

SULTAN FINDS A CHAMPION.

A Spanish Traveller Who Was in Armenia Says He Didn't See Any of the Reported Atrocities.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Senor Ximenes, a Spanish traveller, has just returned here after having been in Kurdistan and Mesopotamia from March to November last on a geographical mission for the Porte. He says he was in the province of Bitlis at the time of the alleged Sassoun disturbances, but neither saw nor heard anything to warrant the stories of Armenian atrocities.

He is disposed to lay much of the blame for the disturbed condition of Armenia on the American Methodist missions in Asia Minor. The pupils of these missions, he says, are never satisfied to return to their homes and work their land, but continually speak of American liberty. In nearly every case the Armenian agitators, he asserts, have been pupils of the Methodist missions.

The statements that women and children were tortured by either Turkish regulars or irregulars are denied. The entire affair, Senor Ximenes insists, was limited to a local disturbance, which was locally suppressed, the only serious affray being when 1,200 troops sent to disperse the rioters fired two volleys upon 3,000 retreating Armenians in the Valley of Talari who refused to surrender, killing 300.

"In Armenia," says Ximenes, "the so-called Armenian question does not exist."

BOSTON, Jan. 9.—Secretary Barton, of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, says:

"It is the American Board that has missionaries in Asia Minor and Eastern Turkey, not the Methodists, and all the schools are kept scrupulously free from politics."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Turkish Legation gave out to-day another official communication, making a sweeping denial of recent reports of outrages in Armenia, and complaining because some

American newspaper will not drop the subject until the Turkish Commission of Inquiry reports.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society, having headquarters in New York, said yesterday:

"The Methodist Missionary Society has no missionary in Asia Minor, nor have we had any at any time."

CANNOT MUZZLE GLADSTONE.

Britain Tells Turkey He is No Longer a Minister or in Her Control.

LONDON, Jan. 10—4 A. M.—A despatch from Constantinople says that in reply to the formal request of the Sultan that Great Britain disavow Mr. Gladstone's speech on Armenian affairs, the British Government states that Mr. Gladstone is not a Minister and it is therefore unable to control his utterances.

A London newspaper correspondent on the way to Sassoun was stopped at Aleppo and not allowed to proceed.

The new Armenian Patriarch has formally declared fidelity to the Sultan.

The Herald's Anti-Armenian Bias.

To the Editor of The World:

The Herald seems to have taken the utmost pains to minimize by all means the Turkish atrocities in Armenia and to cast doubt on the reports of the cruelties received from different and reliable sources. It ignores not only the impartial testimony of those near the scenes of the atrocities published in its own columns a few weeks ago, but leaves no stone unturned to find some pretext to defame the Armenians. Indeed a chivalrous act on the part of a great paper towards a downtrodden people!

In to-day's issue the Herald publishes again a cable from London stating that the horrible narrative of the wife of the Armenian leader, Grego, who, rather than suffer dishonor at the hands of her Turkish persecutors, threw herself, with her child in her arms, into an abyss, is a reproduction of an old tale told in poetry by Mrs. Hemans years ago. What evidence can the Herald produce that this is so? Has the Herald a special correspondent near the scenes of the reported atrocities to ascertain the exact facts, or is the wish the father of all the editorial and non-editorial thoughts published in the Herald to defend the Turkish Government? An impartial paper should not shut its columns to impartial reports from reliable sources, and should not be so ready to lend an attentive ear to reports emanating only from Turkish sources. The investigating committee has not yet arrived at the scene of the atrocities, and not yet finished its task. Is it not rather too early for the Herald to give to the Turkish reports so much importance? HAGOP MARKARIAN.

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