

# IN THE SULTAN'S CLUTCHES.

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**Peter Barsum Is an American Citizen by Adoption, but That Does Not Protect Him in Armenia.**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 30.—Peter Barsum, a naturalized American citizen, is detained by the Turkish Government in Armenia. He came to America nine years ago and settled in Roxbury. He returned to Armenia last February to visit his mother.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Letters from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to missionaries in Turkey were opened by the Turkish officials before being delivered.

The board has learned that Christian papers printed in the Sultan's dominions have been obliged to publish a general official denial of reports sent abroad of outrages in Armenia and a statement that such disturbances as have occurred were caused by Armenian bandits.

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## IN MEMORY OF SLAIN ARMENIANS.

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**Dr. Depew Says that Gladstone's Speech on Armenia Is the Talk of Every European Cabinet.**

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, at Forty-fourth street and Madison avenue, was crowded last night at the special services in memory of the Armenians massacred by Turkish soldiers two months ago. Rev. Dr. David H. Greer, the rector, conducted the services.

Dr. Chauncey M. Depew spoke. He declared that it was the duty of every public-spirited person to protest against the massacre. Europe, he thought, was too slow in avenging such a wholesale slaughter.

He also said that Gladstone's speech on Armenia, delivered to the Armenian delegation that had come to Hawarden to congratulate him on his eighty-fifth birthday, had awakened all Europe, had aroused the young Emperor and Czar, and was the one subject of talk in all the Cabinets.

"But most befitting is it," he continued, "that America should raise her voice in mighty protest, she who has been the asylum for the oppressed of every country."

Resolutions were adopted expressing the congregation's hearty good will and Godspeed to those in Europe who are endeavoring to investigate the Armenian outrages, and bring the perpetrators

to justice.

A letter from Bishop Potter was read, wherein he says that he is an adherent to the Monroe doctrine as far as national intervention is concerned, but is heartily in accord with individual protest against the Armenia butcheries.

Rev. Abraham Yochanon, the assistant pastor of St. Bartholomew's, spoke to his Armenian fellow-countrymen in their native tongue. Rev. Dr. McChrew, who has spent some years in Armenia, also spoke.

Archdeacon Tiffany, who represented Bishop Potter, read the final prayer and pronounced the benediction.

### Newspaper Brutality.

To the Editor of The World:

I never witnessed anything quite so heartless and contemptible as the attempt of a big New York contemporary of yours to discredit the Armenian appeal for aid against those who have been slaughtering them and are ready to do it again. While all Europe and America stand convinced that the stories of Turkish brutality and lust are true, this paper gets a statement from the Turkish Embassy at Rome, and then has the effrontery to tell us that the Armenians have been claiming that their wives and daughters have been despoiled by Kurdish devils merely in order to further Armenian political plots! I have seen several Armenian gentlemen in America, and, taking them as samples of their countrymen, I should pronounce it quite impossible for Armenians to defile the fair fame of their women in such a fashion. A newspaper, like a woman, is either very good or it is despicable. And when it sets out to lie and make mischief, God help its victims!

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