

the mountains, and the cattle were caught and restored to their owners. As a punishment the village was placed under martial law, sixty Russian troopers with their horses being billeted on the village for two weeks, living at its expense, a very serious burden when a village is poor. Such a punishment is detestable to the Tatars, especially as their women are exposed to the eyes and importunity of unbelievers.

At this time comparative quiet prevailed at Nakichevan, but in other parts around the people continued to rob, pillage, and steal cattle. Enckel, who played such an effective and spirited part in suppressing the disturbances, was not safe, but received repeatedly threatening letters or warnings not to show himself abroad in the streets; but he faced the position with imperturbable serenity, and strolled alone through the bazaars, where his coolheadedness inspired the greatest respect.

In 1903, as has been already mentioned, the Armenians commenced their political murders of higher Russian officials. Their fury did not spare innocent victims. Two of Enckel's acquaintances, a mathematical teacher and a merchant, had been assassinated because they were suspected of spying and sending reports to the authorities.

In consequence of these murders the Russians were naturally embittered against the Armenians, and the Tatars, who noticed their animosity, thought that they would be accomplishing an excellent and meritorious action in exterminating the Armenians, whom, moreover, they themselves heartily hated on religious grounds. Accordingly, at the beginning of February a bloody riot broke out in Baku; and as the Russian authorities, wearied with the craftiness of the Armenians, did not immediately interfere, or at any rate with little vigour, the Tatars were confirmed in their belief that their violence was connived at, and at the end of the month riots broke out in Erivan. In June 1905 Prince Louis Napoleon was governor of this town, but resigned after five months, for it was his opinion that only extreme measures could restore order; and, not wishing to spoil his prospects in another country,