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Atrocities Committed In Ma-
cedonian Turkey.

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Desperation and Vengeance Surging In
Every Heart—Bulgarian Rebel Band
Flying Black Flags—Some Regions
Veritable Charnel Houses.

Salonica, Macedonia, Sept. 7.—The
news dispatches which are now being
telegraphed abroad contain but a tou-
sandth part of the truth of the atroci-
ties which have been perpetrated in
Macedonian Turkey.

In fact, it is not possible to write in
the English language, much less to
put into type the outrages that have
been done by the Turks upon the Bul-
garians—men, women and children.

The American missionaries cannot
protest at this moment effectively
against the Turkish atrocities for fear
of bringing further attacks on their
misfortunes and pupils.

This whole region is a charnel house.
The air smells of burning human
flesh, of victims immolated in their
own homes. The unburied bodies lie
among the ruins of countless village
homes.

In the mountains the black flags of
bands of men who are the brothers,
husbands and fathers of the women and
children who have met death at the
hands of the Turkish soldiers and
guerillas are raised.

Their black flags tell the story of des-
peration and vengeance surging in
every heart. On one side of the black
flag are the initials C. C., standing for
Chodada ne Cuspin—Liberty or death.
On the other side are the Bulgarian
words, meaning, "God is with us. Es
of good cheer, O nation."

Life for a Life.

Those who bear the black flags are
pledged to exact from the Turks a
life for every man, woman and child
that the Turks themselves have so bar-
barously killed.

The insurgent regiments have nearly
their full complement of men now.
The Bulgarian young men in the towns
who have been delayed are making
haste to join their comrades under the
black flag, to wage open war on the
Turks.

By a mutual understanding among
the Bulgarians, one man in each fam-
ily is allowed to stay at home to save
the women and children, if possible,
from Turkish rapine and murder. But
how helpless to protect their families
are the handful of men remaining in
the towns is shown by the recent mas-
sacres.

Turkish treachery was never more
barbarously shown than at Smilievo,
where the Turks had encouraged the
Bulgarian men to go to the mountains,
and promised to guard the lives and
honor of their families as they would
their own. But when the men had
left the town, robbery and carnage
began.

Murder of an American Mission Girl.

A fair young girl who was known
to have made one of the black flags
for her father and brothers, who had
embroidered in those fatal letters, "Lib-
erty or Death," was selected as the first
victim of Mussulman hatred. She
was a pupil of the American mission
school at Monastir, where she had
learned her needlework.

They beat her, tore her clothing off
and then drove her through the streets.
Hags of the Turkish harems spat upon
the poor creature. An Albanian stab-
bed her with a bayonet, and finally
chopped off her right hand that had
sewed the black flag, and carried the
trophy aloft on his upraised bayonet
as he danced through the streets.

As the Turks broke into the Bul-
garians' houses at this place, they seized
the women, tore the earrings from
their ears, stripped their outer cloth-
ing off, laid these aside as plunder, and
then searched for hidden jewels and
money concealed upon the women. In
the end they usually killed the women,
and mutilated their bodies. Girls even
of tender age of 10 and 12 years shared
the same fate, in the very presence of
their mothers.

The Bulgarian insurgents in the
neighboring hills, maddened by the
sight of their burning homes in Smilie-
vo, mustered a regiment under the
black flag and made an assault on the
town. They overpowered the Turkish
soldiers, killing them in the narrow
streets like sheep, giving no quarter to
the destroyers of their homes.

Some Bulgarian women in the vil-
lages of Boine and Krushi, who have
survived, now roam about the ruins
of their burned homes, uttering the
wild cries of maniacs. They have
gone mad.

One of these poor creatures was seen
crying aloud and hugging to her breast
the bloody head of her child. A Turk-
ish soldier, on entering her house, with

one swift blow of his sabre, cut off
the head of a toddling child, and, seiz-
ing it, hurled it at the mother. The
frantic woman caught it to her breast
and rushed crazed and screaming from
the house.

The passion of the Turks for blood,
for killing every living being, no matter
how helpless, is owing to their religion.
By their sacred book, the Koran, they
are taught that every Christian that
they kill adds to their own glory and
happiness after death. So these Mus-
sulman fanatics know no limit to their
slaughter, while chanting, "Glaours,
glaours," meaning "beings without
souls," and calling their victims dogs
and hogs as the butchery goes on.

After such horrors as these it is
not strange that the Bulgarian insur-
gents have taken vengeance on the
Turks. Soldiers bearing the black
flag recently advanced on three Turk-
ish villages near Ochria and massacred
men, women and children.

"Puppies make dogs," they cried,
and slew the Turkish babies just as
their own had been butchered by the
Turkish soldiery.

The Turkish government's rage at
this retaliation of the rebels is beyond
bounds. It is said that the govern-
ment will now let loose the whole horde
of fierce Albanian brigands, as well as
the outlaws from the Deborah district.
These are nothing less than profession-
al assassins. The Bashl-Bazouks,
who have already been turned loose
upon the Bulgarians, are mere amate-
urs in butchery compared with the
Albanians and Deborahs.

The Sultan Hires Assassins.

Many of the Albanian and Deborah
assassins have been sent in small
bands, in the disguise of Turkish citi-
zens, throughout all the towns of Ma-
cedonia. They are ready to strike down
in secret any Bulgarian suspected of
being in league with the black flag re-
giments. Or they will start a massacre
at the word or nod of a government
official.

There is no punishment for these
assassins. A courtmartial is unknown
here. Being the secret agents of the
government, they enjoy immunity for
all their crimes. The pay they draw
from the bankrupt government is prac-
tically nothing. They take their pay
in loot.

The Bulgarian insurgents are exact-
ing an eye for an eye and a tooth for
a tooth wherever they can.

At Neclani a month ago several vil-
lagers and their wives and daughters
were killed by two Turks living in the
same village. Last Monday 60 of
the Bulgarians left for the mountains
to join the rebels. But before start-
ing they caught the two Turks and
killed one of them on the spot where
he had wrecked a Bulgarian house-
hold. The other Turk, being much
the worse of the two, was taken to
the mountains to be tortured before ex-
ecution.

There is simply no end to the forms
of murder that are going on every-
where. Thirty Bulgarian men arrest-
ed at Resen, on the charge of being
traitors, were being marched to prison
at Monastir. They were followed by
their weeping wives.

Rolling Stones on Captives.

The Turkish soldiers becoming tired
of their charges and of the lamenta-
tions of the women, halted the calva-
cade in a mountain defile. They then
amused themselves with rolling down
huge stones upon the captives, men
and women alike, bowling them over
like nine pins. They finished the hor-
rible sport by knocking out the brains
of any who showed signs of life as
they lay among the mass of rocks and
mangled bodies.

Scattered all over this region are
stone towers, used in times of peace
as grain storehouses, like the elevators
in the prairie states in America.
These towers have now become places
of refuge, where Bulgarian families
gather, and where insurgent troops
muster. The towers have been the
scenes of horrors.

At Demie Hissar, a tower where
eight "rebels" and their families were
huddled together, was blown up by a
dynamite bomb hurled by a Turk. The
inmates were annihilated. Another
tower in the same district was destroy-
ed in a similar way.

With Turkish spies everywhere
ready to charge any Bulgarian with
treason, none is safe.

At Zafari ten were killed lately in
a manner that is a travesty on justice.
Four hundred armed Turks came to
the village and took up their quarters
in the principal khan or inn. The chief
sent for ten villagers to be brought
before him, among them the khan keep-
er. A death warrant was read to
them all. At its conclusion the khan
keeper, as a mark of Turkish esteem,
was shot. The others were stabbed
to death. Their homes were then de-
spolled.

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