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The Trials of Mussulman Refugees in the Caucasus.

Described in a Letter from Tiflis by Scotland Liddell.

A FEW weeks ago there were 148,000 Mussulman refugees in Azerbaidjan. So great is the mortality amongst these homeless folk that this number would have been considerably reduced during the past month had not many hundreds of other Mussulmans whose villages have been destroyed by the Armenians come to take the place of those more happy people who had died.

they live in stables and mud shelters and rough branch erections, and even, like animals, in the open air. I visited some of these villages in January of this year, when I saw thousands of starving and nearly naked people who were existing in most distressful circumstances.

But not all the Mussulman refugees are in the Mussulman republic. There are many thousands living in Armenia, where their condition is acute. Although very much is being done for the Armenians, practically nothing is being done for the Mussulmans, who have themselves suffered innocently at Armenian hands.



The regular inhabitants of the villages do all they can for the unfortunate refugees, but they cannot do enough, so that there are authentic instances—and many of them—of men, women and children whom hunger has compelled to eat the very grass of the fields. It is all very horrible; alas, it is all only too true.



MUSSULMAN WOMEN REFUGEES BUSY WASHING THEIR CLOTHES AMID THE RUINS OF THEIR FORMER HOMES

In Azerbaijan to-day, it is reported, there are nearly 150,000 Mussulman refugees whose villages in Armenia have been destroyed. Most of them are in a pitiful condition, almost naked and half-starved,

Portland Liddell