

# ARMENIANS AT VAN MASSACRED

**Six Thousand Killed by Turks  
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London, May 17.—2:14 p. m.—Six thousand Armenians have been massacred at Van in Armenia, Asiatic Turkey, according to a despatch received in official quarters in London today from the Russian consul at Urumlah, Persia.

This message is dated May 15. It adds that the Armenians are defending themselves to the utmost against the Turks and Kurds arrayed against them, but that help is urgently needed.

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## **Armenians in Grave Danger.**

News dispatches from Persia, Armenia and Trans-Caucasia in Russia, have set forth for several weeks that the position of the Armenians in Turkey as well as in northwestern Persia, was one of grave danger, but no message has conveyed any indication of such extensive massacring as does this report to London. If it is true, the Armenian situation has entered upon a period which threatens to rival the conditions of 1895 when something like 15,000 Armenians were killed.