

INQUIRY IN TARUSUS.

**United States Consul Ordered to Go
There Himself.**

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 21.—Thomas R. Gibson, the United States Consul at Beyrout, has been instructed to proceed to Tarsus in order to open an inquiry into the attack recently made upon the American

College there.

At the instance of the United States Minister here, Alexander W. Terrell, the Vali of Erzeroum, will furnish an adequate escort to William A. Sachtleben of New York, who is searching for the body of Frank G. Lenz, the Pittsburg bicyclist, who was murdered while on his way through Armenia in an attempt to encircle the globe on his wheel.

The new American Consul for Erzeroum is still awaiting here the granting of his exequatur.

Turkey's Mock Decree of Reform.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 21.—It is said that the Sultan has decided to issue a decree on August 31 announcing general reforms throughout the Empire. The tendency of this reply to the Powers, however, is more retrogressive than progressive. For instance, Christians are not admitted to be eligible to hold the post of Vali, in spite of the fact that Christian Valis have enlisted for years past.
