

ending \$7,000,000 Monthly With America

...a, P. I., March 23.—Customs figures released show that every month last year the Philippines bought from America manufactures valued at upward of \$7,000,000; from the world as a whole the islands bought to the tune of \$135,000,000 during the year, and their purchases from America are 62.2%, or \$84,500,000 the year as a whole. Thus America now buys less than 2/3 of the purchasing trade of the Philippines; the Philippine tariff, which averages about 20% *ad valorem*, does not prevent a great deal of buying from Europe and Japan. Here are a few of the countries from which the Philippines buy:

United States.....	\$84,500,000
Great Britain.....	5,638,000
Belgium.....	1,500,000
France.....	1,564,789
Germany.....	4,624,951
Switzerland.....	1,657,775
China.....	6,559,744
Br. East Indies.....	3,002,338
Dutch E. Indies.....	3,035,135
Fr. East Indies.....	2,401,348
Japan.....	12,935,876
Australia.....	2,433,780

Australia, not a leading manufacturing country, sells the Philippines chiefly beef and coal. Twelve more countries trading with the Philippines sell them less than a million's worth of goods a year, respectively. But in pesos, half the value of dollars, the islands bought more than a million's worth last year from each of the following, Spain, the Netherlands, and Japanese-China.

Single items in the purchases the islands made last year which each totalled more than a million dollars are: rice, flour, bread stuffs other than flour, automobiles, other vehicles, chemicals and drugs, coal, cotton cloths, other cotton products, eggs, electrical wares, fertilizers, fiber manufactures, fish, leather, meats, dairy products, crude oil, gasoline, lubricating oil, fruits and nuts, rubber manufactures, machinery, iron and steel, paper and books, silks, soaps, tobacco and cigarettes, vegetables.

Other items coming to more than a million pesos, but less than a million dollars, are: auto parts, cacao, chocolate, etc., coffee, precious stones, porcelain, glass and glassware, hats and caps, nonelectrical instruments, matches, minor oils, paints and varnishes, perfumery and cosmetics, liquors, wood and rattan manufactures, woolen products.

Some items bought chiefly or principally from the United States are pretty large: Flour, 5,325,000; automobiles and parts, \$5,028,000; cotton cloths, \$20,117,000; other cotton products, \$8,018,000; electrical wares, \$2,185,000; fish products, \$2,201,000; fruits and nuts, \$1,645,000; rubber manufactures, \$2,325,000; dairy products, \$3,765,000, petroleum products, \$10,000,000 in round numbers; tobacco and cigarettes, \$3,101,000. And possibly silks should be included, about \$4,000,000, as a great deal of American silk goods sells in the islands in competition with oriental silks.

Of course America is the chief customer of the Philippines, as she is their chief merchant and manufacturer. She gave \$116,000,000 to the islands last year for their products, and from all their other customers they received \$39,000,000, to make a rough approximation of the exact figures.

Here are a few of the countries which bought from the Philippines last year:

United States.....	\$116,000,000
Japan.....	6,972,000
Great Britain.....	7,896,000
China.....	3,504,000
Germany.....	3,154,000
Spain.....	5,091,000
France.....	2,703,000
British East Indies.....	1,678,000
Belgium.....	1,393,000
Netherlands.....	1,466,000
Italy.....	1,523,000
Hongkong.....	1,343,000

No other country bought from the islands during 1928 as much as a million's worth. Amer-

coconut products, the last being copra, coconut oil and desiccated coconut meat. In value, the import-export trade of the islands in 1928 was \$289,711,444, exceeding that of 1927 by \$18,285,887, an increase of 5.5%. Per capita it was an increase of \$1.50; imports outvalued those of 1927 by \$19,000,000, but exports fell slightly below the value of the exports of 1927, the price of sugar especially being quite low.

Another important phase of the trade to the general reader is the shipping it involves. What is the nationality of the vessels taking so many products from America and other points in the world to the Philippines, and carrying such heavy cargoes away from the islands? Of what the

islands bought, American vessels carried cargoes valued at \$61,229,879, of which \$48,500,000, nearly, was from the United States. Of what the islands sold for delivery abroad, American vessels carried cargoes valued at \$75,526,739, of which \$67,500,000, nearly, went to the United States. British vessels were about the only material competitor, the imports they brought to the islands were valued at \$48,916,732, and the exports they hauled away at \$49,228,163. German ships brought the islands imports valued at \$9,155,199 and hauled away exports valued at \$5,201,458. The corresponding figures for Japan are \$6,017,771 and \$14,107,139 respectively. Considerable values are in the mails, which in bulk pass between the islands and the United States: imports by mail were valued at \$3,650,380, and exports at \$5,605,332.

Two More Philippine Poems by Gilbert S. Perez

Paradise

I drifted into Rosario
Last Saturday
Night,
And in one of the cubicled
Cathayan cloth marts
I saw
Old parchment faced
Tan Gon
Toying with his sweat-grimed,
Ebony balled
Abacus
And listlessly clip-clapping
The profits
Of another day.
And I remembered
The wedding feast
Years ago
In the provinces
And I knew
That mellowed friendship
Could risk
Familiar queries.
How is the wife, Tan?
He turned to me
With that mirthless,
Heart sick
Laugh of Oriental
Grief.
"You no hear?
Too bad! too bad!
She gone to the hell
And she leave me
Alone
With nine kids."

Alone,
With nine kids.
And the wife
Hopelessly
Beating her hands
Against an unseen
Impenetrable
Wall,
Haunted
By heart-breaking
Terranean memories
Which refuse to die
Even
In Paradise—
Oh, the subtlety
Of Oriental
Jests!

Sarangani Bay

I did not love Rudyard
But I liked his verse
And many were the times
When I sailed away
Across the Seven Seas,
But that night
The southern monsoon
Groaned and moaned
In Sarangani bay.
Between the lightning flashes
I could see
The kneeling palms as they prayed
Their unending orisons
To the moon-starved
Celebes sea.
So I closed the windows
And I thought that I was
Alone
And I opened the book
And put on my heavy
Tortoise shell
Glasses.
But they did not stay on
And they slipped and slipped
And dropped as I nodded
And dreamed of the Moulmein pagoda
In far-away Burmah.
Then it was that I saw
The flash
Of the two-edged
Campilan
Mirrored on the dark green surface
Of the flask of native gin
On the table.
Then the light went out and...
Darkness...
As my head rolled over
The open book of verse
And the crimson viscid lake
Spread itself slowly
Over the pages
And on
And over
The Road to Mandalay.