

about nine pounds. It is very hard, blown from a sledge-hammer failing to break it. Local scientists say it is mostly meteoric iron.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., June 27.—The British ship *Scottish Dales*, Captain McCarthy, from Tacoma, April 28th for Port Piere, has been totally wrecked near Valboa. All the crew landed at Suva. The *Scottish Dales* was a double-decked ship of nearly 2,000 tons register and sailed from Liverpool. It was owned by W. H. Ross & Co.

CHICAGO, June 27.—Three-year-old Ernest Schlickwein, the son of Franz Schlickwein, a German truck farmer living about four miles southeast of Hinedale met his death in a manner hitherto unheard of. He was following his mother along a path beside the roadway which fronts their home when they were passed by a wheelman riding at his best speed. Shortly afterwards Mrs. Schlickwein missed her son. Hastening back she discovered him prostrate in the path, with an ugly wound in his left temple. A physician was summoned but the child expired in the arms of his mother before he arrived. A jagged stone weighing about four ounces, lying at the point where he had fallen told the story. It had been snapped from under the wheel of the scorching cyclist with sufficient force to cause death. The wheelman who was, of course, entirely ignorant of the accident, passed on and no clue to his identity remains. Mrs. Schlickwein is prostrated and may not recover.

HOUSTON, Tex., June 29.—The explosion of a boiler in the office of the *Evening Star* this afternoon killed three persons and severely wounded another.

Among the dead are Henry Lyons, the engraver for the Age. The force of the explosion blew off his leg and arm and tore his breast and stomach open. He was a married man, leaving two children. The body of the boiler was blown nearly a block, tearing out the front wall of the office of General Manager Van Vleck of the Southern Pacific. Miss Lueb, his stenographer, was writing beside him and was struck by a portion of the boiler, under which she lay some time, being crushed to death.

Operator Emery had his finger on the key when a portion of the boiler struck him over the heart, killing him instantly.

General Manager Van Vleck was struck by a brick, and for a time it was feared he was fatally injured, but he will recover, though badly hurt.

The explosion was caused by letting cold water into an empty boiler.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., June 29.—The mystery surrounding the murder of Policeman Frank Bish has been cleared up by the arrest and confession of Patrick Coyne, a pal of Wm. H. Clark, the man who killed Officer Bish, and then committed suicide in order to avoid arrest. Coyne says that he and Clark had started out for the purpose of committing burglary, and while examining the rear entrance to Wilbur's dry goods store, were accosted by Officer Bish, who ordered them to surrender. Bish disarmed Coyne, but failed to get Clark's gun. Just as the officer ordered his prisoner to start for the police station Clark shot Bish.

Coyne said that he and Clark ran in different directions, he going home and going to bed, expecting momentarily that his partner would arrive.

Clark and Coyne were regarded as honest laborers, but Coyne admits that both had served terms in prison.

LONDON, June 30.—The House of Commons sat throughout the night debating the agriculture land rating bill intended to lessen the taxation on agricultural land. The government kept its forces well in hand, insuring a majority of over 150. After midnight the excitement increased as the different clauses were carried under closure rule. The liberal leader, Sir William Harcourt, denounced the methods of the conservative leader, Balfour, to extricate the government from the mess into which it had fallen by making too many election promises overweighing itself with important bills like the educational bill recently shelved for repairs, it being unable to carry in spite of an overwhelming majority, a fact for which the leadership of Balfour has been greatly blamed. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, angrily retorted that the opposition was the most factious ever seen, and asserted that its acts were rapidly reducing the parliamentary precedents to a farce. James Dalziel, liberal, accused Lord Hugh Cecil, conservative, (the fifth son of the Marquis of Salisbury) of deliberate and organized interference with the debate. The speaker was appealed to but declined to interfere. In a moment Dalziel characterized Sir Michael Hicks Beach as "impertinent," whereupon there were cries of "withdraw." The speaker suggested that Dalziel had not intended to be offensive. After more skirmishing, another clause of the bill was closed. This brought forth another storm of derisive shouts from the opposition. Dr. Tanner, the Irish nationalist, shouted "gag." He was warned. The bill was finally reported to the House about 8 o'clock and the third reading passed for Wednesday.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 30.—A very earnest effort is being made by the Suffrage women of Los Angeles for the relief of Miss Phoebe W. Couzins of St. Louis, who is in the city helpless and penniless. Miss Couzins arrived in San Francisco a few months ago with her brother, who was an invalid. While there she was attacked with acute rheumatism and was told that in the south she would find relief. But no the contrary, Miss Couzins has grown steadily worse in Los Angeles.

A petition is being circulated by the woman suffrage campaign committee asking for contributions to a fund which is being raised for the purpose of assisting Miss Couzins and her brother to return to their home in St. Louis.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 30.—A special from Redding, Cal., to the Examiner says: Great excitement has been caused by the receipt of a letter containing news of a threatened rising of the Pitt River Indians. Judge Edward Sweeney of Redding received the message, and the author is W. Bailey, a farmer living with his family in the big bend of Pitt river about sixty miles northeast of this city. Bailey states in the letter that a friendly squaw came to his house and

informed him that the warriors of the Pitt river tribe intended to have a great pow wow near his farm on July 4th, gathering as many braves as possible and designed to follow their savage orgies by a massacre of all the white settlers who live along the north banks of the Pitt. Mr. Bailey's letter was brought by messenger as rapidly as could be and Judge Sweeney was urged to act promptly. The Judge referred the letter to Sheriff Houston, who is organizing an expedition to hurry on to the threatened region. This tribe is the most powerful and thoroughly organized in northern California.

TUCSON, Ariz., June 30.—A special to the Star from Tombstone says United States troops under Lieutenants Averill and Yates surprised an Apache camp in Sonora about forty miles below the line. The Indians had evidently been informed by a scout of the presence of the troops, as all made their escape except a boy who was captured together with the camp outfit. The troops co-operating with a force of Mexican cavalry are still in pursuit of the disabused renegades.

CHICAGO, June 30.—The conference of the members of the Democratic bimetallic committee was called to order at the Sherman house a few minutes past 12 today, by Senator Harris, Tennessee, chairman of the organization. There was present a quorum of the committee and a large number of distinguished silver Democrats, including Senators Harris and Bate, Tennessee; Jones, Arkansas; Turpie, Indiana; Daniel, Virginia, and Cockrell, Missouri; Ex-Senator Martin, Kansas; Governor Stone, Missouri; Congressman McMillin and Richardson, Tennessee; ex-Congressmen Bryan, Nebraska, and Snodgrass, Tennessee.

The first meeting was devoted largely to introductions and exchange of views as to the outlook.

The opinion was generally expressed that there would be no question as to the absolute control of the convention by the silver forces, to which was added a determination to see that nothing happened in any way to weaken the control. There was more or less discussion of Whitney's attitude. It was noted that there was no expression by any one favorable to yielding to the gold standard element in anything. The opinion was well summed up in a remark by Senator Harris.

"I am," the Senator said, "one of many thousand democrats and many hundreds of delegates. I cannot, of course speak for them, but I can speak for myself. I want no compromise. We would either have a declaration for the free coinage of silver on terms of equality with gold at a ratio of 16 to 1, so no human being can misunderstand it, or we should have an equally plain pronouncement for the gold standard."

The formal proceedings consisted in the appointment of a committee to confer with the executive committee of the national committee, consisting of Senator Jones, Arkansas; Governor Stone, Missouri; Senator Turpie, Indiana; Governor Altgeld, Illinois; and Senator Daniel, Virginia. The resolution under which the committee is appointed authorizes it to confer