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beginning to attract much attention, and to call forth great sympathy. For there are here nearly forty thousand women, who sew for a living. About thirteen thousand of these are shirt-makers, eleven thousand tailors and vest-makers, four thousand dress-makers and milliners; besides those employed in other branches of needle-work.

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Foreign Intelligence. The Niagara brings European dates to the 13th of March. There are intimations of important public transactions, but either unaccomplished or the details not transparent.

A telegraphic dispatch announces favorable intelligence from India, but gives no particulars. The difficulties between France and England are officially stated to be entirely removed, but documents have not yet been published.

The English funds were dull. Cotton had declined slightly. There had been several indications of discontent, and at Chalons there was an actual outbreak, which was speedily put down at the cost of some hundreds of men.

A pamphlet has appeared, supposed to be an authoritative, setting forth strongly the importance of the alliance with England. The appeal of the conspirators was refused, and they would soon be executed.

The steam propeller, City of Baltimore, arrived with dates to the 17th ult. The correspondence between England and the French Government, relative to the refugee question, was submitted to Parliament on the 15th ult. The execution of Orsini and Pierre took place on the 18th ult., and created much excitement.

It was reported that Nana Sahib had crossed the Ganges with a strong force, near Behpoor, designing to enter Bundelcund. A telegram from London, dated the 17th ult., states that the President of the United States has appointed Mr. G. M. Davis, of New York, to be Minister to the Republic of France.

Mr. Whitehall was a subject of the powerful work of grace, experienced in the church of Mill Creek in 1822 and 1823, under the ministry of Rev. George M. Scott; and on the 8th day of June, 1823, in connection with forty others, made a public profession of the religion of Christ. Consequently he spent about thirty years and eight months in the service of the Divine Redeemer. He was one of those whose religion inclined him to labor and pray for the prosperity of Zion.

He came to the end of his earthly pilgrimage recently. On the day of his death, he was assisting his son in hauling saw logs to the mill; a large log accidentally rolled over him, crushing his breast and side to such an extent that life was but a few hours. He was a devoted man, and the church of Mill Creek deeply feels his loss, but they sorrow not without hope. His piety and virtues are embalmed in their memories.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, said the Spirit that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." R. M. M.

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