

ARMENIA

The Survival of a Nation

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the first time in the history of the world, the people of the United States have been called upon to decide whether they will submit to the law of force, and let a一小部分 of their country be held at the point of a bayonet, or to the law of the Constitution, and let all the world know that they are not to be slaves.

In the seven-week absence of the official government, Dashnaktsutiun had shown its strength at dealing with situations at grass-roots level. In January 1918 Dro and Aram had established a tough 'popular dictatorship' in the Yerevan province, which was able to keep control and stave off disaster in the isolated, friendless republic.⁴³