

SULTAN MUST YIELD.

EUROPE TO REDUCE THE OTTOMAN RULER TO VASSALAGE.

Russia, France and England Will at Once Compel Abdul Hamid II to Adopt Radical Reforms Under the Joint Supervision of These Powers.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The New York Sun's correspondent sends the following to his paper:

The deadlock which has been the foulest reproach to modern civilization and to the humanity of the age is broken at last. So also is the contemptible thing which the world has known during the past year as the concert of Europe. In the place of both, for they both mean the same thing, there has been created a new and living potentiality, which, while it will not undertake to avenge the innocent blood already shed, will speedily strip the guilty of all further power of outrage and massacre.

The Turk is to be coerced. The sultan is to be reduced in fact, if not actually in name, to vassalage. His fate will be made known to him probably before the end of the present week.

Russia, France and Great Britain have decreed it. It should be resisted or fall to lay at once to the inevitable, then the combined fleets of those three powers will enforce their latest.

Such, in brief, is the infinitely welcome news which will bring relief and a sense of restored self respect to the whole Christian world. It is not officially announced yet. It may even be disclosed in certain quarters for a few hours as premature. Nevertheless I am prepared to affirm it without reservation.

It was not until yesterday that the full consummation was reached. Russia, France and Great Britain arrived at a substantial agreement on a plan of action last week. There remained the necessity of getting the consent of the other three powers which were signatories of the Berlin convention. Italy and Germany agreed without much demur. Austria hesitated long, and it was not until after yesterday's emergency cabinet council in London, which discussed and approved the whole plan, that the Austrian ambassador notified Lord Salisbury of his government's unwilling assent of his government that the Russian, French and British fleets shall force the Dardanelles, if necessary, in the execution of the new policy.

The Problem Solved. It is impossible at this moment to furnish the exact details of the solution of the Turkish problem which has been agreed upon. It may, however, be partially defined in a negative way. It provides nothing so radical as a division of the Turkish empire. Such a project has not been for a moment considered. The integrity of Turkey will be substantially maintained.

The terms of the new policy have practically been dictated by Russia. It came about finally that the English and other representations brought home to the czar's government a realization of the fact that the policy of inaction for which it is chiefly responsible, in the face of the accumulating horrors of Turkish misrule, had become intolerable. Even French influence has been for some time strongly in favor of some form of intervention. Russia eventually yielded in principle, but the discussion of ways and means has occupied nearly three months.

There are two or three versions in diplomatic circles of the policy at last decided upon. This is one:

That Russia shall occupy the north-eastern corner formed by the Bosphorus and the Black sea and extending to a point about half way down the Bosphorus; that Constantinople and the Dardanelles shall be placed under European protection, but shall remain under the rule of the sultan, the forts at the Dardanelles being dismantled and the passage becoming entirely free. No further change is suggested in regard to the integrity of the Turkish empire.

This includes also European supervision of some of the sultan's appointments. But I believe this assumption of virtual Russian domination is somewhat too sweeping. Some such plan as that is said to have been advocated by M. Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador at Constantinople, who, since the death of M. Lobanoff, is the ablest man in the service of the czar with regard to the eastern question.

The Modus Vivendi. Two things may be confidently assumed regarding the modus vivendi, or whatever the new agreement between the powers may be termed. First, that substantial guarantees of good government for all the races in Turkey shall be provided; second, that Russia shall retain her practical mastery of the situation in the sultan's domain.

The terms of agreement, about which I have positive information, do not seem to indicate an intention to summon any new conference of the powers for the revision of the Berlin convention. Russia, France and England have simply agreed to compel the sultan to adopt radical reforms under joint supervision of the powers, and they have asked and obtained the consent of the other three powers to the sending of the fleets of the new triumvirate through the straits if necessary to enforce their demands.

Orders have already been given to the British, Russian and French squadrons in the Levant to assemble at the entrance to the Dardanelles and to the Russian Black sea fleet to prepare to enter the Bosphorus in the event of the sultan's failure to yield immediate obedience to the formal demands.

These demands are in the hands of M. Nelidoff, who has left St. Petersburg for Constantinople. He will consult with the French and British ambassadors there on his arrival, and they will make a joint representation to the sultan with the least possible delay. What the response will be is a matter of pure conjecture. If Abdul Hamid is in a sane mood, it is to be expected he will submit with the best grace possible. If not, then there may be a final struggle at Constantinople, which could not fail to compel a more radical and permanent settlement of the eastern question than is contemplated by the present agreement.

The risk is a very real one, and there is no doubt that it has been taken into careful consideration under the terms of the new arrangement. The contingency has been provided against, but how has not yet been made known.

Destructive Fire in Montreal. MONTREAL, Dec. 9.—The Warren block, a four-story stone building extending from 100 to 105 St. James street, was destroyed by fire about 9 o'clock last night. The loss will be about \$175,000, with insurance about \$100,000. The building was an office and was occupied by some 45 law and commercial agency firms. Practically no damage was done to any of the surrounding buildings.

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