

# TURKS THE CHIEF BUTCHERS.

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They Sent the Kurds to Burn the Armenian Villages and Slew the Wretched Fugitives Themselves.

LONDON, March 21.—The correspondent in Armenia of the Daily News sends to that paper a story told by a Turkish soldier who took part in the Sassoun outrages, and who has since quitted the army and fled across the Russian border.

His story confirms the worst accounts of the outrages. He tells how the Turks sent the Kurds to do the rough work of burning the Armenian villages and murdering the inhabitants. It was Turks, he adds, who cut off the fugitives as they were trying to escape.

Describing the outrages in the village of Djellyegoozan, the scene of the "pit massacre," the Turk says that two immense trenches were dug, and the soldiers were told off into parties to butcher the inhabitants. For over a week one party or another was marched at nightfall to the trenches, where the soldiers were ordered to bayonet and butcher batches of unarmed, helpless Armenians.

The Turk admits that he killed seven persons, but says he would have been killed himself had he disobeyed the order of his superior officer.