
SAVE THE ARMENIANS.

That the denunciation of the Turks as bloodthirsty villains has been decidedly overdone in the Christian nations of the world and not least in the United States, is the testimony of those who have lived and traveled among them. Americans in Constantinople are at one in their assertions that they much prefer the Turk to the Greek or the Russian. He is more reliable and gentler-hearted by nature. His friendship is prized and however alien to American thought his ideals may be, the Turk is, they say, loyal to them. He lives up to his Koran better than the American lives up to his Bible.

But the Turk, like every other national, has his enmities, his enemies. And he pursues them with a relentlessness and a mercilessness which are appalling. The Armenian, it happens, is and always has been the Turk's particular bete noir, his pet aversion. As the Dispatch's Rome correspondent lately revealed, the Turkish government and army are persecuting the Armenians in a manner calculated to make the blood run cold. The Christian subjects of the sultan have, by an imperial decree, been interned for the period of the war; and this is equivalent, so Correspondent Mowrer says, to a proclamation of extermination.

Thus far in the war President Wilson has refrained strictly from interference with any of the belligerents so long as they did not injure the lives or property of Americans. But there will be many of opinion that he should at least protest to the Turkish government against a continuation of the cruel torturings and massacres of Armenians, one of the most unfortunate peoples on the face of the earth, who are in danger of complete extermination through no fault of their own.