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The Russians take Trebizond

The important Turkish city Trebizond by the Black Sea was taken by the Russians last Tuesday after a longer time of siege. The city had a Turkish garrison of 54,000 men and the Turks bravely defended it, but at the end they were forced to accept defeat to strong power of the enemy. The Russian land forces were supported by the Black Sea fleet and being attacked from land and sea at the same time the Turks were unable to defend the city, since they did not have a fleet that could assist them from the sea side.

This is the largest victory for the Russians since they took Erzerum three months ago. The city is situated 575 km from Constantinople and has 40,000 inhabitants. It is certainly not because of its size it is considered being so important, but because of its strategic location and being the harbor through which the trade between Persia and Central Asia takes place with Europe.