

**"INDEPENDENT ARMENIA"
MERCY OF ALLIES IS NOT NEEDED"
SCOTLAND-LIDDEL Tiflis January 29th**

Georgia and Azerbaijan have gladly welcomed the recognition of the independence of South Caucasian republics, and expressed their sincere gratitude to the allies, but Armenia's ruling party Dashnaktsutun does not express neither happiness, nor gratitude. Their strive for territorial acquisitions is very big and they are demanding for more. They have already sent their regular troops out against Moslem villages near Zangezur, destroying houses and murdering citizens for the purposes of expansion of their borders.

Tiflis-based newspaper Ashkatoov, the official body of Dashnaktsutun party, has highlighted an ironic article where the recognition of Armenia's independence is called "a delayed mercy of allies". "So, - reads Ashkatoov, - we have the act of the allied states, but its value and importance is remaining absolutely unclear to the labor people of Armenia".

It is further indicated that the allied states numerously announced the nation of Armenia as their "small, but honest ally" in the Parliaments. The newspaper continues with stating:

"Such statements give reasons to believe that the Armenian problem is becoming a focus of attention of the above-mentioned states and our confidence is further increasing due to heroic participation of the Armenian labor people in fights on all fronts of the world war. But now as the war is over, the swan song of the Versailles Supreme Council belittles the achievement of Armenian democracy, and transgresses its will and certain requirements. It recognizes only the Erivan Government, but overlooks that for us there is no "Armenian state with the capital in Erivan", but only the United Armenia, whose government and parliament are long involved into state system establishment and do not need to be recognized.

By the May 28th act, the labor nation of Armenia expressed its unshakable will and clarified the independence of the United Armenia, and we now refuse to understand why the great powers were willing to breach the act by dividing Armenia into two parts. This diplomatic finding may at its best cause deepest concern of the labor nation of Armenia". The article ends with the following words:

"And if Armenia's independence must again be sacrificed to diplomatic trades and "consideration", the authors of such a definition shall understand that it's not they who must establish the independent Armenia, but the Armenian nation, who won that right at the price of the blood and lives of hundreds of thousands of people. There is only the United Armenia and a single Armeniasm for the Armenian and international democracy and, the mercy of the Supreme Council is both delayed and falsely addresses. Armenian Revolutionary democracy is still grateful for this strongly delayed mercy, which was not needed at all, also".