

peculiarly keen sense of the world absolutely precluded a collision with the greatest naval power in the world is to presume that she would suddenly become as infuriated as Turkey. It is sometimes assumed that the Constantinian might be taken by surprise in a crushing attack, but, in reality, it is one of the strongest places in the world. The Turks might, so long as they command the sea, hold it single-handed, and, perhaps, the knowledge of this fact adds emphasis to Russian policy. In the event of a crushing attack, it is Constantinople. At all events, it sufficiently rebukes cries of indignation and grief, and undisguised appeals to ignorant passion. England is allowed to regard the present contest mainly for the simple reason that it will be the only one that will defend its interests if and when they are attacked.