

WHO SAID ATROCITIES

"Punch" Lampoons Gladstone,
Representing Him as "the
Varmint Old Ratter."

MISTAKE OF THE EX-PREMIER.

A Well Informed Traveller Reports That
in Armenia There Is no Ar-
menian Question.

'T WAS BEGUN BY WIREPULLERS.

No Advantage To Be Gained by Eng-
land Through the Agitation, Though
Russia May Profit.

[BY THE COMMERCIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]
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The following editorial is published in the
HERALD's European Edition to-day, headed:—
"WHO SAID ATROCITIES?"

"Old as I am, my feelings have not been
deadened in regard to matters of such dread-
ful description—Mr. Gladstone's birthday speech
at Hawarden on Armenian atrocities, Decem-
ber 29."—Punch.

No doubt readers of the HERALD remember
the ever popular engraving of an old rat terrier,
bristling with excitement, and expressing as
forcibly as dogs only can "Who said rats?"

A GOOD CARTOON.

Punch, in its cartoon of its current number,
has most happily adapted this picture to Mr.
Gladstone's attitude toward alleged Armenian
atrocities by representing the ex-Premier as
"the varmint old ratter," thereby giving the
situation in a nutshell.

The habitually unfortunate remarks of the
Grand Old Man when foreign affairs are con-
cerned were significantly pointed out by the
HERALD yesterday, and confirmed by the tele-
gram that appeared in the HERALD's second
edition, announcing that the British govern-
ment had already found it advisable to "take
water" and comply with the demands of the
Porte by formally disavowing Gladstone's vio-
lent birthday exuberances.

To an impartial observer like the HERALD it
appears that whenever Gladstone trots out his
"old animosities" it is generally for the benefit
of England's traditional enemies or rivals.

MAY BENEFIT RUSSIA.

As things stand to-day the Armenian agita-
tion can only benefit Russia, not Turkey, for if
Armenian agitators and wirepullers have their
way—and Gladstone is doing all he can to aid
them—Armenia must eventually fall, like a
ripe apple, into the lap of the Czar.

However, all the egregious nonsense and ex-
aggeration fabricated under the name of "Ar-
menian Atrocities" have at last been effectually
disposed of by the narrative of an eye witness—
Senor Ximenez, a Spaniard of scientific at-
tainments, a member of the Royal Geographical
Society, who has just returned from the scene
of the much magnified disorders, and who em-
phatically denounces as absolute fabrications
the horrible details of monstrosities that have
been so wantonly and designedly spread about
England and America.

NO ARMENIAN QUESTION.

"In fact," says Ximenez, "in Armenia itself
the Armenian question does not exist."

Now that the truth is at last coming out, we
hope that the eyes of English and American
dupes of wily Armenian wirepullers and agita-
tors will be opened.

Punch's cartoon of the venerable Gladstone
in the guise of the "varmint old ratter," with
his hairs bristle for "atrocities," is perhaps
one of the cleverest that has appeared for some
time, and who knows but that it may win for
England's veteran but ever green parliamen-
tary hand the sobriquet of "Old Animosities"?

TURKISH SOLDIERS' BOASTS.

They Claim to Have Killed Scores of Armenians,
According to an Anonymous Correspondent.

[BY CABLE TO THE HERALD.]

LONDON, Jan. 11, 1895.—The Speaker pub-
lishes a letter from an unnamed correspondent
in Constantinople, who claims to have equal
knowledge with the British Ambassador con-
cerning the Armenian atrocities. He professes
to have seen the reports from the Consuls in
Van, Erzeroum, Sivas and Diarkebir, and says
that they confirm the most horrible accounts
already received.

Concurrent reports, he says, came from Catholic
and Protestant missionaries in the Sassoun dis-
trict. The troops called out against the Ar-
menians have returned from the scenes of con-
flict to permanent quarters.

"They boast of their deeds publicly," writes
the correspondent. "Their statements have
been forwarded to Constantinople. One soldier
declared that with his own hand he ripped up

twenty married women. Another boasted that
he took part in a massacre in a church, and
that the blood flowed in a large stream from the
floor. The soldiers believe that the Sultan or-
dered the massacre and approves of it."

ARMENIANS AND THE TURKS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

Despite the fact that the HERALD, with abso-
lute impartiality, has conveyed us through its
correspondents in different countries the senti-
ments of learned people of Turkey and Europe
upon the Turko-Armenian difficulties, which,
though like probing the deadly wounds already
inflicted upon the hearts of all true Armenians,
yet our idea of your paper formerly being great
now is that it is the greatest.

No Armenian, without a single exception, in
this city, is left ignorant of any news about Ar-
menia in the HERALD. Of course, your attitude
toward us is sometimes looked upon as unjust,
and it has lately become the subject of great
discussion among ourselves, but to discourage
us is a hard task for any one to undertake.

As a prominent Armenian recently expressed
himself in a meeting, our nation having bravely
stood their ground against the bloody blows of
Islamism for centuries, while Greeks and Syri-
ans were driven near the safer shores of
the Mediterranean, can with equally per-
sistent courage face the moral blows aimed
at us from different sources through the HER-
ALD. Whatever may be the outcome of our re-
cent troubles we are well prepared for it.

It is very easy for certain people to enjoy the
blessed liberty in this country and meddle with
the Armenian cause with injurious effect by
communicating their vaunted experience on the
grave subject through the HERALD, but if they
had stayed in Armenia for a month as Turkish
subjects they would soon come to the conclusion
that to live in a shanty in an Indian territory
here is like being in heaven instead of in the
supposed garden of Eden.

Had the Turks killed twice as many Ar-
menians, men only, as they did kill, in con-
flicts, we would not raise our voice against their
well earned bravery, though seldom exercised
against equally armed and numbered Armeni-
ans, but to attack them with big military force,
treacherously disarm them and then slaughter
them by the wholesale, including women and
children, is not only barbarous, but gross cow-
ardice.

Armenians advise me not to write very boldly
on these subjects, which would jeopardize the
lives of my people at home, for, despite the
Turk's efforts to prohibit American papers en-
tering Turkey, the HERALD articles on Ar-
menians get there somehow. I find it very
hard to resist the temptation to write. I have
been singularly fortunate to have received re-
cently a letter from Turkey, not opened, which
informs me of Dr. Tigrane Suni, an Armenian,
formerly house surgeon of the Eye and Ear
Hospital in Livingston street, Brooklyn, who
is now in prison in Yozgad, Turkey, whose first
and last name, though not related to one an-
other, has unfortunately proved to be precisely
the same as another Armenian now in this
city, who has several times innocently signed
his full name to a communication in the HER-
ALD, in defence of Armenians, thus causing
great difficulty in securing the release of the
former from the Turkish prison.

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