

[Despatch from the American Consulate]*

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Extract.

The Armenian question still appears to be unsettled. Most families who were deported from Adana have now however been allowed to return. An official requisition of all arms in the hands of Armenians has been ordered for the entire vilayet of Adana on the grounds that "we have seen things which we could not believe."

The last families from Zeitoun passed through Tarsus last week in a pitiable condition and were aided by the American missionaries. Miss Webb of the Adana Mission has gone to Dortyol and reports great distress among the families remaining there. Mohajirs are being continually sent to Zeitoun to replace the deported Armenians.

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