

The town of Jacksonville, Fla., is smitten with yellow fever, which by last accounts seemed to be as yet scarcely under control.

Forest fires prevail to a destructive extent in Michigan. Many buildings have been burned, and farmers are suffering heavily. One family is supposed to have been burned.

Bradstreet's (18th Aug.) continues to report new combinations, euphemized under the name of "trusts," which, of course, all tend to the disadvantage of the consumer. Lumber, Cotton Bagging, and Flour are the latest "combines" reported from the States.

Great damage has been done at Wilmington, Del., by a cyclone and water-spout; five persons were killed, and many injured, and loss is estimated at \$50,000. Very disastrous floods from heavy rains have also occurred at Boston. Six feet of water covered some of the railway tracks.

U. S. news comprises another murder of a husband by his wife, by cutting him with a razor; the murder of two men with an axe by an old fellow of 65, who escaped, the cause a political quarrel; the explosion of 20,000 lbs. powder in California, killing two whites and three Chinamen; a boiler explosion at Corry, Pa., killing two men and injuring others; and the bowling over of four tramps by a Pennsylvania express train, killing two, and perhaps three.

Politics has entered even into the church to such an extent that a Presbyterian minister in Philadelphia has been compelled to put the following notice on the door of his church:—"Members and others in the congregation will please refrain from the use of red bandanas or American flag handkerchiefs during the service, as the display of these emblems is distasteful to some members of the church, and is calculated to detract from the tranquility of the devotions of the day."

Lord Lansdowne has received an enthusiastic reception from his Irish tenantry in Co. Kerry.

The dory "Dark Secret" has been spoken 1,400 miles out from Boston. The captain reported all well.

The proceedings of the commission appointed to enquire into the Parnell charges will be open to the public.

Spain is fortifying her Pyrenean frontier with a chain of forts, on the first of which Queen Christina hoisted the Spanish standard.

A fund to aid Parnell in his action against the *Times* has been started in Liverpool. It is intended to make this a national movement.

The *Umbria* arrived at Queenstown at 7.35 a.m. last Saturday, ahead of the other three boats. Her time was 6 days, 10 hours, 20 minutes.

That "white elephant," the *Great Eastern*, which broke adrift from the tug that was towing her into the Clyde, is reported to have been caught and secured.

Major Bartelott's expedition, consisting of three white men, 64 carriers, and 100 soldiers, is well on its way in search of Stanley, though heavily laden and moving slowly.

Thirteen crocodiles just brought from Africa to Hamburg escaped from the hold of the steamer and made their way into the Elbe River. The news of their escape created consternation among the inhabitants along the riverside.

Senor Castelar, now 50 years old, lives with his sister in a beautiful home at Madrid. There are frequent rumors that he is going to get married, but they are only rumors. He is now getting bald, though his hair and moustache are still jet black.

The Queen paid particular attention at the Glasgow Exhibition to the Canadian Court, especially admiring Notman's photographs of Canadian scenery, and the emblematic Maple Tree. H. M. also minutely inspected the grain, mineral, timber, and natural history exhibits.

The largest wheat firm in Paris has been buying large quantities of wheat in the American markets at higher prices than were ruling at the time of their purchases, in view of the great deficiency of the French crop, and state that they have no reason to regret their action.

Correspondents from Westernland, a North Sea watering place, describe the Queen of Roumania sitting on the beach with the children around her listening to fairy tales, which she tells very cleverly, and receiving her reward in flowers and other gifts within the children's means.

A brunette belle, Miss Lottie Dod, has become the lady lawn tennis championess of England. She has wrested the honors from Miss Maud Watson, and her prowess is reported to be such that even the famous Renshaw brothers have all they can do to hold their own against her.

The "unspeakable Turk" now and then opens his mouth to protest. Whenever he does so, he generally displays his imbecility. The "Padishah" was pleased the other day to express his disapproval of the through line from Paris to Constantinople, by interdicting cheering or any expression of gratification in the latter city. He now thinks fit to murmur a faint protest against the Italian protectorate of Zulla. It is time he was gently removed out of Europe.

The death (in Scotland) is announced of Sir John Rose, Bart., G.C.M.G., who, after occupying for many years prominent positions in Canadian politics, became a Privy Councillor of the Empire, Chancellor of the Duchy of Cornwall, and in 1887 only, married Julia, Marchioness of Tweeddale. Sir John was at one time partner with the present Republican candidate for the Vice-Presidency in the banking firm of Morton, Rose & Co., and was for two years Minister of Finance in Canada. His death took place very suddenly, while about to fire at a stag.



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St. Lawrence Canal.

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A map of each of the localities together with plans and specifications of the respective works, can be seen on and after Tuesday, the 17th day of September next, at this office for all the works, and for the respective works at the following mentioned places:

For the works at Galop, at the lock keeper's House, Galop. For deepening the summit level of the Cornwall Canal, at Dickson's Landing; and for the new locks &c., at the lock-station Nos. 18, 19, and 20, at the Town of Cornwall. Printed forms of tender can be obtained for the respective works at the places mentioned.

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