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GIRLS DIED TO ESCAPE TURKS

Captain Haig Bonaparte, of the Armenian army deeply moved an audience at the Bellevue-Stratford today by telling how two of his sisters had poisoned themselves and a third had drowned herself rather than submit to the Turks.

The captain is aide to General Antranik, hailed here as the "George Washington of Armenia," who spoke in his native tongue. They were given a reception by members of the Armenian colony and the Near East Relief Committee.

"Hundreds of other Armenian women have killed themselves rather than acceded to the demands of the Turks," said Captain Bonaparte.

General Antranik, in his talk, translated by an interpreter, said;

"For the peace of the world, America is the only hope of Armenia, and she must say the last word. She must help Armenia quickly. America will go down in the golden page of history in the eyes of oppressed people if she gives us her help."

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Comment: The Bellevue-Stratford is a landmark hotel in Philadelphia.