

IT BRINGS DEATH.

The Wide-Sweeping Blizzard Finds Many Victims.

Loss of Life and Great Suffering in Oklahoma—Traffic Interfered with and Business at a Standstill in the Northwest.

Horror of the Storm.

GETTYSBURG, O. T., Feb. 14.—Reports come from the strip of great suffering among the homesteaders residing there. Several persons, it is reported, have perished in the storm, among them two families residing near Cross. No particulars can be obtained. Hundreds of head of stock were frozen to death. Many people are still living in tents and as fuel is scarce the condition is awful. James Mulligan, living 4 miles south of Perry, was found Monday evening frozen to death, and his partner, Harvey Newcomb, died from exposure and cold fifteen minutes after being found. At Ponca Mrs. Jennie Cramer and two children, Lizzie and Sallie, were discovered frozen stiff in a coyote's burrow, 10 yards from their abode.

An Awful Alternative.

Word comes from Cross that Sherman Stone and family, consisting of wife and five children, were found sitting about a stove with their throats cut from ear to ear. The following note found on a table near by Stone gives a horrible story of murder and suicide in connection with the storm: "Wood all gone. Mollie frozen to death, rest of us freezing. I have killed my family and now kill myself to prevent further suffering. God have mercy on us."

Stone was a homesteader and lived in a tent. It is thought that after the snow melts hundreds of dead settlers will be found, along with the remains of thousands of cattle.

Other Fatalities.

Col. Henry Melton, a cowboy, who was with Buffalo Bill at the world's fair, was discovered by a party of hunters early Monday morning dead under his horse. At Anadarko two Indian pupils were found Sunday evening buried under a snowbank. Upon being taken to a house one of the children immediately expired. The other, however, showed signs of recovery. A report has reached here that a family named Sears, residing on a claim near Woodward, was found frozen to death, but no particulars can be obtained.

A Missing Schoolma'am.

Miss Jennie Johnston, a young Indian teacher, who came to Alva recently from Scranton, Pa., left her school Saturday for her boarding house. She has not been seen since. No reports have been received from other west side towns, but it is certain the suffering is great, as the west side people are living mostly in tents. All trains are delayed.

Miss Johnston's case is rather a romantic one. She recently fell heir to \$20,000 at her old Pennsylvania home, and was immediately surrounded by a coterie of admirers. Miss Johnston, of course, thought all of her lovers were mercenary, and, feeling piqued, gathered up her effects and came west, where she secured a school.

A courier just in from Alva, another strip town, reports great suffering among the homesteaders near the river. One hundred head of horses and cattle were frozen and volunteer relief committees are now scouting the country gathering together the people and caring for them in the schoolhouses.

Worst Ever Known in Kansas.

EMPHATA, Kan., Feb. 14.—The worst storm ever known here began Sunday and lasted through the night. Not less than 2 feet of snow has fallen, and it has drifted so that in places it is 20 feet deep. Railroad traffic is stopped, trains being snowed in at numerous points. Thousands of head of cattle are endangered and a great portion of them will die of cold and lack of food. Wheat raises see a gleam of hope in that the snow covers their crops and protects them.

Trains Snowed In.

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 14.—Train service in this section of the state has been abandoned since Sunday. The Missouri Pacific and St. Louis & San Francisco trains stuck in the flint hill and are still there. The storm has been extremely severe, and by reason of high winds the snow varies from 1 to 15 feet in depth.

Worst Since 1885.

RACINE, Wis., Feb. 14.—The worst blizzard that has struck Racine since the memorable winter of 1885 has raged here with terrible fury. A fierce gale has swept over the city and vicinity from the lake, driving ice like snow particles, so that pedestrians were nearly blinded. Street car traffic is paralyzed and since 6 o'clock Monday night no car has been running. Great banks of snow nearly as high as the doors block the entrance to many business houses, while on the other side the walks are swept clean. The steeple of the First Baptist church, one of the handsomest structures in the city, was blown down, involving a loss of \$3,000. John Janasehauck, 48 years old, while intoxicated, undressed upon the public street and lay down in a snowbank to sleep. He was discovered and taken to a hospital, where he died inside of an hour.

In Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—The storm which raged here all day Monday was the worst ever known in the line of blizzards in this vicinity. The wind blew at a rate of from 50 to 70 miles an hour. Business came to a standstill, while the wild storm tossed mountains of snow across deserted streets and boulevards. It swept the city during the early hours of morning, heaping white mounds across car tracks, filling basement stores and swirling up heaps along the sidewalks. By 8 o'clock nearly all the street car lines and many suburban trains had been choked to a standstill. The oldest inhabitant could not recollect when street traffic was blocked as it was on Monday. Horses and drivers suffered equally, and not a wagon more than was absolutely necessary was sent out. Express companies delivered only perishable

freight and valuable packages yesterday and most of the wagons were drawn by four horses. Hundreds of wholesale and retail stores did not send out a wagon. A number of persons were blown off their feet by the high wind and seriously injured. By 11 o'clock p. m. the storm had died and a cold wave enveloped the city.

Other Points in Illinois.
Dispatches from various points in this state tell of the effects of the great storm. Street car and other modes of transportation were paralyzed and business completely blocked.

Indiana Snowed Under.
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 14.—A blizzard, the worst Indianapolis has experienced for years, raged for eighteen hours. It sleeted, rained and snowed alternately. The snow is over 1 foot deep. Street cars have been running only occasionally and traffic is practically suspended. What is true of Indianapolis applies to all points in this state.

In Ohio.
CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 14.—The blizzard which raged with such severity throughout the west Sunday night reached this city at 7 a. m. Monday. A fierce gale, accompanied by a heavy fall of fine, cutting snow, is in progress, and the storm promises to be a severe one. At noon the street car service was demoralized, only an occasional car managing to get through the heavy snowdrifts. On the Lake Shore road trains were reported as more or less delayed from the west, with a prospect of serious blockades.

Four Men Killed.
TOLEDO, O., Feb. 14.—A special to the Blade from Bellevue, O., says: Two freight trains collided on the Wheeling & Lake Erie road in the storm 2 miles west of this place. Three men were killed. The trains were running at full speed, the blinding snow preventing the engineers from seeing the danger. The collision was terrific, both engines being smashed into scrap iron. The freight cars were broken into splinters and piled up in utter confusion. A wrecking train with physicians was sent from Norwalk. When it arrived the trainmen were still in the wreck, and were extricated one by one. The following were either killed outright or have died since the collision: Engineer Connel, Fireman McMillen, Engineer Sam Stowell and Brakeman Johnson.

Iowa Gets Her Share.
BURLINGTON, Ia., Feb. 14.—The worst snowstorm of the season began here Sunday evening. Eight inches of snow covers the ground and is drifting badly. The weather is very cold and all trains are delayed.

Dubuque, Ia., Feb. 14.—The worst blizzard experienced here for some years struck this city and raged furiously all day. Railroad people are looking for serious trouble unless the storm abates, as the wind is rapidly filling the cuts. One of the street car lines is abandoned.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 14.—The blizzard which arrived here early Monday morning was the worst in several seasons. It was accompanied by much snow, deep drifts and high wind. Railroad traffic is much delayed and business was practically suspended.

In Great Britain.
LONDON, Feb. 14.—A heavy gale has prevailed in some sections, much damage resulting. At Teignmouth, in Devonshire, a church in course of erection was entirely destroyed. The spire of St. Mary's church at Shrewsbury, county of Salop, was blown down. At Peterborough, county of Northampton, the pinnacle of the parish church of St. John was blown over and the glass roof of the Great Eastern railway station was destroyed. The English Presbyterian church at Holywell, Flintshire, Wales, was also among the buildings wrecked. A boarding school and many dwelling houses in the town were also blown down. At Newport, in South Wales, the roofs were blown off a number of houses. Several vessels have gone ashore off Margate and Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Devonshire. At Dudley, in Worcestershire, a number of factory chimneys were blown down. In two or three instances the falling chimneys struck the factories, causing great damage. In this town many persons were injured. Scores of houses were unroofed. Communication between London and the continent is completely cut off.

KEARSARGE CREW SAVED.

Taken from Reconcor Reef with the Loss of But One Life.
COLTON, Feb. 13.—The crew of the United States cruiser Kearsarge was rescued at noon on Saturday. One man was drowned. He was a second-class fireman named Anderson Robbins. The old warship was abandoned on Reconcor reef with the stars and stripes still flying at her peak. The steamship city of Para with the crew of the Kearsarge on board will leave this port for New York on Wednesday next.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The navy department has received advice confirming the Associated Press dispatches announcing the arrival of the steamer City of Para at Colon, with the crew of the wrecked United States cruiser Kearsarge.

It is believed that the Kearsarge has broken up, otherwise Admiral Stanton would have made some effort to save her or asked instructions about her. There is great rejoicing in the navy department over the safe arrival of the Kearsarge's crew.

Rich Find of Silver and Gold Ore.

BRAZIL, Ind., Feb. 14.—Two experts from Chicago, who have been in the city the last few days examining the ore found on M. W. Carpenter's farm south of the city, claim it is rich with gold and silver. In examining the location where the ore was found they discovered the ground was full of the precious metals. Gold buyers from the west had previously examined this and tried to purchase it from Mr. Carpenter. A company of local capitalists is being organized and preparations for mining the ore will be made at once.

USED DYNAMITE.

Bandits Ditch a Train and Then Blow Open the Express Car.

They Secure a Sum of Money Believed to Be Large, and Succeed in Escaping—Two Men Crushed Under an Engine.

CHARGED TO CHRIS EVANS' GANG.
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 13.—Passenger train No. 20 on the Southern Pacific road, which left this city at 11:30 o'clock Thursday night, was wrecked by train robbers at Roscoe station, 12 miles north of here, at 1 a. m. Friday. The highwaymen blew open the express car with dynamite and fired several shots at the trainmen who attempted to escape.

Fireman Masters and Harry Daly, a tramp who was stealing a ride, were caught under the engine as it left the track and landed in the ditch on its side. Engineer Thomas jumped and miraculously escaped.

The robbers made their escape with several strong boxes belonging to the Wells-Fargo Express company, containing currency and half a dozen sacks of gold. None of the passengers, so far as known, were injured. The robbery was the most daring and cruel piece of work done in the west in years, and it is believed that Chris Evans and Morrell, the outlaws for whom California officers have been searching for months, planned and executed the crime. It is impossible to tell at present how much money the robbers secured, but as the express shipments were unusually large it is certain the gang got away with a rich haul. Posses of officers are scouring the country for the highwaymen.

The train was late in leaving Los Angeles Thursday night. Besides the baggage, express and three passenger cars there were two cars loaded with fruit for San Francisco. At Burbank, 6 miles north of this city, several rough-looking men boarded the train and it is believed they were the accomplices of the robbers, who were waiting farther north to throw the switch and ditch the train. At Roscoe, 6 miles north of Burbank, is a short spur of track leading from the main line to a sidetrack used for switching. As the locomotive neared the junction Engineer Thomas saw by the glare of the headlight that the switch was open. He reversed the engine and tried to stop the train, but the heavy load behind was too much to be stayed in the short distance and the locomotive and two fruit-cars left the rails and fell to wreck in the ditch.

Before the passengers and Conductor Odell could realize what had happened three masked men jumped into view from the woods adjoining the track with rifles in their hands. A volley of shots was fired at the engineer and fireman, who were struggling to escape from the tangled wreck, and then the gang kept up a fusillade of bullets to terrify the passengers and prevent them from leaving the cars.

When the shock of the accident was felt the accomplices who boarded the train at Burbank left the rear coach and hurried to the express car, which still stood on the rails unharmed. They placed bombs under the car and blew it to pieces. No trace of the express messenger has yet been found, and it is thought he was killed and buried under the ruins of his car. The robbers secured several sacks of gold coin and a number of packages of greenbacks, mounted on horses, which were tied in the woods near the railroad, and galloped north.

Foster, the brakeman, was in one of the passenger coaches at the time of the accident and realized that robbers were at work as soon as he heard the rifle shots. He quietly slipped from the train and made his way toward a farm. He saw across the country, which proved to be in a farmhouse. Foster got a team at the ranch and after arousing the neighborhood drove to Burbank and notified the deputy sheriff at that place. The Southern Pacific and Wells-Fargo officials in this city were notified of the robbery and a train was sent at once to the scene.

The gang made their escape on horses, the railroad officials say, and have several hours' start of the sheriff's posse, which have given pursuit. Conductor Odell may be able to give a description of the men who boarded his train at Burbank, but neither Foster, the brakeman, nor Engineer Thomas, can describe the men who first appeared and began to fire at the train crew.

The belief that Evans and Morrell, who escaped from the Fresno jail several months ago, participated in the robbery is shared by many railroad and express officials. The job is such a gold-blooded and desperate piece of work that officers familiar with the two desperadoes agree that it bears their trade-mark.

ADrift on a Huge Ice Floe.

Five Hundred Persons in Great Danger on the Coast of Russia.
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 13.—An ice floe broke adrift from the coast of Ingermanland, province of St. Petersburg, Tuesday and carried off many fishermen and their families. More than 500 persons are said to be in danger. The persons along the coast are making every effort to rescue them and are hopeful of success.

Government Troops Wn.

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 10.—News has been received of an important government victory in Pasafunda. The loyal forces, commanded by Col. Santos, Jr., met a detachment of 1,500 rebels and a sharp engagement followed. The insurgents lost 400 men in the attack and the rest of the column disbanded. Only sixteen men were lost by Santos.

Great Fire in a Pomerania Village.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Fire destroyed twenty-one houses in the village of Degow, Pomerania. Several persons were killed. One hundred were rendered homeless.

THE MICHIGAN SCANDAL.

State Officers to Fight Removal to the Bitter End.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 16.—G. H. Bussey, one of the committee of footings, who was brought here Wednesday morning, was ordered placed under arrest by prosecuting Attorney Frazer late in the afternoon. Alderman Lowry, chairman of the board of canvassers, told the prosecuting attorney to put Bussey on the footings committee at the request of Bussey's brother-in-law. When Bussey was put on the rack he protested that he had not falsified the returns. Mr. Bussey was arraigned before Police Justice Whaite at 8 o'clock p. m. His examination was set down for February 27 and he was released on \$1,000 bail.

Bussey's arrest follows that of James F. Clark, another member, who is supposed to have confessed, and it all along has been suspected that Bussey was the instigator of the job of swelling the ye vote on the state salaries amendment and the probable tool of state officials.

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 16.—There is every indication that the grand jury investigation is coming to a head and that the end will be reached within a week at the farthest. The vigorous policy inaugurated by Prosecutor Frazer at Detroit has already been fruitful of results and bids fair to fully explode the frauds of 1893 and bring the perpetrators to justice.

All the members of the state canvassing board are here to attend the hearing before Gov. Rich. None of them are saying much further than that they don't propose to resign but will fight removal to the end. In addition to denying that the offense charged constitutes gross neglect under the constitution, the right of the governor to remove the state officer for neglect outside of the administration of that particular office will be challenged and the claim made that a state officer can be removed only after impeachment by the legislature.

The grand jury on Wednesday, in addition to other witnesses, heard Messrs. Wirick and Moore, of Detroit, who swore that Bill Clerk Clark told them the story implicating himself and Lieut. Gov. Giddings in the falsification of the Wayne county vote last spring. Giddings was the last witness, and his denial of Clark's alleged story and of all knowledge of the frauds was finished when the jury adjourned.

MYRA BRADWELL DEAD.

She Was the First Woman to Apply for Admission to the Bar.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Myra Bradwell, wife of Judge J. B. Bradwell, and the founder and managing editor of the Chicago Legal News, died Wednesday at her home, 1428 Michigan avenue.



Mrs. Myra Bradwell.

Mrs. Bradwell had been confined to her bed since last September. She was 63 years of age. Mrs. Bradwell leaves a husband and two children, Thomas and Bessie. Thomas Bradwell is a South Town justice of the peace.

(Mrs. Bradwell was born in Manchester, Vt., and when she was 12 years of age her parents moved to Chicago. In 1852 she was married to James B. Bradwell, a young and rising lawyer, and commenced the study of law under his supervision and, after a full course, presented herself at the law school for examination. She passed with honors and had the distinction of being the first woman who applied for admittance to the bar in the United States. Her application was refused, but she carried her case to the supreme court of the state and subsequently to the supreme court of the United States. The federal supreme court decided that her marriage was a bar to her admittance and denied her petition. Twenty years afterward this decision was reconsidered and reversed and Mrs. Bradwell was admitted to the bar. In the meantime she had established the Legal News, the leading legal newspaper of the west.)

COLONNADE IS GONE.

More Dastardly Incendiary Work at Jackson Park.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—At 11 a. m. Wednesday fire broke out in the colonnade between the Machinery hall and Agricultural building at Jackson park. It gained most rapidly at the roadway and all the engines in the park and vicinity were quickly massed. The blaze started but a few feet from where the fire of last week originated. When discovered flames were crawling up the pillars with dangerous rapidity. The light woodwork offered little resistance to the flames and the pillars and ornate roof decorations along the colonnade were soon in ruins. Three groups of animals in stately standing on the roof were burned and destroyed in the ruin. The actual loss, of course, is small. Firemen and fair officers agree that the fire was of incendiary origin. They regard it as another attempt of the kind made so frequently recently.

GREAT BUDDHIST LEADER DEAD.

Ex-Lord Abbott Otani Kesho, of Japan, Dies and is Cremated.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 16.—The steamship Empress of China brings the following oriental advices: Ex-Lord Abbott Otani Kesho, head of the Buddhist priests in Japan, died January 17 and was buried January 29. Ten thousand mourners attended the funeral, including the members of the imperial family, the peers and leading officials of the government. The scene presented was one of surpassing magnificence. The remains were cremated.

IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT.

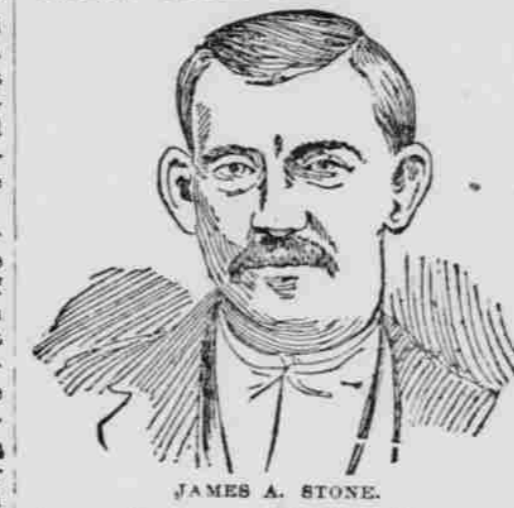
Murderer James A. Stone Mounts the Gallows.

Hanged in Prison at Jeffersonville, Ind., for the Brutal Murder of the Wratten Family of Six Persons Last September.

MET DEATH CALMLY.
JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Feb. 17.—James A. Stone, commonly known as "Bud" Stone, was executed this morning at 12:08 o'clock in the state prison south by Warden J. B. Patten for the murder of the Wratten family September 18, 1893.

The victims included Denson Wratten, his wife, three children, a boy 7 years of age and two girls, one 11 and the other 12 years old, and also Mrs. Wratten, aged 63 years, mother of Mr. Wratten. The scene of the crime was the Wratten farm, 12 miles from Washington, Ind.

The murderer kept up his air of bravado until the last moment. The death warrant was read to him by Warden Patten at 1 o'clock Thurs-



James A. Stone.

day afternoon. During the reading Stone preserved the same stoicism that was characteristic of the man during his stay in the prison. His spiritual adviser attempted to bring him to a realization of his near approach to death, but without success. He walked to the gallows without a tremor and met his doom without a word of excuse for his crime. His neck was broken by the fall and there was no movement of the body after he went through the trap.

Early in the morning of September 18, 1893, James A. Stone, a neighbor of the murdered family, went to the Wratten household to inquire after the health of Mrs. Wratten who had been ill for some time. Finding the front door locked he went around to the rear of the house and entered discovered Mrs. Wratten lying in the middle of the floor dead, a deep gash in the back of her head showing the cause of her death. He immediately left and summoned a number of neighbors and returning to the house in the next room found the husband and father lying dead; next the three children were found, two of them, the boy and one little girl aged 11, already dead, while the other, Ethel, aged 12, was dying. In the next room was discovered the lifeless body of the aged mother of Mr. Wratten.

Bloodhounds were sent for and put on the track and succeeded in following up a trail for quite a distance, but finally it was lost and the trail abandoned. Several days later suspicion began to attach to Stone. His actions were such as to arouse suspicion that he was implicated in the crime. Falling to find anything that would justify them in arresting him one of the officers decided to send a woman to visit his wife and, if possible, ascertain something about the crime. Accordingly the woman, who was an old friend of the Stone family, visited the residence of Stone and, as a matter of course, almost the entire conversation during the day was in regard to the tragedy.

In the course of the conversation Mrs. Stone remarked that it was a curious fact that her husband on the morning after the tragedy returned home with his clothing spotted with blood in various places, but on being making a remark in regard to the condition of his clothes he had explained by saying that he had some teeth pulled the night before. Stone was immediately arrested. His house was searched and the bloody clothing was found. An ax, covered with blood was also found hidden in some woods near. In spite of these incriminating facts Stone for several days denied the murder, but the grand jury being in session an indictment was found against him. Stone then confessed the crime, but implicated three men who were already held on suspicion.

Before Stone's trial came up these men, Brown, Williams and Kaye, succeeded in proving alibi, and through the efforts of their attorneys were released. The trial of Stone was probably one of the most interesting which ever took place in Indiana, although it lasted but a short time, the jury having hardly retired before they returned a verdict of guilty, fixing his punishment at death. All efforts to secure a new trial were unavailing, and the prisoner was immediately brought to the prison south to await his execution.

Soon after being arrested Stone made a confession, clearing all the other men accused of complicity in the crime and declaring that he alone was guilty of killing the entire family. He knew that Mrs. Wratten had several hundred dollars secreted in the house and, meeting her, was compelled to stay her before he could get the money. After killing her he was seized with an insane desire for blood, and, going to one after another of the inmates of the house, killed each in turn. Since he became convinced that he would die he became very devout, and professed Christianity.

A short time ago he added another horror to his crime by stating to his aged father, who visited him in prison, that he had smothered the little girl Ethel with an apron aka neighbor's house, where she had been removed in a dying condition while the folks were at dinner, as he feared if she recovered her evidence might convict him.

SCRAPED WITH A KNIFE.

Colored Man at Oglethorpe, Ga., Brutally Murdered by Seven Citizens.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 17.—From Oglethorpe comes a story of such a horrible murder that Gov. Northen has doubled the usual reward for the criminal. Bob Collins, a respectable negro, was dragged from home by seven white men, stripped, beaten with a buggy trace, scraped and cut with a blunt knife and left naked nearly seven hours in a freezing atmosphere. He died just after being found.

Robbed of Her Hidden Money.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Harriet Wells, wife of Mailcarrier Wells, was found bound and gagged in her house late Wednesday night. When released she said that at 9 o'clock masked men knocked at the door and demanded admittance. She resisted, but was overpowered and robbed of \$1,000 in bills, hidden at the bottom of a stuffed chair.

Want Representation.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Negroes want one of their race in the city council and will try to get him there at the coming spring election.

NEARLY TWO SCORE SLAIN.

Thirty-Nine Lives Lost by an Explosion on a German War Ship.

KIEL, Feb. 19.—A terrible disaster occurred Friday owing to the explosion of a steam pipe on board the German ironclad Brandenburg. Thirty-nine men were killed, thirty-seven of them instantly, and two dying soon after the explosion. Nine men were injured. Among the dead are three chief engineers who were on the vessel to report on the work of the boilers, and several other officers. Most of the bodies were badly scalded, in some instances the faces being rendered unrecognizable. The accident occurred while the warship was undergoing a forced-draft trial near the government docks.

Suddenly, while the vessel was forging ahead at a rapid speed, there was a loud explosion, the waist of the ship seemed to rise up as though lifted by a giant hand, and the next instant the air was filled with intermingled debris and humanity. A large number of the victims, torn and mangled, were thrown into the water and drowned before assistance could reach them. Others were thrown into the air and fell on the decks, where they lay dead or dying in the midst of a mass of wreckage. The effects of the explosion were only felt within a limited area, although the big war vessel quivered under the shock, and those in the stern quickly rushed to the assistance of the injured. Owing to the force of the explosion the dead outnumbered the injured, and the scene was sickening in the extreme. The vessel presented the appearance of a warship after a sanguinary battle, and dead and wounded had their clothing nearly torn from their bodies.

As soon as the effects of the explosion were known to the officer of the deck he caused signals to be set showing that the vessel was helpless. Five steamers went at once to the assistance of the disabled warship, and, getting lines to it, towed it back to Kiel. When it reached port Prince Henry of Prussia, the emperor's brother, immediately boarded it and helped to direct the work of relieving the wounded and questioned the ship's officers concerning the names and homes of the dead and wounded.

The accident occurred near the place made memorable last year by the disaster on board the German man-of-war Baden, in which two lieutenants and seven marines were killed by the premature explosion of a gun during target practice. Prince Henry of Prussia was on board of the Baden at the time and saw the accident.

SUFFRAGE MOVES ON.

It Is Hopefully Noted in the Woman's Convention.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The report of Rachel Foster Avery, corresponding secretary of the National Woman's Suffrage association, was read at Friday's session of the convention. It said that the advances along the line of woman suffrage had been very great and unusually encouraging. The victory in Colorado had prepared all for more devoted work even in the face of difficulties which may appear insurmountable. She referred to the disappointed hopes of the women of Michigan and New York, where certain laws on the subject of woman suffrage had been declared unconstitutional. Speaking of New York, she said that the women there were organizing the grandest campaign for equality of rights that the country had yet seen. "Looking further away we find," said the report, "the last year made memorable in woman suffrage annals by the extension of the franchise to the women of New Zealand and by their eager and enthusiastic entry into political life at the late election, when one-third of the votes were cast by the women and when the proportion of defective ballots was smaller than ever before."

Miss Laura Clay, of Kentucky, submitted the report of the southern committee, which said that last year the number of the members of the southern committee had been increased by four, representing the gain of four southern state suffrage associations.

ELECTRIC CARS COLLIDE.

Several Passengers Badly Hurt in an Accident at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—In a street-car collision at 11:45 o'clock a. m. three women were probably fatally injured and a fourth passenger, a man, had his leg severely crushed. The collision occurred at Grand avenue and Morgan street, where a west-bound suburban electric car, carrying thirteen passengers, was struck squarely in the center by a south-bound Lindell electric car and hurled from its tracks. The Lindell car, which carried twenty-two passengers, was badly damaged and derailed. The overturned car was so badly wrecked that it was with difficulty the passengers were taken out.

REJECTED.

The Senate Refuses to Confirm the Nomination of Peckham.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—President Cleveland will have to try again. Wheeler H. Peckham's nomination for associate justice of the supreme court was rejected by the senate Friday afternoon by a vote of 41 to 32. An analysis of the vote shows that twenty-three democrats, eight republicans and one populist voted for confirmation, while sixteen democrats, twenty-three republicans and two populists voted against it.

CYCLONE WRECKS A SCHOOL.

Several Children Killed and Twenty Others Severely Injured.

BRILIN, Feb. 19.—A hurricane that passed over northern Germany a few days ago wrecked the schoolhouse at Zuckers, Pomerania. A large number of the children were buried in the ruins of the building. When the debris was cleared away it was found that seven of the little ones had been killed and twenty others injured.

The New Five Per Cents.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—All but \$2,000,000 of the new 5 per cent. bonds have been paid for and the money covered into the treasury.