

SULTAN'S DOUBLE DEALING

Reserves Called Out Really Because He Thinks a European War Inevitable.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—A despatch from the representative of the United Press in Constantinople, under date of Nov. 14, says it was announced that the commission appointed to put into force the reforms adopted for the administration of affairs in Asia Minor would begin its sittings to-day, Nov. 15.

"It is asserted by persons in a position to obtain the very best and most reliable information that the terms of the convention signed by the six Powers agreeing upon joint action in the matter of compelling the immediate application of reforms in Armenia and other disturbed districts have been kept strictly secret, in order to avoid an uprising of the Mohammedan populace.

It is asserted that the reserves recently called out by the Turkish Government ostensibly for the purpose of restoring order in Asia Minor are really being prepared for participation in the European war which the Sultan and his Ministers believe to be inevitable.

BOSTON, Nov. 15.—A letter has been received here from Erzeroum, Turkey, which says that Shakir Pacha, who was sent to Erzeroum to establish reform, made it possible to establish as fact much of the information already possessed concerning Lenz, the murdered bicyclist, and add somewhat to it. The letter states: "There are a number of Kurds and Armenians under arrest. Three or four more Kurds are wanted, but the principals are in hand. We believe the Armenians innocent. Circumstances, however, have thrown suspicion on some, and they are under arrest. The Turks plan to throw the blame on the Armenians for a special purpose, to discount them in the eyes of Europe and America. It is hoped that the United States Government will now come forward and do the proper thing in protecting the innocent and watching the case properly.

"I found the country all the way to Byazid on the Persian boundary in a grave state. The Hamedish Kurds are the rulers of the country, and the lives of the Christians are at their mercy. The Kurds declare they will lay the country waste in blood before they submit to any favors granted to the Armenians. This is boasting, but the report of a massacre there at any moment would not be surprising.

"Letters from Erzingan and Kemakh give information of a serious condition there. Erzingan city is probably safe, but the out districts are in a panic. The village of Lavguner was attacked, 900 sheep and other animals were driven off, two men murdered and six women brutally used and robbed of their clothing. Several houses in Komer were pillaged. Upper Pakarich was attacked, the flocks were driven off and two Armenians taken captive and held for \$750 ransom. Two hundred armed Kurds are laying waste the Armenian villages.

"Since the Trebizond affair Balboort city has suffered, also a Christian village near the city. This last, with its inhabitants, is said to have been destroyed; also a village in Espir, named Chepote, has suffered terribly.

"The Moslem population of Erzeroum has armed itself, and is offensive in its threats of violence. The Armenians are conducting themselves well. The more violent of them seemed to satisfy themselves with the death of two informers. The authorities are taking precaution to preserve order. The out districts are in a more defenceless condition, and no one is safe. Very many people do not leave their houses."

IMPORTANT MARKET NEWS.

Brokers Heard That Turkey Would Be Dismembered on Nov. 28.

"Powers fix Nov. 28 as date for dismemberment of Turkey," was the startling news purporting to emanate from a private cable despatch, received in Wall street, which was circulated on the floor of the Stock Exchange this morning.

The brokers were vastly interested, for it

seemed very important information. As the news was whispered about the market slumped off, shorts selling more and longs liquidating, with war and political disturbance talk all the rage.

Then some bright man suddenly discovered that Nov. 28 was Thanksgiving day, and it dawned upon the brokers that they had been hoaxed.

Luckily for those who had sold on the bogus news, there were other bearish factors also in play which prevented any decided rally in prices, or they might have had to mourn losses.