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## GERMANS CUT HANDS OFF BELGIAN CHILDREN

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 21—"I want to tell the American people to look out for the nice-appearing Germans like myself in your country, for some of them are the worst devils this side of hell."

This is the message that has been sent to Americans by an officer of the German army, who formerly resided in Chicago. He sent it as he lay on his deathbed in France, a prisoner of the French. The message was delivered by Captain G. Mural Gordon, American aviator, at a Red Cross meeting here Saturday.

Speaking of German atrocities which he claims to have seen with

his own eyes, Captain Gordon said "Near Mons I helped take 21 children from a school building, all of whom had their right hands cut off at the wrist. They said one German held them over a desk, while another cut off their hands with his sword."

"A few days later," he continued, "I entered some trenches that had just been captured, and saw seven women with holes pierced through their hands, having been literally crucified. At another time two American boys who were fighting with the French were captured by the Germans. They were fastened on sharp sticks and raised over the German trenches as a warning to Americans."

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## FRIGHTFUL TRUTHS GERMAN OUTRAGES

Christians Brutally Murdered Under Kaiser's "Military Necessity" Orders.

### THOUSANDS DEPORTED

Young Girls Auctioned at \$2.00 Each, Others Drowned, Rather Than Submit to Tortures Writes Dr. Haggard.

The following is a graphic story of Germany's barbarous treatment of Armenians and Syrians, as told by Dr. Fred P. Haggard, secretary of the American commission for Armenian and Syrian relief.

Armenia, under the Kaiser's obedient ally, Turkey, has suffered more frightfulness and organized torture, justified under the now historic excuse of "military necessity," than Belgium, Serbia or Poland.

The distressed inhabitants of Armenia have reached the lowest depth of misery, want and woe. One to two millions are now starving.

Many of the latter have actually been reduced to the point of devouring grass or locusts gathered in handfuls, raw and without even salt. Authentic reports prove this to be absolutely true.

"They catch stray dogs," cables one relief worker, "and like savages pounce upon dead animals, whose flesh they eat eagerly and without cooking."

But these are the more fortunate ones who have actually escaped from Turkey though they now face starvation. The bones of thousands ordered deported from their homes now whiten the roads of Asia Minor.

The policy of "military necessity," devised to excuse the deportation of these thousands of Armenians and Syrians from their homes, has also been used to cloak murder and cruelty undreamed.

Almost on the day war was declared notice was served on the civilian population in countless cities throughout northeastern Turkey to get ready to move on. No distinction was made, often not more than a few hours' warning was given in which to pack up a few belongings; and the motley crowd of Armenians and Syrians would be started on a journey which led to death after horrible suffering.

The details of the indignities upon these people thus suddenly dragged from their homes can never be fully realized by those not actually in touch with conditions.

In general it was the women, children and men beyond the age for military service who suffered this fate.

The men of military age, forced into the Turkish army, had still other horrors reserved for them.

In countless cases which are today a matter of official report, Turkish officials put in charge of such deported peoples lashed them on with whip and bayonet point. They were not permitted to stop for rest or food until they dropped dead by the wayside. When the desert was reached, or some other desolate region, the order would be given, "Kill these Christian dogs!" and ten minutes later a bloody heap of bodies alone remained.

An American now in this country, whose word cannot be doubted, reports having counted 10,000 corpses in one short walk from the city where he then lived.

There was one exception—the pretty young girls, whose lives were worse fate than death in satisfying the lust of men whose hands were red with the blood of their people.

The testimony of eye-witnesses proves that the rivers Tigris, Euphrates, as well as countless smaller streams, were full of the bodies of young women who threw themselves into the waters to die rather than suffer the fate of the Turkish harem.

In the city of Marsovan and other places young and beautiful Armenian girls were sold for \$2 to \$4 each.

Those of the deported who fell by the wayside, too weak and heartsick to go further, were clubbed and goaded until they dragged their bodies perhaps a few yards on. Then, when human nature could do no more, the officers cursed and killed them with a blow, or simply left them to die of starvation and disease.

What the grown people suffered is beyond anything in human history, but the little children, with their weaker powers of endurance, naturally had even more to bear. Their bodies line the roads of Asia Minor, unburied prey of beasts and birds.

That Germany stood silent, acquiescent, in the background, there is no possible question. The wires to Berlin were open all the time these deportations were going on, and orders were constantly being received

and carried out by the Turkish officials.

German officers were directing the mobilization and organization of the Turkish forces, and were constantly in touch with officials in Germany, and might have reported these horrible facts.

If Germany did not actually order the massacres at least she knew what was happening; and made no move to stop them.

To the Turkish plan of putting an end to "The Armenian question" by putting an end to the Armenians, Germany showed herself in full sympathy.

The fate of the Armenians who fell into the hands of the Kurds proved more ghastly, if that were possible, but their sufferings were of shorter duration.

The Kurds are the mountain dwellers of Asia Minor, as savage a race as can be found anywhere.

From their mountain home they swept down in bands to attack the defenseless Armenians deported to the plains below.

Outright murder seems to have been their aim, rather than bringing death to the Christians by lingering suffering. Outrage and brutality was the rule. The old and sick, the little children, would be shot down or stabbed before the eyes of the others, their dead bodies looted of anything they might have managed to carry with them, and then the remaining women were driven to the Kurdish villages.

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