

The latest intelligence from that seat of soreness, Macedonia, and from the capitals of Europe indicates an almost hopeless confusion. The British proposals, which substantially provide for a reorganization of Turkish control through officers selected by the Powers, have not as yet been accepted by any other Government. Russia is favorably inclined, but hesitant. France will follow Russia closely. Germany and Austria will agree, but are not friendly to the British plan. Meanwhile the Sultan lays all the blame for disturbance and violence in Macedonia on the Greeks, Bulgarians, and Servians, and declares he will not take any proposition into consideration until these raiding, plotting, and marauding interlopers are brought to good conduct.

There is undoubtedly some basis of truth in the assertions of the Sultan, but the essential obstacle to the establishment of a fair degree of peace in Macedonia is the discord between the great Powers. With the exception of Great Britain, these have designs of their own to forward, and will do nothing that seems to imperil them. The Sultan takes advantage of this, and will not move an inch so long as the Powers cannot unite on a plan for compelling him to action. He is but living up, or down, to his proper nature and the requirements of his position. The real shame lies with the "Christian" States that permit their selfish aims to hinder the use of the influence upon him which would be decisive were it firmly exercised.