

which have just occurred at Bitlis.

Terrell's Prompt Action.

In view of the critical situation of affairs outlined above, United States Ambassador Terrell has advised the American missionaries to withdraw temporarily from Sassoun. At the same time, Mr. Terrell has notified the Turkish Government that the United States will hold it responsible for the lives of the American missionaries. The United States Ambassador has taken a firm stand in the matter, and nothing will be left undone which will in any way insure the safety of the missionaries.

The British Charge d'Affaires, Hon. M. Herbert, has made representations of a nature identical with those of Mr. Terrell to the Porte. The result is that the Turkish officials have been quickened into doing something, and the Government has decided to send troops to protect the missionaries.

But another complication arises. The Kurds of Sassoun are only held in check by the presence of the missionaries, and they threaten to plunder the Armenians after the departure of the missionaries. Therefore, in any case, fresh troubles are feared.

The mere presence there of Turkish troops is far from being a sufficient guarantee against a repetition at Sassoun of the bloodshed which has recently occurred in Armenia.

Are Nihilists at Work?

The Armenian Patriarch has appealed to the different embassies of the powers here to intervene in time to prevent another massacre. The Turkish officials in reply again assert that all the recent outbreaks here and in Armenia are the work of the Hintchek, or Armenian Secret Society.

The Hintchek was founded about ten years ago, and its original objects were the printing and circulating of Armenian literature calculated to excite the people of Europe against Turkey. The Hintcheks are said to be Nihilists and Anarchists of the most advanced types, and their spies and agents are reported to be actively at work.

Concerning the political situation there is a feeling of the greatest uneasiness. Nobody seems to know from what direction the next clap of thunder will be heard, but there are all sorts of rumors current regarding the movements of Russian troops on the Armenian frontier, and the preparations for trouble being made by the Turkish Government.

The financial situation is so transparently weak here that the efforts of the Porte to put down insurrections in Armenia or meet more serious foes at the frontiers are terribly hampered. In any case it is considered certain that the present state of affairs cannot last much longer.

England Makes Demands.

London, Oct. 31.—A dispatch to the Times from Constantinople says: "The Sultan declines to accept the names which the Grand Vizier has suggested for the Armenian commission. He wishes to have men who are in his own confidence."

A dispatch to the Daily News from Constantinople says that the massacre at Marash has ceased, and the missionaries are safe. A demand has been made to the British Embassy and to the American Legation that relief operations at Sassoun shall cease.

The Daily News in an editorial upon the foregoing says: "This is a fresh proof of the designs entertained at the palace. To such a demand there can only be a most peremptory and contemptuous negative. Lord Salisbury's lukewarm and perfunctory references to the Armenian question (in his speech at Watford) come at a very inopportune moment."

A dispatch to the Times from Vienna states that the correspondent hears on good authority from Constantinople that the Sultan is convinced that certain powers are trying their utmost to isolate England, and that Germany will not move to save England from a diplomatic fiasco.

A dispatch from the Standard's Constantinople correspondent states that a party of Softas recently severely thrashed a Government spy and left him naked in the street.

SLAUGHTER FEARED.

Bloodshed in Armenia Seems
Bound to Be Repeated.

MINISTER TERRELL ACTS.

Warns the Porte to Look to the
Safety of American Citizens.

SULTAN HAMPERED FOR MONEY.

Report that the Disorders Will Be
Started by an Armenian Nihil-
istic Society in Moosh.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 31.—A sensation has been caused here by the report, generally believed to be correct, that three Armenian notabilities of Trebizond, including a prominent ecclesiastic, are to be executed on the ground that they are responsible for the recent rioting there. According to statements made in Armenian circles, about 800 were killed during the fighting at Bitlis with the Turks.

Advices received here from Moosh say that the leading Armenians of that locality have been conferring with the representative Turks of that neighborhood as to the means to be adopted to prevent any outbreak there. It is added that the Turks stipulated that the American missionaries who are distributing relief to the suffering people of Sassoun withdraw from there in three days; otherwise, the Turkish notabilities claim, they fear there will be a repetition of the massacres