

BILLIARD WRANGLE AMICABLY SETTLED

De Oro Agrees to Play Kieckhefer in Chicago for Three-Cushion Title Before Feb. 8.

Hostilities between Alfredo De Oro and August Kieckhefer over the world's three-cushion billiard championship ended yesterday when a compromise between the players was made at the offices of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company. After more than two hours of wrangling, during which De Oro steadfastly maintained that he would carry the case to the courts should a forfeit of his title be declared, a proposal was submitted by Thomas A. Dwyer which offered grounds for an amicable adjustment of the difficulties. Thursday Kieckhefer claimed a default from the Cuban because the match was not played by Jan. 25. Yesterday it was decided that De Oro would play in Chicago sometime before Feb. 8.

The proposal by Mr. Dwyer was that De Oro play in Chicago if he received a bonus of \$300, the contest to be part of a program in aid of the Billiard Players' Ambulance Fund. Heretofore De Oro has maintained that he would not jeopardize his title in an ambulance fund benefit, although he was perfectly willing to play at any time for the benefit of the fund. In rejecting the Dwyer proposal yesterday De Oro changed his viewpoint as to having the championship contest part of the ambulance fund benefit.

He announced unexpectedly, just as all hope of an agreement had about been given up, that he would go to Chicago to play provided his expenses to and from that city were paid out of the gate receipts. This was renouncing claim to the \$300 bonus which the Chicago people were willing to give to have him play there. He also said he would play at the ambulance fund benefit on the following condition, that 40 per cent. of the gate receipts, after all expenses be given to the ambulance fund, go to the winner, and 40 per cent. to the loser.

Kieckhefer was agreeable to this and announced that the terms would suit his backer, W. P. Mussey of Chicago, as well as himself. Earlier in the day Charles P. Miller, Vice President of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company had been in communication with Mussey by long-distance telephone, and the Chicago man refused to back down from his original stand that De Oro either play or default, although the alternative was suggested, as it was the first day of the controversy that it would be acceptable if De Oro would play in Chicago within two weeks.

The difficulty first arose because the forty-day limit for the match expired yesterday, and Charles P. Miller, acting for De Oro, could not get a hall in which to play here on that date. He notified De Oro that the match would be played in Bryant Hall Jan. 30, 31, and Feb. 1. De Oro stood his ground on this announcement, which was signed by the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company. Yesterday De Oro realized that the controversy was placing Mr. Miller in an embarrassing position, and it was for this reason, according to his own statement, that he gave way before the Western demands.

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