

Attack Still in Progress.

Washington, Feb. 17—Seven thousand Armenians have been massacred in Cicilia in a new attack by Mustapha Kemal's Turkish and Kurdish troops and the attack is still in progress, according to advices received yesterday by the Armenian National union through official channels.

The report, signed by the acting Armenian archbishop of Smyrna, and the president of the Armenian colony of Greece, states that the foes of the Armenians number 50,000 men, who have advanced to Bahtche and threaten to spread a reign of terror throughout the district.

"The Armenians," the dispatch said, "are ready to resist the attack, but lack the necessary means for self-protection. Immediate assistance alone can save from total extermination 150,000 people."

[photo of Vartanousch Karagheusian accompanies story]

Armenian Girl Shudders When Told of Massacre.

Vartanousch Karagheusian, sister of John Karagheusian, 211 West Fifteenth street, who arrived in Minneapolis some months ago to take refuge with relatives after having experienced nearly all the hardships that Turkish rule imposed upon its Arme

nian subjects during the war, shuddered today when informed that 7,000 of her countrymen had been reported massacred by Turks and Kurds in the Cicilia district. She didn't care to learn the details; they are all too familiar to her, she said.

She said she was not surprised to learn of the massacres as there appears to be a general plan to wipe out the Armenian population. She said she had never visited the section of Turkey where the latest massacres are reported, but added she could appreciate all of the horrors to which the Armenians are subjected by the Turks and Kurds. This section of Turkey, she said, was progressive due to the ambitions of the Armenian population and was just beginning to recover from the more serious effects of the war.

"Similar massacres may be expected in all sections of Turkey where there are large groups of Armenians," said Mrs. Karagheusian, talking through an interpreter today. "Unless the [illegible] powers take a firm hand in dealing with the Turks, the entire Armenian race will be killed or forced to leave the country."

"You people who enjoy the liberties of this country cannot appreciate what it means to live in the shadow of an ever-threatening terror such as confronts the Armenians in Turkey. [Illegible] my countrymen hope that the United States or some other liberty-loving nation will act

soon to permit the Armenians to live in peace."

Letters received by G. D. White, 4215 Colfax avenue, associated with the Northern division of the American Red Cross, from his father, Dr. George White of Minneapolis, now engaged in relief work among the Armenians in Turkey, state that Dr. White's headquarters as late as December 21 last were at Marsovan, which is 75 miles from Angora, headquarters of Mustapha Kemal, leader of the Turks and Kurds reported to be responsible for the latest Armenian massacres.

"I have not heard from my father since December 21," Mr. White said today, "but in his last letter he said that the American workers in that district were prepared for any eventualities. If today's newspaper cables are correct, some of Mustapha Kemal's forces apparently are marching in the direction of Marsovan. If the situation at the latter place was serious, however, cable advices probably would have been received from there."

Mr. White said the massacres already reported in recent advices appear to have taken place in the vicinity of Marash, which is some 200 miles south of Marsovan. He said that some Minneapolis relief workers last reported in Syria are from 100 to 150 miles from the scene of the latest massacres. Among these is Mrs. Norton, a nurse.

Transcribed from a clipping in the collection of Lucy Kanian Desteian, Minneapolis, daughter of Arman P. and Vartanoush Karagheusian Kanian.