

The situation in Turkey and southeastern Europe continues to be disquieting, and it is now clear that the Armenian question is by no means the greatest of the Sultan's difficulties. The danger of anarchy throughout the Turkish empire has become acute, and all the powers realize that it is impossible to rely upon the well-meaning but weak monarch in his present state of almost personal terror. Every effort is now being made by the representatives of the powers in Constantinople to prevent the Sultan from resorting to some rash, impulsive action which will upset the equilibrium of the whole European situation. It is represented that Abdul-Hamid has been particularly nervous during the past fortnight. He is guarded at the immense palace of Yildis Kiosk by two regiments of Nubian blacks and Albanian whites, who hate each other ferociously. This makes the Padishah feel secure under their protection. The Nubians are more fierce than the Albanians, but less rapacious. The two corps are really a gang of scoundrels of the worst type. They are all fine-looking men, splendidly dressed, living almost in luxury, and practically allowed to do as they please so long as they attend to their duties. These regiments are extravagantly and regularly paid, the fact being that the Sultan tries to bribe and indulge them into loyalty.

TURKEY AND THE POWERS.

Prospects for a Peaceable Settlement Are Very Favorable.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The British squadron remains at the Island of Lemnos, at the entrance of the Dardanelles, despite the request of the Sultan that the fleet be taken to a more distant point. A pacific settlement of the pending questions is almost certain, the Sultan granting the full concessions demanded in connection with Armenia.

A despatch from Constantinople says that another revolutionary pamphlet has been found in the Sultan Mohammed Mosque in that city. Owing to this discovery the palace guard has been increased.

This initiated a baseless rumor that a plot had been discovered against the life of the Sultan.

Osman Bey has gone to Besika Bay, a roadstead between the coast of Asia Minor and the Island of Tenedos, to survey sites for forts. Three vessels laden with ammunition have been despatched to the Dardanelles, where the laying of submarine mines has been begun.

The city is resuming its normal aspect, although many Armenian shops are closed.