

A dispatch from Constantinople to the Standard says that in response to the protest made by Sir Philip Currie, British Ambassador to Turkey, the Porte has unreservedly withdrawn the charge against Mr. Hallward, British Consul at Van, of inciting the Armenians at Sassun and elsewhere to revolt.

The charge grew out of the investigation by Mr. Hallwood into the Armenian massacres and his report to the British Ambassador. The Governor of Bitlis, who is seriously involved in the outrage, made the charge, it is said, for the purpose of revenge.

The Sultan has decided to send a commission composed of three members of his military household and one civilian to Sassun for the purpose of making an impartial inquiry into the outrages on Armenians.

The latest news is to the effect that many of the Armenians who were supposed to have been killed fled from the soldiery and are now returning.

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Armenia is another Poland. Russia, one of the three owners of each dismembered country, equally autocratic and intolerant in both, is the cruellest of Poland's rulers and the mildest of Armenia's. So much more unfortunate is Armenia than Poland.

The history of Turkish Armenia is one long record of atrocious misgovernment and licensed outrage.

England and other European countries have interfered in a perfunctory way time and again, and the sublime Porte, who in this country would be called a sublime liar, has diplomatically conceded promises of reform not reform, and even promises of restitution not restitution, the same invariably followed by more massacres.

England has, of course, done most of the interceding and most of the harm. Russia would put an end to Turkish oppression, and to the Turk himself, for that matter, if only for selfish reasons, were it not for the dog-in-the-manger attitude of Britain, which is called Great-relief for Armenia being one thing and Russian advance quite another thing in continental politics, if not in fact.

Mohammedan persecution is the equivalent of Mohammedan loyalty. The Sultan's chief concern, aside from his harem, is Mohammedan disaffection—the revolutionary spirit which has been spreading of late years through Arabia, Syria and Albania. The insurrectionary feeling must be put down summarily or dissipated by indulgence in some direction not threatening to Turkish sovereignty. The cheapest and safest plan from the sublime standpoint is to give it vent at the expense of the Christians. The Arnaut robber and the Kurdish brigand know well enough that they will be pardoned if they only let Turks and foreigners alone. When popular feeling demands a wholesale sacrifice the Turkish authorities put down an Armenian uprising. That's the technical name, the official euphemism, when a whole village or more is to be exterminated. Governmental connivance in such cases is carried to the point that the Christians who escape by accident and are subsequently captured are convicted and executed, or executed and convicted, as ringleaders of the revolution.

The last massacre was simply more violent, more extensive and less plausibly licensed than the others of recent occurrence.

The Armenians are a notably intellectual people, great agriculturists in their own country, with a bent toward trade and the arts. The credit of their merchants is proverbially good.

Armenia is seeking relief, not along incendiary lines, but through a bloodless and diplomatic revolution—through the intervention, that is, of the Christian powers of Europe.

#### ARMENIANS AROUSED.

##### A Meeting in Chicago Bemoans the Fate of Their Massacred Compatriots.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Men cried like children at the meeting of Armenians at Beers Hall, Milwaukee and Chicago avenues, last night, when the story of atrocities of the Turks was retold. The listeners burst into sobs and buried their faces in their hands. Some were there who may have lost sisters, brothers and parents in the recent slaughter of Christian Armenians by Kurds. Pitiful appeals were sent up for the Christian people of the world to take cognizance of the dreadful persecution of the Armenians. Other speakers spoke of taking up arms and dying in the cause of liberty and vengeance.

The meeting was called for the purpose of taking action in regard to the reported slaughter and to discuss ways and means by which the sentiment of the civilized world can be aroused to prevent a repetition of such an outrage. Several hundred Armenians were present. Mr. De Adrian acted as president. Mapartsom D. Carbedyan, a finely educated Armenian, who is studying in Chicago, spoke words of encouragement to his sorrowing countrymen, and other prominent Armenians denounced the Turkish atrocities and bade their hearers take heart and hope for a brighter future.

The meeting closed with the passing of resolutions thanking the press for the interest taken in the cause of Armenia and others appealing to the pulpit and all good men and women to lift up their voices to protest against persecution of a Christian people.

## THE SULTAN AROUSED

Alarmed by Great Britain's Vigorous Policy.

### THE LATEST MASSACRE.

Turkey Proposes an Impartial Investigation at Sassun.

### FACTS CONSTANTLY WITHHELD.

The British Minister at Constantinople Causes Consternation in the Apathetic Turkish Government

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LONDON, Nov. 19.—A dispatch to the Times from Vienna says that a letter has been received there from Smyrna, reporting that Zeki Pasha, a Turkish marshal, with a detachment of Nizams and a field battery, massacred two thousand Armenians at Sassun.

The bodies of the dead were left unburied, and their presence has caused an outbreak of cholera. Many Christians are reported to have fled by secret paths across the Russian frontier.

"So far," adds the Times, "there has been no official confirmation of this news, but if it is true, it is time the powers share in the responsibility by their failure to enforce article 61 of the Berlin treaty, which imposes on them the duty of seeing that the Porte takes measures to protect Armenians."

"The latter declare that they hope for nothing from Europe, but that they still have confidence in Great Britain. Numerous appeals have been made by the Armenians to the British Foreign Office."

"The last appeal received says that the Armenians do not wish to see more of their territory annexed by Russia, but if Great Britain is unable to help them they will be compelled to look to Russia, under whose yoke they would be better off than under the yoke of Turkey."