

The London papers are to-day filled with what looks like a concerted outburst of Armenian atrocities. They have come with suspicious opportuneness from Varna, Vienna, Tiflis, and various other Eastern points to harrow our feelings with an undated series of barbarities happening prior to Oct. 9. The Standard's dispatch from Varna mentions 6,000 as the number of victims, and other reports from Armenian sources go as high as 10,000, and speak glibly of 200 women, in one place, ravished and then bayoneted, of 60 in another, and of some nameless village where each Turkish soldier had 100 people to kill as his share. There has been some trouble in Armenia which the local Pashas charge the British Consul with fomenting, and a mixed British-Turkish commission is investigating the thing now, but these sweeping tales of wholesale massacre may be safely put down as invented for a purpose. It is not difficult to guess that the Armenian intriguers in the nearer Orient have heard how Russia and England are now walking hand in hand and have produced to order a sensational provocation for them to direct the force of this new friendship against the Turk. That game was played once too often, however, nearly twenty years ago.