



# CHESS



By E. J. CLARKE

Alexander Alekhine, world's chess champion, opened his tour of the United States at the Manhattan Chess Club, New York city, with a three-day exhibition, concluding this evening.

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A most important step for the progress of chess was taken when the International Chess Federation was formed. It means that chess has a court for threshing out misunderstandings and disputes, to which both parties are bound. Such a case is now pending before The Hague tribunal in the matter of the recent Washington-London cable match, according to a circular letter sent to chess editors by Norman T. Whitaker, captain of the Washington team. The Walker vs. Goldstein game is claimed by Washington, which claim, if allowed, would make the score 3 to 3 instead of 4 to 2, as published by several Eastern papers. A. Rueb, president of the Federation Internationale des Echecs, writes to the respective captains: \* \* \* "The Internationale is willing to accept the adjudication. \* \* \* I am inviting three gentlemen, one from Switzerland, Germany and Holland, to function as arbitrator in the case, and their separate opinions will be concentrated in a final statement under my personal supervision."

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We are particularly pleased to receive letters such as the following, which we take the liberty of sharing with readers of the chess column. We can assure these "students, teachers and business men" that, as a great philosopher once wrote of Truth, so it may be said of Caissa, Goddess of Chess: They can have no idea of the beauty and loveliness of Caissa, of the delight there is in pursuing her track. It is unimaginable that anyone who has once looked on her fair face can ever desert or deny her!

Yuba County Junior College, Marysville Union High School, Office of District Superintendent, Marysville, Cal., March 14, 1929.

Mr. E. J. Clarke, Chess Editor The Chronicle—Sir: It is with great pleasure that some of my students and I follow your articles in the Chess Column of The Chronicle each Sunday. We find the notes particularly newsy and the games very fine.

The mystery story mentioned in last week's column had its effect here. Students, teachers and business men alike are buying men, boards and books—all due to interest created by "The Bishop Murder Case." Let's set up a little agitation for the dispensing with cross word puzzles and for the running of a chess column daily!

As we are contemplating the formation of a small club here will you inform me via letter or through your articles of where chess equipment such as club-size boards and men may be purchased? Yours very truly, W. G. VAN DOREN.

Yuba County Junior College.

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GAME NO. 170

(1928 California Correspondence Championship)

The following brilliantly played game was won by Henry Gross, premier exponent of the art at the U. of C. till his recent graduation. This partie stamps him as one of the foremost correspondence players on the Coast. H. M. Lister resides in Costa Mesa, Calif.

## QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Gross White	Lister Black	Gross White	Lister Black
1 P-Q4	S-KB3	21 S-K5!!(i)	Q-R8ch(j)
2 P-QB4	P-K3	22 R-Q!	QxS
3 S-QB3	P-Q4	23 PxP(k)	Q-B2(l)
4 S-B3	P-B4(a)	24 R-Sch	K-R
5 BPxP	KPxP	25 R-S7	QxR
6 P-KS3(b)	S-B3	26 PxQch	BxP
7 B-S2	B-K2	27 BxBch	KxB
8 O-O	B-K3	28 Q-S3ch	K-R
9 PxP	BxP	29 QxBP(m)	P-S3
10 B-KS5	P-Q5	30 P-K4	QR-KS
11 S-K4	B-K2	31 P-KB4	R-KB
12 BxS	BxB	32 Q-Q5ch	K-S
13 Q-R4(c)	B-Q4(d)	33 P-KS4	R-Q
14 SxBch	QxS	34 Q-S5ch	K-B
15 KR-Q	O-O-O	35 P-B5	PxP
16 QR-B(e)	K-S	36 SPxP	R-Q8ch
17 P-QS4(e)	Q-K2(f)	37 K-B2	KR-Q
18 P-S5	Q-S5	38 P-B6	Resigns
19 RxP(g)	Q-S7(h)		
20 RxS!	PxR		

(NOTES BY HENRY GROSS)

(a) The Tarrasch Defense, gradually going into disfavor because of the strong line for White invented by Rubinstein.

(b) Rubinstein's Variation. This gives Black serious trouble in defending his weak, isolated queen's pawn, due to the pressure of the fianchettoed bishop.

(c) With the threat of (14) SxB, QxS; (15) SxQP, and if QxS (16) BxSch winning the queen.

(d) If 13 . . . castles, 14 QR-Q would win the pawn. Now if 14 SxBch, QxS, and 15 SxP? would lose a piece because of 15 . . . BxB.

(e) On each of these moves SxP would lose because of BxB in reply.

(f) Until here the game has been identical with that of Burn vs. Tarrasch at Breslau, 1912. The text attacks two pawns, but allows White some pretty combination play.

(g) White can get three pieces for the queen by 19 PxS, QxQ; 20 P-B7ch, K-R (best); 21 PxR(Q)ch, RxQ; 22 RxP, QxRP; 23 QR-Q, and the bishop falls. But the objection is Black's two passed pawns on the queen's side. The text is a simple and safe win of a pawn.

(h) A trade of queens would leave Black a pawn down and without prospects. Black cannot get both rooks for queen, for if 19 . . . SxR; 20 QxQ, SxPch; 21 K-R, SxR; 22 Q-B4ch, K moves; 23 QxS, leaving White with material advantage.

(i) The point of the previous sacrifice of exchange. 21 PxP would have been a mistake against Q-B8ch, and Black could defend himself.

(j) Black's best chance was 21 . . . BxB; 22 KxB, RxR; 23 SxPch, K-B; 24 Q-R6ch, K-Kt; 25 QxPch, K moves; 26 SxR. But White, having three pawns and the better position should win in spite of being the exchange down.

(k) A remarkable position! Black, a clear rook ahead, is helpless.

(l) 23 . . . K-R may be better for Black. But 24 Q-R6, Q-B2 (forced); 25 BxB, R-QS; 26 B-B3, R-S3; 27 R-Q7, RxQ; 28 RxQ, and Black is still helpless.

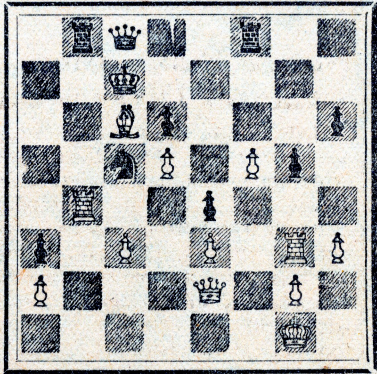
(m) White's passed pawn soon decided the issue.

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## PROBLEMS

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No. 189—Mason (W) vs. Winawer (B)  
Played in the Vienna tournament of 1882  
(Notes from the Chess Monthly)



White (12) Black (10)\*

Solution—No. 187; R-K4; No. 188; R-KR. R. W. King, Willits (183-184); L. H. Kerfoot, Modesto (183-184); H. E. Bowman, city (183-184).

\*Black just played rook from rook square to knight square and the game went on, viz:

39 Q-R5(a) R-B3 42 BxS Q-S  
40 RxSP! PxR(b) 43 (d)  
41 Q-R7ch S-Q2

(a) The start of a brilliant combination. It is difficult to see the finesse of the queen's move.

(b) B-sq. here would have delayed the catastrophe, but the danger was so hidden that it is quite pardonable not to have seen it.

(c) If QxB, then R-B4ch wins.

(d) At this point, we leave things to the solver as to how White now brings about victory.

## Good Will Concerts Will Be Broadcast

A development in the scope of the good-will concerts at the Pan American Union in Washington will be their regular broadcasting hereafter by the coast-to-coast network of the Columbia system. In these concerts Latin-American compositions are featured. At the last concert at the union there were present Ambassadors and representatives from no fewer than 46 nations.

The Pan American concert will be broadcast on Tuesday night, April 2. Two of the soloists to be heard at that time will be Senorita Margarita Cueto, soprano, a native of Mexico, and Ernesto Lecuona, pianist.

## General Electric Program Announced

A program of lively numbers will be sung by the Three Bees and played by J. Wharry Lewis during the General Electric departmental program over KGO on the air from 9:30 to 10:30 o'clock tomorrow night.

"Glad Rag Doll" is to be the opening instrumental offering by the Lewis group, with "The Wolverine Blues" announced for their final number. In addition to these pieces the orchestra will offer a novelty by Grofie, entitled "Three Shades of Blue," and "Sweethearts on Parade."