

## OUR CONSUL GOES TO TARSA

He Will Inquire Into the Attack  
the American College.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 21.—The United States Consul at Beyrout, Thomas R. Gibson, has been instructed to go to Tarsus to inquire into the recent attack on the American College there.

At the instance of Minister Terrell, the Vali of Erzeroum will furnish an escort to William A. Sachtleben, of New York, who is searching for the body of Frank G. Lenz, the Pittsburg bicyclist, murdered while wheeling through Armenia on a tour around the world.

The new American Consul for Erzeroum is awaiting his exequatur.

The sultan has decided, it is said, to issue a decree Aug. 31 announcing general reforms throughout the Empire. The tendency, however, is retrogressive rather than progressive. For instance, Christians will not be eligible to the post of Vali, though there have been Christian Valis for years.

### Our Naturalized Citizens in Turkey.

To the Editor of The World:

Knowing that your esteemed journal is the champion of justice and the reform of all abuses I venture by these lines to enlist its powerful influence and interest for remedying the evils and abuses of the flagrant indifference of American diplomatic and consular officers in Turkey in protecting naturalized and born American citizens.

By a treaty with the Porte all American citizens are under the exclusive jurisdiction of their Consuls and are amenable only to the Consular Courts in that empire. The naturalized citizens of European powers enjoy similar prerogatives through treaty stipulations. We have in the United States now over 200,000 ex-subjects of the Sultan—Syrians, Greeks, Egyptians and Armenians—who are acquiring American citizenship in good faith and in order to escape Turkish massacres and oppression. Several of these citizens (who are not Armenians) were subjected to many hardships and indignities because of their acquired citizenship, and some were imprisoned and their American passports torn before their eyes and no protection whatever was afforded them either by the American Minister at Constantinople or the Consuls in Beyrout, Tripoli, Messina and other ports when they reported these outrages to them. European representatives have always succeeded in securing ample respect and protection for their subjects, native-born and naturalized, by coercing Turkish officials and forcing them to respect their rights. Mr. Gladstone knows the wily Turk too well to suppose that he would do anything towards alleviating the sufferings of persecuted Christians without forcing him by rigorous measures to do so. The same is true in the way of securing protection to our naturalized citizens. Our representatives should not be afraid to show their teeth occasionally when an American citizen is maltreated or oppressed by petty Turkish officials in various parts of the empire. One of the morning papers speaks of the arrest of a naturalized citizen in Marsovan for alleged complicity in the troubles there and refers to Minister Terrell's instructions to Consul Jewett to secure for him a fair trial in the Turkish court. Does the Minister forget that as an American citizen that suspect ought to be tried by his own Consul, and that our treaty with Turkey gives us territorial and consular jurisdiction over our subjects to the exclusion of Turkish authority? Or does he wish to give the Turks a precedent for all time to come to abuse and oppress American citizens and ignore their treaty rights? What kind of fair treatment does Mr. Terrell expect Jewett to obtain for that unfortunate citizen from a Turkish tribunal? Let our State Department wake up and instruct our representatives to protect our citizens in Turkey like Europe does hers. Otherwise let them know why it does not.

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