

the latter have been massacred. In the district of Mardin, where there is a large Christian population of Chaldeans and Syrians, a number of villages have been burned. The people are suffering from exposure and hunger. This outbreak is regarded here as being very significant, and as indicating that a systematic campaign has been directed from Yildiz Kiosk, against all Christians, and not against the Armenian Christians in particular, as has generally been believed.

New Phase to the Question

This puts a different and more serious complexion upon the whole matter and is a feature which will immediately attract the attention of the powers, if it has not already done so.

At Sivas, and elsewhere, the Turks have claimed that the Armenians were the aggressors, and that the former simply defended themselves when attacked by the latter.

The weakness of this plea can be judged from the fact that during the recent massacre at Sivas 800 Armenians were killed and only ten Turks met death during the rioting. It is safe to presume that it was a massacre pure and simple.

The news to-day from the different provinces of Asia Minor confirms beyond doubt the impression, which has prevailed here, that the movement has now assumed proportions which have placed it beyond the control of the Turkish authorities, even if the latter were really desirous of punishing the Mussulmans for massacring Armenians.

The report that four Jesuit priests, under French protection, had been murdered at Malatias, turns out to be untrue.

Theological Student Arrested

The police here continue making unexplained arrests and not a day passes without revolutionary posters being placarded on the walls or distributed in the streets. The real state of affairs cannot be ascertained by the representatives of the Embassies, but, it is stated that 400 Softas, (Turkish theological

students), have recently been arrested.

The cause of their imprisonment is said to be their refusal to return to their homes without receiving the money due them from the Government for their expenses in undergoing their course of study, but a more likely version is that the students have been proved to be im-

plicated in posting revolutionary placards.

The Porte is said to be very anxious about the attitude of the military cadets. They are, it is thought, imbued with the revolutionary spirit which prevails in the army and navy.

Nearing a Crisis.

No definite action is known to have been taken by the Ambassadors of the Powers, but it is reported that they will join in a note on Saturday or Monday informing the Sultan that, in spite of the remonstrances and recommendations of the Powers, matters have reached a stage where it is evident that the Sultan's authority is not sufficient to quell the repeated disturbances, and it has become necessary for the powers to put an end to these disorders by occupying jointly various portions of the Turkish Empire until order is fully restored and a better system of government is inaugurated.

The most powerful fleet ever gathered is being assembled at Salonica Bay. It will consist of about thirty British warships, a dozen or so French ships, twelve Russian warships, eight Italian warships and several Austrian and German warships.

ROYME, Nov. 16.—A despatch from Alexandria, Northern Syria, says that a massacre of Christians has occurred in the vicinity of that town, and in the presence of three hundred Turkish soldiers, who did not render any assistance.

The European residents of Alexandria are in danger.

The city of Harpoot, sometimes spelled Kharput, is the headquarters of the Eastern Turkey Mission, under the management of the American Board of

Missions, an organization of the Congregational Church, with Dr. Richard S. Storrs as its President.

The offices of the Board, in New York, are at the Bible House, Astor place and Fourth avenue, and Rev. Charles C. Creegan is the district secretary.

Feared Bad News.

"We had been fearing bad news from Harpoot," said Dr. Creegan when an Evening World reporter read the Constantinople cablegram to him.

"Harpoot is a city of 40,000 people, in the midst of one of the most densely populated sections of Asiatic Turkey. The population of this region is three Mahometans to one Armenian.

"The Armenian Church, closely allied to the Catholic Church, is one of the oldest Christian churches in Asia Minor.

"In the Eastern Mission, which extends over 800 villages and smaller cities in the territory surrounding Harpoot, we have 26 churches, with a membership of 2,200 native Protestant Christians, and 10 Sunday-schools, with 6,000 pupils, besides day schools and 148 native helpers who preach or teach.

"In Harpoot is located the Euphrates College, so named because the city lies in the valley of the historic Euphrates River. It is probable that the buildings destroyed are part of those of the college.

Building Cost \$80,000.

"There are twelve buildings, built after the Oriental style, and costing about \$80,000. As 10 or 12 cents a day pays for labor, and 25 cents will tempt a skilled artisan, this \$80,000 has built structures that would cost not less than \$350,000 or \$400,000 in America.

"The converts secured by our missionaries are from Armenians and Kurds. Never, or almost never, is there a Mahometan convert to Christianity, for such a convert sacrifices his life to the Mussulmans, whose hatred of Christians, be they Armenians or Protestants, is ferocious.

"Perhaps the internal conditions which our missionaries mention in their annual report just received have had

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PORTE'S WORD USELESS.

Despite Assurance to Terrell the Sultan Could Give No Protection.

4,000 ARMENIANS MURDERED.

It Is Thought the Six Powers Will Take Decided Action in a Day or Two.

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CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 15, via Sofia, Bulgaria, Nov. 16. — It is now known that there are about 800 victims of the Kharput massacre, and eight out of twelve buildings belonging to the American missionaries there were sacked and burned.

The assurances of the Porte to Minister Terrell that the lives and property of the Americans would be protected have amounted to nothing, although it was announced that Turkish police had been detailed to guard the missions.

The American missionaries escaped and are now in a place of safety.

Mr. Terrell has again notified the Porte that the United States will hold it responsible for the lives of the missionaries.

The inhabitants around Kharput are in great distress from hunger, and if the cold weather was to set in there would be much more suffering and loss of life.

4,000 Armenians Massacred.

From Guran, in the villayet of Sivas, where the Kurds have been besieging 4,000 Armenians, it is reported that all

ABDUL HAMID II.—THE SULTAN OF TURKEY.



This is the Ruler Who is Responsible for the Massacre of Hundreds of Innocent Victims—Women and Children.