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## SULTAN ISSUES BLOODY EDICT

**Instructs His Allies to Renew the Armenian Massacres, Which Shocked the World a Few Years Ago---Murderous Engagement.**

Special to the News-Democrat.

Berlin, April 29. — Die Information today reports that the sultan recently summoned the Kurd chiefs in Asia Minor to Constantinople and instructed them to recommence the Armenian massacres which caused such a sensation in the civilized world a half dozen years ago.

Armenian massacres, Die Information continues, have already occurred in the districts of Van, Vashvahan, Mush and Sassun. In a fight near Van the Armenians fought 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 paper, crossed the Russian frontier near Sarikamy pursued by the Turkish cavalry. The frontier guards raised the alarm and a regiment of cossacks appeared and fired on the Turks. A brief encounter followed after which the Turks withdrew.

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