

# RUSSIA PASSES PEACEFUL YEAR DURING 1925

MOSCOW, Jan. 8. (AP)—This has been a year of peaceful construction for the Soviet Union, unmarked by any very spectacular developments in home or foreign politics.

The most important diplomatic events of the year were the recognition of the Soviet Government by Japan in January and the signing of the Russo-German commercial treaty in October. Japanese recognition was followed in the summer by the arrival in Moscow of a Japanese Ambassador, Tanaka Tokimi, and by the inauguration of negotiations for the granting of coal oil concessions in the northern half of the island of Sakhalin to Japanese industrial groups. These concessions have not yet led to any

definite result.

The attitude of the British Conservative Government toward the Soviet Union has remained unshaken during the year and there has been no visible move in the direction of Russo-American political rapprochement, despite the hopes which were originally raised by the resignation of Secretary of State, Charles E. Hughes early in the year.

The Soviet Government, although not a participant, has been an interested spectator of the negotiations which led to the signing of the Locarno Pact. It has taken a consistently hostile attitude toward the Pact, which it regards as a device of British diplomacy aimed at the encirclement and isolation of the Soviet Union.

Recently Soviet diplomatic spokesmen have been at pains to emphasize the unwillingness of the Soviet Government to have any political or economic cooperation with the League of Nations. As a counterstroke to Locarno, Soviet foreign policy during the last two or three months has clearly pursued the line of cultivating friendlier relations with

Poland and the appointment of Christina Rakovica as Ambassador to France may be heard the beginning of a more active period in the Franco-Soviet negotiations for the adjustment of pre-war debts and other economic questions, which have been dragging on indefinitely for several months.

1925 witnessed the signing of the first two large scale industrial concession agreements which the Soviet Government has concluded with foreign capital. The American interests of W. A. Harriman obtained a twenty years lease on the largest concentrated manganese field in the world, which is located in the Chiatouri district of Western Georgia, near the Black Sea.

Internal politics have been quiet in Russia during 1925. In January the dominant group in the Communist Party Central Committee signified its victory over Trotsky by removing him from the post of War Commissar, which he had held since the early days of the Revolution. Some of Trotsky's more bitter opponents at this time advocated his complete exclusion from the Central Committee; but more moderate counsels prevailed and Trotsky, who had been convalescing in a Caucasian health resort, returned to Moscow in May to receive a triple appointment as head of the scientific-technical department of the Supreme Economic Council, head of the Commissions Committee and head of the state trust which supervises the building of new Russian electrical plants.

None of these posts carried Cabinet rank and none of them possessed very great significance before Trotsky's appointment; but the former Soviet War Lord, with his dynamic energy, succeeded in focusing the attention of the country upon his schemes for electrical development and still more upon his vigorous campaign for improved quality in industrial production. It is quite possible that he may receive a higher appointment, most probably in the field of economic administration, in the future. Meanwhile the political leadership of the Communist Party, and hence of the Soviet Government, rests securely in the hands of a group of old Bolsheviks, of whom perhaps the most forceful character is the Party Secretary, Stalin.

The Soviet Government during the year put into effect a number of political and economic re-

## WHEAT TAKES FALL ON BOARD OF TRADE

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Grains dropped on the Board of Trade today. Wheat suffered the greatest losses, being 1-3/4 to 4 5-8 cents off. May wheat, new, closed at \$1.74 1/2.

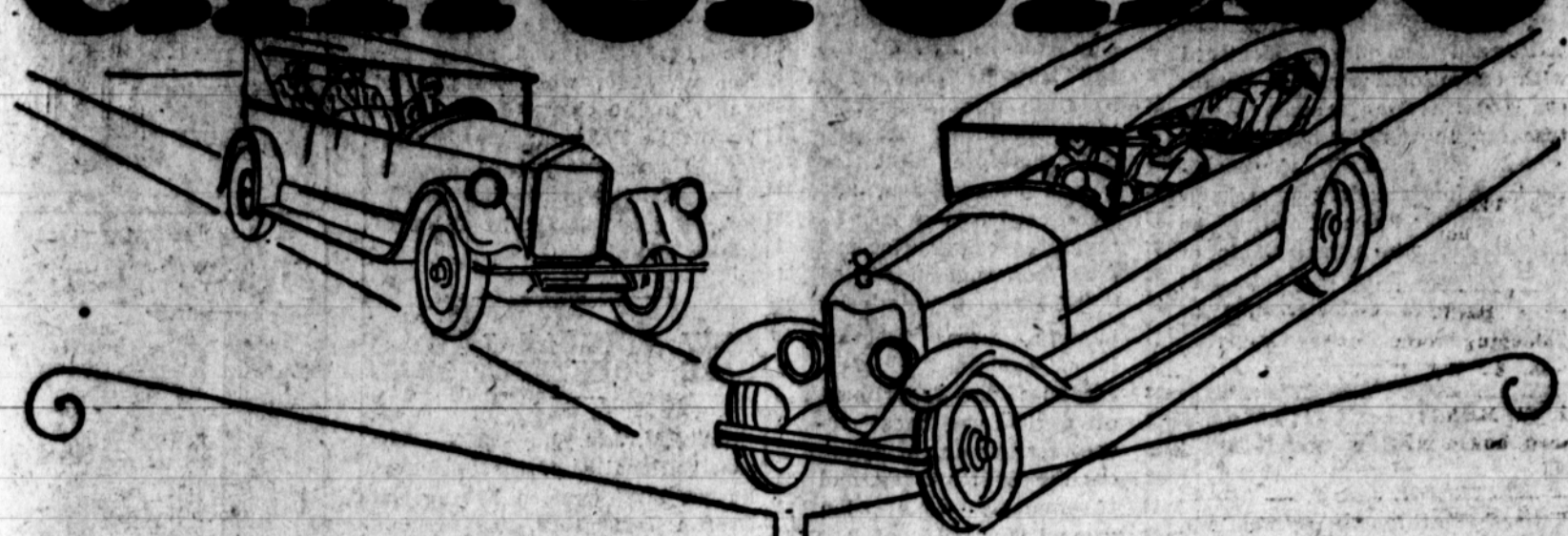
## ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES

forms. Among the more important of them may be mentioned the adoption of rules making for freer elections in the village soviets, a systematic campaign to extend the administrative powers of the soviets and to attract more non-Communists into their membership, milder treatment in such matters as taxes, rentals and credits for private merchants and handworkers, and the passing of an important set of regulations permitting the peasants to lease land and to employ hired labor on easier terms than those which formerly prevailed.

This has been a good year both for industry and for agriculture. The volume of industrial production rose from 44 percent to 70 percent of the pre-war figure, and is expected to reach 80 percent before the end of 1925. A harvest of almost pre-war dimensions contrasted favorably with the poor crop of 1924 and the resumption of grain exports is counted on to ensure a total foreign trade turnover of about a billion dollars (about 50 percent of the pre-war figure).

Russia went back to a thoroughly "wet" regime at the beginning of October, when the sale of vodka with forty percent alcoholic content was authorized. The insistence of the peasants on getting their former strong drink in the shape of moonshine whiskey called "samogon" in Russia, was the official reason for the abandonment of the government's effort to restrict the population to the use of less fiery drinks.

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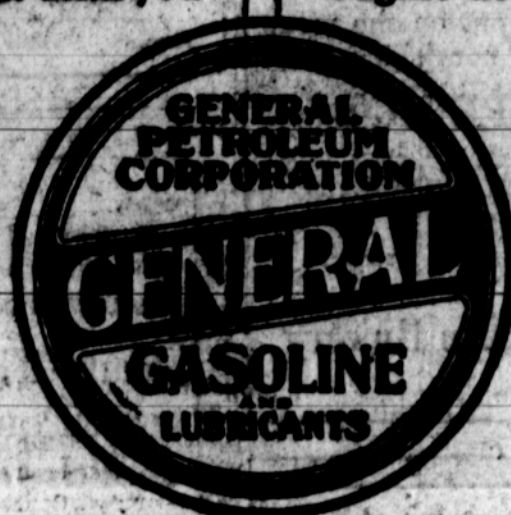
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January 6, 1926

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The average years business by the Ashland Fruit & Produce Association for the past five years was \$137,740.38  
Business for year 1925 149,505.70

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AT ASHLAND IN THE STATE OF OREGON  
AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 31, 1925

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances or bills of exchange, sold with endorsement of the bank (including items shown in 29, 30 and 32, if any)	\$170,636.00
2. Overdrafts secured and unsecured	8.28
3. U. S. government securities owned, including those shown in items 30 and 35 if any	\$15,000.00
4. Other bonds, warrants and securities, including foreign government, state, municipal, corporation, etc., including those shown in items 30 and 35, if any	19,130.10
5. Banking house, \$4,000.00; furniture and fixtures, \$2,700.00	6,700.00
6. (a) Cash on hand in vault and due from banks, bankers and trust companies designated and approved reserve agents of this bank	38,896.93
10. Exchanges for clearing house and items on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	865.35
11. Checks on banks outside city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	2,280.55
7. Total cash and due from banks, items 6, 9, 10 and 11	\$42,022.83
Total	\$255,397.21
LIABILITIES	
16. Capital stock paid in	25,000.00
17. Surplus fund	5,000.00
18. (b) Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	2,367.71
20. Dividends unpaid	1,500.00
DEMAND DEPOSITS, other than banks, subject to reserve	
19. Individual deposits subject to check, including deposits due the State of Oregon, county, cities or other public funds	92,426.31
25. Cashier's checks of this bank outstanding payable on demand	2,095.69
Total of demand deposits, other than bank deposits, subject to reserve, items 19, 25, 26, 27	\$95,522.00
TIME AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS, subject to reserve and payable on demand or subject to notice	
21. Time certificates of deposit outstanding	34,286.54
22. Savings deposits, payable subject to notice	91,780.60
Total of time and savings deposits payable on demand or subject to notice, items 21 and 22	\$126,067.14
Total	\$255,397.21

STATE OF OREGON, County of Jackson ss.  
I, G. G. Hubanks, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
G. G. Hubanks, Cashier  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of Jan., 1926.  
G. H. BILLINGS, Notary Public.  
My commission expires January 1, 1926.  
Correct-Attest:  
G. E. BUTLER,  
W. J. MOORE,  
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TOKIO.—Laws have been passed to provide corporal punishment for persons who practice medicine without a license. There are a great number of fake doctors here who are said to be making a huge amount of money from their illegal practice.

### KISS FROM FINGER

LONDON.—Small girls are being sought that the modern way of "blowing a kiss" is from the tip of one finger only. This form was introduced by one of England's society leaders and is being accepted by those in the social swim.

### ARIZONA BAD MAN IS HANGED TODAY

FLORENCE, Ariz., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Bill Lawrence, Oklahoma bad man, was hanged today for the murder of Haze Burch, Phoenix police officer.

### BASKETBALL BATTERY B. vs. HIGH SCHOOL

Armory, Friday, January 8

### TREES and SHRUBS

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