

TURKS' EARS WILL TINGLE.

Armenia's Cause Will Be Pleaded in
Faneuil Hall by Eminent Bos-
ton Philanthropists.

SASSOUN MASSACRE BEARING FRUIT.

Governor of Massachusetts Is Expected to
Preside at the Indignation Meeting
at "the Hub."

BOSTON, Nov. 25.—The Armenians in this city are greatly agitated in consequence of the recent massacre of their countrymen by Turks and are to hold a big indignation meeting in Faneuil Hall to-morrow evening.

Well-known Boston philanthropists who have expressed sympathy with the cause will be at the meeting, among them William Lloyd Garrison, Mrs.

without further delay the improvements and reforms demanded by local requirements in the provinces inhabited by the Armenians and to guarantee them security against the Circassians and Kurds.

It will periodically make known the steps taken to this effect to the Powers, who will superintend their application.

The Sultan's method of observing that article has been to wink at outrages upon the down-trodden Armenians, and to adopt extraordinary precautions to prevent the truth leaking out. That is why it took three months for the news of the Sassoun massacre to reach the outside world.

The Armenians presented the first instance of an entire nation becoming Christianized, and they have been Christians through thick and thin. The Church of Armenia's traditions claim an older than Apostolic foundation, but its founder, according to accepted history, was St. Gregory, called the Illuminator, a member of the Armenian royal family. St. Gregory's preaching began in the year A. D. 276.

The manner in which this Church became independent of the Church of Rome and also of the Greek Church—which it more nearly resembles doctrinally—is a sort of historical puzzle. But it is a distinct ecclesiastical institution, which has persisted through manifold tribulations and persecutions, perhaps even has been purified by them. It has its own version of the Bible; its own sacraments—baptism, confirmation, the eucharist, penance, ordination, marriage and extreme unction; its own liturgy, said to date from the first century and to have been modelled upon that of the Church of Jerusalem.



HIS HOLINESS MEKHRIDITCH I.
(Catholicos and Supreme Patriarch of the Armenians.)

ulia Ward Howe, Dr. Francis E. Clarke, the Rev. A. Barrows, the Rev. Thomas Van Ness, the Rev. Dr. E. Clarke, M. H. Gulsian, Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, the Rev. S. J. Barrows and Mrs. Barrows. Gov. Greenhalge is expected.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—The Armenians of this city held a mass-meeting to-day. A resolution was adopted appealing to the American people for moral support in an effort to persuade the European powers to compel Turkey to comply with the stipulations of the Berlin treaty regarding Armenians.

LONDON, Nov. 26—4 A. M.—A Constantinople despatch says the sending of a commission to inquire into the massacre of Armenians will have the effect of letting the local officials know that the foreign envoys are watching their conduct.

The report of the commission, when published, is not likely to have any value. The Mufti of Moosh has been decorated, although he is one of the officials implicated in the massacre.

Private letters state that the condition of affairs in the Sassoun district causes the utmost anxiety.

The massacre at Sassoun has aroused the civilized world. To ward off consequences like those which followed the Bulgarian atrocities less than twenty years ago Turkey is seeking to make it appear that it was not much of a massacre and that it was provoked by rebellious, malicious Armenians. A packed commission has been ordered by the Sultan to "investigate."

But it cannot be blotted out that the Armenians are an industrious, intelligent, peace-loving people; that they are so far outnumbered as to make the very idea of attacking their enemies preposterous; and that they have been outrageously treated by the Turks for centuries.

After the Russo-Turkish war of 1877-78, precipitated by Turkish outrages in Bulgaria, the powers represented in the Berlin Congress recognized that the Armenians were persecuted and made the Sultan subscribe to these conditions, which form Article 61 of the Treaty of Berlin:

The Sublime Porte undertakes to carry out

There is a threefold order of Armenian clergy, bishops, priests, deacons. And there are three degrees of episcopal rank, the archbishop, the bishop and the vartabed or doctor of theology, who often has charge of a diocese with episcopal functions. The clergy are further divided into the "black" and the "white." The "black" clergy are monks and they alone are eligible to the higher clerical offices. The "white" clergy include the parish priests and lower clergy.

The clergy may marry before ordination, not after. A priest's widow is not allowed to marry again. The priesthood is hereditary.

Chief among the archbishops is the patriarch. There are four patriarchs; one has his seat at Constantinople, one at Jerusalem, one at Sis and the other at Etchmiadzin.

The head of the church is the Catholicos (patriarch), who resides at Etchmiadzin, a monastery near Erivan, the ecclesiastical metropolis of the Armenian nation since 302, A. D., and claiming to be the oldest monastic foundation in the world.