COOPERSTOWN, . N. DAKOTA

Goodness only knows how many games of solitaire Congressman Cannon knows and plays. While alone he will deal the cards for hours at a stretch and is even able to carry on important conversations while engaged with the pasteboards.

The keynote of the world's progress for the last six months has been arbitration. Never before, in so short a time, have so many disputes be tween nations, and between capital and labor been adjusted thus, not in every case with entire satisfaction to both parties, but certainly more nearly so than by any other method.

The czar of Russia is the richest man in the world. His mines, his factories, his illimitable estates, his invested funds and his absolute control of the revenues of a great empire puts him at the head of finencial magnates; but nobody thinks of him as a millionaire. It is not wealth that the imagination pictures when the name of the czar is spoken, but power.

The Johannesburg Chamber of Mines offers prizes for practical suggestions cepting the invitation. The communiand means of obviating miners' consumption, which is thought to result | Hay, who handed it to the diplomatic from the fine dust made by the drilling machines. The following awards are offered for the three best practical suggestions and devices on the sub- except on the question of preferential ject: lirst prize, \$2,500 and a gold medal; second prize, \$1,250; third prize, \$500.

In Germany, electricity, among other curious results, has rehabilitated the discarded windmill. At Nereshelm a windmill supplies power for thirty-six incandescent lamps that light a large paint factory. Another in Schleswig-Holstein keeps up a steady current of 30 volts. At Dusseldorf a windmill winds up a heavy weight, of which the descent works a powerful dynamo.

Questions having been raised on the subject of the decision of the French maritime authorities to allow women to act as sailors in the channel fishing smacks, the minister of marine has addressed a circular to all the French port officials, in which he says: "Women can not navigate as captains, but according to the French law they can not be prevented from embarking customs houses at Puerto Cabello and as members of the crew."

Sergt. John A. Mason, the soldier who tried to anticipate the law of attempting to kill Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield, has taken up his abode in the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, where he will end his days. For the attempt on Guiteau's life Mason, who belonged to an artillery regiment, was court-martialed and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment, but President Arthur pardoned him. He is an old man now.

The direct Morgan interests include steamship company, 13 industrial combinations, seven banks, three telcgraph and cable companies, seven great insurance companies and innumerable smaller corporations of various kinds. The total capitalization of these various combinations is \$6.-448,500,000-an amount greater than the national debt of any country in the world, and twice the debt of Great Britain.

An extraordinary strike is reported from Creziers, near Poiteres France. the school children of the elementary school having refused to attend their classes unless the head master, a M. Call, were dismissed from his position. The children allege that they have been harshly treated by the master. They are supported by their government to send down an official to inquire into the affair. This the government has agreed to.

President Roosevelt has decided to bar lighted cigars out of the white house and with the view of making known his desires regarding the matter has hung over a mantel in the public reception-room the familiar sign, "No Smoking Allowed." Some time ago Arthur Simmons, the colored doorkeeper, who has been at the white house for many years, was made smoke inspector, but he found that his efforts to put a stop to the nuisance provoked a good deal of tall language | 000 gold in the last six weeks with a among offenders.

The late Dr. Joseph Parker, following a custom of the generation in which he began to preach, used to begin his sermon by repeating the text three times. He did not, however, do even this in the way that others did. One of his early sermons opened thus: "The children of Israel cried all night (solemnly). The children of Israel cried all night (dramatically). The children of Israel cried all nightthe babies!" At that point the doctor and his audience began the full enjoyment of the sermon.

Every large liner carrying passengers always has on board from six to ten cats, these being apportioned to various parts of the ship and appear on the company's books as regards rations. A few first-class saloon cats have become quite celebrated. especially in the long-voyage hoats that go to India and Australia. Large sums have been offered for one saloon cat of a great line, and the staff has to guard it strictly from acquisitive admirers, in whose luggage it has several times been found by the alert

Cooperstown Courier. GOES TO THE HAGUE

President Roosevelt Again Declines to Act as Arbitrator in Venezuelan Dispute.

INVITATION OF THE ALLIES IS REFUSED.

Final Arrangement with the Powers Regarded in Washington as a Victory for Minister Bowen - Protocols Will Be Drawn Up-Blockade to Be Raised Soon.

Washington, Feb. 7 .- President Roosevelt has declined to act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan imbroglio, and the negotiations between Minister Bowen and the representatives of the allied powers, which were practically broken off by the three diplomats, without notice to Mr. Bowen, visiting the white house and inviting the president to act as arbitrator, have been resumed.

Reasons for Declining. The president has addressed a letter to Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador, declining to act as arbitrator, and giving his reasons for not accation was turned over to Secretary representative of Great Britain, Ger-

many and Italy having verbally agreed to accept Minister Bowen's proposal, treatment, which will be referred to The Hague tribunal.

Propositions Offered.

The propositions offered by Mr. Bowen are a cash payment of \$27,500 to Germany, Great Britain and Italy; preferential treatment for the blockading powers for a period of three months in the division of 30 per cent. of the customs receipts of Puerto Cabello and La Guayra, after which time all powers will be on equal footing;; immediate raising of blockade; appointment of a commission to adjudicate the claims of each nation involved, these commissions to consist of one representative of the power interested, one of Venezuela, and if these two are unable to agree the king of Spain or the president of France to appoint the third member, who will act as umpire; if Venezuela fails for a period of 30 days to make payments agreed upon representatives of Belgium will enter the La Guayra and administer the customs until all claimants have been paid.

Means End of Blockade. Protocols with each of the allied powers will be drawn up and signed, and unless further complications arise the blockade will soon be raised. These protocols will cover all points contained in the proposals made by Mr. Bowen, and the immediate success or failure of the negotiations will depend on whether the alied powers incorporate in them new conditions which cannot be accepted by Minister Bowen on behalf of Venezuela.

In addition to the terms offered to the allied powers, the protocols will contain all the details relating to the division of the customs receipts and the administrative features in connection with their collection and distribu-

Victory for Bowen.

In administration and diplomatic circles the reference to The Hague is regarded as a victory for Minister Bowen, as Venezuela thereby is enabled to recover from the distressing effect of the blockade before starting upon the payment of her debts. The cumbersome machinery of The Hague, it is expected, will delay matters considerably and the payment of creditor nations cannot begin until the important question of priority payment for the allies is decided. The finding of The Hague tribunal parents, who have petitioned the may not be handed down for some

The tribunal also will decide the vital question to South American states as to whether blockades and bombardments entitle powers to preferential treatment at the hands of their debtor.

Wonderful Gold Strike.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 7.—Edward M. Sturgess, a prospector from Mexico, near Douglass, Ariz., reports a tremendous gold strike in the Terres mountains, about 40 miles from Cos, terminus of the Nacozari railroad. Sturgess claims to have taken \$150,very crude outfit. Samples of ore are said to run as high as 3,600 ounces of gold to the ton, with a value of about \$72,000.

Died at the Age of 104. Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 2.-Mrs. Marguerite Allen, the oldest woman in the state of Washington, died at the home of her daughter in this city, aged 104 years. Mrs. Allen was born in Scotland, and emigrated to Canada over 70 years ago. She later moved to Ohio. Mrs. Allen leaves a son in Detroit.

Without Parallel.

Dover, Del., Feb. 7.-The Delaware senatorial deadlock over J. Edward Addicks' candidacy, who has now withdrawn, is without a parallel. Only one United States senator has been elected since 1889. Both seats are now vacant. Addicks is said to have spent \$75,000 in one campaign.

A Charity Trust.

New York, Feb. 7 .- A philanthropy "trust," with \$10,000,000 capital, is projected by A. O. Crozier, treasurer of the National Corrections and Charities congress. The interest, if millionaires will donate the capital, is to the treasury, amounted to \$943,942,653, be used to afford relief to victims of which is a decrease for the month of disasters.

DEATH OF H. L. DAWES.

Veteran Statesman Closes His Life His Home in Pittsfield, Mass., at the Age of 86 Years.

Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 6.-Henry Laurens Dawes, member of congress from 1857 to 1873, and from 1875 to 1893 United States senator, died at his home in this city yesterday, aged 86 years.

During the period of his 36 years continuous service in congress Mr. Dawes saw the civil war fought, slavery abolished, the country grow from a population of 22,000,000 to one of 70,000,000, and nearly all the railroads of the land constructed. When Mr. Dawes entered congress it was a two days' journey from his home at Adams, Mass., to the capital. To-day the trip can be made in eight hours. In his long public career Mr. Dawes was prominent in almost all the great movements and reforms of the nation within the past 50 years.

MANY MARINES DIE.

Sixty-Two of Sixty-Seven on a United States Receiving Ship Are Victims of Diphtheria.

Three Rivers, Mich., Feb. 5.-Several months ago J. B. Shoemaker, a brother of Mrs. Clark Reed, of this city, enlisted in the United States marine service and was assigned to the receiving ship Franklin. Mrs. Reed has just received a letter from her brother in which he says black diphtheria had been raging on the vessel, and that out of 67 boys from the vessel who were taken to the hospital ship all but five had died, he being one of the survivors. Shoemaker says at times there were as high as five deaths a day, and that it was pitiful in the extreme to witness the appeals made by the boys to be saved from such a death.

EVIDENCE ALL IN.

Strike Commission Concludes Hear ing of Witnesses After a Sitting of Fifty-One Days.

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.-After a sitting of exactly 51 days, the anthracite coal strike commission concluded the hearing of witnesses at five o'clock yesterday afternoon and adjourned until next Monday, when it will begin to hear the arguments of counsel representing the several sides. The arguments will take up 51/2 days, the operators having been assigned three days, and the miners the remainder of the time. In all, the commission heard 566 witnesses. Nine of these were called by the commission, 244 by the union miners, 155 by the non-union miners and 158 by the operators.

SILVER FOR HAWAII.

American Coin to Be Used in Redemption of Issue of \$1,000,000 During Kalakaua's Reign.

Honolulu, Feb. 6.-The First national bank has received by the steamer Ventura \$50,000 in United States silver coin, shipped by the San Francisco mint. The bank will at once begin to redeem the Hawaiian issue of \$1,000,-000 coined in 1883 during the reign of King Kalakaua. Dollars, half dollars and quarters will be redeemed, but the dimes will be allowed to circulate. Eight hundred thousand dollars of the issue will be redeemed. Other installments of silver will be sent here by the United States government.

VICTIMS OF FLAMES.

Home of Michigan Farmer Destroyed -Daughter Loses Her Life-Several Other Persons Burned.

Menominee, Mich., Feb. 6 .- Fire destroyed the home of E. A. Barks, four miles east of Ingalls. Julia Barks, the eldest daughter, aged 13 years, was burned to death; another girl, aged 11 years, was badly burned about the hands and face, and was disfigured for life. Barks, while endeavoring to rescue his two daughters from the flames. was so badly burned about the hands that amputation may be necestary. His nine-year-old boy alone escaped uninjured. The fire broke out while the family was asleep.

Out on Bail.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 7.-Judge S. W. Petitt, ex-chief justice of the Osage Indian nation, has been released from custody in \$8,000 bond. He has been in prison nearly a year on 'a charge of murdering another member of the Osage tribe at a dance given at the Petitt home, when, it is alleged, the victim of the judge insulted some of his guests. Petitt has always been prominent among both Indians and whites.

Summer Birds Appear. Port Henry, N. Y., Feb. 7.-From every section of the Adirondacks come reports of large numbers of summer birds and large flocks of robins being seen daily at several different places. Old woodsmen say that they never before saw these birds so numerous at this season of the year.

Congressman Dies.

Waynesville, N. C., Feb. 6.-Congressman J. H. Moody, of the Ninth district, died at his home here. He was taken ill several weeks ago in Washington, and only reached his home a few days ago. His death was caused by congestion of the lungs.

The Public Debt.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business January 31, 1903, the total debt, less cash in \$3,222,116.

Banilla Has Proclaimed Himself as President of the Republic at Amapala.

ACTION ESTABLISHES DUAL GOVERNMENT

American Waships at San Francisco to Proceed to the Scene in a Short Time-Repairs Are Being Rushed on All Boats at Mare Island Navy

Washington, Feb. 5 .- The state department has been advised that Sierra, the hold-over president of Honduras, has turned over the presidency to a council of ministers and that Bonilla, who claims to have been elected to the presidential office, has proclaimed himself president at Amapala.

Warships to Sall.

San Francisco, Feb. 5.-The warships in commission in this harbor will be on their way to Amapala, a point on the Pacific coast of Honduras, early next week. The New York, Boston and the Ranger are now in the bay ready to start on short notice. In view of the orders Admiral Glass has relieved Admiral Casey in the command of the Pacific fleet. It had been arranged that the flags of the admirals should be changed to February 10,

FUMES KILL FIREMEN.

our Lose Their Lives by Inhaling Nitrie Acid While on Duty. in Milwankee.

Milwaukee, Feb. 5.-Chief James Foley, Capt. Andrew White and Pipemen Edward- Hogan and Thomas Droney, of the Milwaukee fire department, are dead, and several other firemen are in a precarious condition from the effects of inhaling fumes of nitric acid at the Schwab Stamp &

Seal company's plant. The accident was one of the worst encountered by the local fire department in years, and not until hours after the men had returned to their quarters did they realize their danger.

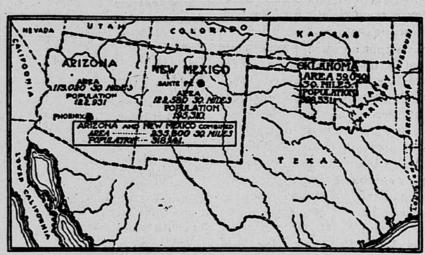
Chief Foley has been at the head of the department for 20 years and was the oldest fireman on the force. He is the inventor of fire fighting apparatus used in every city in the United States. He has been president of the National Fire Chiefs' association.

A TRIPLE WRECK.

Three Freight Trains on Lake Shore Road Reduced to Kindling Wood and Burned.

Goshen, Ind., Feb. 4.-Three freight trains on the Lake Shore railroad were wrecked here Tuesday. A westbound train crashed into the rear of another and at the same time a fast dairy train going east on another track caught the caboose of the wrecked train as it was thrown in its way. The wreckage was piled high, but the hurry orders to the fleet to making a complete blockade of both get into southern waters prompted tracks. The engine crews escaped the change being made in the com- with slight injuries. The wreck took

THE FIGHT FOR STATEHOOD.



Map of the Proposed New "Consolidated" States, New Mexico and Arisona, and the "State" of Oklahoma.

manding officers in advance of the arranged time.

Hurrying Repairs. Orders have been received from Washington that all work on vessels now at the Mare Island navy yard be completed with the greatest possible dispatch. In view of this order an extra force of men will be employed at once, and a night force was started Wednesday night to complete the repairs on the United States steamer Bennington, which is practically ready for service. Several other be made ready for sea within a short

time. It is understood that the trouble brewing in Honduras is the only reason for the animation now being

shown at the navy yard. The Honduras Presidency. Washington, Feb. 6 .- The state department has been advised that Sierra (the holdover president of Honduras) has turned over the presidency to a council of ministers and that Bonilla, who claims to have been elected to the presidential office, has proclaimed

himself president at Amapqla.

Intended to Kill Rulers. Brussels, Feb. 7 .- During the hearing of the case against Gennaro Rubino, the anarchist charged with attempting to assassinate King Leopold, it was brought out that the prisoner contemplated killing a group of European rulers, among them, be sides Leopold, being the king of Italy and the king of England. The attempt on the life of King Leopold was made November 15 last.

Twelve Burned to Death. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 3 .- In the Finnish settlement on Malcolm island, some distance up the coast from Vancouver, fire broke out while the men were at a meeting, in the common living house in which 24 families lived, and 11 women and children were burned to death and 17 injured.

No Indictments.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 2.-The Franklin county grand jury has adjourned. Notwithstanding the fact that Henry E. Youtsey, serving sentence for life as accessory to the murder of Gov. Goebel, was before the jury for over a week, no indictments in the Goebel case were returned. Two Women Hanged.

London, Feb. 4.-Amelia Sach and Annie Walters, "baby farmers," were hanged at Holloway jail. The women were recommended to mercy on account of their sex, but the home secre-

tary was unable to grant the reprieve

usually accorded. Killed in a Wreck. Cloverdale, Ill., Feb. 3 .- Two Illinois Central stock trains collided near here early with the result that three men are dead, four seriously injured, and several others more or less severely hurt. A heavy fog caused the ac-

Vermont Votes License. Montpelier, Vt., Feb. 4 .- Vermont yesterday, at a special election, went out of the list of prohibition states. the majority for the acceptance of high license law being about 1,000. | on the voyage to South Africa.

fire and the engine, caboose and three cars were burned. The Goshen fire department prevented the destruction of the entire train by checking the spread of the flames to several oil tank cars. The loss will aggregate many thousands of dollars. The collision occurred in a blinding snowstorm.

SOFT COAL SCALE.

Operators at the Conference in Indianapolis Make an Offer of a 12 Per Cent. Increase.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 6.—The soft coal miners of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and western Pennsylvania were yesterday offered an advance in wages for the ensuing year by the operators that for the most part will be 12 per cent. As a settlement of the wage scale in this district is the basis on which all other districts make settlement, the proposition can be said to be to the soft coal miners of the country. The offer has not yet been accepted by the miners.

Redmond Released from Jail.

Dublin, Feb. 4 .- William Redmond, M. P., who was sentenced last year to six months' imprisonment because he refused to give bail for his future good behavior as the result of an alleged incendiary speech at Wexford, was released Tuesday, although he had only served half his term. In an interview he said: "I do not know why I am released, but I certainly do not thank the government, who have kept me in jail for three months for really nothing."

Hunter Acquitted.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 3 .- According to a cablegram received here from Dr. Godfrey Hunter, formerly United States minister to Guatemala, Godfrey Hunter, Jr., was acquitted of the murder of William Fitzgerald, of Grand Rapids, Mich. During the trial 38 witnesses swore to the fact that there was a conspiracy against the life of Godfrey Hunter, Jr.

Holland to Bar Strikes. The Hague, Feb. 7.-As a result of the recent strike of railway men on the state railroad, the Dutch govern ment has decided to introduce a bill in parliament prohibiting railway employes from going on strike. The Association of Railway Men has decided to institute a general strike when the bill becomes a law.

Owns Maine Wreck.

Havana, Feb. 7.-The government has received advices from Washington to the effect that all claims which the American government might have had to wrecks in Cuba are now considered to have lapsed. This is considered to mean that the wreck of the battleship Maine is now the property of Cuba.

Many Horses Lost.

London, Feb. 7 .- Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, quartermaster of the British army, testified before the war inquiry commission that 349,728 horses and 53,339 mules and donkeys were lost in the South African war, the recently enacted local option exclusive of 15,960, which were lost

Lawmakers in the Senate and House Discuss Matters of Importance and Make New Laws.

STATEHOOD BILL KEEPS SENATE LIVELY

Senator Hanna Introduces a Bill to Give Bounties to Ex-Slaves Debate in the House on an Appropriation Bill Gives Chance for Tariff Debate-Anti-Trust Bill Passed. "

Washington, Feb. 2.-The senate on Saturday passed the house bill providing for the creation of a general staff of the army, but it was amended so as not to go into effect until Gen. Miles' retirement. The committee on agriculture agreed to place the omnibus statehood bill on the agricultural apppropriation bill as a rider. An amendment to the constitution was introduced prohibiting the holding of a fortune exceeding \$10,000,000 by any one individual, the surplus to go to the United States treasury.

Washington, Feb. 3.-The senate vesterday had the army appropriation bill under consideration for some time. A joint resolution was passed requesting state authorities to cooperate with the census office in seem ing a uniform system of birth and death registration. The statehood bill was up for a short time.

Washington, Feb. 4.-Bills were passed in the senate yesterday to prevent railroads from discriminating in rates, and the army appropriation bill. The statehood bill was further discussed. The Panama canal treaty was favorably reported.

Washington, Feb. 5 .- Senator Hanna introduced a bill in the senate yesday to grant bounties to all ex-slaves who were freed by the proclamation of President Lincoln during the war of the rebellion. It provides that persons over 50 years of age and less than 60, whether male or female, shall receive cash bounties of \$100 each and pensions of \$8 a month; persons between 60 and 70 years old bounties of \$300 and pensions of \$12 a month, and persons over 70 years old bounties of \$500 and pensions of \$15 a month. The general army bill and the bill providing for a new department of agricul-

ture building were passed. Washington, Feb. 6 .-- A debate on polygamy, growing out of the statehood bill, occupied the time in the senate yesterday, the influence of the Mormon church over politics occu-

pying a large share of the discussion. Washington, Feb. 7.-The session of the senate vesterday was largely devoted to the discussion of the isthmian canal, Senator Morgan predicting that if the United States continued its policy with reference to the construction of an isthmian canal, war with Colombia was inevitable.

House Proceedings. Washington, Feb. 2.- A joint resolution was introduced in the house on Saturday, proposing an amendment to the constitution prohibiting polygamy. The post office appropriation bill was discussed. At noon yesterday

the house pronounced eulogies in memory of the late Senator McMillan, of Michigan. Washington, Feb. 3 .- The house passed about 40 bills yesterday under suspension of the rules. The most important of them was the senate bill appropriating \$1,500,000 for a new department of agriculture building. A bill was introduced to pension all soldiers and sailors who served at least 90 days in the civil war at the rate of \$12 per month,

carries an aggregate appropriation of \$78,007,929. Washington, Feb. 4.-The house spent practically the whole time yesterday on claims bills. After the neasures were disposed of general debate on the post office appropriation bill was resumed, and Mr. Robb

and all the widows of such soldiers

and sailors who were married prior

to June 27, 1890. The sundry civil

appropriation bill was reported. It

(Mo.) spoke on the trust question. Washington, Feb. 5.-In the house yesterday the general debate on the post office appropriation bill was enlivened by an interesting discussion of the tariff question.

Washington, Feb. 6.-The senate bill to expedite anti-trust prosecutions was passed in the house yesterday, as was the post office appropriation bill. The conference report on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was adopted and the army general staff bill was sent to conference.

Washington, Feb. 7.-In the house yesterday debate on the anti-trust bill closed. The naval appropriation bill was reported. It carries a total of \$79,048,420 and provides for large increase in officers and men.

Military Academy Burned. Alton, Ill., Feb. 6.-Fire of supposed incendiary origin destroyed the Western Military academy at Upper Alton, causing a loss of \$50,-000. The fire was the fourth one in

17 days to attack the academy.

Two Hanged. Poplar Bluff, Mo., Feb. 7.—Steve Clark (white) and Will Gatlin (colored) were hanged here, Clark for the murder of his betrothed in June, 1901, and Gatlin for killing a negro

in September, 1901. Fined for Conspiracy.

Belaware, O., Feb. 7.—Seven coal dealers of this city, indicted for violation of the state anti-trust law, & pleaded guilty and Judge Coynert imposed a fine of \$100 and costs upon