# "IF MICHIGAN WERE ARMENIA"... HOW THE TURK WOULD TREAT YOU

## "Put Yourselves in Their Place," Says Spillane, "and Then You Will Realize How Armenia Has Suffered.

Detroit, Mich., March —"Suppose it happened in Michigan."

James J. Spillane, chairman of the Michigan branch of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, which is aiding the exiled starving Armenians, was describing the wholesale deportation of these people by the Turks, who carried on a program of murder, pillage and rape that had for its object, according to Henry Morgenthau, "the murder of a nation."

"Suppose it happened in Michigan, the population of which is now less than the total number of surviving Armenians, who constituted one of the most ancient peoples in the world," said Mr. Spillane.

### Put Yourselves in Their Place.

"Suppose that the state of Kansas, instead of being one of the most fertile lands in the world, were a desert, the Syrian Desert. Suppose that Detroit were the City of Van, Grand Rapids the City of Sivas, Flint, Bay City, Pontiac, Monroe and Dearborn were inscribed under the names of the Armenian cities Mush, Arabkir, Zela, Tokat, and Shabin Karn Hissar.

"Suppose that fifty miles or more south of this fertile prosperous Michigan of our sons a mountain chain, and that the moment one crosses this mountain barrier, which has a river running along its base, one perceives as mountain passes that lead him at once into a different world. In that world the masters is with the nomad and the traveler from Michigan is seeing foot in the land of the Kurd, Bedouin and Turcoman, half savage and a soldier of such repute in that all men gave his country a wide berth, a type in comparison with which the most savage American Indian could be a gentleman.

"Now comes a great war. We pen pals in Michigan and bring due to side with Turkey on matters in politics and in religion. The Turks join in the war. Then it was decided that because of the efforts of one Armenian, Enver Pasha, to make himself dictator of Turkey, the Armenians of Michigan were all traitors. Not that they were, but the Turks, for their own ends, declared them so. Like nothing on earth we are told to believe. And then from that age of 15 to 50 are called to arms. But not so we. We are put at the head of hard labor, despite the fact we are the intellectual and the merchant class of the country, with a record for heroism in other wars. In this way our Michigan country is deprived of all the men who could possibly defend it, and only old men, women and children are left.

### How the Turk Would Treat Michigan Christians.

"The plan is this. The Turks will announce that, as a war measure, we are to be exiled temporarily from our homes. Then they will deport us, whither, we will know not, until the deportation has been completed.

"But behind this announced plan is one far more terrible, a plan such as only Satanic minds could conceive.

"The deportation takes place. Under disguise of their plan of deporting the old men, women and children of Michigan, our Turkish oppressors rob them of their rich possessions. Then they drive them toward the mountain chain to the south. When we reach the river, they drown many of us. Those who cross the river are driven farther on, into the country of our other savage enemies, the Kurds. There they encourage the Kurds to work their will upon the old men, women and children, who in the meantime are being driven toward a desert land. These will reach that land die of hunger, and exposure.

### Murder By Drowning.

"But few reach that land. Thousands are drowned, thousands more are killed by the Turks before they reach the river. Additional thousands of children are taken, to be raised as Turkish women are violated whole sale. Young women are offered their lives if they will become Moslems, which means, life as the concubine of a Turk. Thousands of other young women are seized to be sold into that most awful of all fates—Turkish white slavery. Old men are cut down—and old women fall beside them. Women with child are forced under the lash of the 'guards' to hurry along the uneven roads, till they fall by the wayside.

### How Michiganders Would Be Massacred.

"Throughout Michigan, massacres are common. Thousands of the Michigan soldiers are called to service, taken several miles away from their villages, to a convenient isolated spot and shot down in cold blood.

"With the protectors of the old men, women and children removed, deportation is commenced in town and villages which had heretofore escaped. These massacres of soldiers are continuous. One of the favorite methods of massacring our soldiers is to put them to work on roads. For this purpose they are of course disarmed. Along the roads they are shot down in batches. From Flint alone, 1,800 young Americans have been enrolled and sent off to work in Bay City, but have been massacred in the neighboring city of Saginaw.

"Saginaw Valley Christians have been given 10 days to sell their possessions, but no one will buy, because all the Turks know that their houses, furniture, cattle, everything will be theirs anyway. Those who do make a pretence of buying the property of the families facing deportation offer a ridiculously small sum, just a pittance to insure the goods falling in their hands. Houses left vacant are allotted by the government authorities to Moslems, brought in from other territories.

"Carters are engaged at exhorbitant rates to carry christian families and their goods, but after the first two or three days on the road eject the passengers throw out the goods and return for additional prey. Bands of brigands continually rob the travelers, and associate with the guards, now and slay the few full grown men or youths who are included in the convoys. Women and children are gathered up as they pass through cities, and placed for public inspection in government buildings, and in Moslem public is invited to come and take their choice.

"Write to us and beg us the secret open are not from those breasts, her eyes are stricken down and silvered with their woe. Then we go to the houses of Turks who fancy them.

### Thinning Out the Convoys.

"In this way the convoys are thinned out till by the time they reach the mountain region is of fact reached, and they march into the river. Despite the fact that money and cannot swim and those few who can are on watch that they quickly give out. By this way thousands are disposed of during the process of hundreds of miles over high and rocky mountains. Many more thousands are disposed of by the Kurds, who are not cross enough to kill them at once, but who take them into their tribe and, at the opportune time, take the children and wives of the deported and sell them into slavery. And last the worst comes to us who remain. Then we people Michigan are in a 'peaceful state' that are left. We are starving hundreds of thousands of us are far from our homes, in an hostile and foreign country, practically incapable of supporting life, our whole machinery of government and agriculture and education has been destroyed. Will the world assist us? Will foreign powers, by whom we love the Turk, know we still, clothed with them, we have suffered. Will they hasten to our relief, to save our entire nation from death, the fate intended for us by the Turks?

"Our pleas are answered. Two of the powers, heavily burdened by the war burden, as they are come forward with relief. They have done their share, but they could not do all. If we are to be rehabilitated and established again in our country, if our people of Michigan are to be set upon the high road to nationhood, we must have the help of another power. That power cannot help us with a direct government appropriation because we are not a nation. But it appeals to its people on the response of each individual of that nation to our appeal and their governments, appeal, depends our salvation. What will that response be?"

"I have tried to give a vivid picture, and a substantially adequate picture, of the sufferings and the present conditions of the Armenians, but putting the people of Michigan in their place," said Mr. Spillane.

### Cannot Give Adequate Picture.

"I realize that I have failed. I doubt is anyone could give an adequate picture of the condition of the Armenians, in a few words. One must read 'Ambassador Morgenthau's Story' or 'The Treatment of the Armenians' compiled by Viscount Bryce, former Ambassador to the United States, to realize what the Armenians had endured and what their present state is.

### Will Michigan Fail.

"The Armenians are absolutely dependent upon the money subscription of the individual American. Most states have already given their quota of the $30,000,000 which the government and then officials of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, have asked for the Armenians. Most counties of Michigan have generously responded. This county with several others, has not yet gone over the top. It needs the cooperation of every one of its citizens to go over the top. Will the citizens of this county fail with the life depends upon their contributions, however small those contributions may be? I know they will not fail."

## Michigan Chairman in 1919 W. S. S. Campaign

Luman W. Goodenough, a Detroit attorney who has been active in every war campaign since the struggle with the Hun began has accepted the state chairmanship for one of our most important after war problems, Thrift. He will lead the 1919 War Savings Stamps campaign. "Spend Sensibly" is Mr Goodenough's substitute for the old slogan, "Don't Spend." He reminds the state that war bills must be paid in 1919. To do this, the government is planning on selling $2,000,000,000 in stamps.

## SIXTY BILLION DOLLARS IS UNCLE SAM'S INCOME

Figures mean little when they run up to eleven places, but it is comfortable to think that the national income now amounts to $60,000,000,000. This is double the total of 1910. It shows the enormous stimulation of activity under the stress of war. More than that it gives a slight idea of the immense potentialities of the United States.

Sixty billion dollars a year means $500 for every man, woman and child in the United States. The New York statisticians figure that the total wealth of this country is now double that of England and the national income quadruples.

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### Insuring the Children's Education.

One of the most important successful assets and requisites is a good education. Every good father desires that for his children. But a good education costs money and the money, especially when there are several beloved youngsters in the family, frequently is missed in the excitement during or season. The day of an infant's birth is none too early to begin preparations for its educational start in life.

One of the best and newest ways of insuring a child's educational rights is by means of the War Savings Stamps system. To set aside a weekly sum for the speedy schooling of every embryonic citizen entails little effort, no sacrifice and it matters not by what means the safe and sure attainment of the desired object. Small sums foot up surprisingly, and long before the little one is ready for the initial lessons the course in business English or the college matriculation the financial department shows a satisfactory balance. And to buy War Savings Stamps is the simplest of all known saving propositions. It literally is almost as easy as falling off a log.

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### In Right Direction.

Twenty five years from now many a man will say: "The first money I ever saved was in buying War Savings Stamps. My parents got me headed in the right direction and I contracted the habit of saving." Habit rules our lives. We use our brains occasionally habit works automatically.

If there is any one who won't save and invest to help the Government clean up what it has undertaken, then sell him Liberty Bonds or War Savings Stamps as an investment. If neither appeal seems to succeed, don't be discouraged; think of the missionaries sent to heathen lands and keep plugging.

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### Commerce and Art United.

The period of Antwerp's great rise to commercial prosperity was also that of the city's chief artistic production. The names of Quentin Matsys and of Rubens are specially connected with the city, for Rubens was essentially an Antwerp man, although he was not, like Teniers and elder, and Van Dyke, a native of the place.

### Illustrious Family.

In tracing the genealogy of a New England family that came from England in 1634, Merton T. Goodrich reports to the Journal of Heredity that 43 per cent of this man's male descendants have held public office. Of his seven sons, five of them held town offices. Many of the female descendants were teachers.


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It is ordered that the 24th day of March, A. D. 1919, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric a newspaper circulated in said county.

JESSE H. POWELL,
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