

# TENDENCY OF ARMENIA TO LEAN TOWARD RUSSIA-ATTITUDE RECENT

## Russia's Concern in Armenia is Recognized—Greatest Progress Against Turkey is Being Made in this Territory—Press is Ready to Discuss the Whole Situation.

London, April 23.—One of the first facts to become apparent almost immediately after the entry of Turkey into the present struggle was that the position of Armenia, however matters issued, would be seriously affected. For some considerable time past there has been throughout Armenia a tendency to lean towards Russia, and a more and more openly expressed opinion amongst Armenians throughout the world that a more than a partial solution of the Armenian question lay in the assumption by Russia of a general suzerainty over the country. This attitude of the part of Armenia is, of course, something of quite recent growth. For over 100 years the Armenian, disappointed in those hopes for autonomy for his country raised when the Russian forces occupied Caucasia, has regarded Russia with an open and watchful antagonism. He has lived in a perpetual state of opposition to the attempts on the part of the government at Petrograd to bring his church under the dominion of the Greek church. About three years ago, however, a complete change came over Russia's attitude towards the Armenian population. All attempts to Russify the Armenian church were abandoned and the utmost freedom within certain limits was given to the national church of Armenia, which for nearly 1,800 years has been in a rallying point for Armenian peoples all over the world.

During the whole of this time the Armenian population in the Caucasus has lived in comparative happiness. It is scarcely to be wondered at, therefore, if the Armenian, as he views the hardships to which he is subject under Turkish rule, looks to Russia for deliverance. It must be evident, moreover, to any student of history that for some time past Russia has been endeavoring to bring about a complete break-up of the Ottoman

empire came, Russia might be able to make good a claim to a suzerainty over Armenia.

M. Giers, then Russian ambassador at Constantinople, wrote to his government that letter which may become historic, in which he emphatically insisted that the position of the Armenians had by no means changed for the better since the great massacres of 1894-5, pointed to the depredations of the Kurds, spoke of the forcible conversion of Armenian women to Islam, and insisted that robbery was a matter of common business. It was all, however, he added significantly, strengthening the gravitation of the Armenians towards Russia. This is the first clear indication of the trend of Russian policy, and in the correspondence which followed the position steadily becomes more and more defined. Thus, later on, M. Giers quoted to his government a statement made by the Russian consul at Baku, in which he maintained that all Armenians without distinction of party were very hostile to the Turks, and anxious for a protectorate of Russia, which he considered the only salvation of the country. The Armenian Catholicos, he said, had petitioned the viceroy of the Caucasus, praying that Russia might take under her protection the long-suffering Armenian nation living in Turkish Armenia.

Russian Activities.

M. Giers himself insisted that the Catholicos faithfully reflected the feelings of the Armenian people, and would offer it in case of need, all possible protection. It is true that, at that time, M. Giers insisted that an actual occupation of the Armenian vilayets, although ardently desired by many Armenians, would be premature, but that does not affect the main issue.

No negotiations went on. Now Russia is found reconstituting in Armenia, in the interests of the most part, that, in the interests of Russian tranquility, she could not tolerate a state of chaos on her frontiers. Then the Porte is trying to effect the obvious trend of Russian diplomacy by promising and actually drawing up reform schemes for Armenia. These, responding to the most modest demands of the Armenians, and consequently he is found insisting to his government that the best guarantee for an effective series of reforms would be a Russian occupation. It was at this point that Germany entered upon the scene and took vigorous action to stem the trend of Russian policy.

### WOMEN IN VIENNA.

Vienna, April 23.—Everybody does their duty for the endangered fatherland. The poor woman on her way to factory contributes her mite to the collection boxes. The rich women open their parlors, bedrooms and salons to the wounded officers and soldiers. Not only do the women of Austria, France, England, Germany suffer from war's depredations, but the women in America are every day suffering from the many ills that women are heir to.

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As at last the direct negotiations between M. Giers and Baron von Wangenheim, the German ambassador at Constantinople. After many efforts the two diplomats drew up the new famous scheme providing for two inspectors, general, having powers of appointment and dismissal, and two elective councils, with equal representation for Moslems and non-Moslems. Germany and Russia at last in agreement, the next obstacle came from the Porte. With true Ottoman procrastination, negotiations dragged on until the grand vizier at last accepted the scheme about a year ago. In announcing this fact to his government, M. Giers remarked that the scheme, although not all that could be desired, would have a great value for the future development of Armenia, as well as for Russia, and he added significantly, the scheme stands constitutes a definite registration of Russia's role in regard to Armenia.

Public Opinion.

Whilst little is to be gained by speculation as to what will happen after the war, and after what fashion the new map of Europe will be drawn, it is useful and interesting to take note from time to time of the trend of public opinion and public speculation on various questions in the countries most concerned with them. Russia's concern in Armenia is generally recognized. It is in Armenian territory that she is making her greatest effort

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against Turkey, and the Russian press is by no means behindhand in discussing the whole situation. The peculiar interest attaching to such journalistic articles is the fact that on a question such as this, free expression of opinion would not be tolerated, unless it had a certain amount of backing, and was, at any rate, not disapproved of by the authorities.

Most of these press statements, whilst the language guarded, make it perfectly clear that something like autonomy is regarded as certain to result to Armenia from the present struggle. Turkish Armenia, the Russian Slav declares, for instance, will get complete autonomy and will be safe forever from the grip of Turkey. Again, M. Djivelekov, writing in the Ruski Videmostok, declares that the war of Russia against Turkey means the dawn of freedom for the Armenians, the prologue to a new and free life, whilst the Novoye Vremya insists emphatically that Armenia will get her emancipation. Finally, the definite pronouncement is made by the Kurier, that Russia and the Armenian people, it declares, imperatively insist upon the creation of an independent Armenia under the protection of Russia, and that Armenia should be included within its boundaries and thus secure to it an outlet on the Mediterranean.

Turkish Armenia.

This last extract makes the position clear enough. A reference to the map and a review of the history of the recent Russian negotiations with Turkey in regard to Armenia, afford an interesting indication as to the trend of events. The famous six vilayets which have always been roughly regarded as Turkish Armenia were, according to the Russian agreement which the Porte accepted a year ago, and subsequently denounced at the outbreak of the present war, to be divided into seven by the addition of the vilayet of Trebizond. This brought to Armenia, hitherto a conventional inland territory, a littoral on the Persian coast stretching roughly from Sinope to a point some 20 miles southwest of Batum. From this latter point the boundary followed the coast of the Black sea and then the Persian frontier. From its extreme southern limit some 50 miles south of Urmia, the frontier crossed the Tigris through Rehas and so on, slightly east of Kaisariye, up north to Sinope. The Kurier, however, mentions Cilicia, and a port on the Mediterranean. This is particularly interesting as Cilicia is always claimed by Armenians as being really a part of Armenia.

# DEAD ENGLISHMAN BROUGHT REALITY

## Corey Unable to Appreciate Grimness of War Till Death is Seen.

(By Herbert Corey.)  
(Copyright, 1915, by Herbert Corey.)  
Lille, France, April 1.—It was the dead Englishman who helped us to understand.

We had been walking through the front trenches at La Bassee. The day was hot. The ditches were so deep that we could by the possibility see over the embankments. Under foot the plank runway was slippery with mud. We knew we were the first party of correspondents to take up the trenches opposite the English position—now and then we could hear an English bullet whistle overhead—but on the whole the adventure did not seem promising. We jested about a romp to the front as we toiled along in our heavy overcoats.

"We came to a man looking through a porthole. He did not turn to look at our rather noisy party. We had come to a part of the trench which was both wider and deeper than the approaches through which we had been laboring. There were more men in sight. Some of them were carrying four sacks with earth, with which they were building up the trench floors of the 'understands'—the timbered galleries beneath the surface in which they live and take refuge from shells—and peered out at us. Their faces were on a level with our knees. They seemed quiet and rather tense. I got an idea that our laughter jarred on them. Here the rifles were racked outside the bomb-proofs. The men could sense them as they came out of their shelters.

There was something about the back of that man who looked through the porthole that held our attention. If you have ever seen a hunter on a deer runway you will know precisely what I mean. He was rigid, and yet there was a nervous elasticity in his pose. We looked again, and saw that he was muzzling up to the checkpiece of a rifle. He was watching the enemy through the eyehole in the port. His orders were to fire as soon as he saw a deer. Our laughter died out rather suddenly. War had become a grim business to us. We knew how they were men in the trenches, and we had a certain disapproval as we joked. Death was too near.

Looking through a porthole.

"Look through the portholes," said Captain Jones, of the general staff, who was our official chaperon. The sentry saluted and stepped back. I put my eye to the slit in the steel port. At first nothing could be seen outside except sunshine and bare, gray-brown earth. Lie upon the ground some time and raise your head to the level of the trench, and you will find that things look oddly different to you.

"Do you see him?" asked the sentry. "There was no one in sight. It seemed an infinite time, and perhaps to be measured in half seconds—before I found the thin line of yellow clay that marked the English trenches. It was about 100 yards away. These trenches are three months old, so that the tints of the upturned earth have merged with those of the background. Between the English and the German trenches lines of barbed wire run, and they confuse the unaccustomed eye. I might never have found the English trench except for a sparkle of light which came from near the surface of the ground. It was the sun shining on a rifle muzzle.

underneath our feet. Those who did not reach the trench finally flinched before the fire. They gave way, taking their wounded with them. The dead was left behind.

That was ten days before. Through every porthole, as we looked out to a barren, gray-brown landscape, dead Englishmen could be seen. Three hundred of the 500 who had died on that 500-yard front had been buried by night. Mostly their poor, broken bodies were dumped in the great holes made by shells. It saved digging. Some were buried by the German sentries who move between the lines at night. Others were interred by their English comrades. No truce was made for the purpose. Truces are not be-

ing granted in this war—or being asked.

"The bodies which hang upon the wires cannot be touched," one soldier said to us in a matter-of-fact way. "The others would hear the wires twanging and would fire. So that we only bury the bodies we can bury safely."

That is not inhumanity. It is war.

London, April 23.—Along the peaceful green slopes of St. James' park, which marks the center of fashionable life in London, there have sprung up almost overnight a host of temporary buildings to be used as an emergency extension of the war office. They will house a staff of a thousand clerks, representing the accounting department.

So rapidly has the work of this section of the government grown that the huge war building in Whitehall is badly overcrowded. Early in the war an extra store was built up on the roof to house part of emergency staff. The new buildings in the park are not jerry-built, although they have the appearance of mere shacks. They are solidly constructed, with foundation walls of brick four feet high, concrete floors, and walls of carefully selected timber, asbestos lined. The buildings are only temporary, of course, but provision was made when they were planned, for a war that might last several years.

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### SHIP OWNERS IN ENGLAND PROFIT

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It is, of course, only those who have had their ships free who have been able to make money. Some owners had their vessels tied up by blockades at normal figures and others had their ships taken by the government. Then all the ship owners have had to bear increased expenditures for wages, fuel, insurance and delays in port.

The people who are really making the money, according to a London shipping journal, are the Greek ship owners. "For the last few years," it explains, "the Greeks have been steadily buying ships, and they now have a very considerable merchant marine. They can take full advantage of the high rates, and do not have to face the risks British shippers do, nor pay the extra wages."

**PICNIC AT HILLSBORO.**

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