

TRouble AT STAMBOUL.

THE EASTERN QUESTION AGAIN EXCITING EUROPE.

Armenian Riots in Constantinople—Nothing New in the Situation—It is an Old, Old Question, and Has Its Basis in the Jealousies of Christian States.

The Eastern question appears to be again forcing itself upon the attention of Europe. The persecuted Armenian Christians seem to have resolved upon desperate measures, and have actually produced riots and anarchy in the streets of Constantinople, and have carried terror to the very gates of the Sultan's palace.

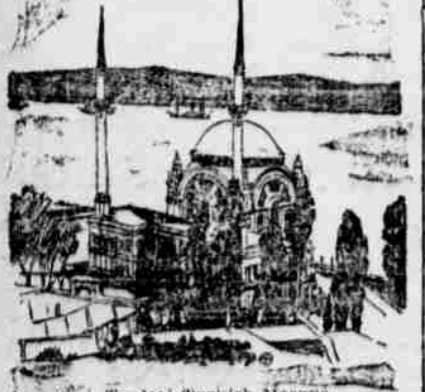
There is nothing new in the situation, however. It is a mere repetition, so far as European interference is concerned, of what has occurred again and again. There is not a first-class nation in Europe that is not ready and willing to protect all the Christians in the Sultan's domains provided it is allowed to have the first carving of the Turkish empire.



Sultan of Turkey.

worst, is a frank, brave and pious heathen—but to the jealousies, unbrotherly ambitions, bigotry and underhand plottings of the so-called Christian nations of Europe. That continent to-day is armed in a fashion the world has never before seen.

If the militant Christians who are forever denouncing the Turk were to turn their eyes upon themselves for awhile, and consider how they appear in Mussulman eyes, they might possibly attain to a clearer view of the Eastern question.



A Typical Turkish Mosque.

Turk knows that the Christian powers are armed for vengeance or conquest and not for the propagation of the gospel of peace and love, and why should he worry as to the ultimate consequences of the butchery of a few thousand sordid infidels?

gard that he has practically dropped from the rolls of masterful powers. The Eastern question, viewed rightly, is a stain upon the robe of Christianity and not upon Mohammedanism.



M. De Nelidoff, Russian Ambassador to Turkey.

sword to destroy weaker nations. The interests of true civilization demand that there shall be no more such experiments as Napoleon undertook to carry out in Europe, and which both Great Britain and Russia are now seeking to rival by much more subtle though at present less aggressive methods.

The reign of the Prince of Peace on earth means the disintegration of great empires, which are necessarily held together by military power, and which are liable at all times to become the instruments of conquest and oppression.

The arts of peace may now well replace the arts of war everywhere in extending commerce and civilization. The old religious controversies have pretty nearly run their course.

G. H. BENEDICT.

A Wayside Rest for the Cyclers. At the corner of Bedford avenue and Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, there is now a large tent for the accommodation of bicyclists, which is known as the "Bedford Rest."



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In the restaurant and cafes there will be pretty mistresses in Swiss peasant costume.—New York Journal.

The Artful Chinese.

In connection with the North China Mission at Pekin, Dr. Alice K. Marsden undertakes to attend any of her sex who need her services. Therefore, some artful people have been to the dispensary to ask Dr. Alice to come and see their mother, and on arriving at the house the mother has been found to be a male!

Army of English Speakers.

English is spoken by 45,000,000 persons in the British Isles, by probably 57,000,000 of the 60,000,000 inhabitants of the United States, by 4,000,000 persons in Canada, by 3,000,000 in Australia, by 3,700,000 West Indians and by 1,000,000 in India and other British colonies, bringing the total of the English-speaking race to over 100,000,000.

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