

# BOASTING OF BUTCHERY.

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## TURKISH TROOPS GLORYING IN THEIR BLOODY WORK IN ARMENIA.

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THEY BELIEVE THE MASSACRES TO HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY THE SULTAN—FURTHER CONFIRMATION OF THE HORRORS REPORTED

London, Jan. 11.—"The Speaker" publishes a letter from an unnamed correspondent in Constantinople who asserts that he has knowledge equal to that possessed by the British Ambassador concerning the Turkish atrocities in Armenia. He professes to have seen the reports from the consuls in Van, Erzeroum, Sivas and Diakibir, and says that they confirm the most horrible accounts already received. Concurring reports, he says, came from Catholic and Protestant missionaries in the Sassoun district.

The troops called out against the Armenians have returned from the scenes of conflict to permanent quarters. "They boast of their deeds publicly," writes the correspondent. "Their statements have been forwarded to Constantinople. One soldier declares that with his own hand he ripped up twenty pregnant women. Another boasted that he took part in a massacre in a church, and that the blood flowed in a large stream from the door. The soldiers believe that the Sultan ordered the massacre and approves of it."

"The Daily News" will say to-morrow in a leader emphasizing the importance of "The Speaker's" news from Constantinople:

It would be pedantry and folly to reject all evidence not given before the Commission of Inquiry, which does not seem to be in a hurry to begin its labors. Moreover, the impartiality of the commission is open to grave doubt. The appointment of it was a sulky concession to England, France and Russia, and its ideas as to the treatment of Christians can hardly be in strict accordance with modern civilization. Nevertheless, the truth will be brought out, as the commissioners are under the vigilant eyes of the Consuls. Turkey's fate hangs once more in the balance.

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### PERSONAL.

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Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, denies the statement of the Spaniard Ximenes, that the recent troubles of the Armenians are to be blamed on the Methodist missionaries in Asia Minor. He says there are no American Methodist missionaries in Asia Minor.