

SULTAN'S GUARDS FIGHT.

Conflict in Palace Reported Between Albanians, Negroes and Body Guard.

DARDANELLES GARRISON DOUBLED

Slaughter of Christians Continues with Revolting Cruelty in Various Parts of Turkey.

TERRELL ONCE MORE WARNS THE PORTE.

Russian Warships and Troops Moving Towards the Borders of the Ottoman Empire.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—A Constantinople despatch to the Times says that a report is current of a conflict Wednesday evening between the Albanian members of the palace guard and the negroes, the latter subjects of the Sublime Porte in Africa. Members of the Sultan's personal guard are said to have taken part.

The Times's correspondent adds that the details seem unworthy of belief.

The Dardanelles garrison has been doubled.

A lookout and searchlights have been established on the summit of Mount Ellas, on the island of Tenedos, off the western coast of Asia Minor.

A careful estimate makes the total number of persons killed outright in the massacres 15,000, the News correspondent telegraphs, and it is probable that 30,000 will die of starvation during the coming six months. It cannot be realized in Europe how awful the situation is.

A despatch to the Standard says Kutchuk Pasha has been repeatedly summoned to the palace, but steadily refuses to be Grand Vizier. While the Sultan is thus unable to form a respectable Cabinet, public opinion everywhere openly clamors for the proclamation of a constitution.

The Chronicle says: "We are inclined to believe in the imminence of the intervention of the six powers and America in Turkish affairs. The nearly simultaneous movement of all of the squadrons of the different countries can have no other meaning. Probably Smyrna and Salonica will be occupied first."

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 14.—Further troubles are reported at Harpoot or Kharput, Malitich and Arabkir.

At Marash the outrages are said to have been even more prolonged and horrible than at Ereroum.

The Kurds of Van are said to be attacking and pillaging the Armenian villages. The Turkish officials are reported to be powerless to preserve order.

A telegram received from Sivas, Tuesday, reports that a massacre of Armenians has begun. The Porte claims that order has been restored there.

Minister Terrell, on receiving this report, renewed his demand that the Americans be protected.

During the rioting at Marash, Hadjin and Ortah the American missionaries, thanks to the strong representations made to the Porte by United States Minister Terrell, were protected by Turkish gendarmes by telegraphed order.

of the Porte.

Every day brings further details of the massacre at Erzeroum, and each report makes the story more ghastly. Men, women and children were shot, bayoneted, burned and maltreated for weeks. These atrocities are said to have been ordered by the Porte and carried out in the cruelest manner imaginable. Some of the victims were skinned alive, it is said, while others were covered with petroleum and set on fire. The number of killed will probably never be known. It is estimated at from 500 to 2,000, according to Turkish or Armenian versions.

Russia's Black Sea fleet is reported to be displaying great activity. Important movements of troops are known to have been taking place on the Russian frontier nearest the disturbed districts of Asiatic Turkey.

The Italian fleet is understood to be on its way to Salonica Bay to join the British fleet of about twenty warships already there. The French fleet is expected there shortly.

Shakir Pasha, High Commissioner for Armenian Reforms, is to be appointed Grand Vizier, rumor says, in place of Hali Rifat, the present incumbent of that office. Shakir is regarded as the Porte's chief butcher. Since his appearance at Erzeroum as High Commissioner the massacres there have been more bloody and frequent than ever before. He has done nothing to punish the offenders; in fact, he has been charged with calmly looking on.

Abdulla Pasha, formerly President of the Sassoun Commission of Inquiry, and Saabedin Pasha have been sent to take command of the Turkish troops in Erzeroum and Bitlis. This lends color to the report that Shakir Pasha is coming back to Constantinople to be appointed Grand Vizier.

Official despatches published to-day say the Armenians have been the aggressors in every case. At Arabkir, on Oct. 26 and 27, the official reports add, the Armenians set fire to a mosque, school and bazaar with bombs and massacred a number of Mahametans. The authorities, it is claimed, afterwards discovered forty bombs which the Armenians intended to explode in the local barracks and Government offices.

Over 5,000 revolutionists are said to be assembled at Tchoukmerzen and Adana.

Gold is pouring in from abroad. It is estimated that at the end of the week £1,500,000 will have arrived. The run on the Ottoman Bank has ceased.

Missionaries Abroad.

To the Editor of The World:

Would it not be better for our missionaries in Turkey to seek safety for themselves by temporary withdrawal from places of danger rather than have the whole influence of their supporters at home brought to bear to force the sending of men-of-war to back them? I am in favor of foreign missions—of all we can conduct peaceably without the use of the army and navy to support them in proclaiming peace and good-will. But it costs a great deal to send men-of-war around the world, and the smell of the brimstone in burnt powder is hardly the odor of sanctity. SERVETUS.
New York, Nov. 14.