

Fleming, Bied & Co.'s worsted mills at Greenock, the largest in Scotland, have been destroyed by fire.

The British Government has ordered more troops to the West of Ireland.

It is announced that the Socialist Congress will be held in Zurich in 1881. Circulars have been sent to the principal Socialist societies of Europe inviting their co-operation.

Fifty miners have been suffocated in a mine at Katzwon, Germany.

A Constantinople dispatch says: "The Sultan has declared that he would rather abdicate than to yield to the wishes of the powers. He has had a protracted interview with Hobart Pasha."

The British Government has declared Counties Galway and Mayo to be in state of disturbance, and to need additional police.

In a billiard match for the champion of America and a purse of \$1,000, played at New York by George F. Slosson and Jacob Schaefer, the former won by a score of 600 against 435.

A young man at Jersey City, who was bitten by a dog twelve years ago, has just died, of what the doctors pronounce hydrocephalus.

The Holmes, Booth & Hayden manufacturing works at Waterbury, Ct., have been burned. Loss estimated at \$200,000.

The United States Grand Jury at Trenton, N. J., has indicted Charles H. Voorhis, member of Congress, for embezzlement of the Hackensack Bank.

The Clarendon and the Faulkner mills, at Lowell, Mass., have been destroyed by fire. Loss estimated at \$300,000.

Prof. Benjamin Pierce, the celebrated mathematician and professor at Harvard College, is dead.

John McDowell, a messenger for the Marine Bank, at New York, was robbed in a Wall street stage of a pocket-book containing \$21,000.

An accident on the Boston and Fitchburg railroad, near Littleton, Mass., resulted in the death of two passengers, and injuries, more or less serious, to fifteen others.

Several yellow-fever patients have been admitted to the Quarantine Hospital at New York.

There has been a serious accident on the New York and New England railroad, near Willimantic, Ct., caused by a collision between a passenger accommodation train and an extra freight train. The wreck was a bad one. Engineers Kenyon and Flood and Firemen Forsyth and Hurley and Conductor Aldrich, of the freight train, were killed.

French & Ward's woolen mills at West Stoughton, Mass., with contents, have been destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Exports from New York, exclusive of specie, since Jan. 1, are \$58,000,000 in excess of the exports for the same period of last year.

The Chicago Exposition is now in its perfection. Everything is running smoothly. The show is varied and attractive, and the attendance constantly increasing.

The propeller William J. Livingston, Jr., owned by the Peabody Lumber Company, founded and sank near Cana island, in Lake Michigan.

Two men were killed by the explosion of a Democratic canon at Pymouth, Ohio.

The writing-paper mill at Elkhart, Ind., owned by J. R. Beaneley, John Cook and Mrs. B. L. Davyent, has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$38,000; insurance, \$16,000.

A Wabash railway conductor named Whittaker attempted to put tramps off his train near Waverly, Ind., and was shot in the arm and face, receiving dangerous wounds.

Work has been suspended in several of the Leadville mines in consequence of a fire breaking out in the Vulcan shaft of the Chrysophane mine.

A safe in the office of the Western Hotel at St. Louis was robbed of money, watches, and other articles valued at between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

Joseph Mehrens and wife were riding home from LaCrosse, Wis., when a spark from the former's pipe set fire to the straw in the wagon-box, and both were fatally burned.

Dr. R. H. Williamson, a well known and respected physician of Milwaukee, has made an unsuccessful attempt at self-murder by poisoning. Cause, domestic trouble.

A fearful tragedy has been enacted near New Canton, Pike county, Ill. It seems that six miles from that town lived a family named Baker, consisting of father, mother, and two daughters. A young man named Sellers had been working for the family. While Mr. Baker was from home, Sellers insisted that the daughter, aged 15, to whom he had become attached, should promise to marry him. This was refused, when Sellers drew a revolver and first shot the dog, and then immediately shot the mother and the daughter aged 15. He then placed the muzzle to his own temple and fired. Every shot was instantly fatal.

Two negroes at a political meeting near Wauconda, Ill., had a terrible fight. One, named Mason, descended some money from George Harling, which he refused. Mason seized a huge knife and rushed at Harling, but was shot through the breast, not, however, before he had cut the shooter four times. Both died.

John Mulhern, age 16, while chariavir a newly-married couple at the door of S. B. Buckley, in Monroe, Wis., was shot dead by Buckley. The murderer was arrested.

South. The geologist and naturalist, died recently in his tent in Willeberger county, Texas, where he had gone on a scientific

expedition. Cause, domestic trouble.

One death from yellow fever has been reported in New Orleans. The premises were properly disinfected, deceased buried immediately, and all means to prevent the spread of the fever promptly adopted.

By the explosion of a gasoline lamp the three children of Wm. Clark, a leading business man of Jacksonville, Fla., were burned to death. Mrs. Clark is not expected to recover.

Georgia held an election for State officers on the 6th inst. Gov. Colquitt was re-elected Governor by a majority estimated at 45,000.

At Charlotte, N. C., the other night, a young man known as Doc Jenkins was playing a game of "seven-up" with three other men, and the stakes were quite heavy. Jenkins was six in the game, and holding a winning card, was in the act of throwing it when he dropped dead, still holding in his death-grasp the fatal card.

Gus Wilkins, of Washington, N. C.,

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(Washington Dispatch to Cincinnati Enquirer.)

The following is a copy of a circular which explains itself. It was forwarded here by a New York claimant, who, under date of Oct. 2, says: "Inclosed I send you a copy of a circular received by mail yesterday."

(Cincinnati.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 29, 1880.

DEAR SIR:—The letter of Gen. Hancock in regard to the payment of claims leaves no doubt in the minds of those who know him that he is a man of honor and truth, but there are thousands of good citizens in the North who are made to believe this unmitigated lie by the persistent misrepresentations of those they are accustomed to hear.

Even if we desired so to do, the constitution forever prohibits us, without a change of that instrument, which can be accomplished but with the consent of three-fourths of the States, from the election of the Chairman of the Fourteenth Amendment to the constitution, the

"United States of America," to whom the

Senate and the House, they will bankrupt the

country by paying rebel war debts for

Confederates taken and proposed by the

Federal army.

That this is a lie out of whole

cloth, every man in the South knows.

But there are thousands and thousands of

good citizens in the North who are made to

believe this unmitigated lie by the persistent misrepresentations of those they are accustomed to hear.

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with the consent of three-fourths of the States.

Three-fourths are twenty-nine.

The South has no right to be a state and

that is the North's right to be a state.

No such amendment as we are charged with

desiring is needed, or contemplated by us.

We made the best fight we could,

We were vanquished, and we will abide the

retribution of the South, and we will abide

the judgment of God.

Now, when the South has come upon us

with the malignity with which they represent us, we are doubly, triply thankful to the noble hand of Gen. Hancock.

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