

THE SALONIKA BOMB-THROWING

Various Motives for the Outrages Alleged—Authorities of City Were Strangely Negligent.

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LONDON, May 8.—The Turks allege, says a correspondent of The Times, wiring from Salonika, that the motive for the bomb throwing in that city was to provoke a general massacre. Others believe it was a piece of spite against the powers for their neglect to assist the Macedonians. Others, again, report that it was part of a plot to take advantage of the temporarily weak garrison and capture the town.

Anyhow, says the correspondent, it is difficult to understand why the authorities took no steps to prevent the execution of the plot, of which the details were known days before. The day of the outrages the Director of the Ottoman Bank appealed for a stronger guard, which was refused. Either the police were negligent or heavily bribed, or the authorities were wilfully blind.

There is reason to believe, the correspondent adds, that the casualties among the Bulgarians, officially estimated at less than 100, have been put too low. There has been no general massacre, but there have been isolated cases of barbarity to innocent persons.

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