

WHOLE ARMENIAN RACE MAY BE WIPED OUT

American Missionary Says Turks and Tartars Threaten Total Extinction.

BOSTON, March 30.—The whole Armenian race is in peril of extinction through the threatened combination of hostile Turks and Tartars in the Caucasus, according to a cablegram received today by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. The message forwarded through the State Department was from the Rev. Ernest A. Yarrow of the board's staff, who has been at the head of the large committee of American relief workers in and around Erivan, Russia. Cabling from Tiflis, Dr. Yarrow said:

"There is an extremely critical political situation in the Caucasus. The Turkish advance terrifies the Armenians, and the Caucasian Tartars who are unfriendly to the Armenians surround

them. There is danger that the whole Armenian race will be exterminated should the combination of these forces be successful. Should the Armenians be rightly directed and financed there is among them great potential military force, and this would furnish a reasonable hope that the race might be preserved by its own efforts.

"I am about to leave now for the front to build up a system of transportation by ambulance, to reorganize and maintain hospitals. My appointment as Red Cross Commissioner has been requested by Consul F. Willoughby Smith, (at Tiflis,) and he has invited eight British and American mining experts from Baku (on the Caspian Sea) to assist in the organization of the system; also English (?) units from Russia. Men from the locality who are available will be able to relieve great suffering. There is no one else to meet the necessities.

"To make a beginning the sum of \$400,000 and \$100,000 monthly will be necessary. Every one is working beyond his strength, but, nevertheless, they are enthusiastic and their courage is good. For relief work there is greater necessity than ever. Pray furnish what we ask in the matter of financial and other support."

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