

'ARMENIANS NOT PROTECTED.

Even Those with American Citizenship Papers Say that They Have Been Abused in Turkey.

Armenians in this city were much disturbed yesterday over a reported communication received by their compatriots in Hartford a day or two ago from the State Department in Washington. The communication was in the nature of a reply to a letter from the Armenian Society in Hartford calling the attention of the Government to outrages perpetrated on Armenian-Americans who returned to Turkey on business or to visit relatives. It is said to have declared that Armenians came to this country for the sole purpose of acquiring citizenship in order that they might return to Turkey and foment strife under the protection of the United States Government. It is also said to have stated that Armenian-Americans had no business to return to Turkey at any time.

Armenag Mezadoorian, of No. 383 Third avenue, who, with Gregor Kuzerian, returned to Turkey to visit his mother in October, 1893, carried with him his naturalization papers, but Kuzerian had only a passport from the Turkish Consul here. At Salonica, in Roumelia, Mezadoorian said, they were thrown into prison. A United States Consul was appealed to, but before the red tape could be gone through the prisoners were removed secretly to a distant place and there chained in dungeons. After two months, when \$2,000 he had, was gone, Mezadoorian was released. Missionaries got up a purse for him to return to America. Kuzerian was released from prison, but has no money to get back with. It is the belief of all Armenians in this country that the Sultan has spies here.

PERSONAL AND PERTINENT.

The Sultan of Turkey begins to realize that this is a bad year for pantatas. The World's readers in Turkey will never see this paragraph, but truth, crushed to earth, will finally down the Sultan.