

## The Atrocities in Armenia.

The civilization of the Moslem and the character of the Turk have not changed since the capture of Constantinople and the establishment of the Mohammedan as a political power on the continent of Europe. The last war between Russia and Turkey was due to a series of atrocities by the latter in Bulgaria that filled the world with horror. Russia herself is familiar with race and religious persecutions, but in this case she was regarded by outraged civilization as an avenger.

No one who has not traveled in Moslem lands can form any conception of the intense and ceaseless hate with which the Mohammedan regards the Christian or Turk. The unfortunate Christian communities that have been for centuries under the dominion of Turkish rule have been regarded by the officials of the Sultan as legitimate objects for plunder and persecution, and among these people none have suffered so much as the Christian Armenians.

Recently the robbed and overtaxed Armenians refused, because of their inability to get money, to pay certain taxes levied by the Turkish Governor of that province. The Governor called out the regular troops, although there was no sign of violence on the part of the Armenians, and gave the order for the work of butchery. The murderous work went on till the inhabitants—men, women and little children—of entire villages were wiped out and over 6,000 had been slain.

The English Minister at Constantinople has called the attention of the Sultan to this monstrous butchery, and we are informed that His Majesty affects to be horrified, and will cause an investigation to be made. This is no satisfaction to the surviving Armenians. It is the duty of Christian nations to demand guarantees from the Sultan for the protection of Christian communities in his dominions. Better still, the Turk should be deprived of all such control. In the interest of civilization, the day must be hastened when the crescent and star shall disappear as the emblem of a national power in Europe, and it should be banished from the Christian communities of Syria and all Asia Minor.