

orthodoxy, we "are" probably to attribute this calamity to a combined spirit of thrift and bigotry. It is not difficult to foresee that a few more acts of this description will call for a second and grander intervention of the European States in behalf of the Christian subjects of the Sultan, one result of which will doubtless be the transfer of the seat of Turkish Government to some central point of Eastern Asia, where its influence may be exerted for the restoration of order and the repression of these extravagant outbreaks. Syria, Kurdistan and Arabia cannot be governed directly or indirectly from Constantinople.

A Revolt in Islam.

One of those periodical explosions of Mahometan bigotry, which we are obliged to record ever and again, has just occurred at Djidda, on the west shore of the Red Sea. The population, rising upon some inspiration, as yet not defined, fell upon the Christian population of the town, and slaughtered a score of them, including the British and French Consuls, before the intervention of the British frigate, the *Cyclops*, rescued the survivors. With the utmost promptitude, the British Government has ordered three ships-of-war to the insurrectionary port, and beyond thus protecting British interests by a display of force, no doubt the most ample indemnity will be exacted from the Pacha of Egypt, who is the sovereign of the town.

Djidda is the seaport of Mecca, the holy centre of Mahometanism, and through its streets moves the annual mass of devotees on their way to the sacred shrine. Its gains from this source are immense; and more immediate, perhaps, in the eyes of the mob than the returns of exported coffee and spices; and as an act of faith like this spontaneous holocaust of the Christians would redound to the reputation of the town for sanctity and