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“VIGOROUS MEASURES.”

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It is the conviction of Count Reventlow that the request of the United States, through the German ambassador at Washington, that German pressure be exerted to stay the ferocity of the Turks against defenseless Armenians, should not even be considered. “If the Turkish authorities believe it opportune to take vigorous measures against the unreliable, blood-thirsty, riotous Armenian elements,” declares the count, “it is not only its right, but its duty, to do so. Turkey can rest assured that Germany always will regard the matter as one concerning Turkey alone.”

A sample of the “vigorous measures” employed “against the unreliable, blood-thirsty, riotous Armenian elements” is given out from New York in a statement of the American committee on Armenian atrocities, after an investigation of the facts of the massacres. According to this statement:

An officer of the Euphrates college declared that approximately two-thirds of the girl pupils and six-sevenths of the boys had been taken away by death, exile or to Moslem homes.

Of the professors, four were killed and three escaped and are in hiding.

Of the male instructors at the same college four were killed in massacres, three are missing, two are ill in the American hospital and others are in hiding. One female instructor was killed in Chunkoosh, one taken to a harem, three are missing, four are exiled and ten are free.

The effrontery of the American government in suggesting relief to the Armenians appears to have been ill-considered unless there are countrymen of Count Reventlow who are not so well satisfied to let Turkey “rest assured.”

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At least the Armenian problem will be solved with the slaughter of the last of the Armenians.

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