

AMERICAN EMBASSY\*  
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November 27, 1915

To the Secretary of State,  
WASHINGTON.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a letter dated November 16th, last, addressed to this Embassy by Henry K. Wingate of the American Mission at Cesarea, relative to the effect of the Armenian situation upon the Mission work at that place.

I have the honor, etc.  
H. MORGENTHAU

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AMERICAN MISSION\*

Talas, Cesarea, Turkey.

November 16, 1915.

The Honorable Mr. H. Morgenthau,  
etc etc

I wish to confirm my telegram in Turkish dated Nov. 12th stating that the authorities had begun to send away our Armenian teachers and that we did not understand the reason for this.

I must now add to this that all of our Armenian teachers have been deported, having left for the south by wagon yesterday. Two of them had been started in another direction last week but were brought back to go South. One of these, however, had become insane from fright and is left temporarily in our hands. It is doubtful whether he can recover under present conditions.

Our local Mudir gives us assurances that our schools and pupils will not be interfered with and we are going on as best as we can loading most of the extra work on ourselves and our Greek teachers. Children of Armenian parents who have changed their faith are leaving, but so far others remain. What to do with children left on our hands without support is a serious problem.

The head of Miss Gerber's orphanage at Zinjirdere has left also and I understand that the institution is in a very precarious chaotic condition. What the outcome will be I do not know.

The members of our Armenian circle are well, but the long drawn out nervous strain is telling on some. Routine school work has not been stopped for an hour and goes on quietly as if nothing whatever were happening about us. But to accomplish this some quick shifts have had to be made, and as our Turkish friends say, "Idare-i-maslahat."

Very respectfully yours,  
(Signed) Henry K. Wingate

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