

The French Government has ordered the closing of all French establishments in France within three months.

There is every prospect of a war between China and Russia.

Bismarck celebrated his 66th birthday on the 2d of April, and received letters and presents from all parts of Europe.

A terrible fire occurred recently in Montaigu, a village of Savoy. Seventeen inhabitants perished, and thirty-one dwellings were destroyed.

The result of the English elections is not regarded with favor by any continental government save the Russian. The extreme Radical press of France, however, was very jubilant over the matter.

The health of the Emperor William is not good, and much anxiety is felt in German official circles in consequence.

It is reported that 20,000 Chinese troops have crossed the boundary into Russian territory.

Forty-two persons were killed by the late cavalry explosion in Belgium.

A body of Afghan soldiers under the lead of Mohammed Jan has been defeated by the British, and Mohammed himself killed.

Dr. Kenealy, who has been living for years on his Tichborne-trial notoriety, has been very badly defeated in his Parliamentary candidacy.

Two men were killed and several injured by a boiler explosion at Buffalo.

A fire at Bradford, Pa., destroyed \$100,000 worth of property, including the Academy of Music.

The New York retail grocers have agreed to petition Congress to pass a law preventing the sale or manufacture of oleomargarine.

A gang of marauders is stealing stock and burning barns in Chester county, Pa.

Mrs. Clem, the notorious Indianapolis woman, has been sentenced to four years in the Indiana penitentiary for forgery.

A San Francisco man has gone crazy over the 15 puzzle.

Mrs. Holloway and her infant child were burned to death at Warsaw, Ind. It is believed they were murdered.

A party of twelve in a wagon were thrown over an embankment, near Terre Haute, Ind., drowning two ladies.

Miss Lavingood, a well-known woman lawyer of Janesville, Wis., is dead.

Two noted desperades undertook to release a murderer confined in the jail at Las Vegas, and, meeting with resistance, shot and killed the keeper and fled.

During the winter packing season, Nov. 1, 1879, to March 1, 1880, 6,954,451 hogs were slaughtered and packed in the West, against 7,480,618 during the season of 1878-9. Chicago alone slaughtered 2,525,219.

A violent cyclone passed over a section of Southeastern Kansas one day last week, demolishing houses and killing several people.

A large white-leather establishment at Joplin, Mo., has been burned. The loss was \$90,000, and the insurance \$27,000.

A boiler explosion near Rushville, Ill., destroyed a saw-mill, killed three men, and seriously injured two others.

On the meeting of the Senate on Monday, March 3, Kirkwood presented a memorial from the Iowa Legislature protecting innocent users of patent articles, and Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of the Wisconsin Legislature recommending that the Legislature of the Upper Mississippi be allowed to construct improvements of the Upper Mississippi.

Mr. Ingalls introduced a bill in the Senate on the 30th inst., to provide for the safe of Miami Indians in Kansas; also, providing for the proper punishment of crimes on Indian reservations; also, a bill for the relief of settlers on Shawnee lands in Kansas. The Senate rejected the following nomination of Census Supervisors: Thomas H. Shewell, of the 1st District, Pennsylvania; and J. C. D. Fife, of the 5th District, New York. In the House the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill was referred to the Committee of Foreign Affairs, and it was referred to the committee of the whole. The report states that, after the deliberate consideration of the members of the Committee of the whole, it is the opinion of the members of the Committee of the whole that the estimates of the department could not be fully carried out, and that the amount of \$31,300,000, which is the amount appropriated for the year, is sufficient.

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