

# WARNS TURKS TO AVERT ARMENIAN MASSACRES

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## Washington Sends Word to Constantinople to Prevent Repe- tition of Horrors.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Instructions were sent by Secretary Lansing today to the American Embassy in Constantinople directing the Chargé d'Affaires to appeal to the Ottoman Government "in the name of humanity" to prevent any massacre of Armenians, now refugees in northwestern Persia, during the Turkish military operations in Persia.

There has been considerable fighting in northwestern Persia, where a number of the Armenians, who were driven into exile by the Turks, took refuge, and in view of possible military operations in which Turkish soldiery may be engaged along the Persian frontier it has been considered wise to make this appeal to the Sublime Porte so that Turkey may be forewarned in advance that the civilized world would look with horror on the massacre of Armenians. A Petrograd official announcement this afternoon declared that in Persia Russian detachments had defeated Turkish cavalry in the region of Uchnu.

The State Department has made repeated appeals to the Turkish Government in behalf of the Armenians, thousands of whom have been massacred without mercy or driven into the deserts of Syria and Mesopotamia to starve. Last September the State Department placed an informal request before Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, that he use his influence with the German Government to interfere in behalf of the Armenians in Turkey.

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