

Queen Victoria dispensed her usual New Year's bounties of beef, coal and breadstuffs at Windsor Castle yesterday.

The London Free Press was enlarged yesterday morning to thirty-six columns, the size of the Metropolitan papers.

Captain-General Concha has issued a proclamation announcing the accession of Prince Alfonso to the Spanish crown.

The St. Lawrence river at Cape Vincent, N. Y., is covered with ice, and the crossing to Kingston is now made in ice boats.

The planers, riveters and boiler-makers at Hull have struck work on account of a reduction of ten per cent. in their wages.

The inauguration of Gov. Tilden took place at the Capital, Albany, on the 1st, and was witnessed by a more than ordinary large concourse of citizens.

THE ACCESSION OF ALFONSO XII.

A telegraph despatch received in Paris from Madrid, under date of the 31 ult says that Prince Alfonso, son of ex-Queen Isabella, has been proclaimed King of Spain, and is recognised by all the forces comprising the armies of the North and Center.

The Spanish Minister of the Interior has sent the following despatch to the Governors of the provinces:

Alfonso the Twelfth has been unanimously proclaimed King by the nation, army and Ministry. A regency has been formed under the Presidency of Canovas De Castillo, without a portfolio. We hope your patriotism will induce you to firmly maintain the great interests confided to you.

Carlism dead.

The Alfonsists consider that Carlism has received a death blow.

OF THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

Alfonso did not pass through Paris, but has gone to Spain direct. He will disembark either at Cadix or Valencia.

THE TROOPS IN THE FIELD.

General Martinez Campos has entered Valencia at the head of the troops that were sent to oppose him when he pronounced for Alfonso.

The Carlist leaders Dorregary, Alvarez and others have entered Catalonia.

WHAT THE KING SAID TO AN ENGLISH INTERVIEWER.

LONDON, Jan. 1—5:30 A.M.

The Times correspondent from Paris telegraphs to that paper that he has had an interview with Alfonso, who is in that city. He stated that he was ready to start for Spain, but it was necessary for him to await a dispatch, which is expected today (Friday). He had expected the news of his proclamation.

His mother will remain in Paris.

He concluded as follows: "I am not the king of a party. My Ministry will be composed of men of all shades."

CARLIST LEADERS SURRENDERING.

PARIS, Jan. 1.—Despatches from Spain say it is rumored that the Carlist General Dorregary has laid down his arms, and the other prominent Carlists are about to submit to King Alfonso.

RESIGNATION OF THE SPANISH MINISTER AT PARIS.

The Spanish Ambassador at Paris has resigned.

RIOTS IN BARCELONA APPREHENDED.

Disturbances are apprehended in Barcelona.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

MADRID, Jan. 1.—The Spanish army and navy yesterday everywhere accepted Don Alfonso as King. Marshal Serrano has quietly transferred the command of the armies to Gen. Lazerna.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM DE MONTPENSIRE AND ORLEANS PRINCES.

Duke de Montpensire and the Orleans Princes have congratulated Don Alfonso upon his accession to the Spanish Throne.

PROCLAMATION BY CAPT. GENERAL CONCHA.

HAVANA, Jan. 1.—Capt. General Concha has issued a proclamation announcing the accession of Prince Alfonso to the Spanish Crown.

ALFONSO ON THE DUTIES OF HIS NEW POSITION.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—In his interview with the Paris correspondent of the London Times Don Alfonso said: "Liberal Constitutionalist as I am, I know well that it is not a matter of pleasure to be King of Spain at this moment, but I shall try to understand my duty and do it."

SERRANO OVERTHROWN BY DE RIVERA.

A special despatch from Madrid to the London Times says: "Gen. De Rivera some time since informed Marshal Serrano that he intended to have Alfonso proclaimed King, and persisted in this intention despite offers of Serrano to him of the most elevated positions in his gift, including that of Captain-General of Cuba. Marshal Serrano was unable to supersede De Rivera, as he alone had the disposal of the military forces in Madrid."

ALFONSO KING OF SPAIN.

His ministry announced—the new sovereign in making the Pope's blessing—ex-queen Isabella congratulated by Primo de Rivera

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Prince Alfonso, son of ex-Queen Isabella, has been proclaimed King of Spain, and is recognized by all the forces comprising the armies of the North and Center. The Spanish Consul at Bourg Madame, Department of Pyrenees-Orientales, has notified the Sub-Prefect of Bayonne, that Donna Bianca, wife of Don Alfonso, brother of Don Carlos, has crossed the frontier into Spain, and proceeded toward Pregel.

Ex-Queen Isabella has received the following despatches:

All the towns have responded enthusiastically to the proclamation.

(Signed) PRIMO DE RIVERA, Captain-General of Madrid.

We pray your Majesty to transmit the news to your son. We congratulate you on this grand triumph, achieved without bloodshed.

This telegram is signed by Gen. Primo de Rivera and Canovas De Castillo.

Isabella, in response to the despatch of Gen. Primo de Rivera, sent the following telegram: The King proceeds to Spain immediately.

Alfonso, has telegraphed to the Pope asking his blessing, and promising that he will, like his ancestors, defend the rights of the Holy See.

King Alfonso's Ministry is announced as follows:

- Castro, Minister of Foreign Affairs. Cardenas, Minister of Justice. Jovellar, Minister of War. Salaveria, Minister of Finance. Molina, Minister of Marine. Robledo, Minister of the Interior. Orovisio, Minister of Commerce. Ayala, Minister of the Colonies.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

The great interest taken in chess at the present time has induced us to devote a portion of our space again to matter which we trust, may be acceptable to lovers of the noble game.

The games inserted will, as far as possible, be chosen from contests between players of Canadian clubs, and problems, and positions of interest from all available sources, will not be neglected.

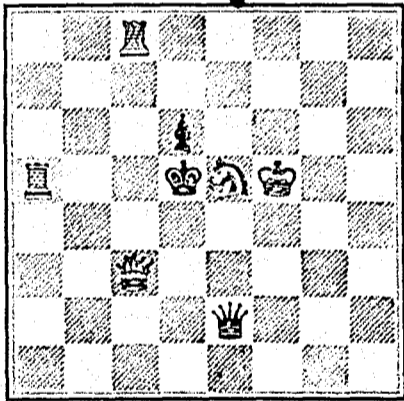
We are happy to see that a club has been established among the students of the Harvard University, and the number of clubs recently formed in many places, both in England and the United States, gives evidence that a game, which not many years ago was only known to a few, is becoming so popular that we may soon expect to find it a favourite among all classes of the community.

The establishment of the Canadian Chess Association in 1872, and the Annual Meetings held since, have contributed greatly to promote a love of chess in the Dominion, and we anticipate that at the next meeting at Ottawa, in August 1875 when the usual tournament will take place, a large number of players will enter their names as combatants. We shall be glad to do our part in presenting chess matter which may be of interest to all classes of players, and shall be happy at all times to receive information from any of our correspondents. A Telegraphic match between Montreal and Seaforth is spoken of, and we shall not fail to give our readers all the news of respecting it which we may be able to obtain.

PROBLEM No. 1.

From an old treatise on chess.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to Checkmate in two moves.

One of the games in the late telegraphic match between Quebec and Montreal.

(Board B.)

(Irregular opening.)

- Montreal. White (Mr. H.) 1. P to Q 4, 2. P to K B 4, 3. P to K 3, 4. K B to K 2, 5. Q takes B, 6. K Kt to B 3, 7. Castles, 8. P to Q B 3, 9. Q Kt to Q 2, 10. P to Q Kt 3, 11. P to Q R 4, 12. P to Q B 4, 13. B to Q Kt 2, 14. Q R to Q B sq, 15. P takes Q P, 16. P takes Q B P, 17. Q to Q 3 (a), 18. Kt to K 5, 19. Kt takes Kt, 20. Kt to K B 3, 21. Kt to K 5, 22. B takes Kt, 23. B to Q Kt 2, 24. P to Q R 5, 25. Q to Q 4, 26. Q R to Q Kt sq, 27. Q to Q sq, 28. Q R takes Q, 29. K to R sq, 30. P to K Kt 3, 31. B to Q R 3, 32. B to Q Kt 4 and White resigns.
- Quebec. Black (Mr. C.) 1. P to Q 4, 2. K Kt to B 3, 3. Q B to K Kt 5, 4. B takes B, 5. Q to Q 2, 6. P to Q B 3, 7. P to K 3, 8. K B to Q 3, 9. Q to Q B 2, 10. Q Kt to Q 2, 11. Castles (K R), 12. P to Q Kt 3, 13. B to Q Kt 5, 14. P to Q B 4, 15. K P takes P, 16. P takes P, 17. Q to Q Kt 3(b), 18. Q R to Q sq, 19. Kt takes Kt, 20. K R to K sq (c), 21. Kt takes Kt, 22. P to K B 3, 23. P to Q B 5 (d), 24. B takes P, 25. Q takes Q Kt P, 26. B to Q Kt 3, 27. Q takes Q, 28. B takes P (ch.), 29. P to Q 3, 30. P to Q B 6, 31. P to Q 6, 32. P to Q B 7

- (a.) A bad move leading to difficulties.
- (b.) A good move.
- (c.) Well played.
- (d.) The winning move.

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