

If more American war ships are needed in the Levant on account of the growing urgency of the Armenian question and the appeals of our missionaries, it might be as easy to re-enforce the San Francisco and the Marblehead from the Asiatic as from the home station. Thus the Baltimore, which is soon to return to the United States, having been relieved by the Olympia as flagship, could come by way of the Red Sea, and so be available on the Syrian coast. In reality, more ships would be of little direct service in protecting our schools and missions in the interior of Armenia, but, perhaps, a stronger naval demonstration might back up Minister TERRELL's demand for protection and impress the Porte.

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Never before in Europe or in the world has there been a politico-military combination of such magnitude as that of the six Christian powers which have taken joint action in the case of Turkey. The Holy Alliance of 1815 was a feeble thing in comparison with it. The powers now acting together for a special purpose have more soldiers under arms than there are able-bodied inhabitants in the Ottoman empire. The army of SENNACHERIB the Assyrian, or ALEXANDER the Macedonian, or CÆSAR the Roman, would look small alongside the millions who march under the flags of the six powers that confront the Turk. The armies of the middle ages, or of later centuries, the armies of NAPOLEON BONAPARTE, the armies that fought in our own great war, were far inferior in number to the armies which stand ready at this time to draw the sword against the Sultan.

No military combination ever before existed upon earth the magnitude of which can be compared with that of the six Christian powers recently formed. The thing is not likely to last long, but, while it lasts, it is a spectacle without a parallel in history.

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