



**SHIPPING REVIEW**

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While total shipments for the month of September amounted to only 118,970 tons, a reduction from the previous month, this may be considered a very satisfactory showing in comparison to 84,682 tons for the month of September last year.

To Japan, there was again a good movement of hemp. Lumber

and log shipments totalled nearly seven million feet, the best for several years. Tobacco and rope were slow, with little change in other commodities.

To the Pacific Coast, coconut oil was very good. Copra dropped off considerably from the previous month, but the total was still well above the average. Cigar shipments both for local and overland delivery were good, and copra meal, hemp, and lumber fair.

To the Atlantic Coast, coconut oil shipments amounting to over 16,000 tons were particularly good. Copra and lumber were fair, but hemp dropped from the excellent total of the previous

month. Desiccated coconut was again fairly good. As was expected, centrifugal sugar shipments again dropped, less than 12,000 tons having moved. There was again a movement of refined sugar.

To European Ports, copra and copra cake shipments were good but less than for the previous month. Hemp was excellent, totalling 53,768 bales. Lumber was better than for some months, and tobacco fair.

From statistics compiled by the Associated Steamship Lines, during the month of September 1933 there were exported from the Philippine Islands the following:

	Tons	Misc. Shipments	Tons	Shipments
China and Japan	22,238	with 15 of which	832	were carried in American Bottoms with 9
Pacific Coast Local Delivery	23,892	with 15 of which	15,702	were carried in American Bottoms with 9
Pacific Coast Overland Delivery	1,142	with 10 of which	777	were carried in American Bottoms with 6
Pacific Coast Intercoastal Steamer	1,266	with 11 of which	1,131	were carried in American Bottoms with 8
Atlantic Coast Ports	40,916	with 20 of which	19,325	were carried in American Bottoms with 7
European Ports	29,273	with 20 of which	115	were carried in American Bottoms with 2
Australian Ports	598	with 8 of which		were carried in American Bottoms with 14
<b>A GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>119,115</b>	<b>with 79 of which</b>	<b>37,852</b>	<b>were carried in American Bottoms with 14</b>

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Passenger departures from Manila for September 1933 show a decrease from last month's figures in both first and intermediate classes—first class business showing a decrease of 23% and intermediate class a decrease of 22%. Third class departures are the same as last month.

Compared with departures during September 1932, this year's figures show a decrease of 12% in first class business and an increase of 52% in intermediate class. September 1933 third class business is down 9%.

The following figures show the number of passengers who departed from the Philippine Islands during the month of September 1933:

	First	Inter- mediate	Third
China and Japan	121	174	272
Honolulu	4	3	14
Pacific Coast	31	37	42
Europe via America	5	6	0
Straits Settlements and Dutch East Indies	18	6	0
Europe and Mediterranean			
Ports beyond Colombo	3	35	9
America via Suez	1	1	0
Australia	0	0	0
TOTAL	184	262	337

## REVIEW OF THE HEMP MARKET

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The following report covers the various hemp markets for the month of October with statistics up to and including October 30th, 1933.

IN MANILA: The market opened firm enough with exporters buying all that was offered, but at the same time there was not a great deal of competition. Prevailing prices were: F, P12.00; E, P10.50; G, P5.50; H, P5.25; I, P7.75; J1, P6.50; S2, P7.75; S3, P6.25; J2, P5.25; K, P5.00; L1, P4.50; L2, P4.00; M1, P4.25; M2, P3.75; DL, P3.50; DM, P2.75. By the middle of the month the market was quiet but steady. Exporters were not at all anxious to buy and a great deal of the free hemp was going to speculators at about the following prices: E, P11.50; F, P10.50; G, P5.50; H, P5.25; I, P7.50; J1, P6.25; S2, P7.50; S3, P6.25; J2, P5.25; K, P4.75; L1, P4.00; L2, P3.75; M1, P4.00; M2, P3.50; DL, P3.50; DM, P2.75.

The month closed with the market rather weaker with sales being made at E, P11.25; F, P10.25; G, P5.25; H, P5.00; I, P7.25; J1, P6.00; S2, P7.25; S3, P6.00; J2, P5.00; K, P4.75; L1, P4.00; L2, P3.50; M1, P4.00; M2, P3.25; DL, P3.25; DM, P2.50. Dealers in the Bicol provinces were inclined to pay higher prices and were, no doubt, influenced by the small receipts in Sorsogon, Alhay and the Camarines. To offset this, receipts in the Davao district continue to run heavy and there is undoubtedly a large supply of unsold hemp in the hands of producers and dealers. Prices for Davao fiber range from 50 to 75 centavos a picul higher than ordinary fiber.

THE U. K. MARKET: This market opened quiet. There was a fair demand for distant shipment but manufacturers were evidently not buying and the earlier positions were entirely neglected. Sellers were offering at E, £27.0; F, £25.10; G, £15.15; H, £15.10; I, £19.10; J1, £17.0; S2, £19.10; S3, £17.5; J2, £15.10; K, £14.15; L1, £13.10; L2, £12.10; M1, £13.10; M2, £12.5; DL, £12.0; MD, £11.0. There was an occasional lot of high grade sold and a fair amount of trading in the medium and lower grades through the month. By the 15th prices had changed very little, but toward the end of the month trading slackened off and prices declined slightly. The end of the month found sellers asking J2, £15.0; K, £14.10; L1, £13.0; L2, £12.10; M1, £13.10; M2, £12.5; DL, £12.0.

THE U. S. MARKET: This market opened dull with sellers on the basis of F, 5-3 cents; I, 4-1 cents; J1, 3-5 cents. Buyers remained scarce and by the middle of the month the exporters were anxious to make sales and were willing to shade prices. Housemarks were being offered freely at E, 5-3 4 cents; F, 5-3/8 cents; G, 3-3 8 cents; I, 4-1/8 cents; J1, 3-5/8 cents.

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