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men and our soldiers are called to the colors, they must first take to the sea from Georgia and Azerbaijan. We beg you to help us so that the Caucasian frontier regions are settled as soon as possible. The future and the peace of our country chiefly depend upon this. We beg you to solve this problem, perhaps through arbitration."

"You are right," replied Curzon. "We know all that. Arbitration is useless. It agreed is that some one should be made. We have decided, when the treaty with Turkey is signed, to send several war expeditions which shall settle the frontiers of the three states. I am compelled, however, to declare that your people, reported by the Dashnak Party, of which I think you, Mr. Thomson, are a member-it is they who have given frequent cause for the break of the peace. Your three chiefs, Mr. Khosrovyan and Kiklikianian are the instigators of the trouble which have destroyed Tartar villages and have ruined commerce in Baku, Ganja, Kars, Erzerum, and Baghavan. This is undeniable. Look-out how he pointed to a list of official documents on the table-laid at this time in December are the reports of the last few months concerning ruined Tartar villages which my representative Worsley has sent me. The official Tartar commissioners speak of the destruction of 100 villages. This may be great harm to your race."

Curzon said all this bravely and almost with equanimity.

"Mr. Secretary-I will never approach a treaty and the compromised Powers are that I offer the necessary explanation. I do not consider it my right to dispute the evidence which has convinced your government since there are the reports of Mr. Worsley. But I will say this that Mr. Worsley has been the victim of a deplorable misunderstanding. In his view, there

are depopulated Tartar villages in the region you have mentioned but that does not mean that it was the Armenians who destroyed them. One of course are familiar with the story of Baghavan. The Tartars are trying to arrange that government and our people are trying to report them. There is another fighting. It is in Armenia. There too, that many Tartar villages are being depopulated by the fight of the natives, and on the other hand, equally as many and perhaps more than Armenian villages are being destroyed often by mistake. You know the developments in Karabagh, the destruction of Armenian villages by the Turks. Ganja is an Azerbaijan and Baku is a right area to it. I have told you clearly. Thus, there are depopulated Tartar villages there but that too has to do with which at all events is not to the detriment of the good reputation of the Armenians. When in 1905, after the address and desperate resistance of the Armenians, the Turks succeeded in occupying these provinces, the local Tartar commissaries reported Armenian massacres even with the Turks. The movements of the Armenians had to be done. With the victory of the allies and their entry into Constantinople, the Turks evacuated our provinces and the Armenian movements again returned to their homes.

"The Tartars and the Kurds tried to stop the others and finally were forced to the sea. Azerbaijan. This was the way the Tartar villages of Surmalu were evacuated. The same thing happened in the province of Etchmiadzin. On the other hand, the

Turks commissaries in our country are mostly took part in trouble and plotting against the native authorities at the instigation of the Azerbaijan Government. And such was the Azerbaijan struggle in which Baghavan, these villages called the invaders. In the general confusion, it was natural that many villages were lost or