

MURDERED BY MOSLEMS.

Fifty Armenians Killed in the Market Place of Akhissar.

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It Was Market Day, and a Turkish
Rough Shot a Christian to
Start a Row.

"MASSACRE THE INFIDELS !" THEY SHOUTED

**Sultan's Police Ignore Safe-Conduct
Cards Given to Armenians by
Foreign Ambassadors.**

LONDON, Oct. 16.—A despatch from Constantinople says that reliable news has been received that fifty Armenians were killed and a number wounded at Akhissar, in the villayet of Adin, on the Anatolian Railway, by a Moslem mob.

The slaughter occurred Oct. 9, which was market day. Many Armenians had gathered from adjacent villages. Early in the morning a Turkish rough, finding that the Armenians were not armed, picked a quarrel and shot one of them. There was then raised on all sides the cry:

"Why hesitate to massacre the infidels?"

A mob of Turks, armed with revolvers and knives, looted the market and massacred the helpless Armenians. Their bodies were thrown into the wells.

It is stated that the Mudir was responsible for the attack.

No women or children were injured, probably on account of the arrival of Kaimaïkan from the village of Gieve, three miles distant, who made valiant efforts, at the risk of his own life, to save the Christians. Otherwise the slaughter would have been complete.

The panic among Christians is reviving in Constantinople on account of this isolated attack, and the Armenians are again flocking into the churches.

The police disregard the safe-conduct cards given to the Armenians by the foreign embassies. They insult and maltreat the holders of them.

Latest advices from Constantinople say that M. Cambon, French Ambassador; M. Nelidkoff, Russian Ambassador, and Sir Philip Currie, British Ambassador, presented to-day to Said Pasha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, the final demands of the Powers for Armenian reforms.

If these are not accepted an ultimatum will be presented. No further modifications will be permitted.

The scheme drops the demand for a Christian High Commissioner, but otherwise, it is almost identical with the proposals made last May. It is believed, however, that Russia hesitates to force an acceptance, because she fears ultimate Armenian autonomy.

News received from Trebizond is to the effect that the Russian postal steamer is lying there with 2,000 Christian refugees on board. Two other vessels, also full of refugees, are there awaiting the arrival of Russian ships to transport them to Batoum.

A despatch from Athens describing the growing discontent of Turkish rule on the Island of Crete says that a band of 1,000 armed Christians met recently at Klima to petition the Sultan to restore the charter abolished in 1889, and for a reform of taxation and of the gendarmerie.

The Governor of Crete sent troops against the petitioners, who withdrew to the mountain fastnesses, whither the troops dared not follow. They now threaten to foment a rebellion in favor of annexation to Greece. The Greek Government, fearing complications, deprecates such a movement. This situation is perilous.