

AMERICAN EMBASSY*
CONSTANTINOPLE

No. 642

November 18, 1915

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in duplicate, copy of a despatch, dated November 6th, last, from the American Consul at Mersine, relative to the deportation of Armenians, and the arrival of Von der Goltz Pasha at Tarsus.

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

[signed] Morgenthau

Enclosure: as stated.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE*

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No. 503

Mersina, Turkey
November 6, 1915.

The Honorable
Henry Morgenthau,
American Ambassador,
Constantinople.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that an order has been received by the authorities to stop further deportations of Armenians. This however refers only to the few thousand natives of the town of Mersin, Tarsus, and Adana who have hitherto escaped deportation. On the other hand the many thousands in the camp near Tarsus were ordered to be sent away to make room for others coming from the north. An important Imperial Commissioner has also arrived to investigate the abuses of local officials regarding the taking of the personal property of the deported Armenians.

His Excellency Von der Goltz Pasha arrived at Tarsus today en route for Aleppo where he is to make his headquarters, according to reliable reports.

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

(Signed): Edward I. Nathan
American Consul.

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