

FRANCE WARNS TURKEY.

Atrocities in Armenia Must Stop—Delcasse Tells of Investigation.

PARIS, June 9.—Foreign Minister Delcassé made a statement in the Chamber of Deputies to-day giving a summary of the official investigation into the atrocities in Armenia. The question came up upon the request of M. de Pressensé (Socialist) that France make a naval demonstration against Turkey in order to stop the Armenian persecutions.

M. Delcassé said he received on Monday a report from the French Ambassador at Constantinople giving the result of the investigations of the French Consul sent into the Sassun district. It showed there had been a number of bloody combats and villages had been captured by the troops and destroyed. It was impossible to estimate even approximately the number of villages destroyed or the number of people killed. Some accounts said that twenty-five and others that fifteen villages were destroyed. There was no doubt that the uprising resulted in the killing of many rebels and also many peaceful peasants.

The facts in the case, said the Minister, had been exaggerated, but they were none the less deplorable. The Porte maintained in Armenia an administration of such a character that insurrection was the only recourse for the population. M. Delcassé added:

"I have informed the Porte that the time for repression is over, and that it must beware what responsibility it incurs. The French Government will not cease to do its whole duty."

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