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EDUCATIONAL NEWS

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY RECTORSHIP.

SOCIALISTS CHOOSE MR SIDNEY WEBB.

At a meeting of the Socialist Club of Glasgow University yesterday it was announced that Mr Sidney Webb, M.P., ex-President of the Board of Trade, had been selected to champion the Socialist cause at the forthcoming Rectorial election. Mr Tom Johnston, M.P., for Dundee, attended the meeting and formally announced the selection.

The students were in lively vein, and there were stormy scenes towards the close of the proceedings, a reference to the Prince of Wales's tour by one of the speakers causing much uproar. The meeting terminated after the majority of the audience had joined in singing "God Save the King."

ROZZAT GORDON'S COLLEGES, ABERDEEN — LORD COWDRAY'S £5000 GIFT. — Viscount Cowdray, Dunecht House, near Aberdeen, has intimated that a gift of £5000 to the governors of Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, for the erection of the new buildings, provided that the governors could demonstrate to him that they had got within twelve months, additional subscriptions from private sources aggregating £15,000. Mr Walter S. Reid, C.A., chairman of the governors, stated that he had, on behalf of the governors, expressed to Viscount Cowdray warm appreciation of his generosity. The Chairman's Committee have intimated that the hall for the colleges should be erected in a position on the west side of the college avenue, corresponding, as regards alignment with the secondary school buildings, to the proposed new block on the east side of the avenue. The total cost of the hall is estimated at £11,000. It will measure 90 feet by 45 feet, and have a gallery 17 feet deep. The accommodation will be for 600 pupils. Offers amounting to £8250, 4s. 7d. have been accepted for the erection and equipment of the engineering laboratories in connection with the Technical College, including the adaptation of the present laboratory to the purposes of a physics laboratory and engineering drawing offices. In place of two Jackson scholarships of £50 each for day classes, the engineering committee recommend three—Ian D. Henry, 10 Wallfield Place (£50); George M. M'Bain, 190 King Street, and George L. M'William, 215 Rosemount Place (£25 each).

MASKED MAN'S ATTACK.

WOMAN RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS.

SCOTLAND YARD last night issued the description of a man of about 30, who is wanted for assaulting Mrs Gladys Maud Doig, wife of a bank clerk, at St Albans, yesterday morning.

The man was seen hanging about the vicinity of Mr Doig's house, the only occupants of which were Mrs Doig and her fourteen months old son. With the child in her arms Mrs Doig went to answer a knock at the front door, and, finding no one there, was returning to the kitchen when she was attacked by the man, who apparently entered through the back door.

A cudgel broken from a tree he raised blows on the woman's head until she fell unconscious. Then apparently he visited the upper rooms, but neither jewellery nor money was touched. A doctor had to put stitches in one of the wounds on Mrs Doig's head.

The man, who had a handkerchief tied around the lower part of his face, got away unseen.

GOLFING TOPICS.

THE FIRST ENGLISH CHAMPION.

In certain respects Mr T. F. Ellison, the first English Amateur Champion, is a surprise winner; in others he is not. It looks as if English observers had lost track of his current form. Was his name mentioned at all in recent discussion of championship chances? In dist not, at any rate, figure in the sifting, no fewer than twenty strong, that represented the North and Midlands at Birmingham, and it was absent from the English team that played the Irish-Welsh combination in the interval. The framing of odds on the championship probabilities would, no doubt, have more or less reflected that state of affairs. But contradictions of this kind in golf are nothing new. The English Championship spun them out beyond an unexpected winner. All the semi-finalists, for instance, were Northerners, though no golfer of the area so indicated has won the Amateur Championship since Mr John Ball and Mr Harold Hilton gave up the habit. Mr Ellison, if he belongs to the Hoylake "school," and that in itself suggests that he might have been given a little attention in the pre-Open odds-making, he has caught the official eye before, for he played in the English team against Scotland three years ago, and was beaten by Mr G. C. Manford; he has focussed it very firmly now, and we shall see him lay on for England again a few weeks hence against the "auld enemy" at West Lynn. Hoylake, in the manner of man, then, is the first Champion of England? Mr Ellison is thirty years of age, he was born close to the Hoylake links, and his golf has touches that seem to have been derived from the late John Graham, some of them of a minor order, and one that is a strong characteristic of his game—his use of the cleek. The cleek, in fact, is his favourite club. He wields it with a power which is also an asset to him in his tee strokes. His victory last week was a worthy one, he resumed the game not long ago after a prolonged absence from it. The latter fact may account for the apparent neglect of his possibilities. It only remains to recall that to win his title he beat, among others, Mr R. H. de Montmorency, Mr Carl Bretherton, Mr Geoffrey Tweedale, and, in the final, Mr Sam Robinson, who knocked out the favourite. That is a very respectable little list.

Unions and National Teams.

The North has a right to feel satisfied that Mr Robinson was the other finalist. Lancashire's feelings may be mixed, and they might put up an arguable case that, on the run of events, their county should have claimed the Champion. In any case, Mr Robinson's personal success is a marked one. Since he became a "head-liner" by knocking Mr Tolley out of the Amateur Championship three years ago, little has been heard of him by the general community of golfers, but the glory that was Prestwick he has repeated and surpassed at Hoylake. Mr Tolley was not at his best; indeed, his form has been estimated at about four strokes below that, but Mr Robinson played very reliable golf, and did what is not always so easy as it sounds against certain opponents—viz., took his chances. There was justification for the inference that the man who beat Mr Tolley ought to win and, as a matter of fact, he nearly did win in a final which was to the last "anybody's match," and which was a most exacting test of both skill and nerve in the kind of weather that has made the name of Hoylake a byword in difficult golf. Mr Ellison has the greater power of the tee. Mr Robinson stands between two views in this matter, some thinking his long game on the short side, and others holding it to be long enough for all reasonable requirements. Mr Robinson can hardly be longer passed over for a place in the English team. The North has, in fact, submitted substantial evidence of their claim to more representation in the national team. As it happens, it has been brought forward just at a time when it is understood an important change is contemplated in the method of selecting the English and Scottish sides. Since the match was revived the English and Scottish members of the R. and A. Championship Committee have made the selection, but there is reason to believe that this function will now be officially delegated to the Unions of the respective countries, the R. and A. reserving the duty of conducting operations in regard to the Walker Cup teams.

America's Leading Lady.

From these matters of domestic concern the presence of Miss Glenna Collett in our country has turned consideration to the wider issues that will be opened at Troon shortly. Miss Collett is America's brilliant newcomer in the attack which is periodically renewed upon the Ladies' Open Championship. It is the one title of ours that has never yet been taken away by an invader; its defence looks safer than that of either the Open or the Amateur, and yet, from all accounts, one is bound to think that never has it been more dangerously assailed than it will be three weeks hence. Americans do think so. Competent judges there are of opinion that no woman golfer from the States has ever shaped as the big challenge so backed with brilliant ability as that which is to be associated with Miss Collett. Her record in many events in her own country, including her success in the national championship at nineteen, and her double success in the Canadian Championship, must be an impressive one. Miss Cecil Leitch, our American tour, was specially struck with the young player's possibilities, and, though she is not yet twenty-two years of age, Miss Collett possesses a game and temperament remarkable in one so young, and a power that is extraordinary for one who is not specially endowed in the matter of physique. Her record has never had among her women players such a long driver, and she has, since Miss Leitch met her, watched her, and bought the secret of the hardest hitters she had seen, improved her game in every department, finishing recently with an intensive preparatory course under the guidance of Walter Hagen. The latest opinion assesses the odds in favour of even Miss Joyce Wethered at less than 2 to 1, and Miss Collett's chance is reckoned to be as good as that of any other player who will enter for the championship.

Miss Collett for Longniddry.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland golfers will be interested to learn that Miss Collett will, prior to the Ladies' Championship, play at Longniddry. We are in a position to say that she has definitely undertaken to play the course on Tuesday, May 12, when one of the most important L.O.T. competitions of the season will take place. With the championship due on a Scottish course in the following week, the meeting will create widespread interest, and the presence of this famous young American golfer, whose play at Ranelagh last week showed her to be of the very best class, will greatly add to it. The contest is open to all the sixteen Medal Division of the Ladies' Golf Union, or, in other words, those who have won silver medals in their clubs for the best aggregate of four scores under handicap in the course of a season, and they will compete for the Barnehurst Trophy (to be held for a year) for the best average score. The L.G.U. Silver Challenge Bowl and replica (the handicap limit is 20), and a second handicap trophy, and there is the gold handicap medal open only to winners of the L.G.U. medal. Miss Cecil Leitch won the Barnehurst Trophy last year at Broadstone, in Dorset, with a score of 77, which made a new ladies' record for the course, and there is a probability that she and other well-known players from the South, as well as from various parts of Scotland, will take part in the events at Longniddry, the fame of this fine, testing East Lothian course being already far-travelled. Miss Montgomery, the Scottish Champion, should find it suit her long hitting, and some of the ladies of the Edinburgh area should do well on it, such as Mrs J. B. Watson, the ex-Champion, who will be glad to learn, has resumed golf after a year's enforced absence on account of an injured shoulder, and Miss Mary Wood, who, in virtue of finishing fifth in