

# MISSIONS BURNED

## Minister Terrell Reports 800 Armenians Massacred.

### 4,000 KILLED AT GURUNDEN

### American Missionaries at Sivas Are Reported Safe.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Secretary Olney received a cable despatch to-day from Minister Terrell officially informing him that eight Christian missions at Harpoot, Armenia, and vicinity had been burned, and that about 800 persons had been killed.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The representative of the United Press at Constantinople reports, under date of Nov. 15, that at 6 o'clock on the evening of Nov. 14, Mr. M. A. Jewett, United States consul at Sivas, sent a telegram to United States Minister Terrell, informing him that in the disturbances which had taken place at Sivas 800 Armenians and ten Turks had been killed, and that according to official reports a large body of Kurds were then approaching the town.

Mr. Jewett gave no details of the disorders, but the discrepancy in the figures shows that the Turkish allegations that the Armenians were the aggressors are absolutely untrue and that the Armenians were deliberately massacred.

Minister Terrell has also received a despatch from Harpoot, in the Pashalik of Diarbekir, and sixty miles west-northwest of the city of that name.

The despatch is dated Nov. 13, and says that the lives of the occupants of four of the buildings burned at that place were saved and the occupants of eight others of the burned houses perished in the flames. The remaining houses were stripped of every article of value.

The country in that vicinity, the despatch says, is desolate, and thousands of persons are homeless and destitute, in fact starving. The missionary buildings, of which there are twelve, are situated within the compound or inclosure and are occupied by twelve Armenian families and 500 theological students. A women's seminary is also within the inclosure.

A despatch from Mardin in the Pashalik of Diarbekir, dated Nov. 13, says the inhabitants of the villages burned in that vicinity are in the direst need of food and clothing, and many are dying from starvation and exposure.

It is stated in despatches of reliable authority

that in the Syrian district of Gurunden 4,000 men, women and children have been killed, and many others are suffering from wounds and lack of medicines, food and clothing.

No root or branch of the policy of the Powers toward Turkey has yet been decided upon. Official opinion here concurs with all reliable advices from the European capitals that an agreement between the Powers as to how they shall actively intervene in the event of the Sultan evading his promises to effect reforms in the administration in Armenia, or proving defiant to the demands of the Powers, still remains to be obtained.

Even a revolution in Constantinople, with a general Moslem rising, would find the concert incomplete. In the meantime, the main function of the fleets assembling off the coast of the Levant will be to watch each other while the governments continue to try to arrange the limits of their common action, if such should be forced upon them.

Sir Philip Currie, the British Ambassador to Turkey, who has been in England for several days on leave of absence, passed hours at the Foreign Office to-day, prior to starting on his return to Constantinople on Monday.

It is impossible to glean from official sources definite information as to the proposals initiated by Austria a fortnight ago. These proposals are still under discussion. It is understood that the most likely solution of the question will be the administration of Armenia by an international commission, with the occupation of the country by Russian forces under a European mandate.

The reinforcement of the Austrian troops in Bosnia points to a projected advance on Macedonia in the event of a rising there. It is an absolute certainty that, should a naval force be required before Constantinople, the British squadron will not be allowed to appear there alone.

BOSTON, Nov. 16.—The American Board received this morning from Consul Jewett at Sivas, Western Turkey, the following cable despatch:

"Report Americans here well."

Sivas is an inland mission station in Western Turkey. The missionaries there are Miss Mary E. Brewer of Grinnell, Ia.; Rev. Albert W. Hubbard of Cameron, N. Y.; Mrs. Emma R. Hubbard of Corning, N. Y., and Rev. Henry T. Perry of Boston.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—A cable despatch was received at the Navy Department to-day announcing the sailing of the San Francisco from Marseilles for Alexandretta. She was ordered there on account of the Armenian troubles. The distance from Marseilles to Alexandretta is about 1,500 miles, and the San Francisco should make the voyage in six days.