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# The New York Times

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## 800,000 ARMENIANS COUNTED DESTROYED

Viscount Bryce Tells House of  
Lords That is the Probably  
Number of Turks' Victims.

## 10,000 DROWNED AT ONCE

Peers are Told How Entire Chris-  
tian Population of Trebizond  
Was Wiped Out.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, Thursday, Oct. 7. — The Daily Chronicle's Parliamentary correspondent in the House of Lords says:

"This afternoon Lord Bryce gave a heart-piercing account of the circumstances under which the Armenian people are being exterminated as a result of an absolutely premeditated policy elaborately pursued by the gang now in control of Turkey. He computes that since May last 800,000 Armenians, men, women, and children, have been slain in cold blood in Asia Minor.

"The House of Lords is a very unemotional assembly, but it was thrilled in every fibre at the story of the horrors compared to which even the atrocities of Abdul Hamid pale. As Lord Bryce truly said, there is not a case in history since the days of Tamerlane where a crime so hideous and on so gigantic a scale has been recorded. An ex-Sultan of Turkey is credited with saying that 'the only way to get rid of the Armenian question is to get rid of the Armenian.'"

"That horrible policy has," Lord Bryce said, "been carried out far more thoroughly by the present Turkish Government than it ever was by Abdul Hamid. The Armenian nation is not yet quite extinct; forlorn remnants have found refuge in the Caucasian provinces; some managed to reach Egypt; a few ill-armed, half-starved bands are bravely defending themselves from would-be assassins in the mountains of Sassun and Cilicia.

"On behalf of these pathetic survivors of a fine race Lord Bryce made a powerful appeal to the neutral nations. He did not mention America by name but it was obvious

that this former Ambassador at Washington had the great republic of the West in mind when he appealed to the conscience of neutrals and when he said he believed there are some crimes which even now in the convulsion of a great war the public opinion of the world will not tolerate.

"The Armenian question arose on a question put by Lord Cromer, who asked whether statements that German consular officials had been privy to these massacres rest on any substantial evidence. Lord Cromer thinks that though there may be no trustworthy evidence to prove the complicity of the German Government and its agents in these terrible atrocities, yet the German Government, having regard to its influence in Constantinople cannot be acquitted of moral responsibility unless it can be shown that it took vigorous and energetic measures to prevent these crimes.

"Lord Crewe, replying for the Government stated that the British Consular reports bear out the story of the massacre and reveal facts of the most horrible character. The condition of refugees in Caucasian provinces is piteous in the extreme.

" 'We have no official confirmation,' said Lord Crewe, of the allegations that German Consular representatives have not merely looked on but have possibly managed these horrors. Statements to that effect have, however, been freely made by American observers, and in view of what has happened elsewhere, these cannot be said to be antecedently improbable since July last, when we informed the Porte that individuals who incited these massacres would be held personally responsible by us, no representations on this subject have been made by our Foreign office to the Turkish Government either directly or indirectly, but they know our views. "

The Daily News commenting on the Armenian massacres says:

"How much does Wilhelm II. know? What views has the Proctor of Islam on the annihilation by his Turkish ally of a million Christian worshippers of the God he ceaselessly invokes? Does he indorse Count Reventlow's dispassionate judgment that 'it is not only right, but even a duty to take vigorous measures against the unreliable, bloodthirsty, riotous Armenian elements if the Turkish authorities think it right' to do so?' For a German, he adds, there can, of course, be no meddling.

"For a German, of course, there cannot. America's horror struck appeal to Turkey's ally will be laughed to scorn. 'And Pilate took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person.'"