

**TURKISH POLICE
INSULT U.S. CONSUL**

Consequence is American Flag Over Consulate at Alexandretta Is Hauled Down

MR. DAVIS LEAVES FOR BEIRUT.

He Was Accompanying a Naturalized
American to the Steamer
When Attacked

TURKS TELL A DIFFERENT STORY.

They Say Police Were Struck—State Department Directs Minister Leishman to Make an Investigation.

Constantinople, Dec. 8.—The United States flag over the consulate at Alexandretta, Asiatic Turkey, has been hauled down and Consul Davis has left his post for Beirut in consequence of a serious diplomatic incident during which Mr. Davis was assaulted and assaulted by the local police.

The affair grew out of the arrest of an Armenian—Channos Attarian, a naturalized American citizen.

Attarian had been in prison at Aleppo during the last two months and had just been liberated through the intervention of the American consular agents, on condition of his leaving the country forthwith. Mr. Davis was accompanying Attarian on board a departing steamer when the police insisted that he should be arrested and assaulted Mr. Davis and despite the resistance of the consul and his attendant guards, re-arrested Attarian and took him back to prison. Mr. Davis immediately left the vessel and sought refuge at the consulate and formally broke off relations with the Turkish authorities by quitting Alexandretta, leaving the consulate in the hands of the local police and of Moslems seized on the occasion to make a hostile demonstration against the consulate and against the Christians generally. The local authorities assert that Davis had been taken into custody with a cane and that after the re-arrest of Attarian the consular cavasses (military

WHAT TURKS CLAIM.

The Turkish authorities further claim that Attarian, who is a native of Diarbekir, Asiatic Turkey, has been traveling about the country with an illegal passport. They also point out that the question of Armenians naturalized in America returning

When Attarian was arrested, \$2,500 was found in his possession. This, it is believed, may have contributed to his arrest, the Turks suspecting him of being a revolutionist.

The matter is engaging the energetic attention of the United States legation here. Mr. Leishman has made urgent representations to the porte and is now awaiting a full report before

States to obtain full reparation especially as full satisfaction for the Beirut affair has not yet been given.

LEISHMAN INSTRUCTED.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The state department has received a brief cablegram from Consul Davis at Alexandretta, Asiatic Turkey, saying that he had had trouble with the local police at Alexandretta and had left for Beirut

Constantinople to institute a thorough investigation of the whole affair. It is expected that Minister Leishman will call at the foreign office today to inquire of the Turkish officials regarding the matter.

BOODLING IN GRAND RAPIDS

"Boudling Chinese." Are Sinner

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 9.—The prominent citizens for whom warrants were issued last night on charges in connection with the water scandal were spared the humiliation of formal arrest today. Instead of placing the warrants in the hands of officers to serve, the police officials telephoned the respondents requesting them to appear. The eighth warrant for Gerritt

Alderman Renihan has been issued and Albers came to police headquarters and entered his appearance, being permitted then to go in search of bondsmen. Judge Haggerty, who issued the warrants, announced that the Albers warrant was based on a confession of Dr. Ulrike Devries that he induced Albers to make an offer of a bribe to Alderman Renihan, as charged at the time of his trial by the magistrate. Albers

ries' confession any further there are reasons for believing that it reveals much of the inside of the water deal and will be corroborated by Salisbury's confession.

Charles S. Birch, manager of the Evening Press, waived examination in police court and was bound over to the superior court for trial under \$2,000 bond. The charge against him is con-

HERBERT SPENCER DEAD
**Was the Last Great Thinker of
The Victorian Age.**
London, Dec. 8.—Herbert Spencer, the famous author, died this morning at his home in Brighton. His health had been failing for some months. The illness took a critical turn a few days

By his own desire, the least possible information was given out during Mr. Spencer's illness. He was born in 1820. The newspapers all publish long appreciations and anecdotes of Mr. Spencer, whom they universally describe as the "Last great thinker of the Victorian age."

