

TURKS HATE AMERICANS.

A Teacher and Four Students of Tarsus Thrust Into Prison for Spite and Blackmail.

LONDON, Nov. 20—4 A. M.—A letter in the Times stated that one of the best-known teachers in St. Paul's Institute at Tarsus, and four students, were seized and imprisoned at Adana, in Asia Minor, southwest of Armenia, in a horrible den with murderers and thieves, by Turks, merely to spite the American school and extort money from them.

A prominent official having sent word, they were released on the payment of £12 (\$60).

The letter adds that this is only a sample of the Turkish oppression of Christians in every part of the empire.

There have been similar occurrences at Aintash and Marash.

A Vienna despatch to the Times reports that the outrages on the Armenians in the Sassoun district are said to have occurred towards the end of August.

A Berlin despatch says the Vossische Zeitung declares that if the Porte is unable to stop the oppression in Armenia the powers must step in, when it is most likely that Armenia will be separated from Turkey.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 19.—The Armenians of Pittsburg are greatly excited over the reported massacre, though they are not surprised. John Hentchank, one of the colony, has been getting letters every week from Constantinople, where his family lives. His parents predicted the massacre, and told him about several battles between the Armenians and the Turks. Mr. Hentchank said to The World correspondent:

"The last letter from home told of a fierce fight right in the streets of Constantinople, ending in the death of 300 Armenians and 100 Turkish soldiers. The trouble was caused by the Turks trying to seize some beautiful Armenian girls for harems.

"One of the Armenian leaders named Anathenathaphth was arrested and ordered to pay what is equal to \$1,000 or be put to death.

"This last outrage will likewise stir up a revolution. The Turkish Government is afraid of the meetings of the Armenians on the hills. Whenever one is found it is broken up, and the alleged conspirators against the Sultan put to flight.

"In this country we are doing all we can to help our people. The Sultan and his advisers know this. A year ago some Armenians went from America to visit their relatives at Constantinople. They were refused admittance to the country."