

SOVIET TRADE DISAPPOINTING

BERLIN. (AP) — Germany's withdrawal from the Russian commercial field becomes more pronounced every day. The Russian interests make no concealment of the fact that they have practically ceased all effort to do business with Soviet Russia, and have very slight investments in that country. Every day the German press contains letters and articles narrating the difficulties which Germans have encountered in attempting to carry on business relations with the Soviet government, and reflecting the disappointment that the Russian treaty did not bring the business in Russia, promised by Rathenau, Wirth, Malleson and other German political leaders responsible for the treaty.

A German wholesaler who has just returned from Leningrad contributes a letter to the Berlin Zeitung in which he says the ability of Russia to export decreases constantly. "It would be a crime," he says, "to export goods from Russia now when new famine is expected. There is no foreign money coming into Russia through the sale of exports, and the importation of foreign goods is stopping. Why? Because the principle of the government is that everything needed within the country has to be provided by the state agencies."

"Any foreigner is regarded as an intruder and is suspicious," the writer continues. "Any business deal a foreigner handles may be classed as 'speculation,' and he may be punished accordingly. The natives dread contact with foreigners because they know they are constantly watched. Hotels are state-owned, and guests under constant control. Russia is a country of dictatorship under which business is impossible."

The writer comments on the retreat of American interests from Russia, especially the manufacturers of farm machinery who had large factories in Russia up to the time of the Bolshevik success. He says American finance is especially hostile to the Soviet regime, and has induced the French to retreat from trying to do business there. "The Germans made some effort to gain Russian business," the writer continues, "but he is retreating likewise from day to day because the sharing system of the Soviets leaves no profits. The only foreigners who work for the future and remain in Russia are the English. Recently a British refrigerator car company invested \$500,000 in a Russian branch. We in Germany, with our scarcity of money, have better use for our capital and cannot be keen on Russian investments."

FLAX GROWING IS URGED

EUGENE, Ore. — Farmers of Lane county will meet at the chamber of commerce here Friday to hear plans of Oregon Agricultural college authorities and representatives of the Portland Chamber of Commerce to encourage the growing of flax in this valley. A display of flax from the plant to the finished linen will be made at the meeting and the methods of growing and harvesting explained. Among the party to be here will be G. B. Hildop, head of the farm crops department of the college; Paul V. Maris, director of the extension division of the same institution; and E. E. Morris, manager of the industries committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, according to announcement at the local chamber.

AUTO GOES INTO WATER

MARSHFIELD, Ore. — C. Harsh and O. K. Hakestraw, en route to some road work on catching inlet, drove their car over the ferry transit into 14 feet of water. The men, who are employees of the roadmaster's office, were fished out by bystanders and passengers on the ferry, and the car was hoisted onto the Point Reyes, a gasoline schooner which happened by. Neither of the men was injured.

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Hoboes at Altoona Do Not Lack Good Shelter

ALTOONA, Pa. (AP) — Although it's only an old barn, it has a reputation throughout the United States. It is known as Hagerty's barn and it is located on the outskirts of Altoona.

Years ago a man named Hagerty, who lived just outside the limits of this city, owned the barn which became a favorite stopping place for the knights of the road traveling along the route of the present Lincoln highway. Mr. Hagerty never objected to the hoboes stopping in his barn, even after fire believed to have been started by them, destroyed the original building. Mr. Hagerty built a new barn and when he died enjoined his heirs never to close the building's doors to the tramps. The heirs have done his bidding.

Every night from two or three to a dozen hoboes stop there. Meals are cooked nearby. Frequently the visitors do their laundry and string the clothes on ropes near the barn.

A resident of this city, traveling in the west this summer, was asked by a man from California if he knew where Hagerty's barn was located. The Altoonan replied in the affirmative, and the western man said he and many "traveling friends" had stopped at the place.

Coast Guard Speed Boats Wage War on Rum Runners

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — The threat for alcoholic liquor again is becoming expensive here, and in all cities of the Pacific northwest, because of the government's plan to curb the transportation of illicit beverages on Puget Sound through the use of a fleet of rum hunters. The government boats have a speed of 24 miles an hour and are armed with machine guns.

The government announcement that smugglers would be hunted down relentlessly in their traffic from Canada to the American cities resulted in an immediate increase in prices. Previously whiskey prices were so low that bootleggers were making small profits. The price of Canadian whiskey was raised \$5 a case by wholesale bootleggers, and the retail price was increased 50 cents a quart, to \$7. Captain F. C. Dodge of the Coast Guard service soon will have 28 patrol hunting speed boats in operation.

Ballot Argument Heard.

SALEM, Ore. — Members of the state supreme court will hear arguments of attorneys in the mandamus proceedings brought by Dr. J. C. Smith of Portland, chairman of the democratic state central committee, to compel the secretary of state to group on the ballot at the November election the names of candidates for justice of the supreme court, instead of treating the two vacancies in the court as separate offices.

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Game Law Violators Fined.

PENDLETON, Ore. — Charles Dunn of The Dalles, charged with hunting Hungarian partridges out of season, and A. C. Smythe of Arlington, charged with shooting wild game while on a public highway, were fined \$25 and costs yesterday by the local justice of the peace. The arrest of the men was made by E. M. Brown of Portland, chief deputy game warden.

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LAST DAY TODAY

GOVERNOR IS UNDECIDED

SALEM, Ore. — Because of a threatened breach between the church and labor interests with relation to the appointment of a circuit judge to succeed the late Geo. G. Bingham, there were indications today that Governor Pierce may throw overboard both L. H. Mahan and William H. Trindle and appoint either John Hayne or some other man not involved in the judgeship controversy.

It was indicated by delegations that visited the executive department that Mr. Trindle has the support of practically all of the ministers of the city, while Mr. Mahan is being supported for the office by labor and at least half of the attorneys of Marion county.

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