

Western Asia has again become the scene of disturbance, and the Eastern question has been revived in a manner that apparently forebodes its definite settlement. The misconduct of the Turkish Government, increasing from year to year, has come to a head in Eastern Turkey, and resulted in a series of massacres that has horrified the whole civilized world. England, France, and Russia are taking positive steps to investigate and act, and there is the hope of better things for the oppressed subjects of the Sultan. Meanwhile, Egypt has been at peace. The young Khédive sought for a time to assert his independence, but soon learned that England's hand was too firm to be shaken off rapidly, and he has apparently quieted down to a farmer's life.