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Advertising in Turkey

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The predominant role which advertising plays in the sale of merchandise is one of the most outstanding developments in modern American business methods. From small four-page sheets American newspapers have grown into voluminous affairs, magazines have been greatly enlarged, printing methods revolutionized; in short, advertising has come to be a veritable industry in itself involving the expenditure of millions of dollars yearly and the employment of thousands of specialists trained for the trade or profession, as some care to call it.

Given this necessity for advertising felt by every American business concern, it is altogether natural that an attempt should be made to carry American advertising methods abroad when American firms branch out into the foreign field. Persons experienced in foreign business, however, have usually discovered, sometimes to their sorrow, that methods which are commonly employed in the home country are often incapable of adaptation for use in foreign business enterprises.

The reason for this difficulty in adapting American advertising methods to foreign requirements is not difficult to ascertain. is simply due to the fact that advertising is based on the idea that people can be induced to buy certain articles if their desire is properly stimulated by the presentation of appropriate facts in regard to the article in question. This means that the advertiser must have a keen insight which will enable him to determine what facts will appeal to a potential customer and what facts will fail to produce the desired reaction. It is at this point that advertisers experienced in advertising often fail to take into account the type of material which will appeal to people of other countries.

A second difficulty which is presented to the American advertiser abroad is the selection of proper media for the presentation of his materials. Here again an accurate knowledge of local conditions is essential to the success of advertising campaigns for American products in other lands.

This necessity for an understanding of local conditions is especially true in Turkey, a country concerning which many strange and unusual notions still prevail. That Turkey is different in certain respects from western countries is not to be questioned but these differences are entirely natural and should not stand in the way of the intelligent advertiser.

Up until the past few years, hardly any attempt was made to secure the sale of merchandise in Turkey by means of systematic advertising campaigns. Following the World War, however, the infiltration of modern advertising methods began and has shown a slow but sure progress since that time.

Among the various reasons which have accounted for the slow development, the question of language stands out predominantly. Advertising for Constantinople will reach the bulk of the population if printed in Turkish and French. There are other racial groups, however, such as Greek, Armenian and Judo-Spanish, which would have to be taken into consideration if an attempt were made to cover the entire Constantinople market.

Customary business methods have also tended to retard a rapid spread of advertising. The custom of personal solicitation in business which has prevailed in this part of the world for centuries is only slowly disappearing and being replaced by western methods. This change has taken place principally in Constantinople and several of the more important seaport cities. As a consequence of this reluctance to exchange old methods for new, the initiative in beginning an advertising campaign must usually come through the home office of the advertising firm or through one of the publicity agencies located at Constantinople.

Although the newspapers of Constantinople have limited circulations and are not adequately equipped from a mechanical standpoint, they are nevertheless regarded as the best of all the available local media for general advertising purposes. There are at present 22 newspapers published in Constantinople in the Turkish, French, Greek, Armenian, Judo-Spanish and German languages. The largest editions do not usually exceed six pages.

Several foreign papers, notably French and English, have a limited circulation in the city. As a rule these papers reach a public more or less familiar with well advertised commodities and with considerable purchasing power, and they therefore have a certain value for advertisers desirous of introducing their products on the Turkish market.

The issuance of rate cards for advertising is not practised by newspapers and magazines published in Turkey. As a rule the rates for advertising are carried in a notice in the publication itself, along with subscription rates and a statement of ownership and management.

It should be mentioned that the standardization of size and make-up of pages which has been developed in the United States has no satisfactory counterpart in Turkey, and copy and illustrations prepared for American use very often lose much of their value because they have to be changed to conform to the mechanical requirements of local publications.

Posters and painted signs are just beginning to be introduced into Turkey. Posters are usually of small size, the ordinary "24-sheet" poster commonly seen in the United States rarely being seen.

Moving picture slides are used considerably and are generally considered to be one of the best methods of advertising. Short advertising films have also proved effective.

Electric signs are not used to any great extent in Constantinople and are practically non-existent in other parts of the country. It would appear, however, that this is one of the advertising media which is capable of great development, especially as the electrification of the country is made more extensive.

Signs in street cars are not employed except in exceptional cases. This is due largely to the lack of advertising space, especially if advertisements are printed in two or more languages.

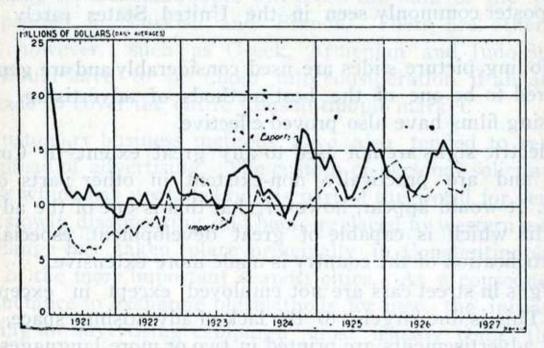
In the first analysis, however, the most serious problem confronting the foreign avertiser is that of securing the enthusiastic co-operation of the local merchant. There seem little doubt of the fact that American advertisers who co-operate properly with local merchants, who know the peculiarities of the market, will find that advertising in Turkey will prove both satisfactory and remunerative.

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U.S. Foreign Trade in the First Quarter of 1927

The outstanding features of the foreign trade of the United States during the first quarter of 1927 were a decidedly lower price level for both exports and imports, a relatively large volume of exports, a decline in import shipments, and a substantial excess of exports over imports. The average prices of both exports and imports were about one-tenth lower in the first quarter of 1927 than in the corresponding period a year earlier. There has been a considerable reduction during the past year in the price of cotton, U.S. principal export, and also in the price of crude rubber, which had been the leading import. During the past six months there have also been declines in price quotations for many other commodities which are important in America's foreign trade.

The value of the U. S. export trade was \$77,000,000 higher in the first quarter of 1927 than in the corresponding period of 1926,0 wing to larger shipments of all economic classes of merchandise except manufactured foods. The imports of the United States were \$200,000,000 less than in the first three months of 1926, in consequence of declines for all economic classes of merchandise imported except manufactured foods. As a result of the increase in exports and the decrease in imports, there was a substantial excess of exports in the total trade as compared with a large excess of imports during the first quarter of 1926.



Daily averages of total merchandise exports and imports

Changes in Total Imports and Exports.— The aggregate value of exports in the first quarter of 1927 was \$1,201,000,000 as compared with \$1,124,000,000 in 1926, an increase of 6.8 per cent. This increased value indicates that a much larger quantity of merchandise was exported than in the first quarter of any year since 1921. The value was larger during the first quarter of 1925, but the quantity of goods shipped was smaller, as export prices averaged about one-sixth higher than in the first quarter of 1927. The decrease in export trade in the first quarter of 1927 as compared with the fourth quarter of 1926 was a normal seasonal development. The accompanying diagram shows the trend of both

export and import trade since 1921, the monthly figures being reduced to a daily average basis so as to eliminate fluctuations caused by the number of days in different months.

Imports during the first quarter of the present year amounted to \$1,047,000,000, which was 16 per cent less than in the corresponding quarter a year ago and was also slightly less than in the corresponding quarter of 1925. Approximately half of the decrease as compared with the first quarter of 1926 resulted from the much lower price of rubber, and import prices of many other commodities also declined. Therefore, the decline in quantity from the previous year was probably comparatively small. Import trade was 5.7 per cent smaller than in the last quarter of 1926, whereas there is usually an increase in the volume of imports during the first quarter of the year.

Table 1: — Exports, imports, and balance of trade

(Millions of dollars)

Period 1926	Total	Domes-	Foreign	chandise			Excess of exports () or imports ()						
		Total Domes-		imports	Mer- chandise	Gold	Silver	Total					
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January-March	1,124	1,098	26	1,247	-123	-77	6	-194					
April-June	1,083			1,055		-4	$^{+6}_{7}$	+30					
July-September	1,201	1,179	22	1,019	+182	+10	+4	+196					
October-December	1,401	1,378		1,110		- 26	+6	+270					
January-March	1,201	1,174	27	1,047	+154	-73	+6	-87					
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January	397	388		417	-20	-16	+4	-32					
February	353		100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100	387	-34	- 22	-1	-57					
March	374	365		443	$-68 \\ -10$	-39	+3 +1 +3	-105					
April	388	379 348		398	+36	+5	1	-4					
May	357	329	9	321		6	+3	$^{+45}_{-11}$					
June	338			336 339	$^{+2}_{+29}$	$-16 \\ -15$	+2	+17					
July	368 384	378	6	337	-48	+ 18	1 2	+68					
August	448	440	8	343	105	+ 10	(1)	+112					
September	455	448	7	377	79	- - 7 8	13	73					
November	480			374	106	_9	3	+100					
December	465		1,000	359	+106	-10	+3	+97					
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January	420	412	8	357	- -63	- 44	+2	+21					
February	373	365		311	62	-20	+2	+44					
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ber, 1926	-14.3	-14.8	+16.6	-5.7	-		-	_					

⁽¹⁾ Increase of less than \$50,000.

Balance of Trade.— During the first quarter of 1927 the excess of merchandise exports over imports was \$154,000,000 as compared with an excess of imports of \$123,000,000 in the previous year. In both of these periods there was a net inward movement of gold, but it was slightly less in 1927 than in 1926. The net exports of silver were slightly larger in 1927. The combined excess of exports of merchandise, gold, and silver was \$87,000,000 as compared with combined net imports of merchandise, gold, and silver of \$194,000,000 in the first quarter of 1926.

Trade by Economic Classes.— Exports of finished manufactures, which have shown rapid growth in recent years, increased slightly in the first quarter of 1927 over the previous quarter, as well as over the first quarter of 1926. Exports of crude materials, crude foods, and semimanufactures were substantially larger in the early part of 1927 than a year earlier. Larger shipments of cotton and coal were responsible for the greater part of the 16 per cent increase in the export of crude materials. A 45 per cent increase in crude foods resulted from larger exports of wheat, apples, barley and rye. Semimanufactures increased 12½ per cent, in consequence of greater exports of iron and steel heavy products and copper. A decline in exports of meats and lard caused a decrease of 10 per cent in manufactured foods.

All economic classes of imports except manufactured foods decreased in 1927 from the first quarter of 1926. The larger part of the decrease was in the value of crude materials imported (principally rubber, wool, and cotton) and of semimanufactures (largely fertilizer materials and diamonds). Imports of crude foods were 8 per cent smaller, while imports of manufactured foods were 8 per cent larger in the first quarter of 1927 than a year earlier. A reduction in the quantity and price of coffee imported and an increase in the price of sugar were responsible, respectively, for these changes.

Table 2: - Foreign trade by economic classes
(Millions of dollars)

Period 81 7 7 8 8 8 8 7 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	Total	Crude ma- terials	Crude food- stuffs	Manu- factured food- stuffs	Semi- manu- factures	Finished manu- factures
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Exports (domestic): January-March, 1926	1,098	286	44	130	159	485
October-December, 1926	1,378				153 178	11/1/20/20/20/20
January-March, 1927	1,174			100000000000000000000000000000000000000	173	L
Imports:	1,174	300	05	117	1/3	400
January-March, 1926	1,247	572	142	105	219	209
October-December, 1926	1,110	2647.41		112	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
January-March, 1927	1,047			114	183	201
Per cent change, January-March, 1927, from January-March 1926:				massiff	codors) mo
Exports (domestic)	+6.9	+16.3	+44.8	-10.3	+12.6	4.8
Imports	-16.0	$^{+16.3}_{-26.6}$	-8.4	+8.3	-16.7	+.8 -3.8
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Table 3: — Exports of leading commodities

(Values in millions of dollars)

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on rewel l Commodity il seithorem	OctDec., 1926	JanMar., 1927	Jan Mar., 1926	OctDec., 1926	JanMar.,	JanMar., 1926
Cotton, unmanufactured mill lbs . Petroleum products	27,757	26,930	25,286	337 5 134.9 120.7 7.0	229,5 130.7 116.5 6.5	197.0 126.7 114.1 5.9
Crude oil	on <u>a</u> bi	3,507 30,507 30,507 30,507	3,107 8	92.8 22.1 13.1 45.2	101.9 19.6 18.9 49.0	102.1 19.9 25.1 43.0
Automobiles, parts and accessories 2thousands. Wheat and flourmill. bus. Wheat, graindo	74 59 42	99 30 18	83 17 8	74.3 86.1 59.3	97.9 44.8 26.3	87.6 28 0 12.8
Packing-house products mill. lbs Meats	320 104 216 153	313 87 226	413 153 260	49.9 20.8 29.1 22.2	45.3 16 8 28 5 22 0	69.1 30.4 38.6 32.2
Coal and cokethous. tons Iron and steel-mill productsdo Copper, including ore and manufactures	14,408 635		3,727 500	85.1 47.6 38.3	29.5 45.8 36.3	19.8 41.7
Tobacco, unmanufactureddo Cotton, manufactures (INCIUDING YAFIIS, EIC). Clothmill. sq. yds.	154 - 122	156 —		45.5 29 1 16 7 50.7	41.6 29.1 15.9 31.1	40.0 33.1 18.7
Sawmill products	622	- 629 -		23.0 22.8 19 2	24.1 23.9 19.4	21.0 24.6 24.4 20.0
Chemicals (Coal tar, medicinal and industrial) Rubber and manufactures Automobile casingsthousands Leather	412	658 —	387	18.2 14.2 5.7 12 9	19.6 16.4 8 2 12.9	14.2 15.5 6.8 12.6
Wood manufactures, advanced Naval stores Paper and manufactures Oilcake and mealmill. lbs	- 578	- - - 522	- - 401	9.7 10 1 6 6 9.4	9.8 6.5 6.8 9.0	9.9 6.6 6.6 8.1
Furs and manufactures Books and printed matter Fish	opports o		ogmi li evrsir is	3.5 5.8 7.9	10.8 6.2 7.5	11.6 5.1 5.9
Dairy products	4,180 913	2,181	2,302 751	4.5 4.8 3.4 .9	4.2 4.5 4.1 2.5	5.1 4.3 2.2
Rye and flourdo Oats and oatmealdo Sugar, refinedmill. lbs	2,742 27	1,366 69	3,245	2.1 1.1	1 1 2.9	2.2

1 Includes office appliances and printing machinery.

² The number is that of automobiles only; the value includes that of parts and accessories.

Exports of Leading Individual Commodities.— Two-thirds of the 30 principal export commodities or groups of commodities shown in Table 3 increased in value in the first quarter of 1927 over the first quarter of 1926, though only three of these commodities (coal, rye and sugar) showed advances in average export prices. Lumber and oats also were exported at slightly higher prices, but 25 of the commodities listed showed lower average export values. Of 17 commodities for which quantity is shown, 13 were exported in larger quantities.

More than double the quantity of wheat, barley, and rye were exported, while exports of fruits and nuts increased one-half in value. Meats, lard, dairy products, and sugar were exported in much smaller quantities.

Cotton exports increased three-fourths in quantity but only one-sixth in value. Germany almost trebled and Japan doubled their purchases of cotton in the first three months of 1927 as compared with the corresponding period of 1926, while exports to the United Kingdom, Belgium, and other large foreign markets also showed substantial gains. The large increases in exports of coal which occurred during the latter half of 1926 continued through the first quarter of 1927, and the quantity of exports of leaf tobacco exports was greater by nearly one-fifth than in the first three months of 1926.

Exports of automobiles, including parts and accessories, in the first quarter of 1927 exceeded the value exported in any quarter of 1926. The value of iron and steel plates and sheets, chemicals, and industrial machinery also increased appreciably in the first quarter of 1927 over the corresponding period of 1926. Exports of agricultural machinery and cotton manufactures, however, showed sharp declines. The increase of 70 per cent in the quantity of automobile casings exported contrasted with an increase in their value of only 25 per cent, reflecting the effect of the reduced price of crude rubber and cotton, which are two of the principal materials used in tires.

Imports of Leading Commodities.— Table 4 shows that of 30 leading items or groups of items in the import trade, 11 increased while 19 decreased in value during the first quarter of 1927 as compared with a year earlier. Sugar, mineral oils, wood pulp, tin, vegetable oils, tobacco, and cocoa, were imported at increased average values. The price of rubber was 36.9 cents as compared to 76.7 cents in the first quarter of 1926 and 22 of the other principal imports also showed somewhat lower prices. Larger quantities of raw silk, newsprint, copper, tobacco, and cocoa were imported, but other commodities for which quantity data are shown decreased. These include rubber, coffee, sugar, wool, mineral oils, tin, hides and skins, burlaps and fertilizers.

Imports of unmanufactured tobacco were about three-fourths larger in both quantity and value in the first quarter of 1927 than in the corresponding quarter of 1926 and much greater than in any other quarter of 1926. More furs and cocoa beans were also imported in January to March, 1927, than in any quarter of 1926. Imports of crude rubber were valued at \$113,000,000 or 56 per cent less than in the first quarter of 1926, while the quantity imported was only about 9 per cent less. This decrease in value of rubber imports,

together with decreases of one-fifth to nearly one-half in the value of coffee, wool, burlaps, fertilizers, and cotton imported, were responsible for about nine-tenths of the decrease in value of total imports.

Tarle 4: — Imports of leading commodities
(Values in millions of dollars)

		Quantity	y	Value Value			
Commodity	OctDec., 1926	JanMar., 1927	Jan,-Mar, 1926	OctDec., 1926	JanMar., 1927	JanMar.,	
Rubber, crude mill. lbs Silk, raw do Coffee do Sugar (cane) do Paper and manufactures Newsprint. mill. lbs Petroleum and products Crude oil thous. bbls Refinery products do Paper base stocks. Wood pulp thous. tons Furs und manufactures Wool aud mohair mill. lbs Tin: Bars, blocks, pigs do Copper, including ore and manufactures. mill. lbs Hides and skins do Fruits and nuts Burlaps mill. lbs. Vegetable oils, expressed do Sawmill products Boards, planks, and deals mill. bd. ft. Wool manufactures (including yarns, etc.) Oilseeds mill. lbs Flaxseed thous. bus Fertilizers thous tons Cotton manufactures (including yarns, etc.) Diamonds thous carats Tobacco, unmanufactured mill. lbs Chemicals (coal tar, industrial, and medicinal) Art works Silk manufactures. Flax, hemp, and ramie manufactures Cotton unmanufactured mill. lbs Cocoa beans Vegetables and preparations Tea. mill. lbs	417 2,159 1,025 1,025 13,891 4,691 427 69 41 184 75 132 171 509 6,710 515 198 19	2,086 934 13,128 3,942 353 95 42 197 85 137 148 365 461 5,662 457 192 31	15 412 2,511 - 837 - 15,647 4,769 - 355 - 128 45 189 97 - 175 205 - 422 - 491 5,894 828 - 254 18 - 18 - 18 - 18 - 18 - 18 - 18 - 18	93.5 116.7 85.0 56.6 38.3 34.1 30.9 18.8 11.9 26.6 20.4 27.1 22.7 19.6 27.0 15.6 17.3 18.5 14.4 19.5 19.8 12.3 15.3 17.1 15.3 17.1 15.3 17.1 15.3 11.7 13.9 10.7 10.6 11.2 9.4	70 : 67.8 34.6 30.9 29.2 19.3 9.7 28.8 21.2 38.8 30.6 26.9 24.1 22.4 19.1 15.5 15.7 13.4 10.4 17.6 15.2 9.4	201.9 97.3 91.2 59.0 32.3 28.5 30.0 19.9 10.0 28.9 20.8 27.3 47.9 26.7 24.5 25.8 19.2 27.3 21.1 16.4 12.5 17.1 18.0 11.2 29.2 18.4 20.6 13.9 14.1 10.5 9.1 12.2 12.5 6.6	

Excerpts from the Law Modifying Certain Articles of the Turkish Earnings Tax Law

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The Articles 3, 6, 9, 10, 11, 15, 17, 24, 26, 27, 31, 38, 64, 66 & 71, as well as Clause 3 of Article 14 have been modified by the National Assembly as follows:

ART. 3.— The taxpayers mentioned below are required to submit declarations of their earnings.

- 1.— All companies, limited societies, joint stock and cooperative companies and their branches, such as mentioned in the commercial law are subject to this tax. (Productive and consuming cooperative societies, not distributing profits on their capital as provided by their Statutes, are exceptions).
- 2.— Agencies and branches in Turkey of companies having their head offices in foreign countries.
- 3.— Doctors, dentists, veterinary surgeons, barristers, lawyers, engineers, architects, public notaries, newpaper proprietors and persons of similar profession as well as persons of free profession who assure their earnings in their homes, offices or clinics.
- 4.— Commercial enterprises whose business has no need of circulating capital, such as agents, brokers, commissioners, shipping agents, fire insurance agents, persons running steamers or vessels of more than 50 tons capacity, and all sorts of means of communications for the transportation of men and goods on land, all persons exploiting factories, presses and manufactories moved by motive force of more than 4 H. P., theatres, cinemas, concerts, dance halls, races, excursions, advertisements, persons who act as intermediaries in sales, purchases and travels and lease-holders and farmers and all hotel-keepers who hire flats and inns in towns and cities and let them for rent to other people.
- 5.— All business enterprises carrying on trade with circulating capital and which are engaged in banking, insurance, loans, and carry on business in exchange or cash or in jewels as well as all pharmacists and contractors.
- 6.— All persons who are not mentioned in the above clauses and who carry on trade in places of which the annual rent at the beginning of January of every year is Ltqs. 500 and more, as well as other business men, bath-keepers and exploiters of ordinary water-mills, and who pay an annual rent of Ltqs. 1,000 and more. (Traders whose trade is based on their bodily labor more than on their monetary capital, are included in this clause, even if they work in a union).
- ART. 6.— Declarations should be handed in every year in the month of March preceding the Fiscal Year to the Fiscal Assessment Office against receipt. They can also be sent by registered post. In this case, the date of delivery to the Post Office will be considered as the date of delivery to the Assessment Office. During the first year of the application of the present Law, taxpayers whose commercial year does not coincide with the calendar year shall submit their declaration within two months following the expira-

tion of their commercial year. For further operations they must conform to

the calendar year.

ART. 9. - The tax of taxpayers who have not handed in their declarations within the prescribed time limit, will be imposed, according to Article 22. The tax, so determined, will be the first time collected two fold, and in case of repetition in the following year, three fold, and in case of repetition in the following third year, five fold. The Minister of Finance is authorized to close for a period of six months and without having need to secure court judgment the business houses of taxpayers who fail to give declarations for three consecutive times, on condition that the Earnings Tax is collected at one fold instead of five fold.

Fines due to the absence of declarations of employees will be levied

on the employer, the latter having no recourse against the former.

The Assessment Office is under obligation to notify in the month of February the taxpayers mentioned in Clause 6 of Article 3 that they are subject to a declaration. Otherwise, this Article will not be applicable to taxpayers of this category for not having given their declarations.

ART. 10. All taxpayers mentioned in Article 3 are bound to indicate in their declarations the name and title of their trade, the place where they carry on trade, their residence and the kind of their business, as well as their earnings, to be fixed within the following definitions, so as to form a basis for taxation.

ART. II.— The declarations to be given by the companies and their branches, mentioned in the clauses I and 2 of Art. 3, shall contain the total of their gross earnings as well as the sums that are shown in the following articles to be deducted from these earnings. The difference between these two totals shall constitute the basis of the tax. The taxpayers of this category other than the companies having collective capital are under obligation to attach to their declarations also a Balance Sheet as well as a detailed statement of accounts of Profit and Loss.

CLAUSE 3 OF ART. 14.—Companies whose By-Laws have been approved by the Government, can set apart a reserve fund and include it in their debt out of their income, within the limit fixed in their By-Laws. The Reserve Funds to be set apart by the other companies are acceptable, on condition that they are not more than 5% per annum and do not exceed 25% of the whole amount of their capital. The Reserve Funds to be substracted by the companies from the income in larger amounts than they are authorized under this clause, shall be regarded as profits and shall be subject to taxation. Equally, when the company is liquidated, it is subject to tax. The Reserve Funds accumulated until the publication of this Law, are not subject to Earnings Tax, nor shall the sums on which Earnings Tax has been paid and which have been transferred to Reserve Funds, be subject to tax in the subsequent years.

ART. 15.— Persons of free professions, mentioned in clauses 3 & 4 of Art. 3 as well as traders who do not require circulating capital, shall indicate in their declaration their gross earnings and general expenses. Their gross earnings consist of the total sums of money they receive for the services they render and their general expenses consist of the salaries, fees and other remunerarions they give to their employees, rent, light, heat and correspondence and advertisement costs, with respect to the place where they carry on trade, of insurance premiums they pay for articles indispensable to their trades, and of other necessary taxes and expenses required by

their professions and business. They can set apart a reserve fund in proportion of 5% from their net profits. The difference between the sums containing the whole receipts of the taxpayers of this category and the totals of general expenses constitutes net earnings and are adopted as basis for taxation. No Balance Sheet and no Profit & Loss accounts other than this are to be demanded from them. Those who are mentioned in clause 5 of Art. 3 are to indicate in their declarations the amount of one year of their proceeds and sales in the form described below. This amount is the general total of the sums that the taxpayer has received from all the transactions and sales within one year from the beginning to the end of this commercial year and that those who have newly started business have received within the period beginning from the date of their commencement to the end of the commercial year. Besides, taxpayers of this category are bound to attach to their declaration a brief Statement of Accounts showing all the receipts and assets of the same year. The Gross Earnings of taxpayers are fixed according to an Analogous Table arranged and drawn up in the month of March preceding every fiscal year through a body of two persons presided over by the Senior Fiscal Officer of the place or by his substitute and elected by the local Chamber of Commerce and in the absence of the Chamber of Commerce by the Municipalities, on the totals of sales and transactions determined in the aforesaid manner and are adopted as basis for taxation.

Of traders mentioned in clause 6 of Art. 3, those who carry on business on circulating capital are subject to a declaration like persons mentioned in clause 5, and those whose trade does not require circulating capital, are subject to a declaration like persons mentioned in clauses 3 & 4. With the exception of the companies, all taxpayers mentioned in clauses 3, 4, 5, & 6 of Art. 3 are bound to keep an Earnings, Transactions and Sales book which is to be renewed in the beginning of every commercial year and to be certified by the Assors Office to which they are attached, to enter daily sale transactions in this book and to transfer to the new book their circulating capital and assets at the end of their commercial year.

By virtue of the definition of Law of Commerce, traders keeping regular books, need not keep separate Earnings, Transactions and Sales books. Companies having collective capital as well as taxpayers who are mentioned in clauses 3, 4, 5 & 6 of Art. 3 and who prove that they keep Commercial Books certified by the Public Notary, according to Commercial Law can give their Balance Sheets like the companies and demand to be held subject to tax like them.

ART. 17.— The Fiscal Assessment Offices are bound to ascertain within one week from the 1st of April, the names of taxpayers who, though bound to give declarations, have not done so and to see if the declarations given afterwards are correct. The earnings mentionned in the declarations, unless investigations proved them to be otherwise, are accepted as basis for tax.

ART. 24.— Of the net earnings established either principally or on investigation on account of taxpayers mentioned in clauses 1, 2, 3 & 4 of Art. 3, there shall be received

 On Gross Earnings of traders mentioned in clause 5 of Art. 3, there shall be received

Those persons or traders who are mentioned in clause 6 of Art. 3, are according to Art. 15 subject to the rate of tax indicated in this article in consideration of the clause to which they belong after their declaration.

ART. 26.— In Join Stock Companies the tax proportion is subject, not to the whole amount of net profits, but to the 6% of the amount falling or decided to be distributed to each share, by virtue of their Balance Sheet.

The amount of tax falling on each share whether bearing name or appertaining to the holder is realised following the legalisation of the Balance Sheet, is deducted at the time of distribution to the shareholders, and paid by the companies to their proper Fiscal Offices in whole in the month of June of the basis of a List or Declaration.

Taxes of this category remaining unpaid by the end of June are collected according to the Tax Collection Law by an addition of 10%.

ART. 27.- Taxpayers who carry on business in a building and do not fall within the bounds of Art. 3 are subject to tax in accordance with the annual rental of the place where they carry on business. Traders of this category are bound to fill and hand over without stamps to the Local Fiscal Office in the month of January preceding each fiscal year, a declaration to be prepared and distributed gratis by the Government. This declaration shall show the number, title of proprietorship (if owned), the survey value, the name of the proprietor and the amount of rental (if held by lease), the title of business, the number, identity and remuneration of the employees, laborers and apprentices of the firm. The rentals of these firms shall be examined in every place in the month of February by a commission presided over by the Senior Civil Official or by a person to be charged by him other than the Fiscal Officer, and composed of two Fiscal Officers and two members of whom one is to be elected by the Chamber of Commerce and the other by the Municipality and both of whom are to be elected by the Municipality in the absence of the Chamber of Commerce, and increased or decreased, as the case may be, in giving consideration to the position, standing, importance, state of commerce and economic effects of that year and by comparing these rentals with the rentals of similar firms.

ART. 31.— With the exception of staff and employees, everybody, real or corporate, whether belonging to the first or second category who are subject to Earnings Tax are under obligation to receive a permit or a licence, and are prohibited to carry on trade so long as they are not provided with such permits. Taxpayers of this category who start business during the year are obliged to report their enterprise in writing to the Local Fiscal Office within one month from the date of starting business and to obtain a permit or licence. Taxpayers other than these are not subject to permit or licence. Persons carrying on business without receiving any permit or licence are liable ta pay, for each month they carry on business without licence, 20% in excess of their licence fee.

ART. 28.—Permits and licences are exempt from stamp tax and the gradation of duty to which they are subject is as follows:

I.— Workmen mentioned in Art. 34 of this Law shall pay 25 piasters.

Those who receive Sailors' Permit under Maritime Duty Law are exceptions.

2.— Those who earn in the manner mentioned in Articles 31, 32 and 33 of this Law, shall pay half a Lira.

3. Owners of firms not subject to a declaration, shall pay I Lira each.

4.— Persons giving declarations mentioned in the clauses 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Art 3 of this Law, shall pay 2 Liras.

5.- Companies mentioned in clauses 1 and 2 of Art. 3 shall pay

5 Liras.

ART, 60.— There shall be given only one principal acknowledgement receipt in the name of the Installation against the total amount of payment made for taxes that are collected and remitted under Articles 58 and 59 and which relate to the employees whose earnings have been, under Articles 58 and 59, mentioned in the declaration. This remittance shall be accepted in quarterly payments or payments of still longer terms in advance instead of monthly payments. Nevertheless, any change occurring both in the number and remuneration of employees during the period for which the tax has been prepaid, shall be reported to the Local Fiscal Office within ten days. If there is an increase, the tax difference shall be paid, and if there is a decrease the reduction of the tax shall be demanded. The Minister of Finance is authorized to demand and collect, in case of need, the Employees' Tax from the employees who are bound to pay this tax direct to their Installation.

ART. 64.— Earnings Tax not taxed within three years from the close of the Fiscal Year and if taxed within this period but not collected within five years from the date it acquired definite form, shall lapse and become void.

ART. 66.—Of the taxpayers mentioned in Article 3 who are obliged to report their earnings by declaration, the companies dealt with in clauses 1 and 2 shall, from the date of the application of this Law, be bound to keep their Commercial Books as required by the Commercial Law and to get them legalized by the Notary Public or by the Chamber of Commerce, and if they belong to the Category mentioned in the clauses 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Art. 3 to keep the books in accordance with the Law of Commerce or the Sale or Transaction in Turkish within the lines defined in the Articles concerned of the present Law and to enter all the financial results of the transactions of their profession in these books. Those found to be acting contrary to this rule shall be condemned to pay in addition to the additions to be made to the tax a fine amounting from Ltqs. 10 to Ltqs. 100. Repetition shall be punished by double fine. The occurrence of the same act within two years is regarded as a repetition.

ART. 71.— The provision of this Law shall be in application from the Fiscal Year 1926 with respect to the companies mentioned in the clauses 1 and 2 of Art. 3, the staff and employees held subject to a declaration, and all taxpayers included in the second category and not subject to declarations. Taxpayers other than these and subject to a declaration refusing to give a declaration during the Fiscal Years 1926, 1927 and 1928 and undergoing no change in their commercial position during this period shall be obliged to make three fold payment on the Income Tax they paid in the year 1925.

ART. 72.— This Law shall come into force on the 1st of June, 1927.

ART. 73.— The Ministers of Justice, Interior, Finance and Commerce are charged to execute this Law.

TURKEY

Plans Made for Distribution of New Currency Issue. — Preliminary plans for the distribution of the new Turkish paper currency issue now being printed in London were discussed at a meeting of the Currency Commission early in May. Several denominations of the new money have already reached Constantinople and it was reported that the remainder of 154,000,000 lira issue would be completed within a month or two. It was decided that the new currency would be deposited at the Ottoman Bank. A committee composed of a representative of this bank, and representatives of the Business Bank, the Agricultural Bank and the Constantinople branch of the Bank of Belgium, will inspect and verify the currency as it is received from the London printing house.

New Transactions Tax Law.— Following its presentation to the Assembly on May 19 the new transactions tax bill was voted to become effective June 1. The new law replaces the consumption tax law of February, 1926, which imposed a tax of 2.5 per cent on transactions and was collected by means of the stamp tax method. The passing of the new measure does away with the stamp tax feature and substitutes therefore a single tax of 6 per cent which is to be collected on merchandise imported into the country and on goods manufactured locally. In the case of imports, the tax will be collected when the goods are passed through the customs, and the tax on local manufactures will be collected at the time when the goods are sold by the manufacturers.

The new law also provides for two other taxes; a tax on exports amounting to 2.5 per cent and a tax in the same amount on bank commissions and premiums paid to insurance companies, the latter tax to be paid by the client. Locally manufactured goods, however, upon which a transactions tax has been paid at the time of sale will not be subject to the export tax. In the case of articles manufactured in the country from imported raw material which has paid the transactions tax will be made if such goods are subsequently exported. The 6 per cent transactions tax on imports and the 2.5 tax on exports will be collected in three monthly installments, provided that a guarantee of such payment is forthcoming from the importer or exporter.

The adoption of the new method of collecting the tax on transactions is generally believed to be a considerable improvement over the former law. The collection of a flat tax at one time, instead of a separate tax each time a transaction takes place, will, it is expected, prove helpful to the local business situation.

Modified Earnings Tax Law Passed by Assembly.— It was announced by the press on May 20 that the modified earnings tax law which was approved by the budget committee earlier in the month had been voted by the Assembly and would enter into effect on June 1.

The new law sets forth the various categories of individuals and firms liable to this tax, which is to be collected on the basis of a statement of annual earnings. This statement is to be filled by the month of March

preceding the end of each fiscal year, and the law prescribes in the event that such return is not made by that time a penalty amounting to a fine of three times the amount of the tax which would have been originally collected. In the event that the offense is repeated a fine of four times the taxable amount is to be assessed, and the place of business which has incurred the penalty will be required to close for a period of six months.

Tobacco is Exempted from Weighing Tax.— It was reported in the press on May 16 that a law exempting tobacco sold in the country from payment of the weighing tax had been passed by the Assembly. This exemption is understood to apply to transactions entered into both by the tobacco monopoly and by individual companies operating in Turkey.

Customs Statistics for First Half of 1926.— Customs statistics for the first six months of the year 1926 were made public by the customs administration in May. According to these figures, exports increased during this period 9.2 per cent as compared with the first six months of 1925, while imports decreased approximately 8.9 per cent. A comparison of the values of exports to and imports from the principal countries during the first half of the two years are given as follows:

Exports to

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allected on merchandiserin	1st Six Months	1st Six Months
	Liras	Liras
Italy	23,822,514	31,910,532
France	11,404,401	13,334,717
Germany	11,119,460	11,459,653
United Kingdom	6,513,260	8,195,312
United States	5,927,299	6,795,039
Greece	4,775,150	4,643,885
Syria . ,	4,709,879	2,676,916
Holland	2,779,682	1,970,171
Belgium	2,332,452	1,047,601
Egypt	2,163,592	3.031,285
Russia	1,334,747	2,984,148
	76,882,436	88,049,259

Importers from

	1925 1st Six Months Liras	1926 1st Six Months Liras
Italy United Kingdom. United States Germany France Belgium Czechoslovakia Syria Holland Rumania, Russia Japan Austria	19,117,287 18,784,817 13,810,718 13,191,272 11,942,667 5,911,692 5,072,875 3,630,919 3,289,399 2,494,009 1,993,192 1,906,193 1,721,958	16,105,296 16,977,755 4,089,170 14,331,233 15,727,412 6,109,014 8,131,418 2,523,425 2,437,603 2,137,466 3,343,839 1,955,880 2,112,794
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Tobacco and tombac	25,046,664	36,271,259
Fruits, vegetables	11,159,244	12,961,419
Cotton and cotton goods	9,217,530	8,109,333
Vegetable oils	6,421,446	189,262
Colors, dyes, chemicals	5,358,355	6,011,965
Wool and manufactures	4,924,610	6,043,465
Animal produce	3,535,092	4,295,988
Seeds, grains	2,627,999	1,305,703
Prepared skins	2,376,947	1,803,545
Cereals, etc	2,244,435	2,647,377
Skins, raw	2,022,382	1.903,665
Metals	1,900,030	2,663,624
Wood, woodwork, etc	1,355,640	1,524,937
Chemical products	76,190,374	85,631,542
Cotton and cotton goods	33.282,662	31,397,710
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Direct Paris-to-Syria Service Postponed. - A postponement of the proposed direct railway service from Paris to Asiatic Turkey and Syria via Constantinople was announced early in May. Previous reports had stated that this service would be inaugurated on the 15th of the month, but the working out of certain details of the arrangements will prevent, it is said, the putting into operation of the service before July 1.

Pickle Factory Planned by Turkish Company.— Announcement has been made that plans were underway for the formation of a Turkish company to undertake the financing of a preserve and pickle factory at Bor, near Konia. Capital for the venture has been subscribed to the amount of 25,000 liras, it is stated.

Match Factory at Sinop Nears Completion.— It is reported that the match factory at Sinope, which has been under construction for several months, will be ready to start operations in September of this year. According to the press, this factory's production of matches will be ample to supply the entire needs of the country.

Importation of Cotton Reported Forbidden.— The press reported the passage by the Assembly during May of a law prohibiting the importation of raw cotton, cotton plants or cotton-seeds into Turkey, on the ground that they might be the bearers of plant diseases from which it is hoped to keep the cotton regions of the country free. The law is further said to prohibit the sending in transit of the above-mentioned articles through the Turkish cotton growing sections.

Loan Authorized for City of Magnesia.— According to a despatch from Angora dated May 16 the city of Magnesia has been authorized by the Government to borrow 3,000,000 liras or to issue bonds in that amount, this sum to be used in the construction of roads and highways.

Eastern Telegraph Gompany to Re-open Service in Turkey.—
It was announced by the press on May I that an agreement had been signed between the Government and the Eastern Telegraph Company providing for the resumption of services in Turkey by the Company. According to what are reported to be the terms of the agreement, which is to run for a period of 30 years, the Company will pay the Government the sum of £ 116,000 within five days after the agreement is ratified by the Government. The Company's offices at Stambul and Smyrna, which have been idle for several years, will be re-opened, it is said, at an early date, and services will be re-established on the cable to Odessa and the cables to the Greek Islands. The agreement is said to contain a clause to the effect that the Company will pay an indemnity of £ 16 a day to the Government in the event of any interruption in service caused by defects in the cable.

Chambers of Agriculture Bill Reported.—Annoucement was made during May that the Ministry of Agriculture was working on a bill providing for the creation of Chambers of Agriculture throughout the country. These organizations, which, it was stated, would be modeled after the plan of Turkish Chambers of Commerce, would be composed of members who are actively engaged in agricultural pursuits and of experts in agriculture and forestry.

GREECE

Industry in 1926.— According to the report of the Banque d'Athènes during the year 1926, 84 new industries, with an aggregate of 2,145 horse-power sprang up, as compared with 132 with 4,624 horse-power in 1925. In general most of these new enterprises are of minor importance, however, among the principal ones must be mentioned an ice plant with a cold storage warehouse, erected at Salonika and possessing a motive force of 450 horse-power. Also two factories erected at Athens for the manufacture of thread and cotton fabrics. On the other hand there were erected in the region of Athens and Piræus some industries which are new to the country, such as the manufacture of insulators, locks, padlocks, phonograph records, etc. The new industries are divided as follows:

Commodity	No	HP.	
Foodstuffs	40	1,102	
Woodworking industry	II	196	
Textiles	10	448	
Machines manufacturing	II	159	
Chemical products	4 1	73	
Building material	3	65	
Tanneries	2	37	
Paper industry	2	65	
Clothing (hats)	I	Security of the last	
Total	84	2,145	

The 2,145 HP. mentioned are produced by:

Casoline engines	1,787	HP.	providing	for	59	factories
Steam engines	30	>))	20	2	»
Electric motors	242	»	PHON to		14	*
Water gas motors	74	,	>	30	3	»
Hydraulic motors	12		elic*sie	*	I	*

From 1921 to the end of 1926, 463 new industries have been founded of 13,000 horse-power which are as follows:

Foodstuffs	221	installations
Woodworking industry	70	OFIEN
Machines manufacturing	38	,
Chemical industry	30	lth .
Leather industry	12	THE A PARTY
Textile industry	45	>
Paper industry and graphic arts	19	•
Tobacco industry	8	2
Building material	19	* A
Clothing	I	mes an
Total	463	installations

In these figures are not included the electric generating plants of which the number has increased considerably during these last years and

which supply more than 500 factories created since 1921 with an aggregate of 15,000 horse-power. In addition there have been founded more than 70 carpet factories which are not included in the figures given above.

Laws Passed during 1926 to Encourage the Development of National Industry.— During the past year the Ministry of National Trade has taken the following measures for the purpose of developing national industry:

- 1. The exclusive privilege of exploitation is granted to enterprises having for a purpose the creation of industries which are new to the country, on the condition, however, that they have a minimum capital of 100,000 pounds sterling instead of 30,000 pounds sterling as was previously the case.
- 2. Machines and their immediate accessories are not liable to import duties.
- 3. There has been created by the Governor General of Salonika, the post of Inspector of Industry for the purpose of determining the development and the needs of industry in Macedonia and Thrace.
- 4. A six-year privilege has been accorded to a group of competent specialists for the creation of a laboratory where they will employ the seeds of certain native tobaccos considered useless hitherto, into making oils and food for animals.
- 5. During 1926 they have begun the study of the project for laws concerning industrial credit, the simplification of administrative measures relative to industry, as well as others providing for the development of national industry while at the same time avoiding increasing the state budget for such purposes.

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RUMANIA

Oil Market.— Since we last published figures on the Rumanian oil market there has been a considerable drop in prices, both in the foreign and domestic markets, and affecting all grades of oil and petrol. The most recent figures, those of June 3rd, are as follows:

- 1. Crude Oil Prices. Moreni 14,000-14,100 lei per car
 Baicoi 15,600-15,900 » »

 2. Export Prices. Light Naphtha 9 ½ cents per gallon 60 Baume Naphtha 9 ½ » »

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 Refined Oil 5 » »

 Gas Oil 4 7/8 » »
 - Market: Weak.
- 3. Domestic Prices. Light Naphtha 3.65 Lei per kilo

 Heavy Benzine 3.20 * * *

 Refined Oil 1.90 « * *

 Gas Oil 1.65 * *

 Fuel Oil 1.20 * * *

 (Prices f.o.b. Refinery)!

4. Export taxes. - No change.

Petroleum Industry.— The Central European Review states that whereas in 1924 the extraction reached pre-war figures, 1926 brought a maximum by which Rumania ranks 6th (up to now 7th) among the oil producing countries, the percentage of the world production (2.16%) is second only to Russia (4.7%) among the European States. Compared with 1925 the production of last year, 3,250,000 tons, shows an increase of about 40%.

Of the entire Rumanian production 48% fall to the territories of the State, the rest was extracted on private ground. Also the production of the State territories, 890,000 tons in 1925, has greatly risen and reached 1,520,000 tons in 1926, a difference of about 70%.

In 1925 the extraction totalled 2,151,150 tons, in 1926 it was 3,250,000 tons; home consumption amounted to 1,119,464 tons in 1925 and rose by 11% in 1926; last year the export increased by about 44% to 1,433,329 tons.

The progress of the rolliction is shown in the following table:

In	1923	a	rise	of	10.5%	compared	with	1922
30	1924	>>		*	22%	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	×	1923
>>	1925	>>	»	>>	25%	(m. *)	***	1924
»	1926	20	30	» ·	42%	, »	>>	1925

The constant rise made an increase in the means of transport necessary, a sum of 20,439,332 lei was invested for the improvement of the traffic.

Before the war the situation of Rumanian capital in the industry was rather precarious, it totalled 17 is million gold lei, whereas the foreign capital amounted to 377 millions. Since the war the situation has considerably changed, especially after the application of the Mining law.

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Later Pil	CONST	Turkey		ATHENS, Greece		
DATE	NEW YORK Cents per LTQ.	LTQ.	CROSS RATE N. Y./LONDON	NEW YORK DRACHMAS per DOLLAR	LONDON DRACHMAS per £	COSPOLI DRACHMA per LTQ.
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Bulgarian Foreign Commerce for 1926

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Imports:	OTHER DESIGNATION	
Colonials	5,243	134,903
Chemical products	12,501	158,290
Tanning and dyeing materials	4,321	124,311
Resin, glue, mineral oils and adhesive materials		233,927
Vegetable oils, fats, wax and its by-products	55,205 6,577	226,917
Metals and metallurgical products	98,5411	1,020,136
Wood materials, furniture, and brush industry	55,618	196,751
Paper, cardboard, etc	10,528	162,888
Hides and skins	2,880	248,360
Textiles	13,095	2,100,598
Machinery, tools, etc.	15,719	840,194
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Exports: Eggs Wheat and corn.	11 000	011 100
Eggs	11,832	811,192
Wheat and corn	36,181	282,903
Rye	12,803	67,397
Barley	23,109	110,782
Maize	98,618 18,700	386,144
Beans	18,700	94,426
Wheat flour	43,706	488,131
Rape-seed	5,967	65,939
Leaf Tobacco	27,463	2,060,939
Attar of rose (kilos)	3,065	207,875
Raw skins - sheepskins	267	17,432
Lambskins	1,215	102,799
Kidskins.	267	53,249
Silkworm cocoons	565	172,940
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Comparative totals 1925 and 1926:

	1925		192	26
Imports:	Tons	Million of leva	Tons	Million of leva
Textiles Metals Machinery Cereals Miscel'aneous	17,004 74,597 14,304 44,733 262,518	2,726 944 743 4 1 2,427	13,095 98,541 15,719 1,809 212,091	2,100 1,020 840 20 2,266
Total imports	413,156	7,291	341,255	6,246
Exports:	64800K 5	201, 1650	23.90	
Tobacco Eggs Maize Corn and barley Flour Hides and skins Cocoons Attar of rose Miscellaneous	33,467 11,035 116,426 55,415 18,747 1,789 697 2 82,127	2,329 738 639 384 223 170 208 88 863	27,463 11,833 98,618 59,291 43,706 1,751 565 3	2,060 811 386 393 488 173 172 207 927
Total exports	320,885	5,642	398,862	5,617

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

Suez Canal Traffic during 1926.— The report of the Council of the Compagnie Universelle du Canal Maritime de Suez, which was read at the regular meeting on June 13th, contained the following information on the activity in the canal in 1926:

The maritime movement in the canal in 1926 was as follows: 4,980 ships passed through, representing a net tonnage of 26,060,377 tons. This figure is only 701,558 tons less than in 1925—which up to the present time was the record—but surpasses the figure for 1924 by 950,495 tons.

The traffic from the east increased to 2,029,613 tons net and represented 7.8% of the total movement as compared to 9.6% the preceding year. The average tonnage of the vessels is increasing. This year it reached the figure of 7,256 tons gros as compared to 6,916 tons in 1925. The proportion of passages effected by ships of a tonnage in excess of 10,000 tons gros increased from 8.6% to 10.5%. The number of passengers was 286,432, an increase of 16,910.

The division by nationalities of this shipping shows a decrease of 1,047,501 under the British flag, but nevertheless Britain still remains in the first place with 57.4% of the total tonnage. As to the preceding year, Holland, Germany and France follow respectively.

The movement of Port Said, consisting of ships which did not pass through the canal reached 1,402,000 tons.

The amount of merchandise passing through the canal was 25,400,000 tons, 1,160,000 tons less than in 1925. This decrease has not affected the outward movement which has shown, on the contrary, an increase of more than a million tons, a result that is especially satisfying since the passage of English oil has been reduced more than 400,000 tons due to the strike. This amelioration of the outward bound traffic can be attributed mainly to manufactured articles. About half of it was worked metal and machinery. The cargoes of refined sugar contributed also, as they amounted to 295,000 tons which greatly surpasses the highest mark formerly reached. The falling away in the return traffic is due mostly to the wheat trade which had showed a most exceptional activity in 1925. Oil products, rice and cane sugar are also on the decrease.

The city of Port Fouad has been solemnly inaugurated on the 21st of December 1926 by the king of Egypt. The bureau of administration of the common domain which is charged with the administration of Port Fouad will shortly be transferred from Ismaila to this city. The necessary buildings are being constructed.

Textile Industry in Jugoslavia.— According to La Vougoslavie Industrielle several branches of this industry in Jugoslavia enjoyed very advantageous natural conditions. Formerly the actual condition of the textile industry was far from satisfying the demands of this country and the needs of the population. On this account, Jugoslavia was obliged to purchase from abroad considerable quantities of thread and fabrics, and even ready-made garments. The importation of textile products, amounting to

about 3,000,000,000 dinars, represented about 40% of the value of the total imports of the country.

There were, however, in this country, several most important, modernly-equipped factories, with a very large productive capacity. The woollen industry was represented by five mills with 20,000 spindles and 400 looms. The development of this industry was favored by the presence of raw material at hand. Ten spinning mills and looms worked the cotton which was imported from America and Egypt, the production of cotton in southern Serbia was insignificant. The largest of these mills is that of Dugaresa in Croatia, with 45,000 spindles and 1,250 looms. This mill employs 2,000 workers, utilizes 1,500 horse-power motive force, and produces 30,000 kilos of thread and 25,000 meters of fabric a day. Aside from these spinning and weaving mills, a good number of plants produce yarn, linen, and readymade garments, but very few of them deserve the name of factory.

The production of felt hats is, however, sufficient for the local demands. There are twelve factories which likewise manufacture straw hats.

Rope is manufactured in thirty factories and in numerous small shops. The products, for the most part half manufactured, are exported abroad. In 1925, 900 loads of hemp were thus exported.

Four silk factories, at Pancevo, Novisad, Turska, Kaniza, and Djevdjelia use scarcely half of the cocoon production of the country and prepare silk thread which is mostly exported abroad.

Syrian Trade in 1926.— The customs statistics for the year 1926, though not detailed, show a decrease when compared to the figures of the preceding year. In 1925, they show 444,889 tons valued at 375,598,000 francs whereas in 1926 it fell to 416,970 tons valued at 267,151,000 francs. In the exports and re-exports for 1926 there is a decrease of 556 tons over the figure of the preceding year. In 1925 there were exported or re-exported 77,366 tons worth 459,191,000 francs and in 1926, 76,790 tons valued at 544,813,000 francs.

The leading countries from which goods were exported to Syria are:

France	64,810	tons	252,269,000	francs
England	55,970	2	171,764,000	Ange s
Belgium	45,313	»	67,935,000	NORTH ST
Italy	20,880	26	138,809,000	* 2

Germany, who now benefits by the general customs regulations is making a strong effort to capture the Syrian market.

American Cars still Lead in Syrian Market.—Reports from Syria state that American made cars are still dominating the market. Due to its low price as well as to the extensive organization of the sales force in Syria, the Ford car is still mostly in demand though at the present time the Chevrolet is competing seriously with it. Other popular American makes are the Hudson, Essex, Buick and Chrysler. An American six-wheeled car for trans-desert service has recently made its debut on the Syrian market.

Banana Cultivation in Palestine

The Banana Market is characterised in contrast to others by competition not among producers, but among consumers. The demand for this excellent fruit in America and Europe grows from year to year, whereas the production of bananas is limited to certain districts where their cultivation is possible.

The extent to which the demand for bananas has increased may be judged from the following table of imports:

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	1924	11,307,940	DEDUIDOR HE ELS
	1925	12,030,238	w w w
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1913	25,704	2,118	to notinetile
1923	37,279	3,605	14,496
1924	44,224	5,157	15,124

The above figures show that the United States are a big market for bananas. This not only because of the large number of inhabitants, but because the fruit is more popularised in America than it is in England. In 1924, England consumed 11,063,913 bunches, and if we take each bunch as consisting of 120 bananas, the consumption of this fruit appears at 30 per head. Against this, the consumption in America was 47,384,817 bunches or 50 bananas per head.

Bananas have now become popular in Austria, Germany, Czecho-Slovakia, Norway and Sweden. And all these countries obtain their supplies from the limited number of places which have to supply the whole world.

Which are the countries that grow bananas? In the western hemisphere—Central America, Colombia and Brazil, the West Indies and particularly Jamaica; in the north—the Canary Islands. In East and West Africa they grow in a semi-wild state. They are found on various islands from Formosa and Honolulu to Fiji. There are large plantations on the Philippine Islands.

However, in most of these places the production is only enough to supply local demands, and very little is exported. Central America and the West Indies supply the United States and England. The Canaries supply England and a few European markets. Formosa supplies Japan and China.

That Palestine is a country where bananas can be cultivated is a fact that is beyond doubt. The banana plantations in the Shephelah ', in the

^{&#}x27;Shephela — the coastal plain from Jaffa to Gaza. Sharon—the coastal plain from Jaffa to Haifa.

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Sharon, in the Vale of Jezreel and in the Jordan Valley-from Jericho in the south to Kinereth and Migdal in the north - emphasise the possibility of planting bananas on very large areas indeed. There is no doubt that the most suitable parts in Palestine are the Shephelah, the Sharon and the Valley of Acre. The Jericho district could also be included, were it not for the high cost of transport to the coast, for the soil is excellent-sandy loam-and there are no strong winds, either in summer or during the rainy season; and the cold in the winter is not so frequent. The question, therefore, of protecting the bananas is not so serious in these parts, and wind-screens in the form of rows of trees are enough to provide the necessary protection. In addition, the proximity of these districts to communication routes-roads, railways, ports-increases their importance from this point of view. But banana plantations should not be concentrated only in these places, for unlike citrus fruits which are limited by the quality of soil, the banana has spreading roots, and can adapt itself equally well to heavy soil, which is unsuitable for citrus growing. Banana cultivation will therefore succeed in the Jordan Valley, in the Vale of Jezreel and in other valleys, all those places where there is an abundance of water and where its supply for irrigation purposes is not costly. In the northern part of the Jordan Valley and in the Vale of Jezreel, there is, indeed, one drawback-the violent winds which damage the plant - but by means of wind-screens, natural or artificial, it may be comparatively easy to overcome this.

The cultivation of bananas in Palestine is steadily increasing in extent, as may be seen from the figures below:

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Palestine does not as yet export bananas. All that is produced locally is consumed there, and there is no sign of excessive production. The high price paid by the consumer - P.T. 5 for 8 bananas in Jerusalem and for 10 bananas in Jaffa and Haifa—proves this. But this state of affairs cannot last many years longer.

The area under bananas will increase still more in 1927, and those that were planted last year will produce fruit this year. It may be presumed that the yields will be good in accordance with the demand. There is no reason to fear a surplus, for with a fall in price which will bring the fruit within the reach of everyone, there will come an increased demand. But that is not enough. There must be a greatly increased area under banana cultivation, and that is only possible if an export trade is developed.

Prospects for Export. — Now as far as bananas are concerned, the market is not limited. There is no doubt that Palestine will have to tourn its attention first and foremost to the markets of Eastern Europe, which are as yet an unworked mine as far as bananas in general, and good bananas like those of Palestine in particular, are concerned. It is very possible that the good prices obtainable there and the possibility of rapid and cheap transport, will save Palestine the necessity of looking for other markets and of struggling with the difficult conditions which obtain on the English market!

The export of bananas from Palestine to England in the condition required does not present any difficulties. It is a technical problem which will be solved after the first few consignments have been dispatched These will show the best time for sending the fruit so that it arrives on the market green and yet decidedly ripe. It may therefore be assumed that Palestine bananas will fetch a fair price. We shall take the above average price and calculate the income from bananas in Palestine. The usual yield of bananas here is:

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2nd year after planting 750-1200 kgms, per deunum 3rd "" " 1200-1800 " " " " 4th " and onward 2500-3000 " " "
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Basing our calculation on the minimum yield, the annual income from the 4th year onward will be as follows:

Income

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2500 kgs. at P. T. 2.2 per kg. (in England) £. E. 55
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Expenditure

Gross return to cultivator £.E. 30

An income of £.E. 30 per deunum says much for the cultivation of bananas; for even if we deduct from this sum the annual expenditure for water, manuring and labor -£.E. 18.50— the net return to the grower will be £.E. 11.50 per deunum.

It may be of interest to not the income from bananas for the duration of the life of the plantation(8-10 years according to quality of soil; with heavy soil, taking into consideration the fact that it may be salty from the abundant irrigation, it is counted at 8 years, with light soil 10 years).

A distinction must be made between plantations that need artificial wind-screens, such as those in the Vale of Jezreel (Ain Harod, Givah, ect.) and the Jordan Valley (Kinereth, Dagania) and those which do not need protection from the wind, or, at least, where natural wind-screens suffice (Jericho, Jaffa).

^{&#}x27; The Egytian market must be also considered as a possible outlet for Palestine bananas.

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Income from Banana Plantation—One Deunum

(Shephelah, Sharon, the Vale of Jezreel, northern Vale of Acre and Jericho) part of the Jordan Valley)

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taxes, etc.	15		15
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Return	192	E.E. 25	175
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The varieties mostly sold in England as well as in most other European Markets are the Musa Cavendishii from the Canary Islands and the Gros Michel which comes from Jamaica. In Palestine, Musa Cavendishii and the Baladi (local) are grown, but the former comprises 95% of the bananas in the country, for the tree is low and does not suffer so much from the wind. The Imperial Committee recommends the Gros Michel, Giant Fig and Giant Grech varieties as producing an excellent fruit.

The Government is about to plant these varieties in its station for tropical and subtropical plants in Jericho, as well as other varieties which it is to receive from Italy, Florida, etc.

It may be possible to know in a year or two whether it is worth while planting these other varieties extensively in Palestine, but until then it is clear that the Cavendish must be the principal variety grown there.

MARKET REPORT of the IONIAN BANK LIMITED, Constantinople Branch,

for May, 1927.

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Sterling Rates

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Opening	May	1st	944
Lowest	»	9th	915
Highest	»	1st	944
Closing	»	31st	925

As in previous years, the approach of the export season provoked a large selling movement of Exchange from Smyrna. Taking advantage of the opportunity, speculators commenced selling large amounts of exchange, and under these influences Sterling, at one period, fell to 915.

Subsequently it rallied on the urgent demand for cover for short positions, combined with the effect of heavy purchases on behalf of the Government, and closed at 925, but with a weak undertone. Well informed circles consider that there are probabilities of a further drop in Sterling Exchange during June.

IMPORTS

From June 1st the 21/2% Consumption Tax, which has been in operation for some time, is abolished. It will be substituted by what is designated a «Transaction» tax which, in the case of imports of manufactured articles, will be 6%, payable by Importers in three equal monthly installments on the basis of declarations, supported by certified legalized copies of Import Declarations and by copies of the original invoices. Privileged conditions accorded hitherto to certain imports, such as Monopoly articles, are apparently to be continued, and goods in warehouse upon which the Consumption Tax has already been paid will be exempt, subject to a declaration thereof being made to the Fiscal Authorities within 15 days. stantinople,

It is not clear how far this will effect goods in warehouse upon which the Consumption Tax has not already been levied, and it is apparent that if there is to be no retroactive limitation in this respect, it may, in extreme cases, constitute a levy of 6% on the value of all stock held.

Country of Origin:

been recorded.

We understand that steps are being taken to obtain further information on this important point from the competent Authority.

Flour and Wheat.

Wheat prices rose about one piastre all round, this being due to a marked decrease in arrivals which, from a recent average of 20 to 25 wagons, fell to 6-7 wagons per day.

Lack of rain had created uncertain crop prospects and a consequent reluctance of holders to release stocks. Later, however, there were reports of considerable rainfall in the growing districts of Angora and Eski-Chehir. This should tend to increase shipments and to stabilize prices, which may reasonably be expected to be around 15-17 piastres per oke in the near future if crop prospects are satisfactory.

Flour prices moved in sympathy, and the market, as indicated, closed firm.

Arrivals from May 1st, to 28th, 1927.

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Anatolia.	4,000
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MARKET REPORT OF THE IONIAN BANK LIMITED. (Continued)

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Mersina	-16
Locally Milled Flour:	Indian Pekoe
Integral, 1st quality: LT. 15 sack of 72 Kgs.	3.85 per China
Ditto, 2nd quality: LT. 12.80 of 72 Kgs.	per sack Coffee. The stocks, r

Barley.

We understand that steps The barley market has been strongly influenced by the conditions ruling the wheat market, and prices rose accordingly. Some important transactions have been recorded. The market closed firm with an upward tendency.

Prices as on May 28th, 1927.

Planner of moral absolute absolute of	rs. per oke
Anatolia, 1st quality, delivered	
in bulk at Haidar Pacha Station	13
Thrace, 2nd	123/4

Tea. I troppedts and a consequent r.asT

No appreciable change is reported from origin.

Amongst the indian teas, common sorts have attracted the keenest competition, selling firm. The tendency for better sorts was also upwards.

The Ceylon market was rather irregular, there being a distinct falling off for common and medium. The quality of the offering is reported to have deteriorated slightly.

There was an animated demand for Sumatras, resulting in a sharp advance of 1d to 2d per lb.

Market in China teas was quiet.

Locally there was no change at all and prices ruled almost the same as quoted in our last report.

Latest quotati	Price per lb.					
Ceylon Orange Pekoe	Common Medium Fine	19-20 21-22½ 24½-25½				
Java Orange Pel	coe	19-221/2				
Java Pekoe		16-17				
Indian Orange	Medium	21 -23				
Pekoe	Flowery	24-28				
Indian Pekoe		18-19				
China	Common .	11-13				
31st 925	Fine	28-33				

Coffee.

The stocks, mentioned in our last issue, held in Mediterranean Ports and in Amsterdam are reported to be sensibly decreased and prices showed a general rise, especially for old crop, the quotations for which are in some cases as much as 10/- per cwt. higher than those of the new crop. The local market anticipates advantageous offers for the latter and is at present abstaining from passing important orders for old crop.

A few transactions, probably in anticipation of the application of higher taxes, were effected at the following prices : "The sange during a rigor

84/-	per	cwt.	good	bea	n Green I	Rio	No	3
78/-))	D	n))	Greenish	1))))	3
80/-	»	»	»	»	Green	D	20	5
76/-))	»))	D	Greenish	1 0))	5

Our market is reported to be a buyer of new crop at the following quotations, shipment from Rio per s/s Belvedere (left 26th. inst.) transhipment at Trieste and s/s Zeclandia (leaving Rio 30th inst.) transhipment Amsterdam:

Ric	No.	3											75/-
* >>))	4		Y.S				10					74/-
))))	5										Į.	73/-
D))	6										14	72/-
))	»	7	26				0						71/-

Quotations on May 28th of new crop, shiqment first fortnight June, cif. Constantinople.

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Rio No. 374/shipment end June shipment to be completed in June, July,

Rio No. 370/9

Coffees of the grades Rio 4, 5, 6, 7 are one shilling cheaper.

Sugar.

Arrivals of Russian sugar (crystal & cubes) have had a disturbing effect on the market here, owing to its being offered 5/- cheaper than other sugars. For the latter transit quotations show a fall of 7/6 as compared with last month's figures.

Local stocks of Dutch, Rumanian and Czecho-Slovakian sugars have been

Quotations as on May 28th:

per ton. £ s d Czecho-Slovak crystal cif 18.10.0 » cube » 21. 5.0 Dutch crystal » 18 10.0 » cube » 21.10.0 Rumanian, Czecho-Slov. & Dutch crystal, transit 18. 5.0 Rumanian, Czecho-Slov. & Dutch cube, transit 21. 0.0

Market rather weak, with transactions of no great importance.

Rice.

Market at origin has been maintained during the first part of the month, but its tone was reported quieter these last days because of the coming crop. Prices however, remain firm.

Locally business was rather slack and prospects are regarded as uncertain.

Latest quotations: per ton. £ s. d. Rangoon (Alexandria) No. 3 double bags prompt shipment 15 15 0 Egyptian rice « glacé » 17 5 0 » » « mat »..... 17 10 0

Cotton Sheetings.

Prices here have been following the upward movement at origin, due to improved market conditions in America.

The local market would have been still stronger but for the depreciation in Yen exchange and a consequent cheapening of the Japanese article. Local stocks are heavy and are calculated at around 3000 bales. Owing to this dead weight on the market Sheetings can be bought here cheaper than at origin. The demand from the Interior within the last 10 days has been more interesting, and with satisfactory prospects for the crops and, resulting therefrom, the possibility of easy money conditions in the Interior, good business may be expected. Herris & Editoravious

American Sheetings:

« A » (3 yds. equal 1 lb.) 111/2 cent per yard c. i. f. Constantinople. Local market price per piece of 40 yards (duty paid) LT. 11.30.

« CCC » (3 yds. equal 1 lb.) 10%-11 cents nominal cif. Constantinople. Local market price per piece of 40 yards (duty paid) LT. 11.- nominal.

Japanese Sheetings:

Lion « CCC » (13 1/2 lb.) 17/- per piece of 40 yds. shipment July-August; duty paid LT. 9.20.

13 lb. cheaper sheetings 15/9, shipment July-August; duty paid LT. 8.80-8.90. offend a militarile market

Carpets. a margan . LT. 30-36 piece

Business effected during May has passed all expectations, this being due to purchases for account of important European and American firms. Sales have been estimated at approximately £ 100.000.

Demand has been general for Gioravans, Heriz, Tabriz, Karadja, Namassis, all kinds of Mossul, and for all pre-war

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goods. Prices rose, mainly for the latter and for Heriz, as the supply could not entirely meet the demand, and also owing to high prices asked in Persia for those grades.

Arrivals:

About 1500 bales from Persia, via Batoum, Trebizond and Port Said, consisting of Gioravans, Heriz, Tabriz, Sedjadés, Mossuls, Savouk, etc.

Principal sales have been effected on Gioravans, Heriz, Tabriz Mossul, Galeries, Karadja, Namasi, pre-war carpets, Shirvans, etc.

Description Price per Stocks Gioravans high piled .. LT. 113/4-131/2 sq. m. small Heriz 14 %-22 Med. Heriz & Gioravans old fashioned LT. 25-35 » Small Tabriz 11 -15 » Large Med. Tabriz fine... 18-35 » Saruk & Maharadja high piled..... 38-42 » Meshed Kaim, Turkish 11-14 Large Kirman high piled. Med. Kirman old fashion. 55-85 Very small Keshan high piled & old fashioned 95-1.0 Very small Kelleys 65-120 piece Large Strips Ardebil short 28-35 Med. Mossul Zendjian... 14-18 Large Shiraz Rugs & Kelleys..... Sh. 28-38 sq. m. Med. Gendje-Karabaghs mixed with long

mixed with long
& narrow.. LT. 30-36 piece Small
Shirvans fine. LT. 55-75 Description
Cabistans Description
Sumaks Description
Afghans Sh 2/2-3/6 sq.ft. Small
Bokhara mixed

sizes... » 7/- 12/- » Med. Nidge new rugs LT.8¾-9½ piece Very small Nidge new mats » 2¼-2¾ » » Kelims..... » 30-60 » »

EXPORTS

The Transaction Tax on Exports will be 2 1/2 % payable by Exporters, based on declarations conforming to the contents of the relative Export Declarations.

In the case of re-exports upon which 6 % has already been levied, 3 ½ % will be reimbursed.

Tobacco.

Transactions were few, as is to be expected at, this period, but the demand was again weaker and a general quietness prevails, though quotations are maintained.

We have received estimates putting the Smyrna crop at 22 million okes and that of Samsoun at 160,000 bales.

As an exceptional measure, the Transaction Tax on leaf tobacco for export will be payable, on the basis of declarations certified by the Tobacco Monopoly, at the time of the initial sale or transfer.

Those tobaccos already in warehouse and which have not been subjected to Consumption Tax will be valued for this purpose at an average of buying prices obtaining during 1926, as established by the Tobacco Monopoly.

Market quotations:

From som troops	Piastre	s per Kg.
Samsoun	185-	-250
Baffra	150-	-250
Trebizond		-170
Broussa		-120
Hendek		-135
Ismidt		-125
Duzdje		-160
Sinop	85-	-155
Gunen	90-	-125
Adrianople	80-	-100
Ak-Hissar	90-	-120
Bigha	85-	-115
Smyrna	85-	-175
Ada-Bazar	85-	-115
Cartal		-135
Guevzeh	70-	- 90

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Opium.

There was a distinct upward tendency in opium prices at the beginning of the month, forecasts for the new crop being unfavorable owing to lack of rains in the opium districts of Anatolia. Towards the close of May, however, more favorable conditions were reported and this should make prices easier.

Marked closed firm, with good business in hand.

The demand was sustained throughout the month, mainly by speculators.

Sales from 1st to 22nd May 1927.

Sales from 1st to 22	and May	1927.
District:	Cases	LT. per oke
Malatia	27	26
Zileh	22	30-30 1/2
Malatia	26	261/2-27
Sandikli	16	281/2
Kara-Hissar	7	281/2
Hadjikeuy	20	32.60
Balikesser	6	271/2
Geive	5	281/2
Kara-Hissar Ilghin.	2	273/4
Simav	5	26.80
Urgup (old)	1	311/2
Bolavaddin	10	291/2
Urgup	1	261/2
Narlihan	1	27
Karahissar	4	30
Harman (mixture)		
111/2% morphine	18	271/2
Sandikli	1	29
Narlihan	1	281/2
Harman (mixture)		a Langist
morphine 111/2%	10	28
Rejects	1	211/2
Amassia	3	31
Harman (mixture)		
111/2% morphine	20	27
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Mohair.

The market was very active throughout the month and especially towards the close.

The majority of shipments effected were destined for Bradford, as prices offered by American buyers were comparatively low.

Sales totalled about 5,000 bales.

Sales:

Sales:	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY NAMED IN	San Barrery
District	Bales	Ptrs. per oke
Yozgad	. 25	202
D	. 66	166
Eski-Chehir	. 13	205
Mary 10	. 262	206
- trice Daniel	. 78	190
Angora	. 459	180
» »	. 1183	187
»	. 115	1921/4
»	. 103	175
» ·····	0=	185
»	67	1821/2
»	. 20	186
»	. 209	18814
»	2.000	190
Kastambol	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH	175-176
» ·····	. 150	1711/2
Eski-Chehir Kuta	hia 98	205
Maden	. 17	195
»	. 50	200
»		185
Iskilips	. 40	175
Skins	20	167 1/4
»	. 51	1411/2
» ······	. 10	1471/2
»	. 31	135
»	. 24	150
Karahissar	. 126	210
Bolavaddin	. 40	
»	. 150	1971/2
Beybazar	. 230	186
»	. 217	189
»	. 232	191
Kids	. 64	245
»	. 58	235
»	. 97	255

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Kids	94	200
»	9	2521/2
-dydentificalles was	4	240
Budurlu	30	185
Ayach	88	189

Wool.

The first arrivals of the new clip reached our port towards the end of the month, and more will arrive during June.

According to various reports, forward sales have been effected in the Interior on the basis of 80-85 piastres per oke (Konia, Akcheir, Karahissar). Rumelian wool is quoted at about 100 piastres. Local wool sales were almost negligible and such as were effected, from existing stocks, were confined to local requirements, prices paid being from 90 to 99 piastres per oke.

On the other hand there was some successful business transacted in skin wools (Kassab) at the following prices:

White greasy Kassabs 100 Piasters

White greasy Kassabs 100 Piaster Colored greasy Kassabs 65-80 » Washed white Kassabs 130-140 » Grey Washed Kassabs 82-90 »

Local stocks are very low, ranging around 50-100 bales.

Wax.

Transactions in this commodity were very limited.

Prices have undergone a drop of ten piastres ranging around 195 piasters per oke.

Hazel Nuts.

The weakness of the market at the

close of April prevailed throughout May, owing to restricted demand from consuming centers.

Prices are likely to undergo a further drop when the new crop, which is reported to be abundant, is available.

Quotations as on May 28th, 1927.

F. O. B.	Crop	1925	1926	1927
Kerassund	Piastres	s 60	90	90
Ordou	»	57	87	87
Trebizond.))	55	55	85

Persian Sweet Almonds.

Business transacted was quite negligible owing to very low stocks.

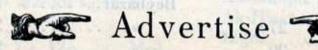
Nominal prices around 180 piastres per oke.

Furs & Skins.

The demand was less than during April. Prices, however, were fully maintained owing to limited stocks. Prospects are uncertain.

Sales from May 4th to 31st 1927.

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m IT			per piece
4,000 1	pieces	at P	ts. 69
4,000))	X	70-71
4,000	»	X	71
1,100	»	1	71
			per pair
6,185	D	LT	9-32
2,520	»	D	91/4-32
1,000))	»	4.70
1,000	»))	28-38
6,000	D	»	4.30-4.60
250))))	13-18
380	D))	543/4-62
795	»))	54-62
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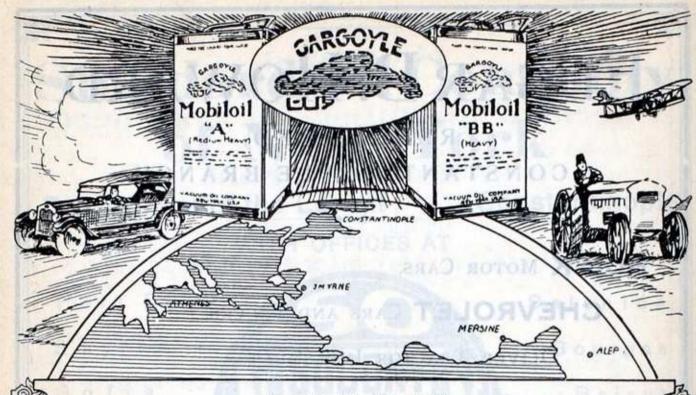
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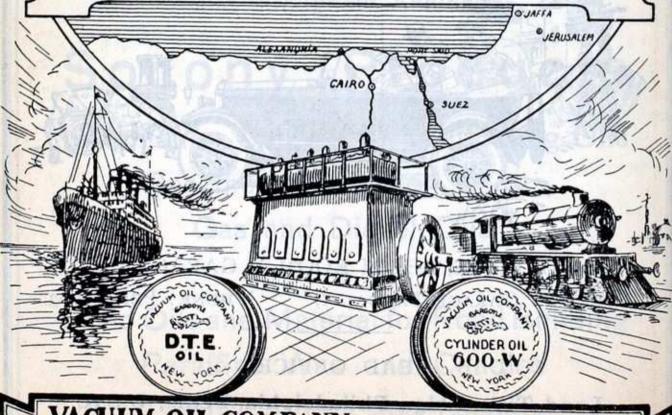
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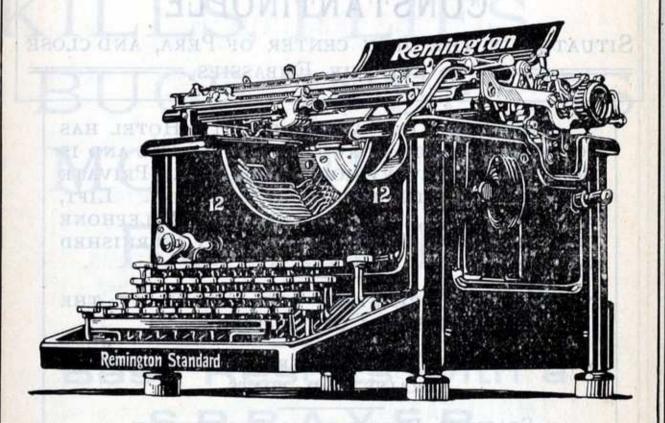
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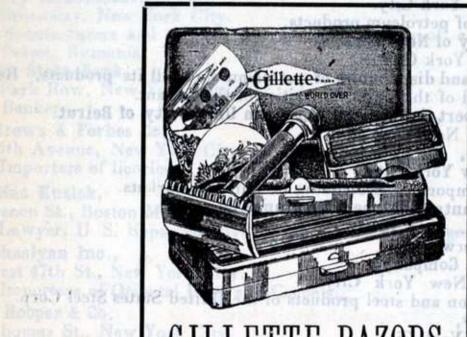
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