

THE ARMENIAN INVESTIGATION COMMISSION.

Mr. Terrell Still Demanding an Independent Inquiry on the Part of the United States.

[BY CABLE TO THE HERALD.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 24, 1894.—Chefik Bey, Judge of the Court of Cassation, and Djelaled-din Bey, of the Court of Appeal, have been appointed members of the Armenian Commission. Chefik Bey will probably preside. They will start for Sassoun to-morrow, and will be accompanied by a delegate representing the French government.

United States Minister Terrell had an audience with the Sultan yesterday and with the Council of Ministers to-day, for the purpose of discussing the question of an independent inquiry in Armenia on the part of the United States.

Owing to the severity of the winter it will perhaps be impossible for the commission in inquiry into the Armenian outrages to visit Sassoun. Moreover it will be difficult to procure eyewitnesses of the massacres for the survivors have dispersed to other provinces.

FACTS ABOUT THE EXECUTION OF ARMENIANS AT ERZEROUH.

The Turkish Legation in Washington has received the following official telegram:—"Certain European newspapers announced the execution of thirty-six Armenians at Erzeroum. This information is not correct, facts being as follows:—Out of forty-six Armenians under arrest at Erzeroum thirty-six were liberated, five were condemned to death and the remaining five to ten years at hard labor. Seven others were also condemned to death, but they are in flight. The condemned men were convicted of murder and rape, but the last legal formalities concerning these sentences have not yet been fulfilled."