

30,000 KILLED IN MASSACRES

Conservative Estimate of Victims of Turkish Fanaticism
in Adana Vilayet.

DEADLY WORK CONTINUES

Tribesmen Besiege Towns and
March on Others—Messengers
to American Women Slain.

CLASH FEARED AT BEIRUT

Druses Gather to Avenge Murder of
Deputy and Mohammedans Pre-
pare to Oppose Them.

BEIRUT, Asiatic Turkey, April 24.—A conservative estimate now places the number killed in the Armenian massacres in Adana vilayet at from 20,000 to 30,000. Help is needed everywhere along the coast.

At the town of Adana more than 100 girls are missing. It is known that twenty-one native pastors have been killed. Fears are entertained that other American missionaries than those whose deaths have been reported, have been murdered. There are 15,000 refugees in Adana and Tarsus and 5,000 in Mersina.

Conditions at Hadjin, where five American women were reported two days ago to be in danger from the tribesmen, are becoming critical. A messenger dispatched for relief by Miss Lambert, the American missionary, who two days ago sent an appeal to Constantinople, has been killed in the streets. A second messenger, a soldier, was shot at. The Vall, however, has given assurances of the safety of the Americans, and there are reports that the insurgents show signs of withdrawing. The town lacks food.

The Captains of the British, French, and German warships and the American and French Consular officials at Mersina today conferred with the Governor concerning the disturbances. They gave particular attention to the question of prompt relief for Hadjin. The Governor promised to do everything possible to calm the Mohammedans. The British Vice Consul has telegraphed to the Hadjin mission to try to persuade the Armenians in the town not to fire on the besiegers, as the Mohammedans probably ~~will withdraw~~ at the Governor's commands.

Dortyole is holding out.

An appeal for help has been issued from Latakia, as the mob is nearing that city, and American property is threatened.

Antioch is quiet, there being no Armenians left in that town.

The Armenian village of Kessab has been burned and many persons killed there. The women and children of Kessab are fugitives in the surrounding mountains, exposed to hunger and mob violence.

The situation at Beilan, a short distance south of Alexandretta, is most critical.

Native hordes are moving on Suediah, eighteen miles southwest of Antioch.

Fear Vengeance by Druses.

While the situation in Beirut remains unchanged, and there have been no disorders, a serious outbreak is expected to-morrow, when the body of Emir Mohammed Arsian, the Deputy who was murdered recently at Constantinople, is due to arrive here by steamer. Mohammedans are coming into Beirut to-day to resist the expected vengeance of the Druses tribesmen, the chief of which is Arsian's father. These tribesmen from the Lebanon have concentrated their forces, and are coming into town in large numbers.

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