

Apparently some humorist in the Navy Department has invented a new reason for sending the cruiser Marblehead to the European station—she is to go to Turkey to “back up” Mr. Jewett while the latter is investigating the alleged Armenian outrages.

Inasmuch as Mr. Jewett is not to be allowed to accompany the commission of inquiry, it will be interesting to keep an eye on the Marblehead to discover what effect her arrival in the Dardanelles will have upon the Sultan of Turkey. If he immediately tears up the Treaty of Paris and spits on the Convention of Berlin, it may be assumed that he has been duly impressed with the danger of thwarting the investigating designs of Messrs. Grover Cleveland, Walter Q. Gresham and Commissioner Jewett.

But, if the Sultan should refuse to let the Marblehead even enter the Dardanelles, how absurd would be that craft's attitude! Truly, some other reason ought to be given for the unnecessary assignment of this vessel to the European station.

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