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THE SULTAN AND THE POPE.

**Abdul-Hamid Begs the Support of His Holiness
in the Armenian Question.**

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

ROME, Jan. 24, 1895.—The HERALD a few days ago published a statement to the effect that the Sultan has begged the Pope to intervene in the Armenian question.

A cardinal whom I questioned in regard to the matter confirmed the authenticity of this news. The Turkish Consulate, it is true, denies any knowledge of the affair, but this proves nothing, as the request of the Sultan was conveyed to the Pope, not by the Turkish Embassy, but through the intermediary of the Armenian Catholic Patriarch at Constantinople, Mgr. Azarian. The news in question has already been published in the Arab press, but in an inexact form.

The Arab journals pretend that the Sultan asked for the arbitrament of the Pope, which is not the case. What the Sultan desires is this:—He wishes the Pope, through his Nuncios, to demonstrate to the Powers of Europe that the reports of the massacres in Armenia have been garbled by the European press, that there have been no massacres, properly speaking, but only legitimate repression.

I need not say that the Pope has refused to accede to the request of the Sultan. However, Leo XIII. is obliged to keep on good terms with the Turkish government, for he has need of its support to realize his projects in regard to the churches in the East.

A COURTEOUS REFUSAL.

Accordingly his refusal has been accompanied by expressions of great civility toward Abdul-Hamid. The Vatican maintains a very neutral attitude on the Armenian question.

A high ecclesiastical personage informed me in this connection that the Pope wished to give satisfaction both to the Sultan and to the Armenians—a somewhat difficult task. The Pope recognizes that there are certain reforms necessary in Armenia, but he will not and cannot openly take part against the Sultan. The best thing for His Holiness to do is to abstain from taking a side, and to await the result of the inquiry undertaken in Armenia. If the reports prove the authenticity of the massacres the Pope will consider what attitude he ought to take.

It is in this sense, I believe, that Leo XIII. has



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replied to Abdul-Hamid. I ought, however, to state that the Pope is personally very much flattered by the request of the Sultan, a request which proves the high moral position which the Papacy occupies in Europe, and the universal prestige which it enjoys.

TURKEY AND HER ARMENIAN TROUBLES.

[BY CABLE TO THE HERALD.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 14, 1895.—The government denies the report, published abroad a week ago, that there have been anti-Christian outrages in Beyrout and Sidon recently.

In response to the requests of the Ambassadors and their complaints of violence and assassination in the city's streets, the Porte has promised effective measures to protect life and property. The police have been strengthened and mounted patrols have been added to the force.

The Governor of Beyrout has informed the British Consul that tourists and others will not be allowed to go to the interior without special permits from the Porte.