr. Dyson.
At Chester, Chester v. Chester. Referee, Mr. Bakewell.

THIRD DIVISION—SOUTHERN SECTION.

At Bristol, Bristol City v. Exeter City. Referee, A. Marchant.
At Portsmouth, Portsmouth v. Merthyr Town. Referee, Mr. Bakewell.
At Manchester, Manchester United v. Manchester United. Referee, J. G. Bryan.
At Aberdeen, Aberdeen v. Brentford. Referee, A. Cawley.
At Norwich, Swansea Town v. Norwich City. Referee, Mr. Bakewell.
At Reading, Luton Town v. Reading. Referee, H. Hierons.
At Watford, Swindon Town v. Watford.

CENTRAL.

At Birmingham, Birmingham v. Aston Villa.
At Liverpool, Everton v. Liverpool.
At Manchester, Manchester City v. Manchester United.
At Oldham, Manchester City v. Oldham Athletic.
At Sheffield, Sheffield United v. Sheffield Wednesday.
At Sheffield, Sheffield United v. Sheffield Wednesday.
At Sheffield, Blackburn Rovers v. Sheffield United.
At Wolverhampton, Bolton Wanderers v. Wolverhampton Wanderers.

MIDLAND LEAGUE.

At Boston, Worksop Town v. Boston.
At Doncaster, Hull City v. Doncaster Rovers.
At Grantham, Grantham v. Grantham.
At Mansfield, Southmore United v. Mansfield Town.
At Nottingham, Nottingham Forest v. Nottingham.
At Rotherham, Denaby United v. Rotherham Town.
At Sheffield, Sheffield United v. Sheffield United.
At Worksop, North Counties v. Worksop Town.

NORTH-EASTERN LEAGUE

At Bedlington, Carlisle United v. Bedlington.
At Darlington, Darlington v. Darlington.
At Middlesbrough, Hull Spartans v. Middlesbrough.
At Newcastle, Hull Spartans v. Newcastle.
At Newcastle, Newcastle United v. Newcastle.
At Seaton Delaval, Darlington v. Seaton Delaval.
At Shotton, Shotton Colliery v. Shotton.
At Spennymoor, Workington v. Spennymoor United.
At Wallsend, Wallsend v. Wallsend.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.

At Crook Town, Scarborough v. Crook Town.
At Ferryhill, Ferryhill v. Ferryhill.
At Leeds, Leeds City v. Leeds City.
At South Bank, Willington v. South Bank.
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WEST RIDING LEAGUE—Horsforth v. Garforth
At Knighton v. Morley. Mytholmroyd v. Osset.

WEST YORKSHIRE AMATEUR LEAGUE. Next
At St. Andrew's, Guiseley, Leeds St. Hilda's v. Guiseley. Cleckheaton v. Wakefield Trinity. Leeds Ex-Leed Mariners v. Otley P.C. Yeadon Celtic v. Yeadon.

YORKSHIRE AMATEUR LEAGUE. Bradford Rovers, Castleford and Allerton U.F. Bradworth Main, Cleckheaton v. Castleford Ex-Leeds. Leeds Ex-Leeds v. Wakefield City. Yorkshire Amateurs v. Selby. Bradley Colliery v. Fitzroy Colliery.

RUGBY UNION.

LAWTON'S SUSPENSION REMOVED.

It was announced by the Rugby Union after their meeting at the Great Northern Hotel, Leeds, yesterday afternoon that the suspension of T. Lawton has been removed.

It will be remembered that T. Lawton, the well-known Oxford University and Blackheath player, had been temporarily suspended by the Rugby Union pending the result of a special commission into an allegation that he had received money for expenses incurred by himself and his party in League matches in Australia.

THE CANCELLED FIXTURES BETWEEN HARTLEPOOL CLUBS.

The correspondence between Hartlepool Rovers and West Hartlepool Rugby football clubs arising out of the cancellation by the former of the match fixtures between the two clubs has now been published. The minutes of the Rovers' Committee show that the cancellation was to the effect that "it is not in the interest of the game for Rugby football to continue fixtures with the West Hartlepool Club." The West Hartlepool Club presented an explanation, but as the Rovers refused to accept it, the matter was referred to the Committee was laid before the County Committee, who decided to enter into the matter. At that meeting Dr. Gibb, speaking for the Rovers, explained that the reason for fixtures being cancelled was that in the Rovers' opinion West Hartlepool, in the matter of Rugby football, did not play Rugby football, but deliberately played Association football. The Rovers' players, he said, appealed to the committee to stop future fixtures.

After the inquiry the West Hartlepool Club wrote to the Rugby Committee that "if the action of the Rovers is governing authority, cannot Union, as a governing authority, cannot be asked to adjudicate in such matters as breaches of contract between clubs, we have no alternative but to recommend at our next annual meeting the discontinuance of the West Hartlepool Rugby Football Club as such."

Middlesbrough receive Bede College to-day, and will field the following team:—Corrin, back; Huston, Wooler, Farrell, and McLaughlin, three-quarter backs; Wright and Ladd, half-backs; Ashton, Cole, Bell, Pattison, Cooper, Bonnewell, Harrison, and Molony, forwards.

Boro College team for Middlesbrough at Millom, to-day, is as follows—C. S. Ashburner, full back; Ashton, Ashton, Ashton, and Ashton, J. High, three-quarter backs; A. James and Ashton, half backs; G. Ashton, G. Harris, W. Grattan, H. Steele, R. Gillbanks, J. Hartley, N. Brown, and J. Catterall, forwards.

For the match against Leigh, on the Hipps, Durham Senior Cup Competition to-day, Hartlepool Rovers have selected the following team:—H. Lister, full back; R. H. Harrison, W. H. Hutton, W. Hill (capt.), and A. Chiverton, three-quarter backs; A. C. Waddy and C. Forsyth, half backs; W. D. Gourley, R. H. Ward, J. H. Simmonds, O. Kaiser, W. Carroll, H. Dixon, G. Shelton, and G. H. Wilkinson, forwards.

There game with the Harlequins, at Twickenham, on Saturday, Cambridge U.R.F.C. the United Service have arranged to play their first fixture against the Chatham Services at Portsmouth today.

RUGBY LEAGUE.

Maryport lays claim to have the first police Rugby League team to be formed in the county. It has issued a challenge to Workington. Next season it is proposed to run a Charity League of four teams, the Rugby Leaguers, the Rugby Union Trades will constitute two and the local golfers and Press have been invited to form the fourth.

Jonathan Parkin, Wakefield Trinity's captain, who was injured in the recent Bradford match, has consulted Sir Robert Jones, the Liverpool specialist. His injury comprises a bruised bone in the knee and a stretched ligament. The injury is expected to keep Parkin out of play in three weeks' time.

Wakefield Trinity's team to meet Huddersfield at Belle Vue, Wakefield, to-day, will be selected from the following:—Fullback, Rae; Thompson, Sinnett, Catterall, Rosenfield, and Woodcock, three-quarter backs; Rogers and Pepper, half backs; Barraclough, Gould, McGee, Moran, Richmond, Kay, Kilner, Ward, and Wright, forwards.

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ASSOCIATION.

The chances of South Shields in their third round English Cup-tie with Queen's Park Rangers, have been considerably upset by the illness of Alf. Maitland, the seasiders' captain who left back, in London, for his home. He will have sent down G. Robson to fill the breach. Robson is a doubtful quantity, and Fairhurst is standing by as a reserve forward. The team selection will be left over until to-day.

McDonald, the Cardiff centre forward, who was secured from a Welsh League club a year ago, has been transferred to Manchester United. He has played for Cardiff City in seven League games this season, scoring four goals.

CRAVEN CUP.—The draw for the semi-final rounds is as follows—Early v. Rowntree, Cliffe v. Barnsdale, Barnsdale Park Villa ground, on Saturday, March 10; Ward v. Cliffe, Cliffe ground, on Saturday, March 10; Early v. Barnsdale, March 17th. Each game will commence at 3 p.m.

THE YORKSHIRE RUGBY VISIT TO COLOGNE.

A NOTABLE RECEPTION.

(FROM OUR FOOTBALL REPRESENTATIVE).

Friday Evening.

The brief Continental tour of the Yorkshire Rugby Union county team concluded to-night, and now for a mighty sigh of relief on the players, which was more inconvenient than serious, it has left nothing but pleasant memories for the players and the friends who accompanied them. The mishap was the injury to the young and promising Bradford half back, Haigh-Lumby, which necessitated retirement from the match with the Rhine Army contributed in no small measure to the team's defeat. Lumby was too lame to accompany his colleagues when they left Cologne on Wednesday night, so he remained behind with a Bradford friend, coming to join the main body at Brussels the following day. This he did, but this morning he was still lame, and he will have to take a rest from football.

The Yorkshire Rugby Unionists have had many pleasant experiences in these long successful days, but I cannot recall any that exceeded in heartiness and warmth that which they received from the officers and men of the Rhine Army at Cologne. They are the first Rugby county side to venture into Germany to play their own expenses—neither the funds of the Yorkshire Union nor of the Army have been drawn upon in connection with the travelling arrangements of the trip. At Cologne itself they were the guests of the Army, who played the host in excellent and liberal fashion.

THE SCENE AT THE KAISERHOF.

I imagine that the scene at the Kaiserhof was one that in peace times would have appeared strange to the German. The balcony of the cabaret was reserved for the British officers and their guests, and the contrast between the very dress of officers of various ranks and regiments and civilians, who were as far as possible, determined, made a scene that to the onlookers in other parts of the hall, must have been as significant as it certainly was pleasing to the British and spectacular—for. During the evening the band played "Hearts of Oak" and "Rule Britannia" as accompaniments to a sailors' dance in British uniform. I ventured to ask what the public—and practically every seat was filled—would have said when the musicians struck up the Marseillaise. The reply was the grim exclamation that they would be lucky to get out alive.

It was patent to the most casual observer that if there be any feeling of hostility to the British military in Cologne by the inhabitants it is wonderfully well concealed. The British officers in the early days of the occupation required salutations from the German civilians in the public streets, and they saw that these were punctiliously observed. Now the recognition of authority was deemed necessary, and it has passed, the British officer, if he keep aloof from the native population in the streets, and the German civilian is as about tactful, and there is such a complete absence of friction as would be impossible if any British military, that no salutation is looked for or given. Military and civilians go about their business with precisely the absence of attention and consideration which would be in an English garrison town. It is not my intention at present to deal with the political side of the occupation, and reflect action of events in the Ruhr, but it can be said that Germans in Cologne are at the moment very when the time for the return of the British Rhine Army approaches.

A SURPRISE FOR MAJOR GRIFFITH.

After the match on Wednesday the Yorkshire Rugby Union representatives were taken on this time at the Minerva Hotel, which is one of the finest hotels in the Rhine Provinces. The opportunity was taken of springing a surprise upon Major A. E. Griffith by presenting him on behal