

SPY IN THE MIDST.

Armenians of Malden Are Closely Watched.

Traitor in Boston and Identity Known.

Would Get a Hot Reception If Discovered.

Miss Alice Blackwell Attacks Gen. Lew Wallace.

With a supposed spy in the camp, the Armenians in Malden are decidedly uneasy. Many have come to this country to escape the terrible atrocities that the Turks are said to be perpetrating. While the fugitives personally fear no danger in this country they are very anxious for the safety of their friends and families at home, which are apparently endangered by those who are here taking any prominent part in or even attending the meetings which are being held all over the country in protest of the outrages.

The Spy Announced.

Recently at a large mass meeting in Malden one of the speakers startled the whole audience by boldly stating that there was a spy in the hall, an Armenian who was keeping the Sultan of Turkey informed of the doings at their gatherings. It was said that he had a list of those who were prominent in disclaiming the cruelties and endeavoring to rouse the people of this country to resent the alleged butchery of naturalized Armenians.

Ever since that announcement there has been great excitement in Malden among the Armenians, who fully realize what it meant to them and their friends to have a spy following them about and sending the information to the Sultan. The friends of that race in Malden have been more or less troubled, and there has been a general watchfulness on the part of everybody to ascertain, if possible, the identity of the spy.

Failed to Get Tidings From Home.

At the outset it was hard to conceive that the person suspected was an Armenian, but when it was said that he was a Malden man of that race, there was decided interest manifested in the work of the watchers, who were bound, if possible, to run the spy down; and many were the threats made against him if he should be found. It was necessarily discouraging work to ferret out this spy. There was false rumor upon false rumor until the people were ready to believe almost anything.

One circumstance that led the Malden Armenians to believe that there was a man watching their movements was the fact that many of those who came from places near the ill-fated territory where the tragic events are said to have occurred, and who have been accustomed to receive letters from their homes, have for 10 weeks past failed to get any tidings whatever from home. These poor Armenians are almost frantic with grief, as they have grave fears for the safety of their friends, whom they believe have either been killed or imprisoned by the Turks out of revenge upon the Malden Armenians for the part they have taken in the protest.

Spy's Identity Becomes Known.

There are many people in Malden who appear to be well informed, and they can hardly believe that any of the Malden Armenians is a spy, and yet they will admit that such a thing might be possible.

When it was given out Saturday that the

identity of the spy had been revealed and that he had been given 24 hours to get out of town, there was much excitement, and everybody was trying to find the man, and had he been located he would have received rough treatment.

There are about 100 Armenians in Malden, and they are generally considered peaceable and good citizens, beside being very industrious. They have neat homes and are nearly all connected with some of the churches. Most of them are employed in the Boston Rubber Shoe Company's factories at Edgeworth and the Fells, and earn large pay weekly.

The Journal man visited nearly all of them on Saturday night and Sunday to learn if the Malden spy was a myth or a reality. He found pleasant and agreeable people who knew the meaning of the word hospitality. Their dwellings are well furnished, and in almost every one the Bible was in a prominent place.

No Treachery in Their Midst.

In one house the reporter found the Armenian minister, who is a graduate of Harvard College, teaching an aged woman the word out of the family Bible. When asked concerning the spy, the residents were rather reluctant about talking, but all were certain that such a person had been in their midst, and that he came from Boston. None of them would believe any of their number in Malden would be so treacherous as to act the part of a detective, but they all admitted that it was a possibility for such a thing to happen. They informed the Journal man that there was a spy in Boston, who in turn was being watched, and they readily gave his name, at the same time saying that he was a servant in a well-known establishment that was mentioned. He is described as being of medium height and build, middle-aged and wholly unlike any of his countrymen in Malden, who are most all of very dark complexion. He is said to be sandy, with a red moustache and red hair.

Four of the Sultan's Emissaries.

This person and three others are known to be Turkish spies, and are being closely watched, so that every movement is known. It was further asserted by one gentleman that the American Board of Foreign Missions is deeply interested in this matter, and that in a few days the press would be given pictures and full descriptions of the emissaries with instructions to be carried out as safeguards against possible danger. The Journal man was also informed that the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions was well posted upon this phase of the Armenian situation, both in America and in Armenia, and that he also would startle the people in a few days with some valuable information that he would give out.

At present it is a fact that nobody, either Armenian or Turk, or man of any other nationality, has been given 24 hours to leave Malden on account of being a spy, because the Malden police have heard absolutely nothing of such a thing, and this is good evidence that it is a false report. But it is safe to say that there was positively a spy in the audience that evening in the mass meeting, for the speakers were warned of his presence, and Mrs. Alice Stone Blackwell made the public announcement that startled the whole city, but she was unable to point the man out to the audience. Furthermore, it is stated on good authority that if such a spy should be found in Malden, he would be railroaded out of the city, and very quickly at that.

WALLACE OVERHAULED.

His Position on Armenian Question Criticised by Miss Alice Blackwell.

At a meeting upon the Armenian question held at the Young Men's Union Sunday evening, Miss Alice Stone Blackwell made a spirited attack upon the sentiments expressed by Gen. Lew Wallace in his recent lectures upon Armenia. She controverted the three statements of Gen. Wallace that the Turks favored religious toleration, respected women, and that the present Sultan loved America.

"Gen. Lew Wallace has a large imagination," she said, "but his experience of Armenia was gained during his short life in Constantinople, and Constantinople is hardly a proper place in which to obtain knowledge on this question. The Sultan had a habit of entertaining royally distinguished foreign visitor, and it is evident that he succeeded completely in taking in Gen. Wallace.

"It is no use of the Sultan's saying that he loves America when he treats Americans as he does. The President should send a Consul to Armenia, Sultan or no Sultan, and there should be a complete investigation."

Mr. M. H. Gulesian, a native of Armenia, also spoke, giving an interesting account of the country and describing graphically the oppression and tyranny of the Turks.

HEARTRENDING APPEAL.

Phil-Armenic Association Lays Its Case Before the President.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Herant M. Kiretchjian of Minneapolis, Secretary of the Phil-Armenic Association, is in Washington for the purpose of presenting to the President and Secretary of State the memorial of the association, asking the intervention of our Government in behalf of persecuted relatives and friends in Armenia. Today Mr. Kiretchjian, on behalf of the association, sent the following cablegrams:

"To Her Majesty Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Empress of India: Long life to your Majesty. There is blood upon the British crown. By court martial of the Government which England supports, witnesses of the massacre in Armenia are now being murdered. God help your Majesty's Government to redeem the honor of the British Church and State."

"To His Imperial Majesty, Czar of all the Russias: All health to your Majesty. Murderers sitting in mock court martial continue to slaughter helpless Armenians before the eyes of Europe. The Berlin treaty is dipped in blood and shame in Armenia, with the great name of Russia upon it. God grant your Majesty wisdom and power to redeem the honor of holy Russia and defend the oppressed."

Speaking of the reported killing of would-be witnesses to the outrages upon their countrymen in Armenia, Mr. Kiretchjian was deeply moved. He said: "The Armenians are everywhere horrified at the sight of Europe leaving the helpless Armenians in the hands of murderers like Zekki Pasha and his band to be put through the farce of trial for sedition and murdered in cold blood. Those fiends are supposed to be themselves on trial before the civilized world through the deplorably tardy investigations. Where can you find a sadder sight and more criminal apathy than all Europe looking on without even a protest, while the accused proceed to murder all who might possibly be brave enough to testify against them and show the inhuman barbarity of their foul outrages? This is the most horrible chapter of the whole disaster since the black days of Sassoun, for the devilish cruelty of tortures inflicted by the Turkish officials upon Christians in such cases passes all description, and the very thought should awaken all Europe to call a halt and put an end to this nightmare of arrests and trials of numberless Armenians, whose hearts are already bleeding. There is a just God in heaven, and the powers upon whom rests the awful responsibility for all this cruel bloodshed should fear his vengeance."

SYMPATHY FOR ARMENIA.

**Mass Meeting Held at Lowell Addressed
by Gov. Greenhalge.**

(Special Dispatch to the Boston Journal.)

Lowell, Mass., Jan. 13.—A mass meeting to protest against the Armenian outrages was attended by several hundred people in the Elliot Church tonight. Gov. Greenhalge was one of several speakers. He said that the State and nation protested against the action of Turkey, and wanted it understood that Armenia had the sympathy of America, and that they would do what they could by Christian influence to have the treaty of Berlin carried out.
