

The city council has passed a draft bill to abolish all exemptions from rates and taxes on real and personal property, which is to be sent to the legislature. It is to be hoped the legislature will not permit our charitable institutions to be subject to taxation.

About two weeks ago thousands of seals on drift ice made their appearance off Cape North and Tidenish, and the inhabitants of those places made haste to take advantage of the opportunity to capture them. The seals are worth \$3 each, and thousands of them were taken. The ice did not remain many days but drifted off with what were left of the seals.

The Dominion Artillery Association held its annual meeting in Ottawa on the 17th. There was not a large attendance. The President referred to the fact that the Maritime Provinces are to receive a new range at Bedford Basin. Major-General Herbert moved that Colonel Curren, of the Halifax Garrison Artillery be elected President, and in doing so said he highly approved the suggestion that the annual meeting should take place in Halifax. He paid the H. G. A. a high compliment, saying that it is one of the most efficient corps in the service and the Maritime Provinces supplied the greater portion of the Garrison Artillery of the Dominion. The Royal Artillery would assist and the sight of ordnance, scientifically handled, would be beneficial to the Dominion corps. He had already stated that the Artillery was the most efficient branch of the service, but would suggest that that corps be paid for the time spent in camp during Association competition. Lieut. Moore, P. E. I. Garrison Artillery, was elected Vice-President and Lieut.-Col. Stevenson and Capt. McRae and B'iss were elected members of the Council.

The New Jersey Legislature has made it unlawful to dock the tails of horses.

A bill has been introduced at Washington to compel railways to equip their cars with automatic couplers within a certain time.

The *Century* will take up the campaign for good roads. The April number is to contain a suggestive article on "Our Common Roads," by Isaac B. Potter, editor of "Good Roads" and a practical engineer.

Mr. Harrison declares that unless Great Britain agrees to some arrangement, pending the arbitration on the seal question, by which the interests of the United States in Behring Sea can be protected, the United States government will take measures to protect them, even if it is necessary to call the military forces out.

A fire occurred in the folding room of the House of Representatives at Washington on Tuesday and destroyed a large number of public documents. The fire department soon had the fire under control. The office and corridors were closely packed with documents. They were flooded with water to a depth of several inches. Dense smoke permeated the entire building, including the house. The fire is supposed to have resulted from the carelessness of employees in neglecting to extinguish a candle or from a lighted cigar dropped on the floor among the loose papers by a visitor. The loss is estimated at \$15,000, confined almost exclusively to public documents. The folding room is located in the last sub-basement of the house wing of the Capitol. The stone floors of the Capitol and heavy brick walls alone prevented the flames from spreading to the richly-furnished committee rooms on the floor above.

The new flagship *Blake* has arrived at Bermuda to relieve the *Bellerophon*.

Great Britain has a little rising to quell in Pahang, where the Malays are objecting to British rule. Some fairly lively fighting has been done.

The Queen started from Windsor Castle on her visit to south of France on Saturday, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice and others.

The Behring Sea *modus vivendi* hitch is still unsettled. Lord Salisbury has replied to Mr. Blaine's request, but great reticence is maintained about its tenor in official circles.

As a result of the recent diabolical explosions in Paris, President Carnot has signed a bill introducing a clause in the penal code making the wilful destruction of property by means of explosives punishable with death.

There were great demonstrations of joy at Liban, a Russian port, when the American steamer *Indiana* arrived on the 18th with provisions for the famine stricken country. A thanksgiving service was held on board by the Greek clergy.

During a row in the Casino at Monte Carlo, Lady Randolph Churchill was robbed of a purse which contained a large sum of gold and a number of valuable coins struck off during Queen Victoria's Jubilee. It was no place for her to be.

Queen Victoria and her immediate family will be rewarded for her good offices in trying to settle the Guelph fund dispute by receiving several million thalers from it. In his will King George of Hanover bequeaths to her and her daughters 1,000,000 each.

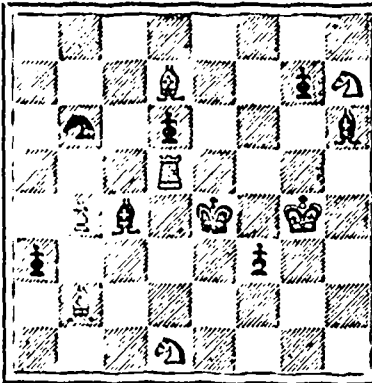
Nihilistic outrages in the form of dynamite explosions have been alarming Paris. The police are actively searching for the miscreants. A rumor that nihilists in Paris are preparing to make an attempt to assassinate the Czar of Russia has caused special precautions to be taken in the Imperial household.

It was cabled a day or two ago that Chancellor Von Caprivi of Germany had resigned, but it has since been contradicted. The crisis concerned Prussia only, and was the outcome of the educational bill, and Caprivi has insisted upon the Kaiser's acceptance of his resignation of office of Prussian premier. He will still remain at the head of the German cabinet.

## CHESS.

## PROBLEM No. 108.

(Selected.)

By C. A. Gilberg.  
Black 8 pieces.

White 7 pieces.

White to play and mate in two moves.

We regret that no solutions of Problems 106 and 107 have been received. Our readers are invited to forward solutions not later than Wednesday each week.—[Chess Ed.]

## GAME NO. 108.

TSCHIGORIN-STEINITZ MATCH.

Eleventh Game—Ruy Lopez.

Tschigorin. Steinitz.  
WHITE. BLACK.

1 P to K4	P to K4
2 Kt to KB3	Kt to QB3
3 B to Kt5	P to Q3
4 Kt to B3	B to Q2
5 P to Q4	KKt to K2
6 B to KKt	P to B3 a
7 B to K3	Kt to Kt3
8 Q to Q	P to QR3
9 B to R4	P to Kt4
10 B to Kt3	Kt to R4
11 Castles (KR)	P to B3 b
12 P takes P	BP takes P
13 B to Kt5	B to K2 c
14 KR to Q sq	Kt to Kt2
15 B takes B	Q takes R
16 Kt to Kt5 d	R to KB sq
17 Kt takes P	R to R sq
18 Q to Kt5 e	Kt to B5
19 Q takes Q ch	K takes Q
20 Kt to Kt5	R to R4
21 P to KR4 f	R takes P
22 P to Kt3	R to Kt5
23 Kt to B3	R to KB sq
24 R to Q2	Kt to B4
25 Kt to R2	R to Kt3
26 R to K sq	Kt to R6 ch
27 K to Kt2	Kt to Kt4
28 KR to K2	R to R3
29 R to K3	QK to KR sq
30 Kt to B sq	B to R6 ch
31 K to Kt sq	B to Kt5
32 K to Kt2	P to Kt5
33 P to B4 g	B to R6 ch h
34 K to B2 i	R to B3 j
35 Kt to K2	KKt takes P ch
36 K to Kt sq	B takes Kt
37 P takes P	P takes P k
38 R takes B	KR to R3
39 R to B7 ch	K to Q3
40 R takes P	R to R8 ch
41 K to Kt2	Kt to Q7 l
42 R to Kt6 ch	K to B2
43 P to Kt4	QR to R7 ch
44 K to Kt3	Kt to B8 ch
45 K to B3	R to R6 ch

Resigns.

Time—2 hrs. 45 m. Time—2 hrs. 45 m.

NOTES BY STEINITZ.

a Black could also play 6 P to KR3; 7 KB takes Kt, 7 Q takes B; 8 Kt to Q5, 8 Q to Q sq; 9 P takes P; 10 B takes Kt, 10 P takes B, &c.

b More sound and solid than 11 P takes P; 12 Kt takes P, 12 P to QB4;

13 Kt to K6, 13 Kt takes B; 14 Q to Q5, and if 14 Q to B sq; 15 Kt to B7 ch, &c. This variation was shown by Mr. Tschigorin after the game was over.

c Q to B2 or Kt3 would not have been good, as white could answer Kt to KR4.

d The attack on the RP is anyhow premature, for its capture exposes his K side, as will be seen.

e If 18 Kt to Kt5, 18 R to R4; 19 B to B7 ch, (or 19 Kt to B3, 19 B to Kt5, with an excellent attack.) 19 K to B sq; 20 B takes Kt, 20 R takes Kt; 21 B to B5, 21 B takes B; 22 P takes B, 22 P to Q4, with an excellent game.

f Best. If 21 Kt to B3, 21 B to K5, followed by B takes Kt, and doubling rooks, wins with ease.

g Probably his best resource. If 33 Kt to R4, 33 QKt takes P; 34 P to KB4, 34 B to R6 ch; 35 K to Kt sq, 35 B takes Kt; 36 K takes B, 36 R to R8 ch; 37 K to K2, 37 QR to R7 ch; 38 K to Q sq, (or 38 K to Q3, 38 R to Q7 ch, and mates next move by R to Q5;) 38 Kt to B7 ch; 39 K to B sq, 39 Kt to Kt5; 40 KR to K2, 40 Kt to B6, and wins.

h Black could not have won the exchange here for a pawn by K to B6, but preferred the attack which follows.

i The best move.

j R to B sq would have been much more precise.

k Senor Colmayo showed an ingenious win here by 37 KR to R3; 38 P takes P ch, 38 K to Q2; and if 39 K takes Kt, 36 Kt to Q7 ch and mates in two moves.

l Indefensible.

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