

# PLEADS FOR AID IN WAR ON TURKEY

**Gen. Spiridovitch Stirring Up  
the Armenian Colony of  
New York.**

**ORGANIZING FOR A REVOLT**

**Bryce and Clemenceau Head the Com-  
mittee in London and  
in Paris.**

Gen. Count Tcherep-Spiridovitch, President of the Slavonic Society, with headquarters at Moscow, Russia, addressed several hundred Armenians last night at Lyric Hall, Sixth Avenue and Forty-second Street, upon conditions in Armenia, Macedonia, Albania, and Arabia, and upon the advisability of forming a committee in America to arouse public opinion against further Turkish dominion over these States, particularly the Balkan States named.

He said that similar committees have already been formed in London, whose head was James Bryce; in Paris, whose head was Clemenceau, now the French Premier, and in Rome and several other capitals. The battle cry of all these committees, as of the fifty-year-old Slavonic Society, he said, was: "Down with white slavery."

Gen. Spiridovitch thinks that in time such an international protest can be engendered against Turkey's further dominion of the white Christian States that the Porte will be compelled to relinquish its hold upon them, and thus "the wives and daughters and sisters of the white Christians will be saved from continued abduction for the harems of the Mohammedans."

"I came to the United States early this year," went on the General, "and went to President Roosevelt. I gave him a cup of honor from the Slavonic Society. I suggested certain reforms in Turkish rule over those four States. He said the reforms would not do what we wanted done, but that those countries must be free. He said that would come about in time.

"I went to the Peace Conference here in New York. I asked that I be allowed to speak, and advocate some recommendation by the American Peace Conference to The Hague with reference to Turkish rule over the white Christian States. I was told that I was a soldier, and could not speak. I was assured calmly that if I would wait twenty years Mr. Carnegie's libraries and other peace works would bring about such a regenerated international public opinion that Turkey would herself give to the Christians all the freedom they would want. I told them that I couldn't wait twenty days. The Peace Conference was a lot of hypocritical babblers. At once the Committee of Deliverance cabled to Macedonia and Arabia that nothing could be expected from the American Peace Conference. Within a few days Macedonia was in revolution, and then followed Arabia. Armenia will soon be in arms. Albania is ready at any moment."

At this announcement the Armenians present cheered and yelled some battle cry. Gen. Spiridovitch lectured the Armenians for being always divided by petty fights among themselves. He called upon them to get together and fight with Greece and Albania and Arabia against the common enemy. He said that the four States named have over 20,000,000 people, while Turkey proper has only 4,000,000, and these, he went on, are now divided into two hostile factions which may be expected to engage in civil strife at any time.

He thought that if the American people generally could be taught about the crimes practiced by the Turks upon the "white slaves" under her heel they would join in the move for the deliverance of their Christian brothers. He told the Armenians they could help along with that by serving as teachers every hour of the day.

"While the present Czar of Russia," continued the General, "might not declare war for the salvation of the Balkan States, still, he would not permit Germany to save Turkey from dissolution if that were brought near by successful revolutions of dependencies." He could promise that authoritatively, he said.

After he had made his speech Gen. Spiridovitch told the reporters that his efforts in New York to enlist the sympathies of prominent men in the formation of a Pro-Macedonia-Armenia Committee had been very successful, and that he expected within two weeks at the latest to announce the details of its organization.

It was stated at the meeting that a fund of about a million dollars would be raised in America for the campaign against Turkey's continuance of "white slavery."

The Armenians at last night's meeting, after listening to several speakers, passed the following:

Whereas the yoke of Turkish tyranny and persecution, the anarchy of murder, rape, and arson, have become absolutely intolerable in Armenia and Macedonia; and

Whereas the Armenians and Macedonians have risen in revolt to save their homes, their church, their daughters and sisters from their Mohammedan oppressors; and

Whereas in union there is strength, and it is only by uniting our forces that we can successfully vanquish the common foe;

Be it resolved, That we Armenians, in meeting assembled at the Lyric Hall on May 19, 1907, request the New York Branch of the Henschakiss Revolutionary Party to request the Central Committee to immediately take the necessary steps for the establishment of a co-operative understanding between the various revolutionary parties, without distinction of nationality, religion, or politics.

It was voted that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Central Committee of the Henschakiss in Paris.