

The Sultan is between two fires. If he refuses to inaugurate reforms the European powers will subject him to a punishment not to be measured in advance. If he undertakes to make the reforms he invites revolution in his own country and assassination in his own harem. His position would be one to be pitied but for the fact that the very existence of his Government is a crime against civilization. The elimination of the Turk is a problem which Europe must soon solve. His "unspeakableness" grows steadily more unspeakable. But in the present condition of European politics, with its implacable jealousies, the work of elimination is likely to involve a European war, a calamity scarcely less deplorable than the continuance of the Turk in power. As is always the case, a great historic wrong cannot be righted

without a present calamity. Our despatches re-  
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