

# SWORN TO RUIN THE PORTE

## ARMENIAN SOCIETIES ACTIVE IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

They Receive Orders from a Secret Central Committee—They Are Responsible for the Recent Disturbances—France Has Begun Negotiations to Settle the Turkish Question, with the Aid of England and Russia, at Once.

PARIS, Sept. 23.—A dispatch from Constantinople says that the Armenian revolutionary societies now existing there are five in number. The members of these societies, the dispatch asserts, are bound by most solemn oaths to bring about the ruin of the Ottoman Empire and to force the European powers to intervene in Turkey.

The organizations receive their orders from a secret central committee. The demonstration against the Porte in 1895 and the recent attack upon and seizure of the Ottoman Bank by Armenians devolved upon the Hintchak and Frochak Societies respectively, and three other revolutionary organizations will act successively to accomplish the results at which they aim.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—Mr. John Lowles, member of the House of Commons for the Haggerston Division of Shoreditch, has written a letter to the Daily News in which he asserts that the remarks made by him at the meeting held in Shoreditch on the evening of the 21st inst. to protest against the massacre of Christians by Turks were incorrectly reported. Mr. Lowles declares that he did not state that he was authorized by the Foreign Office to say that Great Britain was confronted by an agreement between the three powers; that if she attacked Turkey upon any excuse or pretext she would have to face that combination, and that if she fired a single shot or took action alone it would mean that at that moment there would be a European war.

The Daily Graphic will to-morrow publish a dispatch from its Paris correspondent claiming that he has authority for the statement that M. Hanotaux, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, has initiated urgent negotiations with the object of effecting a speedy settlement of the Turkish question by France, England, and Russia.

There is strong reason to believe, the correspondent declares, that the respective diplomatic representatives of the three powers in Constantinople will within a few days communicate a decisive resolution to the Sultan.

The London afternoon newspapers which have hitherto advocated the intervention of Russia in Turkey now scarcely allude to any possible interference on the part of the Czar, but all of the papers print columns of editorials, communications, reports of meetings, &c., all of which are directed against the Sultan. The general tone of these articles is in deprecation of isolated action on the part of any power in Turkey, but strongly favoring an immediate concert of action.

A dispatch from Sofia says that Armenian refugees, who have arrived in Bulgaria, announce that further Armenian outrages may be expected to occur on Sept. 30. It is a noteworthy fact that a similar statement is contained in a Turkish official telegram.