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THE OTTOMAN PARLIAMENT.

89th Session (May 2). Debate was resumed on the budget of the department of agriculture, mines and forests, and at the close of the session the entire budget was adopted, with the addition of 900 liras to the 9,000 proposed for depots for agricultural implements, and with Lt. 1,000 instead of only Lt. 400 as proposed for prizes and remuneration for the circulation of agricultural newspapers and articles pertaining to the work of the department. Dagavarian Effendi criticised each article as proposed and Nedjib Draga Bey proposed the establishment of an institution for teaching basket-weaving, which was approved by the Chamber. The failure of the Heraclea Coal Co. to furnish the 50,000 tons of coal agreed upon per year to the Admiralty at 30 piastres per ton, was explained by the Minister as due to certain misunderstandings between the company and the government which he was trying to settle at the Sublime Porte.

90th Session (May 3). The budget of Parliament was presented by Izzet Bey (Trebizond). The point was raised as to whether the decision of the Senate that deputies should receive their salary only for the time when parliament is actually in session, should apply to senators as well. Inasmuch as the Constitution grants senators Lt. 100 per month, and deputies only Lt. 300 for the entire parliamentary session, and also inasmuch as the deputies occupy themselves with their private callings during the parliamentary recess, while any private occupation is considered beneath the dignity of a senator, it is evident the two cannot be treated alike. The point was therefore by vote submitted to the Senate for its interpretation. The discussion of the first chapter of the budget gave rise to the question whether the presidents of the Senate and Chamber should be entitled to a larger sum than their colleagues. This question was postponed for Saturday's session.

91st Session (May 4). After a protest by Sabri Bey (Brousa) against the arbitrariness of President Ahmed Riza Bey regarding the docket, the penal code modifications were again taken up and finally passed. A motion to abolish the death penalty was lost. The limit of age of minors was fixed at fifteen in place of eighteen years. A special appropriation of Lt. 2,410 was passed for three Moslem courts in the island of Crete. A motion was passed requesting the Minister of the Interior to answer an inquiry of the deputies from Jerusalem, relating to the theft of valuable objects from the Mosque of Omar, reported elsewhere in this issue.

92nd Session (May 6). The official sanction of His Majesty the Sultan for the prolongation of the parliamentary

session till May 27th was read; also the decision of the Senate that the deputies are entitled to a half-month's salary for June last, parliament having sat for half the month. The parliamentary budget occupied the rest of the day. The motion to reduce the salary of the president of the Senate to Lt. 100 per month was rejected. A similar motion to reduce that of the president of the Chamber to Lt. 50 was also rejected. Each remains at Lt. 150. The opposition contested nearly every item in the budget, and several minor changes were made. Some of the deputies were accused of having drawn their traveling expenses without using them, since they did not return to their districts; and personalities flew freely. The presiding officer, Ahmed Mahir Effendi, unable to control the situation, put the whole budget to vote and closed the session.

93rd Session (May 8). The budget of the bureau of real estate registry was taken up and at the close of the morning session was adopted, amounting to Lt. 116,959. A part of this credit is to be used to found a school for training officials for this bureau. After the recess Halil Bey, Minister of the Interior, made a statement in answer to the question of Rouhi el Halidi Bey (Jerusalem) as to the episode in the mosque of Omar. He traced the history of the excavations from the time when Captain Parker of England obtained the permission of the government two years ago, while Kiamil Pasha was Grand Vizier, to dig in the island of Rhodes and outside the wall of the temple area at Jerusalem. He said the English, having discovered nothing at the place indicated, had arranged to dig during nine nights inside the precincts of the mosque, and had removed certain objects which has been placed on a yacht at Jaffa; that the demand of the populace that the cases should be seized before they were put on board, had been grossly neglected by the authorities; that a commission of inquiry had now been sent to Jerusalem and that their report must be awaited. He added that it was reported that the populace was being stirred up by reactionaries of the Hamidian régime, and that one of these men had been arrested. The Grand Vizier also made some remarks on the situation, and Halil Bey promised to present to the Chamber the details he should receive regarding the investigation now in progress.

Secretary James L. Barton, D.D., and Rev. Henry H. Riggs of Harpout, are at Frankfurt, Germany, for a conference with the Deutscher Hilfsbund regarding mission work in Eastern Turkey.

RECEPTION TO MR. AND MRS. CARTER.

A most enjoyable afternoon was afforded to the American colony in Constantinople on Wednesday, May 3rd, when Dr. and Mrs. Bowen threw open their apartments for a reception to the Hon. John R. Carter and Mrs. Carter. More than a hundred friends gathered to show their appreciation of and genuine affection for our distinguished fellow-citizen who for the past eight or nine months has occupied the post of diplomatic representative of America at this capital. It had been the hope of all his many friends here, that Mr. Carter might be appointed Ambassador to Turkey; and now that he is leaving, all were glad of an opportunity to show their hope for his speedy return. After abundant refreshments had been served, Dr. Bowen called felicitously upon several present, who responded with short speeches indicating these sentiments. Dr. Herrick, Dr. Gates, Dr. Patrick, Mr. Chester, Sir Edwin Pears and Mr. Frew in turn spoke, and Mr. Carter made a very heartfelt response in behalf of Mrs. Carter and himself. Mrs. Carter left two days later for Paris, where Mr. Carter will join her after turning over the post to Ambassador Rockhill. They will then visit America before returning to their post in Bucharest. The American colony is indebted to Dr. and Mrs. Bowen for making possible this gathering.

A HUMANE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

[The following article has been prepared for *The Orient* at our request by Mrs. Manning of Robert College, the president of the society, to whose initiative and tireless energy is largely due the remarkable success of the movement in so short a time.—ED.]

A Humane Education Society was founded in Constantinople last November and has been actively at work during the winter. The object of this Society is to introduce Humane Education into the schools by means of Bands of Mercy and lessons on kindness to animals, and to distribute as widely as possible humane literature in the vernaculars of the Turkish Empire.

As the term Humane Education may be unfamiliar to some of the readers of *The Orient* a few words of explanation may not be out of place.

Humane Education has been defined as "that branch of education which seeks to overcome all forms of cruelty and to create an interest in, a feeling for, and a sympathy with every form of life which can suffer and enjoy." It is a "campaign against cruelty in every form, and it recognizes cruelty to animals as debasing to man." Sympathy is one of the strongest motives for human action and fortunately among children this is not difficult to cultivate. It has been pointed out that young children are more easily interested in animals than in other children, and by arousing among them kindly feelings towards animals and intelligent treatment of them the work of Humane Education can best be carried on. This fact has been recognized by some of the strongest governments in the world. The British code for elementary education requires the teaching of kindness to animals. In Germany such

instruction is given in the schools every day and in Denmark, Switzerland and France it is also regularly taught. In the United States, thirteen states have laws making this instruction compulsory in the public schools.

In the United States alone there are over 74,000 Bands of Mercy with two million members.

Monsieur de Saily, an eminent French School Master, said: "After I introduced this teaching into my school I found that the children were not only more kind to animals, but also more kind to each other." Monsieur Pirenet, President of the Geneva S.P.C.A. is endeavoring to introduce the Band of Mercy movement into every country in Europe, and is meeting with good success. Russia has recently adopted it and other countries have signified their intention to do so.

At the annual meeting of the Western Turkey Mission last July, the plan of forming Bands of Mercy in the schools under its control was approved, and it was suggested that some one be appointed at each station to take charge of this work.

Band of Mercy membership cards bearing the simple pledge "I will be kind to every living creature and try to protect it from cruel usage," were prepared in English, Turkish, Armenian, Greek, Bulgarian and Arabic. Over twelve hundred of these cards have already been sent in response to requests made by teachers to different schools under the Western Turkey Mission, and also to many English, Scotch, Armenian and Bulgarian schools.

A little book "Twelve Lessons on Kindness to Animals," suitable for use in the schools has been translated and printed in all the vernaculars, and has been distributed to many schools.

Leaflets on "Humane Education," "The Care of Horses," "The Horse's Request," and "How Birds Help the Farmer" have also been prepared. Over four thousand of these books and leaflets have been distributed already to different parts of Turkey.

Beside these a large number of books and leaflets in English have been sent to English and American Schools.

The Society has been much encouraged by the interest taken in its work by many teachers in both native and foreign schools, and believes that it is supplying a need already felt.

"Black Beauty", the famous story of a horse, is being printed in Turkish, Armenian and Greek, and "The Strike at Shane's," a boys' book about animals, is being printed in Bulgarian.

Other similar books will be brought out as rapidly as the funds of the Society will permit. The Society has received besides other smaller donations, an annual grant of \$150 worth of literature in English from the American Humane Education Society, one hundred dollars from the International Humane Association of New York, and one hundred dollars from Mrs. Everett Brooks of Chicago for a "Manual of Humane Education" by Flora Helen Krause, for every English and American School in Turkey. As most of the literature is distributed gratis, funds are greatly needed to carry on the work.

The annual dues for membership in the Society are 10 ps. They have purposely been made small in the hope that many may become members, but larger donations will be very gratefully received and may be sent to Mrs. B.V. D. Post, Treasurer, Robert College.

A VOTE OF THANKS.

The Local Executive Committee which had charge of arrangements in this city for the World's Student Christian Federation Conference, wishes in this public way to thank the many friends who aided in preparing for and carrying through these arrangements. It desires to acknowledge its debt of gratitude to the hosts and hostesses who threw open their homes for the reception of delegates; to the generous friends who by their financial contributions met the local expenses; to the management of the many daily papers, and especially of the *Levant Herald*, for their courtesy in giving publicity to the various meetings in the city; to those who, at a considerable expenditure of time and strength, conducted parties to places of interest in and about the city; to the persons in charge of the several halls that were placed at the disposal of the committee for the meetings in Pera and Stamboul, and to others who in various ways facilitated the work of the committee.

By order of the Committee.

THE DEDICATION OF THE KINDERGARTEN BUILDING AT CESAREA.

Yesterday saw the formal dedication of the long-desired building for the Cesarea kindergarten. For years the kindergarten has been housed in dark, tumble-down rooms, and finally in rooms inconveniently situated outside, as the original building grew too unsafe for use. Two years ago, the building, a native house, was torn down, and last fall saw the completion, under Mr. Wingate's able direction, of the new three-story stone building that takes its place.

It is a large handsome building, perhaps the best-built in Cesarea. In the basement are play and lunch-rooms for the children, where also mothers' meetings are held. Store rooms fill the rest of this floor. Upstairs, on the main floor, on the left of the long entrance hall are the office, a class room, and the teachers' rooms. The whole space on the right is taken up by the two kindergarten rooms, that, thrown into one, easily seated one hundred and fifty people yesterday. On Sunday, when they sit on the floor, two hundred and more attend the Sunday school. In school time folding partitions separate into two classes all but the youngest children. On the next floor is the primary room, separated, by a partition across the hall, from Miss Burrage's and Miss Richmond's own rooms. As Miss Burrage has for years been crowded into two rooms in a native house, the prettily arranged little apartment, with three bed rooms, a sitting room, a dining room and a kitchen, with a good sized pantry adjoining, seems quite palatial. There is a balcony at one end of the hall, and a flat roof over a part of the house, from which one can enjoy the view of Mount Argæus and of the plain stretching away in every direction to the hills beyond. The dedication exercises were most fittingly presided over by Mr. Wingate whose untiring efforts have made the building, as

far as funds would allow, perfect in every detail. The program was as follows:

	HYMN
Invocation	BADVELI NORHADIAN.
Scripture Reading	NAZARET EF. MOSDICHIAN.
	HYMN
History of the Cesarea Kindergarten	MRS. FOWLE.
Purpose of Kindergarten Work	MISS BURRAGE.
Value of the Work of this Kindergarten to Cesarea	BADVELI KEROPE YAKOUBIAN.
Expression of Thanks to the Government	MR. WINGATE.
Dedicatory Prayer	MR. FOWLE.
General Remarks	

DOXOLOGY

Benediction BADVELI KEROPE YAKOUBIAN.

The exercises were followed by a general reception, everyone having an opportunity to see the whole building, and to meet Mr. and Mrs. Fowle, who leave next week for America.

ADELAIDE S. DWIGHT.

Talas, April 27, 1911.

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE FOR GIRLS.

Weather Report for the week April 29 - May 6.
(Observations taken at 8 A. M. daily)

Maximum temperature (May 2 and 3)	79.°	F.
Minimum " (April 29)	47.5°	"
Rainfall	.28	inch

On Tuesday, May 2nd, Sir Edwin Pears gave us a lecture on the Hippodrome which was greatly enjoyed by faculty and students, and by a number of guests from the city and vicinity.

Miss Cutler has returned to us and is conducting special Bible Courses which are largely attended by the students. The course for Seniors and Juniors is on Isaiah, that for Freshmen and Sophomores on Moses.

The services on Sunday morning the 7th, were conducted by Miss Clarissa Spencer, Secretary of the World's Young Women's Christian Association. Miss Cutler conducted the evening services of the Christian Association.

The paper which Dr. Patrick presented at the Philosophical Congress at Bologna will be enlarged and published in the *Philosophical Review*.

Two new members have been added to our Board of Trustees, Mr. Charles R. Crane, who is at present visiting in the city, and is well known to many readers of *The Orient*, and the Hon. Samuel J. Elder, who was one of the superior counsel for the United States before the Hague Tribunal in the North Atlantic Fisheries Arbitration with Great Britain. Mr. Elder will be appointed President of the Board at the Annual meeting in December, in the place of Dr. Borden P. Bowne, who died last year.

DR. PEARSONS'S 91st BIRTHDAY.

On April 21, Dr. D. K. Pearsons celebrated his ninety-first birthday. Some eighty congratulatory telegrams arrived, and the birthday dinner was shared by a score of invited guests. Later a hundred friends gathered in the parlor of the Hinsdale Sanitarium, which has been for the past year or two the home of Dr. Pearsons, and under the leadership of Dr. W. E. Barton, congratulated Dr. Pearsons on the record of his fourscore years and ten. President Frost of Berea College spoke for the forty-eight colleges and schools that have been the recipients of aid from this remarkable man. Among all the colleges he has helped, unless we are much mistaken, the only one outside the United States has been Anatolia College, Marsovan. More than once have Dr. and Mrs. Pearsons proved their genuine affection for this institution; and on this last day of his public beneficent career, this college was again remembered. The *Congregationalist* thus describes the scene:—

Sec. A. N. Hitchcock of the American Board began the action in a fitting appreciation of Dr. Pearsons's proposed gift of \$100,000 to Anatolia College. Then Dr. Pearsons began his rôle: "This is my day for paying my last debts— President Frost, have you got your money?"

"I have a check for \$100,000 in my pocket," replied the happy head of Berea College.

Producing a blue slip of paper, Dr. Pearsons said, turning to Secretary Hitchcock, "This is your \$100,000. The money is deposited in the Northern Securities Bank. Go there at ten-thirty tomorrow and demand a draft on Boston for \$100,000. I have there on deposit \$117,000; but don't touch the extra \$17,000. I need that for myself. Remember, this gift is for a memorial to Mrs. Pearsons."

Dr. Pearsons paid the following remarkable tribute to his life-companion, who passed away March 30, 1906.

"As I look back over the last twenty-two years, I realize that none of my gifts would have been possible without my wife. It was she who taught me how to make the money, and imbued me with the spirit of philanthropy. To her I owe everything, and my advice would be to every young man who wants to start on the road to fortune and wealth, to marry."

Sir Andrew Carnegie has called this man "the prince of givers"; and certainly if giving is measured rather by what we hold back than by what we give, the man who, having given seven millions to philanthropy, chooses to die poor, deserves this rank.

THE ALBANIAN UPRISING.

Very little news has reached the public during the past week as to the campaign against the Malissores. Persistent rumors were rife last Thursday that Montenegro was not acting in good faith, that there had been a fight at Mojkovatz between Montenegrins and Turkish troops, that the Montenegrins had joined the Albanians in attacking the troops at

Bazar Ova, and that Boule, near Mojkovatz, was being fortified by the Montenegrins. M. Popovitch, chargé d'affaires of Montenegro, visited the Sublime Porte on Thursday and had an interview with Rifaat Pasha, Minister for Foreign Affairs, to whom he communicated a despatch from Cetigné expressing the regret of the Montenegrin government that such suspicions should still be entertained by the Ottoman government when drastic measures had been taken to prevent Montenegrins from mixing at all in the revolt.

Encounters with the insurgents are reported from Gosinje, with slight casualties on each side. The blockhouses at Peshter, Nicodime and Touria on the Montenegrin frontier have been attacked, but successfully defended. Prisrend is quiet, and Üsküb also. A rumor had been started that the revolt was being extended southwards. This is officially denied. Additional troops are being sent to Berana, on the frontier.

THE MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

It is not safe to predict from day to day what may be the situation twenty-four hours later in the Cabinet. So many elements enter into the case that decisions are made and reversed in quick succession. One thing seems at present certain, namely, that Djavid Bey, the able Minister of Finance, has tendered his resignation. As soon as this became known, last Friday, it caused a sharp fall in Turkish securities on the Bourse in the various European capitals. Apparently there is some connection between this step and the sharp criticisms of Zionism in Parliament recently, which were coupled with charges that recent loan negotiations of the Ottoman government had been surreptitiously influenced by Zionist financiers. To the impartial outsider it seems a pity that a man of such marked ability should feel obliged to retire, when the finances of the government require an experienced hand at the helm, and especially while the budget for the year is being hurried through Parliament and is being criticized at every turn. As possible successors to the genial minister of finance were mentioned Zia Pasha and the senator Nail Bey, and the latter has been appointed.

According to the Turkish dailies, Rifaat Pasha, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Babanzade Ismail Hakki Bey, Minister of Public Instruction, and Mr. Mavrocordato, Minister of Agriculture, Mines and Forests, either have tendered or will shortly tender their resignations to the Grand Vizier; and Mousa Kiazim Effendi, the Sheikh-ul-Islam, is about to offer his resignation to the Sultan, whose direct appointee he is. Should all these prove to be correct, it would almost force the Grand Vizier, Hakki Pasha, to present the resignation of himself and his entire cabinet to His Majesty. The dailies in commenting on the possibility of this step, consider it highly probable that in that case Hakki Pasha will be entrusted anew with the formation of a fresh cabinet.

There is something not very reassuring in the resignation of these men and the impending fall of the Cabinet just at this juncture, following so close upon several votes of confi-

OTHER LANDS

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dence passed in the Chamber. A delegate from the Committee of Union and Progress comes up from Salonica and has a long conference with the leader of the Party of Union and Progress in the Chamber, and with the Grand Vizier and various ministers, and resignations follow. This party, to be sure, has narrowly escaped a fatal split, within a fortnight, and the formidable minority may have had something to do with the present crisis in the cabinet. But with military campaigns on hand in two distant provinces, and with the budget for the current year still not passed, nearly two months after the financial year has commenced, the time does not seem opportune for the proverbial swapping of horses.

The last news is that in addition to the minister of finance, the minister of public instruction has also presented his resignation, and both have been accepted.

La Turquie thus comments on the retirement of Djavid Bey:—

"The heavy task that he accepted he has carried out for the best interests of the country. Djavid Bey has succeeded in placing on its feet a financial organization which did not exist, and in giving to Turkish credit a solid basis which will enable his successor to contract loans with more ease than had been dreamed of. It is unnecessary to recall in detail the reforms he has introduced in his department, nor the feelings of admiration entertained toward him by his under-officers. We merely mention the esteem which he has enjoyed in financial circles in Europe and among the Constantinople representatives of great banking houses. These facts are known to the world. Suffice it to say that the resignation of Djavid Bey is a fact to be deplored as touching the interests of the Ottoman Empire. But we may add that the web of intrigue woven about him has made this inevitable. The political career of Djavid Bey, on the other hand, will not end by his present retirement. He is young, he is eloquent, he is full of patriotism and endowed with unusual intellectual power; the future smiles on him. And without doubt the country will in a short time call him again to her service."

We are sorry to have to report the illness of Miss Grace Kellogg, of Gedik Pasha, with scarlatina. She has been taken to the German Hospital.

DESECRATION OF THE MOSQUE OF OMAR.

A great deal of excitement was caused last week in Jerusalem by rumors of a theft in the Mosque of Omar. As the story goes, some persons connected with certain excavations now being carried on near the sacred enclosure, aided by some policemen and unopposed by keepers of the Mosque entered the mosque at midnight, opened a secret chamber under the floor of a grotto, and removed several articles of fabulous intrinsic and historical value, and succeeded in conveying these out of the city and to a fast yacht off the port of Jaffa, before the dilatory governor of the city, Azmi Bey, took any steps to investigate the affair. The persons in charge of these excavations are said to be an Englishman named Parker, and an Englishman named Wilson; but no proof has been submitted as to who the guilty parties are. One may pardon the general incredulity as to the objects said to have been stolen, which were at first reported to include a crown, a golden ring and a golden sword that had belonged to King Solomon, also the Ark, and a priceless copper plaque, and other valuable articles in mosaic. The latest despatches state that not a single object of value was actually removed, though the secret chamber had been opened. The Moslem populace of the city were extremely stirred up, against all the Christians, especially against the foreigners, and more particularly against the inactive governor of the city. Several arrests have been made of guardians of the mosque suspected of complicity, and the matter is being thoroughly investigated.

EMPIRE NEWS.

NOTES.

Mrs. T. T. Holway, of Samokov, who came to Constantinople to attend the Student Federation Conference, left yesterday on her return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob and Mr. and Mrs. Davis left on Saturday last for Athens for a week's absence.

Mr. John Rowell, of Bebek, Constantinople, died May 3rd, aged 75.

Prof. A. H. Sayce, LL. D., the distinguished archaeologist, was in Constantinople last week on his return from Egypt and Mesopotamia to England.

Rev. Henry O. Dwight, LL. D., has been appointed by the American Bible Society as its delegate to the all-Turkey Missionary Conference of July, 1912.

Rev. C. H. Holbrook arrives today from Naples en route for Sivas via Talas.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Fowle and their sons Luther and Wilson arrived from Talas yesterday and go on by German steamer tomorrow for Naples and America.

THE CAPITAL.

His Majesty attended Selamlık at Scutari last Friday, and after the ceremony visited the Selimié barracks, where a military review was held. This is said to have been the first time in 49 years that a Sultan has visited Scutari.

A crisis has been reached in the relations of the patriarch and the assembly of the Armenian Catholics, due to the refusal of the patriarch, Mgr. Terzian, to recognize the assembly as a legally organized power.

The receipts of the Department of Public Debt for the month of March, 1327 (1911) showed an increase of Lt. 53,051 over the corresponding month of 1326.

Persian delegates are on their way to Constantinople to negotiate regarding the Turko-Persian boundary.

THE PROVINCES.

May 29 has been fixed as the date for the departure of the Sultan for Salonica. His Majesty will make the voyage on the battleship *Barbarossa Haireddin*, which will be convoyed by the battleship *Messoudié* and the auxiliary cruiser *Gül Jemal*. Two sons of His Majesty will accompany him. The Sultan will remain in his European provinces 25 days, visiting Prishtina and Monastir as well. He will stop at the Dardanelles on his return.

The Bulgarian princes Boris and Cyril, instead of returning to Constantinople from Konia, went by train to Smyrna.

Earthquake shocks on May 1st are reported at Rhodes; also the same day at Djidd in the province of Kastemoni.

Last week was carried out the experiment of quick mobilization of troops, consisting of the transfer of ten thousand men from Angora to Salonica within 48 hours. The entire regular train service between Angora and Haidar Pasha was suspended, and military trains ran every two hours. The troops were transferred at Haidar Pasha as fast as they arrived to seven transports, and the manoeuvres were carried out without trouble.

The Cretan executive committee has notified the consuls of the protecting powers that it cannot accept the *cadis* (judges of Moslem courts) appointed by Turkey, owing to possible troubles in case they come to Crete.

OTHER LANDS.

The national peace congress was opened at Baltimore, Md., on Thursday last. President Taft in a remarkable address advocated an arbitration treaty with Great Britain as a step toward universal peace.

At the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society, held two weeks ago, the issues of the past year were reported as 6,975,000, of which a million and a half went to China. Six new languages were added to the Society's list, making 432 in all. The Society is circulating Scriptures in embossed type for the blind in 33 languages. Of the Scriptures issued in English, 96 % were in the version of 1611.

The controversy between the Greek General Smolenski and the Premier, Mr. Venizelos, has resulted in the discomfiture of the former and the increased popularity of the latter.

The armistice between the Mexican troops and the insurgents has expired, and hostilities have again broken out.

In spite of the entry of Major Brémond and his 3000 native troops into Fez, the tribesmen are attacking the city with renewed energy, and the situation is dark.

The population of Ispahan, Persia, has risen against the government on account of the scarcity of food, said to be due to a corner on wheat brought about by some prominent officials. The situation at Tabriz, which was very critical, has improved.

A severe earthquake is reported from Wyernyi, Russian Turkestan.

An outbreak of plague is reported on the island of Formosa, with 129 cases.

Rev F. B. Meyer will visit the United States in about a month, to attend the Baptist Ecumenical Council in Philadelphia after visiting other points. He returns to London by July 1.

Sir Robert Hart has decided to tender his resignation to the Chinese Government as inspector of maritime customs, owing to advanced age and feeble health. He is seventy-six years old, and has been in the Chinese service forty-eight years.

June 18 has been fixed as the date of elections to a Great Sobranje for the revision of the Bulgarian Constitution.

The Japanese expedition to the South Pole has been forced to abandon its effort.

M. Floresco has been appointed Roumanian Minister to Greece.

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