

# EUROPE'S RESTLESS GALE

## A Turkey Invented for Projects of Russia and England.

By Commercial Cable from Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—[Copyright, 1894, by The New-York Times.]—The old year is going out with sustained boisterous winds which threaten another series of tragedies upon the coasts, but inland there are still green pastures and woodland flowers. A tortoiseshell butterfly was seen yesterday at Bournemouth, and one would hardly be astonished to hear the cuckoo's note, so strangely unlike mid-winter does it all seem.

The abnormal season fits the perplexed and unsettled—one might say chaotic—mind with which Europe awaits the unfolding of the new year's history. It passes the power of man to tell what is to happen. Only this is clear, that there are new and greatly-changed conditions and that what comes will have a character and shape of its own, quite different from any possible product of the last fifteen years.

Of tangible international questions out of which disturbances might arise there are two. One is that ancient bogey, the Eastern question. There is an old saying, ascribed to Nicholas, to Palmerston, and to others, that if Turkey did not exist it would be necessary to invent it, and something of that cynical spirit displays itself in what is now going on. The novel and mighty Anglo-Russian combination is inventing the kind of Turkey that it needs for its projects. It is very interesting that the great Tory financial centres of London, after years of implacable deafness to Armenian tales and of active friendliness to the Turk, should suddenly have veered round and disclosed a violent Christian rage over an episode which, even if the large Levantine exaggeration has not come into play, does not differ much from the usual routine of affairs in Armenia. It is still more significant that, inasmuch as the Russians cannot pump up any enthusiasm for Armenian Christians, whom they believe to be liars and know to be schismatics, there are other forms of grievance against Turkey being fixed up for Muscovite use. Letters from Sofia describe Bulgaria and Macedonia as honey-combed once more by intrigues, underground agitations, and plots. A delegation of Bosnian leaders is actually now in Constantinople to lodge charges against the Austrian administration to their nominal Turkish suzerain, and thence go to St. Petersburg to offer a pretext for interference to their real masters. All this constitutes a striking new situation, which people scan nervously, but do not pretend to fathom.