

GENERAL ANTRANIK, NOTED FIGHTER, DIES

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Czar's Army Collapsed.

FRESNO, Cal., Sept. 1 (AP).—The body of General Antranik Cuzanian, Armenian war hero, better known as General Antranik, was brought here today for burial. He died yesterday in Richardson Hot Springs, Cal., at the age of 61.

An impressive ceremony was planned by Armenian residents of California for their countryman, who came to this country in 1920 to urge them to give financial and moral support to their homeland and later made his home here.

Cuzanian was Commander-in-Chief of the allied forces in the Near East in the early part of the World War. He relinquished the command to General Allenby of the English forces and returned to command of the Armenian Army.

Before the war his name became a symbol of terror to Turks and Kurds as a result of several colorful campaigns by the revolutionary forces against Sultan Abdul Hamid.

Brought up to be a carpenter, Antranik became so aroused against the Turks for their treatment of his countrymen that at 23 he gave up his trade and entered the Armenian forces. For the next thirty-five years, with occasional lapses, he fought for the Armenian cause, for most of that time as a leader of thousands of devoted followers.

In 1914 he had only 1,500 men under him, but he increased this small force to a maximum of 15,000. His soldiers knew the topography of the region where they operated, and were always in the van of the Russians, with whom they fought the Turks and by whom they were equipped. The Russian authorities made Antranik a Major General and decorated him six times for gallantry. On the collapse of the Russian army, he made use of their abandoned military stores to continue his warfare on Turkey. He fought in fifty-nine engagements against the Turks, yet was never wounded, although several horses were shot under him. At the close of the World War he was operating in Persia against the Turkish Thirty-sixth Division.