ASSASSIN BOASTS
OF TALAA'T'S DEATH

'It Is Not I Who Am the Murderer,
It Is He,' Says Young
Armenian.

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BERLIN, March 16.—The assassination
of Talaat Pasha was really the last act
of a tragedy whose earlier scenes were
enacted in the blood-stained deserts of
Asia Minor. The murderer is not I; it is
he,' said the young Armenian, Salomon Tellerian, to the police a moment after firing the fatal shot.

In the course of a later examination
Tellerian told how one night his aged
parents were dragged from their village
home near the Persian frontier by one
of the Commissioners of Talaat, who
was then Grand Vizier, and were driven
into the desert, where they perished.

"Ever since," he said, "I have lived
only to revenge the deaths not only of
my own mother and father, but also the
persecution and massacres of the Ar­
menian people, of whom Talaat Pasha
was the wholesale murderer."

To fulfill that oath of revenge, sworn
long ago, is the task to which Tellerian
devoted three years. He was baffled
again and again, but he persisted,
driven by unquenchable hatred and Oriental
 cunning. Even so, it is still a mystery
how, at last he tracked down his Victim.

It was nearly three years ago when
Talaat disappeared from Constantinople,
and only a few intimate friends knew
that he was identical with 'All Sal­
bon,' living in complete
rotl~inent
in
Berlin. Tellerian admits that he spent
months wandering over Turkey search­
Ing for his prey, and says it was an
accident which put him on the right
trail and brought him here. Without
means, according to his own story, he
worlcel his development
Way
to
Germany,
spurning all horriblrs, In the e!!l'talnty
that he woulu find his enemy here. At
the end of his examination he said to
the police that he regarded the crime
with a light heart, adding: "It fills
me with happiness to know that when
my compatriots hear of his death they
will be proud of the deed of their
fellow-countryman."

The authorities are sceptical as to
Tellerian's boast that his discovery of
his victim's whereabouts and identity
was entirely his own work. They are
inclined to the view he is an agent of
the Armenian Revolutionary Committee
and find support for this theory in the
test that his passport was issued in
Paris and has a Geneva visa.

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