

## **TERRIBLE ATROCITIES IN ARMENIA.**

**MASSACRES BY TURKISH TROOPS.**

**THOUSANDS OF INHABITANTS  
SLAUGHTERED.**

**MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN  
BUTCHERED WITHOUT MEROY.**

**WOMEN VIOLATED AND HACKED  
TO PIECES.**

**APPALLING DETAILS.**

LONDON, Nov. 17.

A sensation has been caused in London by details which have been received regarding the terrible atrocities alleged to have been perpetrated in Armenia by Turkish irregular troops.

The *Daily News* recently published a telegram to the effect that fearful excesses had been committed upon the inhabitants of a number of Armenian villages. It was stated that the Turkish irregular troops had pillaged many villages and had slaughtered all the inhabitants—men, women, and children—who came in their way.

Further particulars to hand confirm the reported atrocities, which, for brutality and cruelty, are said to be almost unparalleled.

The massacres are said to have originated in consequence of the refusal of the inhabitants of the Armenian villages to pay taxes imposed upon them by the Turkish officials. The troops fired upon the people without mercy, killing thousands of their number. They also destroyed 25 villages.

The British Consul at Van, in the southern district of Armenia, has reported the massacre to the British authorities.

The Turkish commander in Armenia accuses the British Consul of inciting the people to revolt.

The Armenian Patriotic Association has decided to draw up a memorial to the Earl of Kimberley, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, urging the Great Powers which signed the Berlin Treaty to take measures to replace the Turkish régime in Armenia.

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The details of the massacres in Armenia are appalling. It is alleged that the Turkish authorities at Stamboul directly instigated the acts of violence laid to the charge of the Turkish troops. The people were slaughtered by the soldiers, regardless of age or sex. Nine hundred women were first violated and then hacked to pieces. The soldiers offered to spare the lives of some of the most attractive of the Armenian women if they would abjure their religious faith, but they stoutly refused to do so, and were butchered like the rest.

It is reported that between 6000 and 10,000 Armenians—men, women, and children—were ruthlessly massacred.

The Turkish Government, which has been appealed to, declares that the Turkish troops are not responsible for the terrible atrocities, which they assert were perpetrated by Armenian brigands, with the assistance of insurgent Kurds, who are alleged to have outraged Mussulmans and Christians. The Turkish regular troops restored order.

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