



### Figures Show How War Has Affected American Imports

The imports into the United States, high record year. For the first time in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917, aggregated \$2,659,355,185, against \$2,197,883,516 in 1914, and \$1,983,925,657 in 1914, the previous high record year.

while the imports from North America were \$427,392,357, or 22 1/2 per cent of the total. In 1916 imports from Europe were 28 per cent of the total and those from North America 27 per cent. Of the total imports of \$2,659,355,185 in 1917, \$610,470,676, or 23 per cent, were from Europe, and \$756,112,557, or 28 3/4 per cent from North America. In 1917 the imports from Europe showed a decrease of \$285,132,198 from the figures for 1914 and the imports from North America showed an increase of \$228,713,183—a gain of 80 per cent for North America against a loss of 32 per cent for Europe.

Imports from South America and Asia in 1917 showed a gain of more than 100 per cent over 1914, the increase from South America being 143 per cent and from Asia 111 per cent. Imports from South America were \$222,877,975 in 1914, \$291,562,018 in 1916, and \$542,213,528 in 1917. Imports from Asia were \$288,952,496 in 1914, \$427,181,464 in 1916, and \$615,217,463 in 1917. Imports from Oceania in 1917 showed a decrease from 1914 but an increase over 1914. In 1914 the imports from Oceania were \$42,144,398; in 1916, \$96,225,991; and in 1917, \$65,328,379. Imports from Africa in 1917 gained 212 per cent over 1914. They amounted to only \$19,149,476 in 1914 as against \$64,765,745 in 1916, and \$69,913,216 in 1917.

Of North American countries Canada showed the greatest gain in the 1917 imports as compared with those of 1914. The increase amounted to \$150,000,000 and was due to large imports of wheat, copper, paper, boards and wood pulp. Imports from Cuba gained \$122,000,000, owing chiefly to the rise in the value of sugar, which increased from \$95,294,782 in 1914 to \$204,523,149 in 1917, although the quantity decreased from 4,925,506,243 to 4,669,679,398 pounds in the same period.

Imports from Argentina increased by over \$100,000,000 in value, chiefly in wool and hides. Imports from Chile showed a large increase, from \$25,750,000 in 1914, to \$114,750,000 in 1917, a gain of 350 per cent, chiefly in nitrate of soda, copper and tin. Imports from Brazil in 1917 showed a gain over 1914 of \$51,000,000 principally in coffee, hides, rubber and manioc.

Imports from China increased by more than \$60,000,000 chiefly in hides, silk and wool, while imports from the Japanese leased territory in China, which amounted to only \$230,000 in 1914, rose to \$6,000,000 in 1917, representing principally oya-bean oil. Imports from the British East Indies increased from \$112,000,000 in 1913 to \$217,500,000 in 1917, the gain being chiefly in burlaps, hides, rubber and tin. Imports from Japan increased from \$107,200,000 in 1914 to \$208,000,000 in 1917, more than half of the increase being in raw silk. Imports from the Philippines increased from \$18,125,000 in 1914 to \$42,500,000 in 1917, the gain being in manilla hemp, sugar, cotton and coconut oil. Imports from Australia showed a de-

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