BISHOP'S NIECE HAD NOT BEEN KIDNAPPED

ROSIE HAWAWEENY STRAYED AWAY ON FIRST SCHOOL DAY —SYRIANS SUSPICIOUS.

Controversy, Which Has Divided Usually Peaceful Community Into Fighting Factions, Traced to Spies of Turkish Government—Using Divorce Case as a Blind.

There was joy in Bishop Raphael Hawaweeny's house last night, over the return of his niece, who was thought to have been kidnapped. She is Rosie Hawaweeny, seven years old, and a member of the Bishop's household at 329 Pacific street. For six hours yesterday afternoon she wandered among South Brooklyn scenes. A dozen policemen were meanwhile making a search for the child in the belief that she had been kidnapped by the friends of her uncle.

Yesterday morning Rosie began school life in Public School No. 3, on Pacific street near Court. It was the first time she had been out of her home since the Bishop became involved in the trouble with the Manhattan Syrian radicals. At noon she lost sight of her brother. "A messenger was sent to Inspector Cross, at police headquarters. The Bishop sent word that he feared that the child had been kidnapped by his enemies.

Mr. Cross had every station house called up to learn if any of them had a child answering Rosie's description.

Last evening several boys who were on Court street near State, found Rosie looking for her home. There was jubilation and thanksgiving when they led her into the dining room. The Bishop notified Inspector Cross of Rosie's return.

Far-reaching as the influence of the Turkish Government may be among the Oriental

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colonies abroad, it could not have caused the late disturbances among the Syrians had not five individuals, according to a prominent Syrian merchant, lent their efforts for personal purposes in creating two factions and thus causing this usually peaceful part of the borough to be looked upon as a very disturbing element.

The merchant said to-day: "The Turkish Government has no objection whatever to allowing its subjects who are dissatisfied with conditions at home to emigrate to this country, but it wants them not to adopt liberal ideas and communicate them to their people at home, and thus create serious dissatisfaction in their home country. The Turkish Government has its hands full at home. For this reason it employs a number of men to exercise, wherever and whenever possible, a sort of censorship over the Arabian press abroad. The Syrians speak the Arabian language."

He further stated that the Turkish Government, just as any other autocratic power, was perfectly indifferent as to the means employed to accomplish this purpose.

Two persons, whose names are known to all Syrians, who are employed by well-known merchants, but who are posted out as some of the men in the employment of the Turkish Government, are said to have used the estrangement between a prominent merchant in New York and his wife to create two factions, ostensibly to protect either faction, but in reality to further the object of the Turkish Government in bringing about a censorship of the press.

The cause of this merchant, whose separation from his wife was a sensation, was taken up by the two men who are known as Turkish spies and espoused by the editors of certain Syrian papers. The cause of the wife was upheld by other editors as well as by Bishop Hawaweeny, the head of the Syrian Greek-Orthodox Mission in North America, who tried to reconcile the couple.

Bishop Raphael refused to sign a "proclamation" providing for the strict censorship of certain Syrian papers, and then the trouble began. Conspiracy charges were made against the Bishop, the two editors and prominent business men were brought before the police and into the courts, personal attacks, armed and unarmed, were made upon the Bishop and his followers, slanders were circulated and libels printed about them, until now there are about a dozen assault and libel suits pending.

The Bishop has really been the storm centre, although he has played but a subordinate part in the fight of the Turkish agents against the independent editors of the Syrian press. He had been waylaid, assaulted, threatened, until now a detective has been assigned to guard his residence in Brooklyn day and night.

Most of the court cases will come up November 16, but in the meantime the Syrians generally are very much alarmed at the [illegible], which a handful of men have been instrumental in giving the American people an unfavorable impression of the Syrian character.