

GOVERNOR OF BITLIS SLAIN.

Military Commander in Sassoun District Assassinated by an Armenian Who Then Killed Himself.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 2.—Tahsin Pasha, Governor of Bitlis, who commanded the military operations in the Sassoun District, where many outrages were perpetrated, has been assassinated, it is reported, by an Armenian who afterwards committed suicide. The Armenians of that district were exasperated, the latest letters from Bitlis show, by the authorities.

The Governor of the District of Erzinglian, it is stated, recently summoned the Armenian notables and informed them that the Kurds were planning an attack, and advised the Armenians to take measures to defend themselves, as he had no means of protecting them. The Armenians tried to get arms, but that was difficult.

A despatch received yesterday reports that the Kurds have made the contemplated attack, but the result is not stated.

No letters from Sivas, where disturbances have been reported, have reached Constantinople for a fortnight, as the mail is continually confiscated by the Government. Despatches have to be sent by a roundabout way to insure delivery.

The Porte continues to deny the reports of atrocities in the Sassoun District, but the main facts are generally considered to have been established.

The Commission of Inquiry was to leave Erzeroum yesterday.

The election of the Armenian Patriarch Ismirlian has been ratified by the Sultan.