

satisfactorily arranged. It is not believed that Earl Russell's treatment of Sir James Hudson was the cause of the now acknowledged difficulty, which at one time threatened to break up the Palmerston Ministry.

The death of Lord Elgin, Governor General of India, is reported.

The Duke of Newcastle was so unwell as to be unable to attend to his duties at the Colonial office.

The final reply of Earl Russell on the subject of the Congress, despairs of a satisfactory solution of any of the questions that would have to come up while rejection of the deliberations would leave no alternative between war and humiliation; and as her Majesty's Government are not anxious to encounter either the one or the other, they "feel themselves unable to accept his Imperial Majesty's invitation.

The Germans residing in London are about to hold a great meeting for the purpose of considering their course of action in regard to the Schleswig-Holstein question. It is schrewdly suggested that the prime object of this demonstration is to enlist public opinion in England on the side of Germany.

Lord Russell, we are told is busily engaged in making energetic representations to the German Sovereigns and the opinions of the British Government at such a time, on such a subject, cannot fail to have a strong moral and conciliatory influence.

The Congress, it is now patent, has failed. The Russian reply is also unfavourable.

The Duncan, 81, Sir James Hope's future flagship, will not be commissioned it is said, before the 1st of January; but as her fittings are now being proceeded with she will not be detained very long after the pendant has been once hoisted.

GERMANY.—Public interest centres on movements in Germany, a country now bristling with enthusiasm, and may bristle with bayonets in an attempt to make Denmark bend to the long-cherished views of the Diet of Frankfort. It is now declared that Austria and Prussia have agreed to support the claims of the Augustenburg family to the Duchies. The death of the King of Denmark appears to have revived a project which during his life was slumbering in many German minds, and has now broken out with a fury that may soon manifest itself in action. Ascertaining that France is indifferent to the issue which scarcely concerns her the two great German Powers are declared to be acting in concert notwithstanding their having been parties of the Treaty of London ten years ago.

Whilst from nearly all parts of the continent we hear of preparations for war, France is getting ready for every possible contingency, and is by no means

backward in her military arrangements. Horses are being purchased on an extensive scale, and in all the Government works war material is being expeditiously prepared. The Paris correspondent of the Morning Herald says that France has under arms and in the reserve 500,000 men at her command.

THE POLISH INSURRECTION.—According to advices received in Berlin, postal communication has been interrupted between the Government of Augustowo and Lublin in the kingdom of Poland, by order to General Nouravieff. Two hundred public functionaries are said to have been arrested in Warsaw, and condemned to deportation to Siberia. The women arrested in Warsaw have been transported to Pleskow in Russia. Engagements have taken place near Lukow and Ussienice, in the Government of Lublin, and near Warta, in the Government of Kalisch.

JAPAN.—According to advices from Hakodadi, dated October 9, received via San Francisco, the authorities had ordered all foreigners to leave Nagasaki, but the foreigners refused, and the Japanese Governor resigned. The Chief minister and three other ministers of the Cabinet had been dismissed because they were in favor of peace with the Christian nations. The Mikado has issued an order that no Daimio should purchase any foreign vessel. The Prince of Nagasaki issued orders that the Japanese pilots who conducted the American vessel of war Wyoming to Simouski should be killed. One of these pilots was murdered soon afterwards.

HONG KONG, Oct. 26.—Advices from Japan state that a French officer had been murdered by the Japanese. Immediate reparation was demanded. War by the combined French and English forces was generally expected.

THE INSURRECTION IN ST. DOMINGO.—A Madrid letter of the 22nd, in the *Messenger de Bayonne*, contains the following:—The advices from Santo Domingo received yesterday by the Havannah mails add nothing to intelligence by way of England. They however, contain some fresh details which enable us to affirm that the insurrection is far from having arrived at its height and causes us to fear a disastrous final result.

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