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PERSECUTION IN RUSSIA.

The facts regarding the persecution of the Jews in Russian Poland are only gradually reaching this country, says the Kansas City Star. They show that the government has taken advantage of the anti-Semitic feeling to oppress an important part of the population. Apparently the necessity was felt of shifting the blame for the Russian retreat. The Jewish residents were accused of helping the invading Germans. As a result large numbers were expelled from their homes and subjected to mob violence.

In a dignified and moderate speech in the дума the Jewish deputy, Mr. Freedman, recently recounted the sufferings of his people. He insisted that thorough investigation had proved the stories circulated of help to the enemy to be without foundation. Case after case he cited of whole communities reduced to poverty. His estimate was that a half million Jews had been beggared by the persecutions.

World public opinion has been brought to bear on Turkey for its slaughter of the Armenians. If the reports from Russia are verified—and the facts seem well established—the czar's government cannot escape moral condemnation for its wholesale persecutions in Poland.

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