

Chess players of California, and indeed of the Pacific Coast generally, will be interested in the announcement by Bernardo Smith, acting secretary of the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club and an officer of the California State Chess Association, that there is a strong likelihood of holding the 1923 meeting of the Western Chess Association jointly with the California State championship tournament in San Francisco. Smith has exchanged several letters on the subject with Norman T. Whitaker of Washington, D. C., who is on the committee of the Western Association, to arrange for the 1923 tournament. Local experts realize that the holding of the Western Chess Association championship tournament here would do much to promote the welfare of chess and are greatly in favor of the plan. Last year's tourney was held in Louisville, Ky., where the excessive heat greatly interfered with the play. In that respect San Francisco is an ideal city for the holding of a chess tournament. However, until airplane travel becomes common, the city by the Golden Gate probably seems a long distance away from the res-

idence of the Easterners who comprise the membership of the Western Chess Association! A definite statement regarding the tourney will be made next week.

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Latest advices from the masters' tournament at Karlsbad, Czechoslovakia, after fifteen rounds, show that Alekhine and Bogoljubow are in the lead, with a score of 9 to 4 each. Trybal and Niemzowitsch are also tied, with 8½ to 4½. Then comes Maroczy, 8 to 5, and Gruenfeld and Tiechmann, tied with 7½ to 5½. The new York players, Bernstein and Chajes, are finding the pace rather fast. However, the former won adjourned games from Yates and Bogoljubow. Four more rounds are scheduled. At the close of the eighth round the Viennese master, Treybal, was leading, 6 to 2; Alekhine 5½ to 2½, Maroczy 5 to 3, Niemzowitsch 4½ to 2½, Tiechmann 4½ to 2½. Important results of ninth round were: Gruenfeld beat Trybal, Chajes beat Niemzowitsch, Reti vs. Maroczy, draw; Tiechmann vs. Alekhine, draw; Saemish vs. Bogoljubow, draw. Tenth round—Alekhine beat Bogoljubow, Trybal beat Thomas, Niemzowitsch beat Bernstein.

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Chronicle correspondence tournament—S. E. Silvius has won the second game from A. R. Craven (group A).

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An interesting rapid transit tour-

namment was held at the Mechanics' Institute Saturday night, with the following taking part: Messrs. Fawcett, Van Hoven, Gruer, Rabinovitch, Silvius, Fink, Bernstein, Langrock, Sweet and Bernardo Smith. Moves were made every ten seconds. Winners were: E. W. Gruer, first, 8½ to ½; A. J. Fink, second, 6½ to 2½; Bernardo Smith, third, 6 to 3.

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Carl J. Bergman of Big Pine, Cal., and W. O. Manney of El Paso, Tex., are playing two games of Neo-chess by correspondence.

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The sixteenth and seventeenth games in the Marshall-Lasker match resulted in draws. Score: Marshall 5, Lasker 4, draw 8.

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### GAME NO. 168

The following remarkable game, from the Breslau international tournament of 1912, show Marshall in his happiest vein. At the conclusion of the game the American was literally showered with gold by the excited spectators:

#### FRENCH DEFENSE (Transposed)

Lewitsky	Marshall	Lewitsky	Marshall
White	Black	White	Black
1—P-Q4	P-K3	13—B-R2	QR-K
2—P-K4	P-Q4	14—Q-Q3	R-B5
3—S-QB3	P-QB4	15—B-S	RxB
4—SB-B3	S-QB3	16—QR-Q	Q-B4
5—KPxP	KPxP	17—Q-K2	BxS
6—B-K2	S-B3	18—PxR	QxP
7—Castles	P-K2	19—Q-R5ch!	S-Q5
8—B-K5	Castles	20—Q-R5	QR-KB
9—PxP	B-K3	21—R-K5	R-R3
10—S-Q4	BxP	22—Q-B5	RxB
11—SxB	PxS	23—R-Q5	Q-K56!!!
12—B-R4	Q-Q3	24—Resigns	

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### GAME NO. 169

Here is a lively game from the pending third Neo-chess tournament at the Mechanics' Institute. Black's fourth move was a fatal loss of time. Development of pieces is vital at Neo-chess and the Black Chancellor may as well not have been on the board. On the other hand, White's Neo pieces are well developed.

#### NEO-DANISH GAMBIT

W.	J. F.	White	Black
Sullivan	Smyth	W.	J. F.
White	Black	Sullivan	Smyth
1—PK4	P-K4	15—BxPch	K-R
2—P-Q4	PxP	16—C-Q2	P-S3
3—P-QB3	PxP	17—S-Q4	A-K
4—S-B3	P-C4(?)	18—C-K4	KxB
5—B-Q3	PxP	19—Q-RSch!	K-S
6—BxP	B-A5ch	20—Q-R6	Q-R
7—B-B3	S-B3	21—QxQch	KxQ
8—Castles	P-Q3	22—C-R4ch	K-S2
9—P-K5	PxP	23—SxB	PxS
10—BxP	A-B3	24—RxB	A-R2
11—P-C3	B-Q3	25—A-B3ch	B-K4
12—BxS	QxB	26—RxB	AxR
13—K-Kch	B-K3	27—AxAch	Resigns
14—C-A3	Castles		

(Note—In Neo-chess, C is used for chancellor and the Q R file, while A is used for archbishop and the Q S file.)