

Russian Trade Figures Examined As Embargo On Jan. 1 Is Forseen

San. On Imports Appears
Likely On Grounds Of
Forced Labor

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Washington.—A complete ban on imports from Russia, on the grounds of forced labor, seems on Jan. 1, when the treasury department is given this power under authority of statutes operative then. There is, therefore, a rush by business organizations and writers to examine trade balance figures. Here they are:

During the fiscal year 1929-30, Soviet organizations placed orders for \$149,222,731 worth of merchandise in the United States as compared with \$31,017,050 worth of Soviet deliveries here in approximately the same period. The American and Russian govern-

ments do not reckon their respective fiscal years quite alike. Totals for the 1931 fiscal year will be smaller on both sides than 1930's, since Russia as well as the United States feels the effect of the world depression.

On a percentage basis, however, the balance will not be materially altered. If anything, the tendency will be more decidedly in America's favor than before, inasmuch as past American purchases in Russia have been of luxury commodities, notably rare furs, into which hard times have cut sharply.

AS TO WHETHER or not Moscow would retaliate against an American embargo of Russian goods, by declaring an embargo against America, one person's guess is as good as another's. Nevertheless, it is quite generally surmised in Washington that the

is the course the Soviet regime would deem it necessary to pursue, if for no other reason than to maintain its prestige among its home folk.

This would not matter so much (though \$150,000,000 in trade is not a negligible item) had no Soviet buying been so highly concentrated.

That is so, say, out of 1930's \$150,000,000 total, \$64,027,489 was paid in one lump for tractors, combines and accessories. "And while it perhaps would be exaggerating," as one government official remarked to me, "to contend that our tractor industry would be down and out but for this Russian market, yet in these times it certainly has been a God-send."

TO BE SURE, due consideration is given by Washington officialdom to complaints that cut-throat Russian competition has disorganized American prices in other than American markets.

It is in what officials call "neutral markets" that Soviet wheat, for example, has prejudiced American offerings; not here, in the United States.

Soviet oil and its derivatives also have demoralized American prices abroad rather than in America itself, until so recently (Russian cut-rate gasoline is now reported available in small quantities in one or two American cities) that it is not yet set forth in official reports to commerce department.

TRADE investigators still think it unlikely that Moscow genuinely is trying to break into so unpromising a market for its petroleum products as the United States affords. The Soviet administration does occasionally engage in a seemingly wholly erratic venture of the sort, without attempting seriously to follow it up—perhaps for experimental purposes; perhaps for political effect. Illustratively, though not yet able to manufacture them well

enough to supply any of its own requirements, the Russian government lately has been selling a few Russian-made tractors for practically whatever it can get, in the Far East and even in some of the Baltic countries.

Similarly, while certainly unable to turn out men's suits in adequate quantities to meet more than the most limited demand, small shipments of them at \$5 each have been arriving in London recently from Russian factories.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM C. BELL

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon for William C. Bell, 75 years old, who died from stroke at his home at 560 Landon street at 8 P. M. Monday.

Born in Ireland, Mr. Bell came to this country 39 years ago and settled in Southfield township where he lived until moving to Birmingham five years ago. He was a member of L. O. L. Lodge No. 5012 of Highland Park.

He is survived by his widow, Mary H., and by one sister, Mrs. Esther McGee of Southfield. The funeral will be held from the S. O. Wyllie Bell Home for Funerals, with Rev. Henry S. Evans officiating.

William Henry Bassett, 79 years old, who died early Sunday morning from injuries received in a fall on June 26, was buried Tuesday in Greenwood Cemetery following funeral services at the S. O. Wyllie Bell Home for Funerals.

Mr. Bassett received two broken ribs and other severe injuries when he fell down a flight of stairs after going to the attic to close a window during a severe thunder storm.

His condition gradually worsened following the incident. Mr. Bassett was a life-long resident of Bloomfield Township. Born on Fourteen Mile road, he moved to the village 25 years ago, and had lived here ever since. He had served under the same employers for the past 15 years.

His wife preceded him in death nine years ago. Surviving are two sons, Mark S. of Chicago and J. Wyllie of Detroit; and three daughters, Mrs. S. E. McKinney, Miss Carrie E. Bassett and Miss Kate B. Cook all of Birmingham.

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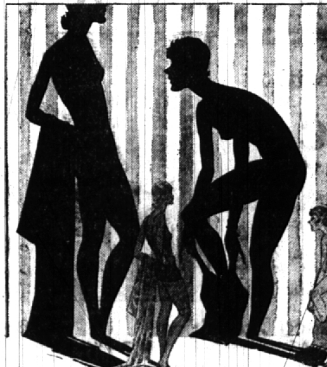
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