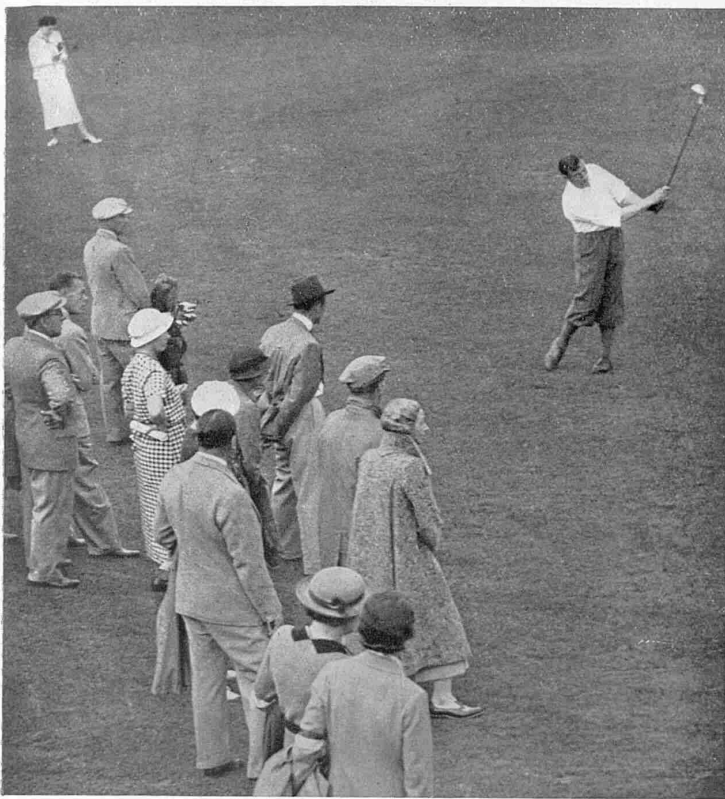


A WASH-OUT

THE first day's qualifying round for the Open Championship at Hoylake and Wallasey was washed out by a heavy thunderstorm, almost a cloud-burst, which flooded the links and rendered play impossible. This was abominable luck on those who had already completed their first rounds satisfactorily: notably T. H. Cotton, who had a record score of 67 at Wallasey, and D. H. R. Martin, who holed Hoylake in 72. However, as some of the accompanying pictures show, the Committee had no option.



AT WALLASEY: The Home Green. This hole has been extended to 410 yards, and, unless the drive is well placed, the ridge in front of the green obscures the view for the approach. Heaven help the man who needs a 3 to qualify! The Golfers' Church is seen in the background. It has a stained glass window depicting incidents in the game of golf.



AT THE COP: Cyril Tolley playing his tee shot to the short fourth. He played impressively as usual. His partner was R. Burton, who recently won the "Yorkshire Evening News" Tournament at Temple Newsam.

BAD LUCK, COTTON! Cotton completed his first qualifying round at Wallasey in 67—one stroke better than the existing record before the course was lengthened. This would have put him in "easy street" so far as qualifying was concerned, but no doubt he has plenty more 67's in his bag.



BEFORE THE STORM: A. Perry, the reigning champion, putting on the Royal Green. The clouds are banking up, and soon after the picture was taken the heavens opened.



(Left) AQUATIC GOLF: Showing the approach to the 17th green after the storm had done its worst. Clearly in such conditions golf must degenerate into a farce.