SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

Events of Interest in the Amateur and Professional Field.

FOOTBALL.

VICTORIA VS. WESTMINSTER.

The following will represent the Victoria Rugby football club in the match to take place to-morrow at New Westminster, against the New Westminster football club: Back, H. Chance; three-quarter backs, J. F. Foulkes, J. M. Miller (captain), C. Petch, C. W. Ward; half-backs, G. D. Ward, F. Ward; forwards, J. K. Macrae, H. Austin, A. Langley, L. Crease, A. B. Spain, C. Gamble, V. Innes, T. E. Pooley.

This being the Victoria Rugby Football club's first match in the championship series, the result will be looked forward to with great interest by the many supporters of the club, who hope to see the match decided in their favor. The team will leave by to-night's Charmer for Vancouver.

HOME MATCH.

The following teams will meet to-morrow afternoon on Beacon Hill at 3 o'clock sharp:

Victoria College—Full back, H. A. Holmes; three-quarter backs, A. Jenn, G. Wilson, A. R. Green; half-backs, R. C. Trimen, B. Trimen; forwards, W. R. Wilson, D. Turk, H. Erb, C. Erb, G. Johnston, Grahame, Kitto, Dickinson and H. Lawson.

Victoria Rugby club—Full back, W. Englehardt; three-quarter backs, F. Smith (captain), Wigram, A. C. Anderson, K. J. Middleton; half-backs, H. F. Pollock and P. Daniels; forwards, J. Earsman, R. W. Johnston, H. Loveland, W. A. Cornwall, F. T. Cornwall, T. Smith, F. J. Daniels, W. T. Williams.

ASSOCIATION MATCH.

The first home Association match at Caledonia park to-morrow between the United Service and the Wanderers promises to furnish a very exciting contest, and if the afternoon is fine, the grounds will be filled with spectators. The United Service will put their best team in the field, and from the start at 3 p.m. until the whistle blows for time, it will be a hard fast struggle between the two crack Victoria elevens.

United Service—Lyons, goal; Stuart and Hall, backs; McTeigh and Rand, half-backs; Forman, centre; McCreddy and Becker, right wing; Napier and Clark, left wing.

Wanderers—G. Partridge, goal; W. Donaldson and A. Goward, backs; C. Glenn, P. Falconer and V. Howard, half-backs; A. T. Goward, centre; J. Dakers and W. Peden, right wing; R. Livingston and A. Johnston, left wing.

SATURDAY'S GAMES.

In the Rugby match between Victoria and New Westminster, played at the Queen's Park in the Royal City, the Capital's team won easily. The game was hotly contested throughout, but the excellent team work of the visitors told against the Royal City's forwards. The score was 6 to nil.

A team from Victoria College and one from the Victoria Rugby football club played at Beacon Hill Saturday afternoon. The college team was defeated by 11 points to 3.

Enthusiastic spectators braved the unfavorable weather to witness the Association match played at Caledonia Park between the United Service and the Wanderers. Owing to the slippery ground there were no brilliant plays on either side, and the game resulted in a tie.

THE RING.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 1.—A telegram received here from James Corbett, dated Hot Springs, states that the fight will take place without fail at a point a few miles from Hot Springs. The message is regarded here as official.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 1.—It is given out on good authority that the Fitzsimmons and Julian case will be again continued when it comes up in Judge Martin's court to-day. Governor Clark's avowed purpose is to have the cases continued from time to time until the pugilists become thoroughly disgusted, and the fight will then be finally declared off. The report was current last night that Governor Clark intended to put Fitzsimmons under restraint, but the unanimous opinion of the lawyers is that the state law would not permit the governor to go no further than placing Fitzsimmons under bonds. This accomplished, he would be at liberty to fight if he wished, the penalty being the forfeiture of his bond. The attorneys who are working in the interests of the fight are determined to hold the governor strictly to the letter of the law. Any attempt on his part to exceed what they think is his due authority will be met with prompt measures in the United States district court. The nature of their contemplated action is a carefully guarded secret, and the intense feeling against the governor may result in proceedings of a sensational character. There is open advocacy in Hot Springs for impeaching the governor. The thing has been talked over quietly for several days and such a measure would meet with the approval of many citizens, whether interested in the fight or not.

Hot Springs, Nov. 1.—Corbett and Brady left here for Little Rock on the 7 o'clock train. They seem rather dubious as to the outcome of the court matter to-day, and say they believe that Fitzsimmons will back out when it comes to show fight.

Hot Springs, Ark., Oct. 31.—Corbett is here. Fitzsimmons is at Little Rock. There will be a hearing in court at the latter place to-morrow, after which a new proposition will be submited by Brady looking toward the bringing of Corbett and Fitzsimmons together at once.

O'Donell, Maher and Billy Smith are all ready, but all depends upon Little Rock proceedings and present arrangements.

Little Rock, Oct. 31.—Julian and Fitzsimmons were taken into custody at 2. The state moved to postpone the hearing until to-morrow. Julian was with the lawyer, and said he was perfectly willing to postpone. Julian and Fitzsimmons remain in custody until to-morrow.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 1.—"No matter what the result of the legal proceedings may be this afternoon," said Fitzsimmons to a correspondent of the Associated Press, "there will be no fight in Arkansas. I am done with the Florida Athletic club, and have no use for the citizens of Little Rock. I tell you that there will be no fight in Arkansas." This assertion was made during a conversation in Fitzsimmons' room at the Capital hotel. Julian said: "We are going to Hot Springs when we get through here, but we will have nothing to do with any fight with which the Florida Athletic club, the citizens of Hot Springs, or Brady, Corbett and the rest of that gang have to do."

"Do you mean you will not fight in any deal that may be managed by either the Florida Athletic club or the citizens of Hot Springs?" The question was put direct to Fitzsimmons, and his reply came like a flash. "I mean just that. I will engage in no fight managed by the Florida Athletic club or the citizens of Hot Springs. There will be no fight in Arkansas."

Austin, Tex., Nov. 1.—George Walker, lessee of the Little Rock opera house, who is in the city, received a telegram from W. A. Brady, dated from Arlington Springs, Ark., asking for the use of the opera house at Little Rock this afternoon for training purposes behind closed doors. Walker granted the request. This is thought to be a scheme to pull the fight off in the opera house this afternoon in private.

NONPARIEL NO MORE.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 1.—Jack Dempsey, the pugilist, died at his residence in this city this morning of consumption.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 2.—There is now a probability that the big fight will come off. The time will be within a week, and the location somewhere in the state of Louisiana, the exact spot is not determined.

This was decided upon late this afternoon after the trials of Corbett and Fitzsimmons' case had been adjourned. The proposition was made by Brady. Brady said: "The governor has informed me that he will drop the proceedings against us if we will not fight in Arkansas, and now I will make this proposition, and it is my ultimatum. If it is not accepted within twenty-four hours of the dismissal of the warrants by the governor, the whole thing is off and the championship goes north with Corbett. It is this or nothing. I will accept one man for referee from the list prepared by Julian and select the battleground. If he is not willing that I should select the fighting ground I will let him select one newspaper man. I will select a second, the two to choose a third, and let them pick out a place for the fight. We will fight him for $10,000 a side and for nothing less than that.

This proposition was submitted to Julian, who acquiesced in it. The Florida Athletic club also submitted an offer to pull the fight off at El Paso on the 19th for a $20,000 purse.

Julian promptly accepted the proposition, stipulating, however, that Fitzsimmons received the $2,500 forfeit from Hot Springs. Wheeler evaded the question and later Julian announced that he believed there was a good chance for a fight in Texas.

AQUATIC.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 1.—Capt. Crottin yesterday issued a bulletin indicating the entries in the international rowing regatta. In the singles, England will be represented by Geo. Bubear, ex-champion of England, W. Barry, W. Hain and Jack Wingate. America will be represented by Jake Gaudaur, A. Peterson, Edward Hanlan, John Teemer, "Ras" Rodgers and Charles Gaudaur. In the doubles England will be represented by Bubear and Barry, Hain and Wingate, while America will have Hanlan, Peterson, the Gaudaur brothers and Teemer and Rodgers. In the fours the Gaudaur Brothers and Teemer brothers will fly American colors, while Wingate, Bubear, Barry and Hain will try to whip the eagle. Each of these events includes the championship of the world.

YACHTING.

A rumor, which has its origin at Parrick, the extensive ship building town, where many of the big yachts have been built, is current here to-day to the effect that the Prince of Wales is seriously contemplating building a yacht with which to challenge for the America's cup. Mr. George L. Watson, the designer of the Prince of Wales' Britannia, and Lord Dunraven's Valkyrie, has been to Partick several times recently and this may have given rise to the rumor.

GOLF.

HANDICAP DECIDED.

At the Oak Bay links on Saturday the second monthly handicap was decided, the result being:

C. Worsfold 92—Received 10 82
W. E. Oliver—Scratch 92
O. H. Van Millingen 97—Received 3 94
B. H. T. Drake 115—Received 20 95
C. J. Prior 115—Received 18 97
A. P. Luxton 117—Received 18 99
W. H. Langley 130—Received 20 110
G. S. Holt 132—Received 20 112

C. B. Stahlschmidt, H. Combe, W. Beaven and C. M. Roberts returned no scores.

THE RING.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 4.—The cases against Fitzsimmons and Julian, Brady and Corbett were dismissed by the court this afternoon on the agreement to leave the state as soon as they can. All the fighters are included, and the big fellows will be given reasonable time to get out. Governor Clarke says he has no intention of driving them out, but it will be a serious thing if the restraining order is violated.

Portland, Nov. 4.—The funeral of Jack Dempsey, the dead pugilist, took place to-day as it was the wish of the deceased that his body be kept at least three days before interment.

Catarrh in the Head

Is due to impure blood and cannot be cured with local applications. Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured hundreds of cases of catarrh because it purifies the blood and in this way removes the cause of the disease. It also builds up the system and prevents attacks of pneumonia, and typhoid fever.

HOOD'S PILLS become the favorite cathartic with every one who tries them. 25c.

—The Walla Walla, which leaves for San Francisco to-night, will have the following cabin passengers from Victoria on board: E. E. Green, wife and two children, A. A. Jones, Mrs. W. Green, Mrs. Mary River, James Bowden, M. H. Lynch, J. W. Harris, Miss E. Hill, Mrs. Humphreys, J. L. McBair, D. O. Day, Mrs. L. Stewart, Mrs. F. Reade, Charles H. Ingham, Mrs. E. Fewings and Miss Green.

—It is semi-officially announced that the Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen will give a ball at Government House on Wednesday the 13th instant.

BRITAIN'S NEW GRIEVANCE

Venezuelan Gunboat Fires on a British Vessel and Kills Her Owner.

This Will Give Great Britain Means of Dealing With Crespo Single-Handed.

New York, Nov. 4.—A special to the Herald from Barbadoes, West Indies, says: The dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela will now assume quite a new phase. The European power may have to declare war with the South American republic, but not for the present at least upon the boundary question. If war is declared, and it is undoubtedly imminent, it will be upon a basis to which the conditions of the Munroe doctrine do not apply, and Venezuela will have to face the enemy without the support of the United States. In previous dispatches reports have been circulated that for some weeks Venezuelan gunboats had been cruising along the coast of the Spanish main and in British waters off the island of Trinidad, one of the islands forming the group of the British Indies; that complaints had been lodged with the colonial government as to the unwarrantable interference of the Venezuelan gunboats with British trading vessels in these waters, and to the fact that British ships had been fired upon, the crews narrowly escaping with life, while the sails had been rent with shots from the Venezuelan cruisers.

People here have been startled, indeed, by the announcement that a commander named Filbert, on board a Venezuelan coast guard, has shot down Thomas Garcia, owner of the British schooner Myosotis, on board that vessel, while on a voyage from Port of Spain, Trinidad, in a most unprovoked manner. The main facts of the occurrence have been reported to the administration at Trinidad, and a report on the same is now on its way to London for the information of the secretary of state for the colonies and the cabinet.

It is generally believed that the murder of Mr. Garcia is a misfortune to Venezuela, considering the present relations, as it will give England an undoubted advantage in dealing with General Crespo and his government. The circumstances connected with the death of Mr. Garcia are these: The Myosotis, a British schooner, was on a voyage from the Port of Spain, Trinidad, to the island of Margarita. Mr. Garcia was on board. The vessel had made the better part of the voyage when they observed a Venezuelan guarda costa in pursuit of them. The gunboat appeared to be under full steam, as she rapidly gained on the sailing ship. Benefiting by former experiences—for the Myosotis had on a former voyage been captured by a Venezuelan revenue cutter—the British ensign was hoisted to the masthead. The guarda costa approached, and when well up with the Myosotis and within close range, Commander Filbert opened fire on the vessel. Mr. Garcia, who was on deck at the time, was shot dead, and the others saved their lives only by throwing themselves down upon the deck. The vessel was brought up and the costa guarda at once came alongside and took the schooner, with its dead owner and much frightened crew in tow, and proceeded to Carupano. Here the vessel was rummaged from stem to stern, and as there were no contraband goods found on board the vessel was liberated.

The Myosotis was seized by the Venezuelans some time ago upon an alleged breach of the revenue laws. Mr. Garcia decided to defend the case, and proceeded to Caracas for trial. The court dismissed the case and liberated the vessel, there not being evidence sufficient to warrant even the detention of the schooner. Mr. Garcia returned to Trinidad, where he resided, in time to make the trip on the Myosotis, which proved his last. Whether the murder of Mr. Garcia was the outcome of revenge for the defeat of the Venezuelan commander in court is a question which is being eagerly discussed here.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 4.—Senator Morgan, of Alabama, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, and an authority on international affairs, in an interview to-day called attention to Lord Salisbury's statement that Great Britain had acquired rights on the disputed territory adjoining Venezuela by the treaty with the native Indian tribes. He said: "For the last three-quarters of a century Great Britain has been forming, whenever she could, little bye-arrangements with Indian tribes that had chieftains and were regularly constituted tribes."

San Francisco, Nov. 4.—A Call special from Caracas states that the war department of Venezuela issued positive orders this afternoon that the British be prevented by force from crossing the frontier. The order was superinduced by the report that the British troops had fired on a body of Venezuelan miners killing two and wounding five. The Brazilian authorities notified President Crespo that the British troops now crossing Brazil en route to Venezuela will be intercepted.

FROM THE PRAIRIE CITY.

To-day's Chapter of Accidents and Deaths from Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 4.—Wm. McCurdy died at the hospital yesterday from an accident on the C. P. R. a short distance east of the city. McCurdy came west two months ago with an Ontario farmers' excursion, and engaged with a farmer near Brandon, from whom he was unable to collect his wages. Being without money he endeavored to steal a ride home on a freight train and succeeded in getting as far as Rennie, when he fell between the cars and had a leg taken off. He was brought back to the hospital, where the wound was dressed, but he succumbed to the shock. McCurdy was about 24 years of age, and came from Vienna, Ont.

Mrs. Messier, of St. Jean, attempted to drown herself in the Red river while temporarily insane. She has been placed in the asylum.

Albert Tees, a street railway conductor, died yesterday. Felix Trudeau, St. Boniface, died Saturday. George Wadingham, a pioneer of Calf Mountain district, is dead. He came west in 1878. Chas. Day, injured while threshing near Somers, has died.

TALKING THROUGH HIS HAT.

Editor of the Paris Figaro Makes Some Funny Remarks.

Paris, Nov. 4.—The Figaro, to-day, commenting on the Venezuelan affair, says: The dispute between England and Venezuela is worth watching on account of the proximity of the British and American fleets. Prudence recommends they should not be left too long together for the intense hatred of the Americans towards the Old Country is appalling.

M. Gleysse, member of the chamber of deputies, has been appointed minister for the colonies.

The civil marriage of Count Max de Foras, son of the grand marshal of the Bulgarian court, and Maria, daughter of General Meredith, the first United States consul-general to France, and formerly United States minister to Greece, took place here to-day.

NOW FOR MINNIE WILLIAMS

Prosecution Claims to Have Stronger Evidence in This Case Against Durrant.

There is a Possibility That the Defence May Plead Prisoner is Insane.

San Francisco, Nov. 4.—When Durrant is brought up for sentence next Friday District Attorney Barnes will ask that the prisoner be arraigned on the charge of having murdered Minnie Williams, and will ask that the date of trial be set. The prosecution is ready to proceed in this case, but it is understood that the defence will ask for a continuance for two months. The district attorney says that at the conclusion of the preliminary examination of Durrant the evidence was much stronger in the Lamont than in the Williams case. In developing the former, however, new and stronger evidence was adduced in connection with the murder of Winnie Williams, so that the prosecution claims the possession of much more conclusive proof of the guilt in the case yet to be tried than in the trial just concluded.

The most important of the new witnesses is Alexander Zueger, a cabinet maker, who is a member of Emanuel church. He says that on the night of April 12 he called on Mr. Tabor, on Twenty-third street. About 8.30 he left there and started for his home at 12 Randall place. He walked along Bartlett street, and when he came to Emanuel church he saw Durrant and Minnie Williams standing at the side door of the church. This story is contradicted by Durrant, who in an interview on the night of his arrest stated that he did not see Minnie Williams at all on April 12, and had not seen her for three weeks prior to that day.

It is expected that the defence will ask for a change of venue in the Williams case, as it is thought that if by any remote chance the prosecution fails to secure a conviction the result will be to cast a doubt over the justice of the verdict in the Lamont case. It is generally agreed that the man who strangled Blanche Lamont slaughtered Minnie Williams. If a dismissal in the untried case results it, will furnish grounds for claiming a miscarriage of justice in the case already tried, and will furnish a basis upon which to appeal to the governor for executive clemency. The impression prevails that Durrant would gain little by a change of venue. It is the general opinion that he is safer here than he would be in any other spot in California. Were he to be transferred to any other place for trial on a charge of murdering Minnie Williams there might be fear of lynching. Here, under the protection of the sheriff and the police, and with the militia on hand, he is safe from such public violence as recently occurred at Yreka.

It has been intimated that the defence may allege insanity as a defence in the Williams case. Many physicians and experts on mental diseases argue that the murderer has an abnormal brain, but it is a question if they will declare him morally irresponsible for his acts.

The calm and confident demeanor of Theodore Durrant continues unruffled. He chatted affably and unconcernedly today to the newspaper men who called to see him at the county jail. He denied having stated that Judge Murphy, who presided at his trial, had been his prosecutor, admitting frankly that Judge Murphy's charge to the jury had been perfectly fair and his ruling impartial. "This verdict," Durrant continued, "does not affect me at all. I felt no different when I heard it than I did before it was delivered, and I am just the same today. As a matter of fact, there has been nothing in all this case which has moved me in any way, and there will be nothing. I do not wish to be understood as saying that I am insensible to feeling, but I know my whole life and just what I have done and have not done, and a consciousness of my innocence buoys me up."

ESCAPED INTO BONDAGE.

John Wilson Is Released From Jail and Gets Married.

New Westminster, Nov. 4.—A rather unusual marriage took place this afternoon in the court house.

John Wilson, of Ashcroft, was committed for trial last week on the charge of seducing in December, 1894, Miss Ella Doig, of Mission. A child was born on September 12th last. Wilson came before Judge Bole this afternoon for election, and presented a petition asking the court to permit him to make amends by marrying Miss Doig. The court consented and adjourned to his lordship's chambers where the knot was tied by Rev. Thos. Scouler in the presence of the court officials.

Wilson was then discharged from custody and the really happy couple left together.

—The quarterly meeting of the directors of the Horticultural Society and Fruit Growers' Association of British Columbia will be held at the City Hall, New Westminster, on Friday, November 22nd, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SPAIN.

Eleven Hundred of Them Have Arrived in Havana Ready for Glory.

Campos Will Await Fine Weather—No Peace Proposals Have Been Made.

Havana, Nov. 4.—The steamer San Fernando arrived here this morning from Buenos Ayres, having 1100 volunteers who are going to assist in putting down the insurrection of Cubans against the Spanish government.

The insurgents have burned another plantation near Trinidad, province of Santa Clara.

General Martinez de Campos has arrived at the village of Santa Clara. As soon as the weather permits active operations against the insurgents will be commenced.

Madrid, Nov. 4.—The Herald to-day publishes an interview which its correspondent in Cuba had with General Martinez de Campos, in which the latter declares that he is not disposed to agree to the independence of Cuba, but thinks reforms should be applied in a more liberal manner. It is added that he proposes to pursue the campaign vigorously and that no proposal for peace has been addressed to him by the insurgents.

It is officially denied here that the Spanish government intends to recall its ambassador at Washington, Senor Dupuy de Lome. It is added that the government is entirely satisfied with the course he has followed.

A dispatch from Nuevitas, province of Puerto Principe says the insurgents have derailed a train near that place by the use of dynamite.

THREE METHODIST LEADERS.

Have All Used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder and Declared Strongly in Its favor.

The clergy of Canada, of all denominations, seldom hesitate to speak frankly in the interests of good causes, or on behalf of some meritorious article. Force is given to utterances of this character when men speak from individual experience. This is the case with Rev. A. B. Chambers, L.L.B., Rev. William Galbraith, L.L.B., and the Rev. Wm. H. Withrow, D.D., than whom few ministers of the Methodist church are better known in Toronto or elsewhere throughout the Dominion. As with many others, these brethren have been sufferers from cold in the head and its inevitable successor, catarrh. A remedy, however, was within their reach. They used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder and found, as everyone else finds, that relief was speedy and effective and desiring to benefit others they frankly made this statement to the world over their own signatures.

One short puff of the breath through the blower, supplied with each bottle of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, diffuses this powder over the surface of the nasal passages. Painless and delightful to use, it relieves in ten minutes and permanently cures catarrh, hay fever, colds, headache, sore throat, tonsilitis and deafness. 60 cents. Sample bottle and blower sent on receipt of two three cent stamps to S. G. Ditchon, 44 Church street, Toronto. For sale by Dean & Cryderman and Hall & Co.

JAPAN'S POLICY IN COREA

Will be Founded on That Pursued by Great Britain Towards Egypt.

Turkish Government Has Directed That Protection be Given American Missionaries.

London, Nov. 4.—A special from Shanghai says Liu Hung Fu, the Black Flag leader in the island of Formosa, is reported to have escaped on a German warship from Amping to Amoy.

Regarding the official statement from the Japanese government as to the position of Japan toward Corea, which has been communicated to Secretary Olney, according to dispatches from Washington, by the Japanese minister there, it is authoritatively explained that after the evacuation of the Liao Tung peninsula some Japanese troops will be left in Corea to protect Japanese and maintain order. From this it is inferred that Japan may pursue the same course in Corea as Great Britain does in Egypt.

Constantinople, Nov. 4.—The Turkish government has again instructed the governor of Bitlis to protect American missionaries at that place. Owing to the disturbance, American missionaries, who have been engaged in relieving the sufferings of Armenians at Sassoun, have decided to postpone operations and seek safety at Bitlis.

Bourgois, Nov. 4—At the trial on Saturday of the Marquis de Nayve for the murder of his stepson several schoolmates of the dead boy testified that he had often threatened to commit suicide. Abbe Rousselot, tutor of the children of the marquis, testified to the prisoner's brutality to his stepson and also to his acts of immorality with the servants, the prisoner frequently interrupting the witness with insulting epithets.

Potsdam, Nov. 2.—The King of Portugal arrived here to-night in the course of his tour of Europe. Emperor William received his royal guest with much ceremony at the station, which was beautifully decorated and illuminated, as was the route from the station to the palace, which was lined with troops bearing magnesium torches. The King of Portugal dined with the Emperor and Empress. It is expected the King's stay in Germany will last two days, after which he will embark at Flushing on the English royal yacht Victoria and Albert for England, arriving there Monday. He will be received in London by the Prince of Wales in the name of the Queen. Don Carlos will be the guest of the Prince of Wales until next Friday, when he will visit the Queen at Balmoral.

Berlin, Nov. 4.—The Vossische Zeitung to-day says Col. von Hannekin, the German officer who was military assistant to Viceroy Li Hung Chang has arrived in this city from China, charged with a special mission, and fully empowered to arrange for the reorganization of the Chinese army on the Russian, French or German model.

JAPAN EVACUATING CHINA.

The Mohammedan Rebels Reported to be Making Alarming Headway.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 2.—The Novoe Vremya says that according to advices received by that newspaper the Japanese troops are being rapidly withdrawn from the Liaotung peninsula.

It is added that the Mohammedan insurgents have captured Tantecheoufu, the capital of the province of Kansoo, on the Yellow river; that they are defeating the Chinese troops in every direction, and that they intend to form an independent kingdom. Further troops have been dispatched from Kasgarnekkass and other provinces. The secret societies of Central China are reported to be preparing to join issue with the Mohammedans.

London, Oct. 31.—A Berlin special to the Chronicle says it is announced from Tientsin that the Chinese have signed a second concession to Germany, giving a tract of land upon which Germany has the exclusive right to trade and build factories.

THE EXPECTED ASHANTI WAR

The King Has Not Yet Replied to Britain—Japan's New Battleships.

Turkey's Trouble in Bulgaria Growing—Armenian Question—Czar's Father.

London, Nov. 2.—The colonial office has received no confirmation of the report from Accra, on the Gold Coast, Africa, that the king of Ashanti had decided to accede to the ultimatum of Great Britain. Colonial Secretary Chamberlain cabled Accra to enquire whether any such reply had been received. An answer was received from the governor of the Gold Coast to-day, in which he says that no reply has yet been received from the king of Ashanti to the ultimatum. The date allowed the king in which to answer was Oct. 31st.

The Daily News announces this morning that a Tyneside firm has just received a Japanese order to build three new battleships.

The Post publishes a dispatch from Paris saying that it is impossible to believe the Bourgois cabinet can have any but the briefest and most inglorious existence. The new ministry, it is said, cannot command more than 150 votes in the chamber of deputies.

A Sofia dispatch to the Chronicle says: The entire Bulgarian ministry has resigned until Prince Ferdinand shall have promised that his son Boris shall be baptized in the Russian church. I have learned from high authority that Russia will only consent to enter into diplomatic relations with Bulgaria on condition of the fresh election of a prince from the candidates approved by the Powers. The list may include Prince Ferdinand.

The Constantinople correspondent of the Daily News says: There is no reason to doubt the existence of a Turkish revolutionary committee here. Although it is difficult to ascertain whether it receives much support, it is quite certain that many decent Turks resent the persecution of the Armenians. The aspirations of the Young Turkish party to restore a parliamentary regime are, however, doomed to disappointment.

A dispatch from Constantinople to the Times says that having put the Armenian question on the track of settlement, Kiamal Pasha has asked the Sultan to relieve him of the grand viziership, which has exhausted him and which demands the physical and mental energies of a young man. The Sultan, in reply, peremptorily declared that he could not dispense with his services. The dispatch adds that official news has been received in Constantinople of fresh disturbances in Erzeroum, Orfh and Zeitu. Fifty persons have been killed and wounded at Erzeroum.

Seville, Spain, Nov. 2.—Cardinal Bonito Sauz Y'Foros, archbishop of Seville, is dead. He was born in 1828, and was created cardinal in 1875.

Hamburg, Nov. 2.—The report that the Hamburg-American steamships will hereafter call at Plymouth, England, on their eastward journey instead of at Southampton, thus saving twelve hours, it is claimed, is confirmed.

Rome, Nov. 2.—Word has reached here that yesterday morning's shock of earthquake was also felt at Anzio, Volletric, Tivoli, Civita, Vischia and Fiumcino, but no damage is reported from any of these places.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 2.—In honor of the first anniversary of the death of Czar Alexander III., which occurred to-day, the imperial family attended a religious service before the tomb of the late monarch in the fortress cathedral. The leading officials of the government and the diplomats stationed here were present. In honor of the day thirty-four thousand of the poor of the capital were treated to a dinner. Similar services were held to-day in all the churches of Russia and free dinners were given to the poor in all the towns along the route of the solemn funeral pageant of the late Czar from Lividia, where he died, to St. Petersburg.

At Berlin the Emperor and Empress of Germany attended the services for the Czar, and at Paris President Faure and the king of Greece did likewise.

—The examiners at the recent final examination in law have reported all the candidates successful. Their names are Dennis Murphy and A. W. V. Innes of Victoria, and J. P. McLeod, of New Westminster.

—The United States cruiser Philadelphia will remain in Esquimalt harbor until Saturday, giving the officers an opportunity of attending the ball on Thursday evening. The ship was yesterday and to-day thrown open to the public, and a large number availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect her.

—Secretary Elworthy, of the board of trade, has mailed copies of the annual report to each member of the board. Any member or citizen wishing to obtain extra copies can do so upon application. It is thought that the reports are more likely to be read if sent by private parties.