

## The Massacre of Armenian Christians.

Arguing from the precedents in Bulgaria and Damascus, the Armenians in this city assume that the despatches concerning the butchery of the six thousand of their Christian fellow countrymen in Asia Minor are true. There seems to be every evidence that the Turkish government has for a long time been preparing for just such an issue. By the Sultan's orders the Circassians in Armenia were armed two or three years ago, and the Armenian peasants were left helpless and with no protection.

A pretext was all that was needed to mass the troops in one place, and having attained that the rest was an easy task. There seems to be every evidence that such atrocities will recur until the Armenian population throughout Asia Minor is exterminated, according to the desires of the authorities at Constantinople.

The eyes of the Armenians are just now turned toward Nicholas II. Just what step the young Czar will take is a matter of conjecture among them. If his policy be to redeem Armenia then the suffering peasantry of Asia Minor may look for a bright future, but if the present condition of affairs continues in the East the outlook is dark in the extreme.