

with his vehement denunciation of the blood-thirsty destroyers of men, women and children, whom the poet Watson has aptly termed, "Abdul the Damned."

Our illustration possesses additional interest for Canadians from the fact that in the May of last year, sitting next to Mrs. Gladstone, to the left of the speaker, they will recognize Lord Stanley—now Earl Derby—one of our most popular Governors General. Mr. Gladstone's call for retribution reached far beyond the large hall in which he spoke. It electrified not only his fellow countrymen, but men and women the world over, and carried terror into the "sacred" precincts of Europe's crowned assassin, whose portrait constitutes our next illustration. It is 697 years since the Ottoman Empire, over which this sullen-looking monarch rules so barbarously, was established by Osman the Great, a skillful general and statesman. It is probable that in less than half as many days that empire will cease to exist, the country comprising it being partitioned off for administrative and protective purposes among the leading nations of Europe, while its ruler



EUROPE'S CROWNED ASSASSIN.
THE SULTAN OF TURKEY.

will be reduced to a condition of helplessness and inability to indulge his craving for the blood of those who dare hold a faith different from his; this desirable

condition is the probable result of united action between England, Russia and France. United effort has been long delayed through international jealousies, which have also presented an insuperable barrier to isolated action by England.

That distrust of England's motives has been to some extent removed, is largely due to the personal influence of the Czar of Russia, who, as our portrait would indicate, is a young man of peace-loving propensities. Although hardly two years have passed since his accession, the Czar has given abundant evidence of his fitness for the responsible position which he occupies, the domestic side of his character, no less than his statesmanly qualities, causing him to be recognized as a

factor for good in the councils of Europe. Like all the leading monarchs of Europe, he is closely allied to the Royal House of England, his wife being grand-daughter of Queen Victoria.

Far less promising is the outlook for the young sovereign, who with his two sisters forms our next illustration. A mere boy, the King of Spain rules by regency which is vested in his mother, and difficult indeed is the lot of that good mother and her ministers of State. Spain, once the great



THE CZARINA.

Spain, once the great colonizing power of the world; mistress of the seas; and owning with Portugal all the discovered territory in the new world; is now reduced to a second rate power, her colonial possessions being practically limited to a few islands in different parts of the world. Cuba is the most valued of these remnants of her old-time glory, and for over three years the Cubans have been fighting desper-



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