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Michael Cribben, Oddly Missing Left Letter Telling of His Play With Death in Solitaire Game.

IF LOSER, HE PLANNED TO KILL ENTIRE FAMILY

Played Solitaire Constantly and Played One More Game to Decide the Fate of His Family

-He Won.

EW YORK, March 23 .- Six lives a game of solitaire last Friday night by Micanel Cribben, an auto mobile mechanic, in his home, at No 411 West Fifty-sixth street. When all the suits from ace to king were neatly piled in sequence Cribben, his wife and their four children were saved from the mad destruction which the player, according to his own writton statement, had planned for himself and his family.

Mrs. Cribben noticed that her hus band was nervous that evening. Sh heard him walking about anothe their apartment and saw him write a letter, which he dook out very quiet and Mrs. Cribben went to the door and looked in on him.

Her husband was seated at a table with a deck of cards, slowly exposing their one after the other and laying them in lines before him. His figure tense, perspiration stood on his forehead and he seemed struggling under strong excitement.

What on earth are Monael?" she asked. Just playing solitaire," Gribben swered, never raising his eyes from

the cards And what are you playing that she persisted.

enough." You'll know soon so atrange volce Crimben in a voice so strange

ried all the children to bed. Cribben went to his place of em ployment in Yankers on Saturday rew his week's pay and disappeared cousin, James McCormick, of No 432 West Fifty-eighth street, received letter from Cribben Saturday night then he returned from work. He half way through and then rushed off at a run for Cribben's

Thank God!" he exclaimed, when found Mrs. Cribben and the Cribben children safe and sound. He did not tell them or any one about the letter until yesterday, when it was decided to ask the police to look for

the missing man.
"Dear Jim." the letter ran, "I am going to kill myself, my wife and all the children. I have something pressing on my brain that makes me want to kill them. I must do it. I can't

The only way I've kept from doing is before is by playing soltaire. I've been playing it all the time at home won't kill them, but if I don't make it. I will,"

Cribben was seriously injured three Columbus circle. His recent condition, which was unsuspected by his triends and family, is attributed to skull depression resulting from that

The police and Cribben's family are ncertain whether he has made away with himself or fears to return home because of his letter to McCormick.

BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY ENJOYEO PROSPEROUS YEAR

Gross Revenue of the Big Corporation Aggregated Over \$165,000,000

-Number of Stations.

that during the year \$165,600,000 out" at regular intervals ever since it started, but it is still going on. The president and American state depart-The number of companies' telephone ment necessarily wish first to see the stations, the report states, aggregates work done that they may be sure of 5,882,719 and total wire mileage near-ly twelve million miles.

Carson, Nev., March 23.—Governor Unide has signed the "time lock" dinor line with the Enited States as a sole requisite upon which to base jurisdiction in divorce proceedings. Formerly divergence of views an residence based upon intent, quased confusion among the judges of various districts.

If your allows the confusion among the large of various districts.

President Taft Refuses to Recall SURVEY OF STATE Troops at Mexican Envoy's Behest FROM THE CAPITAL



Chief Execuitve Insists That Mexico Must Crush Revolution Before American Government Acts

Washington, March 23 .- President Faft will not recall, for the present at When he returned he was least, the American army which he has sent to the Mexican frontler to preserve neutrality. He will remain firm regardless of the international complications which have resulted rom a misconception of his purposes in sending the trops there. his clear in an emphatic statement last night following sensational anti administration reports that he given in to Mexico and that he felt he troops must be recalled to rectify state of affairs to which the ean ambassador, Senor Don Francis-co,de la Burra, objected.

revolution in Mexico summed up the president when the troops were first This statement stands,

When the president returned to the White House late yesterday afternoon after having attended the Fort Myor horse show, he found newspaper cor-respondents waiting for some word on the Mexican situation. An aftersoon newspaper had announced the resident's decision to recall the The president made it clear rmy. that he wished this emphatically de-

onference. Other questions were answered by the simple statement that the status

when Mr. Taft will say to country are now so satisfactory that in time of war, you can inform your president that I find the presence of 20,000 men near the frontier no longer necessary. will leave a few thousand for pa trol purposes, but the remainder am going to use somewhere else. This is what Senor de la Barra hopes to hear, and he is working with this in view.

Mr. Taft hopes, too, that he will b able to take this action, but before he takes it he wants to be very sure that Plate Glass Windows Were Torn from conditions in Mexico justify it. He is not sure yet by any means. One thing is certain-when the revolution ends in Mexico the army will be ready to ove away. If there were no revolution there would be no objections to the presence of the 20,000 troops at Fort Sam Houston. But singularly ough, should the revolution end the desires of President Diaz to have the rmy back in old quarters would sud-The situation for the denly cease, present is in a deadlock of a firm but

friendly character.
When Senor de la Sarra lakes the view that the presence of the Ameri-can troops will no longer be neces-sary, after two or three weeks, and tells President Taft so, he figures on New York March 23.—The Ameri-the revolt being stamped out decisive-can Telephone and Telegraph com-pany's report for nineteen ten shows that during the revolt has been "stamped that during the revolt has been "stamped ment necessarily wish first to see the They do not want to "count their chickens before they are hatched.

New Divorce Bill in Nevada Signed, Dix Wants Inheritance Tax Repealed.

AEROPLANE FLYING OVER CAME

ly Demonstrates This, It Is Said.

Washington, March 23 .- The experience of Admiral Schroeder's battleship fleet Tuesday in trying to com- Murphy came very near having a nied. But other information about suits of firing by the New Hampshire Mexico was as meager as before. The upon the San Marcos as a test, may atement issued yesterday from the have the effect to renew the efforts of White House that the Mexican am- the army and navy officers to secure bassador made an appointment with legislation by congress to regulate the the president immediately upon his use of the wireless system of telegreturn and called to inform him that raphy. No message could be got a note had been received by President through to Washington by Schroeder Diaz remained the only explanation of although the air line distance from what went on during the ambassador's his ficet to the navy yard wireless ecciving plant here is only about 69 or 70 miles. This was due principally "interference" of many quo in Mexico prevailed.

In other words, Senor de la Barra dividuals in this vicinity. The incl-hopes that the time will shortly come dent demonstrates clearly to naval experts the necessity for absolute gov "Mr. Ambassador, conditions in your erement control over all such plants

NORTHWEST GALE PLAYED

Their Frames While Vessels Strained at Anchors.

New York, March 23 .- A roaring northwesterly gale that blew away all touches of spring that had lingered in the air and at times reached a velocity of 50 miles an hour, played many curious pranks here during the night and early this morning. Plate glass windows were town from their frames and shattered by the force of gusty blast. Vessels in the harbor strained at their anchors and rivers craft navigated with difficulty.

POSTOFFICE SAFE ROBBED; SHARP FIGHT IS RESULT

Robbers Pursued by Deputies Led by an Ohio Mayor-In Darkness Thieves Escape.

Columbes, O., March 23.—Following the robbery of a safe in the postoffice at Gahonna, 10 miles northeast urred between deputies and citizens ormer Mayor Johnson of Cleveland led by Mayor Dawson, and five fleshing robbers. Two of the thieves were wounded. The robbers took refuge in a barp. They were surrounded and subjected to a steady fire, which they returned. The robbers later excepted

Experience of Admiral Schroeder Plain- But for Town's Splendid Water Works System Much Property Would Have Been Destroyed.

Murphy, March 23,-Monday night municate to the navy department re- perious fire. At about midnight the mill was found to be on fire. The destroyed. This boiler room was situated a few feet from the planing drews Planing mill, the Murphy Fur- lished. niture factory, which was separated from the burned building by only a narrow street, would have burned, and a great quantity of lumber and stalled less than a year ago, saved PRANKS IN NEW YORK CITY stalled less than a year ago, saved enough property Monday night to have its entire cost. pay its entire cost.

P. D. Dickey has been appointed

of the postoffice Monday.

The law firm of Dillard & Bell, emposed of J. H. Dillard and M. W. has been dissolved. will practice alone while Mr. Dillard has formed a partnership with T. J.

TWO BUNCOMBE CONVICTS HAVE SECURED PARDONS BILL IN INTEREST OF

Thomas Gudger and Palmer Golightly Given Their Freedom Today by Gov. Kitchin.

> Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Hollemon Building. Raleigh, March 23.

Governor Kitchin today pardoned Thomas Gudger of Buncombe county, serving five years for stealing one Three years of the sentence dollar. Three years of the sentence nas been served and this punishment is considered sufficient. Palmer Go-lightly, also of Buncombe, is pardon-ed from a similar term for stealing \$27, the reason being also sufficient punishment in three years' service.

Oneita Bank Suspends.

Onnigh, March 23. The First Na-

Counties Moving for the Establishment of Farm-Life Schools Under Recent Legislative Act

Gazette-News Bureau. Chamber of Commerce Rooms Hollemon Building, Raleigh, March 23,

oman's suffrage act North Carolina dde resort near Wilmington. This is an act that provides for a vote on issuing sewerage bonds and it pro-vides that women who own property on the beach shall be allowed to vote Also that every corporation interested shall have one vote in addition to the votes of any individual officers.

The Atlas Manufacturing compan Bessemer City is chartered today with \$190,000 capital for general cotton manufacturing and textile busi ress, the incorporators being C. G. Insse. A. A. McLean and J. J. Or Other charters are to the Burnet Telephone espital \$10,000 for maintaining ermer's telephone exchange for territory, Incorporators J. C. Hardie and others; and the Pridgen-Jone 'o., Durham, capital \$6,000, by J. D. Pridgen, T. J. Jones and others for nercantile business.

The indications are now that withn a few days the placing of the last ection of vitrified brick paving along the street railway tracks where the ity had put down asphalt will be completed, the section of Fayetteville street from the State House to Davie streets, four squares having been left today and is being pushed at the rate When completed Raleigh can boas of more than eleven squares of street paving around capital square and down Fayetteville and Martin streets to the Union station that cannot be

wain Man Committed to Penitentiary Sheriff R. G. Roane of Swain unty has committed to the peni entiary Jessie Spivey to serve five years for breaking into a store. Shoriff Boars then the day in this-eigh. He says the Swain court was held by Judge Cline, one of the new Superior court judges and that he made a fine impression, is the first democrat elected Swain county in twelve years and erving his second term.

Farm-Life Schools, Movements by counties for the es-tablishment of farm-life schools under the state aid act of the recent ceneral assembly are being inaugurated and the indications are that very soon there will be on file definite applications for the state aid more than taking up the ten for the year to boiler room of the Andrews Planing which the act limits the state. Gas-arms until formal negotiations for on county got in the first formal apdication with comp control, but not until the building was county to hold a county mass meet- revolutionists toward peace overtures ing for the farm-life schools is Meck- and reforms in the republic. lenburg. Dr. D. H. Hill of the A. and statement says: M. college and State Superintendent mill and the loss was not very heavy. J. Y. Joyner have gone to Charlotte constituted of the best men of the to him, even though he should with-But for the city water supply it is to take part in such a meeting Satur- country, cannot accept as a guaran- draw, to prevent the election of any very likely that the fire would have day. The state is to extend aid to tee only the promise of a government destroyed the entire plant of the An- the amount of \$2500 per year main-

The tree surgeons are pushing their work on the giant oaks in Capital reason, that immediately after lay-square and estimate that it will reif not longer. There are six of the several dwelling houses, it seems that tree specialists and their contract pression would be greater than ever the city water system, which was in- with the state calls for 60 cents per whenever the state officers think they serve as a guarantee for a have spent all they are justified in party fighting for the liberty of postmaster at Murphy to succeed D. spending in this work. There is conW. Deweese. Mr. Dickey took charge siderable anxiety being expressed man has been, and is, the right hand of the postoffice Monday.

The law firm of Dillard & Ball. else the squirrels will change their equilibrium and righteous administraresidence to trees in other parts of tion, Many have gone into other parts of the city slready

"LOVE LORN MAIDENS"

Wisconsin Legislator Desires Establishment of "Matrimonial Com-

mission'- Its Object.

ax annually every unmarried woman over 25 years old and to ereste a "matrimonial commission" consisting of the governor, superintendent of Belmont that he will ship to be until April I when the regular public property and chief clerk of the his best two year olds. Most of his maneuvers and practices begin on the public property and chief clerk of the his best two year olds. Most of his maneuvers and practices begin on the public property and chief clerk of the his best two year olds. Delegant will not withassembly was introduced in the as-sembly today by Assemblyman Han-sen of "trouscrette" fame. The mat-rimonial commission is charged with its duty of bringing together kindred Norfolk, souls when application is made for affinity by any love lorn maiden.

Meat Packing Establishment Burned

Baltimore, March 23.-The mean penking establishment of Christopher F. Kuris, in North Battinore seas burned today shtalling a loss of \$56-860, two-thilds insured.

Miss Fownes Led the Field SHEEHAN'S THE



MISS MARY FOWNES

Fownes, of the Cakmount Country club, led the field in the first day's the United States senatorship, liberation round of the women event of the eleventh annual United and south amateur golf champlouship, with a card of ninety-three strokes away Miss Ethel Check, of the Pineliurst Country club, finishand in ninety-live, with Miss course B. Elkins, a clubmate of Miss

Food Supply is Curtailed in Sinaloa District; Farmers Are Not Working; Famine Threatened.

Sinalon, Mexico, March 23,-Sufering prevails in this stage. The ood supply is curtailed and in some instances supply is cut off. No farms are being planted and a famine is threatened. Majority of farmers are going into the army and many Americans are leaving.

ing that they will not lay down their Gov. Div started more bearing until formal ary party of Mexico through Dr. plant and the \$2500 for maintenance in Washington, issued a statement that counties must assure. The first yesterday outlining the attitude of the when it meets in special session."

that has for more than thirty years been promising, and has never fulfilled a single one of its promises. "The revolutionists think, and with

quire all of next week to complete it, leaders would dye mysteriously, no reforms would be granted and the op-"For this reason the revolutionist hour each for the time that it takes will not accept as a guarantee Mr. Li to treat the trees, the state reserving mantour or any other individual, bethe right to discontinue the work cause one man cannot and must not rels in the square when all the holes revolutionists do not desire the comin the trees have been treated and plete elimination of the opposing sealed up. It is probable that there party, because one knows that it is will have to be provided some suit- necessary to have opposing parties in Americans were shot to death today

> represented in the government of the ity. states, in the congress and in the cab. Dignowitty, a cousin of the executed inet. It is well known that up to the man. present not a single member of the from the allegation that the execution people has ever made the least pro- was an order of a drumhead court test in regard to the great political martial. Dignowitty was 30 years old abuses, the unjust imprisonments, and and was engaged in the cattle and numberless political assassin- mining business in Chihuahua.

"For all these reasons the revolutionists will not lay down their arms until the time when these reforms that guarantee the lives of the peo-ple, the administration of justice and political liberty shall be in effect,"

Belmont Will bend His Race Horses to England.

New York, March 21 .- One of the Madison, Wis, March 13.—A bill to first consequences of the Jockey clab destruction of that vessel, which now a annually every unmarried woman decision in closing the race tracks of lies in mud a battered and twisted New York state during the coming his season is the announcement of August Felmont that he will ship to England of and Canada. Belmont will not with-draw from this country entirely but he represented at Pamlico and

> Roosevelt in Oakland. Roosevelt in Cakland.
> Oakland, California, March 22.—
> Theodore Roosavelt arrived to give
> the annual charter day address
> to the University or California
> students. Benjamia Ida Wheeler,
> arresident of the university, hada Col.
> Roosevelt resicome. A large grawd of

MAN SAYS RYAN

If Democratic Party Hopes for **Future Success Should Stand** by Caucus Nominee Is the Advice of Mr. Ryan.

ALTON B. PARKER MUST NOT BE CONSIDERED CANDIDATE

New York Democrats Will Hold Another Caucus to Decide upon Candidate for United States Senatorship

ing the United States senator-ship, over which the New York legislature is deadlocked, Alton B. Parker, William F. partner, denied the statement he is influence of Thomas Fortune Ryan was sought indirectly.

"I deny," he said, "any one with my consent or knowledge sought Pinchurst, N. C., March 23.-Miss Even's influence or that of any other fore the election and in public speeches and the day afterward in interviews my obligations were such that I could not accept the senatorial office. From that day to this there has been no

hange in my position Allan A. Ryan, through whom it is upposed his father's influence was sought, refused to deny or confirm. the interview accredited to him. advice to Sheehan," he said, "and to the democratic party, if they hope for future success, is to stand by the choice of the cancus which is Shee-

New York Democrats Will

Agnin. Albany, N. Y., March 23 .- Without pposition or delate the democratic sembers of the legislature at a contoroners inte yererday afternoon roted to hold another caucus to select another candidate for United States The insurgents joined egulars in the conference, which asted but a few minutes; tended to strengthen the belief expressed by many that William Sheehan, the present caucus candidate, has been practically eliminated despite vigorous denials by some of

his friends. Senator Roosevelt, after the adjournment of the caucus, would not say whether he or his fellow insur-Goy. Dix seemed more hopeful of

an early solution of the matter after peace are under way, the revolution- the conference than he has ever been. of arrangement for \$25,000 school Vasquez Gomez, their representative tion." he said, "so that the democrats may be represented in congress

Various opinions were expressed as to the probable outcome of Monday night's meeting. One "The revolutionary party, which is enough, Shechan men will remain loyal man named by insurgent co-operation

FOUR AMERICANS SHOT TO DEATH IN MEXICO

They Were Tried by Court Martial and Promptly Executed as Revo-Intionists.

San Antonio, March 23.-John Hamilton Dignowitty and three able and attractive squirrel houses or a nation in order to maintain party under order of a Mexican court martial for participation in the insurrec tion according to a despatch received by members of the Dignowitty fam-The news was brought by Fred He had no particulars aside

Ships Return From Destruction of

of the Atlantic battleship fleet returnof the Atlantic ballicamp her returned to Hampton Roads from the Tangle sound where they observed armor and unnecessiry tests to which the second class battleship San Marcos or Old Texas was subjected Tuesday and yesterday with the result of complets the coming hills of steel with no hope or reason; or to August for her ever being 'alsed. The ships to England of the fleet remair, in these waters until April I when the regular spring

Aviator Breguet Makes Record.

Doual. France, March 22.—Aviator Louis Bregort made a record per-formance carrying 11 justices in a monoplane a mistance of two miles.