

*James Munroe*, Ex-President of United States died on July 4, aged 73. This is the third instance which has occurred, of an ex-president dying on the anniversary of American Independence. Jefferson and Adams died July 4, 1826.

*Whale Fishery*.—The Americans commenced this fishery in 1690. From 1771 to 1775 Massachusetts employed annually 383 vessels, carrying 26,846 tons, in the Northern and Southern Whale Fisheries.

*Fire*.—A fire occurred at New York on the 4th, which destroyed 40 buildings; probable loss 60,000 dollars.

*Fire*.—The Capitol of N. Carolina, was destroyed by fire a few days since. The papers in the building were saved, but the State Library perished. The statue of Washington which cost 30,000 dollars, and which was considered matchless, was destroyed in the ruins. The house had been just covered with zinc as a preservative against fire, and from the furnaces used in finishing the work, the accident is supposed to have occurred.

*Canals*.—The New York Canal tolls for May amounted to 220,491 dollars.

*Anthracite Coal*, has been made available for steam boats, by introducing a small volume of steam to the furnace, which occasions the necessary flame and sudden heat.

*Inventions*.—A machine has been invented by a Swiss Mechanic which shapes 120 bricks in a minute, fit for the kiln. The following have been invented in the United States: one for rapidly drying paper; one for fully preparing boards for floors, &c. this will do the work of 60 men by the help of two boys; and one which makes 300 nails a minute. The last, as it is said, has been invented by a poor lad, and has been sold for 100,000 dollars.

*Newspapers*.—In Britain and Ireland there are 334; and of these 20 are daily. Three or four of these daily are printed in Dublin, but in Scotland there is no daily newspaper. The United Kingdom with a population of twenty-three or twenty-four millions have annually 27,827,000 copies.

The United States of America with a population of ten millions have 8000 newspapers; of which 50 are daily. Their annual consumption is 61 millions.

In the United States, no duty is charged on advertisements: their annual amount is 10,000,000 advertisements. The annual amount in the United Kingdom is 963,000.

France has a daily circulation of 70,000 copies, while the United Kingdom has only 36,000. In Paris alone there are four papers that circulate from 50,000 to 60,000 daily.

Mudford and Roche were lately conductors of the London Courier. Galt succeeded Roche; but his reign was very short. Black is editor of the Morning Chronicle; Coulson of the Globe; Anderson of the Advertiser; Taylor of the Herald; Barnes of