

# TERRELL SEES THE GRAND YIZIER.

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If Turkey Refuses to Allow Jewett to Go to  
Armenia He May Be Ordered  
There Anyhow.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 21.—United States Minister Terrell had a long interview yesterday with the Grand Vizier, Gen. Djevad Pasha, during which the question of sending an American delegate with the Turkish commission appointed to inquire into the reported outrages in Armenia is stated to have been definitely settled.

The result of this conference is not

obtainable here, but it is believed that Mr. Terrell has sent a cable message on the subject to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Minister Terrell's latest report to the State Department indicates that the Porte is still firm in its opposition to the inquiry proposed to be made into the Armenian outrages by United States Consul Jewett under the conditions prescribed by the President.

It is probable that the United States Minister will persist in his efforts to induce the Porte to yield, and if it should refuse to do so that Mr. Jewett will still undertake the inquiry with which he is charged and the Turkish Government will be held responsible for his safety.

LONDON, Dec. 22—4 A. M.—An Odessa despatch says the Russian papers discuss seriously a telegram sent from London stating that the Duke of Teck is mentioned as Prince of a proposed autonomous Armenian State.

### The Provocation to Massacre.

To the Editor of The World:

I have read with great interest in today's World Creelman's account of the taking of Port Arthur.

As far as his account of the atrocities is concerned, he is rather severe in the matter and does not take any account of the way the Chinese have treated the Japanese. What about civilized nations? I was in the army during the war from 1862 to the end. We are supposed to be civilized, but were there no atrocities committed in our ranks? Yes, and a good many. I was on the battle-fields and through the whole war between Turkey and Russia. Were there no atrocities then? Yes. I was through the whole of the Franco-Prussian war. Were there no atrocities? Yes. Yet there was not such an outcry made as Creelman makes in his account.

You must bear in mind that we are civilized for I don't know how many hundred years—at least supposed to be—while the Japanese are only beginning. It is sometimes difficult, nay, almost impossible, for officers to restrain their men, in the best disciplined and regulated armies, from committing excesses.

I think the Japanese are greatly to be admired, and it would be better to turn our attention to Armenia and wipe the disgusting Sick Man off the face of the earth.

Col. E. F. GREGORY.

New York, Dec. 21.

### The Unspeakable Turk.

To the Editor of The World:

I see that there is a tendency in certain quarters to compare the massacre at Port Arthur with the atrocities in Armenia. But there is one great differentiating feature that must be borne in mind. The Japanese killed people who were openly at war with them. Many of the slaughtered Chinese were non-combatants, but they belonged to a race at war with the Japanese. In the case of the Armenian massacres the Turks murdered in cold blood men and women who were neither secretly nor openly at war with the Turkish Government. It may be hardly worth while to split hairs about the comparative horrors of human butcheries, but the Turks in Armenia were more inexcusably brutal than the Japs at Port Arthur—and that is saying a great deal.

SAMUEL T. ROBERTSON.

New York, Dec. 21.