

BIRDS ON THE TELEGRAPH WIRE.

From the Swedish of Carl Swilaky.

BY NED P. MAH.

(On thought's suspension bridge, where fly Swift tidings, sweet or bitter, Small sparrows chaunter perched on high And linnets careless twitter.

None, in his life's short, blissful dream The mystery unravels Of that unceasing, silent stream Of thought, the wire that travels.

No more they hear what lightning hurled, Is dashed along within it, Than we do of the spirit world Which whispers us each minute.

All earth's enigmas making clear In everlasting chorus That tinkles through the atmosphere Around, about and o'er us.

While scarce an echo, here and there Strikes, in our clay-bound sentiment, Some single cloud, soft, sweet and rare, Called vision, or presentment.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Papers to hand. Thanks. J. R., Hamilton.—Problem received. Thanks. It shall appear very soon.

The Chess Congress at Berlin opened on the 28th ult., and more than a hundred players were present. Among the eighteen who took part in the grand tourney were Zukertort, Blackburne, and Mason, from London; Winawer, of Russia, and the brothers Louis and Wilfried Paulsen.

The Globe-Democrat of St. Louis has published the following items which have been received through the Associated Press:

On Monday, play in the grand tourney commenced, the result being that Mason won his game from Blackburne, and Zukertort had to succumb to W. Paulsen.

On Tuesday Blackburne drew against J. Berger, of Graz, the well-known problem composer, and the two old antagonists, Zukertort and Winawer, had also to be content with a drawn battle.

On Wednesday Blackburne beat Schultz, of Lunenburg, and Mason only succeeded in drawing against Schmidt.

On Thursday Mason made another drawn game against J. Berger, of Graz.

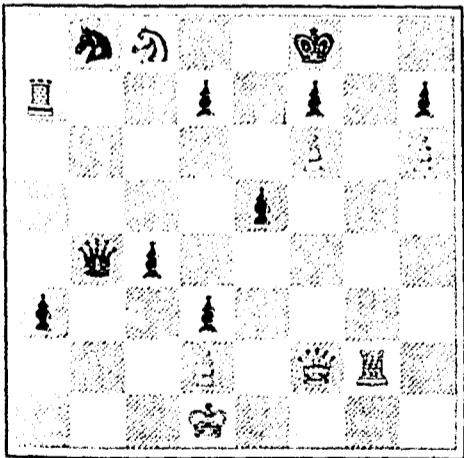
The following are from the Montreal Gazette of the 7th inst.:

Chess Contest.—Berlin, September 5.—The chess contest was suspended yesterday afternoon. The competitors lined up together at the Thier Garten. So far, Mr. Blackburne, of London, has won two games and lost one, with one game drawn. Mr. Mason, of New York, has won three and lost none, with two draws, and Herr Zukertort has won two and lost one, with one drawn. London, Sept. 8th.—In the Chess Congress at Berlin yesterday Mr. Blackburne beat Mr. Winawer and Mr. Schmidt; Mr. Zukertort beat Mr. Winawer, and Mr. Mason beat Mr. Schultz.

We have received the programme and rules of the coming tourney for the championship of Detroit which is to begin on the 19th of September next. The rules were adopted at a meeting of the chessplayers of the Detroit Chess and Checker Club, at the club rooms, No. 15 Grand River Avenue. Any resident of the city is eligible to enter the tourney. The entrance fee is \$2, payable to Fred Rosenfeld, Treasurer, at the club room on or before September 15. There will be three prizes offered, the winner of the first prize to bear the title of "Champion of Detroit." Each player is to play the best two out of three games with all the players, drawn not to count. Play to begin September 17. There is great enthusiasm manifested about the coming tourney, and it promises to be a closely contested match. The number of entries will be, it is expected, quite large, it would doubtless be larger were it not for the remarkable feature presented by one of the rules. Life is too short to allow some people to enter a chess tourney in which the time limit is four moves an hour. The Detroit players ought to reconsider this, and increase the pace a little.—Turf, Field and Farm.

PROBLEM No. 345.

By John Barry, Montreal. BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in five moves.

GAME 474TH.

CHESS IN LONDON.

The seventh game in the match between Messrs. Blackburne and Zukertort.

(French Opening.)

Table showing chess moves for White and Black in Game 474th. White moves: 1. P to K4, 2. P to Q4, 3. Q Kt to B3, 4. P takes P, 5. Kt to B3, 6. B to Q3, 7. Castles, 8. B to K Kt 5, 9. K to R sq (b), 10. B to K3 (c), 11. Q to Q2 (d), 12. Kt to K R 4 (f), 13. P to B3, 14. P to B4, 15. Kt to B3, 16. P to B5, 17. B takes Kt. Black moves: 1. P to K3, 2. P to Q4, 3. K Kt to B3, 4. P takes P, 5. B to Q3, 6. Castles, 7. Kt to B3 (a), 8. B to K Kt 5, 9. B to K2, 10. Q to Q2, 11. B to Q3 (e), 12. Q R to K sq, 13. B to K3 (g), 14. Q to Q sq, 15. B to Q Kt 5, 16. Kt to K5 (h), 17. P takes B.

Table of chess moves for a game. White moves: 18. P takes B, 19. P takes P ch, 20. R takes P, 21. R to B4 (f), 22. Q to Q3, 23. P takes B, 24. R to B3, 25. B to Q2, 26. B R to K B sq, 27. B to B4, 28. B to K5, 29. R to B4, 30. R to 5, 31. B takes Kt P, 32. Q to R3, 33. B to K5. Black moves: 18. P takes Kt, 19. R takes P, 20. R to Q2 (g), 21. Kt to K2, 22. B takes Kt, 23. Kt to Q4, 24. K R to K2 (k), 25. Q to Q3, 26. Kt to B3, 27. Q to Q4, 28. Kt to K5, 29. Kt to Kt 4 (l), 30. Kt to K3, 31. Kt to Q B4, 32. Kt to K5, 33. R takes B.

White announced mate in five moves (m)

NOTES—(Condensed.)

- (a) The best theoretical authorities, including Herr Zukertort, consider this to be strongest defensive development at this point. (b) In order to capture the Q P without remaining subjected to the answer of B takes P ch. (c) White has obtained a change of post for his R, which, in the opinion of Herr Zukertort, is of some importance for his development. (d) Questionable. (e) For we think that Black's having developed the Q at Q2 makes a material difference in enabling him to capture the Kt with advantage. (f) The Kt was bound to remove now, and this was the best plan, in order to avoid an offer of exchange by B to K B4. (g) Q to Q sq, though tempting, would have been bad. (h) B to B sq was the proper play. (i) Exchanging Rooks, followed by B takes Kt, and afterwards Q to Q4, would have afforded him no compensation for the P lost. (j) An awkward sort of defence, which should only have led to an even game. (k) P to B4 was now the correct move. (l) A flagrant error, which loses his most important P and disintegrates his position on the K side. (m) Commencing with Q to Kt 5 ch. The Kt must then interpose, and the Q takes, followed by R to B8 ch.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 344.

- White. Black. 1. Q to Q R 5. 1. Any move. 2. Mates acc.

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 342.

- White. Black. 1. Kt to Q R 4. 1. Any. 2. Mates acc.

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS No. 343.

- White. Black. K at Q Kt 5. K at Q3. Q at K R 8. R at Q B3. B at Q2. B at Q B4. Kt at K Kt 8. Pawns at K3, K R3. Pawns at K4, Q2, Q B2. and Q Kt 3.

White to play and mate in two moves.

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