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TROUBLES IN THE TURKISH EMPIRE.

MORE WHOLESALE MASSACRES.

10,000 VICTIMS IN THIRTY DAYS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Monday night.—The American Minister to Turkey, Mr. Terrell, sent a communication to-day to the Grand Vizier, stating that in view of the position of affairs he regretted his inability to at once make his congratulatory call on the occasion of his Highness's appointment, but he felt that he must lay diplomatic usage aside in order to demand adequate protection for the Americans in Asia Minor. He, however, proposed to call on his Highness the following day. The American missionaries, the Revs. Herrick, Peet, and Dwight, have issued an earnest appeal to their fellow-countrymen for aid in relief of the widespread destitution among the Armenians. It is estimated that 250,000 Armenians, scattered throughout the ravaged districts, are actually starving. This appeal is cordially endorsed by Mr. Terrell, who expresses the opinion that over

10,000 PERSONS HAVE BEEN MASSACRED

during the last thirty days. In addition, the Minister fears that the worst outrages which have been perpetrated in a number of localities have been, and probably will be, unreported. Fresh arrests were made here yesterday, the victims being not solely Armenians, but also Turks suspected of wavering loyalty. At the Palace the state of uneasiness is as accentuated as ever, and the Imperial yacht lying opposite is kept ready to start at any moment, steam being always up. Fresh massacres, accompanied by pillaging of Armenian dwellings, have occurred in the provinces, and it is reported that in all a thousand persons have been killed in the neighbourhood of Angora, and round about Pala, some fifty miles to the north of Diarbekr.—*Central News*.

FOUR JESUIT FATHERS MURDERED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Tuesday.—The Porte continues its efforts to restore order, and with this object has despatched two generals to take command of the troops at Erzeroum and Bitlis. Considerable difficulties, partly due to the financial situation and partly to the extension of the revolutionary movement in Syria, are, however, experienced by the Government in carrying out the proposed military measures, one being that the Redifs who were recently called out refuse to leave their homes from fear of being attacked by the Druses. Meanwhile, the news from the provinces continues unsatisfactory. Disturbances attended by bloodshed are reported from Malatia, where a number of persons were killed, including four Jesuit fathers who were under French protection. The disorders are believed to have been instigated by Kurds from the district of Dersim, who have never been subjugated. Trouble is also announced from the district of Cesarea, but there are no details. Advices from Moush state that a great panic prevails there owing to the Kurdish movement. With reference to the state of affairs in the Zeitun district the authorities promise that the Armenians shall not be molested and shall be allowed to return to their villages if they surrender the Turkish prisoners and the arms and ammunition captured by them.—*Reuter*.

SPREAD OF THE ZEITUN INSURRECTION.

COLOGNE, Wednesday.—The Constantinople correspondent of the *Cologne Gazette* asserts that the insurrection is rapidly spreading in the district of Zeitun since the invested garrison laid down its arms. Up to the present moment no reinforcements whatever have arrived, and in view of the gravity of the situation the Turkish authorities have decided to mobilize numerous Redif battalions. In districts between Erzeroum and Trebizond the whole of the Christian teachers of Armenian nationality have been massacred.—*Central News*.

THE DESPATCH OF AN ITALIAN SQUADRON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ROME, Wednesday.—The Italian squadron ordered to Turkish waters is composed of the first-class cruisers *Umberto* and *Andrea Doria*, the second-class cruisers *Stromboli* and *Etruria*, and the command is entrusted to Admiral Accini, one of the King's naval aides-de-camp. His orders are to join the English squadron and to protect Europeans and foreign representatives. He is also to act in accord with the English Admiral in any demonstration or action. The Council of Ministers has confirmed the decision with respect to the despatch of the squadron, and the necessary orders will be at once forwarded to Admiral Accini.