

The President to-day sent to the Senate, in compliance with its resolution, the information possessed by the Executive branch of the Government regarding the disturbances in Armenia. In his letter of transmission the President says that he has "no information concerning cruelties committed upon Armenians in Turkey, or upon persons because of their being Christians, except such as has been derived from newspaper reports, and statements emanating from the Turkish Government denying such cruelties, and two telegraphic reports from our Minister at Constantinople." One of these reports, dated Nov. 28, 1894, says that the stories in American papers of Turkish atrocities at Sassoun are "sensational and exaggerated." The other despatch, dated Dec. 2, 1894, says that there was "far more loss of lives in Armenia attended with atrocities than stated in the telegram of the 28th." The President adds:

I have received absolutely no information concerning any cruelties committed "upon citizens who have declared their intention to become naturalized in this country" or upon any persons who have a right to claim or have claimed for any reason the protection of the United States Government.

In the absence of such authentic detailed knowledge on the subject as would justify our interference, no "expostulations have been addressed by this Government to the Government of Turkey in regard to such matters."

Regarding the first proposal by the Sultan to the United States Government that it send a Consul with a Turkish commission to investigate the alleged atrocities in Armenia, the President says that it was declined on the ground that the protection of Armenia was guaranteed by the treaty of Berlin, to which this Government was not a party, and that acceptance of the proposal might be embarrassing to the powers which are bound by that treaty. The President adds:

On the same day, and after this declination had been sent, our Minister at Constantinople forwarded his second despatch tending to modify his former report, and at the same time the request of the Sultan for our participation in the investigation was repeated, and Great Britain, one of the powers which joined in the treaty of Berlin, made a like request. In view of changed conditions it was determined to send Mr. Jewett, our Consul at Sivas, to the scene of the alleged outrages, not for the purpose of joining with any other government in an investigation and report, but to the end that he might be able to inform this Government as to the exact truth.

Secretary Gresham's letter to the President accompanying the despatches is in essence the same as the President's letter to the Senate.

## DR. C. HAMLIN ANSWERED.

### The Uprisings of the Armenians Due Directly to Turkish Oppression.

To the Editor of The World:

"Guilty Turk" has at last found a drop of water in certain passages in the article of Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, printed in

the Congregationalist, to use as an extinguisher of the great fire of indignation which has burst forth throughout the civilized world in consequence of the most cruel brutalities committed upon thousands of Armenian Christians.

We are accused by Dr. C. Hamlin of causing great hindrance to missionary work and great suffering in certain parts of the Turkish empire. Dr. Cyrus Hamlin having departed from Turkey for his native land, America, more than fifteen years ago, has but very little knowledge of the outrages committed upon the Armenians in the interior of Asia Minor. Guided by an interview had with a "very intelligent Armenian," as he calls him, he has, without further investigation, arrived at the conclusion that the Henschagist Society is of Russian origin, and that it is governed by Russian gold and craft. This is far from being true. The outburst of Armenians in Armenia rests solely upon the treatment they have received at the hands of Turks and Kurds.

Armenians have bowed their heads for generations, but the more they submitted the worse were they treated. Desperation followed continual outrages and murders; men, women and children sought death in defense of their honor. This is not of Russian origin. Its origin is in human nature and in high moral character.

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