

The China Banking Corporation

The "China Bank", as it is generally known, is a comparative newcomer among the ranks of banking houses in the Philippines. It was not incorporated until 1920, at which time P5,106,400 of its authorized capital of P10,000,000 was subscribed. Later capital subscribed was increased to P5,713,000, at which figure it remains today. The bank found a ready field here, not only in financing Chinese merchants but

also in the financing of American and European business houses; particularly importing and exporting establishments. The China Bank assists American and European business to an extent which is seldom appreciated by the public. Under conservative management, the bank has made steady progress from its inception, as can be seen from the following figures:

| | Capital | Surplus & Reserves | Profits | Deposits | Total Resources |
|--------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Dec. 31, 1920..... | P2,906,265 | P 52,880.13 | P 203,255.50 | P 5,320,147.04 | P 9,745,591.64 |
| 31, 1921.....1.. | 4,973,125 | 120,982.82 | 99,462.50 | 7,845,681.99 | 14,753,268.29 |
| 31, 1922..... | 5,131,900 | 158,217.67 | 156,163.02 | 6,973,973.05 | 15,562,832.41 |
| 31, 1923..... | 5,312,100 | 223,573.58 | 158,874.62 | 8,651,601.01 | 17,836,267.71 |
| 31, 1924..... | 5,713,300 | 278,364.03 | 199,944.59 | 8,109,461.43 | 19,705,398.55 |
| 31, 1925..... | 5,713,300 | 327,106.36 | 180,156.94 | 8,345,608.07 | 18,546,432.38 |
| 31, 1926..... | 5,713,300 | 399,435.77 | 171,399.00 | 9,933,890.02 | 21,325,570.43 |
| 31, 1927..... | 5,713,300 | 454,248.09 | 262,256.27 | 10,014,756.27 | 23,889,209.54 |
| 31, 1928..... | 5,713,300 | 450,138.04 | 258,182.36 | 9,746,461.27 | 23,502,046.78 |
| 31, 1929..... | 5,713,300 | 579,379.44 | 260,429.38 | 10,911,213.97 | 23,203,396.64 |
| 31, 1930..... | 5,713,300 | 697,055.93 | 415,047.58 | 12,916,394.16 | 23,252,907.63 |
| 31, 1931..... | 5,713,300 | 616,358.09 | 780,803.42 | 12,238,396.79 | 24,085,958.30 |
| 31, 1932..... | 5,713,300 | 665,064.63 | 748,109.51 | 10,476,302.79 | 21,924,795.26 |
| 31, 1933..... | 5,713,300 | 1,052,277.61 | 795,212.47 | 13,617,540.33 | 24,768,590.33 |
| 31, 1934..... | 5,713,300 | 1,230,832.61 | 888,555.64 | 12,602,616.76 | 25,691,437.07 |
| 31, 1935..... | 5,713,300 | 1,392,764.07 | 961,425.33 | 11,658,102.70 | 25,330,206.64 |
| 31, 1936..... | 5,713,300 | 1,464,905.97 | 1,109,707.54 | 11,320,681.07 | 26,088,724.34 |
| 31, 1937..... | 5,713,300 | 1,704,496.63 | 1,215,140.33 | 11,792,941.19 | 30,843,484.37 |

In 1925, the bank established a branch in Amoy, which has been transferred to Kulangsu, since the Japanese attack on Amoy. In 1928 another branch was opened in Shanghai. The establishment of these two branches enabled the China Bank to improve its service in connection with the Philippine-China trade. The bank has a correspondent in very principal city in the world, and is especially equipped to transact domestic and foreign business of every description.

The board of directors includes many of the most prominent Chinese businessmen in the Philippines. The president is *Dee C. Chuan*, who heads *Dee C. Chuan & Sons, Inc.*, an dthe Philippine Lumber Mfg. Company. *Albino Z. Sycip* is the vice-president and active manager. Directors include *Uy Yeteo*, managing partner of *Mariano Uy Chaco Sons & Co.*, *Oei Tjoe*, banker, *Chouy Su See*, *Marcelo Nubla*, *Lee Siau Tong*, *Li Seng Giap*, *Dee Chian Hong*, president of the *Destileria La Fortuna, Inc.*, *Guillermo Dy Buncio*, president of *Dy Buncio & Co., Inc.*, general merchants, and *Dee K. Chiong*, vice-president of *Dee Hong Lue & Co., Inc.*

The bank premises, located on the corner

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neered them and showed how to build them dry-tight. *Aritao* means man-owned, *Pingkian* means blade-clashing as in a bolo fight. These are vigorous place names, Odom would like them.

—W. R.

FOREIGN-TRADE ZONES BOARD

At a recent luncheon given by the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce Mr. Newbold Morris, President of the New York City Council, made the following remarks relative to the New York foreign-trade zone. This part of Mr. Morris' speech is reproduced to clear up certain misunderstandings which have arisen regarding the zone:

"The Staten Island zone has already proved itself a direct stimulus to the shipping world, to international trade, and to the local labor market; it is playing its part in the industrial recovery of the Port of New York and is an enterprise which may well revolutionize life in this community and commerce throughout the entire world.

"One of the real hopes of world trade is here on Staten Island. The foreign-trade zone means new vision in foreign trade that the United States has never before shown in its history. Some day in the not-too-distant future we will gather here again and celebrate a project which has brought billions of dollars in commerce to the City of New York.

"During the month of June, the zone handled merchandise with a total estimated value of \$675,000. On hand as of June 1, were goods with a total value of \$1,800,000. The monthly revenue to the United States Government was approximately \$20,000.

"On a typical day 214 workers were employed in the zone, all of them residents of Staten Island. During the month 62 lighters and eight steamers called there. Twenty-five customers were using the zone facilities for 74 different kinds of merchandise, including balsam, Brazil nuts, coal tar colors, cocoa beans, cod liver oil, electrical apparatus, leather, linen, mica, rugs, straw hats, tapioca flour, and tobacco.

"The value of the tonnage handled at the zone more than doubled in one month. In May, about five and a quarter-million pounds of merchandise was handled, with a total value of \$303,548. In June, the poundage amounted to 8,318,770, with a value of \$674,774.

"When the Mayor appointed me head of the free port committee in February, I thought at first that something was being inflicted on me. The Mayor told me it had been a headache for three or four years. Now, however, I am proud and glad to be associated with this worthwhile enterprise.

"There is an allotment of \$500,000 in the capital outlay budget for improvements at the Free Port, and we have asked the government, [through the Public Works Administration] for a grant of \$1,334,000 for the zone.

"I want to express my thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for its interest in the Free Port, and to the city and the Federal Government for the cooperation they have given me. Shippers and manufacturers throughout the world are taking an interest in the zone and I know it will be a big success."

—U. S. Department of Commerce.

TOBACCO REVIEW

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By P. A. MEYER



RAWLEAF:
Buying in Cagayan and Isabela proceeded very slowly during August. Volume of shipments abroad continues unsatisfactory. Comparative figures are as follows:

Rawleaf, Stripped Tobacco and Scraps

| | Kilos |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Belgium | 27,143 |
| British India | 128 |
| China | 17,991 |
| Czechoslovakia | 100 |
| Holland | 1,279 |
| Japan | 173 |
| North Africa | 21 |
| Straits Settlements ... | 826 |
| United States | 206,529 |

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| August 1938... | 254,190 |
| July 1938... | 201,956 |
| August 1937... | 228,321 |

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| January-August 1938... | 5,347,021 |
| January-August 1937... | 9,181,748 |

CIGARS: Shipments to the United States compare as follows:

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| August 1938. | 19,272,200 |
| July 1938. | 16,366,667 |
| August 1937. | 17,430,560 |
| January-August 1938. | 122,033,825 |
| January-August 1937. | 110,123,732 |