

SHIPPING REVIEW

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November shipments, 178,740 revenue tons, exceeded October shipments by 24,480 tons and also exceeded November 1935 by 14,311 tons. The trade to the United States was handicapped by labor conditions on the Pacific Coast, the strike of water front laborers and vessel personnel assumed

serious proportions.

Sugar shipments amounted to 26,999 tons only, the beginning of the 1936-1937 movement. Indications point to a shortage of tonnage due to an unusual demand for charters to move rice beans, wheat and corn from other ports of the World. Shippers found it difficult to book their sugar requirements for the first quarter of 1937.

Coconut products show a decidedly healthy condition. 21,194 tons of oil went forward to the United States. The United States took 22,668 tons of copra, Europe 150 tons, a total of 22,818 tons as against 7,888 tons in October. Cakes and meal shipments to the United States were 7,149 tons—to Europe 2,475 tons, and to China 50 tons, a total of 9,674 tons, slightly less than October. Desiccated Coconut shipments were only 4,869 tons—the smallest month's business since March 1936.

Hemp shipments increased 4,200 bales over October business. Japan took 53,183 bales and still leads all other buyers. The United States took 29,241 bales—Europe 35,131—and 4,043 bales were scattered throughout the world.

Lumber and log movement amounted to eight and three-quarter million board feet. Japan took 4-1/2 million feet of logs. The United States took 3-1/4 million feet of sawed lumber. Africa was a heavy buyer as 482,415 feet went to that district. Europe took 395,128 feet—Australia 40,983—China 68,000 and Canada 32,000 feet. This product is quite widely distributed.

Japan took her monthly lot of Iron Ore—49,530 tons. 3,904 tons of chromite and manganese went forward to the United States. Several sample shipments went to other markets.

Cigar shipments totaled 564 tons and tobacco 300 tons only.

Furniture—194 tons (40 cu. ft.) as against 560 tons in October is not a satisfactory showing. No molasses moved during November. A shipment of 1,263 tons of canned pineapple went forward. Vegetable Oil edible products amounted to 261 tons only. Gums, shells, and cactus show slight increases while embroideries, junk, kapok, rubber and hides decreased. These minor product movements on the whole were disappointing.

Passenger traffic for the month of November 1936, compared with October, shows an increase in first class traffic. Intermediate traffic declined slightly and third class traffic decreased considerably.

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From statistics compiled by The Associated Steamship Lines, during the month of November there were exported from the Philippines the following:

To	WPA		Were Carried in American Bottoms With	
	Tons	Miscellaneous Sailings	Of Which Tons	Sailings
China and Japan	68,357	39	603	4
Pacific Coast Local Delivery	32,115	15	19,314	7
Pacific Coast Overland	730	10	184	3
Pacific Coast Intercoastal	823	5	607	4
Atlantic and Gulf	66,438	22	21,683	7
European Ports	8,173	17	289	4
All other Ports	2,104	23	212	4

A GRAND TOTAL of 178,740 tons with a total of 82 sailing (average 2,180 tons per vessel) of which 42,892 tons were carried in American bottoms with 12 sailings (average 3,574 tons per vessel).

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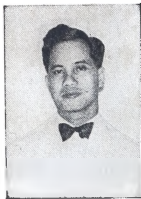
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RAIL COMMODITY MOVEMENTS

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The volume of commodities received in Manila during the month of December 1936, via the Manila Railroad Company, are as follows:

Rice, cavans	107,935
Sugar, piculs	504,015
Copra, piculs	50,530
Desiccated Coconuts, cases	17,525
Tobacco, bales	379
Lumber, board feet	496,641
Timber, kilos	1,420,000

The freight revenue car loading statistics for four weeks ending December 26, 1936, as compared with the same period of 1935 are given below: NOTE:—Figures in parenthesis indicate decrease.

FREIGHT REVENUE CAR LOADING

COMMODITIES	MEMBER OF FREIGHT CARS		FREIGHT TONNAGE		Increase or Decrease	
	1936	1935	1936	1935	Cars	Tonnage
Rice.....	533	418	5,704	4,741	115	963
Palay.....	82	110	810	1,221	(20)	(372)
Sugar.....	308	1,112	28,576	34,536	(148)	(5,960)
Sugar Cane.....	6,959	6,812	123,411	120,134	317	3,277
Copra.....	253	823	2,379	6,109	(480)	(3,730)
Coconut.....	47	73	491	751	(280)	(263)
Molasses.....	55	71	1,532	2,098	(16)	(566)
Henip.....	—	1	—	1	101	(1)
Tobacco.....	—	8	—	23	(4)	(23)
Lumber.....	8	108	—	35	35	24
Mineral Products.....	310	283	3,363	3,762	56	(109)
Lumber and Timber.....	102	138	2,398	3,285	150	(1,597)
Other Forest Products.....	2	3	17	16	—	—
Manufactures.....	212	105	2,890	1,726	107	1,164
All others including L.C.L.....	2,579	2,698	14,932	16,434	(29)	(1,703)
Total	12,215	12,402	186,761	195,708	(187)	(9,007)

SUMMARY

Week ending December 5.....	2,104	3,390	29,793	56,718	(1,292)	(26,955)
Week ending December 12.....	2,954	3,158	44,337	48,319	(204)	(3,986)
Week ending December 19.....	4,025	3,582	63,541	54,809	443	8,742
Week ending December 26.....	3,182	2,266	48,391	55,862	800	13,192
Total	12,215	12,402	186,761	195,708	(187)	(9,007)

Consul General

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2nd only to Germany. It has the good fortune to be the one country in the world which possesses within its boundaries an adequate supply of all three of the essentials of steel making—iron ore, good coking coal and manganese. It is also among the great powers in possessing an adequate supply of chromium, which is likewise of considerable importance in steel. Certain other of Russia's recently-developed industries are of strategic importance. The chemical industry has received special attention in the 2nd Five-Year Plan, and is believed to be nearly adequate. The U.S.S.R. leads the world in the production

of tractors—a fact of great significance in considering the relative effectiveness of a mechanized army. Automobile production has grown many fold in the past 5 years.

With apparently no imperialistic ambitions, as a democracy Russia undoubtedly will be interested in the maintenance of the *status quo* in the Orient. Here is another constitutional democracy—the Philippines. Are they to be big brother and little sister in the future alignment of Oriental powers?

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The following figures show the number of passengers departing from the Philippines during

November, 1936:

China and Japan.....	94	92	107
Honolulu.....	1	6	8
Pacific Coast.....	36	17	11
Europe via America.....	2	2	0
Strait Settlement and Dutch East Indies.....	19	4	0
Europe and Mediterranean ports beyond Colombo.....	49	1	8
Australia.....	6	0	1
America via Suez.....	0	0	0

Total for November, 1936.....	207	122	135
Total for October, 1936.....	168	152	207
Total for November, 1935.....	182	135	165

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