

INSTITUTE HEAD DENIES TALKING ON NEW MOTOR

Dr. Stratton Wires He Never Heard Of Device.

NOT NEGOTIATING FOR IT

Hendershot Disappears, Pre- sumably Gone to Detroit Or New York.

"Never heard of the Hendershot motor. Have made no statement regarding it. When interviewed concerning vague statement which has appeared recently in newspapers as to a motor, my answer was that I knew nothing about it."

This is the reply of Dr. S. W. Stratton, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to a telegram Monday from F. W. Hochstetter of the Hochstetter Research Laboratories, Benedum and Trees building, asking Stratton to communicate with Hochstetter before entering into any negotiations with Lester J. Hendershot of West Elizabeth, who claim to have invented a fuelless motor.

Hochstetter Monday night released for publication a signed statement of his relations with Hendershot, in which he insists that the inventor resorted to trickery to make an early invention function.

Misses Appointment.

Hendershot was not to be found yesterday. He failed to keep an appointment with Hochstetter, arranged by telephone Monday. It was learned that he had left his home at West Elizabeth early yesterday morning, but his destination was not learned. Friends said he had said something about going to either Detroit or New York.

About a year ago, Hendershot contemplated becoming a hospital laboratory technician, and with that end in view, spent about a month as an unofficial assistant in the laboratory of the West Penn Hospital. He served without pay. It is not remembered that he mentioned any of his inventions to laboratory associates. After about a month in the laboratory, he decided against becoming a technician and left the hospital.

Wants Investigation.

Hochstetter last night said he would invite Pittsburgh scientists to accompany him to New York to investigate the Hendershot motor in the interests of the "integrity of science and the ethics of all bona fide scientific organizations."

In a long distance telephone call, Hochstetter said he had persuaded officials of the Ford organization at Detroit to promise to thoroughly investigate the Hendershot motor and look for concealed mechanism which could be used in furnishing power for its operation.

Hochstetter is insistent that a thorough investigation of the motor be made at once so that the world of science need no longer be kept in the dark.

Another Inventor.

From Detroit comes word that Garabed T. K. Ciragossian has invented a free-energy motor which he has kept secret because Congress imposes upon applicants for patents the obligation of proving to the satisfaction of a committee of scientists that the applicant is not only an original inventor of the device but also its "first" inventor.

The Detroit Armenian has refused to demonstrate his device to scientists before Congress removes the obligation of "first." An amendment to the patent laws, making such provision, now is in committee. Ciragossian first announced his invention in 1918.