

OSCANYAN'S CRY FOR AID

The Armenian Patriarch Calls on America to Avenge the Turkish Outrages.

Europe Ignores the Berlin Treaty and Armenia's Only Hope Is the United States.

The venerable Oscanyan Effendi, Patriarch of the Armenian Colony in America, has issued an address to his Armenian compatriots, on the subject of the recent massacres in that country, which will be delivered at the mass meeting of Armenians, to be held in Cooper Union Saturday evening next. It says:

"My Fellow Countrymen: From my sick-room I address you, for although worn out by long and severe illness, I cannot keep silent with the knowledge that the darkest of all her calamities has befallen our beloved country.

"Thousands of our brothers and sisters lie dead, the victims of Turkish barbarity, and an atrocity has been enacted that has made the whole civilized world shudder, and our own hearts grow faint with apprehensions for those who remain to suffer. The cruel massacre in Sassoun, the butchery of a defenseless people, the violation and slaughter of hundreds of helpless women, and the unheard of ferocity that even impaled innocent babes, furnishes a bloody climax to the long list of unredressed wrongs our people have suffered at Moslem hands. The blood of our murdered brothers, our slaughtered sisters and their impaled children cries aloud to heaven for vengeance upon a nation at whose crime all Europe stands aghast.

"Such a deed should invoke upon its perpetrators the swiftest and most complete vengeance of which the combined forces of civilization are capable. No government making the slightest claim to a Christian civilization can afford to ignore or extenuate the slaughter in cold blood by a semi-barbarian power of over 6,000 helpless Christian subjects of that power. Surely, the wrath of the Almighty would be kindled against any government that would remain silent or inactive in the face of such a hideous crime.

"We appeal to the Government of the United States as a leading and stalwart representative of civilization, as an agency of humanity, to intervene for the purpose of summoning the Ottoman power to an accounting for this dread atrocity. My own heart bleeds in sympathy for those martyred ones, victims of Moslem fury and lust. My pen trembles as I write the words that depict their fate, caged, betrayed, and butchered like cattle in the shambles; outraged at the step of the altar, slain under the very arms of the cross to which they had cried for succor.

"Justice demands that the Government which affords us shelter and asylum shall stretch out its strong arm to bring the savage Moslem power before the tribunal of nations, there to answer for its enormities. And if further horrors are to be rendered impossible this must be done quickly. Brothers, human redress has failed us before. When we applied to the sympathy of nations England made a mock of our sufferings by the mere pretense of sympathy; the other powers of Europe, equally for political reasons, have ignored the sacred pledge of the treaty of Berlin and have stood silent while our dear ones perished. Now, let this great, free enlightened Government of the United States take the initiative and once more demonstrate to the world its love of freedom and its devotion to the cause of human rights.

"The utter extinction of a power so barbarous, inhuman and relentless as Turkey all through history has shown itself to be, would be a blessing to the world. I may not see that glad day, nor may you, my brothers but pray God our children shall see it. It is written in the decrees that the slayer of women and children, the arch-enemy of religious freedom, the foe that has sworn to extinguish Christianity, and the most dissolute and degraded power that has ever disgraced the face of the earth, will disappear, crushed and obliterated by a strong, humane and just civilization.

"Heaven speed the day!

"OSCANYAN."

ARMENIAN AGITATION IN LONDON.

Lord Kimberley Refuses to Receive a Deputation—A Public Meeting to Be Organized.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Lord Kimberley, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has declined to receive the Armenian deputation who wished to protest against the conduct of the Turks in the Sassoun massacre.

In his reply to the Armenian association he says that he cannot comply with the request for the consular reports on affairs in the Sassoun district. He expresses approval of the Sultan's decision to send a commissioner to Sassoun, adding that Sir Philip Currie is impressing upon the Sublime Porte the importance of making the inquiry prompt, thorough and impartial.

The Armenians are much displeased with Lord Kimberley's reticence. They will hold a public meeting on Nov. 27 to protest against the cruelty shown by Turks to Armenians in Asia Minor.

In an interview this evening M. Nazarbek, the Armenian leader, and editor of the Hemtchak, who is now in London, says that he was recently advised to leave Athens, after the Turkish authorities had succeeded in obtaining the release of an agent who had been arrested for suborning a man to murder him.

He has received letters, he says, confirming the information laid before Lord Kimberley last week by Mr. G. Hagopian,

chairman of the Armenian Patriotic Association. He expressed his distrust of the inquiry into the Armenian atrocities set on foot by the Turkish Government, and declared his belief that the commission appointed by the Sultan will not really seek the truth or endeavor to get at the facts of the horrors.

M. Nazarbek intends to ask that an English commission be appointed to investigate the affair.

The Turkish prisons at St. Jean d'Acre, Angora, Constantinople and elsewhere are now filled with Armenians of the best classes, and there is nothing left for the

Armenians, he says, but revolt, and that is likely to occur any day.

HARTFORD, Nov. 21.—A letter received to-day by Malcen Aghamalia, an Armenian of this city, shows how the Kurds obtained the weapons with which they massacred the Christians in Armenia.

The Turkish Government called the Kurd chieftains to Constantinople and make a compact with them, by which thirty-three leaders was each made a commander of a regiment of 1,000 men. These troops were armed with the best Martini-Henry rifles in place of their ancient flint locks. It was with these arms that the massacre was conducted.

The Armenians in this city will protest to the President against the outrages.