

COSSACK AND TURK CLASH ON FRONTIER

Russians Cover Flight of Armenian Fugitives.

SULTAN ORDERS MASSACRE

German Paper Asserts That He Would Thus Distract Attention From Macedonia.

BERLIN, April 29.—"Die Information" reports that the Sultan recently summoned the Kurd chiefs in Asia Minor to Constantinople, and instructed them to recommence the Armenian massacres which caused a sensation in the civilized world some years ago. Abdul's idea, the paper asserts, is that bloodshed on a large scale in Armenia will distract attention from Macedonia and relieve the pressure in European Turkey.

Many Massacred.

Armenian massacres, "Die Information" continues, have already begun in the districts of Van, Vas Puakan, Mush and Sassum. In the fight near Van the Armenians resisted the Kurds fiercely, with the result that 200 were killed and several hundred wounded, many of the casualties being among the Kurds.

Armenian fugitives, according to the papers, crossed the Russian frontier near Sarikamysh, pursued by Turkish cavalry. The Turks continued the pursuit even into Russian territory. The frontier guards raised an alarm and a regiment of Cossacks appeared and fired on the Turks. A brief encounter followed, after which the Turks withdrew.

Turkish Officers Killed.

The "Lokal Anzeiger" also reports the encounter between the Turkish forces and the Cossacks, and says that one Turkish officer and ten men were killed.

The "Vossische Zeitung" today asserts that the Russian embassy at Constantinople has informed Russian consuls throughout European Turkey that the Macedonian committee has resolved to assassinate them.

The Macedonian leader, Mortenjeff, according to the report, who already has a bloody record, has been delegated to supervise the murders, which will be carried out by three practiced assassins. Three others, Constantin, Deltscheff, and Tumbeff, the paper adds, have been sent to assassinate the Servian consuls.

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