

## ARMENIANS MASSACRED

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**Six Thousand Killed by Turks and  
Kurds at Van.**

LONDON, May 17.—Six thousand Armenians have been massacred at Van, in Armenia, Asiatic Turkey, according to a dispatch received in official quarters in London to-day from the Russian consul at Urumiah, 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.