

## Russia and the Armenians.

It is to Russia that the Armenians must look for deliverance from the abominable yoke of the Turk. Commissions from the Sultan and protests from Great Britain will have but little effect in bettering the condition of the Armenian Christians and preventing a repetition of the horrors which have wounded the heart and aroused the anger of civilization. The Russian Czar would have all Europe, except Great Britain, and all America, except the few who are blindly devoted to British ideas and policies, in sympathy with him should he send his troops into Armenia and rescue that country from Turkish oppression, as the Russians once rescued Bulgaria. Even in England there would be a powerful public sentiment opposed to interference in behalf of the Turks, just as a similar public sentiment prevented interference when Alexander II. of Russia went to the help of the Bulgarians. But if England should attempt to interfere other European powers would doubtless warn her that Russia is not without friends.

Indeed, England is largely responsible for the very atrocities which have thrilled the world with horror, for it was Great Britain's intercession at the Berlin Congress in behalf of Turkey that compelled the Russians to give up Armenia after having conquered the country. Armenia was then surrendered with the express condition that the Christian inhabitants should be fully protected in their rights. That condition has been violated by the Turks, and it is both the right and duty of Russia to enter again upon the possession of the territory which Turkey has forfeited. Russian rule is despotic, but it would be a vast improvement over the Turkish system of massacre, mitigated by anarchy.

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