

Djemal Pasha, Fugitive, Assassinated in Tiflis; Condemned as Author of Armenian Massacres

TIFLIS, Republic of Georgia, July 25 (Associated Press).—Djemal Pasha, former Minister of Marine in the Turkish Unionist Government, Chief of Staff of the Afghan Army, has been assassinated here. Two Armenians are charged with the crime.

Djemal Pasha was accompanied by two aids, who were also shot dead. He was traveling to Kabul from Berlin, where he had made important purchases from the Afghan Army.

Djemal Pasha was one of the three Turkish officials who were the leaders of the Turkish Government during the war. With his associates, Enver Pasha and Taalat Bey, he was tried by a Turkish court-martial in Constantinople in July, 1919, and condemned to death. With Enver and Taalat, however, he had fled from Turkey several months before, just before the armistice. The court-martial which condemned them was instituted to undertake prosecutions under the new régime for the purpose of clearing the Turkish people as a whole from blame for joining in the war and for the Armenian, Greek and Syrian massacres and deportations.

While Enver Pasha was Minister of

War and Taalat Bey Grand Vizier and Minister of the Interior, Djemal Pasha became Military Governor of Syria after, as Minister of Marine, he had placed the Turkish fleet under a German Admiral. In his Syrian post Djemal was charged with being instrumental in carrying out massacres, while later in Armenia as special agent of Taalat he was accused of having instigated the atrocities against the Armenian population during the great war. He was one of those included in the allied extradition list of February, 1920.

Djemal's recent activities have been for the most part in the Caucasus. He was reported last Winter in Daghestan, where he was said to be co-operating with Enver Pasha, who was lately credited with having developed ambitions on his own account in Southwestern Asia and is said to have proclaimed himself Emir of Turkestan while leading an anti-Bolshevist movement.

It may be noted that Djemal Pasha has once previously been reported the victim of an assassin—at Kabul, Afghanistan, in November of last year—but this report lacked confirmation, and soon afterward Djemal appeared in the Daghestan area.

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