

The English Government is evincing the greatest interest in the Chicago World's Fair. The Government has decided to make a handsome appropriation to ensure a full exposition of English products. The decision of the Government to ask a grant is an unusual sign of friendliness. In the case of the French exhibition no appropriation was made.

The *Official Messenger* publishes a decree prohibiting any Jewish artisans or traders from entering the city of Moscow, and expelling those residing there. The Czar wrote with his own hand, on the bottom of the original document, a notice to the officials of Moscow, that the decree was to be carried out in every particular. It is stated that a similar decree is to be prepared for St. Petersburg.

It is thought in some quarters that the elections for the Imperial Parliament are not far off. Of course no one but Lord Salisbury knows just when the House will be dissolved. Mr. Gladstone will continue in the leadership of the Liberal party, despite the rumors to the contrary. Lord Roseberry succeeds the late Earl Granville, as leader of the party in the House of Lords. The Irish Nationalists will be divided into two hostile camps, and both chiefs will put candidates in the field.

The Russian ambassador's protest in regard to detention by Ottoman authorities of Russian steamers *Nichni* and *Novgorod* in Dardanelles, April 13, has caused great alarm in Turkish Official circles. The Russian ambassador declared the embassy would henceforth be compelled to take independent measures to assure unimpeded passage of Russian merchant vessels through the Dardanelles. The Porte, in reply, said, should Russian ambassador's remark be carried out, other powers might feel called upon to take the matter into consideration.

The *Englishman*, Calcutta, in a semi-official article, says that the suppression of the opium trade in India will provoke a revolt among the Sikhs and other warlike races in that country. The only possible way, the paper continues, to recoup the loss of revenue from the opium traffic is by again imposing cotton duties, absorbing the famine fund, doubling the income tax, adding eight annas (or one shilling) to the salt tax, which would cause misery and death among thousands of the inhabitants, otherwise England would have to pay India six million pounds yearly.

Germany's greatest general, Count Von Moltke, died on April 24th. The funeral services were held on the 28th. Emperor William, the King of Saxony and members of the Royal families, together with leading German generals, were present. Great sorrow has been caused throughout Germany by the death of this distinguished hero, the greatest general of the century. Count Von Moltke was born in 1800. He took part in several campaigns, but his chief honors were won in the Franco-German war as Commander-in-Chief. He was also a man of great culture in several arts.

The Newfoundland delegates presented their case at the bar of the House of Lords on April 23rd. There was a large attendance, and the gallery was well filled with peereesses. Sir William Whitway delivered a fine speech, setting forth the history of the legislation in which Newfoundland is concerned since the treaty of Utrecht, 1713. He gave the details of the objections to Lord Knutsford's Bill, and made several proposals as to Newfoundland legislation, and asked that the passage of the Knutsford Bill be delayed. The second reading of the Bill will not take place in the Commons before May 15th, giving ample time to consider any amendment that might be suggested in connection with the Government's measure.

A despatch from Oran says that an enormous reservoir of water 120 feet below the surface has been discovered at Elgolea, a small caravan station in the midst of the Sahara desert. The reservoir was discovered while a number of workmen were engaged in sinking a well at Elgolea. The shaft sunk already gives forty gallons of good clear water per minute, and it is expected that this amount can readily be increased should it be found that a larger quantity is necessary. The discovery is of the highest importance, and will undoubtedly lead to develop the caravan trade of Elgolea, which is one of the stopping places in the Sahara desert of the caravans which travel across that region. This is the first time that water has been found at so slight a depth in the Sahara.

The explosion of 265 tons of gunpowder in the powder magazine at Pozzo Pontaleo, Rome, on April 23rd, did great damage to property, and spread terror and dismay on all sides. All houses in the neighborhood of the explosion were seriously damaged. Five persons were killed outright and some 120 others injured. The cupola of the house of parliament collapsed with a tremendous crash. The vatican was shaken and several famous historical stained glass windows shattered. A fort near the magazine was almost destroyed, but fortunately all the soldiers had left the building in time to avert terrible loss of life. The investigation made by the military authorities into the origin of the explosion shows that it was caused by the accidental explosion of some shrapnel shell capsules. The Pope is said to be deeply stirred over the damage to the Vatican and to be preparing to protest against the alleged negligence of the government in storing such a vast quantity of powder contiguous to Rome.

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NEWS.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF ENGLAND.—Latest advices of the tournament show that it lasted longer than was anticipated, for at the close of the tenth day's play the final game for the championship still remained to be played. It was to be between Christie, of Sunderland, and Beattie, of Liverpool, and the title carries with it a prize of £20. The young champion of London, Tescheleit, after beating so well-known an expert as Willie Gardner, of Leeds, had to succumb to a former antagonist and ex-champion of London, Jordan. In the third round Jordan had to surrender to Christie, of Sunderland, as had also Freeman, of London, to Beattie, of Liverpool. This leaves Freeman and Jordan to play for third and fourth prizes, and Beattie and Christie for first and second. After beating Kear, of Bristol, and Grainger, of London, Gardner won the consolation prize.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

JOSEPH E. COX, Montreal—Received, was disappointed in not meeting Mr. Miller.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 216.—The position was: black men 3, 5, 7, 11, 21, king 29; white men 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 30; white to play and compel black to surrender at fifth move. 18 15, 11—25, 16 11, 7—16, 20 11: black surrenders.

GAME 102.

"WILL O' THE WISP."

Being the deciding game from the first round of the English championship, showing how Tescheleit, of London, defeated Gardner, of Leeds:

Black, Gardner. White, Tescheleit.
11—15 7—5—9 1—6 10—15
23 19 24 20 16 12 23 19
9—13 9—13 6—10 9—14
23 18 25 22 31 27 19 10
15—22 6—9 10—14 14—23
25 18 28 24 27 23 26 19
a-13—17 8—11 2—6 17—26
21 14 32 28 24 19 30 23
10—17 4—8 6—10 7—14
29 25 19 16 28 24 16 7
17—21 12—19 11—17 3—10
27 23 23 16 19 16 12 3

And Tescheleit (white) won.

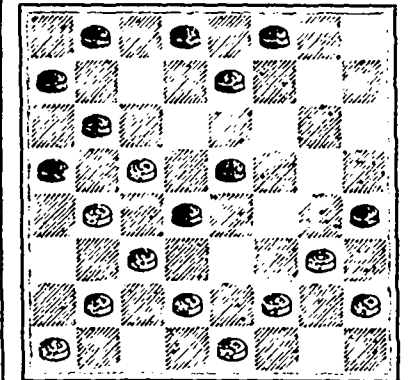
a Tescheleit claims that there is no draw after this move.

b 8—11 is stronger, but even that the London champion has analysed to prove will not draw.

PROBLEM 218

From the game in which Jordan finally defeated Tescheleit, to the surprise of everyone.

Black (Jordan) men 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 13, 15, 18, 20.



White (Tescheleit) men 14, 17, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31.

Black to play and win.

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