

HALF A MILLION DIE IN MASSACRES

“Christian Martyrdom At No Time Has Assumed Such Colossal Proportions,” Says Armenian Diplomat--A Few Children Escaped By Miracle.

New York, Sept. 27.—Dr. M. Simbad Gabriel, president of the Armenian General Progressive Association of the United States, has received from Nubar Pasha, diplomatic representative in Paris of the Catholicos, or head of the Armenian Church, advice in regard to the massacres of Armenians in Turkey in which it is stated that “Christian martyrdom” has at no time assumed such colossal proportions.

The letters containing the advice were received by Nubar Pasha from “authoritative sources,” in Constantinople and Athens and contain an appeal to the United States to intercede and stop the persecutions.

Dr. Gabriel in making public the letters to-day said that from information contained in them and from other reports he had received directly, he estimated that 450,000 Armenians had been put to death and 600,000 remained homeless or exiled out of a population of 1,500,000.

“What has occurred in a few months in Cilicia and Armenia,” wrote Nubar Pasha, in transmitting the correspondence, “is unbelievable. The great massacres of Abdul Hamid seem insignificant, compared to the recent atrocities which are without precedent in the history of our nation’s martyrology. It is nothing more or less than the annihilation of the whole people. But Armenia is so far away that scarcely anything has been yet heard about this frightful tragedy in Europe and America.”

A letter from the Constantinople source says that Armenians in all the cities and villages of the province of Cilicia have been deported en masse to the desert regions south of Aleppo.

“Moslems have occupied the lands and houses abandoned by Armenians,” the letter reads.

“The deported are not allowed to carry with them anything. They have to travel on foot, distances requiring a month or two of walking in order to arrive at the desert assigned for their habitation, where

they will find no houses, no work, no livelihood, but their graves.

“Let it be borne in mind that the persons from 20 to 45 are at the front. Those from 45 to 60 are employed in the military convoys. As to those who had paid the required sums for exemption from military service, they have been either exiled or imprisoned on some pretext. So the village of the Vilayets of Van and Pithia have been pillaged and the populations put to the sword. All the Armenians of Kara-Hisar have been massacred except for a few children who escaped by miracle.

The court-martials have been functioning everywhere. Numerous Armenians have been hanged and others condemned to ten or fifteen years of hard labor. Even the churches and convents have been pillaged and destroyed. Almost all of the bishops have been arrested and delivered up to be court-martialed.

“If neutral powers, especially the United States of America, do not intercede to stop at once the persecutions of the people there will remain very few of the million and a half Christian Armenians in the Turkish empire. Christian martyrdom has at no time assumed such colossal proportions.”

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NEVER FIGHT ENTENTE.

What Bulgaria Consul-General For England Says.

London, Sept. 28.—Joseph Angeloff, Bulgarian consul-general for England, in an interview with the Weekly Dispatch, says: “There is not a single Bulgarian who will take up arms against England or Russia. I think the press have been a little too precipitous in their deductions. If you read history aright you cannot imagine Bulgaria joining with the Central Powers against the Entente.”

“Why, then, is Bulgaria mobilizing? If Germany is firing guns into Belgrade and intends to invade Serbia through Bulgaria or to march into Constantinople by that route, surely Bulgaria should be prepared. If our neutrality is infringed we must resist; we cannot resist unless we are mobilized. But the Bulgarian army is not so small as the press makes out. The 28 classes represent about 750,000 men, and they are better equipped and supplied than was the case in the war with Turkey.”

PILOT USES PARACHUTE.

Aerial Defence Of Paris Invented By Pegoud.

London, Sept. 28.—The successful methods employed in defending Paris from aerial attack, invented by the French aviator Pegoud, who met death in a mid-air duel, have been made public. A zone of light has been created by means of ground flares, completely encircling the city, and the air above is efficiently patrolled by tractor monoplane. A German airship crossing the zone of light is instantly attacked from above in the following manner: A French monoplane pilot enters a parachute attached to the tail boom of the monoplane. He then directs his machine with locked control so that it dives nose first and at full speed into the Hun airship, while the pilot meanwhile descends with the aid of the parachute.

FRENCH TRIBUTE PAID TO BRITISH ARMY AT HOME AND ABROAD.

The “Contemptible Little Army” Is Now a Perfect Fighting Machine Says French Writer.

Paris, France, Sept. 28.—M. Pichon, the former minister for foreign affairs, after visiting the British army in the field has written his impressions to the Petit Journal. He says: I have spent a week with our British friends in the midst of Field Marshal French’s “contemptible little army,” to use the expression employed by the Emperor, who immediately before the battle of the Marne. I think that if he saw them to-day in their trenches, in their cantonments and in their drill grounds, these troops of which he spoke so arrogantly, he would have to alter his tone. It contains the body of the German army, if they have been unable to reach Calais in spite of the Emperor’s orders, and if they have lost an enormous number of men on the bank of the Yser, let us remember that we owe to them the victory at Arras, Belgium and England. We should be committing an act of unpardonable injustice if we forget that fact. We must also remember that the help that the armies raised by Lord Kitchener have afforded us under the command of Sir John French is but the beginning of a series of successes. There is no comparison between the army which fought at Mons, at Le Cateau and on the Aisne with the number of army corps which have been added since that date.

There can be no comparison either between their supplies, their organization in every respect, with the conditions under which the earlier armies were called to fight.

A Magnificent Chapter.

Lord Kitchener’s army is also the subject of admiring comment from a contributor to the Figaro, who states that from whatever point of view it is regarded, the formation of Kitchener’s army is a magnificent chapter in British history. The correspondent continues: “I commit no indiscretion in stating that the British front has been considerably extended, and that British batteries have replaced ours at a good many points. These changes were not immediately known by the Germans. One German officer, who was made a prisoner, on finding himself in front of a British battery, said: ‘I have heard I felt sure from the accuracy of the firing that this battery was still French.’” M. Joseph Reinach, the Figaro’s military critic, states of the British force: Their armies are second to none for organization, armament, solidity and discipline.

General Bugeaud, one of the ablest officers of the last imperial wars, said the English soldiers were the finest in the world, but fortunately there were not many of them; happily, M. Reinach remarks, this time there are a good many. The writer goes on to refer to the intelligence manifested by the British soldier. Their inspiration and motive power, he says, is an intelligent disposition to do their duty in a tenacious and methodical manner. I wish to tell you that in the approaching encounters they will surprise us by their obstinacy and heroism those qualities which were shown on the Yser.

Cardinal Gottl Critically Ill.

Rome, Sept. 28.—Cardinal Jerome M. Gottl, prefect of the propaganda, is in a critical condition. He fell in his office was apparently to an apoplectic stroke.

Of course you realize that it is every man’s foremost duty to do unto you as he would have you do unto him.

Many a man with wheels thinks he is the whole machine.

THE GERMANS HARD PRESSED

Every Available Fighting Man Flung Into the Defence.

THE ENEMY’S LOSSES ARE SAID TO BE SOMETHING FEARFUL.

There Are 1,800,000 Huns On the Western Front—Allies Have Hard Nut to Crack in Assuming Offensive.

London, Sept. 28.—In a despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Rotterdam, dated Sunday afternoon, the correspondent says: “Whatever may be the final issue of events in hand along the western front, it can at least be said that the available man in Belgium is being flung into the defence. Troops newly arrived, are being rushed to the firing line without an hour’s rest, while villages and frontier posts are being denuded of their guards in an endeavor to meet the Allies’ onslaught. “The German losses are described as terrible. The roar of cannon can be heard ceaselessly at places well inside the Zeeland frontier, and an endless procession of German wounded pouring into towns and villages behind the enemy’s lines in Belgium. “Yesterday there was fighting over a wide area with all arms engaged, by land, by sea, and by air.”

Great Events Expected.

Amsterdam, Sept. 27.—via London, Sept. 28.—The Telegraaf’s Roulers correspondent send to his paper a despatch describing the activities on the western front. (The despatch says: “War again in all its horror. There is heavy fighting in Flanders. The gunfire is tremendous. Wagons with all kinds of supplies thunder along the roads. “There is a fearful bringing back of wounded. The trams bring them to Roulers in crowds and automobiles rush them to villages close behind the lines. Cortemark has all its available buildings filled, and more are constantly arriving in wagons, lying on straw which has been hastily improvised into beds. The soldiers speak of the scenes at the front with shudders. Great events are everything expected.”

1,800,000 Huns In West.

London, Sept. 28.—The Times military correspondent says: “The last semi-official notice which the press received of the strength of the German army in the west placed the number at 1,800,000 men or thereabouts. There is no serious reason to dispute this figure, although some nine German divisions have been drafted to the east during the last few months. The force of these units lying on straw which has been hastily improvised into beds. The soldiers speak of the scenes at the front with shudders. Great events are everything expected.”

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GALE FORCED TRAIN BACK.

Mount Washington Engines Couldn’t Reach The Top.

Bretton Woods, Sept. 28.—The Mount Washington Railway train was forced back by the gale Sunday within a mile of the summit. It began the ascent in a driving rain, climbed Jacob’s Ladder, the steepest grade in the road, rose above the clouds into clear weather, and after running half an hour in the sunshine, encountered a gale that defeated the sturdy mountain engines. This is the second time in five years that a trip once started has been abandoned. The special train was chartered by the Massachusetts Press Association and carried 25 passengers.

Negotiations over the proposed credit to Great Britain and France continued in New York on Friday without noteworthy development, but to the accomplishment of many reports relating to matters said to be under consideration.

PITH OF NEWS.

Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

Mrs. John Astor has left for the French coast to join the staff of the Duchess of Westminster Hospital as a nurse.

The Sultan and his family have left Constantinople, and are living in a palace on the Asiatic shore of the Bosphorus.

A great storm is raging throughout Italy, causing floods and landslides. Trees have been uprooted by the violence of the wind and the wide overflow of rivers has drowned cattle.

United States customs officials at Laredo, Texas, on Sunday held up half a million rounds of cartridges and a large number of army rifles, destined for use by the Carranza forces on orders said to have emanated from Washington.

Keir Hardie, the British labor leader, died of pneumonia on Sunday at Glasgow, the city he loved more than any other. He was a product of the masses, and by the masses he was idolized.

The protocol providing for the handing over of territory ceded by Turkey to Bulgaria in virtue of the Turco-Bulgarian agreement was signed by Turkish and Bulgarian delegates at Demotika, twenty miles south of the Turkish fortress of Adrianople on Saturday.

In an attack by Haitian rebels on an American force about two miles from Cape Hauden, forty Haitians were killed. Ten Americans were wounded. The rebels have refused to disarm, and the Americans are marching on Haut Du Cap, in the plain of the north.

Negotiations concerning the past week on a continued tonnage of steel for war munitions. Contracts were placed in the United States and Canada for about 100,000 tons more forgings and rolled steel for projectiles, covering shipments in December and over the first quarter of next year.

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CANADIANS AT FRONT RADIATE CONFIDENCE

Inspire French And Belgian Peasants, Who Farm While Shells Fall About Them—Gun Gifts Welcomed—Machine Artillery of Great Use.

London, Sept. 27.—Canadian headquarters in Northern France—Three days spent at the Canadian front have certain outstanding impressions. The first is the new zest which Canada’s continued determination and support give to those still at the front, who went through the terrible experiences of Ypres, Langemarke, Festubert, and Neuve Chapelle.

Warmest greetings have been extended to General Turner and his force, whose headquarters are now fully established in a chateau within reach of the firing lines. No time is being lost to give them what they pine for in England; namely, experience of actual fighting conditions.

Wherever you go, among Canadians, at divisional and brigade headquarters and in trenches, news of Canada’s astonishing outburst of machine gun gifts arouse heartfelt enthusiasm. “We cannot get them too soon. We are eager to see them handle them in the trenches,” said one. The Sifton battery has done excellent work in the Canadian lines.

Confidence in Themselves. Another impression is the conviction of each individual Canadian fighter that he is more than a match for any German. “Let us call off the guns on both sides for one day only,” said a Canadian boy as I passed him in the trenches, “and you will see how quickly those Germans over there just a hundred yards away, will get a move on. Every time in the night scraps that we get really up to them the issue is never in doubt.”

If a Canadian out here ever had any fear of an individual Prussian or any kind of German, it vanished long ago.

Another impression the Canadian visitor gets is cordiality based upon the mutual respect between Canadians and British regulars. Bearing the magic word “Canada” upon his brassard, your correspondent enjoyed a share of this cordiality. “Hello, Canada; how d’ya like it?” all the British Tommies called cheer-

rose in a moment with the announcement: “He is dead.”

An ambulance was called from the Polyclinic Hospital, and the girl was hurried to that institution. She is in a critical condition, and it is feared there is little hope for her recovery.

Mrs. Parker and others in the conservatory, who had known both the young man and the young woman for years, were almost prostrated by the tragedy, but several of them said they had feared something would happen because of Heckler’s infatuation for the girl, and his

growing belief that she was losing her love for him, although they were engaged to be married.

It was found that Heckler had fired two bullets into Miss Palmer’s head and two into his own. The first bullet grazed the top of the girl’s scalp and from the position of her body she apparently had tried to reach the door and escape before Heckler fired the second time. The second bullet entered below her left ear and lodged in the brain.

To shoot himself, Heckler had put the weapon to his own temple. He stood so close to his victim that when he fell the two bodies touched.

They are planning a fonsill’s game in Hamilton for Thanksgiving Day—proceeds to go to Red Cross Fund.

John Kerry, the well-known Montreal swimmer, now with the army hospital at Cannes, France, took part in a swimming carnival there recently, winning the 60 and 200 metre races. He will meet the champion of France in a match race shortly.

Carl (Dad) Stewart, former manager of the St. Thomas Canadian League Baseball Club, and last year with Ottawa, has enlisted with the 70th Overseas Battalion for active service. Stewart is the sole supporter of his mother, who, however, insisted that he not hold back on her account.

The Allan-Darling team of racing dogs, winners of the famous 412 mile all-Alaska sweepstake race, was sold at Nome, Alaska, to Lt. Haas of the French Army, who will take the dogs to France for use in Alpine service. A. A. (Scotty) Allan the noted racing

dog driver, will accompany the dogs to France.

There will be only two teams in the intermediate series of the Inter-provincial Union this fall. They are Hamilton Tigers and Argonauts. A double schedule will be arranged. Hamilton Howing Club Intermediates will play in the O. R. F. U.

TO AWE POPULACE. Turkey Has Only Two Good Warships Left. Soloniki, Sept. 28.—According to a traveller from Constantinople, the Torgut-Mels and the Hamidieh are the only big Turkish warships remaining in seaworthy condition. The chief cause of their being in the Constantinople and keep the suffering and disaffected population in awe throughout the empire.

Things have come to such a pass through hunger, oppression and the outraged religious feelings of the people, that a general uprising, it is reported, would follow the slightest relaxation of the German grip upon the country.

Rev. Thomas S. Barbour Dead. Stoddard, N.H., Sept. 28.—Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Barbour, formerly foreign secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, died suddenly at his summer home here. While head of the foreign mission work of his denomination, Dr. Barbour figured prominently a few years ago as a leader in the movement to stop the atrocities in the Congo region.

WHERE TURKS LOST SHIPS. Two of the three transports sunk near the mouth of the Bosphorus, into which the river of that name enters. The other was sunk at Nagara by an Allied

“DEAR MOTHER :-A good thing to send would be a package of Grape-Nuts, or something of that kind that is not expensive or heavy and is of good food value. Your son, WILL.” From a Canadian soldier at the battle front; reprinted from the Renfrew (Ont.) Journal. Wherever hardships are endured, wherever big deeds are accomplished, there a food is demanded that provides maximum of value in brain- and body-building material with minimum of bulk. In this respect no other food equals Grape-Nuts. In building the Panama Canal thousands of brain workers as well as brawn workers kept themselves fit and in trim by eating Grape-Nuts dry from the package. Not only does Grape-Nuts supply all the brain- and bone-building, nerve- and muscle-making elements of choicest wheat but also the rich nutriment of malted barley. Grape-Nuts is highly concentrated-nourishment in compact form—always ready, crisp and delicious—thoroughly baked and packaged to keep indefinitely, anywhere. Wherever time is precious and sound nourishment vital you’ll find Grape-Nuts. “There’s a Reason” Made in Canada. Sold by Grocers everywhere Canadian Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Windsor, Ont.