

U. S. SERVES SHARP NOTICE

OUR GOVERNMENT AROUSED BY ARMENIAN MASSACRES

Washington, Oct. 5.—The Turkish government will be formally informed that unless the massacre of Armenians ceases friendly relations between the American people and the people of Turkey will be threatened.

Instructions to that effect had gone today to Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople to present to the foreign office. Officials here made it plain, however, that the message did not threaten a rupture in diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The ambassador's instructions are merely to inform Turkey that the American people are already so stirred by the reported massacres that a continuance of the atrocities might result in a break in the friendly relations between the two peoples.

A WAR OF EXTERMINATION

New York, Oct. 5.—The Turks and Kurds are waging a holy war of extermination on the Armenians, ac-

ording to 16 members of the American board of foreign missions who arrived from Van, Turkey, on the Swedish steamer Hellig Olav today.

Ernest Yarrow, one of the missionaries, told how the Armenian population of Van, numbering 1,500, held out against 5,000 Kurds and a Turkish company commanded by a German officer from April 30 to May 17, when Russians arrived and relieved the town.

"We had six American and two Red Cross flags," said Mr. Yarrow, "and we flew these over the mission, but they were not respected by either of the combatants. The Turkish company arrived three or four days before the Russian relief came, and the shrapnel from the Turk guns tore down all of our flags.

Armenians Retaliate.

"We sheltered large numbers of Armenian women and children, but as soon as the Turks and Kurds had been driven away from the town virtually all of the Armenians turned out to loot the Turkish houses and duplicate the atrocities that had previously been practiced upon the Armenians. It was with great difficulty that they were restrained.

"The Turks and Kurds have declared a holy war against the Armenians and vowed to exterminate them. The population of Van was poorly armed and were forced to use brass and copper trinkets to make bullets. Three small cannon were made of scrap metal. The supplies of ammunition were running short and the Russians arrived just in time to save the Armenians from being wiped out." Mr. Yarrow said many Armenians were suffering from typhus and other diseases, and when he left conditions almost everywhere in Armenia were terrible. Half of the missionaries were taken ill during the siege and six of them died.

According to Mr. Yarrow many of the atrocities practiced by the Kurds on the Armenians were indescribable. He confirmed all of the reports of outrages which have reached the United States and said only a portion of the real story had been told.

When a man or a woman gets a good look in God's looking-glass he isn't finding fault with other people; he has as much as he can do at home.—D. L. Moody.