

GOSSIP OF THE CAPITOL.

WASHINGTON READY FOR THE MEETING OF CONGRESS.

SIR JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE'S ILLNESS—HIS EFFICIENT FIRST SECRETARY—SEÑOR DE LÓME NOT LIKELY TO BE RECALLED—HOW CONTROLLER LAWRENCE LOST A CASE—CAPTAIN BASSETT'S REMINISCENCES.

Washington, Dec. 4.—For two weeks Senators and members of Congress have been assembling, and if the rolls of the two houses should be called to-day, instead of on Monday, few would be found missing.

"Nothing does a man more good," said one of the Southern members, who when he left here last summer looked as if he were not long for this world, when congratulated on his improved appearance.

The convening of Congress is the signal for the return to town of all those who belong to the official world. This applies even to the Diplomatic Corps, who are present as a matter of courtesy rather than necessity.

Señor de Lóme, the Spanish Minister, after several months divided between Lenox and New-York, has finally returned to the city, with Señora de Lóme and their sons, and taken possession of the house in Massachusetts-ave.

the admiration of the officials with whom he has had business relations.

Judge Lawrence, one of the former Controllers of the Treasury, was an interesting if rather eccentric person, and many stories are told of him apropos of his displeasure whenever one of his decisions was set aside by the courts.

"Lawrence? Lawrence?" finally queried the Judge. "Pray, who is this Lawrence that you so frequently quote? Lawrence indeed! I never heard of this authority before."

It is much to be regretted that the literary executors of Captain Bassett have reluctantly concluded that it will be impossible for them to put his notes and letters in such shape that they can be published, for they would make most interesting reading and be a valuable addition to American history.

Every now and then an auction takes place in the Government departments. This occurs whenever an appropriation for new furniture becomes available, and it is necessary to dispose in some way of the material which has been condemned as unfit for use.

They are still here. From The Chicago Tribune. "They say that poetry is dying." "Yes, but, unfortunately, the poets aren't."

WITH QUEENS AND ROOKS.

THE PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE TOURNAMENT FINDING FAVOR.

PROGRESS OF THE MANHATTAN CLUBS TOURNEY—A HINT TO CORRESPONDENTS—PROBLEMS AND VARIOUS NOTES.

The readers interested in chess will henceforth have to look for their corner in the illustrated supplement of The Tribune, and there is no doubt that they will enjoy the comments about things in the realm of the royal game just as well as in former times.

Mr. Duryea's idea of arranging a tournament, to be played by the readers of The Tribune by correspondence, seems to meet with much approval.

Chess Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I was much interested in reading H. S. Duryea's letter in to-day's Tribune regarding a correspondence tournament, as also your remarks on his suggestion.

Chess Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I read with great interest the suggestion to hold a correspondence tournament, and would like to enter at once.

It is needless to say that H. S. Duryea, No. 123 West One-hundred-and-twenty-second-st., New-York, the originator of the correspondence tournament, has already entered his name as a competitor.

Max Judd, the former United States Consul General at Vienna, visited Rome during a visit to Italy, and he there contested a couple of games with the strong Italian player, Signor F. Ceccarini, of which his contestant won one.

Table with columns: WHITE, BLACK, WHITE, BLACK. Lists chess moves and game results.

NOTES. (a) The late W. N. Potter suggested this move as a defence to the Ruy Lopez, and M. Alapin, the Russian expert, has devoted considerable attention to it.

The sixth game for the Janowski-Walbrodt match, as recently played in Berlin, came to hand during last week.

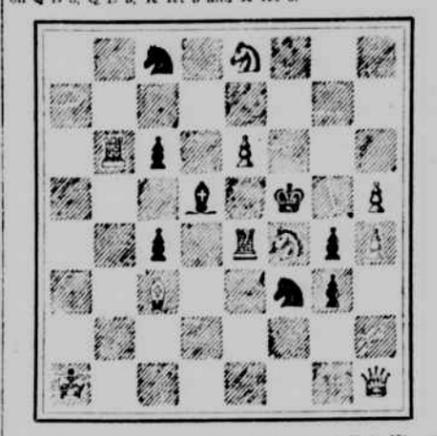
There was much faulty strategy employed by Walbrodt in the sixth game played by him against Janowski. His move of 5 P-B3 was too slow, and his move of 7 Kt-Kt5 too fast.

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Volume VI of "The American Chess Magazine" has just come to hand. It is an excellent number,

and quite up to the high standard of previous issues.

PROBLEM NO. 218—BY K. KONDELK. Black—Eight pieces. K on K B 4; Kt* on Q B and K B 6; B on Q 4; P on Q B 3, Q B 5, K Kt 5 and K Kt 6.



K on Q R; Q on K R; Rs on Q Kt 6 and K 4; Kt* on K 8 and K B 4; B on Q B 3; P* K 6, K R 4 and K R 6. White—Eight pieces. White to play and mate in two moves.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 217. 1. K-B 8, K-R 4; 2. Q-Q 7; P-Kt 4; 3. Q-R 7. Mate. 1. K-B 8, K-R 4; 2. Q-Q 7, K-R 3; 3. Q-R 4. Mate. 1. K-B 8, P-Kt 4; 2. Q-Q B 3, P-Kt 5; 3. Q x P. Mate.

The above solution was forwarded by E. W. Engberg, who writes at the same time as follows: "This is the neatest Q and P problem I have seen."

C. Santa Barbara, Cal., forwarded an additional solution to No. 215, as did Sam Steven, New-York, No. 216.

G. H. B., Atlantic City, N. J.—The Tribune will try to mend matters.

BLACK NAPOLEONS OF ST. HELENA.

ZULU KINGS WHO HAVE BEEN CONDEMNED TO EXILE ON THE CELEBRATED ISLAND.

From The Sketch.

Once again St. Helena has become the prison of Great Britain. Seventy-two years ago Napoleon entered on his six years' exile there, fretting and fuming in his superb loneliness, with nothing to survey but those seven-and-forty square miles which the little island is composed of.

HE FOUND THE EXPLANATION.

From London Truth.

The Duc d'Aumale, who died a few weeks ago, was a prince of the house of Orleans, enormously wealthy, and so popular in his youth that it was thought that he could easily play the role of Louis Napoleon and secure his own election as President or Stadtholder of France.

"Announce me," he said to the servant, "as General le Duc d'Aumale." The man stepped forward, but the Duke stopped him. "No, as le Duc d'Aumale, simply," he corrected.