DE ORO OPENS BIG GAP ON HUESTON

Earns Lead of One Hundred Balls in Play for Pocket Billiards Title.

BIG CROWD SEES MATCH

Cuban Makes High Run of Fifty-five Balls, Only Four Behind His Own World's Record Mark.

Alfredo De Oro outplayed Thomas Hueston last night in the first block of their match for the pocket billiard championship title in John Doyle's 42d street academy. The score at the end of the night was 200 balls for De Oro and 98 for his young challenger.

There was never a moment during the entire twenty-three frames when Hueston threatened the champion. The latter improved as the match advanced, and toward the close of his string put together an imposing run of 55 balls, which lacked only four of the record which he hung up in his recent match with Maturo in the same academy. Hueston's best run was 16 balls.

It was the resourcefulness of De Oro, coupled with his mastery of combination and position play, that held him safely in the lead. There were brief periods when the challenger momentarily checked him by adroitly manœuvred safety playing, but it seemed impossible for Hueston to maintain his good work, and as De Oro always sought the break of the free ball and got it sixteen times out of the twenty-three, it was easy for him to keep Hueston behind him to the end of the first night's session.

A big crowd sat about the table. Over in De Oro's corner was his usual advisory board, consisting of Tim Flynn, Jake Rosen, George Boehn and Harry Coles. Along the front rows of seats were grouped E. E. Smathers, John E. Drake, Henry Tobin, Al. Thomas, the playwright; Al. Hudson, John Shaughnessey, Jakey Josephs, Willie Hoppe and George Considine. They encouraged Hueston when he won the bank for lead and commiserated with him when he scratched at the beginning in trying to pocket a long shot.

It was the champion who at once came in for the major share of applause. De Oro in the first two frames put together a run of 26 balls that for position play proved a gem. The left-handed wizard of the cue was never behind in the score thereafter. He instantly saw the possibility of the combinations. At safety he outplayed Hueston, despite the fact that the challenger had a brand that compelled all the ingenuity of the champion in some of the frames. At picking off the long shots and making use of billiard strokes to effect his ends De Oro far outshone his challenger, and the latter likewise never approached his formidable rival in manœuvring for the free ball break, now so important in the new rules under which the game is played.

Hueston was the first to bring off a shot of dazzling brilliancy. It was the first of the third frame and the challenger worked a daring two cushion bank on a seven ball combination for the side pocket that fairly electrified the crowd. The cue ball at the end of its roll froze to the rail. It was safe and De Oro, after fussing over another safe shot, made it possible for Hueston to clear the table.

As the two worked into their strings Hueston played more strongly. His cut shots were cleverly handled and he rather had the better of De Oro at long range. Still he experienced more than his share of the bad luck partly due to faulty position playing, so that the champion profited by his mistakes and drew further and further ahead.

After playing some spasmodic fancy shots Hueston attempted to settle down, and in the twelfth frame did his best work. But De Oro was quick to see that his opponent was improving. Likewise he waited in the next frame, and after some puzzling safety picked out the combination key, a pretty four-ball affair, to the corner and ran off the collection.

Opening the following frame with a great draw shot that pulled the cue ball back to break up the pyramid, De Oro again cleared the table. He repeated in the next, and seemed on the way to do it in the nineteenth, when, after sending thirteen balls into the pockets, he bungled a shot for the side, attempting to land too thinly on the ball that was to be free for the next break of the pyramid. This finished his run of 55, and it set the crowd howling with delight.

From then on to the end, which came four frames later, De Oro outplayed his challenger, who began to miss all of his long shots when he had enticing leaves. The second block of points will be played to-night.

The scores follow:

De Oro—14, 13, 0, 12, 14, 2, 6, 14, 1, 11, 8, 1, 14, 14, 2, 14, 14, 14, 15, 0, 10, 14, 2. Total, 207 balls; scratches, 7; net score, 200 balls. High run, 55 balls.

Hueston—1, 1, 14, 2, 0, 12, 8, 0, 13, 3, 6, 13, 0, 0, 12, 0, 0, 0, 1, 14, 4, 0. Total, 103 balls; scratches, 5; net score, 98 balls. High run, 16 balls.

Referee—John Dankelman.

BEDWELL HORSES AT TOP

Musgrave, the Jockey, Considering Offer to Ride Abroad.

H. G. Bedwell easily leads the owners in amounts won at the Charleston meeting, his total being $2,840. J. M. Zimmer is second in the list, with a total of $2,615 to his credit. Caugh Hill is responsible for most of this, as his score stands $2,090, the largest amount won by any individual horse. The Tennessee Stable has earned $2,210; J. L. Holland, $2,375; J. O. Talbott, $2,310; J. W. Hendrick, $1,900; A. Malone, $1,720; E. A. Tyson, $1,610; N. B. Davis, $1,250, and L. H. Adair, $1,040.

There are five other owners whose horses have earned more than $600, and four have winnings in excess of $500.

Phil Musgrave, the jockey, who has been riding for Joseph E. Seagram, the Canadian sportsman, is contemplating a change this year and is considering an offer to ride in Germany. If a positive announcement is made of a return of racing here he may not accept the German contract.

Word comes from Nashville that the Gerst stable has been afflicted with an epidemic that has resulted in the death of seven horses. Donau, a Kentucky Derby winner, was among the victims. Three of the lot were two-year-olds, one of them being a half brother to Go Between, which was considered a colt of quality. The other three were trotting horses.

War and Rumors of War Fill Camp of Giants

McGraw Issues an Ultimatum to the Mexicans.

ROBINSON ON SICK LIST

Discords Beat Harmonies in Game Full of Plenty of Free Hitting.

(By a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.)

Marlin, Tex., Feb. 25.—War and rumors of war filled the camp of the Giants to-day. What with mobilizing on the right of them and mobilizing on the left of them, a martial spirit pervades the air, and there is plenty of food for speculation and comment.

John J. McGraw has handed down his ultimatum, and declares that if the Mexicans cut up any more capers he will send Jim Thorpe and Jeff Tesreau down there and clean things up. The patience of the "Little Napoleon" is just about exhausted.

One of the scribes experienced a change of base to-day, moving under orders from the front of baseball to the front of war. He left here this afternoon for Galveston, and will try to get a boat to Vera Cruz. The railroads have stopped selling tickets beyond the border of Texas on the south.

Cloudy and rather cool weather has laid out McGraw's first lieutenant and put a little damper on the valiant leader himself. Wilbert Robinson, the pitching coach, was invited by the doctor to remain indoors because of a cold which threatened to become troublesome. McGraw was able to go down to the field, but he, too, is suffering from a cold. He was weak and not as chipper as usual.

Several of the players are similarly afflicted, but are trying to work out the distemper by hard exercise.

The Harmonies and Discords got together for another five-inning game this afternoon, and a victory for the Discords was the result. The score was 7 to 4. This is the first time Larry Doyle's team has been on the winning side of the ledger, and the series now stands at 2 to 1 in favor of Harry McCormick's Harmonies.

As Robbie was laid up Grover Hartley was compelled to catch for both teams. Handley, for the Harmonies, made his debut as a pitcher, succeeding Al Demaree. Handley is a tall, lanky twirler, with a beautiful overhand delivery and no wind up. He was in poor form to-day, being found for two doubles and two singles, which, with two errors by Joe Evers, the first he has made in any game, netted five runs.

A cold wind was blowing across the field, chilling the arms of the pitchers, so no accurate line on their work could be obtained.

The feature of the game were the hitting and base running of Jeff Tesreau and Red Ames. The latter collected a triple and a single in two times up, making his long hit with two men on the bags. Jeff was up only once, but he distinguished himself by doubling to left, stealing third and pilfering the plate on a double steal with Stock.

Hartley hurt his arm yesterday and could do little more than lob the ball to second. Heinie Groh, who is in excellent form, gathered in a triple and a double, while Joe Evers walked twice and rapped out a neat two-ply wallop.

Demaree and Tesreau were the winning pitchers, and Ames and Handley the losers. McGraw umpired a perfect game, if lack of protest is any indication of perfection. His decisions were never disputed.

The morning session was given over to the usual batting and fielding practice. The players were out resplendent in their new travelling uniforms of striped gray with vivid violet initials and stocking bands.

YALE FIVE IN A ROUT

Columbia Finds Itself and Runs Up Topheavy Score.

Columbia's basketball team really found itself last night, and in a game of spectacular scoring overwhelmed Yale in the gymnasium on Morningside Heights by a score of 43 points to 18. It was the largest score that Columbia has made this season. No chance was too great for the Blue and White forwards, for they dropped the ball into the cage from the most difficult angles.

Benson, the left forward of the Columbia team, who has had an off year in shooting, came into his own, and in the first five minutes caged the ball four times from well down the side of the court. Veeder, who captained the Princeton five several seasons back, scored a wonderful shot in the second, hurling the ball from under his own goal over the full length of the floor for a perfect basket.

Yale played a hard game, but could not guard the shifty Columbia players, who were all over the court. Meenan and Lee were particularly conspicuous, and Captain Jaques, of the Blue and White, played wonderfully on the defence, and scored four baskets on straight charges down the floor.

Swihart, the Yale captain, was a host in himself. Had it not been for him the Columbia score might have been doubled. By scoring practically every shot from the foul line he kept his team in the running for the greater part of the first half. He was so closely guarded by the Columbia backs, however, that he got few chances for the basket from the floor.

There were few manifestations of roughness despite the wonderful speed at which both teams played. Sumner got a warning when he sent Lee crashing through several rows of seats in the second half, but aside from that one instance there was little or no dirty work.

Benson's baskets put Columbia well in the lead in the first half, and when time was called the Blue and White was ahead, 20 to 10. In the last period Yale made only 8 points to Columbia's 23.

The line-up follows:

Columbia (43).	Position.	Yale (18).
Meenan	L. F.	Swihart
Benson	R. F.	Stackpole
Lee	C.	Smith
Jaques	L. G.	Dietz
Veeder	R. G.	Dana

Goals from field—Benson (6), Meenan (4), Jaques (4), Lee (2), Veeder (1), Cobb (2), Smith (1), Dana (1).

Goals from foul—Swihart (10), Benson (6), Lee (3). Substitutes—Cobb for Stackpole, Dunn for Cobb; Cobb for Smith; Sumner for Dunn; Herman for Dietz; Scudder for Sumner; Reynolds for Meenan; Roberts for Benson; Burghard for Veeder. Referee—J. H. Deering, Manhattan College. Umpire—E. J. Thorpe, De La Salle. Time of halves—Twenty minutes.

SIXTY BALLPLAYERS OUT

Coach of New York University Team Faces a Task.

The baseball squad of New York University had its first indoor practice yesterday afternoon. Two net cages have been rigged up in the gymnasium to be used until the weather permits outdoor practice.

About sixty men answered the call. Owing to faculty ruling, several of last year's men will be unable to play. This leaves four men around which to build a team. They are: Lynch, captain, third baseman; Brown, pitcher; Wolf and Hamilton, fielders. M. F. McPhillips, who coached the team in 1910 and 1911, will again take charge.

The schedule follows:

March 29, Army at West Point; April 2, Yale at New Haven; April 5, Princeton at Princeton; April 16, William and Mary at Ohio Field; April 12, Rutgers at Ohio Field; April 16, Lehigh at South Bethlehem; April 19, St. John's at Ohio Field; April 23, Lafayette at Easton; April 26, Connecticut Aggies at Ohio Field; April 30, Stevens at Ohio Field.

May 3, R. P. I. at Troy; May 6, Catholic University at Ohio Field; May 10, Rutgers at New Brunswick; May 15, Mt. St. Joseph at Ohio Field; May 17, Columbia at Columbia; May 30, Crescent A. C. at Bay Ridge; May 31, Trinity at Hartford.

HOCKEY HONORS AT STAKE

St. Nicholas and Crescent A. C. Sevens on Edge for Big Game.

The leadership of the Amateur Hockey League will hang in the balance when the St. Nicholas Skating Club meets the Crescent Athletic Club players at the St. Nicholas Rink to-night.

A Crescent victory will put the New Moon seven in the lead by a small margin, and necessitate a victory for the Santa Claus seven in the play-off of the tie game with the Hockey Club on Saturday night. This critical period in the race has been reached with three teams virtually fighting for the honors.

YALE LIKELY TO SCORE

Expects to Beat Columbia Swimmers in Dual Meet.

The watermen of Columbia University will face the aquatic forces of Yale at New Haven this evening, and although it seems a foregone conclusion that the visitors will go down to defeat in swimming, particular interest attaches to the water polo game, for the Blue is still considered a possible factor in the race for championship honors.

Princeton at present leads the competing colleges, but the strong showing of Pennsylvania in the game with Columbia indicates that the Tigers, weakened by the loss of their two best halfbacks—Cleveland and Low—may not withstand the attacks of the aggressive Quakers forwards.

Should Pennsylvania take the New Jersey team into camp and Yale triumph over Columbia, a triple tie would result between Princeton, Pennsylvania and Yale, and the odds in the play-off would be equally divided. The game at New Haven, then, will be watched with keen interest.

The members of the Chicago Athletic Association who are devotees of natation, but not identified with the club's competitive element, have organized under the name of "Cherry Circle Tankers," with the object—as defined in the bylaws—of "promoting mutual acquaintance and good fellowship among the frequenters of the bath, popularizing the department among those who do not make use of its facilities, establishing an incentive to maintain a good standard of physical condition and aquatic ability, and promoting recreation and competition among the Tankers themselves."

Two hundred and fifty names are already on the list and trophies have been donated for contests in swimming, fancy diving and lifesaving.

It is in fact rumored that this is the first step toward the formation of a national swimming association, affiliated with the Amateur Athletic Union, but having at its head only men who will devote their energies exclusively to aquatics. Western swimmers claim that the governing body is too busy with track and field athletics to pay more than cursory attention to water sports, and believe that a separate association, yet under the jurisdiction of the existing authorities, would improve conditions.

COLEMAN CLEVER WITH CUE

Beats Baxter in Second of Class B Billiard Matches.

Hal A. Coleman won the second match of the national Class B 18.2 balkline billiard championship tournament last night at Paul's Riverside Academy, 125th street and Seventh avenue. The amateur, who has recently come from Wisconsin defeated George G. Baxter, of the Cathedral Club, Brooklyn, by a score of 300 points to 185. Coleman's average was 7 6-42, and his best runs 31, 30 and 24. Baxter averaged 4 21-41, with runs of 23, 18 and 17.

Throughout the match Coleman was inclined to play the closer balkline billiards. He was slow in gauging the speed of the table, so that Baxter, with his spectacular methods, gained a temporary lead. In his fifteenth inning Coleman put together a run of 29, and immediately backed it with 24, placing him safely in the lead. Thereafter he counted steadily, using the massé cleverly to hold the ivories in close formation, and working out the runs with a stroke that at times was of feathery delicacy.

Two matches will be decided to-day. Mark Muldauer and Baxter will meet in the matinee game, while in the evening George P. B. Clarke, the playing through champion, will meet Ledyard Blake.

The scores follow:

Hal A. Coleman (spot ball)—1, 7, 4, 0, 0, 0, 2, 1, 16, 1, 6, 1, 9, 1, 20, 24, 9, 0, 4, 1, 31, 10, 3, 6, 1, 10, 1, 16, 11, 7, 1, 5, 8, 0, 0, 30, 1, 1, 23, 1, 10, 11, 7; total, 300 points; average, 7 6-42; high runs, 31, 30 and 24.

George G. Baxter (white ball)—0, 10, 0, 0, 11, 0, 0, 0, 6, 2, 4, 3, 4, 17, 0, 7, 11, 0, 1, 6, 9, 1, 8, 0, 5, 1, 0, 0, 23, 18, 6, 0, 4, 0, 1, 0, 16, 1, 1, 2, 6; total 185 points; average, 4 21-41; high runs, 23, 18 and 17.

Referee—Alex Fields.

WHITE SCORES A KNOCKOUT

Young Leroy, Black's Substitute, Goes Down in the Fifth Round.

Patsy White, the hard hitting East Side featherweight, knocked out "Young" Leroy, who substituted for "Kid" Black, in the fifth of a ten-round bout at Brown's Gymnasium last night.

After White had sent Leroy to the canvas three times in the fifth round with crushing rights to the jaw the referee intervened. Leroy also went down in the first and second rounds. Leroy clinched freely in the fourth and fifth sessions.

In the semi-final bout "Young" O'Leary had an easy time outpointing "Young" Westop.

RODEL TO SHOW WARES

Heavyweight to Box First Bout Here with Nelson.

MALONEY PRAISES THE BOER

Morgan Dickers with Monahan, Onetime Sparring Partner of Johnson.

George Rodel, the Boer heavyweight, who recently came to this county, will box his first bout in an American ring when he faces Art Nelson, of Wisconsin, in a ten-round battle at the Fairmont Athletic Club, of The Bronx, to-night. Much interest centres about the meeting, for Nelson has made a great impression on the New York boxing enthusiasts, not forgetting the men he boxed, and Rodel is rated as one of the most formidable men in Europe, despite the fact that "Bombardier" Wells polished him off in jig time in a contest at the National Sporting Club, of London.

Little need be said of Nelson, for he is well known to the "fans" here. He is a cool, clever boxer, a slashing fighter and punishing hitter. None of his opponents has lasted the limit with him in his appearances at the local clubs.

Rodel, on the word of Jem Maloney, manager of "Bombardier" Wells, is a tough proposition. He said: "Of course, George is not a match for a man like Wells, but he is sufficiently rugged and clever to make it hot for a lot of these fellows. He is big and powerful, can hit hard and for a man of his physique moves about rapidly. It would not surprise me if he gave any man in his own particular class a hard fight all the way. When he did manage to land on Wells in that bout there was enough force in his punches to make Billy respect his strength, if not his ability. He whipped some fair men in England."

There is no stopping Danny Morgan, the man of a few words. He is now dickering with Walter Monahan, a heavyweight boxer, who at one time acted as sparring partner for Jack Johnson. Monahan is a big, husky chap, tipping the beam at 200 pounds. From working with the big negro champion for nearly two years Monahan has picked up many of the finer points of the game and at present is rated as one of the most promising men in the West. According to Morgan, Monahan could wade right through the ranks of the heavyweights in the East and never turn a hair. Danny is also making an effort to secure one "Bull" Young, a mite of only 260 pounds.

Despite the fact that Brown was so decisively defeated by Joe Rivers, he stands more than an even chance of getting another match out in Los Angeles. Tom McCarey has offered him a date in May to meet "Bud" Anderson, the Oregon boxer, and Morgan will probably accept.

With the modesty of the truly great Luther McCarty announces that he fears he would "half kill Jesse Willard if he ever met him in a ring battle again." McCarty says, however, that before he will consent to meet Willard in a return battle the latter must go out and beat several men of recognized ability. McCarty evidently remembers one night in Madison Square Garden when he was fortunate to earn a draw with Willard after ten hard rounds of boxing. A burned child dreads fire.

Up to date Johnny Kilbane has not replied to the challenge of Patsy Kline, the Newark featherweight. Kline has offered to guarantee Kilbane a purse of $1,250 to meet him in a ten-round contest, but the Forest City boxer has not seen his way clear to sign the articles and clinch the bout. There are many who believe Kilbane is not particularly anxious to meet Patsy, for the latter almost knocked him out in that bout in Los Angeles almost two years ago.

Entries are pouring in for the amateur boxing tournament which will be conducted under the auspices of the National A. C., of Brooklyn, on March 6 and 8. Bouts will be held in five classes, from bantam to middle weight, and the entries will close on March 5 with the athletic committee.

DAVENPORT COMING EAST

Makes Entry for 600-Yard Run at Indoor Championship Games.

The signed entry blank of Ira N. Davenport, the Illinois Athletic Club flyer, was received yesterday for the 600-yard run at the national indoor championship games in Madison Square Garden on March 6. With Davenport, Sheppard, Meredith, Kiviat and Halpin starting, one of the greatest middle-distance races ever held in America is promised.

Davenport finished only inches behind Meredith and Sheppard in the record-breaking 800-metre race at the Olympic games in Sweden last July, and was inside the old world's record for both the 800 metres and half mile. He resumed training about a month ago, and reports from the West have it that he is running better than ever.

Athletic enthusiasts that attend this meet will be treated to one of the greatest series of races ever seen in this city. Besides the 600-yard run, the 75-yard championship will bring together six of the best sprinters in the world. Howard Drew, of Springfield; Charley Rice, of Powder Point School, Duxbury, Mass.; Alvah T. Meyer, Frank Stephenson, Jim Rosenberger and Charley Clark. In the two-mile run both Hannes Kolehmainen and Billy Kramer have set their hearts on a new record.

WESLEYAN EASY WINNER

Outplays Dartmouth Basketball Team from the Start.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Hanover, N. H., Feb. 25.—Wesleyan clearly outplayed the Dartmouth basketball team to-night and won by a score of 29 to 17. Wesleyan took the lead from the start and was headed only once, and that was at the beginning of the second half.

It was plain that three of the Dartmouth players—Snow, Louden and Margeson—were badly out of condition, due to the recent trip of hard league games. For the Green, Snow and Louden put up the best game, however.

For Wesleyan, Petigrue and Hayward showed the best form. Hayward was easily the fastest man on the floor, and scored five of the Wesleyans' goals.

The line-up follows:

Wesleyan (29).	Position.	Dartmouth (17).
Davidson	L. F.	Snow
Eason	R. F.	Sisson
Parkinson	C.	Margeson
Hayward	L. G.	Grant
Petigrue	R. G.	Louden

Fouls—Dartmouth, 5; Wesleyan, 3. Referee—Tower, Boston.

COMES CALL OF THE WILD

Maine Guides and Blond Indians at Sportsmen's Show.

Amid the booming of guns, the honking of geese and splash of the fly on the still waters of the inland lake, the Sportsman's Show will open in Madison Square Garden to-morrow. Those who have no other opportunity to get close to nature have a chance to see just how a real, sure enough camp in the Maine woods looks.

And, in addition to all this, there will be guides from those same Maine woods ready and willing to tell hope-to-die-if-they're-not-true stories of life in the forest primeval, where the bounding elk and the creeping catamount come right to the tent flap o' nights; where Bruin, the big bear, walks right in and makes himself at home. How they, the guides, fought off a pack of wolves and fourteen bears for three weeks or—but why continue, it will all be there greater and more real than ever.

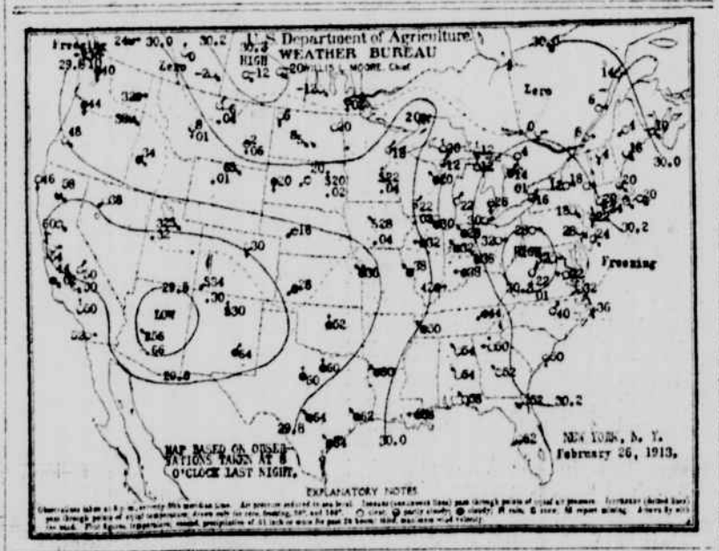
Real live blond Indians, descendants of King Philip, Massasoit and the rest of the noble race, will be on hand to sell canoes, little ones, of course, paddles, and beaded moccasins, along with other samples of the Indian craft to unsuspecting palefaces. The boy scouts will go through their wall scaling and fire drills, and other exhibitions of their skill. The schoolboys will hold their annual target shooting carnival also.

JONES FORCES PACE AND WINS.

Willie Jones, a Brooklyn featherweight, won by a safe margin over "Young" Driscoll in a ten-round bout at the Brooklyn Beach Athletic Club last night.

After the seventh round Driscoll weakened rapidly. Jones forced matters in the last two rounds and had Driscoll on the verge of a knockout.

Willie Beecher knocked out "Young" Terry in the second round of a ten-round bout at the Washington Athletic Club, Brooklyn. Terry substituted for Willie Schaefer, who was reported ill.



THE WEATHER REPORT.

Official Record and Forecast.—Washington, Feb. 25.—The weather continues cold throughout the Eastern states, and there was freezing temperature Tuesday morning as far South as Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. Warmer weather, however, prevails throughout great central valleys and the plains states, while colder weather has again set in in the Far Northwest. The storm that was reported Monday as being central over California is now crossing the Rocky Mountains and moving toward the middle Mississippi Valley. During the last twenty-four hours it caused rains in California, rains and snow in the plateau region, and widespread cloudiness over the interior districts east of the Rocky Mountains, with local snows in the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys.

The Western disturbance will advance East and be attended by snows Wednesday over the lake regions, the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys and the Rocky Mountain region and rains in the Ohio Valley and the Southern states east of the Rocky Mountains. The area of rains and snows attending this storm will overspread the Atlantic states Wednesday night and Thursday.

The temperature will rise Wednesday in the lower lake region, the Ohio Valley and the east Gulf states, and Wednesday and Thursday throughout the Atlantic states and the far Northwest. Colder weather will overspread the Rocky Mountain region, the upper Mississippi Valley and the plains states Wednesday and the Great Central valleys and the Southwest Thursday.

Cold wave warnings have been ordered for South Dakota, Nebraska, western Minnesota and southern Wyoming.

The winds along the New England Coast will be moderate variable, becoming southeast by Wednesday afternoon or night; middle Atlantic coast, moderate variable, becoming southeast and east and increasing; south Atlantic coast, moderate east to south; east Gulf coast, brisk east to south; west Gulf coast, brisk south; on Lake Michigan, increasing east.

Steamers departing Wednesday for European ports will have moderate variable winds, becoming east and southeast, with fair weather, followed by snow and rain, to the Grand Banks.

Forecast for Special Localities.—For Eastern New York, Southern New England and Eastern Pennsylvania, increasing cloudiness and warmer to-day, followed by snow or rain at night and on Thursday; warmer Thursday; moderate variable winds, becoming east and southeast.

For Northern New England, fair and somewhat warmer to-day, followed by snow Wednesday night and on Thursday, warmer Thursday; moderate variable winds, becoming east and southeast.

For New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia and North Carolina, increasing cloudiness and warmer to-day, followed by rain by Wednesday night and on Thursday, warmer Thursday; moderate to brisk east and southeast winds.

For Western Pennsylvania, snow or rain and warmer to-day; Thursday snow flurries and colder; brisk southeast winds.

For Western New York, unsettled and warmer, followed by snow to-day; Thursday snow; moderate to brisk southeast and east winds.

Humidity.

8 a. m. 59	1 p. m. 44	8 p. m. 58

Official observations taken at United States weather bureau at 8 p. m. yesterday follow:

City.	Temperature.	Weather.
Albany	18	Clear
Atlantic City	24	Clear
Boston	20	Clear
Buffalo	16	Clear
Chicago	50	Cloudy
New Orleans	58	Cloudy
St. Louis	38	Cloudy
Washington	32	Clear

Local Official Record.—The following official record from the Weather Bureau shows the changes in the temperature for the last twenty-four hours in comparison with the corresponding date of last year:

	1912.	1913.		1912.	1913.
3 a. m.	37	16	6 p. m.	53	25
6 a. m.	36	13	9 p. m.	49	22
9 a. m.	42	16	11 p. m.	45	20
12 m.	55	20	12 p. m.	44	—
4 p. m.	58	26			

Highest temperature yesterday, 27 (at 4:10 p. m.); lowest, 12 (at 7 a. m.); average, 20; average for corresponding date last year, 47; average for corresponding date last thirty-three years, 32.

Local Forecast.—Increasing cloudiness and warmer to-day, followed by snow or rain at night and on Thursday; warmer Thursday; moderate variable winds, becoming east and southeast.

ARMY AND NAVY NOTES

Bill to Increase Pay of Militia Meets with Opposition.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, February 25.

MILITIA BILL UNCONSTITUTIONAL.—Despite the influences behind legislation to increase the pay of officers and enlisted men of the militia, there will be much opposition to the project. The War Department has pointed out a serious defect in the bill. It is held by General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, that this should be corrected before the pay of the militia is increased. The trouble arises from the fact that the bill provides that the President may call out the militia in time of war or threatened war and make it a part of the regular army. Senator Root is understood to share the view of the War Department that such a proceeding constitutes an interference with state rights to an extent which is unconstitutional. It is held by the military authorities that it is not possible to draft the organized militia by transferring its organization bodily to the regular army.

When the bill comes up in Congress this phase of the situation is certain to be brought out especially by Representative Slayden, of Texas, a member of the Military Committee, who made a minority report on the bill and pointed out that the Constitution confers no authority on Congress to support or maintain the state militia, and that the proposed legislation would undoubtedly extend federal power over state troops.

ORDERS ISSUED.—The following orders have been issued:

ARMY.

Retirement of Colonel ALEXANDER B. DYER, 4th Field Artillery, to take effect March 15, announced.

Following majors, coast artillery, from present stations to stations designated: HENRY D. TODD, Jr., from Fort Mott to Fort McKinley; JOSEPH P. TRACY, from Fort Adams to Fort DuPont; PERCY M. KESSLER, from Fort Totten to Fort Monroe; ANDREW MOSES, from Fort McKinley to Fort H. G. Wright.

Resignation of Captain FRANK NICKERSON, Philippine Scouts, accepted.

First Lieutenant SAMUEL G. TALBOT, 28th Infantry, to his retirement at Galveston.

Assignment of First Lieutenant EMILE L. DELANNEY, medical reserve corps, to active duty in the service, United States, from February 27, announced.

Chaplain JOSEPH M. KANGLEY, coast artillery, from Fort Washington to proper station.

Leave of absence: First Lieutenant WALDEMAR A. CHRISTENSEN, medical reserve corps, two months on arrival in United States.

NAVY.

Lieutenant M. S. CORNING, detached the Nebraska; the Cumberland.

Lieutenant (junior grade) J. B. HOWELL, resignation to be accepted February 28.

Ensign F. G. MARSH, detached the California; the Cheyenne.

Ensign F. E. JOHNSON, detached the Iris; the California.

Passed Assistant Surgeon W. L. JOHNSON, detached navy recruiting station, Baltimore; naval hospital, Washington.

Passed Assistant Surgeon J. B. POLLARD, detached navy recruiting station, Dallas; navy recruiting station, Atlanta.

Assistant Surgeon C. F. CHARLTON, detached navy recruiting station, Hartford; naval hospital, New York.

Acting Assistant Surgeon J. H. PAYNE, detached navy recruiting station, Atlanta; navy recruiting station, Hartford.

Acting Assistant Surgeon W. G. TOWNSEND, detached marine recruiting station, Baltimore; to navy recruiting station, Baltimore.

Acting Assistant Surgeon J. C. LITTELL, detached marine recruiting station, Cleveland; to navy recruiting station, Salt Lake.

Chief Boatswain WILLIAM MARTIN, detached the Fish Hawk; to naval hospital, Norfolk.

Boatswain W. A. JAMES, detached the Constellation; to the Fish Hawk.

Chief Machinist A. T. PERCIVAL, to receiving ship at Mare Island.

Paymaster's Clerk T. F. HOWE, appointed; to the Rhode Island.

Paymaster's Clerk A. F. CATO, appointed; to the Maryland.

MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS.—The following movements of vessels have been reported to the Navy Department:

ARRIVED.

Feb. 24—The Dolphin, at Washington; the Glacier, at Mare Island; the Paducah, at Cienfuegos; the Tonopah, the Castine, the D-1, the D-2, the D-3 and the E-1, at Guantanamo.

SAILED.

Feb. 24—The Glacier, from Angel Island for Mare Island; the Beale, from Norfolk to sea to prepare for final trials.

$16,000 FOR LOSS OF LEG

Owner of Drug Stores Gets Verdict from Automobile Concern.

Morris Ghersin, owner of several drug stores, recovered a verdict for $16,000 in the Supreme Court yesterday for the loss of a leg by being run over by an automobile on November 17, 1912.

The defendants were Cruice, Keelan & Co., an automobile concern. They did not defend the suit. When Ghersin was run down both his legs were broken and one had to be amputated.

DENVER & SALT LAKE NOTES

The Denver & Salt Lake Railroad, which is to take over the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific, has sold $488,000 serial 5 per cent notes to C. E. Mitchell & Co. The securities were issued in connection with the purchase of equipment on which a 25 per cent cash payment is made.

INCREASE IN KRESGE SALES.

Total sales of the S. S. Kresge Company for 1912 amounted to $10,325,488, an increase of $2,402,421 over 1911. The cost of its sales amounted to $7,079,382, which left a gross trading profit of $3,246,106, and after deducting $2,585,046 for selling, general expenses, etc., there was a balance of $661,059, as compared with $390,422 in 1911. Extraordinary profits amounted to $8,120, making net earnings for the year $669,179, as against $350,960 in 1911.

Y. W. C. A.'S EXPOSITION PLAN.

The Young Women's Christian Association is to be well represented at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. It will have a special branch there, in charge of Miss Ella Schooley, who used to be the general secretary of the association. The national board appointed her yesterday at a meeting at No. 600 Lexington avenue. Miss Schooley's headquarters will be in San Francisco.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

The following petitions in bankruptcy were filed in the United States District Court yesterday:

S. DOTTENHEIM, INC., manufacturers of jewelry at No. 33 Union Square; involuntary. Creditors, Mark Dottenheim, $297; August Hagemeyer, $500, and Max L. Rosenstein, $8. Liabilities are reported to be $8,000.

WILLIAM A. McCREA, who did business as Hubbard & Co., wholesale dealers in jewelry, at No. 46 Maiden Lane; voluntary. Liabilities, $5,056; assets, $2,118.

CHARLES FRANCES SHIRK, salesman, of No. 235 West 92d street; voluntary. Liabilities, $2,906; assets, $559.

FRANK T. CRAVEN, contractor, of New Rochelle; voluntary. Liabilities, $5,992; no assets.

ELIZABETH HEAD, of No. 200 West 89th street; voluntary. Liabilities, $4,049; nominal assets, $5,448.

ABRAHAM JOSEFSBERG, clerk, of No. 199 East 3d street; voluntary. Liabilities, $2,259; assets, $1,656.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sunrise, 6:38; sunset, 5:49; moon rises, —; a. m; moon's age, 21.

HIGH WATER.

	A.M.	P.M.
Sandy Hook	11:47	10:00
Governor's Island	12:12	10:26
Hell Gate	2:02	1:36

WIRELESS REPORTS.

The Oceania, reported as 370 miles east of Sandy Hook at noon yesterday, is expected to dock this afternoon.

The New York, reported as 770 miles east of Sandy Hook at 2:30 p m yesterday, is expected to dock Thursday morning.

INCOMING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	Port.	Line.
*Cedric	Naples, Feb 15	White Star
*Havana	Havana, Feb 22	Ward
*Prinz Sigismund	Santiago, Feb 21	Hamb-Am
Buffalo	Hull, Feb 7	Wilson
Eugenia	Algiers, Feb 9	Austrian
Oceania	Algiers, Feb 14	Austrian
El Sol	Galveston, Feb 20	So Pac
Lampasas	Key West, Feb 2	Mallory

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

*New York	Southampton, Feb 19	Am
*Zacapa	Kingston, Feb 22	U F Co
*Arcadian	Bermuda, Feb 25	R M S P
Germania	Lisbon, Feb 18	Fabre
Cecil	London, Feb 14	—
Re d'Italia	Palermo, Feb 12	Italian
Momus	New Orleans, Feb 22	So Pac
Comanche	Jacksonville, Feb 24	Clyde

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

*Mauretania	Liverpool, Feb 22	Cunard
Franconia	Gibraltar, Feb 30	Cunard
Campanello	Rotterdam, Feb 14	—
Panama	Cristobal, Feb 22	N Y & P R
Maracaibo	Caracas, Feb 20	R D W I
Esperanza	Havana, Feb 25	Ward
Antilla	Progreso, Feb 19	Red D
El Valle	Galveston, Feb 22	So Pac
Alamo	Galveston, Feb 22	So Pac

*Brings mail.

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	For.	Line.	Mail closes.	Vessel sails.
Finland	Antwerp	Red Star	6:30 a m	10:00 a m
B'mudian	Bermuda	Quebec	8:00 a m	10:00 a m
Wearside	Brazil	L & H	9:00 a m	12:00 m
Caracas	Curacao	Red D	8:30 a m	12:00 m
Metapan	Colon	U F Co	9:30 a m	12:00 m
Pontiac	Para	Brazilian	1:00 p m	3:00 p m
Dunstan	Para	Booth	1:00 p m	3:00 p m
Stampalia	Naples	Italian	—	11:00 a m
Sabine	Galveston	Mallory	—	1:00 p m
Arapahoe	J'ksonville	Clyde	—	1:00 p m
Creole	New Orleans	So Pac	—	12:00 m

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

France	Havre	French	7:00 a m	10:00 a m
P Grant	Hamburg	H-A	8:30 a m	12:00 m
Morro Castle	Havana	Ward	9:00 a m	12:00 m
Allemannia	Inagua	H-A	1:00 p m	4:00 p m
Pannonia	Naples	Cunard	—	12:00 m
United States	Copenhagen	SA	—	2:00 p m
Uranium	Rotterdam	Uranium	—	—
Arapahoe	Jacksonville	Clyde	—	1:00 p m
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