

THE WORST WAS NOT TOLD

Armenian Massacres Described by the
Rev. George H. Fillan.

HORRIBLE ATROCITIES OF THE KURDS

Still More Revolting Cruelties Prophesied — Turkey's Denials Declared to be False—Future of Armenia.

The Rev. George H. Fillan, an Armenian exile, lectured yesterday afternoon in Association Hall, Brooklyn, on the recent massacre of Armenians by the Kurds. He declared that the stories published about the massacre were not exaggerated, but that the outrages were even worse than reported, and he prophesied that within two months still greater atrocities would be perpetrated.

"The most popular Turkish proverb," he said, "is, 'A lie is the strongest fortress of the brave. Rob, kill, and deny.'"

Mr. Fillan described the location and surroundings of Armenia.

"Armenia," he said, "was the first Christian civilized nation. It had a population of 40,000,000 before Christ, many of whom embraced Christianity in Christ's time, and in A. D. 310 the entire nation became Christian. In Armenia are the Garden of Eden and Mount Ararat. In A. D. 410 the entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, was translated into the Armenian tongue, and it remains at this day the best translation of the Bible. From Armenian minds no athe-

vengeance." LONDON, Jan. 13.—The Daily News correspondent in Constantinople says it is rumored that the Porte is considering administrative reforms to be introduced in Armenia. Among these reforms would be the recruiting of the gendarmerie from the Christian as well as the Mussulman population, the appointment of a Mussulman Governor for the first three-year term, and Christian Governors for all subsequent terms, which would be five years each. These reforms would be introduced in all the provinces concerned in the recent massacres.

In general, the reform plan described by The News correspondent has the same outlines as the one laid before the Porte early in the last month.

CHRISTIANS STARVING IN THE EAST

Appeal for Relief by Presbyterian Missionaries in Persia.

To the Editor of The New-York Times:

The Presbyterian missionaries in Persia have sent through the Board of Foreign Missions an appeal for aid to relieve the starving Christians of the Turkish districts of Gawar and Albak, just across the border from Persia. They number some 1,300 or 1,400 families.

Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, who journeyed over these plains, hemmed in by the high Koordish Mountains, has described the hard lot of these Christians harried by the insatiable taxgatherer and the merciless Koords. On the visit of the missionaries there a few months since, they found them in the greatest distress from the failure of their crops. J. P. Cochran, M. D., writes that they examined many fields which had been sown with millet, (few persons had been able to buy wheat for seed,) and they were as bare of anything green as the housetops. What the farmer had sown the locust, the worm, and the caterpillar had harvested.

As the months have gone by the distress has greatly increased. Many families have pawned every sheep or cow they possessed, together with their carpets and bedding, to pay their debts and get bread, while the women and children are left almost naked. The heavy snows and severe cold of those high lands have now come to intensify the misery.

The deplorable condition of the poor appeals most affectingly to the missionaries who have so long been familiar with them through frequent tours and occasional residences among them. They make an earnest appeal for funds to the amount of \$500. Under the urgency of the demand, they have assumed the immediate outlay of \$100 for the relief of the most distressing cases, after having given all they were able to give from their own slender resources. Even then the help will be too late for many, and numbers must die of starvation.

The Board of Foreign Missions at its recent session authorized the presenting of this appeal to the Christian public, with the urgent request that a liberal response be made, and that at once.

All gifts should be sent to the Treasurer of the board, William Dulles, Jr., of 53 Fifth Avenue, New-York. It is proposed to cable the amount, in whole or in part, at the earliest possible moment.

JOHN GILLESPIE, Secretary.

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Armenian books have ever sprung. The Armenians are a religious people. They found their faith in the Trinity.

The Turks came to Armenia in the twelfth century and began to destroy and kill. We shall meet more Armenian martyrs in heaven than martyrs of all other Christian nations combined. Armenia's population of 40,000,000 has been reduced by the Turks to 4,000,000.

After the Crimean war the Sultan of Turkey became the 'sick man of Europe,' and after the Russo-Turkish war he became the 'dead man of Europe,' and ought to be buried. All the powers want to bury Turkey, but jealousy prevents any of them from consenting to the burial. The reason is that there are some valuable jewels on the corpse.

After the Turkish war the Government lost in population. It was formerly 40,000,000, but was reduced to 17,000,000 by the loss of Roumania, Servia, Bulgaria, and Egypt. Its population is now 18,000,000, of whom 12,000,000 are Turks, 4,000,000 Armenians, and 2,000,000 Greeks. The only Christian nation under the domination of the Turkish Government is Armenia, and I say that within three years Armenia will be liberated.

The Armenians are as highly educated as Americans. They speak English fluently. It is taught in all the colleges, and young men and women marry others of European countries and Americans. The American Consul General in Turkey, Mr. Jewett, married an Armenian woman.

Four years ago the Sultan called his Grand Vizier and other counselors together and asked them what should be done to repress the Armenians. He said they were wealthy and educated and held themselves above their masters. Said Pasha spoke up and told the Sultan the only solution of the problem was to kill the Armenians or they would rule the Turks. And the Sultan took Said Pasha's advice. I was in Constantinople at the time, and I saw bands of Kurds received at the palace by the Sultan, decorated with medals, armed with rifles made in America, and then sent to Armenia to do there as they pleased. And the Kurds went to Armenia and they began to kill. Armenians who protested were arrested as traitors. Mousa Beg was the leader of the Kurds, and the representatives of other powers insisted that he should be tried for his murders. The Sultan had to try him and acknowledge that he was guilty, but he only banished him to Arabia. And then a short time after he appointed Mousa Beg's uncle, Bahri Pasha, Governor of Armenia, and he began to massacre and plunder.

The Armenians arose and fought the Kurds, and the Governor telegraphed to the Turkish Government that the Armenians were rising against the soldiers of the Sultan, and then the Sultan sent word to the Governor to exterminate the Armenians, and that is how the recent massacre was brought about. Sixty thousand Kurds were let loose in Armenia, and they destroyed no less than forty villages and killed between 10,000 and 15,000 persons. This is the truth, and it can be proved. The Turkish Sultan, of course, denies it, but his watchword is: 'A lie is the strongest fortress of the brave.'

The Kurds killed the men first, and then they told the women that if they would renounce Christianity, accept Mohammedanism, and become their wives they would be spared; otherwise they would be killed. And the women said: 'We will never deny Christ, and we are ready to die for Him. We are no better than our husbands were, and they were killed.'

Three hundred women were killed in one church. One woman, named Shahe, whose husband, Grago, had been killed, took her child to a high rock, and called upon other women to follow her and to leap from the rock rather than fall into the hands of the Kurds. She jumped from it and was killed, and others did likewise. This story has already been denied, but it is true. I have the evidence of eye witnesses. Some women were crucified head downward, and hot water was poured over them until they died.

The Armenians deserve sympathy. If your Government won't do anything, the men and women of this country will give their money and support to the Armenian cause. My nation is a wounded, a massacred, a killed nation. It fell into the hands of brigands, into the hands of the unspeakable Turk. England passed her by; Russia passed her by; France passed her by, but the American Nation is the Good Samaritan, and you will not pass by on the other side."

AN APPEAL FOR THE ARMENIANS

The Phil-Armenic Association to Queen Victoria and the Czar.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Herant M. Kiretchjian of Minneapolis, Secretary of the Phil-Armenic Association, is in Washington for the purpose of presenting to the President and Secretary of State the memorial of the association asking the intervention of our Government in behalf of their persecuted relatives and friends in Armenia. He will endeavor to have an interview with Secretary Gresham to-morrow, and hopes to be able to reach the President within a day or two.

To-day Mr. Kiretchjian, on behalf of the association, sent the following cablegrams: To Her Majesty Victoria Queen of Great Britain and Empress of India:

Long life to your Majesty. There is blood upon the British crown. By court-martial of the Government which England supports, witnesses of the massacres in Armenia are now being murdered. God help your Majesty's Government to redeem the honor of the British Church and State.

To His Imperial Majesty Czar of All the Russias:

All health to your Majesty. Murderers sitting in mock court-martial, continue to slaughter helpless Armenians before the eyes of Europe. The Berlin treaty is dipped in blood and shame in Armenia, with the great name of Russia upon it. God grant your Majesty wisdom and power to redeem the honor of Holy Russia and defend the oppressed.

Speaking of the reported killing of would-be witnesses to the outrages upon their countrymen in Armenia, Mr. Kiretchjian was deeply moved. He said:

The Armenians are everywhere horrified at the sight of Europe leaving the helpless Armenians in the hands of murderers like Zeki Pasha and his band, to be put through the farce of trial for sedition and murdered in cold blood. Those fiends are supposed to be themselves on trial before the civilized world through the deplorably tardy investigations. Where can you find a sadder sight and more criminal apathy than all Europe looking on without even a protest, while the accused proceed to murder all who might possibly be brave enough to testify against them and show the inhuman barbarity of their foul outrages? This is the most horrible chapter of the whole disaster since the black days of Sassoun, for the devilish cruelty of tortures inflicted by the Turkish officials upon Christians in such cases passes all description, and the very thought should awaken all Europe to call a halt and put an end to this nightmare of arrests and trials on numberless Armenians whose hearts are already bleeding. There is a just God in heaven, and the powers upon whom rests the awful responsibility for all this cruel bloodshed should fear His