

AMERICAN EMBASSY*
CONSTANTINOPLE

No. 478

Constantinople, September 21, 1915

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for the information of the Department copy of a despatch dated September 1, 1915, from the American Consul at Baghdad, relative to the Armenian arrests and deportations of that place.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

[signed] Morgenthau

Enclosure: as stated.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE*

No. E. 369

DUPLICATE, for the Department.

Bagdad, Turkey, September 1, 1915

Subject: Armenian Arrests and Deportations

The Honorable
Henry Morgenthau,
American Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary,
Constantinople, Turkey.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer the Embassy to this Consulate's previous despatches regarding the arrest and deportation of some ten Armenians. I have now to report that the arresting of Armenians here continues and among those arrested recently are one brother-in-law of this Consulate's dragoman and this Consulate's dragoman's two brothers. Previously two other brothers-in-law were arrested and deported. Those latterly arrested are now confined in one of the meanest portions of the local prison and no one is allowed to see them although they are permitted to have food. It is reported that these men will be sent to Mosul soon.

Among the others latterly arrested are the two brother-in-laws of this Consulate's second dragoman (who is also this Consulate's clerk).

It is perhaps unnecessary to add that the taking of these severe measures against the relatives of this Consulate's staff has not tended to increase the freedom and liberty of action of the Ottoman subject employees of this office.

About forty Armenians of Bagdad have now been arrested.

It should be added that no charge has been made against any of these men and that none has had a trial.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

[signed] Charles F. Brissel

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