

C H E S S

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ECHOES FROM CHICAGO TELEGRAPHIC MATCH

According to a telegram from Edward Lasker of Chicago, who, because of his standing as one of the country's foremost chess players, was asked to adjudicate the unfinished games from the Washington's birthday telegraphic match, the various positions have been adjudged as follows: Board 1, Isaacs (C.) vs. Gruer (S. F.), draw. Board 2, Chilton (S. F.) vs. Phillips (C.), win for Chicago. Board 3, Gessner (C.) vs. Fink (S. F.), win for Chicago. Board 5, Swarz (C.) vs. Ryder (S. F.), win for San Francisco. Board 6, Branch (S. F.) vs. Denio (C.). This game, printed in last Sunday's column, was considered beyond question as a win for San Francisco, Branch being two pawns ahead. In his telegram Lasker stated that they could find no win for San Francisco, but suggested that, inasmuch as it was the deciding game, it be left to an "outsider" for adjudication. Board 7, Colonel Rogers (C.) vs. B. Smith (S. F.), draw. Board 8, Hallwegen (S. F.) vs. Klaase (C.), draw. Board 9, Ringer (C.) vs. Smyth (S. F.), draw. Board 10, Stamer (S. F.) vs. Bull (C.), win for San Francisco. Board 11, Gordon (C.) vs. Woskoff (S. F.), win for Chicago. Board 12, W. Smith (S. F.) vs. Goldwater (C.), win for Chicago.

This disposition of the games, in the opinion of local experts, certainly worked no hardship for Chicago. However, Lasker's adjudication will be accepted by the local players, except for the game at board 7, Rogers versus B. Smith. In a return wire it was pointed out that the San Francisco player was about to win a pawn, with a strong attack. Lasker replied that he was under the impression that a draw had been agreed upon between the players at board 7 just before adjournment. Also, as Colonel Rogers was out of town, he was not certain of position and asked that it be forwarded, which was done.

The result of the Branch-Denis game will be left to Stasch Mlotkowski of Los Angeles, one of the keenest analysts in the chess world. Thus, counting in the victory of Lyon of San Francisco at board 4—the only actually finished game of the match—the score stands: Chicago 5½, San Francisco 4½. We will hazard the assertion that the Branch-Denis game is a certain win for Branch, which would tie the match. Therefore, it appears that the worst the local players can get is a tie match. Very good.

Bernardo Smith, team captain of the San Francisco team, composed mainly of Mechanics' institute players, expressed himself as well pleased over the good showing made by San Francisco. Much speculation was indulged in by the institute followers of the royal game, as to the reason for the absence of Lasker, Hahlbohm and Factor in the Chicago lineup. Lasker was just recovering from the "flu." Factor also had it, while, according to a Chicago exchange, Hahlbohm arrived on the scene after the match had been started.

Following are four more games from the Chicago-San Francisco telegraphic match. We would welcome an expression of opinion on the part of our readers as to the merits of the game at board No. 7 (Rogers versus B. Smith):

BOARD No. 1 FOUR KNIGHTS

L. J. Isaacs white	E. W. Gruer black	L. J. Isaacs white	E. W. Gruer black
1—P-K4	P-K4	15—S-KB3	S-S3
2—S-KB3	S-QB3	16—Q-K3	B-S5
3—S-B3	S-B3	17—P-KR3	B-Q2
4—B-S4	P-Q3	18—Q-Q2	S-R5
5—P-Q4	B-Q2	19—SxS	BxS
6—Castles	B-K2	20—R-K5	P-KB4
7—R-K	PxP	21—P-KB	P-KR3
8—SxP	Castles	22—Q-Q3	Q-KB
9—BxS	PxB	23—S-K2	R-S3
10—P-QS3	P-KR3	24—K-R2	P-KR4
11—B-S2	S-R2	25—Q-K3	R-R3
12—Q-Q3	B-B3	26—P-S3	B-K2
13—QR-Q	R-K	27—P-KR4	R-Q
14—P-KB4	S-B	28—B-Q3	

Adjudicated a draw.

BOARD No. 2 CENTER COUNTER

Chilton white	Phillips black	Chilton white	Phillips black
1—P-K4	P-Q 4	15—B-Q3	P-QS3
2—PxP	QxP	16—B-KB4	B-Q3
3—S-QB3	Q-QR4	17—Q-S3	BxB
4—P-QS4	Q-SP	18—SxB	Castles
5—R-S	Q-Q3	19—KR-K	R-Q
6—Q-B3	P-QB3	20—QR-Q	S-Q4
7—B-B4	S-B3	21—R-K5	SxS
8—P-KR3	P-K3	22—QxS	P-S3
9—KS-K2	QS-Q2	23—QR-K	R-Q4
10—P-Q4	S-S3	24—QR-K4	RxR
11—B-Q3	S(S3)-Q4	25—PxR	Q-K2
12—S-K4	SxS	26—Q-R6	Q-B
13—BxS	Q-B2	27—Q-S5	
14—Castles	S-B3		

Adjudicated a win for black.

BOARD No. 7 SCOTCH

Colonel W. Rogers white	B. Smith black	Colonel W. Rogers white	B. Smith black
1—P-K4	P-K4	14—Q-K2	B-S5
2—S-KB3	S-QB3	15—P-KR3	BxS
3—P-Q4	PxP	16—QxB	S-K4
4—SxP	Q-B3	17—Q-K2	SxB
5—B-K3	B-B4	18—QxS	Castles
6—P-QB3	KS-K2	19—B-K3	B-S3
7—S-Q2	P-Q3	20—BxB	RPxB
8—QS-B3	S-K4	21—P-QR3	KR-K
9—B-KS5	SxSch	22—P-KB4	R-K2
10—SxS	Q-K3	23—P-B5	QR-Q
11—B-Q3	S-S3	24—R-KR4	R-K4
12—Castles	P-KB3	25—K-B2	Q-S6
13—B-Q2	Q-B2		

And black must win a pawn to be adjudicated.

BOARD No. 10 QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

A. B. Stamer white	O. L. Bull black	A. B. Stamer white	O. L. Bull black
1—P-Q4	P-Q4	13—BxPch	KxB
2—P-QB4	P-K3	14—Q-R5ch	K-S
3—S-QB3	S-KB3	15—QxB	R-K
4—B-S5	B-K2	16—Q-KR5	Q-S3
5—BxS	BxB	17—Q-K2	B-S5
6—P-K3	P-QB3	18—Q-B2	Q-B4
7—S-B3	S-Q2	19—Castles	Q-KS4
8—B-Q3	PxP	20—S-K2	QR-Q
9—BxBP	Castles	21—S-S3	QR-Q4
10—B-Q3	P-K4	22—P-KR3	B-B
11—PxP	SxP	23—QR-Q	KR-Q
12—SxS	BxS		

Adjudicated a win for Stamer.

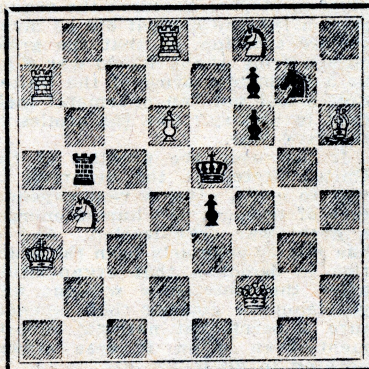
Problems

A. J. F.

PROBLEM NO. 72

By C. BULL

Prize problem: Manchester Times, 1898

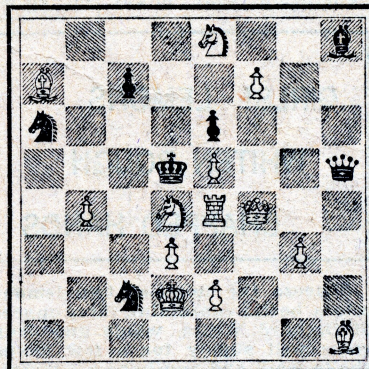


Mate in two moves.

PROBLEM NO. 73

By J. D. WILLIAMS

Prize problem: Hampstead Express, 1912.



Mate in two moves.

Definitions (continued)

The incomplete block: Without making a threat key White prepares for all moves of Black not provided for before the key. (See No. 72).

The threat problem: When a key