

TURKEY GAINS A POINT.

Traces of the Massacre in Armenia Are Hidden by the Snow.

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Great Indignation Meeting Called to Be Held To-Morrow Night in London.

BAKRI PASHA RENEWS PERSECUTION.

Kurd Governor of Van Devastates Villages and Maltreats Peasants Whom He Pronounced Rebels.

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(Special Cable Despatch to The World.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Public feeling is now thoroughly aroused over the atrocities in Armenia. A great indignation meeting is called for Monday night in London.

Mr. Hagopian, the President of the Armenian Patriotic Association, informed The World correspondent to-day that the Porte has already gained one important point by the delay in despatching the commission of inquiry. The plain of Moosh and the whole of the Sassoun district is now covered with snow from four to six feet deep, completely destroying all traces of carnage, burying the bodies of the murdered Armenians and rendering effectual personal investigation at the scenes of the massacre impossible.

If the commission fails to satisfy the Armenians they certainly will demand to be placed under the protection of Russia.

MORE ATROCITIES IN VAN.

Villages Laid Waste and Peasants Cruelly Treated Last Month by Bakri Pasha, the Kurd Governor.

ATHENS, Dec. 15.—The Armenian refugees received information to-day that Bakri Pasha, the Kurd Governor of Van, went, on Nov. 14, to the district of Erdjekl and laid the Armenian villages of Bohazkesen and Hezare in ruins.

His troops, it is also said, committed excesses, and then seized and cruelly maltreated 126 peasants and imprisoned them at Van, on the ground that they were insurgents.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 15.—The Porte's proposal that Consuls of Great Britain, Russia and France act with the Armenian commission appointed to investigate the reported atrocities

of the Turkish soldiery in Armenia was prompted by Great Britain's representations. But it is now stated that those Consuls will only follow the commission and make suggestions regarding the presence and examination of witnesses. The Consuls will not sit with the commission, but their presence is expected to reassure the public.

The Porte will be officially informed of instructions to the Consuls by their Governments and a formal request for permission to send them with the commission will be made.

It is stated that Fuad Pasha, the Ottoman envoy selected to congratulate the Czar upon his accession to the throne and charged to reassure the Czar regarding the nature of the Armenian inquiry, started for St. Petersburg yesterday, after having delayed his departure far beyond a reasonable time after appointment. The delay is said to have been due to the Czar's displeasure at the reports of the atrocities in Armenia and at the composition of the commission appointed by the Porte to investigate.

Fuad Pasha takes with him presents from the Sultan to the Czar and the Chefakat Order for the Czarina.

THERE MAY BE NO INQUIRY.

Washington Rather Expects Notice from Turkey that the Commission Will Not Be Sent Out.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—United States Consul Jewett, at Sivas, may yet go as a private American citizen with the commission to investigate the Armenian massacre.

The story that the Sultan of Turkey has withdrawn his invitation to the United States to be represented in the investigation is not true. There is no change in the situation so far as this Government is concerned. That a change is brewing in the situation in Turkey respecting the commission there is little doubt.

It is known that the Sultan is much displeased because he is not having his way in the personnel of the commission, and is meeting with considerable opposition in his effort to keep it entirely subjected to the Turkish influence. England, it can be stated, refuses to submit to conditions imposed by the Sultan and there is a serious hitch.

The tenor of Turkey's last cable despatch was not such as would lead this Government to believe that Mr. Jewett would not be allowed to accompany the commission. Mr. Jewett's appointment has therefore not been cancelled, because in the first place he was never given an appointment, and in the second it is not at all certain that Turkey will in the end object to his being one of the investigators.

A cable despatch from Turkey announcing that the investigation will not take place can be said to be expected here.
