

ARMENIAN MASSACRE.

MR. EDITOR:—Having read Turkey's version of the latest Turkish atrocities committed on the Armenians in Sassoun, I thought I would say a few things concerning that version.

I would say first of all that the Turkish version of the latest Turkish horrors is nothing but downright perversion of truth. What has "the sick man of Europe" to say in regard to the latest unutterable barbarities committed on the helpless Armenians in Sassoun by voracious Turks and ferocious Kurds? Not, of course, "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," but the untruth, the non-truth and everything but the truth. Cast a glance over the accounts concerning the question in hand furnished the American newspapers by the Turkish misgovernment. (I can not conscientiously or strictly call it a government). You will find the following statement in a nutshell. That a certain Armenian chief of brigands, followed by some Armenian rebels attack some Kurdish villages, murder their inhabitants, men and women alike, or, "submit them to the most horrible indignities;" that thereupon the Sultan sends regular troops to the spot to put down these rebellious Armenians and restore peace, and that—well, I will not stop to recount these endless "thats," but simply say and so on and so forth, *ad libitum*, *ad nauseam*, et *ad infinitum*.

This side of the massacre of the thousands of Armenian men, women and children is too ridiculous to be believed by an intelligent people like Americans. The Grand Turk can make his people believe, through the papers in his kingdom, "that all the reports read in the European and American papers concerning the Sassoun massacre are downright falsehoods; that there reigns perfect peace between his Armenian Christian and Mohammedan subjects; that the Kurds are just as peaceful as ever, that Zekky Pasha, the governor of Moush, Sassoun and Bitlis districts, is the guardian of peace, etc., etc." This statement was read three weeks ago in all the papers published in Turkey and is the literal dictation of the Porte. I can produce, if need be, two different papers published in Constantinople that contain this most mendacious version of those heart-rending horrors committed on the poor, defenceless Armenians.

It is the same Turk, who not long since, made all the papers published in his empire publish the following official statement concerning the death of the lamented President Carnot. Dear readers, please read this bit of

news thoughtfully and see what it implies: "It is telegraphed from Paris that M. Sadi Carnot, President of the Republic of France, has ended his earthly career by a sudden death." Citizens of the United States, see the glaring prevarication of truth. Every body in the world knew almost on the instant, that the life of President Carnot came to an end by the cruel stiletto of the anarchist Santo, and yet this liar of a Turk announces to his subjects that "President Carnot died suddenly!" Why thus lie then? Nothing easier to explain than this for a man who knows the Chief Executive of Turkish empire: The Grand Turk lives in a constant terror of his life, more so than the Czar of Russia. To say that the life of the President of the French Republic came to an end at the hands of an anarchist-assassin was - according to his own idea, to give an incentive to some cut-throat in his kingdom to use his dagger on his own sovereign. Hence, perversion of a well known truth.

Now, citizens of Malden, and you all of the United States, judge for yourselves whether this wily old Turk tells the truth, or the most abominable untruth. As yet you have no direct means of verifying or falsifying these statements made by the Turkish authorities and ostensibly published in your papers. Nevertheless, you have your sound judgment and strong power of inference. You have known to some extent what the true policy of the Turk is in such cases. If you have not yet, allow me to tell it to you. It is to throw ashes in the eyes of the European nations whenever he is caught in one of his infernal atrocities on his helpless Christian subjects. Why? To blind their eyes. Now, in this last case, this deceitful old Turk comes and says to you that it was the Kurds and Mohammedans on whom these atrocities were perpetrated. What a ridiculous thing! The Armenians who are deprived of all sorts of weapons down to bread knives and penknives, attack these vulture-like Kurds and brutal Turks and massacre them! How absurd! I should lose my wits before I could believe such a story. He further says to you that Zekky Pasha, the governor of the 42 annihilated Armenian villages, is the guardian of peace. What a wise guardian angel! This I mean in a human form, this brute of a most ferocious kind, most intolerant fanatic of a Kurd, is introduced to you as the guardian of peace. Will you believe him, or add your protest against these evidently, nay, glaring false statements to those you have already made concerning the unspeakable horrors under consideration?

Believing, Mr. Editor, that you, as one of the chief representatives of fair play, truth and universal justice, will be kind enough to give these humble remarks a place in your esteemed paper, I close.

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