

powers, who are prepared to maintain the inviolacy of the Dardanelles.

The message is a menace.

It is caustic and threatening.

M. Nelidoff's instructions from his own government are awaited amidst the most profound nervous excitement and anxiety in the farthest reaches of the capital. The representative of the Czar, after his general utterances of yesterday, that his government would be compelled to take "independent measures" to secure the unimpeded passage of vessels through the straits, has as yet returned no reply to the threatening utterances of the Porte.

The headquarters of the embassy are grimly barricaded and unresponsive to the knock of the casual caller.

A feeling of dread and uncertainty renders the atmosphere close, squally and thunderous.

Every diplomatic agent here is perfectly cognizant of two facts.

READY FOR WAR.

Russia has perfected every arrangement and every detail for the entrance upon the most terrible and destructive war in her history—perhaps in the history of Europe. Turkey and England are together now in every aim as never before.

The British doctor never takes his fingers from the sick man's pulse, and the intercommunication between the palace and the British embassy since the grave incident of April 13, has been most constant and obtrusively apparent.

That England stands behind the feeble Turk in this great move, no one in Constantinople doubts.

A diplomat of twenty years' experience in the intricacies and treacheries of the Levant gave me his views this morning on the present formidable crisis, thus trenchantly:

"I smell war. The sultan has not loaded his gun this time with inky paper. It is charged to the muzzle with good English powder and iron.

"Europe has been shaking this twelve month with the seismic rigors of the approaching earthquake.

"A great war which, when it comes, will convulse and disrupt at least five nations has been imminent any day. It cannot be deferred much longer. Russia has hoped to see it lighted up first in Western Europe in order that during the general confusion which will ensue she may uninterruptedly pursue her designs in the East. England is perfectly aware of this.

ENGLAND WANTS WAR.

"War will come this summer. England prefers to have it precipitated in the East, where her interests now center. Do you notice the strange attitude of the two almost belligerent powers—Russia is sullen, Turkey is defiant and aggressive.

"Run up the storm signal and let the small craft run for the nearest harbor.

"You will see the lightning play and it will set cities on fire."

There are now six great English war ships within a day's run from the Golden Horn.

Others are hovering off the coast of Greece and the Islands of the Ægean sea. Turkey's forces are rapidly being drawn from the outlying Asiatic provinces. A firman has been issued to the pashalics on the Asiatic coast, the im-

port of which is the raising of levies and the increased imposition of special taxes as terrible to an approaching "probable stringency."

Unless all signs fall, before many months have elapsed, Europe will once more see the dread Cossacks swarming over the glacis and bastions of Constantinople.

This time it will be to stay. Once before, in the winter of 1877-78, this strangely relaxed and effeminate Mohamedan city felt the claws of the Russian bear in her vitals. The hold was grudgingly relinquished, but it is now accepted as a grim certainty that if the autocrat of the North once more sets foot in Constantinople, it will be to withdraw never again till monarchies have crumbled and kings are dust.

The peace of San Stefano moved Russia's southern boundaries forward to the Pruth. She expects the next "peace" to move it forward to the Bosphorus and the Ægean, and make the Mediterranean the highway for her ships of war and commerce, which has been the goal of her imperious and haughty ambition since the stern and savage days of Peter the Great.

Turkey is not entirely benighted in sensual sloth. The debauching languors of the harem have not enervated all classes.

The fierce excitement of the past two or three days has brought to the surface even in the lazy bazaars and fountain-bedewed courts of the Byzantine palaces a warlike spirit that has the ring of the terrible Seljuk and Janissaries.

Riots occurred today in the environs at the portals of several open Greek churches.

In the majority of these the service was either intermitted at a suggestion from the residents, or conducted with almost irreverent haste.

The conviction is universal in Catholic and Mohamedan circles alike, that all Christendom is to be appalled by the eruption of a shocking and devastating war, which will either blot Musselman Turkey from the map of Europe, or sweep her into the current of advancing western civilization. The telegraph wires to every capital in Europe are trembling with the news.

PARIS, April 29.—A serious feeling of alarm prevails in official circles here at the possibility of an anarchist outbreak the first of May. As a result, the military and police authorities are taking the most extreme precautions and making every preparation possible to effectually meet and promptly suppress any disorder. Several violent Anarchist manifestos, intended to incite the soldiers composing the garrison of Paris and its neighborhood to revolt, have recently been circulated by Anarchists.

It has been announced that from today until May-day, when the excitement is over, no soldiers will be allowed to leave their barracks, except on guard duty, or to bring in supplies, provisions, etc. Even the officers are confined to their barracks. To each soldier of the garrison one hundred rounds of ball cartridges have been distributed. The military authorities have also arranged plans of communication with the different military posts, barracks and forts and have completed arrangements for the concentration and distribution at points of vantage of troops, in case of disorders,

"GREEN GOODS" SWINDLERS CAPTURED.

THE announcement—which appeared in the eastern dispatches—that a notorious "green goods" man had been neatly trapped and captured in Chicago, will be highly satisfactory to honest people. The "green goods" swindle has been fully exposed many times in this and other public journals. Yet there are hundreds of people who consider themselves more than ordinarily shrewd that become a prey to the sharpers who pretend to be dealers in undetectable counterfeit greenbacks.

The plan of operation of these scoundrels may be seen from the annexed letter, which was received by a gentleman in a country town of this Territory, who sent it to us, wondering how the sharpers obtained his name and address:

"Dear sir—I am in possession of a good thing, and with your confidential and friendly co-operation I can make you independently rich, and at the same time benefit my own condition. The enclosure herewith gives all the information that could be desired and explains itself.

"There's no reason why you should be a slave and toil all of your life for nothing. The opportunity is here for you to 'switch off' from poverty and benefit yourself in a substantial way. Don't be foolish enough to let conscientious scruples interfere with your aim in life. Few men ever obtain riches honestly. Others have grown rich around you (no one knows how), why not you? A hint to the wise is sufficient. You will see from the sketch that my goods are not what the law can class as real counterfeits, inasmuch as they were printed from genuine plates, and can easily be passed in your section of the country with impunity.

"This is serious and highly important food for thought! Your sober and earnest attention should be given to every word in this letter. A person without the 'universal rudder'—the almighty dollar—is thought but little of, and is looked upon as of no importance to the world. Isn't this true? I know whereof I speak: In former years I have drank from the 'bitter cup' myself.

"If you have not the money to buy my goods, I would consent to your taking some confidential friend in with you who has, provided of course, he is trustworthy and could keep the secret. You could both then come on together and make the deal. However, you would be very foolish to take any one in with you, if you could raise enough money yourself.

"If my business should suit you, it will be absolutely necessary for you to come on here and see me in person. I only deal face to face with my customers. Experience has taught me that this is the safest and most satisfactory way for both. By your coming on here you see what you are buying, and I see who I am dealing with. Consequently everything is 'on the level,' and we both feel better satisfied.

"I know it is quite a journey for you to make, but ye gods just think of the 'gold mine' in store for you—in the way of profits. Furthermore, I always make a liberal allowance in goods to cover the expenses. Make up your mind to come on, I know you will always be thankful for your visit to me. You will find me a square and honorable white man in every particular. When you arrive here, I will show you my entire stock, from which you can make your own selections. Then, if my goods are not all that I claim for them, and are not as fine as the enclosure speaks of, I will make you