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That the Sultan of Turkey should appeal to the Pope to use his influence in correcting the European impression that there have been any massacres in Armenia is quite in keeping with Turkish diplomacy. There is a strong and constant rivalry between Protestant and Catholic missionaries throughout the whole of the Porte's domains, and it is very easy for this wily old Mahometan to embarrass either side. The appeal, therefore, is very much like a threat smothered in fig paste. Meanwhile, the Sultan's agents continue to rifle and suppress the mails to and from Armenia to prevent the facts from leaking out. Religion and humanity itself hide in Turkey behind policy. Russia and England are the bosses who cover their hands but hold all the wires. Now and then France has played the momentary role of Dr. Parkhurst, but only for effect. Perhaps when fate gets through with China it will turn its attention to Turkey.

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