

SHIPPING REVIEW
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Statistics present a rather unusual condition in Philippine Islands shipping for the period just ended. For the first time in a number of years the tonnage of outward cargo for the month of January has dropped below the month of December. This does not indicate an unhealthy condition, however, but can be attributed

to a very limited number of sailings during the month of January. Tonnage for the Atlantic Coast of the United States has been particularly scarce, and will continue so until the bulk of the sugar crop has been moved.

Freight rates in all directions have been very firm and there is at present a strong upward tendency.

Copra, stocks of which have been very short in the local markets for some time, seems to be coming in fairly freely at present. A number of

the local oil crushers who were shut down temporarily are reported to be operating at about 50% of capacity. The larger shippers to the Gulf and to the Pacific Coast are also indicating that they will require considerably more space than they have engaged for some time to take care of their forward movements. The local oil crushers still continue their agitation for curtailment of copra shipments from out-ports. However, it seems that the attitude of those with official authority in the matter feel that the greater needs of the growers and the interests of the country at large are best served by allowing shipments from out-ports.

A heavy movement of sugar continues to the Atlantic Coast and to a lesser extent to the Pacific Coast. Some muscovado sugar is also moving to Japan ports. The last half of February in most of the sugar producing sections was quite wet and cloudy. This being the time when the sugar cane requires the maximum of sunshine for its development the unfavorable weather conditions have retarded growth somewhat and may have the effect of lengthening out the season slightly. Sugar traders are also watching the New York sugar market closely. Heretofore practically all the sugar shipped this season has been shipped by producers but within the past two weeks the larger trading concerns have commenced to ship fair quantities of sugar.

Passenger traffic as a whole has shown gains over last month, and is quite satisfactory. However, the steerage movement to the Pacific

Coast has not come up to expectations. Careful inquiry would indicate that the coming elections are largely responsible for this rather sluggish steerage movement at a season when it should be at its height. The months of April, May and June promise to be much heavier than last year.

During the month of February a total of 1788 passengers, all classes, are reported to have departed from the Philippines. Returns are incomplete but figures are correct to within 5%. First figure represents cabin passengers; second figure steerage: To China and Japan 161-246; to Pacific coast 84-311; to Honolulu 2-834; to Singapore 58-69; to Mediterranean ports 22-1.

From statistics compiled by the Associated Steamship Lines there was exported from the Philippines during the month of January: To China and Japan ports 7231 tons with a total of 40 sailings, of which 4368 tons were carried in American bottoms with 12 sailings; to Pacific coast for local delivery 34125 tons with 12 sailings, of which American bottoms carried 23081 tons with 8 sailings; to Pacific coast for tranship-

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ment 886 tons with 7 sailings of which American bottoms carried all; to Atlantic coast ports direct 78057 tons with 17 sailings of which 56578 tons were carried in American bottoms with 9 sailings; to European ports 12450 tons with 17 sailings, of which 88 tons were carried in American bottoms with 2 sailings; to Australian ports 1330 tons with 5 sailings of which American bottoms carried none; or a grand total of 134079 tons with 65 sailings, of which American bottoms carried 84901 tons with 19 sailings.

After having been put up for sale at regular periods without any serious bidding having been done, and at times under unfavorable operating terms, it came as a distinct surprise to many to learn that three of the regularly established United States Shipping Board services calling at Philippine ports had been disposed of to private interests. The lines sold were as follows: The American Oriental Mail Line to a group of Tacoma business men; The Oregon Oriental Line, to the Columbia Pacific Shipping Company; The American Australia Orient Line, to combined Matson Navigation Company and American-Hawaiian Steamship Company interests.

SHIPPING PERSONALS

E. W. Latie, until recently the General Agent of the Columbia Pacific Shipping Company at Manila, departed on the American Mail Liner *President McKinley* to take up his new duties as General Traffic Manager of the same concern at Portland, Oregon. While of course we all wish him much success in the handling of his new duties, most of the boys in shipping circles keenly feel the loss of this popular shipping man to Manila.

Norris Miles, of the passenger department of The Robert Dollar Company, looked forward with expectation to the arrival of the American

Mail Liner *President Jefferson*, and why shouldn't he? For it brought Miss Josephine Block of Denver, his fiancée. They were married the evening of the arrival of the *President Jefferson* on March 7.

G. P. Bradford, until recently treasurer of L. Everett, Inc., has been appointed General Agent at Manila for the Columbia Pacific Shipping Company to succeed E. W. Latie, who has returned to the United States.

A. W. Parry, Vice-President of the Tampa Inter-Ocean Steamship Company, who has been in the Far East for some time on a tour of investigation, left Manila with Mrs. Parry and their young son for Singapore on the Dollar Liner *President Van Buren*. They are spending a number of weeks in French Indochina and the Dutch East Indies and will continue around via Suez to New York.

Neil Macleod, who has been absent from Manila on an extended leave of absence, returned to his post during February. Mr. Macleod is manager of the shipping department of Smith, Bell & Co., Ltd.

Malaysia grows 5,000 acres of coffee and imports coffee annually to the value of nearly \$1,500,000. It will require 15,000 more acres to supply the local demand.

PAGSANJAN PICTURES WANTED

Readers will please notice, in the closing paragraph of the Great Mission Trail story this month, that Pagsanjan is next on the list and that pictures of the falls are wanted. Five pesos is offered for the best amateur picture submitted prior to April 1.

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