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PERSIAN REVOLT.

Attention is focused once again on the Middle East where events in Iran have taken a dramatic double twist. Forced to flee his palace in Teheran, the Shah and his Queen arrive in Rome after an alleged attempt by the Imperial Guard to arrest Doctor Mossadeq and a refusal by the Shah to dissolve Parliament at Mossadeq's request.

In Teheran it looked as if Mossadeq would soon be named President and on his orders troops occupied the Shah's palaces and surrounded Parliament. And then the people themselves took a hand.

Three hundred killed and hundreds wounded is a conservative estimate. The rioters freed those taken prisoner earlier and stormed the house of Mossadeq. Foreign Minister Fatemi gets through. First reports that he was torn to pieces have not been confirmed. Meanwhile the mob flocked the streets demanding the return of the Shah....

Mossadeq and his government were swept from power in favour of General Zahedi the man appointed by the Shah in the first place. The thoughts of Britain instinctively turn to Abadan - that monument to British enterprise and engineering skill. Forced to abandon what we had created in the wilderness, is it too much to hope that we shall see once more the tankers of Britain at Abadan? Maybe sanity will yet prevail, and Iran and Britain go forward in Harmony.