

# SALISBURY AND TURKEY

## A Statement Prepared Concerning England's Foreign Policy.

### TO STRENGTHEN THE NAVY

#### The Ministry Thinks Great Britain Too Weak on the Sea.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—Deep interest is manifested in the speech that will be delivered by Prime Minister Salisbury at the banquet that will be given at the Guildhall to-night by Sir Walter Henry Wilkin, the new Lord Mayor of London, who will be inaugurated in his office to-day. It is known that the Prime Minister will make a statement concerning the Government's foreign policy, which statement has been prepared under the cognizance of his inner Cabinet, and it is understood that his utterances will be of the highest importance.

It is only from side indications that the tenor of Lord Salisbury's statement can be gleaned. Thus, the Duke of Devonshire, speaking at Sheffield on Thursday, referred to the comments made by the newspapers on the speech made by him during the previous week at Leeds as being of too alarmist a nature.

Two Cabinet Councils had been held in the interim, and, although the Duke admitted the existence of the Eastern question in an acute form, he took care to modify his previous declaration, which was to the effect that it was idle to disguise the fact that both in Eastern Europe and in Eastern Asia events were occurring and questions arising which might affect great interests in this country.

He added that the time might be approaching when it would be necessary for the Government to appeal to all political parties for sympathy. This view, however, has, as above stated, been modified since the holding of the Cabinet meetings, and, judging from the tenor of the Duke's speech at Sheffield, the tension has been greatly lessened.

This coincides with the opinion held at the Carlton Club in regard to the pronouncement that will be made by Lord Salisbury. It is expected that the Prime Minister will be more than usually explicit considering the delicate situation.

So far as can be forecasted, Lord Salisbury will state the fact announced by the United Press yesterday that the Admiralty has decided to strengthen the British Mediterranean fleet by the addition of six ships, but, at the same time, he will declare that Turkey must meanwhile be left to work out her own salvation.

The great Powers will continue to rely upon obtaining from the Sultan's newly formed Ministry the protection of Christians and the maintenance of order, but they have no intention to intervene in Turkish affairs. The Powers will patiently preserve an attitude of observation and, as far as Lord Salisbury foresees, will continue to act in concert as hitherto.

Another feature of the speech will be an intimation that the coming naval estimates will show a very considerable increase. An inspired note in the *Globe* says that Lord Salisbury and his colleagues are convinced that Great Britain is not strong enough on the sea and have decided to build more ships.

The *Globe* adds that it needs a strong government to propose a large addition to the burdens of the taxpayer after what Parliament has already voted for the navy, but the Ministers are ready to take the responsibility, relying upon Parliament cheerfully granting the money.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 9.—Kiamil Pacha, who was recently deposed from the Grand Viziership and appointed Vall of Aleppo, has been taken suddenly ill with an acute attack of bronchitis. His physicians declare that he is not fit to travel to Aleppo. He is 72 years old, and much anxiety is felt regarding his condition.