

ago as July, 1865, it must consequently be familiar with its methods and humanitarian ideas. Thus it was hoped that it would readily accept the presence of its workers.

American sympathy was enthusiastic, but its very zeal embarrassed the operation of the Red Cross. Its international and neutral character, as a medium of relief in mitigation of war or overwhelming calamity, appeared to be overlooked or wholly misunderstood. By the obligations of

the Armenians. It announced the issue of two million copies of a pamphlet bearing on its title page the mottoes : "God against Allah, Christ against Mohammed, Bible against Koran, Heaven against Hell!"

These ardent demonstrations called forth a Turkish Pronunciamiento, prohibiting the Red Cross from entering Turkey. Nevertheless, hoping against hope, Clara Barton and her little company of trained experts set forth



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the Geneva treaty, all national controversies, racial distinctions, and differences in creed must be held in abeyance and only the needs of humanity considered.

At public meetings and in the press, coupled with enthusiasm for the relief of the Armenians, was a not unnatural denunciation of the Turks. A Pro-Armenian Alliance was formed, which claimed to be working hand-in-glove with Clara Barton and the Red Cross Society for the relief of

on their heroic mission. The mode of their leaving New York, January 22nd, 1896, is thus described by Miss Barton: "Crowded piers, wild with hurrahs, white with parting salutes, hearts beating with exultation and expectation—a little shorn band of five, prohibited, unsustained either by government or other authority, destined to a port five thousand miles away; from approach to which even the powers of the world had shrunk. What was it