

THE ARMENIAN MASSACRES.

Baltimore American.—Those Armenian horrors, if true, show that the unspeakable Turk is still unspeakable.

Indianapolis News.—Such a story coming from the heart of Africa would hardly be credible, but the incidents occurred on the immediate frontier, at least, of civilization.

Philadelphia Times.—The details of wholesale slaughter and violence, which it is claimed have resulted in the total destruction of twenty or thirty villages, are sickening beyond the power of expression, and indicate a reign of violent bigotry that should not be tolerated anywhere within the realm of civilization.

Philadelphia Press.—Every statesman interested in maintaining the peace of Europe has probably felt in the past two days that the match had been touched at last to the powder magazine. For fifteen years it has been clear that Armenia was the point at which the Eastern question would next be reopened. The massacres reported near Bitlis, in Eastern Turkey, force the Armenian question to the front, as like massacres brought the Bulgarian question to the front seventeen years ago.

Springfield Republican.—So long as England sees her interest in sustaining Turkey as a barrier to Russian progress towards the Mediterranean and India, and so long as Russia asks large accessions of territory as the price of her interference, just so long the Turk will have his way in Turkish Armenia. Maybe Nicholas will be more pliable than Alexander, and will consent to a united protest to which England shall be a party. Should this be done the Sultan would probably bestir himself to give these Armenians the peace which is their right, for fear of more severe pressure from these powers.

Armenians in Despair.

To the Editor of The World:

An American, born where the very air is free, where the very breath of humanity is made to speak of equality, has little idea what it is to take up a paper like yours and without fear of spies learn from its columns the true record of affairs as they took place. I indorse every word written by you in respect to the relative position of the Turk to the Armenian. There is no race under the sun which fosters cruelty as the Turkish race does. Nothing will ever teach a Turk reform but a power greater than his own. The Armenian loves liberty and seeks it always, for he is the most oppressed of Christians, and the Turk hates him doubly for that. "Down with the dog!" is his motto. From my past and long experience I can doubt nothing said of the atrocities of the Turk. I can only doubt his ever advancing in the race of progress or religious tolerance. You may not, perhaps, value enough the influence and effect of words such as you have written about this subject in favor of the maltreated Armenian. Take up his cause, for he is a brother. You who value liberty assist in giving him this invaluable crown. We Orientals ask this in the name of civilization.

A RETIRED POLITICIAN.

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