

All find it more essential to turn frontiers, than to attempt way to the French sea coast. Development in connection with intervention of Turkey, and some of Russian ports in the Turkish warships. German the Porte have been known in the past, and their object is a view to relieving the increasing pressure of Russia's arms Silesia. Turkey's intervention is no surprise, and it leads to a further extension of other European countries. Greece have already sounded the alarm, and Italy can scarcely be expected to preserve much longer an attitude of peaceful neutrality. So that the outbreak of hostilities may be hastened to an end. But the latest regarding Turkey's attitude in a telegram received to the effect that the Grand vizier has assured the British Ambassador that he will not "embark on war." It is surprising, although it is hard to believe, that in view of this assurance, why the Russian seaports have been blockaded by Turkish warships.

OPINION COMMENT.

Irish Coast.
 The latest intelligence (comments the Evening Standard) of the reckless German activity in working the coast is brought to light by the destruction of the steamer by a mine off the north coast. There is an assumption that the German fleet, itself restricted, has transferred its operations elsewhere. This may be true to some extent. But we should incline to believe that the thoroughness of the mine-laying is a part of an earlier plan. In any case, the practical point is that we must be on our guard with the danger there, and if we are not at any other part of our coasts, it may be simply, even childish, in some of our military and naval conceptions. The

Lansdowne, who was major of the Reserve of the Irish Guards, has been appointed lieutenant-colonel. He served in South Africa with the Guards Brigade, gaining the D.S.O.
 On Thursday Mr Michael McMahon, Auctioneer, Ennis, in accordance with instructions from Mr James Irons, put up for sale his interest in the holding at Emlagh, Miltown-Malbay, containing 54 acres and 11 perches, statute, at the yearly judicial rent of £47 16s, the Government valuation being £45 15s. There was keen competition from several bidders, and finally the holding was knocked down at £1,355 and fees to Mr Michael Walsh, Kilkernan, Miltown-Malbay.

DEATH OF MR P. R. TOPPIN, JUNIOR.

It is with feelings of deep regret we announce the death of Mr Philip R Toppin, junior, which occurred at his father's residence, Willmount, Roxborough, this morning. The deceased young gentleman took ill last Tuesday week, and during his brief indisposition he was attended by Dr W Fogerty, who spared no pains to save his life. By his demise, in the fulness of manhood, a genial, kindly, and manly young citizen passes away, and one who will be sadly missed not alone by his own family but by a wide circle of friends. He was the second son of Mr Philip R Toppin, Managing Director of Messrs Cannock & Co, where after leaving school he served his apprenticeship, and subsequently he went to business in Dublin. After a time in the Metropolis he returned to his native city, and some years ago he opened the Shannon Steam Laundry. Through his business aptitude he succeeded in creating a big connection in this field of enterprise, and numbered amongst his customers residents in several parts of Munster. In social life, he was very highly esteemed for his many estimable qualities, and outside of his own family circle, in no place will his death be more keenly felt than inside the walls of the Protestant Young Men's Association. He was a member of that Association of long standing, and in several ways contributed to the literary and social side of its activities. The measure of popularity that he enjoyed among the members was demonstrated in divers ways, and now that he is no more his death will create a void, which it will not be easy to fill. In the bereavement they have sustained the deepest sympathy of the citizens will be given to his family in their affliction. The funeral is announced to be private.

CHARGE OF STABBING.

Mr P J Kelly, R.M., took depositions yesterday in the case of Richard Scott, a labourer, who was arrested the previous night on the charge of stabbing with a penknife in the hand and arm Constable Edward Keelighan. The wounds are, fortunately, not serious, and the evidence went to show that the constable was engaged in advising the accused to go home when the assault was committed. Scott was remanded, pending the convalescence of the injured constable.

A Japanese torpedo boat having entered Chinese territorial waters to attempt to tow off the wreck of the German destroyer 890, and having substituted the Japanese flag for the Chinese dragon upon it, the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs has demanded the surrender of the Japanese vessel with the crew.

The German cruiser Emden has succeeded in torpedoing the Russian cruiser Jemchug and the torpedo destroyer in the roadstead at The Emden, which was said to have been disguised as to be unrecognisable, and to be the Japanese flag, approached the Jemchug the destroyer at full speed, and sank the torpedo boat. Eighty of the crew of the vessel were lost and many were injured.

Far East.

It is officially announced that an Indian contingent has joined the Anglo-Japanese force before Tsing-Tau.

British Casualties.

The following casualties among officers Expeditionary Force are reported from Headquarters, under date October 2. Killed, 24; previously reported wounded believed to have been killed, 1; wounded missing, 1; previously reported killed, and reported missing, 1; previously reported wounded now reported missing, 5.
 The following casualties amongst non-commissioned officers and men of the Expeditionary Force are reported from the base under date September 19th:—Killed, 60; died of wounds, 1; wounded, 112; missing, 459.
 Among the officers killed is Sir R. W. I. 1st Life Guards, tenth baronet, of Kesh Castle, Mullingar.
 The Secretary of the Admiralty last published a list of additional casualties in connection with the naval operations off the coast.

SOUTH AFRICAN REVOLT.

Broken Down.

Colonel Brits reports that the invasion of Cape Province has been finally broken. He defeated a combined rebel and German force at Scut Drift. Colonel Brits is returning to Transvaal, having temporarily transferred command to Colonel Royston.
 Colonel Alberts has defeated a command of Commandant Classen in the Lichteaburg district. Classen was wounded and captured. Colonel Venter reports a further capture of a command in the Calvinia district.
 The German incursion into Angola has been of a trifling character, but it is believed that Germany is preparing some move on the scale.

COMFORTS FOR THE TROOPS.

Generosity of the Glin People.

The collectors who were appointed to a meeting held in the Courthouse, Glin, on Monday, to provide comforts for the troops in the front, particularly those serving in Irish regiments, have met with a generous response, and a sum from the town and parish will be handed in at next meeting.—Cor.

The Brussels correspondent of the Press says that King Albert is supposed to be willing to conclude peace with Germany and Austria-Hungary, but that Great Britain has refused him from doing so. The Belgian Minister in Rome emphatically denies the intention attributed to King Albert, saying that it is not his duty to respect the heroism of his Ma-