

# GERMANY IS BLAMED

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Accused of Trying to Force England Into the Triple Alliance.

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## GLADSTONE AND THE SULTAN

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British Influence in China and Turkey Blocked.

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LONDON, Nov. 2.—The first paper to announce that Prime Minister Salisbury had departed from his original intention not to hold a meeting of the Cabinet till the middle of November, when domestic measures to be laid before the House of Commons would be discussed, was the *Birmingham Post*, an organ that is inspired by the Chamberlain party.

In announcing that the first Cabinet meeting would be held on Nov. 5 the *Post* added that matters of unusual importance, mainly connected with foreign and colonial affairs, would come under the consideration of the Minister

Its London letter yesterday, the day after Mr. Chamberlain, the head of the Colonial Office, returned to England from the Continent, contained the following important statement:

"Lord Salisbury's speech at Watford confirms the somewhat ugly news that is coming to hand from the various foreign capitals re-

garding the secret attempt that Germany is making to isolate Great Britain from all friendly European powers. Germany is known to be smarting under the refusal of the British Foreign Ministers of both parties to become connected with the Triple Alliance, and, playing a double game, now hopes to induce Lord Salisbury to change his resolution not to allow Great Britain to become entangled in this bond.

"It is the maleficent influence of Germany, which, by encouraging the Tsung-li-Yamen, has been a factor in causing the massacres of Christians in China, and her chief effort at this moment is directed to rendering negatory our endeavors in behalf of the persecuted Christians in Armenia."

This is the plainest indication yet printed of the origin of the trouble that is now depressing politicians and operators on the bourses.

A leading Conservative paper in the North of England says that some light is badly needed on foreign affairs, for the position of England in the far East is extremely critical. Russia and France, it declares, are menacing British interests in Asia, apparently with the tacit consent of Germany.

The United States seem disinclined to enter into an alliance with Great Britain, though willing to remain a benevolent neutral. Japan, whom most regard as Great Britain's natural ally, seems to be of two minds about going bodily over to the enemy.

The paper asks: "Is Great Britain then to remain isolated in the fight for her own, her hand backed only by her own resources?"

The optimists hope that Lord Salisbury will be able to reassure his followers in the speech that he will deliver at the banquet to be given by Sir Walter Henry Wilkin, the new Lord Mayor of London, on the evening of Nov. 9, on which day Sir Walter will be installed in office.

Mr. Gladstone's letter to Mme. Novikoff, who, over the signature of "O. K.," has contributed many political and other articles to the London press, has greatly displeased the Government. Mr. Gladstone, in this letter, said that the Sultan had been given by God as a curse to mankind, and that the Turkish ruler had at his feet Russia, France and Great Britain. Continuing, he said:

"As to the division of shame among them, I care little enough, but I hope that my own country will, for its own good, be made conscious and exhibited to the world for its own full share, whatever that may be. May God, in His mercy, send a speedy end to the governing Turk and all his doings, as I said when I could say, and even sometimes do. So I say in my political decrepitude or death."

Shortly after Lord Salisbury had read this letter, he said that such utterances were not likely to tend to produce order or save life in Turkey.

It has since been announced on behalf of Mr. Gladstone that the letter was not meant to be published, and that, by an oversight, it had not been marked private. Visitors at Hawarden Castle, Mr. Gladstone's home, say that the ex-Prime Minister follows with keen attention and growing indignation the daily reports of the treatment of the Armenians by the Turks. He converses frequently on the subject.

#### **KIAMIL PACHA EXHAUSTED.**

**He Tendered His Resignation to the Sultan  
But It Was Not Accepted.**

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 2.—Kiamil Pacha asked the Sultan on Oct. 29 to relieve him of the duties of the Grand Viziership, which he said had exhausted him. The office, he added, required the physical and mental energies of a younger man. The Sultan peremptorily refused to relieve him.

Yesterday, Kiamil Pacha communicated to M. Cambon, the French Ambassador, the names of the members of the Commission that will control the Armenian reforms.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The Constantinople correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs that he has learned the name of the members of the Commission of Control, and adds: "Of the three Turks, two are nullities, and one an intriguer. Of the Christians, one is clever and strong, another clever and weak, and the third is an admirable whist player. The President of the Commission has not yet been chosen. It may safely be predicted that the Commission is not such as Kiamil Pacha wished."