

HELP FOR ARMENIA.

An Appeal for One-cent Contributions in Behalf of That Country.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 25.—Herant M. Kiretschjian, Secretary of the Phil-Armenic Association of the Northwest, has issued an appeal to the people of the United States, entitled a "Thanksgiving Proclamation from Armenia," wherein he sets forth the distress of that country, and asks the American people to declare to the world on their day of national thanksgiving their indignation and sympathy. He outlines a plan for financial aid, asking contributions of a cent apiece from every person in the United States. Pending united organization the following gentlemen will act as trustees: William H. Eustace, Mayor of Minneapolis; George A. Pillsbury, E. A. Chamberlain, President of the Security Bank, Minneapolis. Men of like repute will be requested to be temporary trustees in New York.

The trustees will hold the fund inviolate, to be used for two definite objects only: To secure the protection of the Armenian people in Turkey from further outrage, and to promote the cause of establishing a righteous Government in Armenia. The Secretary asks that checks be mailed to either the Security Bank, Minneapolis; Western National Bank, New York city, or Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The *Daily News* correspondent in Constantinople says: "It is announced officially that the Turkish subjects in Sassoun are attending to their business and peaceable travellers are not disturbed. This announcement is made boldly, despite the fact that the foreign embassies know the contrary to be true. The Mufti of Mush has been decorated although he is one of the officials implicated in the recent excesses. The Armenians are anxious to know whether the powers will make united representations."

THE ARMENIAN MASSACRE.

An Explanation of the Position in Which This Government Is Placed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The President this morning received a letter from Herant M. Kiretschjian, Secretary of the Imperial Commissions to the World's Fair and a member of the Parliament of Religions. It contained the protests of the Armenian residents of Minneapolis against the recent massacre by the Turks, and a request that the United States Government take some action. An official of the State Department, who had consulted with Mr. Cleveland about it, gave an explanation of the position in which this Government is placed.

"I do not see how the President can take any action in this matter," he said. "Similar questions have been presented to him before. This country occupies a peculiar position. There is already a treaty between the great European powers by which an alliance is formed for the purpose of preventing inhumanity in Turkey and other semi-civilized nations of Europe. Of this alliance the United States, of course, is not a member, and if this Government should attempt to interfere in any way, the nations forming this league would probably request us to mind our own business, as they were able to take care of the matter themselves. The Armenians in this country should appeal to England, or some other nation forming this alliance, to take some action to prevent a recurrence of such a massacre of their countrymen as has recently taken place."