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The Mineral Resources of Turkey

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Turkey has long been famous for its deposits of mineral ores and had the country been blessed in former years with such progressive and far-sighted rulers as are at the head of affairs to-day, these ores would have been exploited and exported to other countries or even converted into various metals here. Unfortunately, owing to the lack of railways and good roads to carry the ore to seaports, little has been exported in comparison with the great quantities known to exist. Slowly, but surely, however, this lack of transportation is being rectified, as the steel road is being pushed ahead in every direction in Anatolia, and the constructive policy of H. E. Ismet Pacha of building a network of railways in addition to the lines already existing will show great results in a few years.

Gold.—From ancient times accounts have been handed down to us of the gold belonging to King Croesus, and in addition to the version that this gold came from the sand and soil brought down from the hills overlooking the River Pactolus, there is also the opinion that it came from an ancient gold mine a few miles from the Village of Bairakli, a suburb of Smyrna. These ancient workings were rediscovered a few years before the war by a British subject named Vedova who, out hunting one day, put his gun down to smoke his pipe. After his smoke, he turned to pick up his gun but it had disappeared, evidently down a hole hidden behind the bushes where he had just placed it; going down the hole, he saw it was an old mine shaft or gallery with traces of what appeared to him to be gold-bearing quartz. The property was subsequently taken over by the late Mr. Phocion Barff and mining operations showed

that there were remnants of rich deposits still existing. An English company was formed or about to be formed when the war broke out.

The ancient gold mines of Troy were also being worked some twenty-two years ago by a British company, and again during the Armistice period interest was taken in them by British capitalists. Recently it has been stated that they have been visited but generally speaking, the ancients exhausted their gold mines so thoroughly that it is questionable whether it would be profitable to re-open any of the properties which they worked.

Coal. - Today Turkey's greatest mineral riches actually being exploited are Coal beds on the Black Sea. These are so well known and so much has been written about them that there is little fresh to be said. During the recent coal strike in England, however, the Black Sea mines proved of great value to Turkey, and the encouragement now being given by the Government will undoubtedly have its good effects. Some British capital has been recently invested in one of the mines, whilst the French capital already interested is well maintained. As regards the quality of Eregli coal, when properly picked and washed, it compares favorably with most other bituminous coals excepting Cardiff, to which it is inferior in calorific value. As estimates of the total available coal in the Eregli Black Sea Coal fields are as high as 1,500,000,000 tons, and only 20,000,000 tons have been extracted so far, it may easily be seen that with improved transport and loading facilities and the new railroads, this field, with the abundance of timber nearby, can become one day a great industrial site. Many other coal fields are known several of which have been worked in a small way, and it is hoped the construction of the new railroads will give an impetus to extraction.

Chrome.— As Turkey some thirty or forty years ago produced half of the world's supply, it may be best to give next place in importance after coal to chrome. Unfortunately, such a happy state of affairs has changed, and recent discoveries in Beluchistan and Rhodesia of huge chrome deposits, added to the riches of New Caledonia, have displaced Turkish chrome from the world's markets. There is no reason, however, why it should not once more enter into competition, for the chrome still exists and it is only a question of building good roads and constructing railroads to bring the ore down to the seaport. As the railroads are being extended as fast as the exchequer of this country permits, it only remains for the roads to be improved or built to allow motor lorries to bring the ore to the railhead. The principal chrome district

will soon be pierced by the Kutahya-Taoushanli railway now in course of construction by the firm of Julius Bergee, and the ore will then travel over the Soma-Panderma line. At present it is not profitable to work the great deposits formerly exploited when chrome prices were high, and one of the only mines worked, if not the only one in that district, is the German-owned mine of Dagh-Ardi.

The writer spent several weeks recently in the Kutahya-Broussa chrome districts and, although surprised at the enormous extent of chrome bearing area, he easily understood the opinion of the expert mining engineer whom he accompanied that it was not possible to invest any money until transport facilities were afforded. The roads to the various mines were not only poor but dangerous, and on one occasion one of the native carriages was completely overturned. Thousands of tons of ore, some extracted twenty years ago and some by Krupps during the war, are lying on the dumps as, not taking into consideration the purchase price of the ore at the mine, to take it to a seaport and then ship it would cost very much more than the market price. It can be readily understood how vital the question of roads and railroads is to Turkey and what a vast difference the culmination of the construction policy of H. E. Ismet Pacha will make in the receipts of his country's exchequer.

The queen of all the chrome mines of Turkey is undoubtedly the Dagh-Ardi mine. It has had an interesting history and belonged at one time to a British firm, then to the late Raghib Pacha and is now being worked by a Turkish company financed partly by the German firm of Roechling Brothers. The vein was reported to be 70 feet in breadth and over 50 feet in depth, and 50% ore is in the majority. An aerial line formerly transported the ore to a point on the main road from Taoushanli to Kutahya, whence it was sent by rail to Derindje on the Gulf of Ismidt. This line is now out of commission and ore has to be sent by bullock carts to the railhead, a most expensive and unprofitable business.

Other important mines visited were at Artiranlar, Miran-Dagh, Karli-Yer, and Kozludja, and great dumps of ore formerly belonging to the German Krupp firm still testify to the richness of Turkish chrome deposits. The present price on the world's markets is much too low to warrant these stocks being carried away, but with the completion of the Kutahya railway it is hoped to be able to ship them at a profit.

In addition to these mines that were worked during the war, the writer of this article came across extremely promising outcrops of chrome ore averaging well over 52% on the surface, with indications that the ore had depth and extented over a large area. In fact everything pointed to great prosperity for the district in the future when cheap transportation to the sea will be afforded. Timber is in great abundance, the climate is good and there are streams running all the year round. Whilst on this subject, it gives one great pleasure to record the hospitality shown by all the villagers and especially by those who may be termed the "head men" of the villages. Turkish hospitality in Anatolia is proverbial, but to feed an expedition of half-a-dozen hungry men with four horses, to give up their best rooms and then to refuse payment is hospitality seldom if ever offered in any other country. Naturally, such kindness could not be allowed to pass unrequited, but the hospitality was genuine and sincere, and the writer is glad of the opportunity afforded here of adding his testimony.

The other well-known chrome mining center in Turkey is the Makri region. There are scores of opened-up properties all over this section, some near the coast, others more inland, and, until prices fell in 1908, large profits were made. At present few, if any, are worked at a profit. The best mine is probably the one in the possession of the well-known English firm of Paterson & Co. of Smyrna, a firm that has done more than any other to develop chrome mining in Turkey.

There are also chrome deposits at Denizli on the Smyrna Aidin railway and at Mugla, and further south in the Adana and Mersina zone. These last are of poorer qualities and are not of great extent, and, unless fresh discoveries are made of new rich deposits, the future of Turkey's chrome will still lie in the Kutahya-Broussa fields.

Manganese, like chrome has now dropped to such a low price that it is not profitable to ship ore under 48% and, so far as the English market is concerned, even 48% ore is not in great demand unless it is hard, lumpy ore, whereas much of the manganese from Turkish mines is soft and powdery, even though rich in quality. The great rival to Turkish manganese is the famous Chiatura district in the Caucasus now being worked by the powerful American Harriman Group. As the output is now about a million tons a year of good ore, it will be readily understood what a blow this has been to the Turkish manganese owners and what an effect this large quantity has on the market price. The Harriman Group has almost unlimited capital and transport facilities have been organized accordingly, so that Turkish ore transported long distances by

bullock carts or camels costs in transport more than the low market price can bear. Even the Black Sea manganese mines which are situated at only 10 to 50 miles from the sea suffer in this respect, as well as by poor loading arrangements at the ports and heavy additional costs of transhipment at Constantinople.

The two most important manganese fields are in the Eregli district on the Black sea and the Makri district opposite the island of Rhodes. British firms have been taking great interest in both these fields and within the last year over a dozen British mining engineers have visited them and spent months of careful examination of the mines or prospects already known, whilst at least two German groups are also interested in them. This is very gratifying ing and, if the projected new law on mining is made somewhat more encouraging to prospective investors, we shall probably see Turkey once more an important exporter of manganese as soon as the new railway lines are built.

In the Eregli district the most important manganese properties are those belonging to the Société Turkmen, whose directors deserve great credit for the endeavor they have made to develop mining in Turkey. Their efforts have been crowned with success in so far as they have shipped several thousand tons for German consumption. Transport in their case is by motor lorries to the sea, but, although such a method is better than the old bullock-cart system, the shipments are limited owing to the necessity for frequent repairs, and the construction of railroads or aerial ropeways would be necessary to increase greatly the exports.

There are many other manganese properties dotted along the Black Sea, and an expert, a friend of the writer, recently examined over two dozen. The want of capital prevents these from being worked extensively but, as most of them are near the coast, they can be worked on a modest sum. One property at Rizeh, is only a mile from the shore and theoretically pure ore is found. An English Company has been working it recently and shipped a few hundred tons of pyrolasite which brought over £ 10 per ton in London.

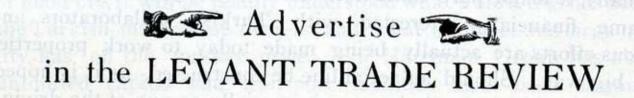
As regards the Makri district several British and Turkish private firms worked manganese properties regularly before the war along with chrome, and, of the 15,000 to 20,000 tons exported annually, a major part came from here. Recently, a German group became financially interested with Turkish collaborators and serious efforts are actually being made today to work properties in a big way. Should an aerial line be constructed, as it is hoped, exports should be greatly increased, especially as one of the driving

forces in this concern is the energetic deputy for Constantinople, Colonel Edib Servet Bey, who has worked so hard to develop the mineral riches of his country.

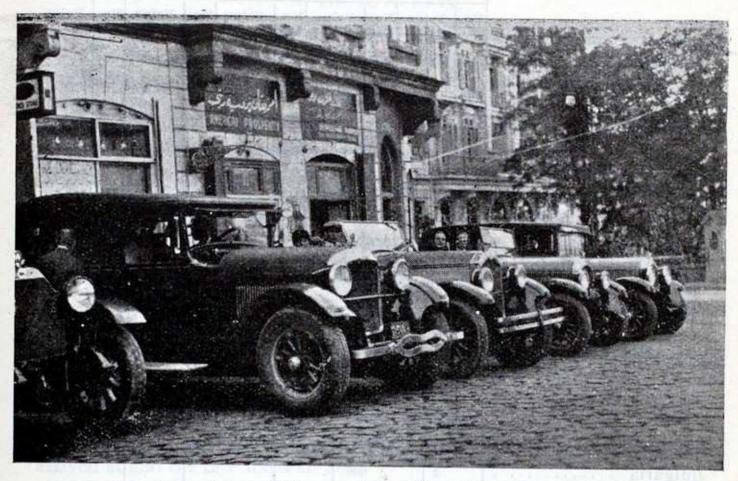
Silver-Lead .- In speaking of this true son of Turkey, one immediately thinks of the famous Balia-Karaidin silver-lead mines, of which Edib Servet Bey is also one of the leading men. Here we have a group of mines of which any country should be proud. Situated in the Vilayet of Balikiser, a few miles from the town of Balia, and linked with the port of Aktchai by the recently made railway of Ilidja-Iskélé-Palamoutlouk, the Balia-Karaidin Mining Company's concession covers a big area, and in the latest Report issued are mentioned the mines of Karaidin, Pyrgos, Patlak, Papazlik, Mandjilik, and Hadji-Veli. In the 1926 Report are also mentioned two other mines, viz, those of Ary and Bonne-Espérance, but the first was still flooded owing to the cessation of work in 1922. Owing to the scarcity of labor, there was a falling off in production in 1925, only 77,825 tons of ore being extracted as against 89,875 tons in 1924, and in 1925 4,783 tons of lead against 5,104 tons of lead in 1924. Great improvement was shown in 1926, when 84,568 tons of ore produced 6,168 tons of lead. Unfortunately, the continued fall in the market price of lead has prevented the company from reaping the benefit of its increased efforts. However further improvements are being made and the Decauville road between Balia and Palamoutlouk, formerly worked by animal traction, has given way to 42 locomotives ordered from France. The «Flotation» installation has also been actively pushed on and is now giving excellent results. Had the price of lead not fallen so low, this company would now be paying a good return to its shareholders.

Another famous silver-lead group is the Bulgar-Maaden, which had been worked for many years but is now inactive. Other well-known deposits of silver-lead are at Keban-Maaden, West of Harput Gumush-Haneh in the Trebizond district, Gumush-Hadjikeuy near Marsovan, and Tekmezar on the Black Sea. The writer has several reports on other deposits, but the question of transport prevents work being done for the present.

To be continued



Increasing Export of American Cars to the Near East



American Automobiles on a Taxi Stand in Constantinople

Automobiles and trucks, together with the entire range of kindred automotive products, constitute a steadily increasing item in exports from the United States to all parts of the world. Such goods go to all countries, both to those which have a local automotive industry of their own, as well as to those countries which do not themselves manufacture any cars and trucks.

The various countries covered by the activities of our Chamber all come within the latter category, with the exception of a relatively unimportant attempt to manufacture heavy duty truck chassis in Rumania. Since there are no highly protective rates of import duty to foster the growth of home industry, and since all of these countries are short of adequate rail transportation facilities, they naturally form a market of increasing importance to American factories. Several Near Eastern countries likewise have domestic supplies of motor fuel, or promise to have such supplies devoloped in the future, so that from every point of view the Near East offers a market that cannot be neglected.

The various American car and truck manufacturers have not neglected this market, and as time goes on the more enterprising factories which have taken the trouble to start business in this part of the world will reap their

rewards.

Individual makes have been sold to greater or lesser degree, but thus far the real pioneers are the Ford Motor Company (Ford and Lincoln) and the General Motors Export Company (Buick, Cadillac, La Salle, Chevrolet, Oakland, Pontiac, Oldsmobile and G. M. C. Trucks). The former opened its first supply plant at Trieste in 1923, and in 1926 started a similar plant in Alexandria.

General Motors in the summer of 1926 formed a local subsidiary company in Egypt, and now has a very active distributing plant in Alexandria, which controls and supplies their exports to the entire Near East, including Italy as well in the scope of its operations. A local branch of its financial subsidiary, the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, is likewise functioning at Alexandria, and materially aids in the rapid expansion of the sale of General Motors products by the aid which it gives to financing sales to

oversion but monthesis	PASSENGER CARS											
Countries	Up	to \$500	\$500	to \$800	\$800	to\$1200	\$1200to\$2000		Over \$2000			
the Landston	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value		
Bulgaria	3	1,154	1	708	18	15,627	1	1,237	-			
Greece	469	180,920	110	61,353	47	37,095	25	31,298	10	27,437		
Rumania	550	201,412	178	103,219	237	201,596	140	155,349	47	111,851		
Turkey	189	67,488	135	71.618	109	91,698	37	44,154	13	27,925		
Yugoslavia	32	15,233	36	22,086	68	59,008	25	26,857	8	20,100		
Palestine & Syria	173	60,459	98	60,966	102	83,970	66	81,412	1	2,245		
Percia	141	49,885	7	3,492	24	21,244	7	8,994	1	2,320		
Egypt	521	190,637	552	268,697	251	225,629	119	139,697	11	30,108		
Italy	247	83,775	67	25,166	53	46,470	43	56,850	9	31,449		

	TRUCKS										
Countries	Up t	to 1 Ton	1 to 2	1/2 Tons	Over 2 //2 Tons						
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value					
Bulgaria	2	606	-	tons of	T Total	Tin Tin					
Greece	157	53,673	6	6,702	031434	Senteri					
Rumania	666	227,773	10	13,013	2	4,800					
Turkey	194	81,789	5	9,247		Inited S					
Yugoslavia	2	923	4	7,020		ned Steel					
Palestine & Syria	34	17,264	20	23,081	3	31,000					
Persia	371	42,178	14	16,887	6	37,130					
Egypt	644	258,617	13	20,804	nis ba	Winstry.					
Italy	172	45,294	ung // 3	3,227	notes	o <u>m</u> erican					

dealers, and even retail sales by dealers in a number of countries.

Other American makes enjoying the favor of Near Eastern markets are Chrysler, Studebaker, Erskine, Dodge Brothers with their companion truck line Graham-Brothers, Willys-Overland, Chandler, Nash, Hupmobile, Rugby (Star in the U. S. A.), Auburn, Reo, Hudson-Essex, Moon, Packard, Velie, International Harvester Trucks, etc., etc.

We give above the figures compiled by the U. S. customs authorities showing the total exports of cars and trucks to various Near Eastern countries during the first six months of 1927, divided by classes according to the factory list prices.

The figures for Italy are also included in this table inasmuch as practically the entire export business for the General Motors Company to Italy is handled through the distribution plant at Alexandria, and the Ford distribution plant at Trieste supplies practically all of the cars of that make for Yugoslavia and northern Rumania, and to a certain extent for Greece and other Near Eastern countries.

Exchange during September 1927

By MR. A. N. LEVY

The month of September, for those who are superstitious, and there are many such in the bourse, will be considered the fatal month. In September 1926 there was a crisis in exchange, and in September 1927 a money crisis. These two situations both extremely critical, though diametrically opposed to each other in character, were felt during two consecutive years at precisely the same period. In September 1926 the lack of foreign exchange was felt to such an extent, despite the measures taken by the Commissar of the Bourse and by the banks, that the pound sterling rose from 852 to 971 creating a real panic on the market. In September 1927 the contrary occurred with the same violence. The tightness of Turkish money forced the sterling down from 990 (rate quoted in August) to 929. This money crisis has attained such proportions as to be unique. No one even among the oldest and most experienced in the local financial and commercial world has witnessed anything comparable in severity.

In order to get an idea of the gravity of the situation, it is sufficient to learn that the last fortnightly liquidation in the bourse could not be accomplished in normal manner; the owners of bonds were willing to pay interest up to 50 % in order to carry forward their loans to the next liquidation, but were unable to find acceptors. A compromise was finally arrived at and the rate fixed at 30%.

This strange contrast between the two crises can be explained by the following: In 1926 exchange offers were late in coming from Smyrna, the market was impatient, everybody started buying foreign exchange in September and this caused the crisis in exchange and the resulting rise in foreign quotations. This year on the contrary, as was pointed out in the last report, the tobacco crop was early and Smyrna offered foreign exchange in advance of the time expected. For this reason there followed a general flow of Turkish money from Constantinople to the Smyrna region and after about ten days of such drainage the local market found itself suddenly depleted of available funds. This explains the money crisis.

The tightness of the money market is felt each year during the export season, but it does not approach the character of a crisis except towards the month of November and even then never exceeds the limits of reason. One cannot but attribute the causes for the gravity of the present critical situation to the following reasons:

1) Each year it is not until the end of August or beginning of September that the banks and individuals begin to take the necessary steps to provide against the difficulties of the period of tightness in the money market. This year they had scarcely started when they found themselves in the midst of the crisis, which being premature found everybody unprepared.

2) The Government having decided to pay salaries to officials in advance, the Turkish banks had to withdraw the funds deposited with other banks to prepare the sums necessary to pay the two months' salaries at the same time.

This crisis forced all those who had need of Turkish pounds to obtain loans in foreign exchange and then sell this exchange on the market. This

brought about the fall in the Sterling. One should add also as a contributing cause to this fall the fact, likewise due to the tightness of the money market, that the purchases of foreign exchange were of little importance owing, not to the absence of demands, for, on the contrary there were many, but to the impossibility of satisfying these demands, the buyers being unable to obtain the means of paying for their foreign exchange requirements.

To reiterate: — Abundance of offers of foreign exchange resulting not only from exportation of tobacco, nuts, mohair, etc., but also and more especially from those who have had to sell short to obtain Turkish pounds, and falling off of purchases of foreign exchange, owing to the absence of Turkish money with which to settle; these were the characteristics of the exchange market during the month of September. In this way the short positions in exchange instead of decreasing have increased, thereby producing a serious situation to be taken care of in the near future. In the meantime there is no sign of improvement, prospects for October are therefore, not bright and the sterling which closed at 929 on the 30th of the month maintains its tendency toward weakness. Judging from the foregoing it would appear certain, however, that as soon as this crisis is over, foreign exchange will appreciate.

Among the foreign exchange the only one which has offered interest during September is the dollar, which has continued to depreciate as against sterling. On September it was quoted at 4.86 1/32 and on the 24th reached 4.86 23/32 per pound sterling, which means it has practically reached the gold parity.

Smyrna Exports during the Month of September

Smyrna exports during the month of September, 1927, amounted to 12,597,432 Turkish liras, which are listed below by commodity and country of destination:

United S	States			Kilos	Ltqs.
	Kilos	Ltqs.	Carpets	» 156	105,535
Figs 4	,567,786	1,318,025	Cereals Waste	25,000	The second secon
Grapes	383,585	71,324	Emery	72,100	1,298
	,456,418	4,399,016	Ita	aly	
Valonea	22,500	1,300	Tobacco	The same of the sa	1,145,137
Opium	965	16,110	Figs	200,737	
Olive Oil	6,383	11,510	Grapes	746,633	229,328
Carpets (B)	ales) 143	186,203	Valonea	90,000	10,050
Licorice Root 1,	701,000	106,145	Chick-peas	9,837	942
Engla	nd	in hatrais	Indian Corn	5000 Mar. 100.5 Mar.	516
Figs 4,		601,498	Oil-Cake Residue.		132
Grapes 3		The second secon	Olive Oil		8,000
Barley 1,		10,500	Raw Skins		15,876
Licorice Root		1,424	Carpets	» 11	6,952
Licorice Paste		2,369	Fra	nce	COLUMN TO SERVICE OF THE PARTY
****	8,000	800	Figs		44 710
Jam		50	Grapes		44,712
Tanned Hides (B		25,258	Licorice Root		17,400 14,922

	Kilos	Ltqs	Syria Syria	
Copper Extract	1,350	829	Kilos	Ltqs.
Valonea	500	90	Fezzes 1,510	2,867
Opium		113,708	Valonea 35,433	2,988
Tanned Hides		2,454	Kernel of Fir-cone 591	693
Raw Skins	» 55	15,560	Henné 1,000	150
Cotton		57,200	Kernel of Fir-cone 860	
Almonds		5,110	Melons(Number)3,000	1,431
Carpets		13,973		300
Copper Waste		3,847	Rumania	
Mohair		367	Grapes	17,124
		307	Figs 37,374	10,951
Geri	nany		Almonds, 935	375
Grapes	533,101	1,568,691	Russia	
Figs	1,164,083	185,923	Grapes 114,765	32,367
Tobacco	62,570	62,570	Figs 276,400	62,522
Gall-nuts	500	120	Gall-nuts 1,128	451
Opium	230	5,760	Cotton (Bales) 28	4,000
Guts	1,605	1,438	Greece	
Raw Skins	(Bales) 2	750		
The state most water			Grapes 4,020	1,514
The state of the s	ium		Beans 4,500	993
Figs		99,361	Carpets (Bales) 2	764
Grapes		112,119	Cotton Yarns » 403	100,160
Tobacco	1,359	861	Eggs (Cases) 157	5,509
Valonea	5,000	30)	Bulgaria	
Barley		26,370	Kilos	Ltqs.
Licorice Root	5,235	381	Valonea 72,009	5,000
Carpets	(Bales) 11	8,880	Figs 1,760	258
Tahine	580) in a constant	Oak Bark 7,450	430
Fir-wood Root	100	570	Cotton Yarns 45	9,300
Olive Oil		Sales L		0,300
Emery	67,000	1,170	Australia	
			Figs	51,400
The Net			Grapes 75,000	32,000
Figs		28,925	Almonds 50,000	7,500
Grapes		235,462	Czecho - Slovakia	
Opium	913	23,825	Tobacco 65,411	65,411
Carpets	(Rales) 2	904		00,111
Eg	ypt		Norway	7.610
Grapes	28,816	16,814	Figs 42,800	7,610
Figs	32,300	6,014	Canada	
Almonds	4,101	4,055	Figs 10,200	2,040
Peaches	32,176	4,803	Carpets (Bales) 3	2,040
Melons(Nu		670	Finland	Unit of Service
Beans	15,101	2,208	The state of the sales of the s	2 500
Kernel of Fir-cone	2,142	3,940	Figs 12,820	2,500
Olive Oil	7,980	5,766	Scandinavia	
Water-melon Seeds	4,680	1,198	Grapes 5,300	1,983
Carpets		6,973	Switzerland	
Valonea	16,588	1,374		7.47
atonea	10,000	1,5/4	Carpets (Bales) 2	747

FINANCING THE TURKISH TRADE *

Export.

In general, it may be said that Turkey is a very conservative market, and that business methods and practices are seldom altered, unless changes are necessitated by unusual economic, political, or commercial developments. Ordinarily, foreign purchasers of Turkish raw materials are extended no credit facilities. There is no modern system of extending loans to farmers or otherwise financing crops. A very large proportion of the farmers are usually in financial difficulties, and only a comparatively small number of them are able to obtain advances or loans from private concerns or individuals. Such loans or advances usually involve heavy material sacrifices on the part of the farmers. This condition is due partly to the fact that there is only a limited number of individuals or companies interested in or capable of making loans to farmers. Hence, those farmers obtaining loans cannot expect liberal terms.

Exporters operating for their own account are usually obliged to finance their shipments on practically a 100 per cent cash basis, shipping their goods in many instances payable against documents at destination or upon delivery of shipping documents, without obtaining from foreign consignees an irrevocable credit. Such terms, together with the fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, as well as the high rates of interest and the limited loans which they obtain from local banks against depositing their goods with such establishments, make it impossible for exporters in general to extend long-term credits to foreign buyers.

A few leading export firms which maintain their own selling branches in foreign markets and ship their goods to foreign markets on consignment pay for such goods as they are sold. Most exporters are financially unable to assume the risks involved thereby.

More detailed statements in regard to financing the Turkish export trade will be made in the following pages dealing with the principal Turkish export products. No recent figures are available showing Turkish imports from or exports to various countries by commodities.

Tobacco. — The Turkish grower must, as a rule, finance his crops himself. The majority of growers are continually finding it difficult to make ends meet. Merchants in Turkey do not assist producers in any real sense of the word. Loans given by exporters or provincial merchants to producers are often granted on a speculative basis; and the growers are often obliged to hypothecate part or all of their crops. At times the farmer sells his crop outright, and the party advancing the money has a chance to obtain the crop at a much reduced price. With the exception of the Turkish Agricultural Bank, there are no recognized financial institutions from which the growers may borrow against their crops. The Agricultural Bank is, however, unable to render assistance to all producers requiring loans. Occasionally some of the large American purchasing companies in Turkey make advances to the growers.

A number of leading merchants and exporters appoint agents in the important producing districts, either for the purpose of purchasing or of

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securing options on desirable tobaccos. Certain large exporters, especially the local purchasing branches of well-known American tobacco and cigarette manufacturers, buy their stocks — outright or on commission — from native merchants in Smyrna, Samsun, and Constantinople.

Generally speaking, the cultivator pays little attention to the grading of his crop. He is either constantly in need of money or he lacks the necessary time for a careful sorting of leaves, and therefore packs them together carelessly and sells them to the first purchaser. The assorting and packing (manipulation) is then attended to by merchants or exporters. Although the crop may be exported within three or four months after manipulation, most of the American and other large local concerns hold their stocks for one or two years for proper aging. Many smaller concerns export their tobacco within six months to one year after manipulation.

The banks play an important part in the preliminary financing of the Turkish tobacco business. A large proportion of the tobacco trade is conducted on a cash basis; and, while merchants or exporters are obliged to acquire their stocks with ready cash, they are unable to realize on their investments for a considerable period, pending the remanipulation of tobacco stocks after their arrival from producing districts, or pending the sale and shipment of these stocks. The practice most generally followed by merchants and many exporters is to deposit their stocks in the warehouse of a bank against a loan. Local banks usually grant loans or advances averaging from 50 to 65 per cent of the actual market value of stocks of manipulated tobacco deposited with them, and charge interest at the rate of 9 per cent per annum plus one-fourth per cent commission on their loan. On unmanipulated stocks deposited with them, banks grant a higher loan, averaging from 60 to 75 per cent of the actual market value of the tobacco, and charge on such loans the same rate of interest and commission.

As regards the final financing of tobacco exports, the procedure followed in connection with shipments to European countries and to Egypt is for the foreign importers to send their purchasing representatives at certain periods during the year to the Turkish market. The latter pay for their purchases by means of an irrevocable credit opened by their principals with a local bank in favor of the seller against the latter's delivery of shipping documents. The delivery of these documents is made through the bank with which the seller's tobacco stocks are deposited; and the credit is paid to this latter bank, which deducts the equivalent of the loan granted to the seller, plus interest, and commission, and other charges, and then credits the seller with the balance.

The above method of financing tobacco exports is the usual one, and it is followed by most native merchants and by many exporters.

By another method the foreign buyer opens an irrevocable credit with a local bank in favor of the consignor of goods, which credit is payable against delivery of shipping documents. The consignor may in this case be the exporter himself, or any other party selected by a local exporter acting as the buying representative of the foreign importers, the bank with which the credit is opened being instructed accordingly.

Another procedure, which is frequently but not generally employed, is to authorize the exporter or shipper to draw a 60 or 90 days' draft on the foreign consignee. Upon acceptance by the consignee, the shipper delivers the shipping documents, discounting the accepted draft at a rate of between 9 and 10 ½ per cent, including interest and commission.

Turkish tobacco transactions with the United States are entirely on a cash, or actual prepayment, basis. The principal American leaf purchasing companies maintain offices in Constantinople and an adequate organization in the producing districts, which extends loans to the planters. They make advances to purchasing agents, and/or purchases from merchants or banks for cash spot stocks. Payment is made in cash with Turkish pounds obtained by the American companies from the sale of checks or drafts on New York.

As practically all foreign consumers obtain their requirements of Turkish tobacco through purchasing agents or their own representatives, no Turkish tobacco is exported on a consignment basis.

Figs and raisins. — In the fig and raisin business, which is centered at Smyrna, the financing is effected in much the same manner as in the case of tobacco, although more liberal arrangements are usually made with foreign buyers.

The preliminary financing in the producing districts is conducted by a special class of native merchants who extend loans to farmers, the latter hypothecating their crops to these merchants either entirely or to the extent of the loans which they receive. These merchants act as middlemen between the farmers and exporters. They conduct the sales of the farmers' crops for a commission of 3 to 5 per cent charged to the farmer, plus interest and other charges, amounting as a rule to about 12 per cent. These rates vary according to special agreements with individual farmers. producer has sometimes been cheated or misled in his transactions with the middleman; therefore at present farmers prefer to sell their entire crop to established exporters in advance against a loan, if such loan is urgently required. Formerly numerous exporters made heavy advances to fig and raisin growers, but for various reasons many of them have abandoned this practice. There are, however, still a certain number of leading exporters who continue to extend advances to farmers.

Fig and raisin exports are made for the greater part on a firm sales basis. Exporters send shipping documents to foreign consignees, generally accompanied by a 30-day draft and at times by a 60-day draft for the consignees' acceptance.

English and American importers, who are the most important individual buyers of Turkish figs and raisins, arrange for cash settlement against delivery of shipping documents at Smyrna. In most cases, the packer and exporter simply execute orders obtained prior to the shipping season.

A number of European firms effect their purchases on the local spot market through their special traveling purchasing representatives. The latter settle their purchases on the spot by means of a 30-day draft, which if the buyer is known on the market, can be discounted immediately with local banks. Otherwise, such drafts have to be indorsed by the foreign drawer's bank and can then be discounted locally. The rate of discount, plus interest charged by local banks on such drafts, generally averages about 9 per cent. This method is followed principally in transactions with German and Italian firms.

A considerable portion of the fig and raisin export business is also conducted on a purely consignment basis. A number of exporters in Smyrna ship to foreign sales agents or to their own foreign branches for sale and settlement after disposal.

Mohair and Wool. — The spot business in mohair and wool is financed extensively by local banks. Banks extend more liberal advances to mohair and wool exporters than to exporters of tobacco and other Turkish export products. This is primarily because the most important part of the local wool and mohair trade is concentrated among a limited number of financially responsible merchants, who are favorably known in local banking and business circles and in the more important foreign markets. In addition, it is stated that wool and mohair are considered by the banks as more stable commodities than most of the other domestic export products, thus justifying more extensive bank loans.

Local mohair and wool merchants pay ready cash for stocks purchased from breeders, and many of them then deposit these stocks, before or after manipulation, with local banks and apply for a loan. Advances or loans granted by local banks on mohair and wool deposits average between 60 and 80 per cent of the market value of these commodities. A few of the leading firms at times obtain even a larger advance. Banks usually charge about the same rate of interest and commission on loans on wool and mohair as on tobacco.

Shipments of mohair and wool are paid for by foreign purchasers either in cash before shipment or by means of an irrevocable credit opened with a local bank and payable against delivery of shipping documents. In many cases shipments are also made c. i. f. New York or Liverpool payable against delivery of shipping documents to the consignees or their respective banks at destination.

Opium. — The local financing of the spot business in opium is done usually in the same manner as in the case of other Turkish export products. The principal spot business in opium is centralized among a limited number of well-known firms which enjoy more or less liberal banking facilities in Turkey.

Local banks usually advance to holders of stocks deposited with them between 60 and 70 per cent of the actual market value of such stocks.

Export shipments are usually settled by foreign consignees by means of an irrevocable credit opened with a local bank in favor of the shipper or his local bank and payable against delivery of shipping documents.

Rugs and Carpels. — The Turkish carpet business consists of the trade in domestic rugs and carpets, as well as in Persian, Caucasian, and central Asian carpets. The latter are imported in bond and are sold in and reexported from local customs transit warehouses. The business in Persian, Caucasian, and central Asian products constitutes the more important phase of the Turkish carpet export trade.

Local importers and exporters of carpets pay for consignments upon receipt of the shipping documents by opening a credit with a London bank in favor of the shippers, this credit being transferred thereafter either to the shipper in his own country or held at his disposal in London.

Export sales of carpets from Constantinople are customarily negotiated in one of the three following ways :

(I) A number of leading local concerns maintain their own sales organization in foreign countries and ship their goods on a consignment

basis for gradual disposal for their own account.

(2) A very considerable part of the export business is done locally in spot goods by purchasing agents of foreign importers and retailers, who visit Constantinople periodically. These purchases are usually cash transactions paid for in dollar and/or sterling checks and/or sight drafts, or in Turkish pounds obtained from the sale of New York and/or London checks.

(3) A large proportion of the export business is concluded by shipping to foreign consignees against the delivery of an accepted draft or a bank guarantee. Such drafts may be discounted locally for about 9 per

cent.

Import

Cotton Textiles and Yarns. — Cotton textiles and yarns constitute the most important single import item in Turkey's foreign trade, representing on the average from 35 to 40 per cent of total Turkish imports. According to customs figures for 1923, 1924, and 1925, imports of cotton textiles, yarns, etc., amounted to £T53,939,768, £T63,571,483, and £T74,127,634, and represented 37, 33, and 31 per cent, respectively, of total Turkish imports during those years.

By far the most important part of the local cotton goods import business is carried on by local representative commission agents of foreign mills and exporters on the basis of 60, 90, 120, and in a few individual instances, 180 days' accepted drafts. Acceptance of the draft by local consignees is taken after arrival of goods and against receipt of shipping documents through the consignors, local bank, without the prior establishment of credits either locally or abroad in favor of foreign cousignors. All banking charges in this connection, including interest, are borne by the foreign shippers. In a great many instances foreign manufacturers or exporters send their invoices, bills of lading, insurance policies, and drafts to their respective local commission agent for delivery and collection or for obtaining acceptance of draft, so as to avoid bank charges and to facilitate business. Frequently, when local drawees are unable to meet their drafts on maturity because of exchange fluctuations or other circumstances, foreign drawers agree to an extension of the drafts.

The only exception in the financing of cotton goods imports occurs in connection with Japanese grey sheetings, and shipments of sheetings and "manufactures" by American manufacturers and exporters.

The bulk of the Turkish import trade in American grey sheetings, the principal and only important item of American cotton textiles imported into Turkey at the present time, was formerly handled on the basis of irrevocable credit established in the United States prior to the shipment of goods, all charges connected with the opening of such credit being borne by the local importer. For the last few years, however, the business in American grey sheetings has been conducted on the basis of a 60 and sometimes a 90 days' irrevocable credit opened with a bank in New York against delivery of shipping documents, American shippers thus being enabled to discount their drafts and indorse them in favor of the discount-

ing bank, discount and interest as well as collection charges being borne by the American shippers.

The business in Japanese grey sheetings, which are supplied to Turkish importers through Japanese manufacturers' or exporters' agents or jobbers from bonded stocks in Port Said or Alexandria, is financed by importers by means of a 90-day irrevocable credit opened with a London bank in favor of the Japanese shippers or their Egyptian agent — the drafts of the shippers or their agent being discounted on the London market at rates of 6 to 8 per cent, plus three-eighths to one-half per cent bank commission, charges being borne by the shippers.

Dutch grey sheetings are supplied against payment of shippers' sight drafts upon delivery of shipping documents after arrival of goods in the Turkish customs.

Foodstuffs. — The principal import commodities included under the above heading are grains and cereals, sugar, coffee, tea, etc. According to customs figures for 1923, 1924, and 1925 imports of the above commodities amounted to £T29,736,829, £T40,868,058, and £T43,554,822 and represented 21, 21, and 18 per cent, respectively, of total Turkish imports during the three years.

With the exception of grain and cereals, the bulk of the import business in foodstuffs is financed by local importers by means of irrevocable credits opened with a local bank in favor of the foreign shippers, payable against delivery of shipping documents to that bank after arrival of the shipments. Responsible and well-known importers are extended more liberal payment facilities, foreign exporters agreeing to ship goods to such parties c.i.f. Constantinople, payable against arrival of documents and goods at Constantinople or Smyrna and without the opening of an irrevocable credit by the consignee.

With particular reference to sugar and some other foodstuffs which are subject to wide price fluctuations on the world market, the practice usually followed is that local consignees open in favor of the foreign shippers an irrevocable credit covering a margin of about 20 per cent of the value of the shipments ordered, the balance being payable against delivery of the shipping documents upon arrival of goods. The above credit is intended to protect the shipper against the various risks of nonacceptance, depreciation, etc.

Grain and cereal imports from America, Rumania, and Bulgaria are generally financed by local importers through the opening of an irrevocable credit with the order, payable at the port of shipment to the consignor against delivery of shipping documents to the bank with whom the credit was opened.

Automobiles, Agricultural Machinery, and Farning Implements. — American automobiles represent about 50 per cent of Turkey's total automobile imports, and are paid for on the basis of irrevocable credits opened with a bank in United States in favor of the shipper and payable against delivery of shipping documents to the bank with which the credit was opened.

European automobiles are shipped to this market partly on the above basis and partly c. i. f. Constantinople, payable against delivery of shipping documents upon arrival of goods in that city. Some European concerns also supply cars to their local agents on a consignment basis, and others against one-year accepted draft.

American tractors and agricultural power machinery are sold to the Turkish market for cash in the United States upon shipment and also on the basis of cash against delivery of documents, at Constantinople after arrival of goods. With a few exceptions, European firms shipping such machinery to Turkey grant short-term credits, or sell against payment of an installment on delivery of shipping documents in Turkey, extending a short-term credit for the balance.

European manufacturers and exporters sell horse and hand implements to a few local importers on a credit basis, granting relatively easier and better terms than in the case of farm power machinery. Some European firms supplying farm implements to the Turkish market extend up to a three months' credit against consignees' accepted draft. One or two European manufacturers have their own sales branch in Constantinople, and are, therefore, in a position to make various credit arrangements according to the importance and solvency of customers. There are known intances of American concerns shipping on consignment, but this practice is rare. Some European manufacturers are known to have shipped to this market on consignment and one one-year credit.

Upper Leathers. — The greater part of the local import business in foreign upper leather is done on the basis of cash against documents in Constantinople. A few European and a very few American firms extend 31 days' credit against consignees' draft acceptance.

Hardware and Machinery. — Hardware imports into Turkey are of considerable importance. The bulk of the business is controlled by continental, especially German, Czechoslovak, Hungarian, Belgian, and Austrian firms, which invariably extend liberal credit facilities to local importers. American firms have only a small share in the local hardware business, as their goods are in general of higher quality than the local market requires and consequently high priced. The question of payment terms also presents a problem to American exporters in this line. Continental firms supply their goods either on the basis of 25 per cent against delivery of shipping documents at Constantinople upon arrival of goods, obtaining acceptance of a draft of 60 to 90 days for the balance, or draft acceptance, without any cash installment, at 60 to 90 days against delivery of documents at Constantinople upon arrival of goods at that port.

The machinery import business is likewise Controlled by European firms which extend credit facilities to importers.

ATTENTION IS AGAIN CALLED TO THE FACT THAT BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1927, ALL CONSULAR INVOICES AND CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN COVERING SHIPMENTS OF GOODS EXPORTED TO TURKEY MUST BE VISED BY A TURKISH CONSUL, REGARDLESS OF THE COUNTRY, CITY, OR PORT FROM WHICH SUCH SHIPMENTS ARE MADE.

Continued Expansion in Rumanian Automotive Market

Registrations of automotive vehicles, which numbered 11,725 at the beginning of 1926, increased within twelve months to 15,895, according to official returns from the 71 districts of Rumania, made available by the statistical division of the Rumanian Ministry of the Interior to the American Consulate. The latter office has undertaken the consolidation of these returns as a matter of value to the American automotive and related trades.

The following tabulation shows the kinds of automotive vehicles

included in these registrations, as of January 1, 1926 and 1927.

Motor-vehicle registrations in Rumania, as of January 1, by class of vehicle

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Class of vehicle	Num- ber	Percent of total	Num- ber	Percent of total		
Touring cars	6,807	58.05	11,308	71.14	+4,501	
Trucks	3,677	31.36	2,942	18.50	-735	
Motor cycles	757	6.46	862	5.42	+ 105	
Autobusses	401	3.42	666	4.19		
Tank trucks Road tractors	53 30	71	{ 36 81	.25 .50	-17 -\ 51	
Total	11,725	100.00	15,895	100.00	+4,170	

It will be noted that the most striking increase occurred in touring cars, 4.501 units having been added during this 12-month period. This represents an increase in registration of no less than 66 per cent and accounts for no less than 90 per cent of the total addition.

The number of trucks has actually declined-accounted for by the progressive scrapping of old army stocks.

Registration of American Vehicles Forge Ahead.

Automotive vehicles of American manufacture show a steadily increasing tendency to distance foreign competitors, as may be observed from the following table of the distribution of automotive vehicles according to countries of origin:

Registration of automotive vehicles in Rumania, as of January 1, by country of origin

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Country of origin	Num- ber	Per cent of total	Num- ber	Per cent of total	Num- ber	Per cent
United States	3,974	33.89	7,825	49.23	+3851	96.9
Italy	1,726	14.72	2,463	15.40	+737	42.7
France	1,577	13.45	1,725	10.85	148	9.5
Germany	1,393	11.88	1,709	10.75	+316	22.7
Austria	932	7.95	887	5.58	45	4.8
Great Britain	178	1.52	260	1.64	+82	46.0
Czechoslovakia	59	.50	105	.66	+46	77.9
Rumania 1	35	.30	63	.40	+28	80.0
Others (including unidentified)	1,851	15.79	858	5.49	-993	53.6
Total	11,725	100.00	15,895	100.00	+4170	35.0

I Exclusively commercial trucks, manufactured by the Astra Steel Works.

Imports of Automotive Units in 1926.

It would appear from the first of the foregoing tables that some 4,900 automotive units were imported into Rumania during 1926, as shown by the gross increase in registration of all classes of automotive vehicles; in the second table, however, showing distribution of makes according to countries, the gross increase is 5,208. This difference is accounted for by the fact that since January 1, 1926, it has been possible to identify the makes of many previously unidentified units; these have gone to swell the number of foreign makes, balanced in part by cars retired from use.

An exact computation of the number of new units added during 1926 is impossible, owing to the fact that Rumanian customs statistics show only the gross weight of imports of automotive vehicles and give no indication of imports by units.

Relative Share of American Makes.

Of the 49 different makes represented in the 7,825 American automotive vehicles in Rumania at the beginning of 1927 some 4,851 (62 per cent) were manufactured by a universally known manufacturer of a low-priced automobile, as compared with a 55 per cent share in 40 American makes at the beginning of 1926. Second and third places were taken by the low and medium-priced cars of an American corporation producing a varied line of cars, and fourth place was taken by an automobile only recently introduced in the trade. Two well-known high-priced makes of American cars ranked, respectively, fifth and sixth.

Sources of Competition for American Vehicles.

Aside from the limited sales of a few cars of French and German manufacture, the only noteworthy competition offered American automobiles is that of the Italian Fiat, registrations of which in 1926 amounted to 1,517 and in 1927 to 2,168 units. Sales of the Fiat have been promoted by a branch organization in Rumania, which is in a position to offer long credit terms and which is the only organization that accepts used cars in part payment for new ones.

The competition of the Italian Fiat is already showing signs of slackening. In any case, it is not expected to dispute the growing dominance of American automobiles which, since their entrance into this market in any appreciable number in 1924, have steadily forged ahead until their supremacy is almost complete. For instance, at the beginning of 1926 only 33 per cent of all automotive vehicles in Rumania were of American origin; but within twelve months this percentage had increased to 50, while the number of American automotive vehicles had increased by 97 per cent. It is reasonable to conclude, therefore, that at least 80 per cent of the automobiles being sold in Rumania today are of American manufacture.

Causes of Expansion in Local Automotive Trade.

Rumania now ranks sixth among petroleum-producing countries, and the availability and comparatively low cost of gasoline, at present retailing at 7.50 lei per liter (about 28.35, lei, or \$0.17, per gallon), is a factor naturally calculated to give impetus to the development of the local automotive trade.

Furthermore, Rumania has an extensive system of roads, in which the main highways are constructed for the most part of plain macadam and kept in fair condition. The best roads probably are in Transylvania and Bukowina, Provinces acquired from Austria-Hungary in the peace settlement;

there, also, the scenic advantages offer special attractions to the Rumanian automobile tourist. Generally speaking, during the summer months one may traverse the main highways in almost any part of the country, by light or by heavy car.

Finally, there may be noted, as important contributory causes to the growth of the automotive trade in Rumania, the growing disorganization of the railway system and the constant increase in railway rates.

Sales Limited by Character of Population.

The chief limitation on the development of automobile sales in Rumania is the fact that, in the country's total population of approximately 17,000,000, some 80 per cent are peasants of simple habits and frugal tastes, among whom the use of the automobile will hardly become common for many years, especially since land ownership, by the terms of the agrarian reform instituted after the war, is rigidly restricted in amount.

There remain as pontential consumers some 3,400,000 urban inhabitants, among whom the purchase of automobiles continues to be restricted to those of comfortable incomes, although there is an increasing tendency on the part of the less well-to-do classes to make sacrifices in other respects for the sake of acquiring a motor car.

Type of Automobile Preferred-Best Sale Season.

The standard American model with left-hand drive is employed in Rumania, with no modifications. The market for closed cars is improving, with the exception of the coach; the latter is least popular, on account of the extent to which chauffeurs are employed. The preference shown for the touring model is likely to be accentuated rather than diminished, by reason of the surtaxes imposed as of April 14, 1927, on the imports of automobiles weighing more than 1,200 kilos.

The best season for sales is from May to September, inclusive, when the roads are generally dry (although very dusty) and hence comparatively favorable for touring. During the winter months, from November to February, road and climatic conditions are such that travel by automobiles beyond the limits of the cities is difficult and frequently impossible.

Used Cars.

The importation of used cars into Rumania is impractical, as they are subject to the same import duty, handling costs, and transportation charges that are assessed on new cars. Before the war an automobile was expected to last 10 years, but now purchasers are more concerned for an automobile that embodies the latest improvements; consequently, automobiles of other than the cheaper makes are offered for resale by their original owners after two or three years of use. These are disposed of largely to chauffeurs, who show a decided preference for stock models of touring cars rather than for the conventional taxicab.

Motor Busses.

Motor Busses in all Rumania numbered only 401 at the beginning of 1926 and only 666 at the beginning of 1927. The great majority comprised old chassis of light trucks and touring cars converted into busses by the addition of locally made bodies, mostly of the char-à-bancs type and generally of cheap construction.

Outside of Bucharest the bus lines are not well defined, and are largely in the hands of private chauffeurs with too little capital for their efficient exploitation. While the disorganization of railway transportation makes for the multiplication of motor busses, the importation of bus bodies is precluded by the surtaxes on automotive vehicles weighing more than 1,200 kilos— a fact which, together with the character of the public catered to by bus lines, makes it improbable that any market may be developed in the near future for American motor busses.

Trucks.

At present the actual and potential market for motor trucks, other than the light truck of 1 or 2 tons capacity, is very limited, owing to the poor roads in the country districts. Except for the needs of a few of the larger cities, the demand is restricted practically to the chassis of light cheap trucks on which locally made motor-bus or delivery bodies may be mounted.

Motor Cycles.

The sale of motor cycles in Rumania is restricted, not only by the condition of the roads (which are less adapted to the easy running of motor cycles than of automobiles), but especially by the fact that the price of a cheap touring car does not exceed that of a first-class motor cycle.

Registrations of motor cycles increased by 14 per cent during 1926, from 757 to 862. In addition to two well-known American makes, the best selling motor cycles are the Douglas (British), the Sarolea (Belgian), and, more lately, the Delta (German). Of the approximately 120 motor cycles sold in Rumania since January 1, 1927, it is estimated that some two-thirds were the cheap makes, Delta and Sarolea, the one retailing at 25,000 lei (\$150) and the other at 45.000 lei (\$272).

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                                      cents »
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              Heavy Benzine
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Figures are of October 4, 1927.

TURKEY

Transaction Tax Receipts for Constantinople.—It has been reported that during the month of August, the receipts of the transaction tax collected at Constantinople amounted to approximately 900,000 liras,700,000 of which were collected by the customs officials and the remainder by internal revenue officials. This amount is said to be considerably larger than that collected formerly from the consumption tax.

The Minister of Agriculture, to whom the question was referred as to whether articles which are exempt from customs duties were liable for the transactions tax, is said to have declared that such articles were not liable for the tax. He can be judged to be speaking authoritatively inasmuch as most of the articles exempt from customs duties are those used for agricultural purposes.

Certain Articles Exempted from Customs Duties.— It has been announced through the press that the following articles have been placed on the list of goods exempt from the payment of customs duties: alum, sugar cane, gelatine, materials used in tanning, acids, copper, silver and steel wire, ammonia, cotton thread, sheet tin, taminy, crude iron, coke iron, bronze, varnishes, and straw for the manufacture of hats. It is significant that these are practically all raw materials and as such, their being exempt from duty is a stimulation for home industry in Turkey.

It was also stated that photographic materials, typewriters, and binoculars brought by travellers for personal use will not be liable for duty. This points to the evident desire of the Government to facilitate matters for tourists and encourage their entrance and travel in this country.

Belgian Group Makes Bid to Supply Railroad Ties.—A Belgian Company, it is understood, is seeking a concession from the government to supply wooden railway ties for use in the construction now going on. The concession calls for the furnishing of about 2,500,000 beech ties within four years.

Extension of Persian Railway to Erzerum.— A recent declaration in the press from the Persian Commercial Attaché at Constantinople is to the effect that the Persian Government is contemplating the extension of its transit trade through Turkey and that it was seriously considering the construction of a railway line between Tabriz and Erzerum.

The putting into operation of such a line would practically eliminate the extensive trade which is now carried on over the old caravan route between Trebizond on the Black Sea and Tabriz. The value of goods carried over this route, most of which consist of carpets, is said by the Persian Commercial Attaché to amount to about Ltqs. 40,000,000 yearly. The caravan journey takes betwen 45 to 50 days.

For a time this route was in bad favor due to the depredations of outlaw bands in that region, but reports show that it is much safer at the present time and it is said that local insurance agents will insure goods sent over this route against robbery and pilferage.

Congress to Study Animal Diseases in the Balkans.— Announcement was made that a congress would be held this month for the purpose of

studying the methods to check the ravages of various contagious animal diseases which are especially prevalent in the Balkan states. Sabri Bey, Turkish Minister of Agriculture has been selected to inaugurate the proceedings of the meeting.

Increase in Number of Automobiles Imported into Constantinople.—According to statistics furnished by the Municipal Authorities there has been a great increase in the number of automobiles imported into Constantinople this year. Whereas for 1924 only 850 cars were imported, the figure dropping to 831 in 1925, and then reaching the number of 1292 in 1926, for only the first part of this year the figure reached was 1495. These statistics clearly illustrate the unusual activity which the automobile market in this city is undergoing. It is significant to note that by far the greater part of the cars imported here are of American manufacture, the Italian Fiat seeming to be practically the only foreign machine able to meet American competition on the local market.

SMYRNA FRUIT MARKET

Report of C. J. Giraud & Company for the three weeks ending October 8, 1927.

SULTANAS:

The estimated arrivals of Sultanas on the Smyrna market since the opening of the season are 27,820 tons as against 22,300 tons in 1926. The estimated sales have amounted to 23,700 tons as against 21,300 tons for the season of 1926.

Closing prices per cwt. cif. London for the three weeks ending

September 24, and October 1 and 8, were:

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Estimated shipments since the opening of the season are as follows: to the United Kingdom, 6,435 tons as against 8,330 in 1926; to the Continent, 11,850 tons as against 9,660 in 1926; to the United States, Canada and others,

345 tons as against 515 in 1926.

FIGS

The estimated arrivals of Figs on the Smyrna market since the opening of the season are 19,710 tons as against 21,050 tons in 1926. The estimated sales have amounted to 18,685 tons as against 19,431 tons for the season of 1926.

Total shipments to date:

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GREECE

Activity of the Port of Piraeus During September. — During the month of September 728 steam vessels with an aggregate of 497,996 tons and 684 sailing ships weighing 20,859 tons entered the port of Piraeus while during the same period 741 steam vessels and 655 sailing boats left the port. Of these, those bearing the Greek flag were the most numerous, while Italian vessels came second, and English third. During September only one boat carrying the American flag entered the port.

The figures on the merchandise brought into the port are as follows:

Coming from	Tons	Heads of co
Abroad	133,298	20,928
The interior.	22,604	53,478
In transit	4.460	00.1

The principal countries exporting to this port with the principal product of export were as follows:

Country	Tons	Chief product
England	40,321	Coal
Rumania	20,013	Wood, oil, mineral ores
United States	13,689	Wheat
Canada		Wheat
Holland	6,327	Coal
Russia	6,139	Cereals, coal
Belgium	5,616	Metals
Bulgaria	4,533	Wheat
Tunis	3,790	Fertilizer
Germany		Miscellaneous
Italy	2,943	All and the second seco
France	2,673	THE RESERVE AND THE PARTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY
Yugo-Slavia	2,073	Lumber, cement
Turkey	1,387	Cereals
Albania	1,295	Charcoal, and fire wood.

From the port of Piraeus during this month 8,579 tons of merchandise were exported abroad and 21,942 into the interior of Greece, as well as 5,893 heads of cattle. Cyprus was the principal country to which goods were exported, and Italy second. The United States was eighth on the list having taken only 410 tons from Greece that month.

During the month of August, the last date for which figures are available, the custom house at Piraeus collected 113,582,278 drachmas which, compared with the collection for August 1926 shows an increase of 32,172,896 drachmas.

Crops.— The following table shows the estimated production of cereals for the year 1927, as compared with the production of the years 1924, 1925 and 1926:

Kind	1924 Kilos	1925 Kilos	1926 Kilos	1927 Kilos
Wheat	224,564,871	386,171,008	324,076,590	447,105,600
Barley	136,188,321	222,801,400	183,530,870	269,691,000
Maslin	20,657,237	43,556,545	18,305,350	42,656,600
Oats	65,033,651	107,046,092	82,135,360	108,899,600
Rye	23,247,427	37,096,053	40,512,270	59,344,860
Maize	156.816,179	202,036,102	202,269,340	Not available
Rice	619,776	1,164,800	1,562,400	»
Total	627,127,462,	999,872,000	852,292,180	

BULGARIA

Forecast of 1927 Tobacco Harvest. – Although the final figures for the 1927 tobacco harvest in Bulgaria are not yet available, an estimate can be made based on the extent of the area under cultivation together with a consideration of the weather conditions prevailing during the past season.

Dividing the country into sections, and grouping them according to locality as is done in the table below, group I referring to the northern sections, group II to the southern, and group III to the central, it can be seen that there has been a decided decrease in the land planted with tobacco this year, a decrease amounting to 67% in the northern sections, 38% in the southern, and 6.4% in the central. This can be atributed chiefly to the unsalability of the grades of tobacco grown in northern and southern Bulgaria and to the fact that lands planted with tobacco last year, were utilized for other products this season.

Inasmuch as the decrease in area planted was from 30,744 hectares in 1926 to 26,583.8 hectares in 1927 it would be expected that the decrease in tobacco produced would be accordingly. However, because of the exceeding dryness and heat during the months of June, July, and August of this year, the crop was so damaged that the total harvest will probably not amount to more than about 15,000,000 kilos.

It is predicted that most of this crop will be of good quality, color, and aroma.

Due to the greatly decreased production this year, it is thought that the remnants of last year's crop which are still in Bulgaria will be disposed of at rather high prices.

Area cultiv	ated with tob	acco	
Section	Hectares		Decrease
ıst Group	1926	1927	d more
Varna	200.2	34.2	
Vidin	12.7	1.8	
Vratza	328.2	53-3	
Plevene	441.8	91.3	
Roussé	492.2	28.1	
Tirnovo	243.8	140.7	
Choumene	529.6	381.8	
Total	2,248.5	731.2	67%
2nd Group			
Bourgas	1,100.2	537.8	- seorg
Stara-Zagora	1,137.1	882.8	
Sofia	216.3	80.9	TO LANGUE
Total	2,153.6	1,501.6	38%
3rd Group			
Kustendil	2,993	2,212.2	
Plovdiv	8,997.6	7,724.5	
Haskovo	4,715 8	2,905.4	
Petrich	3,844.4	4,211.8	
Mastanly	4,730.6	5,403.3	
Pachmakly	761.4	1,893.8	
Total	26,042.8	24,351	6.4%
Grand Total	30,744.9	26,583.8	13.5%

BULLETIN DES OFFRES COMMERCIALES

Reçues aux Consulats des Etats-Unis d'Amérique dans le Proche-Orient

et à la Chambre de Commerce.

Adresses

des Maisons Américaines.

Woaham, Bates & Goode Trading Co., 44 Whitehall Street,

New York City.

Century Electric Co., 1806 Pine Street,

St. Louis, Mo.

Hudson Forwarding & Shipping Co., 17 State Street,

New York City.

American Utilities Co.,

St. Joseph, Mich.

St. Louis Spring Co.,

3135-39 Washington Boulevard,

St. Louis, Mo.

Van Oppen & Co., Inc.,

44 Whitehall St.,

New York City.

Burson Knitting Co.,

Rockford, Ill.

Spheric Commercial Co. of America, 154 Nassau Street,

New York City.

St. Mary's Oil Engine Co.,

32 Broadway,

New York City.

Shefts Brothers Inc.,

152 W. 29 th Street,

New York City.

Magnesia Filtering Clay Co.,

Las Vegas, 216 Fremont St.,

Nevada.

Mr. Clarence B. Wenger

Delanco, N. J.

Nature de l'Offre

Exportateurs de matériel de chemins de fer.

Exportateurs de moteurs et ventilateurs électriques.

Désirent se mettre en correspondance avec des maisons d'expédition et des agents maritimes.

Désirent se mettre en correspondance avec des personnes pouvant représenter les Hercules Rim Tools.

Désirent exporter des ressorts pour automobiles.

Désirent se mettre en relations avec des importateurs.

Exportateurs de bas et chaussettes.

Désirent importer de la gomme adragante.

Exportateurs de machines à pétrole.

Désirent se mettre en correspondance avec des fourreurs.

Exportateurs d'argile pour filtres.

Importateur de laine, peaux et cuirs.

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

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FOR SEPTEMBER 1927

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MARKET REPORT of the IONIAN BANK LIMITED,

Constantinople Branch,

for September, 1927.

For daily rates on the Dollar see Pages 448-449

Sterling Rates

Opening	Sep	t. 1st	Piastres	961
Highest	»	5th	»	961 1/2
Lowest))	29th	»	930
Closing	D	29th	»	930

In reponse to the general offer of Foreign Exchange, resulting from large purchases of Tobacco by various foreign firms and the continual export of large consignments of figs and raisins, Pound Sterling Exchange declined to 930 ptrs.

A contributary factor to this marked drop is the seasonal stringency in Turkish Money in Constantinople created by transmission of currency to the Interior in payment for produce.

In view of the coincidence of this stringency with the somewhat retarded selling of Foreign Exchange by Exporters, Sterling might have been expected to have fallen still lower. The lowest rate for Sterling in September 1924, 1925 & 1926 was 811,838 & 905 respectively, though on August 1st, 1926, it fell to 852.

Generally the influx of the funds from the Interior takes place during October and November, at which time the liquidity of the Constantinople Money Market is usually readjusted to normal.

It is anticipated in well-informed circles that the offer of Foreign Exchange will not continue to any large extent during October but that, on the contrary, the requirements of this Market for supplies of winter articles and other manufactured goods will necessitate the purchase of considerable amounts of Exchange in cover thereof. Should

these conditions materialize they should result in a steady appreciation of Foreign Exchange.

Flour and Wheat.

The activity of the wheat market maintained a strong tone throughout September. Prices remained quite firm despite the substantial increase of arrivals over last month's total. The Thracian crop is reported to be very abundant and compensates to some extent for the deficiency of the Anatolian crop. Prices are thus at present maintained round about their normal level. It is thought, however, that the shortage of Anatolian wheat will probably provoke an early rise in local prices, and to this fact may be attributed an existing accumulation of Anatolian stocks in many of the local depots.

Arrivals from 29th August to 25th September, 1927.

From:				Tons:
Anatolia.				5,990
Thrace .				8,120
	7	Total		14,110

Prices as on September 29th, 1927, per oke in bulk.

Country of Origin:		Piastres:
Anatolia, 1st quality		18 -181/4
Anatolia, 2nd quality		1614-171
Thrace, 1st quality		16 -
Thrace, 2nd quality.		14 -141/2

N.B.: 1 oke = 2.8264 lbs. = 1 28 kgr. 1 lb. = 0.3538 oke = 0.4536 kgr. 1 kgr = 2.2046 lbs. = 0.78 okes.

MARKET REPORT OF THE IONIAN BANK LIMITED. (Continued)

per

Locally	Mi	lled Flour	Palsan.	
Integral,	1st	quality:	LT.	14

sack of 72 kgs.

Integral, 2nd quality: LT. 13.131/2

per sack of 72 kgs.

Barley.

The market was fairly active during the month. The sustained demand from the Aegean Islands largely contributes to render prospects satisfactory.

Arrivals from Thrace are regular, but, owing to the sales effected, local stocks are not very heavy.

Prices as on September 29th, 1927.

Pirs. per oke

Thrace, delivered in sacks at Sirkedji Station 10.—

Anatolia, delivered in bulk at Haidar-Pacha Station..... 13.—

Tea.

Markets at origin continue to be firm with quotations well maintained.

Towards the close of the month Indian tea offerings met with a good demand and prices were reported slightly dearer than those of last auction.

In Ceylons the better quality and the small supplies available have rendered market conditions exceptionally good, and brisk business ensued at high values.

The Market for Java-Sumatra teas was again strongand dearer, this sort of tea attracting keen competition owing to its generally better quality.

Local transactions have been negligible.

Latest quotation	Price per ID. Price	
Ceylon Orange Pekoe	Common Medium Fine	21-22 22-23 25-27
Java Orange Pek Java Pekoe	19½-23 17-18	

		price per ib. Pence
Indian Orange Pekoe	Medium	21 1/2-24
	Flowery	24-28
Indian Pekoe		19-191/2
	Common .	12-15
	Fine	28-33

Coffee.

Firmness at origin has been consistent during September with prices well maintained.

Europe has bought heavily, especially of good qualities, and the values of such grades show a distinct upward tendency.

The local financial crisis hinders activity on our market.

A great part of the imports effected during last month could not be shipped to Russia, for which country they were intended, and this circumstance created a large accumulation.

Speculative stockholders were soon compelled to dispose of their surplus at low prices, as financial establishments displayed a reluctance to advance money on this commodity.

Local quotations for new crop in transit:

Good bean green Rio No 2 No stocks

**	D	D	D))	3	75/-	per	cwt.
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Origin quotations, new crop, shipment October cif Cons/ple:

Good bean green Rio No 2 85/- per cwt.

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MARKET REPORT OF THE IONIAN BANK LIMITED. (Continued)

Sugar.

There is little of interest to report regarding imported sugar. Shipments from Holland and Czechoslovakia have been entirely substituted by bulgarian supplies, the latter being much easier of access.

On the other hand the Turkish sugar factory of Alpoullou has produced up to date 500 wagons of crystals, 100 wagons of which have been disposed of on the basis of £.16.0.0 per ton.

Bulgarian cube sugars have been offered at £.19.10.0 per ton.

Rice.

Markets at origin are reported steady but with little business passing.

In sympathy therewith, the local market has been quite dull during September, and prices ranged around last month's limits.

Latest quotations: per ton.
Rangoon (Alexandria) No. 3
double bags prompt shipment 15 8 0
Egyptian rice « glacé » 17 5 0

» » «mat» 17 10 0

Cotton Sheetings.

Prices at origin are maintained, notwithstanding the weaker tone of cotton, which fluctuated very considerably during the month of September. Between the 2nd and the 19th September cotton prices fell about 10%.

Local prices have risen slightly but are still under those of origin, for holders are anxious to liquidate their stocks.

Constantinople and Port - Said are reported sufficiently well supplied to cope with local requirements for a period of at least two months.

The demand from the interior is rather slack, contrary to what it should be at this time of the year.

American Sheetings:

«A» (3 yds. equal 1 lb.) 13 cents per yard cif. Constantinople. Local market price per piece of 40 yards (duty paid) LT. 12.—

Japanese Sheetings:

Lion « CCC » (13 1/2 lb.) 17/9 per piece of 40 yds., shipment September-October. Duty paid LT. 10.75.

13 lb. cheaper sheetings 16/9, shipment September - October. Duty paid LT. 10.40.

Carpets.

The activity displayed in September has surpassed all expectations.

The demand came principally from Germany, and was directed to all grades of Tabriz, Gioravans, Heriz and pre-war carpets and rugs. At certain periods during the month the demand was so strong that supplies proved insufficient to meet it.

In sympathy with Persia, where prices are reported to have advanced substantially owing to the amount of business transacted there, local values have gone up considerably.

Stocks of various goods, which are at present somewhat depleted as a result of the numerous sales, are expected to be reassorted shortly with the arrival of large consignments now on the way.

Pre-war carpets and rugs are very much sought after and because of their scarcity prices for these goods are consistently rising.

Arrivals:

About 900 bales from Persia, consisting chiefly of Tabriz, Gioravans, Heriz, Saruks, Mahals, pre-war carpets and rugs, Mossuls, etc.

MARKET REPORT OF THE IONIAN BANK LIMITED. (Continued)

Principal sales:

Effected chiefly in Tabriz, Gioravans, Heriz, Ardebils, Runners, Mossuls, Beloutch, Afghans, all grades of prewar carpets & rugs, Anatolian rugs, mats, Kelims, etc.

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Description	Price	per	Stocks
Gioravans high		فاراط	
piled LT. 12	2-14 sq.	m.	Very small
Heriz 1	5-24	D	Med.
Heriz & Gioravans			
old fashioned	30-60	3)	Very small
Tabriz	11!4-15	0	Small
Tabriz fine	18-35	n	Med.
Saruk & Maharadja			
high piled	35-42	3	Small
Meshed Kaim,			
Turkish	11-13	n	Med.
Kirman high piled.	23-35	»	Med.
Kirman old fashion.	70-120		Very small
Keshan high piled			
& old fashioned			Very small
Kelleys	75-130	piece	Med.
Strips Ardebil short	27-35		»
Karadja Strips	27-30	D	Large
Mossul Zendjian	14-17	»	»
Shiraz Rugs &			
Kelleys Sh	. 30-35	sq. n	n. Med.

Kelleys..... Sh. 30-35 sq. m. Med. Gendje-Karabaghs

mixed with long

& narrow. LT. 35-40 piece Small Shirvans fine. » 65-75 » Med. Cabistans » 95-150 » » Sumaks » 15-25 sq.m. Very small Afghans Sh 3/0-4/6 sq.ft. Small Bokhara mixed

sizes...... » 7/6 15/- » »

Nidge new rugs LT. 9 -9 ½ piece »

Nidge new mats » 2½ -3 ½ » »

Kelims...... » 30-75 » Med.

Tobacco.

There were numerous enquiries from abroad concerning the quality and the quantity of local stocks available for sale, but no serious business ensued.

We are informed that the 1927 Samsoun crop promises well both in quantity and in quality: This market maintained its previous quietness on the same level. Smyrna prices weakened a little.

A confident tone still prevails here as regards prospects.

Market quotations:

From	Plastres per Kg.
Samsoun	185-250
Baffra	
Trebizond	
Broussa	202
Hendek	90-140
Ismidt	90-130
Sinop	85—155
Duzdje	918/4/1 (1944/4/1)
Gunen	THE STATE OF THE S
Adrianople	100000000000000000000000000000000000000
Ak-Hissar	
Bigha	
Smyrna	
Ada-Bazar	
Cartal	
Guevzeh	
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Opium.

There has been a good demand this month for Opium, but owing to the high prices asked by stockholders few purchases were made, the quantity disposed of being the minimum required to meet only the most urgent needs.

Towards the close of the month sales were more numerous and it may reasonably be anticipated that trade will revive during October.

Sales:

District:	Cases	LT. per oke
Ak Chehir	11	35
Ak Chehir (old)	1	35
Ak Chehir	3	33
Thrace	1	32
Nedjib	2	32
Malatia	5	33
» (old & new)	16	321/4
»	1	32
»	4	34

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Biledjik	3	32	Saframbol	55	185
Konia	3	30 - 150	Yozgad	50	2271/2
Urgub	5	32	2018 201421.20.21	98	215
901	3	93	- » M	:.0	210
» (old)	1	33	Ekedjik	168	197
» (second)	1	28	Angora,	108	211 1/4
Rejects	1	18	Ener. per. Sicher	50	196
» ······	1	24	Eski-Chehir	460	230
Guenuk	2	33 14	Bey bazar	26	215-2171/4
» (old)	1	31.10	Ilghin	15	215
Geivé	1	32	»	100	225
» (old)	- 3	32.10	Home greV	47	220
# DEL - OB	2	32 1/2	Inferiors	25	120
Karahissar (old)	2	35	18-35 Med.	17	1.7%
» Eskichehir	1	32 1/4	»	15	140
Ilghin (old)	2	35	Kaisseri	13	170 g daid
Kutahia	1	301/2	Maden	15	208
Mihalitch	1	30 1/4	11-13 ne Meg.	57	205
Zilé (old)	5	35	STATE AND STREET BY DE	Tonor	White marries
Broussa	1	291/4	Kir-Chehir	27	194
Eskichehir	4	32	Tchoroum	46	220
Bolavaddine (old)	2	35	Karahissar	50	230
Bergama	3	133 TebA	Bolav Eskichehir	49	227
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Mohair.

The market remains firm.

There was a strong demand from Bradford at what may be regarded as reasonable prices, but the depreciation of Sterling exchange rendered business very dificult.

Stocks range between 20-25,000 bales.

Sales:

District	Bales	Ptrs. per oke
Sivas	23	177 1/2-180
Mihalitch	64	21714
Fine	54	255
»	69	275
Kastambol	127	1821/2
»	100	185
» at it.	84	190
Konia	360	193-195-196
»	87	190
»	175	195
»	74	194
»,	220	200
»	313	205
»	65	209
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Wool.

The market remained extremely quiet during the first three weeks of September and it was only towards the close of the month that a certain movement took place. This movement was mainly due to speculative activity.

Recorded sales:

20,000 okes @ 991/2 Pts. per oke, for local requirements.

Shirtans fine. . .

10,000 okes @ 103 Pts. per oke, shipped to Germany.

5,000 okes @ 102 Pts. per oke shipped to Germany.

Quotations are maintained round about last month's level, but a drop is foreseen should America abstain from buying here during the coming month.

Local stocks are estimated at about 4,000 bales

MARKET REPORT OF THE IONIAN BANK LIMITED. (Concluded)

Large stocks are reported to be lying in the interior, prices fluctuating between 90-92 piastres per oke with no buyers.

Kassab wool (skins), important sales of which took place to meet the requirements of carpet manufacturers, continued to attract keen competition.

Wax.

On account of the fall in Sterling exchange, business was limited to small transactions. Prices fell to round about 200 piastres, without any buyers,

Hazel Nuts.

Owing to the seasonal demand from Europe, sales were, contrary to last month's expectations, fairly numerous during the month, mainly for Hamburg and Trieste.

The satisfactory prices offered by the buyers contributed largely to the revival of activity. This situation can hardly be expected to endure, however, during the coming months, owing to the strong competition of Spain and Italy, which are reported to have started exporting heavily towards the close of September.

Prices for Ordou crop rose at one period to 86 Pts. per oke, but fell subsequently to 76.

Quotations as on September 29th, 1927.

New crop 1927	
Piastres	78.—
»	76.—
n	74.—
	Piastres

Persian Sweet Almonds.

The market remained very dull. There was no change in quotations, which ranged around Piastres 150 per oke.

Furs & Skins.

As usual during this period of the year the market remains stagnant.

Little activity can be anticipated before the end of November.



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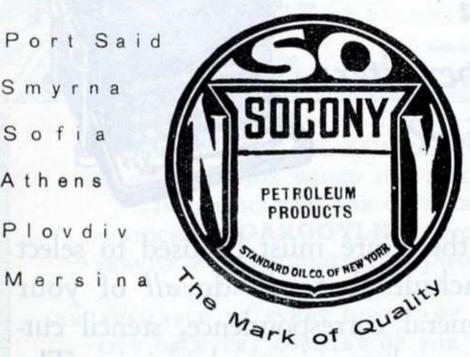
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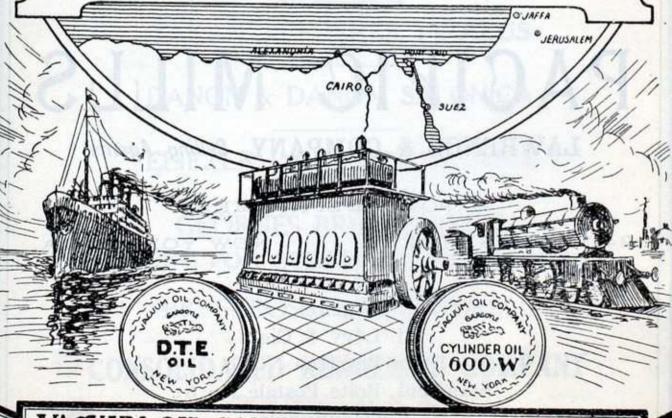
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