



SHIPPING REVIEW

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Due mainly to the resumption of the sugar movement, total shipments from the Philippines for the month of August, amounting to 161,538 tons, were very considerably in excess of those for the previous month.

To Oriental Ports, hemp shipments were again very heavy. The movement of logs and lumber, totalling 6,825-



116 ft. BM, we believe established a new high

record. There were two shipments of molasses amounting to 2,650 tons. Copra and general cargo items both showed decreases.

To the Pacific Coast, copra shipments picked up somewhat, but copra meal dropped very considerably. Hemp was also off. Lumber shipments were fairly good. 17,712 tons of centrifugal sugar and 720 tons of refined sugar went forward.

To the Atlantic Coast, sugar shipments amounted to 39,000 tons. Coconut oil dropped from the previous month but was still up to the average for the year. Copra, hemp, and lumber shipments all showed reductions. Desiccated

coconut was off somewhat but with still quite a satisfactory movement.

To European Ports, copra shipments jumped to 24,843 tons, an increase of over 100 per cent. There was a good movement of copra cake, also hemp and lumber shipments were the heaviest for many months.

We note an increased lumber movement to South Africa, the total for August amounting to 340,664 ft. BM.

From statistics compiled by the Associated Steamship Lines, during the month of AUGUST 1934 there were exported from the Philippine Islands the following:

	Tons	Misc.	Sailings	Tons	Sailings
China and Japan	26,976	with 55	of which 1,376	were carried in American Bottoms	with 9
Pacific Coast Local Delivery	29,347	with 17	of which 12,437	were carried in American Bottoms	with 8
Pacific Coast Overland Delivery	2,238	with 9	of which 690	were carried in American Bottoms	with 6
Pacific Coast Inter-Coastal Steamer	997	with 9	of which 671	were carried in American Bottoms	with 6
Atlantic Coast	58,997	with 21	of which 17,503	were carried in American Bottoms	with 7
European Ports	41,140	with 25	of which 102	were carried in American Bottoms	with 2
Australian Ports	1,843	with 16	of which 00	were carried in American Bottoms	with 0
GRAND TOTAL	161,538	with 92	of which 32,769	were carried in American Bottoms	with 13

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Passenger traffic during the month of August showed an increase in both first and intermediate classes. Of particular interest is the increase in traffic to the United States and to the Mediterranean ports where substantial gains were shown.

Round-the-world tourist traffic declined slightly during the month, but, when it is realized that this tourist traffic has filled ships to capacity since January, it will be seen that tourist traffic has been unusually heavy this year.

The following figures show the number of passengers departing from the Philippine Islands during August 1934:

	Intermediate		
	First	Class	Third
China and Japan.....	66	167	174
Honolulu.....	7	0	4
Pacific Coast.....	75	125	8
Europe via America.....	6	3	0
Straits Settlements and Dutch East Indies.....	19	7	2
Europe and Mediterranean Ports beyond Colombo.....	12	28	0
America via Suez.....	3	5	0
Australia.....	1	0	0
Buenos Aires.....	0	6	0
TOTAL FOR AUGUST.....	189	341	188
TOTAL FOR JULY.....	157	303	199

THE RICE INDUSTRY
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Prices have declined in response to weak demand. Luxury rices are quoted at P4.10 to P4.30 per sack of 57 kilos, macans from P3.55 to P3.75, inferior grades P3.50 to P3.60. Palay at buying centers is P1.55 to P1.75 per cavan of 44 kilos. Crop conditions are favorable, generally, but large areas have been attacked by a kind of rot that may be due to excessive moisture; con-

stant heavy rains during two months made the fields sodden and lacking aeration. There seems no checking of the disease; the islands want the experts to know about such things and until they have them they will have to rely on outside information. Of the *brassica* disease that attacked rice 3 years ago, all information that was got about it came from the agricultural institute in Rome, via Germany.

So far our scientific experts are not domestic, whether we support the bureaus or not.

Opposition in the United States to importation of Philippine rice has been noted. It will increase of course should shipments attain magnitude. The American market for any surplus of rice is illusory at best. Our main problem in the near future lies in trying to eliminate sub-marginal rice lands, only to be effected by prices and demand. As every farmer faced with

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