

SHIPPING REVIEW

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January exports figure as 191,926 revenue tons, the increase over December being accounted for in sugar. The sugar season is open, and the Philippines will have a decidedly larger quota for 1935-1936 season than they had in the 1934-1935 season. Seventy-two thousand six hundred tons (72,600) went forward in January, and heavy bookings are on record for February.

Increases are noted in copra shipments, but they are still decidedly below normal. Hemp shows an increase, 128,000 bales having been shipped, and with the increase in hemp rates effective May 1st of this year, hemp shipments should be stimulated for the first four months of the year. Logs and lumber are moving in a steady stream, January shipments amounting to seven million board feet, fairly well distributed to all markets. The shipments of coconut oil, copra cake, and copra meal are rather disappointing. Desiccated coconut, cigars, rope, and several other commodities were distinctly below normal.

First class passenger traffic from the Philippine Islands during January 1936 showed a slight improvement over the previous month but, as will be noted, remained considerably under the figures for January 1935. Intermediate class traffic increased considerably over the previous month, as did third class traffic. An analysis of the passenger departures, according to ports of destination, shows that traffic to Europe and the United States via Suez increased in direct proportion to the decrease TransPacific, indicating the increasing popularity of westbound round-the-world tours.

The following figures show the number of departures from the Philippine Islands during January 1936:

	Inter-	Third
	First	Class
China and Japan.....	34	120
Honolulu.....	0	6
Pacific Coast.....	34	15
Europe via America.....	8	1
Straits Settlements and Dutch East Indies.....	9	10
Europe and Mediterranean ports beyond Colombo.....	35	36
Australia.....	8	1
America via Suez.....	0	0
Round-the-world.....	0	0
Total for January, 1936.....	128	219
Total for December, 1935.....	120	101
Total for January, 1935.....	192	255

From statistics compiled by The Associated Steamship Lines, during the month of January they were exported from the Philippine Islands the following:

To	Tons	With Miscellaneous sailings	Of Which Tons	Where Carried in American Bottoms With Sailings
China and Japan.....	52,428	38	1,140	7
Pacific Coast Local Delivery.....	34,566	18	21,563	10
Pacific Coast Overland Delivery.....	727	9	311	5
Pacific Coast Inter-Castal.....	2,501	0	2,497	8
Atlantic and Gulf.....	78,766	26	14,273	7
European Ports.....	21,497	19	7	2
All Other Ports.....	1,411	22	220	4

A GRAND TOTAL of 191,926 tons with a total of 83 sailings (average 2,312 tons per vessel) of which 40,020 tons were carried in American bottoms with 14 sailings (average 2,860 tons per vessel).

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