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THE NORTH AMERICA came through yesterday with the latest dates.

HOW WILL IT END?

We alluded a day or two ago to the importance of the victory achieved by the Russians over the Turkish fleet in the Black Sea. It is one of those events which sooner, or later, was bound to occur. Our sympathies in the quarrel are entirely with the Turks, for they are not only the weaker party, but their cause is just, and they are striving with desperate bravery to defend the country from the invasion of a rapacious and inexorable foe. That the deliberate purpose of the Russian is to overrun and subjugate Turkey soon no doubt, who are familiar with the Czar's policy, and traditional hatred of that nation. From the days of PETER the Great, the Muscovites have cherished as a principle, a fundamental article of political faith, the conviction that their Empire is destined to absorb Turkey, and to convert Constantinople into the capital of the Russian dominions. The supremacy of a stringent and reckless despotism is a calamity to be avoided, if possible—if not, to be postponed as long as practicable. There is nothing in Russian aggrandizement that can give hope to the struggling patriots of Europe, or create joy among the Republicans of America. Every stride taken by that gigantic power towards the West, crushes the aspirations of the friends of freedom, and stifles their energies and their hopes.

Yet Turkey must fall, if doomed to fall, in the battles unaided. This has long been the current opinion, nor can European statesmen, powerful for their sagacity, have possibly blinded their vision to the truth. Turkey is brave, enthusiastic, patriotic; but what can these noble qualities accomplish against the wealth and inexhaustible resources of her enemy, when backed by immense armies, thoroughly disciplined, an abundant commissariat, and an navy of unequalled bravery? All these are enjoyed by Russia, and are wanting to Turkey. The latter may fight, and has fought with heroic courage; may achieve, and has achieved some brilliant triumphs, but unlike Russia, her very victories exhaust her—her means daily diminish, and ere long she will be unable to offer an organized resistance to an adversary who brings fresh and unquenchable forces to replace those which have been swept away by pestilence and the sword, and whose resources cannot fail, while those of Turkey, with all their worldly wealth, are of a superior aspect.

The naval engagement off Sinope is but but a prelude to a succession of Russian triumphs, which will eventually carry the ensigns of the Czar of Constantinople, if England and France continue their inconceivable and contemptible supineness. We cannot comprehend the fatuity with which these nations have hitherto acted. Their policy, from the outset has been futile and unsuccessful. The Washington *Globe* in a recent article, expresses opinions with which we entirely agree. It says:

> The Russians (and France) have negotiated and *circumvented*, and the Czar has looked on and laughed at his triumph. At length we understands what has kept off a war—the two nations and allies of the Turks are a little afraid of him. They may be licked into a war, but, and if he holds on to the Principalities it is equivalent to kicking. They cannot offer that, for it places Turkey at his mercy. They temporized, and without precious time Turkey has made extraordinary efforts, has extended large sums, and has thundered her to which, however, is very feeble. It focus is that it England and France were as one respect to this question, from the begin they have been astonishingly slow and ing, they have been astonishingly slow and hesitating. Nicholas the First did not write the name in vain, nor did Pitt the elder, or Pitt the younger.
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