

# TURKS IN S. S. PREDICT WAR TO KILL ALL CHRISTIANS

### Think Sultan Will Get Into Conflict as Pretext to Rid Empire of Hated Subjects—Untold Thousands to be Put to Sword by Vengeful Mohammedans.

New York, Sept. 11.—That Turkey will soon be at war as an ally of Germany and Austria and that this will eventuate to a struggle between Mohammedans and Christians for supremacy, with all the attendant horrors such a struggle would precipitate, was predicted by Turks in New York recently.

It was asserted that within a few days the Sultan of Turkey probably would call the Mohammedans not only of Turkey in Europe, but of Asia as well, to war upon the Christians, not only of Turkey but of other countries. This would mean the massacre of countless women and children, and a pretext to carry into execution projects, one of them being the extermination of Christians, which long have been entertained by the Mohammedan Turks.

On the other hand, it was asserted that in the event of a defeat of Germany and Austria in the present struggle, Turkey in Europe would be wiped off the map, and instead of retaining the territory it lost in the Balkan war, it would be dismembered and distributed according to the desires of the allied governments now opposed to Germany and Austria.

#### Holy War is Predicted.

"There is little doubt in my mind," said Abraham Zieca, an importer, of No. 51 Washington street, to the Herald recently, "that Turkey soon will declare war against somebody or other just to have an excuse for aiding the Germans. The Mohammedan Turks long have been opposed to the French for the assistance given to Christians in Mohammedan countries. If Turkey engages in this war it will be merely a cloak to hide the real purpose—namely, the extermination of Christians wherever they may be found within Turkish territory.

"Should the Sultan call the Mohammedans together in a holy war, as he predicted in Turkey, it will bring arms untold thousands of Mohammedans in Egypt and elsewhere. The condition will provoke a horrible warfare, the atrocities of which will startle the world. Friends in Turkey have written me recently that they would leave Turkey if they could.

"I have received information from Beyrout that there has been almost daily rioting there since the war began and that many have been killed. I have not read an account of this in the newspapers. There are thirty million Mohammedans in Turkey. Should about five million Christians should the country be at war the Christians would be massacred to a man.

#### Turks Vow Vengeance.

The Mohammedans walk about the streets swearing vengeance upon the Christians and long before I left Turkey the safety of Christian Turks was imperilled constantly. There are thousands of Christian subjects of Turkey in New York, Massachusetts and other Eastern States, and all of them fled because they feared for their lives at the hands of the Mohammedans.

"The sentiment in Turkey is friendly toward the Germans, but there is great hostility against the French and Italy. The Mohammedans, presumably with the consent of the Sultan, lately have been circulating books and pamphlets hostile to the Christians and demanding their extermination at any cost. The Mohammedans parade the streets and threaten the Christians with death. Many already have been slain and if Turkey joins in this war countless thousands of innocent lives will be sacrificed.

Similar views were expressed by Solomon Bacini, of the dry goods firm of Kassouf, Mourant & Bacini, at No. 47 Washington street. Mr. Bacini is a Christian Turk and he admits he left Turkey some time ago because he was in danger of death at the hands of Mohammedan Turks, who were secretly sworn to exterminate all Christian Turks. He expressed his belief that Turkey soon would declare war in the hope of recovering Macedonia and the Aegean Islands, and that if this step is taken the Balkan States will be involved in the great conflict.

#### Will Exterminate Christians.

Turkey is seeking a logical pretext to enter into this war as an ally of Germany and Austria," said Mr. Bacini, "so that the Christians may be exterminated. Turkey has no intention of aiding Germany, particularly, but its real motive is to give the Mohammedans the upper hand and to recover Macedonia and the Aegean Islands, which it lost as a result of the last war. If a religious war is declared by the Sultan then the Mohammedans will be incited to slay Christians wherever they may be found, and frightful massacres will result.

# GERMAN ARMY LEADER TELLS HOW TO CONQUER AMERICA

### General von Edelsheim, of Prussian General Staff, Reviews Causes that Might Lead to War With United States and Forecasts Operations of Invader.

(From the London Globe of Aug. 12.) (We reproduce the following translation of a memorandum, entitled "Operations against the United States," written by General von Edelsheim, of the Prussian General Staff.)

"Operations against the United States of North America would have to be conducted in a different manner from those against England. During the last years political friction with that State, especially arising from commercial causes, has not been lacking and the difficulties that have arisen have mostly been settled by our giving way. As this obliging attitude has its limits, we have to ask ourselves what force we can possibly bring to bear in order to meet the attacks of the United States against our interests and to impose our will. Our fleet will probably be able to defeat the naval forces of the United States, which are distributed over two oceans and over long distances. But it would be a mistake to suppose that the defeat of their fleet will force the United States with its immense resources into concluding peace.

"In view of the small number of American merchantmen, in view of the small value of the American colonies, which are not even pacified, in view of the excellent fortifications with which the great American seaports are provided, and which cannot be taken except with very heavy losses, and in view of the large number of American seaports, all of which we cannot blockade at the same time, our fleet has no means to force that opponent through successful maritime operations to conclude a peace on our terms.

"The possibility must be taken into account that the fleet of the United States will at first not venture into fortified harbors in order to wait for a favorable opportunity of achieving minor successes. Therefore it is clear that naval action alone will not be decisive against the United States, but that the combined action of navy and army will be required. Considering the great extent of the United States, the conquest of the country by an army if invasion is not possible. But there is every reason to believe that victorious enterprises on the Atlantic coast, and the conquest of the most important arteries through which imports and exports pass, will create such an unbearable state of affairs in the whole country that the government will readily offer acceptable conditions in order to obtain peace.

"The Regular Army. "If Germany begins preparing a fleet of transports and troops for landing purposes at the moment when the battle fleet steams out of our harbors, American soil can begin after about four weeks, and it cannot be doubted that the United States will not be able to oppose to us within that time an army equivalent to our own. "At present the regular army of the United States amounts to 85,000 men, United States amounts to 85,000 men, of whom about 30,000 could be disposed of. Of these at least 10,000 are required for watching the Indian territories and for guarding the fortifications on the sea coast. Therefore only about 20,000 men of the regular

the only great Power which is able to tackle the United States single handed. England could be victorious on sea, but would not be able to protect Canada, where the Americans could find consolation for their defeats on sea. Of the other great Powers none possesses a fleet of transports required for such an operation."

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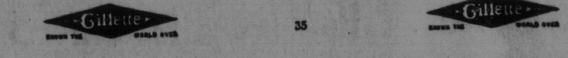
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