

KILL CHRISTIANS IN ASIATIC TURKEY

Town is Burned and Soldiers are Powerless to Stop Slaugh- ter of Armenians.

Constantinople, Apr. 17. A massacre of Armenians has taken place at Adana, Asiatic Turkey, and according to the latest telegrams from Mersina still continues. Soldiers, powerless to control the situation, are joining in the pillage of the town. The fatalities are said to be numerous. The riots began last Wednesday and the town of Adana has been burned and many Christians killed in the streets. The Moslems, having practically wrecked the town, are said to have now begun operations against the Christians in the village. The foreign consuls at Mersina have requested that warships be sent to that port.

Sixty Armenians Massacred.

No definite information is obtained as to the number of persons who lost their lives in the fighting, though one report says 60 Armenians were massacred. Two American missionaries are said to be among the dead, but no names are given and the report as to these is unconfirmed. The British vice consul at Mersina, Major Daugherty-Wylle, is said to have been injured during the trouble.

Later dispatches from Mersina say that the massacres are spreading to the vilayet of Adana. Disorders have commenced at Tarsus, the little town between Adana and Mersina noted as the birthplace of the Apostle Paul, and at noon yesterday many houses there were reported to have been burned. The number of victims at Tarsus, according to dispatches, was unknown.

American Missionaries There.

It is known that the regular district meeting of the American missionaries was due to be in session at Adana and that Mr. and Mrs. William Chambers, the Misses Elizabeth and Mary G. Webb, Miss Wallace and Miss Borel, missionaries, were to have been present there. Ambassador Leishman has instructed Vice Consul Debbas at Mersina to go immediately to Adana.

Turkish Situation.

London, Apr. 17. Telegraphing from Constantinople, the correspondent of the Times says: "I learn from a high authority that the officers of the Third army corps have telegraphed from Saloniki threatening to attack the capital unless Hilmi Pasha, former grand vizier, and Ahmed Riza Bey, former president of the Turkish parliament, are restored to their positions within 12 hours. In official circles this is regarded as a bluff, but should such a hostile movement be attempted Edhem Pasha, the new minister of war, and Nazim Pasha, who is in charge of the troops in Constantinople, certainly will not permit the concentration of the committee of union and progress' forces within striking distance of the capital."

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