

THE WOLF AND THE LAMB.

After considerable delay the Turkish side of the Armenian question has been made public. It deserves attention.

According to the Turkish authorities the Armenian agitation has been a deep-laid and deliberate plot against the peace and existence of the Turkish Empire. Conspirators and revolutionists in the pay of Russia and working in Russian interests have provoked all the massacres and cruelties by fomenting disturbances and inciting uprisings. In other words, the desperate and ferocious Armenians have compelled the humane and reluctant Turks to massacre them with every aggravation of revolting brutality, and have done this as a part of a fiendish plot to overthrow the Government of Turkey.

This impudent and mendacious plea will do more hurt than help to the Turkish cause. The relations between the Turkish wolf and the Armenian lamb are clearly understood in all civilized countries. The story of Armenia is merely a repetition of the story of Bulgaria twenty years ago, or of Greece a generation earlier.

The Armenian question is not our question except as it is a question of humanity. Our policy of non-interference in European affairs forbids our official participation in the needed work of Turkish reform. But our sympathy is wholly with the Armenian side, we understand the merits of the question pretty clearly, and we are not to be deceived by any plea that in this quarrel between the wolf and the lamb the lamb is the aggressor.
