

MORE ARMENIANS KILLED.

A SERIOUS RIOT REPORTED AT TREBIZOND.

The Church Blockade at Constantinople Continued—Release of Prisoners —The Diplomatic Situation.

TREBIZOND, Armenia, October 9.—Serious conflicts between the Turks and Armenians occurred here yesterday. Many Armenians were killed.

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 8, via Sofia, Bulgaria, October 9.—The blockade of the Armenian churches continues, as all the efforts of the authorities and the Armenian Patriarch have failed to persuade the Armenians to return to their houses, as they put no faith in the assurances of protection given them. The Turks, however, will only allow Armenian ecclesiastics to enter the churches, and when they leave the buildings they are carefully searched.

In accordance with the demands of the representatives of the powers, the police authorities have begun releasing the Armenians who were imprisoned as a result of the recent rioting. Two of these prisoners who were allowed to leave the prison were found to be in a pitiable condition, both suffering from seven or eight wounds. They have made a statement, which has been communicated to the representatives of the powers, that the prisoners had not received food or medical treatment for the three days previous to their release. They also claim that the prison is horribly overcrowded and in a shocking state of filthiness.

The streets of Constantinople and its suburbs are still patrolled by police reinforced by troops, and it is reported that the torpedoes sent to the Dardanelles are being placed in position in the straits. Ammunition has also been sent to the forts. The Turks are apparently preparing to defend the passage of the Dardanelles should a naval demonstration be attempted in these waters.

There does not seem to be any material change in the diplomatic situation. The Turkish Ministers have held another conference and additional communications have been exchanged with the representatives of the powers, but these monotonous proceedings no longer attract much attention, and few people believe that any decided change in the condition of the Armenians is likely to occur unless the Porte is forcibly compelled to enter upon the work of bringing about reforms in Armenia.

There no longer seems to be any doubt that the Armenians anticipated a serious disturbance when the attempt was made, on Monday a week ago, to present a petition to the Sultan.