GOLF STARS LEAVE FOR BRITISH LINKS

Eleven of This Country's Leading Professionals Sail for Matches Abroad.

From one of the most fertile soils in the world for star wielders of mashie and niblick America was suddenly transformed yesterday into a barren waste, so far as golfing talent is concerned, for when the Aquitania pointed her way out of New York Harbor she carried a small but choice group whose destination is St. Andrew's, Scotland. The group was the American team of professional golfers sent to Britain, for the first time in history, by a fund raised by golfers in every part of the country.

There were twelve in the party, including James D. Harnett of Golf Illustrated, which was responsible for the team idea and which undertook and successfully accomplished the task of raising the money necessary to defray the expenses. The team, headed by Emmet French, the Youngstown (Ohio) Country Club professional, who will act as captain, included three of the metropolitan district stars—Jim Barnes of the Pelham Country Club, Tom Kerrigan, the Siwanoy artist, and George McLean of the Grassy Sprain Club. Others in the party were Jock Hutchison, the Glen View professional, holder of the P. G. A., the Western open and the North and South open championships; Walter Hagen of Detroit, regarded by many as the foremost of the American professionals and conceded to be the greatest home-bred; Wilfrid Reid of the Wilmington Club, William Melhorn, whose activities have been confined to the district around Shreveport, La., but who is one of the topnotchers; Charles Hoffner of the Philmont Club, Philadelphia; Freddie McLeod, who is the pro at the Columbia Country Club, Washington, and Clarence Hackney of Atlantic City.

One was missing. Harry Hampton, the Detroit star, who is now associated with the Woodlawn Club, decided at the last minute that it would be impossible for him to make the trip. It is more than likely that a selection will be made to fill his place, and among those prominently mentioned are George Fotheringham, who has been handling the affairs of the Professional Golfers' Association in the absence of Alex Pirie, who moved to Chicago, and who during the Summer months is employed at the Bretton Woods golf course as instructor.

Unlike the scene that attended the sailing of the amateur team, there was no celebration yesterday. It was a business-like delegation, cherishing the single hope of returning with the title now held by George Duncan.

It is generally conceded that the three who have the best chance of winning are Barnes and Hagen, who are old-timers, so far as the British courses are concerned, and Jock Hutchison, the Chicago star, who spent the Winter in Scotland and who made a great impression by his fine display of golf while at St. Ondrew's.

The members of the team will take part in the Gleneagles tournament, a week in advance of the St. Andrew's event, and some of them plan to take part in the French open before they return to play in the national open at the Columbia Country Club.

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