

TWO 'YOUNG TURKS' MURDERED IN BERLIN

Assassins of Azmy Bey and
Chakir Escape, but 15 Ar-
menians Are Arrested.

FINANCED FROM AMERICA

German Police Say These Acts of
Vengeance Have Their In-
spiration Here.

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BERLIN, April 18.—The criminal police today arrested fifteen Armenians in a big round-up, seeking to destroy what is alleged to be a secret murder organization whose headquarters, the Berlin police say, is in America, whence the Berlin branch is financed. This activity results from a double political murder committed early this morning of which two young Turks were the victims. They were Djemal Azmy Bey, former Governor General of Trebizond, and Baha Eddin Chakir, a prominent member of the Pro-German Committee of Union and Progress.

They were returning with their wives and children, as well as the widow of Talaat Pasha, who was murdered here last year, and other Turkish friends from a gathering at a fellow Turk's house. They were passing through Uhlandstrasse, a fashionable residential street, when two slim, undersized, swarthy men lurking in a doorway rushed out, thrust the women aside and fired several rounds pointblank at the two objects of their vengeance and made their escape under cover of revolver fire which was directed at the Turkish party by confederates across the street.

The murders caused great excitement in the whole section. Coming so soon after the murder of the Russian, Nabokov, they were the news sensation of Berlin today.

In view of the political character of the murders, the police have offered the unusually large reward of 50,000 marks for the apprehension of the assassins.

The Police Headquarters "Murder Commission" found at the scene of the shooting an American Savage revolver.

Prominent members of Berlin's large Turkish colony have long been living in fear of their lives. Several weeks ago they appealed to the police for protection and special measures were taken to safeguard them. One Turk who was politically active in Turkey and Armenia during the war said that he and his friends had frequently received anonymous threatening letters and expressed the fatalistic belief that he, too, would be killed by Armenian avengers in the near future.

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