

## Russia Afraid of a Trap.

Great Britain, France and Russia, affected by the sufferings of the Armenians, devised a scheme of reforms which they submitted to the Sublime Porte. Much to their astonishment, the Sultan is not enraptured with their scheme, however much it might gratify his Armenian subjects, and he has furthermore refused to accept it, dark sayings as to the possibility of a great naval demonstration in Turkish waters notwithstanding.

Now comes a Commercial Cable despatch from St. Petersburg which possibly gives the keynote of the "Sick Man's" sturdy stand. Russia, the **HERALD's** correspondent says, suspects that a trap is being laid for her, and is on her guard. She will remain united with the other reforming Powers so long as merely diplomatic pressure is brought to bear on the Sultan—further than that she will not go.

Another despatch, published in our cable columns, gives some insight into the policy Russia has successfully pursued in the Far East. She befriended China in her hour of need and is to receive that open port in the Pacific she has coveted. She has not abandoned hope of having free egress through the Dardanelles.