

MURDER OF TURKISH MINISTERS.

THE MINISTERS ATTACKED WHILE IN COUNCIL BY A CIRCASSIAN OFFICER—TWO MINISTERS AND TWO OTHERS KILLED AND SEVERAL WOUNDED.

LONDON, June 16.—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company, dated Constantinople, 9 o'clock this morning, says that the ministers were assembled in council last night at the residence of Midhat Pasha, President of the Council, when an officer who had been recently dismissed from service, entered the Council chamber armed with a revolver, and shot and instantly killed Hussien Avni Pasha, Minister of War, and Raschid Pasha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and seriously wounded Kaiserli Pasha, Minister of Marine. He also killed an Aid de Camp of the Grand Vizier, and a servant of Midhat Pasha. The assassin was arrested.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 16.—The following is the official account of the assassination here this morning: A Circassian, named Hassan, who left the military school four years ago with the rank of Lieutenant, and was appointed to a Captaincy in the Army of Bagdad, for certain reasons was retained at Constantinople, where he was variously employed. When Hassan recently received an appointment to the grade of Assistant Major and an assignment to duty with the Army of Bagdad, he alleged various pretexts for remaining at Constantinople, and was consequently arrested and imprisoned. He was released yesterday on condition of his proceeding to Bagdad to-day (Friday.) Yesterday he called upon the War Minister, when he was informed that the Minister was attending a council at the Prime Minister's residence. He proceeded there, and the guards, believing him an Aid de Camp, permitted him to enter. Hassan fired point blank at Hussien Avni Pasha, Minister of War, with a revolver, which he had in his pocket, and while the other persons present were pressing forward to seize the assassin, Raschid Pasha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, a servant of Midhat Pasha named Ahmed Agha, and a soldier were killed, and Kaiserli Pasha, Minister of Marine, and another soldier wounded.

LONDON, June 17.—The *Daily News*' special telegram from Constantinople reports that Hassan, after gaining admission to the Council Chamber, looked the door and fired at Avni Pasha. The lamp was broken, and only a candle was left burning in the room. The assassin then threw himself on Avni, and plunged a cutlass into his bowels. He next fired at the Minister of Marine, and finally at Raschid Pasha. The Police overpowered and captured him as he was attempting to kill Midhat Pasha. After he was seized he said he was sorry he failed to kill Midhat. The Minister of Marine will probably recover. The two murdered Ministers were buried during the day.

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