friends are experiencing — our Bulgarian has suffered so seredly it will take generations for it to recover from the death & desolation so widely spread — I do hope England's tardy interference will not lengthen the conflict — I have no patience with her allowing the Turk & now coming forward when her commercial interests seem threatened — no more than I have with the grasping selfishness of Russia!

Now, don't be angry & call me a "Bible Turk" He de tes for any for a moral & an honest man, in independence of opinion & position can defy the world!

I used to be quite a politician — but the imbecility of the men who manage politics in these days, has put me out of conceit of keeping up a knowledge even, of their mad doings — The last American "wickedness in high places" is the passing of the Silver-bill — it makes me blush for our country!

I arrived at Washington last Tuesday eve — & have not been out of the house but once — That was on a very interesting occasion — & I was