

# COURT-MARTIAL OF ASSASSIN.

**Turk Who Murdered Russian Consul Hanged—Trial Was Under Surveillance of a Russian.**

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 15.—The following telegram has been received by the Government authorities from Dr. Mandelstam, who succeeded M. Rostkovski, the murdered Russian Consul at Monastir, giving an account of the court-martial of the murderer:

"After proceedings extending over four days, the military court, presided over by Edhem Bey, to-day gave judgment. During the trial I exercised the rights and privileges of a public prosecutor in view of the circulation of the outrageous calumny that the Consul had insulted and struck the Turkish sentry and even that he had shot at him. I insisted that before the court gave judgment it should clear up the circumstances of the affair. By replying to a series of questions put by myself the court found as follows:

"The sentry did not give the Consul a military salute. The Consul first beckoned to him, and then left the carriage and asked the man his name. It was absolutely proved that M. Rostkovski neither shot at Halim, the sentry, nor in any way insulted him, but that Halim immediately fired at the Consul several times, and when the Consul fell stepped up and fired again with the rifle close to the Consul's head, afterward battering his temples with the butt end of his rifle.' Halim was charged with the actual murder. Another sentry named Abbas, who was present, charged with having failed to afford the Consul any protection, and two other sentries, Seinel and Assin, who were absent at the time of the murder, but the former of whom tried to excuse his comrade, were also brought before the court on charge of perjury. The chief of the gendarmerie was charged with having placed at important posts wild Albanians who could not even speak Turkish. Second Lieuts. Ismail Hakki and Salich Kadri were prosecuted because, on the way to the Russian Consulate after the murder, in speaking with Schoolmaster Misirkoff they referred to the murdered Consul in coarse and insulting terms. Tewfik, a lamp-cleaner, who was before the court, contradicted the testimony of the other witnesses and declared that the Consul had struck the sentry and had shot at him. He was charged with perjury.

"The court-martial sentenced Halim and Abbas to death, Seinel to fifteen years, and Tewfik to five years' penal servitude. The officers, Ismail and Salich, were sentenced to be dismissed from the army. Assin was acquitted.

"After I had signed the judgment it was read to the accused in my presence. Hussein Hilmi Pasha stated that he had received an order from Constantinople to carry out the sentences immediately. The two men sentenced to death were hanged to-day. The dismissal of the officers from the army will take place this evening. The chief of the gendarmerie of the vilayet, the chief of the gendarmerie of the City of Monastir, and the Captain of the company to which Halim belonged have been deprived of their commands and handed over to the judicial authorities. An inquiry has been instituted for the purpose of discovering who fired at the Consul's carriage from the military bakery."