

Goodness only knows how many games of solitaire Congressman Cannon knows and plays.

The keynote of the world's progress for the last six months has been arbitration.

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 financial magnates.

The Johannesburg Chamber of Mines offers prizes for practical suggestions and means of obviating miners' consumption, which is thought to result from the fine dust made by the drilling machines.

In Germany, electricity, among other curious results, has rehabilitated the discarded windmill. At Neresheim a windmill supplies power for thirty-six incandescent lamps that light a large paint factory.

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.

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.

The direct Morgan interests include 18 railroad systems, one monster steamship company, 13 industrial combinations, seven banks, three telegraph and cable companies, seven great insurance companies and innumerable smaller corporations of various kinds.

An extraordinary strike is reported from Creziers, near Poteres, 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.

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."

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.

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.

GOES TO THE HAGUE COURT

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 accepting the invitation.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Without Parallel. Dover, Del., Feb. 7.—The Delaware senatorial deadlock over J. Edward Addicks' candidacy, who has now withdrawn, is without a parallel.

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 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 the treasury, amounted to \$943,942,652, which is a decrease for the month of \$3,222,116.

DEATH OF H. L. DAWES.

Veteran Statesman Closes His Life at 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.

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.

EVIDENCE ALL IN.

Strike Commission Concludes Hearing 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.

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.

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.

Out on Bail.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 7.—Judge S. W. Pettit, ex-chief justice of the Osage Indian nation, has been released from custody in the \$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 Pettit home, when, it is alleged, the victim of the judge insulted some of his guests.

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.

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.

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CRISIS NEAR IN HONDURAS

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

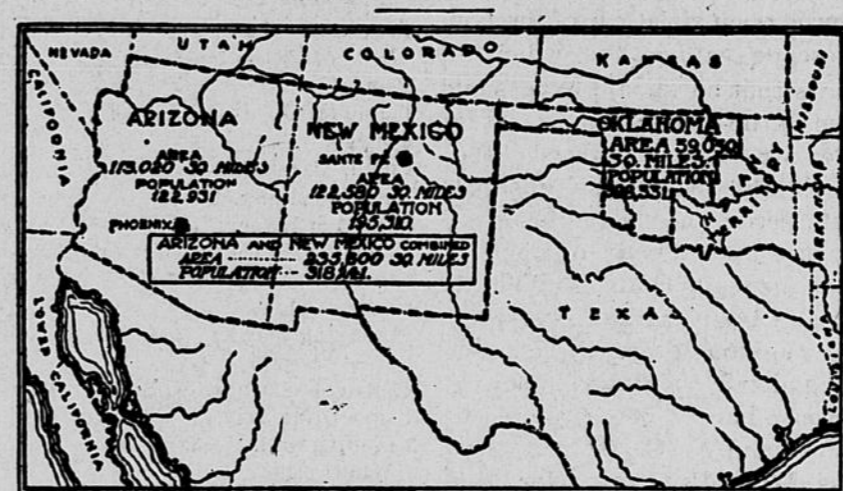
ACTION ESTABLISHES DUAL GOVERNMENT

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

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Warships to Sail. 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 FIGHT FOR STATEHOOD.



Map of the Proposed New "Consolidated" States, New Mexico and Arizona, 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.

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 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.

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, besides Leopold, being the king of Italy and the king of England.

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 secretary 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 accident.

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 the recently enacted local option high license law being about 1,000.

FUMES KILL FIREMEN.

Four Lose Their Lives by Inhaling Nitric Acid While on Duty in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Feb. 5.—Chief James Foley, Capt. Andrew White and Pipe-men Edward Hogan and Thomas Droncy, 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.

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 west-bound 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, making a complete blockade of both tracks.

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.

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.

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.

Holland to Bar Strikes. The Hague, Feb. 7.—As a result of the recent strike of railway men on the state railroad, the Dutch government has decided to introduce a bill in parliament prohibiting railway employees from going on strike.

Owens Mine 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.

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, exclusive of 15,960, which were lost on the voyage to South Africa.

WORK DONE IN CONGRESS.

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 appropriation bill as a rider.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The senate yesterday 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 securing a uniform system of birth and death registration.

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 yesterday to grant bounties to all ex-slaves who were freed by the proclamation of President Lincoln during the war of the rebellion.

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 occupying a large share of the discussion.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The session of the senate yesterday 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 a new department of agriculture building were passed.

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.

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.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The house spent practically the whole time yesterday on claims bills. After the measures were disposed of general debate on the post office appropriation bill was resumed, and Mr. Robb (Mo.) spoke on the trust question.

Washington, Feb. 5.—In the house yesterday the general debate on the post office appropriation bill was continued 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. Delaware, O., Feb. 7.—Seven coal dealers of this city, indicted for violation of the state anti-trust law, pleaded guilty and Judge Coyne imposed a fine of \$100 and costs upon each.