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TURKISH OFFICIALS PROMOTE MASSACRES

Propaganda of Extermination of
Armenians Is Charged to the
Ottoman Government.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—A statement confirming the massacre of Armenians in Turkey was given out here today by Prof. Samuel T. Dutton, secretary of the committee on Armenian atrocities, which was formed for the purpose of investigating the facts regarding the massacre and its relations to American interests, and also to ascertain whether anything can be done to relieve the situation. The statement in part follows:

"A subcommittee has thoroughly investigated the evidence and has just made a report to the full committee concerning in every particular the statement recently made by Viscount Bryce, regarding the imprisonment, torture, murder, massacre and exile into the deserts of northern Arabia, of defenseless and innocent Armenians, including decrepit men, women and children, and their forcible conversion to Islam.

Abdul Hamid Outdone.

"The witnesses all agree in the declarations that from Smyrna, on the west, to Persia, and from the Black sea to Arabia, a propaganda of extermination of non-Moslems is now being carried on by the Turkish government, far surpassing in ferocity and exceeding in destruction anything done by Abdul Hamid during his long career of massacre and extermination.

"In several places American property has been seized. Americans searched, imprisoned and expelled from the country, their letters and telegrams, even from United States consular officers, intercepted, and their lives put in jeopardy.

"This, however, is of trivial importance compared with the work of destruction going on among the Armenians.

"Evidence seemed to prove that probably 500,000 Armenians have already been murdered or forced into the desert, where only death awaits them, unless relief is secured at once. And all this has taken place since March and is now at the height of its gruesome fury."

Teutons Cannot Interfere.

ROME, Sept. 26.—The apostolic delegate at Constantinople, Monsignor Dolci, has sent to the Vatican a report describing the massacre of Armenians. He says that Germany and Austria cannot interfere because they are allied with Turkey, while the other powers can do nothing because they are at war with Turkey.

The only possible assistance, adds Monsignor Dolci, can come from America, whose ambassador is using every effort to protect the persecuted Armenians.