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**Paderewski, Looking Much the Same
as Before, Comes to Charm
San Franciscans.**

Paderewski, looking much the same, hair and all, as he did when he was here four years ago, arrived in this city yesterday morning in his private car "Riva," with six attendants. After spending the afternoon in his regular practice on the piano, which is his inseparable companion, he was driven last evening to the Palace Hotel, where his manager, Hugo Gorlitz, had secured apartments earlier in the day.

The "Wizard of the Keys" comes from the City of Mexico, where he electrified large audiences with his admirable technique. He also played in Los Angeles and San Diego, with success, and no doubt will duplicate the furor he created in this city on the occasion of his last appearance.

The pianist had a series of mishaps during his present tour, which began December 12 last, and though he was subjected to considerable inconvenience at the time he enjoys recounting them now with evident relish. In Galveston, Texas, one of the grand pianos which travel with him was irreparably ruined through the stupidity of the baggage hands. It seems the case was too large to admit its entrance in the freight car, so it was taken off and the piano was put in by itself and was so knocked about that Paderewski was obliged to order another one in its place.

When seen at the hotel last night Paderewski pleaded fatigue after his journey. He expressed himself, however, as being delighted to be in San Francisco once more, his last visit having been such a pleasant one.

"I desire to correct the impression," said Paderewski, "to the effect that I have taken on weight. That story augmented in New York, where a reporter who interviewed me asked me how I felt. I replied that I was never better in my life and said, 'Don't I look robust?' And a story appeared next day stating that I weighed 100 pounds more than I did formerly. I am delighted to say that my weight is just three and a half pounds more than when I was here last."

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