

NATIONALIST TURK GOVERNMENT WILL ASSIST ARMENIA

Massacres are Deplored and
Orders to Respect People
Are Issued

WILL NOT BE ISOLATED

Nor Will They Oppose Grant
of Territory to Armenia
to Insure Formation
of State

Sivas, Asiatic Turkey, Sept. 20.—
(By Courier)—Mustapha Kemal
Pasha, head of the National Turk-
ish Government, recently set up in
Asia Minor, has informed the cor-
respondent that the new Government
has issued orders to respect the Ar-
menians, and deploras earlier Ar-
menian massacres.

The mission of Major-General Har-
bord, which the correspondent ac-
companied, arrived at Sivas after a
fortnight's trip along the railroad,
1,100 miles from Constantinople
through Konieh, Adana and Aleppo
to Mardin on the Bagdad railway and
an automobile ride of 250 miles north
and east through Kurdistan and Ar-
menia, stopping at Diarbekr, Malatia
and Sivas. The trip was marked by
no hostile attitude on the part of
bandits and cordial receptions were
awarded the mission all along the
route.

Mustapha Kemal Pasha, the Nation-
alist leader, who called the congress
of delegates which has broken with
the Government at Constantinople,
said in his interview with the corre-
spondent: "We have just received
news of the note of President Wilson
to the Sultan, regarding future at-
tacks on Armenians. The National-
ists regard the whole business of the
Armenian massacre as a regrettable
affair, of which time will show the
causes. We will calmly comply with
the wishes of President Wilson. We
have ordered our organization to re-
spect the Americans."

Apparently the Nationalists do not
wish to dethrone the Sultan, but are
seeking to bring about conferences
with his advisers.

The Nationalists have apparently
made up their minds, in case it is de-
cided to permit the present Armen-
ian Government to continue, not to
oppose the grant to Armenia of suf-
ficient territory to insure the forma-
tion of a prosperous state with a port
on the Black Sea instead of isolating
it behind impossible boundaries.

Some of the Armenians, on the
other hand, lay claim to the territory
from Erivan, in the Russian Cauc-
casus, to Adana, just off the Medi-
terranean, but others, recognizing the
impossibility of securing the terri-
tory to organize such a state, sug-
gest abandoning the idea of recon-
stituting ancient Armenia.

The members of the mission are
leaving here today for Erzingan, Er-
zeram and Erivan, where they will
strike the railroad to Tiflis. It is
too early to anticipate the recom-
mendations which the mission will
make to the American delegation at
the Peace Conference on the subject
of Armenia. The members of the
mission have been accumulating vo-
luminous notes on various details of
the problem.