

SERIES OF MASSACRES PLANNED.

Turkey's Extraordinary Quarantine Precautions Against Cholera Have a Sinister Significance.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The World correspondent called Secretary of State Gresham's attention to-day to The World's despatch reporting that Mrs. Markarian, wife of a jeweller of Fresno, Cal., is held captive in Moosh for fear she might come to America and tell the truth about Turkish outrages in

Armenia. Mr. Gresham refused to talk on the subject.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 18.—A letter from a part of Turkey remote from points hitherto heard from regarding atrocities in Armenia says:

"The extraordinary quarantine precautions taken by the hitherto immovable Turk with regard to cholera that was still far away, have now been explained by the tidings from Moosh. There is very strong evidence that a general massacre or series of massacres of Christians has been understood by local governments to be the order of the day. An energy is displayed by the Government in recent efforts to encompass Christians and cut off their names and existence that points to a newly formed plan to be put into execution with as little waste of time as possible.

"A Protestant woman in Y. was assaulted by three Turks. They were tried in F. and found guilty, but the infamous court in S., under the influence of the still more infamous Governor, reversed the judgment and released the guilty men. For this state of things there is no remedy. No appeal can be made, and such crimes will become more frequent than ever.

"Terror and amazement have taken hold of the people to such an extent within the past few months as to become manifest even in their countenances. Attempts have been made by officers and soldiers to draw Christians into a quarrel, but so far have failed. Moslem officers are taking possession of the property of Christians and doing just as they please, without regard to law or justice."

MARSEILLES, Feb. 18. — Advices from Constantinople report that Great Britain, France and Russia have instructed Ambassadors to demand that a new Governor-General for Kurdistan be appointed immediately. The British Ambassador has demanded the recall of Bhari Pasha, Governor of Van.