

WILL MAKE APPEAL FOR THE ARMENIANS

Americans Will Be Asked to Aid
People Persecuted by
the Turks.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Information from Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople to the American board of commerce of foreign missions, concerning the plight of Armenians in Turkey, banished to isolated towns for alleged hostility to the Turkish government, will be the basis of a nation-wide appeal to the American people for assistance similar to that made for homeless Belgians.

This appeal, it was learned today, would be issued from New York after the report of Charles Crane and James L. Barton, representing the commission who conferred today with state department officials, is made public.

The plan for sending help to the Armenians will be carried out without any official participation by the United States government, for it is understood that the Turkish foreign office has let it be known that it will brook no interference with its policy from any foreign power. The joint committee interested in launching the appeal is composed of members of the foreign missions committee and representative American and English colleges in Turkey.

It was revealed at the state department today that since Ambassador Morgenthau's protest to the foreign office in Constantinople against reported ill treatment of Armenians, nothing further had been done by this government. Minor concessions from the Turkish government resulted from Ambassador Morgenthau's action, which was taken under instructions from the state department. Turkish officials claim that the steps they have taken against the Armenians were necessary as a war measure to prevent rebellion and plotting against the government.

Acting Secretary of State Polk would not disclose the exact nature of the Turkish reply to the American inquiry regarding the Armenian policy, but he said no further action was contemplated at this time.