

BRYCE ASKS US TO AID ARMENIA

**Says That All the Christians in
Trebizond, Numbering 10,000,
Were Drowned.**

WOMEN SEIZED FOR HAREMS

**Only Power That Can Stop the Mas-
sacres Is Germany, and We
Might Persuade Her to Act.**

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Viscount Bryce, formerly Ambassador to the United States, has sent to The Associated Press a plea that America try to stop the slaughter of Armenians. He says:

"The civilized world, especially America, ought to know what horrors have been passing in Asiatic Turkey during the last few months, for if anything can stop the destroying hand of the Turkish Government it will be an expression of the opinion of neutral nations, chiefly the judgment of humane America.

"Soon after war broke out between Turkey and the Allies, the Turkish Government formed, and since has been carrying out with relentless cruelty, a plan for extirpating Christianity by killing off Christians of the Armenian race. Accounts from different sources agree that over the whole of Eastern and Northern Asia Minor and Armenia the Christian population is being deliberately exterminated, the men of military age being killed and the younger women seized for Turkish harems, compelled to become Mohammedans, and kept, with the children, in virtual slavery. The rest of the inhabitants, old women, men, and children, have been driven under convoy of Turkish soldiers into unhealthy parts of Asia Minor, some to the deserts between Syria and the Euphrates. Many die or are murdered en route, and all perish sooner or later.

"In Trebizond City, where the Armenians numbered over 10,000, orders came from Constantinople to seize all Armenians. Troops hunted them, drove them to the shore, took them to sea, threw them overboard, and drowned them all—men, women, and children. This was seen and described by the Italian Consul.

"Some in the country escaped by professing to accept Islam, and a quarter of a million escaped over the Russian frontier, but perhaps half a million were slaughtered or deported, and those deported are fast dying from ill-treatment, disease, or starvation. The roads and the hillsides are strewn with corpses of innocent peasants.

"We can all try to send aid to the

miserable refugees now in Russian territory, but what man can stop the massacres? Not the allied powers at war with Turkey. Only one power can take action for that purpose. It is Germany. Would not the expression of American public opinion, voicing the conscience of neutral nations, lead Germany to check the Turkish Government?"

FORCE BELGIANS TO WORK.

**German Authorities to Punish Those
Who Refuse.**

Compulsory labor in Belgium under German Administration is announced in the following dispatch of the semi-official Wolff Telegraph Bureau: from Brussels, published in the Vorwärts of Aug. 26:

"The Governor General has issued an order by which every person is made liable to punishment who refuses without sufficient ground to undertake or to continue work consonant with his professional activity in the public interest, and demanded by the German authorities.

"Likewise persons will be punished who through coercion, threats, or persuasion, or other means, hinder other persons in work for the German authorities or give assistance to them so that they may refuse to work.

"In connection with the regulation measures are also ordered concerning aversion to labor, and it is ordered that whoever refuses to accept work, although he receives public or private support, or by reason of his refusal to work becomes destitute and in need of assistance, shall likewise be punished. A sufficient ground for refusal will be considered if based upon international law."

NEW WARSHIP SOON TO SAIL.

**Britain About to Send Dreadnought
to the Dardanelles.**

Officers of the Cunarder Orduna reported yesterday that the superdreadnought Barham, a sister ship of the Queen Elizabeth and Warspite, whose keel was laid in 1913, soon would be commissioned and leave for the Dardanelles. The Barham is fitting out at Liverpool, and it is expected will be ready in six weeks.

In telling of the war-time activities of well-known ships the Orduna's officers said that the Cunarder Aquitania had been painted white, converted into a hospital ship, and had just left Liverpool for the Dardanelles to bring home the wounded soldiers, and the White Star liner Olympic, which had been laid up at Belfast since last October, also was being fitted out as a hospital ship in Southampton to operate with the Aquitania. The liners can carry about 7,000 soldiers each and make the voyage in five days. The Cunarder Mauretania is carrying troops to the Dardanelles.