

AMERICAN EMBASSY\*  
CONSTANTINOPLE

No. 552

22 October, 1915

The Honorable  
The Secretary of State,  
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith twenty-one pictures taken by Dr. Wilfred Post of the American Hospital at Konia, showing many scenes of the acute misery of the deported Armenians who have been temporarily held at that place. Should any of these photographs be made public, it is essential that no mention be made of Dr. Post or the other American missionaries at Konia in connection with their publication, as it would probably result in a curtailment, if not complete abolition, of their ability to distribute relief to and help the suffering Armenians.

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

[signed] Morgenthau

Enclosures: As above stated.

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\* Source: NA/RG59/867.4016/213

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[The quality of photographs in this file are too poor and they have not been reproduced here. However, below we have the captions appearing on the back of each photograph. The notation on the envelope containing the photographs reads: “October 22, 1915, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Peet, Bible House.”]

1. Part of encampment near the railroad.
2. Same as 1—shows several bivouacs without shelter.
3. On the edge of the encampment—many people without shelter (21 families without shelter within a radius of 100 yards from the camera.)
4. One of the tents—about a dozen people occupy it.
5. Three parties without shelter. Old man in foreground is blind and had almost everything stolen from him.
6. Another party without shelter—notice baby in old woman’s lap.
7. A crowd of refugees on the road.
8. A crowd about a fountain—later the crowds became very much larger.
9. A company of men driven mostly on foot all the way from Constantinople. Left two days and 2 nights in the open field without food or shelter (second letter of September 21)
10. Hungry crowds at the Hospital door—6:30 A.M. Light not strong enough to take a good picture.
11. Dying of cancer—turned out of Izmit 2 weeks ago and brought to the clinic by his friends.
12. 3 men driven from Constantinople to Konia (750 kilometers) mostly on foot. Middle man 74 years old—others 48 and 24 respectively. Young man was stripped of most of his clothes—elder had only his shoes taken from him.
13. Paralytic from Afion-Kara-Hissar—not exempted from deportation. Cannot

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stand straight and has to be carried by his wife—see No. 14 (a Protestant).

14. Same couple as No. 13 wife carrying husband.

15. A roomful of misery—not posed—21 people were stretched out on the floor of our waiting-room waiting their turn for examination.

16. Details from a roomful of misery.

17. Details from a roomful of misery.

18. A mother and her three children at the clinic—all sick.

19. A mother with her dying child—the father is a soldier.

20. Another dying child brought to the clinic—father is a soldier, mother died in camp a few days ago. Woman holding child is a friend.

21. Watermelon being served to the refugees in the clinic—the beginning of our free meal enterprise.