

TRADE VOLUME AT HIGH MARK

WASHINGTON (AP).—Despite the optimistic mood between Washington and Moscow, and the complete absence of the usual tariff obstacles for promoting commercial intercourse, Russian-American trade continues on the increase.

Commerce department figures for the calendar year 1924 reveal a total export and import business with Russia amounting to \$4,500,000, while statistics compiled by the Russian information bureau here reach the even higher figure of \$5,000,000. The show-for trade information bureau officials estimate in 1925 total of exports of \$3,500,000, compared to the average annual interchange amounting to about \$4,500,000 before the world war.

Trade agencies set up in the United States by the Russian government and by various Russian industrial groups have supplied the machinery through which this year trade is carried on. In some instances, these agencies have taken the place of the consular agents of the United States government in actually officially receiving and transmitting of the mail.

The trade machinery thus provided here is both in New York City, where several Russian consular agencies maintain headquarters. The system is described by the Russian information bureau as follows:

In principle Soviet foreign trade is a monopoly vested in the people's commissariat of foreign trade. It manages the commercial correspondence with regulatory supervision, and the actual trading is carried on by various commercial organizations, in some of which foreign private capital is allied with Soviet capital.

The principal agency for general trade in the United States is the American Trading corporation, incorporated in New York state with a paid-up capital of \$1,000,000 and with both Russians and Americans among its officials. It represents directly most of the great Russian monopolies, including the coal, sugar and electrical trusts. Its 1924 trade turnover amounted to \$17,000,000.

Next in importance is Central-Soviet-American, Inc., which is the trading agency of the Central Union of Russia Companies. Its operations, a group representing millions of members. Last year it handled more than \$4,000,000 worth of business, mostly in fur imported from Russia.

The Russian Union of Agricultural Cooperatives likewise maintains its trading agency in the United States. It is called the

Santa Barbara Goes to Work



Santa Barbara is hard at work repairing the devastation wrought by her earthquake. This picture shows workmen busy on the ruins of the San Marcos building, which was one of the largest in the city.

BARBECUE AT WANKER HOME

MEDICAL SPRINGS (Special).—About 75 neighbors gathered at the home of J. H. Wanker for a picnic the fourth of July. Two long tables were spread under the shade trees. Lee Wilson barbecued the beef. Everyone had a good time.

Mrs. Wanker, Ordel Lay, F. Whitton and Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wirth were visitors to Baker this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Chandler of La Grande motored to Medical Springs Friday evening to spend the fourth of July, returning home Sunday morning.

The weather is dry and hot.

The farmers are busy with hay and grain.

Mr. and Mrs. Win Duncan and family spent the fourth of July in the Park, the guests of Mrs. Riva Vanderhor.

Lester Miller and Vivian Kennedy delivered about 25 head of beef to Union Friday for C. Knuts of Coor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Looney have as their house guests Mr. and Mrs. J. Looney of Rexburg, Idaho, and Mrs. L. C. Blatter of Nampa, Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kennedy and daughters, Mrs. J. P. Kennedy and Jean, were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. George Looney.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Miles and family and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Dolly and family, passed through Medical Wednesday on their way to Catherine creek fishing.

H. Wirth called from Baker to

Medical Tuesday. Mr. Wirth has been attending summer school at Baker.

F. Whitton was a La Grande business visitor Wednesday.

H. Hursen, who has been at Hot Lake was able to leave last week and is at the home of his sister, Mrs. George South, at Medical. He is slowly recovering from his fall.

MANY VETS IN CIVIL SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Soldiers and sailors receive first consideration for appointment by Uncle Sam if they are qualified," declared William C. Deming, president of the United States Civil Service Commission, in advising American Legion service officers here that approximately 215,000 claims for preference in appointment to positions in the classified civil service have been allowed by the United States Civil Service Commission under the veteran preference acts of March 3 and July 11, 1917. "These figures do not mean that

the federal civil force has been increased by the appointment of veterans," said Mr. Deming. "The fact is there has been a reduction of more than 240,000 employees since the armistice. But the turnover in a force so large as the federal civil service requires from 50,000 to 75,000 appointments each year to fill vacancies, notwithstanding the net reductions."

CAMPERS ARE CARELESS

MEDFORD, Ore.—Jackson county campers and other pleasure seekers were careless in the Lake of the Woods region July 4. Reports from rangers received at the Crater national forest office here stated that rangers patrolling a 20-mile part of the road that day discovered six small fires caused by discarded cigarette stubs, and in addition discovered three campfires that had been left burning. No arrests were made because the identity of the violators of the forest fire laws was unknown.

High Climber Falls
MARSHFIELD, Ore.—F. E. Brandon, of Powers, one of the best known high climbers in Coos county, fell 55 feet from a peak at the Stout Lumber company's new camp on South Inlet, and landed on a pile of logs. He was badly bruised and shaken. He will survive the fall, but it is considered little short of miraculous that he is still alive.

TRIPLE WEDDING STAGED

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP).—United simultaneously with a single ceremony, a single levy of bridesmaids, one best man and one ring bearer, three couples of this city were Thursday beginning a triple honeymoon which was to be followed by their sharing a mutual abode on their return, in this unique matrimonial venture.

The information bureau's statistics show that Russian purchases in the United States are about four times the sales of Russian products here. The principal Russian exports are grain and food products, petroleum products, furs and timber.

At present manufactured products, especially tools and machinery, are a larger factor in Russian imports. Russian textile mills also are buying large quantities of cotton. Last year, according to the information bureau, Russian organizations purchased in the United States \$18,000,000 worth of cotton, \$2,250,000 worth of farm machinery, \$1,400,000 worth of industrial machinery, \$750,000 worth of oil well supplies, and \$2,700,000 worth of flour to supply cities affected by the bad harvest.

Most of the cotton purchases here are made through the All-Russian Textile syndicate, which controls practically the whole textile industry of the Soviet union. The shipments are made in cargo lots to the Soviet port of Miramansk, mostly from New Orleans.

LEBANON, Ore.—The dwelling and water tank house on the farm of F. W. Seock, three miles west of Lebanon, was burned early this week and was a total loss. This was formerly the John Denny farm on which the first Chinese phenicians were released in Oregon about 1882.

U. S. Gets Old Japanese Books

RICATTELE (AP).—Twenty-five volumes of Japanese poetry depicting vividly life in Japan in the eighteenth century recently were presented to the University of Washington library by Professor Anesaki, librarian of the University of Tokyo. The volumes, which took nine years to compile, are part of an edition made from two copies of a collection saved from destruction in the Japanese earthquake in September, 1923. All but two unbound sets were destroyed by the earthquake.

WILLIS SWEET PASSES

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico (AP).—Willis Sweet, 63, for the last 12 years editor of the Times here, died Thursday of apoplexy. Mr. Sweet was a former representative in the United States congress from Idaho. He also served as attorney general for Porto Rico.



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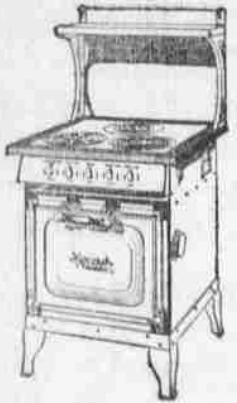
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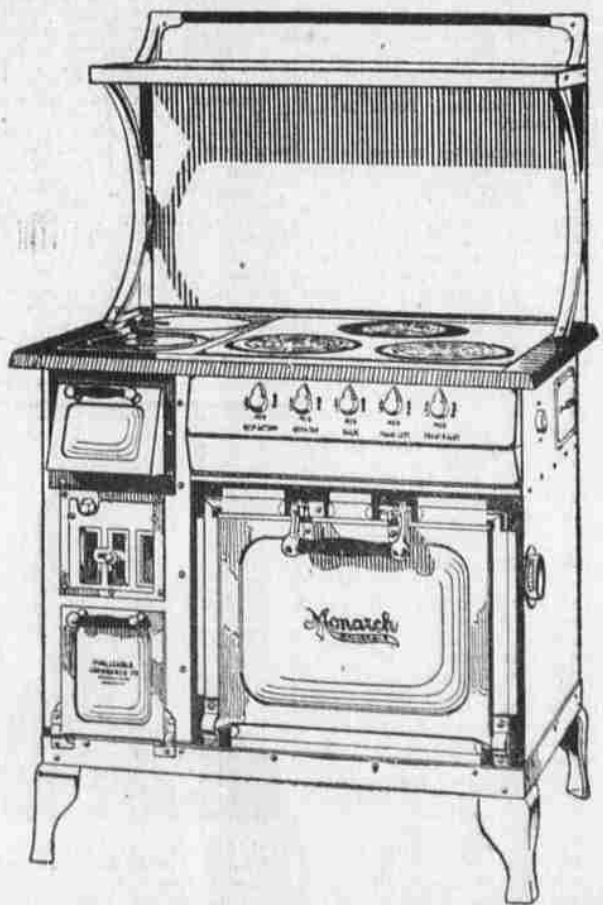
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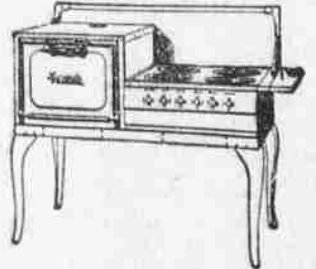
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