

Assassination in a Missive Found on His Table.

WHOLESALE MASSACRES REPORTED.

Diplomats Begin to Believe Sultan Ordered the Extermination of the Armenian Race.

LONDON, Nov. 7—4 A. M.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Times telegraphs that discontent and disaffection are widespread in Turkey, not less in the army and navy than elsewhere. Knowledge of this fact is causing dismay in palace circles and a feeling of impotence at the Porte.

The correspondent of the Standard says:

"It is rumored that decisive European action is imminent.

"A great Moslem demonstration was announced for last Friday, but the Sultan, fearing the consequence, notified the Turkish newspapers of his intention to proclaim a constitution, whereupon the demonstration was countermanded.

"The Sultan then ordered the papers not to publish the announcement and arrests began to be made. Last evening the police raided the Turkish quarter of Sedik Pasha. A fight ensued and several persons were killed.

"A fresh crop of revolutionary placards was scattered broadcast to-day. Even at the Porte a letter was found on the Sultan's table giving him the alternative of abdication or assassination.

"Reports are reaching the Embassies from all directions of wholesale massacres, and the victims now include Greeks and Maronites.

"The report is gaining ground, even in diplomatic circles, that the Sultan has ordered the extermination of the Armenian race.

"The excitement is spreading to Syria, Bagdad and Mosul."

A despatch to the Daily News confirms the foregoing, and adds:

"The Embassies do not make any secret of the fact that throughout Armenia fanatical disorder is rampant, and that the lives of Christians are in danger.

"It is asserted that several military students at the Pancaldi Academy have been arrested as revolutionaries."

A Vienna despatch says: "The Porte has replied to the identical representations of the powers that the reserves are being summoned to stop the outrages upon Armenians. The powers, however, consider that these measures are inadequate."

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 6.—Kiamil Pasha, the Grand Vizier, has resigned.

Independent reports from Armenia do not confirm the official statement that the Armenians provoked the disturbances there. At Erzeroum were found the bodies of 320 Armenians, but only six of Turks.

Fresh disturbances are reported from Adana.

The Ministers and Sir Edgar Vincent, Governor of the Imperial Ottoman Bank, have assembled at the palace to consider the financial crisis. Sir Edgar Vincent has been financial adviser to the Turkish Government for a dozen years past, and it was through his efforts that Egyptian finance was restored to prosperity.

The Consular reports of the recent attack upon Diarbekir, near the Tigris, state that the marauders were commanded by the Sheikh of Zeilan, who was implicated in the Sassoun massacre. The French Consul was in imminent danger, his house being besieged by rioters. When able to do so, the Consul telegraphed to the French Ambassador at Constantinople, M. Cambon. The latter received the despatch at night, but went immediately to the Porte and made such vigorous representations that order was restored at Diarbekir, after the town had been in the hands of the Kurds for three days. The number of victims is not known, but all accounts agree that it is large.

As usual, the Armenians are blamed. It is claimed that they attacked the Mosque.