

BOILED IN A KETTLE.

Some More Facts About the Alleged Armenian Atrocities.

A Body Put in a Kettle and Boiled Like so Much Beef.

Horrible Treatment of a Child Found Alive in Cradle.

(From the special correspondent of the A. P. in Armenia.)

Kars, Russia, April 10.—During the last three weeks, I have had unusual opportunity for obtaining additional confirmation of the facts contained in my announcement of the impending uprising of the Armenians in Turkey next month. I have travelled many miles up and down across the border in search of certain facts, and as a result I have had the satisfaction of actually seeing and handling some of the rifles now being smuggled across the Turkish frontier by the agents of the revolutionary party. Moreover, the plans of the party have been more fully explained to me by some of the most active and intelligent of the leaders of the eastern wing of that movement, and I am now satisfied that unless unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances intervene, the uprising will take place as announced.

The exact date for the uprising has not yet been fixed, owing for the most part to the fact that the extreme eastern section of the Armenian party is not ready for active operations. Whether or not the central section will wait for the eastern wing longer than the month of May I do not know, but the matter actually been decided, I am led to believe, that the eastern wing cannot be ready for hostilities in May, and possibly not before the first of July.

The eastern wing has been and is having a hard time of it, owing to two circumstances over which the leaders have no control. In the first place, the mountain passes leading to Van have been blocked with snow for months, so that only regular messengers following the regular routes of travel could get through, and, therefore, it was impossible to forward guns and ammunition from Russia and Persia to the districts about Lake Van.

In this place the Armenians in the eastern end of Turkey are bordering on starvation. It is obvious that people in this condition cannot fight. On this point a leading officer of the revolutionary party told me three days ago:

"If men have nothing in their stomachs what can they do? We must first feed them before we can expect them to fight. When we can get enough food to last two months, then we shall show the world the Armenians can fight."

It is this question of food that the leaders will find most difficult to solve, for the problem of smuggling guns into Armenia will be so solved with the coming of spring, which is now just beginning to be felt in the lower valleys.

It is plain that if no food is to be had people can be fed no matter how much they may have, and it is a fact that in the eastern part of Armenia food is scarce, that the well-do-do rich people have no more than they actually need. As for the poorer Armenians their condition is distressing in the extreme, and, added to the robbery of their homes, which Turks and Kurds have brought upon them, they are now harassed by a famine so terrible that many of them are actually dying of starvation. Few crops were grown last summer, owing to the fact that many of the farmers and cultivators were thrown into prison by the Turks under charge of rebellion, and their condition is distressing in the extreme, and, added to the robbery of their homes, which Turks and Kurds have brought upon them, they are now harassed by a famine so terrible that many of them are actually dying of starvation. Few

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