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White mates in two. (Wh-8; Bl-10) 4B3: 1p3p2; 4b1R1; 1NNk1pnl; pR1P2pl; 4p3; K4p2; 3Q4.

Solution No. 306: B-K6.

Solvers' list: B. B. Wisegarver, Effie M. Fleming, James C. Simpson, Charles Broughton, Rev. Paul Prichard, Arthur L. MacKaye, P. Whitestone, Nicholas Nelson, Mrs. A. S. Roome, Maurice G. Gerard, Melker Rudholm, J. M. Meinhardt, M. C. Chittenden, A. M. Hamilton, Yoichiro Katakira, Edgar H. Jacot, Henning Yourston, Gabrielle Andrieux, Juhl Bertelsen, J. L. Schlosser, Dana L. Teague, Fred Biebesheimer, George A. Summers, G. A. Hall, Emilio Fuentes Novella, Ernest L. Daniells, W. W. Cadwell, Chris Erickson, W. B. Tudor, Charles G. Taylor, John Alden, Jr., Burns Baker, Charles J. Meyer, Walter L. Koethen, D. A. Innes, W. H. Moore, Henning Bruhn, Joe Gassner.

The Pasadena Chess Congress ended last Monday with World Champion Alexander Alekhine of Paris, France, winning first prize in the masters' tourney, as was fully expected, his score being 8½-2½. Isaac Kashdan of New York finished second, also rather expected, his score being 7½-3½. The final standings of the other contestants follow: Arthur Dake of Portland, Sammy Reshevsky of Chicago, Herman Steiner of New York, 6-5 each; Harry Borochof of Los Angeles, 5½-5½; Sam Factor of Chicago, Jacob Bernstein, Reuben Fine and Fred Reinfeld, all of New York, 5-6 each; Jose Araiza of Mexico City, 3½-7½; A. J. Pink of San Francisco, 3-8. Alekhine's only loss was to Dake; his three draws were with Factor, Reinfeld and Fine.

The minor tourney was won by Rev. Howard Ohman of Omaha, champion of Nebraska, with a score of 8½-1½. J. L. Sheets, Seattle champion, was second, 8-2. Other scores: Manuel Sobral, El Paso champion, and Irving Spero of Los Angeles, 7-3 each; Mark Woodward of Sierra Madre, 6-4; A. G. Pearsall of Chula Vista, 5½-4½; Prof. Harry Bateman of Caltech, 4½-5½; C. C. Crain of Tacoma, 3½-6½; Charles Broughton of Pasadena and Norman Jaffray of Santa Barbara, 2½-7½ each; G. W. Sullinger of Pasadena, 0-10.

The ladies' championship was won by Miss La Vieve Hines of Pasadena with a clean score of 7-0. Mrs. Elma Wolf of Los Angeles, Mrs. Mary Bain of Hollywood, Miss Marion Fox, Mrs. Marie Hinchman and Mrs. Elizabeth Hillman, all of Pasadena, were the other contestants.

A friendly team match between four visitors from Mexico City and four Californians was won by the Mexicans by 1 point.

The longest game of the masters' tourney was the Dake-Bernstein draw, just 100 moves. It took 96 moves for Alekhine to finally subdue Reshevsky, whose unusual number of adjourned games caused much comment. The shortest game was just 11 moves, which Borochof won from Fine, the latter having been up all night the night before playing bridge and he apparently fell asleep making the opening moves.

The most brilliant game of the masters' event is shown below. Steiner sacrificed two pawns for an attack, then Alekhine enjoyed himself.

White—Alekhine		Black—H. Steiner	
1 P-K4	P-K4	16 BxP	R-QN
2 KN-B3	QN-B3	17 NxN	RxB
3 B-N5	P-QR3	18 R-K	R-N4
4 B-R4	N-B3	19 N-B3	Q-B
5 Castles	B-B4	20 P-B4	R-N2
6 P-B3	NxP	21 P-QN3	B-N5
7 P-Q4	B-R2	22 B-R3	P-B4
8 Q-K2	P-B4	23 N-K5	B-B4
9 PxP	Castles	24 P-KN4	P-KN4
10 B-N3ch	K-R	25 B-N2!!	K-N (a)
11 QN-Q2	Q-K	26 Q-R5	B-K3
12 NxN	PxN	27 N-Q7!	QxN
13 QxP	P-Q4	28 QxNPch	Q-N2
14 BxP	B-B4	29 BxQ	RxB
15 Q-KR4	NxP	30 QxRch!	Resigns

(a) If PxQ, White mates in two moves of the knight: 26.N-B7 double check and 27.N-R6 mate. White's thirtieth was the quickest way to win.

Alekhine is visiting at the Los Angeles Athletic Club for two weeks, after which he continues on his trip around the world.

The consensus was that this congress, the first of its kind ever held on the Pacific Coast, will be the forerunner of many others of equal or greater importance.

The Club Argentino de Ajedrez of Buenos Aires won a match by wireless telegraphy from the Cercle "Caissa" of Paris, France. The game which decided the issue was unfinished and adjudicated in favor of the Argentines by no less a distinguished trio (from France) than World Champion Alekhine, Dr. Tartakower and E. Znosko-Borowsky.