

THE PRESIDENT ACCEPTS.

He Will Permit an Independent American Representative to Accompany the Proposed American Commission.

[BY CABLE TO THE HERALD.]

LONDON, Dec. 7, 1894.--A despatch from Constantinople says that the Sultan yesterday despatched an invitation to the President of the United States to participate, through a representative, in the mixed commission of the Powers to visit Armenia and investigate conditions there. President Cleveland declined the invitation, but intimated a willingness to permit an American representative to accompany the proposed commission in an independent capacity. The Sultan thereupon cabled to the President, inviting the appointment of such a representative, and to-day learned that the United States would accept the modified invitation.

The Daily News will say to-morrow that Milo A. Jewett, United States Consul in Sivas, has been instructed from Washington to attend the commission of inquiry in Armenia, while maintaining a strictly independent attitude toward representatives of European Powers.

The Morning Post prints this despatch from Constantinople:—"Great Britain was asked at the same time with the United States to appoint a member of the Armenian Commission. The Washington government assented immediately; then Mr. Cleveland telegraphed that he had reconsidered the matter. Great Britain, the United States and Turkey are still in communication, but nothing final has been arranged.

WHAT THE PORTE SAYS.

"The Porte again explains that the trouble originated in an Armenian outbreak against Turkish authority, accompanied by conflicts between Armenians and Kurds. Troops were sent to repress the disorders. It is said, and possibly in executing their orders they killed a number of people, but the alleged murders and outrages are deemed wholly improbable, inasmuch as 'Turkish troops would only fight against armed rebels.'"

A deputation from the Armenian Society called to-day at the Russian, French, German, Austrian and Italian embassies and presented a petition appealing to the Powers to remember the pledges taken by them in the Berlin treaty.

MR. JEWETT APPOINTED.

The United States Consul at Sivas Selected to Attend the Inquiry.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 7, 1894. }

President Cleveland has appointed a special commissioner to participate in the investigation of the alleged Armenian massacre. He is Milo A. Jewett, Consul of the United States at Sivas, Turkey. This action of the President was taken most reluctantly, as it was his desire to keep the United States from participation in any investigation which might result in an infringement of the policy of "No entangling foreign alliances."

When Great Britain asked the United States some weeks ago to join with other nations in appointing representatives to accompany the Turkish Commission, the State Department sent a note of regret that it could not comply. Turkey, however, since that time has requested this government to send a delegate, and the President consented and appointed Mr. Jewett.

A PRESSING INVITATION.

In her request to this government the Turkish government stated that it particularly wanted its participation, because she knew that the United States had no desire for territorial aggrandizement. She felt sure that the report of an American commissioners would be acted upon in an impartial manner.

It was upon the representation of the Turkish government that the President reconsidered his decision. He did so, however, only on the express stipulation that Mr. Jewett would not be considered as a member of the delegation appointed by the several Powers. Consent, however, has been obtained to have Mr. Jewett go along with the commission during its travels and be present at all its sessions.

MR. JEWETT'S QUALIFICATIONS.

Mr. Jewett is particularly well qualified for his duties. He was born of American parents in Turkey, but was educated in the United States. He is thoroughly familiar with the people, language and customs of the Turks and Armenians, and it is believed will make impartial reports. He was appointed Consul at Sivas by President Harrison, and has performed his duties up to the present time to the credit of himself and the satisfaction of the government.