

# DREADS THE RESULT.

## SULTAN IN FEAR OF MUSSULMANS.

### British Warships Will Not Leave Until the Porte Guarantees to Fulfill Its Promises.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 18.—Hatred of Armenians can be seen in every glance bestowed upon them by the oppressive Turks, and, although the signing of the reform treaty demanded by the powers will doubtless save many Christian lives fears are still entertained that the outrages are not at an end.

Several prominent persons here feel exceedingly bitter against the Sultan for showing what they declare to be a craven spirit in granting the reforms, and they assert that "for such dogs as the Armenians no consideration should have been shown."

At a meeting of the Ambassadors of the powers, which has just been held, it was decided to send a collective communication to the Armenian Patriarch in order to solicit his assistance in the efforts being made by the representatives of the foreign Governments interested to put a stop to the agitation going on among the Armenians.

The Turkish newspapers have published an inspired article contradicting the prevailing idea that special privileges will in future be conceded to the Armenians.

The article is regarded as intended to prepare the Mussulmans for the promulgation of the reform forced upon the Turkish Government by the powers and to prevent the impression spreading that they are for the exclusive benefit of the Armenians or a result of the Armenian agitation and the intervention of the powers.

London, Oct. 18.—The Chronicle's Constantinople correspondent says: "The Sultan has so feared exasperating Mussulmans by consenting to the reforms that the Minister was obliged to implore him to sign the document.

"I fear that English opinion will be greatly disappointed when the terms of the reform scheme become known. But nothing better could be obtained without the appearance of the British fleet in the Dardanelles, which would have involved the instant disruption of the triple entente, between England, Russia and France, and probably a Russian occupation of Armenia.

The Chronicle believes that the British fleet will remain at Lemnos in the Aegean Sea, which is about fifty miles from the mouth of the Dardanelles, until adequate guarantees for the execution of the Armenian reforms have been given.

The Globe says: "The terms of the proposals are not known precisely, but they are certainly much less drastic than were the original ones. The Government of the Turkish empire is not to be put into the hands of a commission, nor is the Sultan to be superseded by a European official in Armenia or anywhere else."

The Globe expresses belief that the settlement will not last long, but says: "English diplomacy took the lead in bringing the Sultan to his present attitude, and it would be shameful not to uphold him against further assaults upon his independence."

Lord Rosebery said he was glad that the Sultan of Turkey had complied with the demands made upon him for reforms, but the powers have yet to see that the decree is carried into effect.