

# AMERICA WILL INQUIRE.

## Cleveland Cables to Turkey that He Has Changed His Mind.

### MILO A. JEWETT TO GO TO ARMENIA.

#### Will Be with the Sultan's Commission, but Will See for Himself and Make His Own Report.

### MORE REFUGEES ARRIVE IN ATHENS.

#### They Bring New Stories of the Barbarities of Turkish Soldiers—One Town Fired with Petroleum.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 7.—President Cleveland has cabled that he has reconsidered his decision not to send an American with the Turkish Commission appointed to inquire into the Armenian outrages, and that he will allow the American Legation here to nominate a delegate.

The Turkish Government seems eager to impress upon the powers that the United States Government was first asked to send a delegate with the Armenian Commission, but declined. The British Foreign Secretary immediately upon invitation nominated a delegate.

It is officially explained that the difficulty in Armenia originated in an insurrection in Sassoun, in which the Turkish troops were repulsed with a number killed. The Turkish authorities do not believe that the regular soldiery sent to put down the uprising committed the excesses they are accused of, though it is probable that in the operations against the rebellious villages many people were killed. This trouble, it is declared, was seized upon by the Armenians in order to get up a political agitation.

The Porte places great reliance upon an article written a year ago for the Congregationalist, published in Boston, by Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, formerly President of the Robert College here, who is thoroughly familiar with the situation. Copies of it, in pamphlet form, are being

~~sent to the powers.~~

Two transports with Turkish troops left here last Sunday for the Black Sea.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Milo A. Jewett, United States Consul at Sivas, Turkey, has been selected as the representative of the United States to join the commission of inquiry in the case of the Armenian outrages. He was born in Sivas, Asiatic Turkey, of American parents, his father being a missionary. He came to the United States in his youth, was educated in Massachusetts, became a physician, and for about eleven years was attached to the Danbury Insane Asylum. He was appointed Consul to Sivas by President Harrison in 1892.

The course pursued by the United States has been marked by great prudence and a desire to refrain as far as humanity would permit from any entanglement in European politics. As the signatory powers of the Berlin treaty at the close of the Turco-Russian war had bound themselves to look after the welfare of Christians in Turkey, unsolicited interference by the United States would have been unwarranted. So when Turkey asked United States Minister Terrell to name a member of the commission of inquiry the request was declined.

Turkey had turned first to the United States as the only Christian power whose conclusions would be likely to carry weight with the Christian world, upon whose absolute disinterestedness she could rely. The United States having declined to join in the commission, the Porte was obliged to permit European Governments to name commissioners.

Then Great Britain appealed to the United States in the interest of justice, and to insure a report above suspicion and beyond contravention by the Turks themselves, to appoint a member of the commission of inquiry. This appeal induced the President to reconsider his first decision. But, to avoid any appearance of entanglement with other powers, he decided that the American representative, while accompanying the commission, shall act with absolute independence, shall hear and see what he can in Armenia, and, instead of joining in the conclusions of the commission, shall submit a separate report to the State Department.

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 7.—An Armenian, just arrived from Hadjin, an Armenian town near Marash, which had 1,200 wooden houses, reports that on the night of Oct. 23, four Turkish officers and two gendarmes set fire to the town, using petroleum to cause the more rapid spread of the flames.

An Armenian named Merdikian Garabed cried for help. A Turkish official appealed to refused any assistance and had Garabed seized and thrown into prison. Three days later Garabed was killed and his body was thrown into the ruins of his burned house.

Two refugees from Zeitun state that Turkish troops seized Archbishop Nigohos, in the Monastery of Fournoul, near Zeitun, and eleven residents of Zeitun, and sent them in chains to Smyrna, eleven days ago.

VIENNA, Dec. 7. — Leading Austro-Hungarian papers attribute to Great Britain a desire to please Russia by agitating the Armenian affair. They declare that the massing of Russian troops on the Turkish frontier can only be done by agreement with Great Britain, which

power ought to be careful in disturbing the Eastern question.

LEXINGTON, Mass., Dec. 7. — Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, whose article in the Congregationalist has been sent to the European powers by the Turkish Government, said to-day:

"I have always said that the revolutionary movement is of Russian origin. Russian gold and craft govern it. That is my opinion still. The Armenians are so scattered in Turkey that the very idea of a revolution on their part is absurd.

"The Turkish Government is wholly inexcusable for the recent atrocities. It has been published that word was sent from Constantinople to subdue the rebellion. It would be just as reasonable to guard the wolves of Kurdistan from the attacks of the lambs from the plains. The Turkish Government shows that it knows the weakness of its position by its frantic efforts to hide the truth from Europe.

"I have a strong suspicion that the Turkish Ambassador at Washington is in league with Russia. He is a Greek, and belongs to the Greek Church. I cannot see why the Turks have sent a Greek to represent them in America."

In his article printed in the Congregationalist, Dr. Hamlin wrote, among other things:

"An Armenian 'revolution party' (the Huntchagist party) is causing great evil and suffering to the missionary work and to the whole Christian population of certain parts of the Turkish empire. It is a secret organization, and is managed with a skill in deceit which is known only in the East. \* \* \*

"A very intelligent Armenian \* \* \* assured me that they (the revolutionists) have the strongest hopes of preparing the way for Russia's entrance to Asia Minor to take possession. In answer to the question 'How?' he replied:

"These Huntchagist bands, organized all over the empire, will watch their opportunities to kill Turks and Kurds, set fire to their villages and then make their escape into the mountains. The enraged Moslems will then rise and fall upon the defenseless Armenians and slaughter them with such barbarities that Russia will enter in the name of humanity and Christian civilization and take possession."

"When I denounced the scheme as atrocious and infernal beyond anything ever known, he candidly replied:

"It appears so to you, no doubt, but we Armenians are determined to be free. Europe listened to the Bulgarian horrors and made Bulgaria free. She will listen to our cry when it goes up in the shrieks and blood of millions of women and children." \* \* \*

"I have made the mildest possible disclosure of only a few of the abominations of this Huntchagist revolutionary party. It is of Russian origin, Russian gold and craft govern it."