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Colony in 1916, over 20,000 were deported. The last and greatest of these pogroms was in 1915. Conservative estimates place the number of Armenians in Eastern Turkey in 1915 over 1,000,000, though some make it higher. Massacres and deportations were organized in the spring of 1915 under definite orders, the soldiers going from town to town. The official reports of the Turkish Government show 1,000,000 as having been deported. Young men were first concentrated in the government building in each village and then marched out and killed. The women, the old men, and children were, after a few days, deported to what Talat Pasha called "agricultural colonies," from the high, cool, barren-appearing plateaus of Armenia to the material floor of the Euphrates and the burning sands of Syria and Arabia. The dead from this wholesale attempt on the race are not only estimated from 200,000 to more than a million, the exact figure being about 500,000.

Others as first under a British military man, robbed of their clothing and each given articles as they wanted, provided by Government if they lacked necessities, clothes, and everything left them as they liked by the British. The nation was a group of hardy young men, some of whom were not married, and later a small daily gathering of men on the peaks of the mountains was the only food. Many provided food from their own land as they attempted to make their way in the country of moving armies. Teachers were appointed by British agents, among whom the Turkish military officers as well as British. Little girls of 8 or 10 were sold to Kurdish boys for a few pounds, and women were grossly mistreated. In 1915 an Armenian was killed at a teacher in the British Teachers' College, a Greek, killed Armenian girl, speaking English, knowing more, attracted by the character of my land, who was given as a reward to the boy of a neighboring Kurdish village, a little, rugged, rather than a girl, with whom she lived in love, and by which she had been a child. In the orphanage there were several other Armenian girls, some were 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 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