

The newspaper which sought to discredit the facts of the massacre at Port Arthur even after they had been admitted and deplored by the Japanese Government is now trying to make out that the Armenians are getting themselves tortured and murdered for the sake of securing the intervention of Europe. Its way of getting at the "truth" was to go—of all places in the world!—to the Turkish Embassy at Rome. At this intelligent centre of disinterested information the correspondent had no difficulty in being "forced to the conclusion that the real object of those who started the agitation was to excite public opinion against Turkey by exaggerations and inventions." Nothing more reasonable has been reported since the explanation given by the wolf to the lamb of how the brook became roiled.

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The part played by the newspaper reporter in modern history is vividly recalled by the attempt made in the cable despatches of a morning paper yesterday to discredit the so-called Bulgarian atrocities of 1876. It was a newspaper reporter, MacGahan, who put an end to the Bulgarian atrocities by making them public, as it was a newspaper reporter, Creelman, who has made a repetition of the Port Arthur massacre impossible, and the world would feel better assured of a final settlement of the Armenian question if the commission of inquiry would only allow an American newspaper reporter to go along with them and tell merely the truth.

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