

# CHOLERA IN ARMENIA NOW.

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## Pestilence Adds Its Horrors to the Scene of the Recent Awful Atrocities.

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### MORE DETAILS OF THE SLAUGHTER.

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#### The Public Crier Gave the Word to Slay in One Town—Tales of Harsh Treat- ment of New Yorkers.

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From letters received yesterday from Bitlis, Asia Minor, by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, at the Bible House, it appears that cholera and famine are ravaging the country which was the scene of the recent massacre of 8,000 Armenians by Turks.

The cholera is said to be of a virulent type. Turkish women, it is added, seem to be more susceptible to it than others. The stench arising from the only partially buried corpses is thought to have caused the outbreak.

Solon J. Vlasto, editor of *Atlantis*, a Greek newspaper published in this city, says in an editorial that the European Governments are guilty of a breach of the sixty-first article of the Berlin Treaty by neglecting to take immediate action to bring the Sublime Porte to account for the atrocities perpetrated in Armenia.

A copy of the *Hendshack*, an Armenian paper, published weekly in London as the official organ of the Hendshackist Revolutionary Society, was received here yesterday. In Takat, a small village in Sevas, according to the newspaper's correspondent, the public crier called upon all Mahometans to do as their brethren at Sassoum. He said that the Prophet Mahomet desired the death of unbelievers and that the authorities would uphold everybody who killed Christians. The result of this proclamation was that 200 persons were killed and 400 wounded before the religious frenzy kindled by it was slaked.

The Monastery of St. George, the *Hendshack* correspondent says, which was the oldest and most venerated religious institution in Armenia, was completely demolished and all its inmates, numbering over one hundred, put to the sword. He also mentions that the Rev. Paul, a Congregational minister in Moosh, was cast into prison on the trumped-up charge of being in correspondence with revolutionists.

A young Armenian of this city, who intends returning to his native country, told a reporter yesterday that he applied to the representatives of the Turkish Government for a passport, but was refused because, as he asserted, he declined to go abroad in the service of the Government as a spy. He says he was offered \$10 per week, twice as much as he is now earning in New York.

Three men who left New York two months ago to visit their families in Charpont, Armenia, returned here yesterday. They say they were given just fifteen minutes to greet their families and get out again. There were forty others who had left Providence, R. I., for the same place, but they only got as far as Alexandria, when they put back on account of the terrible hardships they were made to encounter.

It was reported in the Armenian colony here yesterday that a band of fifty students under Gagunian were arrested on the Russian frontier on their way to Armenia, and were sent to the mines of Siberia.

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