

the hurricane at Samoa, in which the Trenton, Vandalia and Nipsic were wrecked and 145 lives in all lost. This includes the loss from all the vessels at Apia. The disaster occurred March 15, 1889, and three German ships also were lost. February 18, 1883, the Ashuelet went ashore on a rock off the coast of China, and eleven men were lost.

It is expected the loss of the Kearsarge will result in placing a light on Roncador bank, a result the United States naval department has earnestly sought to bring about for several years but without result, owing to the wish of this government that other nations bear a share in the expense.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 9.—Near Winston in the presence of 10,000 people, Peter DeGraff was hanged for the murder of his paramour, Ellen Smith.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—A dispatch to the *Standard* from St. Petersburg says: The government commission appointed to investigate the alleged scandals in the convict prison at Onor, on the island of Sakhalien, has issued a report, which unfolds a terrible tale of suffering and crime. It shows that in this prison there have been many instances of merciless beating and lopping off of fingers and arms by saber strokes, while cannibalism, under the stress of famine, has been of common occurrence. Murder, followed by cannibalism, is frequent, with the sole object of ending a miserable existence.

During 1892 there was almost a continuous string of convicts carrying corpses of convicts from Onor to Rikovsky. In nearly every case the bodies were so mutilated that they presented a pitiful spectacle. The bodies were interred without the slightest inquiry as to how the wounds were inflicted. No doctor ever visited the prison, and the convicts who were unable to perform the work on account of sickness, were placed on half diet, and when it became apparent that they would be unable to perform further duty they were dispatched with a revolver by the inspector, and registered on the books as having died from disease.

The principal author of the atrocities, it is asserted, is a former convict named Shakoff, who was a favorite of the district commandant, and promoted to the position of inspector.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—The secretary of the colonial department this afternoon received a telegram from St. Louis, Senegal, stating that Colonel Bonniers and eleven other officers and 250 privates were massacred by Taureges. Another account puts the loss at sixty-seven.

The Taureges, armed with lances and knives, made the first attack upon the leading division of the French column. The attack was so desperate and well sustained that the first division was apparently cut to pieces. The news of the disaster was brought to the second portion of the column by Capt. Nugette, who, badly wounded, managed to escape.

The second division was encamped a few miles to the rear of the advance guard, which was surprised during the darkness of early morning. The officer in command of the rear guard immediately commenced a retreat upon Timbuctoo, leaving the vanguard, commanded by Bonnier, to its fate.

Unofficial reports, emanating from

the war department and colonial office, say the loss in killed and captured was at least 300.

The rear guard reached Timbuctoo December 17th, carrying a number of wounded. Several men in addition to those admitted to have been killed when the vanguard was cut to pieces, are said to have been either killed or left dying along the route during the retreat to Timbuctoo.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 11.—The great New York blizzard was almost undone in the West today. It began snowing in this city about noon, and has continued ever since. The snow is coming down so thick that it looks like a fog. Up to 8 o'clock tonight the precipitation was fully one foot and it is still falling, accompanied by a high wind. The street car lines were compelled to abandon business at 4 o'clock.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The House committee on Judiciary has rejected the bill by Bell of Colorado for a constitutional amendment permitting woman suffrage.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Representative George W. Houk of Ohio died suddenly this afternoon.

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—The Russo-German treaty has been signed by both countries.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Charles and Ellen Smith and Richard Johnson, connected with the local office of the Montana Mining and Loan and Investment Co., were arrested, charged with selling lottery tickets. The concern was a large one, with headquarters at Butte city, Mont., and branch offices in all the leading cities of the country and hundreds of agents employed selling certificates. The scheme of the company was unique prizes, or lucky numbers, in loans not gifts. A certificate sells for \$1. Each is numbered. On the 20th of each month the drawing is conducted at Butte city. The prizes range from \$6,000 to \$10,000 loan. No security is asked when the loan is made. The borrower is given nineteen years and five months to pay. It is represented by the agent that in case the person buys a certificate each month for ten years and obtains no prize, the investment will be fully returned in Montana mining stocks. Thousands of tickets were sold each month.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—H. C. Ricker, the Chicago man who put in bids for the \$50,000,000 bonds called for by Secretary Carlisle, this afternoon filed a petition in the supreme court of the district seeking mandamus to compel Carlisle to issue \$50,000,000 in bonds to him according to the terms of his bid. The secretary upon receiving Ricker's proposals investigated his financial status and ignored his proposals.

HONG KONG, Feb. 10.—The steamer Hong Chow, from Samaring for Sourabaya, collided with an unknown vessel which immediately disappeared. It is supposed she sank with all on board. The British steamer Asaph sailed from Hong Kong, December 31st and may be the missing vessel. She registered 1,200 tons.

CAPETOWN, Feb. 10.—It is rumored that King Lobenguela is dead.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 10.—The populist, J. A. Smith, arrested last night on a charge of criminal libel, was released

on \$1,000 bonds today. He has retained Mrs. Mary Lease to defend him.

LINCOLN, Ill., Feb. 10.—Late this evening great excitement was caused by news of an unsuccessful plot to blow up the jail of Logan county, for the purpose of liberating a notorious local criminal, under sentence of six years at Joliet prison. The parties implicated in the plot are Arthur Goodpasture, Ida Shells and Georgia Williams.

Late last night three sticks of dynamite, with fuse and caps, were purchased, with the intention of being passed into the jail by the Shells woman to Goodpasture, who repeatedly declared that he would die before he went to the penitentiary. The jail premises were visited at midnight last night, but the arrangement to pass out through the window a string to which the dynamite would be attached and hauled up, failed. A daylight investigation showed woman's tracks around the jail and a ladder ready for use. During the afternoon a young man in the company of the girls ascertained their plans and told the police.

The arrest of the girls followed. The dynamite was found at the home of one, and when the prisoners were locked up the Williams girl confessed her complicity in the plot, and added further, that another attempt would have been made tonight, and had it failed then, the Shells girl was to explode a cartridge from the outside and run the chances of being successful.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The channel and British coast have again been swept by a heavy storm. A number of wrecks are reported, but so far no loss of life. Telegraph poles are down and communication is interrupted.

Reports hourly from west and north tell of great damage to houses, churches and factories last night. It is estimated that a dozen people were killed.

VICTORIA, Feb. 12.—Late news from Samoa is to the effect that rumors of disaffection have become rife over the proposed disarmament of the natives. As soon as the British warships left, the natives, except those in the Mamasaga district, declare they will fight rather than allow the war implements to be impounded by the treaty powers.

The consuls have warned them that no nonsense will be tolerated, but the situation is believed to be serious.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 12.—United States Minister Terrill, after taking a vigorous stand in the matter has succeeded in obtaining the release of one of the two naturalized Americans imprisoned at Iskanderum, northern Syria. The porte contended that they are Turkish subjects and announced its determination to maintain its right to keep them in prison pending the trial for high treason. Terrill replied that if they were not released in a given time he would ask the United States to send two warships to Iskanderum to compel their release.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The *Times* says it is estimated the goods engaged for shipment to India the next six months have an aggregate value of £15,000,000 sterling. It is alleged that nearly the whole of this stupendous total has been contracted for on a basis of the rupee being worth 1s. 3d. India exchange has recently dropped 8 per cent. below this price and the loss therefore will amount to £1,200,000.