

SHIPPING REVIEW

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February brought the welcome news that the long drawn out strike on the Pacific Coast had been called off and the laid up fleets would soon be released. The total export movement figures 199,149 revenue tons, 26,000 tons less than for the same month in 1936. The shortage of tonnage for base commodities was in evidence during the entire month, particularly affecting coconut products, lumber and ores.

The sugar movement amounted to 116,530 tons—all went to the Atlantic sea-board. There was no refined sugar moved. Four chartered vessels cleared carrying 36,500 tons, two of these vessels flew the Filipino flag carrying 13,000 and 8,000 tons respectively. So far for the season 1936-1937 the total movement is 299,379 tons as against 229,482 tons for 1935-1936. The present season showing a gain of 70,000 tons to date.

The movement of coconut products is particularly hard hit by the tonnage situation. Desiccated coconut shipments amounted to 4,450 measurement tons, a gain over January

To	With		Were Carried in	
	Tons	Miscellaneous Sailings	Of Which Tons	American Bottoms With Sailings
China and Japan.....	44,642	44	17	1
Pacific Coast—Local Delivery.....	2,957	7	—	—
Pacific Coast—Overland.....	605	5	—	—
Pacific Coast Inter-Coastal.....	None	—	—	—
Atlantic and Gulf.....	138,244	31	38,910	5
Other ports.....	9,958	13	—	—
All European ports.....	3,103	18	—	—

A GRAND TOTAL of 199,149 tons with a total of 85 sailings (average 2,343 tons per vessel) of which 38,927 tons were carried in American bottoms with 5 sailings (average 7,785 tons per vessel).

of 1800 tons. The movement of oil was very satisfactory, the only buyer, the United States, took 14,198 long tons. No copra moved to any market—a record that we hope never to record again. Europe took 3,550 tons of copra cake and the United States 781 tons, a total of 4,331 tons. There were offerings of both copra and cake meal for United States delivery but no space could be found. There was too much better paying cargo obtainable.

Lumber and logs amounting to over 7 million board feet were shipped. Japan took 1,621,838 feet, China 859,845 feet, Europe 700,104 feet, South Africa 597,159 feet, Australia 73,900 feet, the United States 287,632 feet. The total, except to Japan, was sawn lumber.

Hemp was another disappointment—91,778 bales being shipped as against 124,839 in January and 119,913 bales in February a year ago. The

United States took 23,785 bales—Japan only 27,187 bales—Europe 34,258—the balance was widely distributed.

The movement of ores was sadly upset by lack of tonnage. Japan took only 27,256 tons of iron and could not find tonnage for an additional 33,000 tons. She also took a lot of 1507 tons of chromite or manganese.

Molasses was quiet—125 tons in containers went to China—there was no bulk movement. Quite a few minor products show an improvement: cigars 528 tons, embroideries 98 tons, rattan furniture 378 tons, kapok 37 tons, rice 77 tons, rope 607 tons, tobacco 807 tons and vegetable oil hard and margarine 675 tons are more or less normal movements. There were only 64 tons of gums, 94 tons junk metals and 17 tons of rubber moved. Cutch shippers forwarded 350 tons—a trifle less than normal.

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