

PLATT WILL PLAY IN BRITISH EVENT

Philadelphia Golf Champion
to Sail From New York on
April 30

Wright Will Go; Ouimet and
Guilford May Join U. S.
Amateur Team

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When the liner Caronia sails from New York harbor on April 30 bearing the team of United States golfers which will play for the British amateur championship it will bear J. Wood Platt, golf champion of Philadelphia. Platt decided yesterday to accept the invitation extended him to represent America in the links classic abroad, and started at once making his plans.

W. C. Fownes, Jr., of Pittsburgh, captain of the team, in a letter received by Platt yesterday, named the men who will be the Philadelphia youth's teammates in the greatest golf invasion ever attempted by the amateurs in this country. They are:

Bobby Jones, of Atlanta.

Chick Evans, of Chicago, national amateur champion.

W. C. Fownes, of Pittsburgh, team captain.

Fred Wright, of Boston, who, with Bobby Jones, is rated as one of the most finished young golfers in America.

These four, with Platt, are certain to make the trip. In his letter to Platt, Fownes asserted that Francis Ouimet, of Boston, is reconsidering his flat refusal to go, made several weeks ago, and will probably be a member of the team. The same is true of Jesse Guilford, also of Boston, called the "siege gun" because of the terrific long ball he hits.

The information contained in Fownes' letter to Platt is the most definite statement of the plans for the invasion undertaken by the United States Golf Association so far given to the golfing public. For a long time it appeared that the trip would fall through, inasmuch as many of the stars asserted that they would be unable to go abroad. Fownes, however, has been tirelessly working in an effort to get his team together, and that success has attended his efforts is evident by the above.

The readers of The Inquirer of Sunday learned first that Platt, the local pride, had been invited to become a member of the team, but was not sure that he could arrange to give the time from his business. Yesterday, however, his father, with whom he works, settled the matter by asserting that the Philadelphia champion would have his chance in the British title event.

Platt first won national recognition in the United States national amateur championship of 1919 when he defeated Francis Ouimet in a grueling thirty-eight-hole match, and went to the semi-finals of that event. He followed this up by going through the Lesley Cup matches as a member of the Pennsylvania team without testing defeat. Last year he qualified in the national and dethroned the then champion, Dave Herron, but lost to Ned Allis when the latter got down a lot of putts from the edge of the green. In the Lesley Cup matches of last year he defeated Gardner White, the New York crack.

Besides that, Platt won eight local medal or match tourneys last season, was runner-up in four others and won at least six medals, two of which were course records. It is also remembered that he beat Tom Armour, Scotch and French champion, in the finals at New York, and Armour is rated as the best amateur abroad.

Platt is playing in remarkable form. Over the last week-end he played ninety holes at Whitemarsh in rounds between 72 and 74. In the five rounds he was trapped but once, at the eighteenth of the last round.