

PREPARING PUBLIC FOR ARMENIAN MASSACRE.

COUNTRY PLUNGED INTO NEW AGONIES.

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The return of the Turks to Armenia, since the withdrawal of the Russian Caucasian army, may be expected to plunge Armenia into a new chapter of atrocities and massacres. That the Turkish action in this direction will be met with no opposition from Germany may be gathered from the fact that the German press recently printed several official Turkish communications bearing a close resemblance to the Turkish pronouncements which preceded the earlier Armenian massacres. A communication published last week said:—

“Armed bands of Armenian guerillas are beginning to persecute the Ottoman inhabitants of Armenia, and appeals to the Russian military are unavailing. The facts bearing on this are confirmed by testimony of natives who have escaped from the Armenians. Moreover, deputations have been sent to the Turkish Government with requests for help by the populations of various districts, who are defenceless against Armenian persecution and are continually exposed to its terrors.”

The statement concludes with a list of “significant atrocities” alleged to have been perpetrated by Armenians.