#### TROUBLE AT STAMBOUL.

THE EASTERN QUESTION AGAIN EX-CITING 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 of Constantinople, and have carried terror to the very gates of the Sultan's palace. While the English press is unanimous in expressing the opinion that the attack upon the Ottoman Bank and other outrages in Constantinople has done immeasurable harm to the Armenian cause, yet it seems to have had the effect of stir-ring up the British Government to a show of action. It is reported that Lord Salisbury has determined to act independently at Constantinople, while a large British fleet is being hurried to the Bosphorus, and the American equadron in that section is to be strengthened by the addition of the cruiser Cincinnati and the gunboat Bancroft. The Russian fleet is also to be largely increased at the scene of

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. The lamentable situation of the Christians in the East has been due not to the Turk-who, at the



Sultan of Turkey.

a frank, brave and pious heathen—but to the jealousies, unbrotherly ambitions, bigotry and un-derhand plottings of the so-called Christian nations of Europe. That continent to-day is armed in a fashion the world has never before seen. The strife for still greater armaments continues, and it is beginning to be a very serious question what it is all about. Is it to divide up Asia, Africa or America? It certainly cannot be all on account of the "Sick Man" of the East, who, if Europe were united in an earnest desire to protect Eastern Christians, would be only too eager to welcome Christian missionaries and give them all the protection that his waning power affords. It is certain that the Ottoman power would be quickly ground to pieces should united Europe undertake its subjugation. It is the lealousies of Christian creeds, and the warlike hatred of Protestants, Greeks and Catholics, that really affords im-munity to the rabble which causes the ever-recurring troubles in the East.

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. Mahomet, whether inspired or merely worldly wise, recognized Jesus of Nazareth as one of the greatest of the prophets of God. But Jesus said that he came not to send peace but a sword upon the earth, and Mahomet and his followers have been a sword to scourge the Christian world since the day that the jealousles of sects and the lust for power first cor-rupted the pure teachings of the disci-ples of the Gospel of Peace. If the factory Turk still looks upon Chris-tian nations as purely warlike powers, bent upon conquest and aggrandizement rather than upon peace and char-ity, who can blame him? And if Eurepe still gazes with fearful eyes to the Griout, lest it send a sword to be wielded by Christian brother against brother, who that studies the deeper mysteries of political science can wonder at the supineness of the powers in the face of the Eastern question? The



Turk knows that the Christian power are armed for vengeance or conques and not for the propagation of the gospel of peace and love, and why consequences of the butchery of a few tian nation ever failed to butcher and spoil the heathen when he was worth he attention? The Christians who tan's domains during the past century bear rather a weak proportion to the vast hetacombs that have fallen in the strifes of Christian powers and sects and partitions with each other both in Europe and America, while in the art of conquest and slaughter as a means of propagating political and religious

sway the Turk has become such a lag-

gard that he has practically dropped from the rolls of masterful powers. The Eastern question, viewed right ENOUR ARDEN OUTDONE.

William Chambers, Absent 47 Years, Rely, is a stain upon the robe of Chris tianity and not upon Mahommedanism It has existed solely through Christian turns to Find His Wife a Widow The conquest of Asia by jealousies. The conquest of Asla by Great Britain and Russia may have been, and probably is, a necessary work in the interest of civilization and, if a European convulsion can be avoided, may prove to be the basis for a modern and more glorious epic of "Jerusalem Delivered." But is the lust of these powers for worldwide empire to forever threaten the peace of nations and turn the world into hos William Chambers has returned to

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 exper-

iments as Napoleon undertook to car

ry out in Europe, and which both Great Britain and Russia are now seeking to rival by much more subtle

though at present less aggressive

The reign of the Prince of Peace on

earth means the disintegration of great

empires, which are necessarily held to-

gether by military power, and which are liable at all times to become the

instruments of conquest and oppression. It needs no prophet to foretell

that terrible wars and almost world-wide devastation must follow the pres-

ent policy of the Christian powers if

persisted in. The responsibility can-not be shifted upon Turkey, nor, it

may be added, upon the Monroe doc-

trine, as interpreted and enforced for half a century at least by the Ameri-can people.

The arts of peace may now well re-place the arts of war everywhere in extending commerce and civilization.

The old religious controversies have

pretty nearly run their course. The era of dogma is passing away. Chris-tianity is a living manifestation of the

Spirit of God, whose works are Peace and Love, or else it is a creed hostile

to the essential teachings of its found-

er, and inimical to civilization. The world needs the spirit and not the form of Christianity. It can dispense with all else rather than with the Golden Rule. And when it applies that immortal principle to the settlement of international questions.

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Crescent may no longer appear as a

baleful sign of war and oppression, and the Star of Peace may at last

A Wayside Rest for the Cyclers.

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water polo, a water toboggan slide and

buildings for bicycles and horses. En-

large loggias, in which refreshments

In the restaurant and cafes there

will be pretty mistresses in Swiss peasant costume.—New York Journal.

At the corner of Bedford avenue and

G. H. BENEDICT.

dawn upon a weary world.

Jasper county, Ind., after an absence of 47 years. In the spring of 1849 Chambers, then a young man, left his wife, a bride of 15 months, and one child, to seek a fortune for his family. He sold all his property except the family home, and with \$1,000 started of nations and turn the world into hos-tile armed camps? That is the pres-ent status of Nineteenth Century civil overland for the Pacific coast. Chambers took up a claim, and letters to his wife told of the wealth he was ization, and the truth cannot be too bluntly stated. The Eastern question is but the menace of the sword to nasteadily accumulating. He was gone a year when the letters stopped. The wife clung to the hope that he would tions that persist in taking up the return, but months lapsed into years and still Chambers was missing. Fin-ally Mrs. Chambers, after ten years of waiting, concluded that her husband was dead, and donned widow's weeds. Fifteen years from the time Chambers left Indiana Mrs. Chambers again married, and five children were born. all of whom are living. Her second husband's name was Wolke, and he C. W. NEAL, lived until 1891, dying at the age of 70, and leaving his widow in indigent circumstances.

This week Chambers, aged 69, bowed with the weight of years, returned home. He found in Mrs. Wolke the bride of his youth. Chambers says the success on which he had at first calculated did not materialize. He became discouraged, and fearful that the news of his failure would be a crushing blow to his wife ceased to write to her. When fortune was within his grasp, word reached him that she had died of a broken heart. He gave up his life to the pursuit of wealth, at the same time hoping that his fortune would become the inheritance of his only son, of whose whereabouts he was also in ignorance. The long separated couple will again live together .- Cincin-nati Commercial Tribune.

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