

SASSOUN REFUGEES DYING.

Sixty-five Armenian Families Have Perished Already of Starvation.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 8.—Great distress prevails among the Sassoun refugees. Sixty-five families have died of starvation and many others are famishing. A local relief committee has left Moosh to distribute bread and construct huts.

The inhabitants ask for seeds and for their stolen cattle to prevent a recurrence of the famine.

It is feared that the approaching passage of nomad Kurds through this district will lead to renewed raids.

The decision of the powers respecting the unsatisfactory answer of Turkey regarding reform for Armenia is expected next week.

The Government seems uneasy. A high official has been sent to the Embassies of Great Britain, France and Russia to confer and to represent that the Porte's reply was only semi-official. The Ambassadors refused to discuss the question, declaring that they regard the reply as official and final.

LONDON, June 8.—The Exchange Telegraph Company says it is semi-officially informed that the Turkish Government is very firm and intends to remain so because the Sultan believes the whole Armenian question is merely a huge insurrection supported and encouraged by the Nonconformist ministers of Great Britain and America.

ROME, June 8.—A Constantinople despatch reports that the Grand Vizier, Gen. Djevad Pasha, has resigned, and been replaced by Said Pasha, the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
