

First International Lawn Bowling Meet

In Oakland's successful handling of the First International Lawn Bowling Meet our city spread its advantages far beyond the bounds of our state. For a period of two weeks, in February, 1929, Oakland, through the California Lawn Bowling Association, and more specifically the Oakland Lawn Bowling Club, was host to the champion lawn bowling team of Great Britain. The February weather again was perfect. Every day the games were played in full sunshine, much to the marveling of our foreign visitors. The publicity Oakland received when the news of each day's play was broadcast throughout Canada and Great Britain is of inestimable value. So pleased, indeed, were the members of the British team that it has already agreed to hold a similar international contest in Oakland during 1930.

At this time it might be well to bring to your attention something of the facilities that Oakland offers for such recreation and for such contests. The City of Oakland probably boasts of two of the finest bowling greens in the United States. Located in Lakeside Park, they are full size, scientifically built as to drainage, banks and sod, and are surrounded by banks with excellent seating capacity backed by the choicest of California shrubbery. The clubhouse, built by the city, is commodious and houses the Oakland Lawn Bowling Club, Lakeside Lawn Bowling Club and the Oakland Women's Lawn Bowling Club. The greens are open every day of the year and tourists wintering in Oakland appreciate the opportunity of enjoying a season on the greens at a time when their home greens are covered with snow and frost. The Oakland Lawn Bowling Club is the second oldest in the state, organized in 1903, following the organization in 1901 of the San Francisco Scottish Bowling Club. The other two clubs noted were organized in 1914 and 1915, respectively. With the growing popularity of this outdoor sport, and of the high advertising value such contests, as noted above, have for our city, it is my hope that in the future other greens may be developed, not only in Lakeside Park, but in other park areas.

Arrival of the Motorship "Oakland"

In direct relationship with my visit to Hamburg came the arrival of the Motorship *Oakland* on November 19th, after her highly successful maiden voyage from Hamburg through the Canal and up the Pacific Coast. The entire city turned out to greet the ship. It is estimated that over 10,000 men, women and children inspected the ship on the day of her arrival. I, myself, with an official party, was the first to board her and welcome Captain W. Zeigenmeyer, W. O. von Hentig, German consul of San Francisco, and officials of the Hamburg-American Line. At noontime, under the auspices of a committee, composed of my secretaries and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, a luncheon at Hotel Oakland was given in honor of the *Oakland's* arrival. This was attended by nearly a thousand representative citizens of Oakland, among them being officers of the vessel, officials of the Hamburg-American Line, and many representatives of the various German societies. From Oakland the motorship went north to take cargo at Seattle, and upon her arrival at this city on her return trip to Hamburg, Captain Zeigenmeyer and Hamburg-American Line officials tendered a return dinner to city officials, representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and others.

At the luncheon the Captain was presented with a large framed aerial photograph of the City of Oakland and a bronze plaque commemorating the motorship's first arrival at her namesake's port. At the same time the compliments of the City of Oakland were conveyed to the Captain, Mr. Ebey, Pacific Coast representative of the line, and Dr. Wilhelm Cuneo of Hamburg, president of the Hamburg-American Line, in the form of inscribed resolutions from the City Council.