

**Age of Rogues  
Rebels, Revolutionaries  
and Racketeers at the  
Frontiers of Empires**

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the revolutionaries had succeeded in cultivating a network of supporters in the Armenian villages, who had provided them with food and shelter in the previous years. Finally, the chances of success – if not of outright victory over the Ottoman troops, then a prolonged defence until the mediation of the Great Powers – must have seemed higher with the presence of some 200 experienced fighters.