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We have thus far had a very confused account of the rioting at Constantinople, but it appears that the Armenians began it when they collected at the gates of the Sultan's palace and insisted upon going in to make known their grievances. No modern government could allow such a proceeding, although it was the Oriental method of seeking justice in earlier times and may be the customary method still in some of the provinces. The Turkish government was justified in dispersing the mob without regard to the merits of the petition. The Armenians resisted, and bloodshed

was the necessary consequence. The torch of fanaticism once lighted in that mixed population, almost anything is liable to happen. The Mussulman in a state of religious fury cares nothing for human life, either his own or other people's. The only wonder is that the killing has been limited, as the latest despatches indicate, to 111 Armenians and 48 Turks—a result due, no doubt, to the efforts of the ambassadors and to the military force, which is the only branch of Turkish administration that is under good discipline. It is very fortunate that there is such a force, since the European population might be swept off the face of the earth in half a day if the Turks of old Stambul should take it into their heads that their religion was in danger. Ordinarily, however, the Turks of old Stambul are very good neighbors except in the matter of dirty streets and homeless dogs.

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