

inferior to Turkey in Europe, Greece, Italy, and Spain.

"The Russian frontier has been advanced towards Berlin,—Dresden,—Munich,—Vienna and Paris, about 700 miles; Towards Constantinople, 500 miles—towards Stockholm, 630 miles—towards Teheran 1000 miles."

We will now refer to the causes which have involved these nations in the miseries and guilt of war. Louis Napoleon, raised to supreme rule in France, in pursuance of the policy which prompted the overthrow of the republicans who held sway in Rome, and the restoration of the Roman Pontiff to his throne, obtained a firman from the Ottoman Porte, declaring him, Louis Napoleon, Protector of the Holy Places. Under the influence of French diplomacy, which did not hesitate to threaten hostilities if its demands were not complied with, certain privileges were accorded to the Latin Church which had previously been shared in common with the Greek Church, or possessed by the Greek Church alone. These privileges seem to the eyes of a distant Protestant of the most trivial kind. Thus did they appear to the judgment of the Ottoman Porte. The Moslems of Syria have long gazed with wonder and contempt at the unseemly and violent struggles of Greek and Latin Christians, who have in murderous strife stained with Christian blood the floors of the venerable Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Mahomedan police has often kept the rival worshippers of the same God, from cutting each other's throats on what was deemed to be the very grave of the Redeemer of the world. The Czar professed high indignation at the favor shewn to the followers of the Latin Church; and he sent one of the highest dignitaries of his Court, Prince Menschikoff, to Constantinople to demand restitution or reparation. By the judicious aid of