

SHIPPING REVIEW

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During October there was little change in the shipping conditions. The situation at Shanghai remained exceptionally unsatisfactory. We note a falling off of shipments to the Orient, particularly noticeable as to Japan who curtailed her purchases of logs and hemp, taking 5 million feet less of logs and

practically no hemp. There was a movement of Shanghai distressed cargo to various ports.

The outward movement for October totaled 172,879 tons, 16,000 less than September. Practically closing out the season the sugar interests shipped only 15,202 tons of centrifugal and 2,382 tons of refined.

Shipments of desiccated coconut—5,789 tons measurement were normal. No tankers were available for coconut oil, the berth line steamers lifted 14,821 tons for United States delivery and 670 tons for Europe, normal amounts. Copra shippers forwarded 21,965 tons to the United States and 6,735 tons to Europe, one chartered vessel took a full cargo to Pacific Coast, we understand that other vessels have been chartered for November and December loading. The conference lines were unable to furnish the needed space. The United States took 2,665 tons of copra cake-meal,

Europe 5,200 tons and China 50 tons. Shipments of all coconut products were on a normal scale.

We are obliged to show a discouraging picture as to hemp. The United States upped her purchases to 27,060 bales. Japan took only 4,852 bales as against her customary 50,000 or more. Europe took 47,535 bales, a drop of 5,000 bales. The total shipments amounted to 89,771 bales only. This is at least 40,000 bales below normal business.

The movement of lumber and logs dropped to 5 million board feet. Japan, the heaviest buyer for a long time took only 1½ million feet. The United States took 2½ million feet, Europe ¼ million feet, and small lots went to Australia and South Africa.

Ore shipments also dropped off. Japan took only 47,508 tons of iron ore, at least 13,000 tons below normal, due to a lack of tonnage. She also took 4,957 tons of copper ore and 1,385 tons of manganese. The United States took only 2,900 tons of chromite and 541 tons of concentrates for refining. Small and sample lots bring the total to 57,860 tons.

Cigar shipments, 1,088 measurement tons, were quite satisfactory but shipments of tobacco were only 434 tons. Two small lots of molasses, total 1,380 tons, were shipped. Shipments of embroideries, vegetable lard, margarine, furniture, glycerine and junk were about as usual. Shipments of gums, kapok, kapok seeds, skins and hides dropped off. Slight increases are noted in shipments of rope, rubber, cutch, liquors and charcoal. Transit cargo, including Shanghai distressed shipments, were noticeably heavy.

During October notice of increases in rates on practically all commodities to United States was sent out. On minor

commodities these increases to take effect on January 1st next. On major commodities to take effect on February 1st next.

From Statistics compiled by the Associated Steamship Lines during the month of October there were exported from the Philippines the following:—

To	Tons	with Misc. Sailings	Of Which Tons	American bottoms with sailings
China and Japan	69,415	45	7,581	6
Pacific Coast Local	32,924	16	13,806	6
Pacific Coast Overland	1,272	8	627	4
Pacific Coast Intercoastal	1,270	5	228	2
Atlantic and Gulf Coast	42,980	22	11,035	7
European Ports	20,805	16	87	3
All other Ports	4,213	25	1,270	5

A Grand Total of 172,879 tons with a total of 86 sailings (average 2,010 tons per vessel of which 34,634 tons were carried in American bottoms with 12 sailings (average 2,886 tons per vessel).

The following figures show the number of passengers departing from the Philippines for China, Japan and the Pacific Coast for the month of October, 1937:

	First	Intermediate	Third
Hongkong	38	102	64
Shanghai	0	0	0
Japan	8	13	17
Honolulu	2	2	24
Pacific Coast	75	65	17
Europe via America	0	0	0

Total for October, 1937	123	182	122
Total for September, 1937	137	229	254

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