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TUESDAY MORNING, June 21st, 1898.

opening rate June 21st — 615/	Įΰ
No. 7 New York type of coffee. Spot closing price, on June 20th, per 10 kilos 7\$49	0
No. 7 ditto ditto ditto. Spot closing price	
at New York, on June 20th, per lb. cents. 6 1/2	
No. 7 New York type of coffee. July options	
price ditto ditto ditto '' 5.55	
1879 4 1/2 percent. External bonds, London June 20th. 53 of	43
1888 4 1/2 per cent external bonds " 51	
1889 4 per cent ditto ditto	
1895 5 per cent ditto ditto	2

The Contract for the Funding Loan was definitely signed on Wednesday evening and includes all the loans and guarantees enumerated in a previous number with the addition of the guarantee to the Mogyana railway. We have addition of the guarantee to the Mogyana railway. We have been shown a telegram from Messrs. Rothschild on the subject, in which, whilst expressing satisfaction on the final settlement, points out the great opposition and the severe criticismthat had to be encountered.

The conditions of the funding loan stipulate that all the loans and guarantees payable in London shall be included. Interest at the rate of 5 % per annum will be paid on this loan quarterly on the amounts emitted, in cash, and not in new funding bonds as some imagined. The coupon due on lst. July with guaranteed interest amounts to some £ 800.000, and will be paid by delivery of a similar sum in the new bonds, on which interest will commence to accrue from that date. This loan is perfectly secured by the guarantee of the Custom-House and deposit of the value of the interest and guarantees in currency at 18d. to the £.stg. in the foreign banks of this city, to be applied either to the reduction of the circulation or to the formation of a sinking fund.

The obligation to commence this deposit does not come into force until January next; a wise provision in view of the large amounts of currency that will be temporarily locked up or engaged in the 4 °/o gold Apolices' conversion. There are some other trifling foreign obligations such as the debt of the Associação Commercial, the Western Monas' R'y lst. debentures held in Germany, over which such a fuss has been made, and the Carangola guarantee, which do not come under the arrangement by the Government's express decision, for reasons which the reader will find more fully detailed in

our Money article.

Some kind of trust is to be organised here, in which all the foreign banks are to share, the French bank being included at special request of the French holders. know on which terms this money will be deposited; whether it may be utilised for business purposes or no, but presume not, especially if the object of the measure be to reduce the volume of the currency,

It is evident that European creditors have made matters as easy as possible to our Government, and that the conduct of affairs will henceforth justify the mark of confidence shown by our foreign creditors is now our sincere desire. The country is afforded a respite, a breathing time in which it can if it choose put its affairs into order such as probably will never re-occur and we believe, will not fail to, take advantage of it. It is our last chance of rehabilitating our credit; let us hope and strive that it shall not be thrown away.

Qui s'excuse s'accuse. The "Rio News" is quite right in expecting no answer to its enquiry. It will get none on the subject of its readers' addresses, of which it seems to imagine it possesses a copy right, nor on any other

the Review can have no interest whatever. Time and space are too valuable to be taken up with such ridiculous bickering; at least our time is; so we leave the field in future to our facetious contemporary, and hope he will enjoy it; but, must add, that he expects too much if in addition to paying Lands me'y for the privilege of printing the Review in the offices of the "Rio News" we are to throw gratitude into the bargain! We were under the impression that it was a business transaction.

THE CONVERSION DECREE

Press of space prevented us from publishing the terms of the decree for the conversion of 4 % Gold Apolices (bonds) to currency, bearing 5 %, interest, in our last issue. As, however, this matter is of some importance and may interest our home readers, we now give it in detail,

Decree No. 2907 of 11th June, 1898, regulates the conversion of the interest of 4 °₁₀ payable in gold on the Apolices (bonds) of the National Debt to that of 5 °/₀ payable

The President of the United States of Brazil in observance of Art. 23 No. 10 of law 490 dated 16th December,

1897, decrees

Art. 1. The interest of 4 % paid on the Apolices (bonds) of the National Internal Debt, to which decree No. 823 À, of 16th Oct., 1890, refers, is hereby converted into interest at the rate of 5 olo, payable in currency (paper) every 6 months.

Art, 2. The holders of these securities that agree to the conversion will receive Apolices bearing 5 % interest. of the same denominations established in decree No. 9370 of 14th February 1885, to the amount of 1:250\$ for each 1:000\$. fractions of an A₁0%ee (bond) being payable in cash.

Art. 3. Bearers that do not accept conversion will

receive the sum of 1:000\$ in cash, which will be paid to them

by series and by drawings.

Art. 4. Bearers will be considered to have accepted the terms of the conversion offered, who do not stipulate for

payment in cash within the following periods:

Ten days, counting from 15th inst. for the Capital and State of Rio de Janeiro; 15 days, counting from the same date for the other States, and finally 50 days counting from the same date for holders outside the Republic.

Art. 5. No authorization or judicial formality is requisite for acceptance of conversion in the following instances: Ist. Guardians, trustees, managers and administrators or other legal representatives of holders of *Apolices* (bonds). 2nd Holders of life interests or fiduciary heirs of life interests

Notification must be addressed to the depart-Art. 6. ment in which the bonds are subscribed or to the branch of the Treasury in London; if the owner be absent and prefer this method, depositing the corresponding bonds against a

Art. 7. Immediately the notification be lodged the right of transfer of the bond will cease, the respective interest, however, continuing in accordance with article 9 until

the day of the redemption.

Art. 8. At the close of the term indicated for notification the Conversion Office and the Treasury Branches (Delejacias) will remit to the Treasury two lists, one giving the names of holders who accept conversion, and the other of those who do not. The Treasury will then take the necessary measures for payment of the bonds that refuse conversion. and deliver warrants for the others to be emitted in payment of the premium of 250\$ per 1:000\$, to which the holders of Apolices (bonds) who accept conversion are entitled.

So long as they are not exchanged for their corresponding bonds, the half-yearly interest will be paid on these warrants which will be transferible in accordance with the

laws that regulate such matters.

Art. 9. Interest at the rate 4 % Gold will be paid on the Apolices (bonds) up to 30th of the current month, and

5 º/o paper after 1st July next.

Art. 10. The exchange of the actual for new Apolice: will be effected without expense for the holder who accepts conversion, at the Treasury, or Branch-Treasuries at London

matter of purely personal character, in which the readers of or in the different States. Until the operation be realized, however, the present bonds will be available for transfer and other transactions, the declarations inscribed on same in respect to the rate of interest being henceforward of no

> Art. 11. The new Apolices (bonds) will be identical with those already issued.

> Art. 12. All conditions contrary to this decree are hereby revoked.

> Federal Capital, 11th June, 1898.—PRUDENTE J. DE Mo-RAES BARROS.—BERNARDINO DE CAMPOS.

> There has been some misunderstanding as regards the clause, No. 3, that stipulates that the holders that claim payment in cash will be paid in series in the order to be determined by drawings. Some such regulation was inevitable in prevision of the possibility of payment being exacted on a scale that would tax all the resources of the Government, even when aided by the Banks, to meet. Should for example, 50,000:000\$ of bonds be presented altoge her for payment, it is clear that neither the Government nor the Banks could dispose immediately of so large a sum without serious inconvenience to the market. Spread over a month or so, its influence would be almost imperceptible because most of the money thus gradually paid out would find its way back to the banks and be available over and over again, without creating any disturbance or appreciable difference in the banks' cash balances.

> It is, however, expected that the demand for cash payment will be relatively small, not likely to exceed 20,000:-000\$, and that, in any case, the operation will be concluded by September of the current year. From 1st July until the date of final payment in order of drawings, these bonds will

enjoy 5 °/, interest payable in currency.

We understand that the news of the decree establishing conversion has been very well received at home. In fact, that it was the sine qua non of the funding operation, and is looked on as an earnest of the Government's firm intention to carry out the reforms and economies to which it is now

The funding loan in London.—Few of the papers to hand but treat of the new loan, most, it must be admitted, in a spirit of appreciation and good will, to which we have been long unaccustomed from our European Critics. What it is that has brought about so rapid a change we will not now stop to enquire, but register the fact and hope it may continue. Some of the Financial Shepherds treat their flocks to the most refreshing disquisitions on Brazilian Finance. The London Financa! Post says very properly, but incorrectly, one one for a moment impugned the good faith of the Brazilian authorities, and we may be quite certain that every endeavour will be made to keep up the credit of the Republic, but there are times when circumstances become too powerful and unfortunate situations are created from which extrication is always difficult, and occasionally impossible. Current quotations of Brazilian securities are only almost one-half those ruling at the time of the Empire. Since then, apparently through no fau't of her own, Brazil has been steadily on the downward grade" Editor's Note: "Oh! What a change is here. Horatio!" We won't go on, because the poor old Post gets woefully at sea when it ventures to a little analysis of the Brazilian situation on its own account and it would be cruel to treat so friendly a critic too severely. It, however, gives us one astounding piece of information that we really ear't let pass. "Brazil," it continues, "had a good deal to contend with during the past year. An INDIFFERENT coffee crop has had to be disposed of at unremunerative prices. O ye Gods! a crop of 11,000,000 bags indifferent! What are we coming to! But what comes next, takes the cake: "To add to the difficulties of the situation the weakness of the Silver market has thoroughly disorganized exchange." Well after that we almost give up all hope of drumming into the London Editorial mind any real appreciation of things Brazilian.

It is wonderful how unanimous all the Financial papers except our old friend the Financial News are in upholding that they all felt sure that something would be done for Brazil, and the "worst not allowed to come to the worst," most of which could lately scarcely find terms strong enough to describe Brazilian demoralisation and its perversity in not accepting any offer it could get for the Central railway. Now the time has quite altered. The only allusion to this sore point is stereotyped, they all say "the question of selling or leasing the railways remains in abeyance." The Shalay Tim s adds that an experienced Railway Manager, who appears to have rather prematurely approached on the subject of undertaking the administration of these properties, said that "no amount of money would induce him to face the certainty of getting a knife into

We fear the grapes were very sour! The Financial News of course, cannot chime in all at once in the chorus of approbation; some little time must be allowed for a decorous descent, but, has nothing worse to say than that it "did not look for much financial insight from a Brazilian Government, and so is not surprised that a course that has proved unsuccessful in the case of the Argentine Republic, Greece, and other countries, should be adopted, but, after all, is more grieved than angered, especially at the Rothschilds endorsing the scheme! The Financial News, all the same, shows more real insight in the economical situation than any of the other Journals, and if it could only keep that King Charles' head of a sale of the Central railway out of its consideranda, its advice would be well worth attending to. There is, as the Financial News says, a real danger that "the immediate effect of a rise of the mil-reis would be to enliven the import trade, and that the retrenchment which the community at large-in contrast with the Federal Government (another bug-bear) - has begun to practice would cease, and still further discourage exports. What we fear is that the mercurial South American temperament will assert itself, and that when the principal stimulus to internal financial reform be removed the old procrastinating, easygoing methods will return." No doubt there is such a danger, and severe bottling of irrepressible spirits, too given to discounting the "inexhaustible resources of the country' will be one of the Dr. Campos Salles' pleasing tasks for a long time to come. What the Statist says on the subject we give verbatim, not only because what the Statist writes is always worth attention, but because it shows far more acquaintance with the details and working of the scheme than any other of the "organs." The idea of a syndicate is good, but we think that 80 is but a low quotation, considering the guarantees secured to the new loan, and expect to see it at least at 85 before very

long.

As regards the sale of the Central, we are glad to see our opinion that it would be a ruinous operation at the price offered endorsed by so important an authority

as the Statist.

THE BRAZILIAN ARRANGEMENT.

(From the Statist. of 28th May.)

The answer of the Brazilian Government to the proposals made to it in regard to the debt is expected at almost any moment. It is proposed to adopt an arrangement of the Brazilian debt very similar to that arrived at by the Rothschild Committee in negotiation with Dr. Romero, then Argentine Finance Minister. In other words, the plan is that for three years the interest on the foreign debt shall be paid in bonds bearing 5 per cent. interest and secured upon the Customs' revenue. We understand that the plan is warmly approved of by the President-elect of Brazil. He will come into office next November. We believe we are correct in saying it has been drawn up under his supervision. It has, however, to be referred to the Government now actually in power, but it does not seem probable that a plan which is made with the approval of the incoming President will be rejected by his predecessor, who is so soon going out of office. Assuming that the plan is approved of by all parties, it will give a breathing-time to Brazil, within which much may be done to improve the condition of the country. The President-elect is a man of high cha-

racter, in whom great confidence is felt by European capitalists as well as by his own countrymen. He seems persuaded that great economics can be effected, and that the Budget can be balanced within the three years. Furthermore, it is part of the plan that the Sinking Fund shall be suspended for 10 years, and that a certain proportion of the paper in circulation shall be withdrawn and cancelled every year. It is not proposed at present either to sell or to lease the Central Railway. The incoming President, if we are rightly informed, is of opinion that the administration of the Brazilian State railways can be reformed so satisfactorily that in a very short time the railways will yield a handsome net revenue. If so, it undoubtedly would be unwise to sell at the price that could now be obtained. Upon the whole, the plan seems worthy of acceptance. As matters stand at present, something must be done; annual interest alone amounts to about 3 millions sterling, including guarantees. It is better that the bondholders should meet the Government in a friendly spirit, helping it in its time of difficulty. Already the more prospect that the Government will not have to remit in cash the interest has sent up exchange, and doubtless if the arrangement is sanctioned there will be a further very considerable recovery. We understand, finally, that a syndicate is being formed, or is in contemplation, by British and Continental capitalists with the intention of making a market for the new bonds. The suggestion is that the syndicate should be powerful enough to buy at least a million sterling nominal of these bonds. We understand, further, that the price which it is proposed the syndicate should pay is 80.

A ministerial decree has authorized the Faria Gold Mining Company to continue operations, the changes exacted by Brazilian law in its articles of association having been effected.

The attack on Mr. Pryor.—We regret to hear that the General Manager of the São Bento Gold Mining Company has been waylaid and is lying dangerously wounded whilst his servant was killed by a gang of ruffians, supposed to be foreigners, on his return from Sabará to the mines. Mr. Pryor was in the habit of going once a month to Sabará to receive money remitted by the agents of the Company in this city for the monthly payments. This was well known in the neighbourhood, and his assailants are believed to be discharged workmen from the Mines. It is all the more to be regretted because it will give a bad name to the mining districts, and although one swallow does not make a summer, this occurrence will be quoted for years to come as a proof of the insecurity of life and property in Brazil. In point of fact there are few countries where crime goes so unpunished and is yet so comparatively rare as in the backwoods of Brazil; and were the people not of a law abiding and peaceable disposition, as a rule, life in the vast and sparsely settled interior would be impossible. The authorities when there are any, are few and far between, and would be helpless against any organized brigandage such as is common in the "States" and other countries, and if attacks on life and property are comparatively rare, far rarer than in the Argentine Republic or any other part of South America, it is owing to the character of the people themselves, and certainly not to any efficiency of the police, conspicuous rather by the absence than anything else.

THE SOROCABANA RAILWAY.

The report of this important but sorely misguided Company, just to hand, is of particular interest at the present moment when efforts are being made to interest foreign capital in the purchase of the line. Undoubtedly, not only the Sorocabana but the other São Paulo railways will ultimately fall into the hands of European Capitalists, because the generally yielding a rate of profit that would be considered ample at home, it does not come up to the local standard.

The capital of the Sorocabana and Ituana Railway now consists of 175.000 shares of 200\$000 40\$000 175.000

Rs. 35,000:000\$000 7,000:000\$000

Rs. 42,000:000\$000

of the nominal value at the present rate of exchange (say Sd.) of £1,400,000, or if taken at j ar, 27d, about £4,777,000 Undoubtedly neither one nor the other of these figures really represent the true cost-value of the line; the first being too small, and the latter too great. At the exchange of 8d. the former represents only £2.651. per mile, whilst at 27d. it is £9.047. The average cost of eight similar lines, most of them of a more costly character than the Sorocabana, constructed by English capital in different States of the Union, comes out at £3.710 per mile, fully equipped with ample rolling stock, etc. Undoubtedly this may be regarded as a fair basis for valuation that is not likely to be exceeded, at any rate by any railway in São Paulo, except that of Santos to Jundiahy, At this rate the capital invested in the construction of the 528 miles of line will be fairly represented by £1,958,880, or say in round numbers £2.000,000; a cost, at which it could be certainly reconstructed and much more solidly than the existing line, equivalent at 8d. exchange to 60,000:000\$000.

It is, however, much more difficult to determine the market value of the railway in which the varying value of the currency is a disturbing factor. The tariffs of the Sorocabana and Ituana line are, with the exception of a small section, on a paper basis, unalterable after exchange has fallen below 12d. Consequently, the real value of the balance available for profits varies with the value of the currency itself. Last year, when exchange may be regarded as having about touched bottom, the net balance, after paying all working expenses, was 3,861,282\$180 and the average rate of exchange 7 45/64, giving a sterling value of £123,000, which is equal to $6.15^{\circ}/_{\circ}$ on the real capital invested of £2,000,000.

Of course should exchange fall below 8 d, and the balance of receipts not be proportionately augmented, their real value must be also diminished, at 7d. representing only $5.6^{\circ}/_{o}$ on the capital employed, at 6d. representing $4.5^{\circ}/_{o}$, and at 5d. only 40/0. The latter may be regarded, in our opinion, as the minimum that exchange is likely to reach, for reasons we have repeatedly stated, that, should it fall lower, or even continue long at this rate, foreign payments must be inevitably suspended and provoke a reaction favourable to the rate.

What the rate may be the next few years, it is impossible to say, as it must depend chiefly on the future value of coffee, which is equally obscure. Any valuation, therefore, except on the minimum basis is purely speculative, so long as the tariff is maintained in paper.

In 1898 the coffee crop appears to have been exceptionally large, and such as cannot be counted on as permanent. It is, however, unquestionable that the district served by the Sorocabana Railway is one of the most promising in São Paulo, so that, tho' there may be some partial falling off occasionally, on the whole the traffic of 1897 may be expected to be fairly maintained.

The contract of the Railway with Government obliges the Company to reduce its tariff when exchange exceeds 12d., so that this rate may be regarded as that at which the maximum profit would be realized. Should exchange rise to 12d, supposing that expenditure and receipts kept on a pur with 1897, the value of the balance of 3,861:282\$180 would be £ 184,046, equivalent to $9 \, \text{°}/\text{°}$ on the £ 2,000,000 invested; so that, considering that with good Government and a little good fortune as regards coffee prices, such a rate is far from impossible, a speculative purchaser might fairly split the difference and establish 9d. as the basis of purchase. At this latter rate the value of net profit must be £ 153,000 and equivalent to 7.6 $^{\circ}/_{\circ}$ on £ 2,000,000 or 5 $^{\circ}/_{\circ}$ on £ 3,000, 000, the maximum value of the Sorocabana & Ituana lines, in our judgment, that could be taken as a basis for negotiations. Of course exchange might go above 12d, and raise the average for the next three years to over 9d., but it must be borne in mind that after three years the Government has to renew its foreign payments, and that a reaction may then easily occur.

The traffic of the Railway shows a satisfactory and progressive growth in all branches, as will be seen from the following tables:

Years	Passengers	Coffee tons	Sundry goods tons	Amounts,
1893 1894 1895 1896	424,502 391,261 493,228 620,246 609,450	15,816 27,974 24,700 20,804 45,102	113,002 112,145 150,010 207,407 218,483	3,851:268\$530 5,013:069\$400 5,915:806\$000 6,717:736#980 8,532:950\$900

The increase during the last 5 years, 1893—1897, was, therefore, 44 % in the Passenger traffic, 200 % in the Coffee carried, 92 % in general merchandise, in all 121 % o.

The quantity of general merchandise carried, 218,483 tons, appears to be excessively large and out of all proportion to that on other more important lines. For example, on the Paulista line with nearly 1,000 kilometres of line, the total goods traffic in 1895 was only 593,000 tons, of which the coffee carried was 225,000 tons, leaving 369,000 tons for other goods.

In this case the quantity of general goods represent $164 \text{ o/}_{\mathrm{O}}$ of that of the coffee carried, whilst on the Sorocabana Railway they are 480 % !!! and seem to us entirely out of proportion, seeing that the consumption of each district must be largely controlled by the purchasing value of its produce. There may of course be other factors that produce so great a difference, but, analyzing the different items of the goods traffic, we observe one of 99,573 tons for construction materials that demands explanation, (whether on account of the railway itself or for others), which will perhaps explain the mystery.

Since 1893 the relation of working expenses to Revenue has greatly improved, if the statistics are to be trusted, which, without going very deeply into them, we should say they are not. The habit of charging working expenses to capital to make a better show is too well known, and too simple when extension works are going on to deceive any except the incautious, and with the value of revenue decreasing every day, and the cost of materials and fuel going up in consequence of the depreciation of the currency, it does seem rather extraordinary to find working expenses only 54 % of revenue in 1897, when they were 59 % in 1896 with a much higher average rate of exchange, and 56 % of in 1895.

It is possible, of course, that traffic has increased in such a manner as to compensate the increase of expenditure, but, by intending purchasers of a line in such conditions, we think it probable that some further proof would be demanded before the following statement could be implicitly accepted.

•	Expenditure	Rercnue	Rate
1893	2.866:764\$220	3.851:268\$530	72 0/2
1894	2.825:191\$760	5.033:069\$400	56 o/o
1895	3.309:191\$370	5.915:8068000	56 e/o
1896	3.984:167\$931	. 6.717:736\$980	59 º/o
1897	4.681:668\$813	8.532:950\$900	54 °/0

In four years, 1894 to 1897, the net balance, after satisfying all working expenses, reached 11,381:170\$896, and was as follows:

	Receipts	Expenditure	Balance
1894	5.915:806\$000 6.717:786\$980	2.847:089\$\$10 3.309:191\$370 3.984:167\$931 4.671:068\$813	2.179:6548440 2.606:6148630 2.738:6198049 3.861:282\$177
			11.381:170\$296

Expenditure during these four years has been distributed

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Purchase of Real Estate	295:380\$000
Sundry accounts	
Construction of new lines	
Reconstruction and maintenance of old lines	
Interest on debentures	5.061:543\$660
Sinking Fund	360:900\$000
Amortisation of debt	288:000\$000
Material	3,291:600\$00

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and shows an excess of expenditure over revenue of 6.792:225\$000 almost entirely expended on the construction of the following new lines

Lençoes Branch.	******************************	1.198:212\$871
Itú to Mayrink	Branch	4.159:042\$883
Itararé	ditto	
Tibagy	ditto	
Santos	ditto	144!647\$890

6.653:888\$205

In the same period the following sums were expended in interest and service of debentures

Gold	1.548:2288660
Paper	3,513;315\$000
Sinking fund	
Amortisation	288:0000000
	5.710:443\$660

in addition to 3,291:600\$000 expended on rolling stock. That the company has greatly improved its position by the extension of its lines since 1882, from the original 132 kilometres that existed exclusively on the guarantee of $7^{\circ}/_{0}$ on the capital of 5,500:000\$000 without hope of improvement, is unquestionable, as also the wisdom of the policy that dictated the advance. But what cannot be defended in any form is the bad faith of the Company in regard to its creditors, first suspending the amortisation and finally the payment of interest without any sufficient reason, whilst by their own showing they possessed ample means to satisfy all their engagements had the directors not misapplied the money to works that, however advantageous, were not absolutely indispensable. The Sorocabana Co. will feel, and indeed is already feeling, the effect of its bad faith. Had it properly approached its creditors and offered satisfactory terms and guarantees it is probable that not only there would have been no difficulty in arranging satisfactory terms for a prorogation of the amortisation, but that the Company would have been able to negotiate all the funds it is so badly in want of for its extensions. Now, any such pretention would be scorned; and sooner or later the Company will find out to its cost the great mistake it made in attempting to outwit European capital. Since the month of March the Company has failed to pay not only the amortisation but the interest on its gold debentures, while it continues to spend large sums on extensions

The Sorocabana and Ituana Co. enjoys a Federal guarantee of 6 % on the capital employed in the construction of 154 kilometres of its branches up to 80:000% per kilometre, there being no guarantee on the branch to Santos. Referring to this line the excellent report for 1897 of the Ministry of Public Works of S. Paulo, says, "the Sorocabana and Ituana was the only Company that opened any new section to traffic during the year 1897, which, however, it has only succeeded in doing by making use of its traffic receipts, a system generally condemned because it reduces the probability of any advantage to the public by a reduction of tariffs." So that not even by the local authorities are these feverish and dishonest attempts of the Sorocabana to extend its lines appre-

ciated

The following is the balance sheet on the 31st December 1897

1897 :	
Assets	
By. Balance due on Share Capital	32,800:000\$000
,, Deposit of Directors	20:000\$000
" Main Line and Branches &c	99.459:611\$006
,, Debentures (paper) paid-off	98:700\$000
" Guarantee interest, received from S. Paulo	6.035:105\$611
,, Cash	30:693\$325
-	138.444:109\$942
LIABILITIES:	
To Capital, nominal value of 350,000 shares	70.000:000\$000
, Balance of Reserve Fund	1.385:541\$180
,, Profits in suspense	791:853\$687
" Deposit of Directors	20:000\$000
, Debentures,	
Balance of this account as follows:	• .
GOLD	
3,530 debentures of £ 50 £176,500	
1,500 ., of £ 100 £150,000	

£326,500 @ 27d.=

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390,000	2nd .,	100\$000 100\$000 200\$000	Rs. 	30,000;000\$	14.281:1008000
Balance	of Feder	ral Guarantee	accor	int	1.464:9718784
	,, State	São Paulo.	ditto	ditto	5.450:461\$285
,,	., Sund	ry accounts			12.147:656\$736
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Such a balance sheet mixing up gold and paper in inextricable confusion is incomprehensible except to an expert. Separating gold and paper values, we get the following:

••	Share capital paid up Reserve and other items Paper debentures Other debts	2,197;394\$000 44,281;400\$000		-
,,	Sterling debentures (a) 8d.	102,741;885\$000 9,795;000\$000	., ===,.	

The affairs of this Company are in a terribly disorganised condition and the almost impossibility of coming to terms with the many conflicting interests represented by shareholders and the different kinds of debenture holders is the chief difficulty in the way of negotiation for its sale abroad. Until some such arrangement is previously come to, to attempt any operation is but time and labor lost; and we warn capitalists at home from being induced to spend time or money on the matter unless such an arrangement can be clearly demonstrated to have been arrived at. The value of the railway, as has been stated, from whatever point of the railway, as has been stated, from whatever point of view it may be regarded cannot exceed £3.000,000 at the most favourable estimate; whilst, even at the low rate of exchange 8d. adopted for reduction of paper to sterling, the nominal capital already sunk represents more than £3,751,230.

To arrive at any amicable understanding that will satisfy the conflicting interests of both shareholders, who control the Company, and of debenture holders, principally represented by the Bank of the Republic, is evidently a difficult matter, and, in our opinion, only to be realised by previous agreement with the Bank of the Republic, that holds 213,867 debentures out of 440,907 and 72,778 of the shares of the Company, and could unquestionably, if it chose, force the Company into liquidation. At present quotations of 42\$000 per share and 55\$000 for paper debentures of the 1st, and 45\$000 for those of the 2nd series, the value of the capital and debenture issues is reduced to 35,845;000\$ equivalent at the exchange of 8d, to £ 1,194,830

which may be regarded as the market valuation of the property, which, though arrived at in an almost unconscious manner, generally succeeds in getting very close to the reality. That the shares have a greater prospective value we believe, because the districts served by the railway are known to be most productive; but, at the present moment it is doubtful whether even this market value does not exceed the real value of the concern appraised on a gold basis at current rates.

The Company held a guarantee from the State of S. Paulo which it gave up and is now repaying. It still enjoys a guarantee of 6% for 30 years dated from 1888 on the capital necessary for the construction of the Tibagy and Itararé branches. The issues of Sterling debentures are as a follows:

1st. Sorocabana Ry 6 °/ $_{o}$ debentures, issued in Rio de Janeiro at 500\$000 Gold, or £ 50.. interest and capital payable in gold, are secured by mortgage on the original line from S. Paulo to Villeta, 128 Kilometres.

2nd. 6°/, first mortgage debentures of the Ituana Line. issued in 1888 by C. Murrietta & Co., are secured by registered mortgage of the lines from Jundiahy to Itú. and from Itaicy to João Alfredo, and by a charge on the revenue of such lines.

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The Commercial Position of France. — WE have gathered from various Consular sources figures which will show the position France occupies as a commercial nation compared with England, Germany, and the United States. Comparisons, though odious, are very often interesting, and we hope our readers will find this one so. The statistics we have at our command are up to the year 1896, and going ten years back we find the relative positions of the four countries to be as shown in the following table:

England. United States. Germany. France. 1896 the countries stood th	337,750,000 353,527,750 359,800,000
Country,	Amount.
Country. England	£892,625,000
Germany	506,625,000
United States	386,000,000

Amount.

During these ten years, while England, Germany, and the United States increased their foreign trade, France did not. France has, therefore, two deteriorating influences at work-decline of trade and population-which, if not checked, must mean the decay of nationality. M. Jules Roche, the ex-Minister of Finance and Commerce, has been turning his attention to the state of his country's foreign trade, and it is his opinion that its decline is due to the lack of individual energy of Frenchmen in opening up foreign markets. We have always thought that energy was second nature to a Frenchman, but if such energy exists, it evidently requires directing -Consular Journal.

American bombardment in Manilla would do more damage to German and English commercial interests than to the Spaniards. There are thirty-three large firms in Manilla, fourteen of them are German and twelve are English. There are besides eleven other German firms. Between February 16th and March 11th twenty ships anchored in the port of Manilla; only four were Spanish. On March 11th eleven neutral and two American ships were at anchor, but not a single Spanish ship. The German firms in Manilla asked the Foreign Office for protection, but little can be done unless England will co-operate in the matter.

The Reichstag is asked to vote the prolongation of the most-favoured nation treaty with Great Britain of May 30, 1865, up to July 30, 1899. The Bill is certain to be voted with much goodwill .- The Economist.

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Money and Share Market.

QUOTATIONS DURING THE WEEK, ENDING 17 JUNE 1898,

	Max Bank (and ter D						OFI	PICIAL	RATE	s		
June	90 d/s			3 djs SIGHT		9	0 D/S			SIC	шт			
	Lon-	Paris	Ham- burg	Italy	Por- tuenl	New York	Lon-	Paris	Hanı- burg	Lou- don	Paris	Ham- burg	ltuly	New
11th	7 11/16 7 3/4	1.231 1.232	$1.520 \\ 1.532$	1.180 1.205	444 460	6.454 6.510	7 25/32	1.225	1,513 	7 49/H	1.227	1.516 	1.170	6.365
13th	7 7/16 7 11/16	1.241 1.283	1.532 1.583	1.200 1.254	459 475	6.540 6.731			<i>.</i>	- 		 		
14th	7 5/8 7 11/16	1.241 1 251	1.582 1,544	1.190 1 202	448 465	6.507 6.543	7 3/4	1.220	1.519 	7 25/32	1.235	1 525	1.175	6,404
15th	7 5/16 7 11/16	1.241 1.304	1.532 1.610	$\frac{1.198}{1.260}$	465 515	6.537 6.880	7 1/2	1.271	 1.570 	‼ 7 31/14 ∥	1.274	1.573 1	1.216	6.005
16th	7 7/16 7 11/16	1.241 1.284	1.582 1.587	1.198 1.248	451 470	6.507 6.778	7 9 16	1,261	1,557	‼ '7-37/34 ⊪	1.263	1.560 1	1,.206	6.550
17th	7 1/4 7 7/16	1.283 1.316	1.587 1.624	1 225 1.266	467 520	6.731 6.908	7 13/3:	1.287	1,590 	7 25/64	1.290	1.593 	1.232 	6.689
Ave- ruge	7 9/16	1.262	1.559	1.219	471	6.635	7 19/32	1.255	1.552	2 7 37/11	1.258	1.553	1.199	6,522

Extremes during the week closing June 17th were 7 7/16—7 27/32 for 90 d/s Bank and 7 3/8—7 15/16 private paper.

The average Bank counter 90 d/s drawing rate for the week comes

out at 79/16, and the corresponding sight rate 7 1/2d against 7 37/64, the sight rate of the Camara Syndical.

On the basis of the Banks' sight rate the average depreciation for the week is 72,22 4/5 and the premium on gold 260 4/5 against 73,03 9/5 and 271.03 9/6 for last week. At these rates:—

and wires to the		. 14. 24.0 011	CDC ICOCO	•	
1£ was	worth	32\$000	against	32\$961	previous weel
1 shilling	,,	1\$600	. ,,	1\$648	1,
1 penny		0\$133	• •	0\$137	,,
1 Franc		1\$272	.,	1\$310	.,
1 Mark	**	1\$570		1\$617	,.
1 United States		62592	7.9	¢\$ 790	,,
1 20\$000 piece	*1	72\$000	••	74\$163	
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Foreign Exchange on London and premium on gold

	Paris	Berlin	Genea	Lishon	Madrid	Buenos-Ayre
June 11th	h 25.25	20.31	7.05 0/0	83.0 4/6	84.25	
13t1	1		`			264.5
14t1	1 ——	20.30 1/2	6.95	81.5	85.0	264.3
15tl	1 25.25 14			81.0	86.0	263.7
16tl	1 25.26	20,30		81.5	88.75	265.0
17t1	1		7.20			263.0

The Bank of England rate remained unaltered at 3 p. c. with prospect of a further reduction in consequence of the great improvement shown in its Balances, the reserve having risen from 21 provement shown in its Balances, the reserve having risen from 25 millions on 25th April to 26 ½ millions on 25th May, and owing also to the fact that the Japanese Government had not withdrawn its large balance of £11,000,000. but authorized its agents inLioudon to trade with same. A Telegram received from Messrs. Rothschild by the Bank of the Republic, dated 1.40 p. m. on 16th June, gives the Ofen Market Rate as 1 ½ ½, against 2 3/8 last Saturday, and 2 ½ on 18th May and the following contactions for: and 3 1/2 on 18th May, and the following quotations for :-

Brazilian securities on the London stock exchange

	_	June 16th	June 13th	June 9th
1879	4 ½ per cents	66	66	67
1888	4 1/2 ,,	54	55	56
1889	4	53	53	53 1/4
1895	5	59	60	60 ½
rra .				90 /2

The contract between the Brazilian Government and Messrs. Roths-The contract between the brazinan Government and messis. Moinschild for payment of interest in funding bonds was signed on 15th interest. The above quotations are, therefore, posterior, and indicate a slight weakness, the effect probably of the arrangement having been thoroughly discounted in the rise of 30 % since 5th April.

Monday, June 13th. The Banks opened with 7 5/8, lowering the rate later on to 7 1/2, and the French Bank to 7 7/16. In the afternoon the German Bank adopted 7 11/16 and the other banks 7 5/8. Private was denerat 7 11/16 to 7 13/16, closing with Bank paper at 7 11/16—7 23/32, and private at 7 3/4—7 25/32.

Tuesday 14th. The Banks all opened with 711₁16, except the British which posted 75₁8, but later adopted the same rate as the others. Business was done in Bank paper at 723₁32 to 25₁32 and in private at 725₁32—713₁16, closing at 711₁16 for Bank and 73₁4 for private.

Wednesday 15th. The German and British Banks opened with 7 11₁16 and French 7 5₁8, and the London and Brazilian, and London & River-Plate at 7 1₁2. In the course of the day the British Bank posted six rates between 73₁8—7 11₁16; the German five between 75₁16—7 11₁16; the London & River-Plate four, between 7 3₁8 and the London & Brazilian and French three, between 7 3₁8 and 7 5₁8. The demand for bills was very heavy, the closing rates being 7 11₁16 for bank and 7 3₂d for private paner. 7 11116 for bank, and 7 314 for private paper.

Thursday 16th. The London & Brazilian Bank opened with 7 5₁8 and the others at 7 11₁16; the London & River Plate posted four rates, between 7 7₁16 and 7 11₁16; the British Bank four, from 7 1₁2-7 11₁16; the French three from 7 1₁2-7 11₁16; and the German and London & Brazilian two; the market closing at 7 3₁8-7 13₁32 for Bank, and 7 7₁16-7 1₁2 for private paper.

Friday 17th. The Banks all opened with the rate of 7 318, the London and River Plate and French posting 7 716 later on, but finally reducing again to 7 318, and the London & Brazilian to 7 114. Bank paper was finally dealt in at 7 318, with private at 7 716—7 112, rising to 7 112 for Bank and 7 9116 for private, and closing at 7 114 for bank and 7318 private paper.

Saturday 18th. The German Bank opened with 7 14, reducing it almost immediately to 7, which was the rate at all the other banks. Later on the British raised its rate to 7 148 and other banks to 7 1416, which was the rate posted at the close of the day. The London and Brazilian posted no rate; the Nacional selling at 7 3416. Transactions in Bank paper opened at 7 148 to 7 3416, closing with Bank paper at 6 748 to 6 15416 and private at 7 d.

TELEGRAM FROM PARÁ

(From our own correspondent) 12th June 1848

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١	Receipts of Rubber for the week ending 17th June	Tons	7.5
1	Value of same		£21,000
ļ	Exported		120
	Value of same		£43 000

The sales of coffce during the week amounted to 69,500 bags of the f, o, b, value of only £17,948. The arrivals; of Rubber, as will be seen by our telegram, are very small, and exports only £43,000, making a total of £60,948 in bills supplied by Coffee and Rubber together to the market for the week.

THE BRAZILIAN REVIEW

Saturday Evening, June 18tl | 8.

Saturday Ecening, Jone 1811 s.

The Market opened on Monday 18th with Bank paper offering at 75/8, and closed on Saturday 18th at 67/8, a fall more than 11 e/, in the course of the week without any ostensible reason whatever beyond the necessities of liquidation of the speculative sales of the last three weeks. As we have maintained all along, the rise of exchange that commenced on 23rd May is a purely speculative movement. In imprudent and intemperate attempt to discount the future, unauthorized by any recognizable fact its. That a reaction was inevitable as soon as speculators commenced to buy back and take their prefits we regarded as certain. This no doubt has been going on very largely during the week. Indeed it is believed that the local Market has already flouidated the greater part of its sales, and is now on the other ready liquidated the greater part of its sales, and is now on the other tack, under the belief that the moral effect of the Compromise has been already discounted, and that the positive factors, left to them-

been already discounted, and that the positive factors, left to themselves, and with little or no coffee or rubber going forward, are, if anything, adverse to any further improvement.

The market to some extent is right; and should the large amounts said to have been sold on European account be liquidated, it is quite possible that a demand for bills may spring up that the market would be wholly unable to supply, and a slump set in that will carry prices back again to the neighbourhood whence they started. If, on prices oack again to the neighbourhood whence they started. It, on the other hand, the London and other speculators determine to leave their money untouched in the reasonable anticipation of higher rates at a not distant date, then it is quite possible that there will be no reaction, but that, on the contrary, rates may gradually improve as coffee begins to furnish bills again to the market. It is possible that a good deal of the late selling on foreign account was not speculative but intended to receive money at a face was ble rate for the purchase but intended to provide money at a favourable rate for the purchase of coffee and rubber during the coming season, thus anticipating supply at the critical moment when the market is so bare of bills. If this be the case, of course it means that the corresponding bills will be used as cover and not be available, later on, thus reducing future supplies proportionately. The immediate future of exchange seems, therefore, largely in the hands of foreign operators; but, whatever happens, they can only succeed in depressing it temporarily, finally it must react again, and then, we trust, without the intervention of speculation, but only on the real merits of the situation and the equilibrium of our foreign payments and receipts, the only true basis of permanent improvement. It is argued that the rate was previously unduly depressed by speculation and consequently that the natural rate should be somewhere in the neighbourhood of eight pence: But such estimates are nothing better than mere conjectures, because in reality we possess no means whatever of appraising the true value of even the legitimate supply and demand for exchange, much less that furnished by speculative operations in options. It must be borne in mind that the relief is immediate. The funding of the July coupou act only relieves the market from contributing any exchange whatever to Government necessities, whereas in former years it had to make good some £800,000 for that date, but actually sets free the funds already accumulated by Government in London towards that object, whatever they may be.

These funds Dr. Bernardino de Campos intends to leave in London to provide for the monthly payments of treasury bills issued in December, and other Government expenditure abroad, so that it will not be called on to take at all in this market for some time to come. It is difficult to estimate what the real amount taken by Government for its different purposes really has been in view of the large amounts furnished by loans that amount to some £11,000,000 since 1893, including the Western Minas loan. But, whatever they amounted to, it is perfectly well understood that the Government taking was very considerable, and, in fact, was the principal bear factor of exchange. The great decline of rates in August and November last was attributed entirely to this factor. If the presence of Government in the market as a taker is regarded as an unquestionable factor for the fall, it is logical to expect that its elimination should bring about a constrary tendency.

Before it can be decided whether the withdrawal of Government entirely from the exchange market is sufficient to warrant the expectation of a positive and consecutive improvement in the rate, we must be supplied with better and fuller information than we at present possess as regards the quantities of exchange really taken by Government and the necessities of importers and the Market generally. All that can be certainly advanced is that, any real cause for further fall seeming to have been entirely eliminated for the moment, some improvement should be expected by the rebound from the artificially low rate manipulated by the speculators for the fall, and that the market if surrendered to its exclusively mercantile factors, should be able to so balance its outgoings and incomings as to secure a favourable balance of payments and, consequently, improving exchanges. If the Market cannot do it, but rushes wildly into imports, thus accumulating obligations again, it will be necessary that Government interfere, and prevent the advantages we have gained by the compromise with our Creditors from being thrown away by other means.

There are some who expect the Brazilian Review to make definite statements and predict the rate of exchange. That, however, is impossible; even had we the indispensable elements to form a positive opinion, we could never appraise the possibilities of speculation, that obeys the dictates of human will and wishes, which are undeterminable. Could the Brazilian Review arrive at any positive opinion that satisfied its own judgment it would not refuse the responsibility of publishing its opinions. At it is, it can only collect the necessary data, incomplete as they are, enabling the Public to form its own judgment thereon.

Summing up, the position seems to be thus:

Exchange was unduly depressed by speculation to 51/2 d., and has now been too rapidly pushed up to nearly 8d. A reaction must occur. Will it take the rate down again to 51/2? It seems unlikely, because:—1st. We have eliminated a great element of demand by the withdrawal of Government from the market; 2ndly, the Coffee and Rubber crops will be shortly available to swell supply. Thirdly. With a chance of improvement, capital is likely to flow into the country again; and 4thly the conversion of the 4 °/0 Gold Apolices eliminates a further and extremely important element of demand for exchange, and effects a desirable administrative economy.

The doubts and objection we expressed to the violent rise of exchange we feel even more strangely to-day after witnessing the unscrupulous attempts of the bears to provoke a reaction in which neither truth nor probability was respected, no report or invention being too wild or improbable, apparently, to gain credence or serve their object. That apparently serious old established English houses' whose word hitherto was regarded as good a guarantee of good faith as their bond, should stoop to such manoeuvres, shows the demoralisation that such shameless gambling has already wrought, when even the consciousness of degradation has been almost entirely obliterated. To invent and put into circulation reports that are known, or believed, to be untrue with the deliberate object to depressing or raising prices and benefiting thereby, seems to us as evident a proof of moral obliquity as the action of the pick-pocket who filches your purse from your pocket. Whatever defence there may be for specifiation in the abstract, there can be none when it leads to the moral degeneration of the community. Such abuses, however, are certain square or later to prove their own corrective. Sooner or later,

Society must revolt and punish such offences as they deserve, as criminal assaults on the public weal.

If the impudence with which untrue reports are circulated is surprising, no less wonderful is the ingenuousness and stupidity with which they are swallowed by a market that seems, positively, to like to be guiled! Whitst people are willing to be led-by the nose, and unable or unwilling to form independent opinions, there will always be mentors who undertake to guide them, and, unfortunately, more still to misguide them,— a blind—leading of the blind.

The slump that occurred on Wednesday was the effect, in great part, of a report put into circulation that the funding operation had failed in consequence of the opposition of the Corporation of Foreign Bondholders; a report its originators must have known to be untrue, as almost immediately after came the official denial in the form of a telegram from Rothschild stating that the contract had been signed, sealed and delivered on the same day. The market, if it ever stopped to consider, would have easily comprehended how unlikely it was that Rothschild should go to the length of positively signing the contract unless all these details were previously agreed on, and that now, had they done so, any protest would effect them, and not the Government; which has now to carry out the contract entered into. In spite of the Government's assertion, it was openly asserted that the contract was not signed at all, whilst the operation of the Western Minas Railyay bondholders was brought forward as another bugbear to frighten the market. Although not so absolutely devoid of foundation as the other, this report was only half a truth, which proverb says "is worse than a whole lie". The loan of £3,710,000, contracted by the Western Minas Riy in London in 1893 and guaranteed by the Brazilian Government, has been included in the contract signed with Messrs. Rothschild, as also all descriptions of interest on loans or guarantees of interest payable in London, as detailed in our previous number of the 14th, with the addition of the Mogyana guarantee also payable in London, any report to the contrary being absolutely without foundation.

There are two items which have not been included, purposely; the German loan of 22,450,000 marks to the Western Minas R'y secured by mortgage only, and with which Government has nothing whatever to do, and the guarantee of the Carangola line, the payment of which is disputed by Government itself. The holders of the German loan to the Western Minas Railway wished to be included in the funding operation, but were refused by Government; which has quite enough to look after without taking private debts on its shoulders.

Let the market be assured that the business is definitely settled in a way that there is no going back upon. No operation of Western Minas mortgages or indeed of any one else can now after the fact that the Rothschilds have entered on a definite contract with the Brazilian Government, which both are bound to carry out. The matter is finished and done with.

Making it our business to sound Public Opinion, we have long arrived at the conviction that it is absolutely hostile to the reckless speculation in exchange, so prejudicial to stability or prosperity, individual or collective; and have not lately been chary of warnings to speculators not to stretch the cord too tight for fear of breaking!

Should matters continue thus, and speculation persist in paying no attention to repeated danger signals, we cannot but feel that the time is not far off when restrictive measures, however inoperative they may ultimately prove, will be put into practice, and speculators falling victims to their own imprudence, be hoisted with their own petard. We do not state that we agree with such repressions; on the contrary, we have always regarded speculation as an effect and not a cause; but feel convinced that, whatever our private convictions may be, the wave of opinion will prove too strong for pure reason to oppose any barrier, and speculators, if not speculation, will be swept irresistibly away. That others will come to take their place we have no doubt, but they will be another, not the same lot! Caveat actor.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Santos. June, 16th, 1898.

Our exchange market after having been firm and rising on Friday and Saturday last has fallen since more or less in sympathy with your market, although we are more independent of Rio than ever, São Paulo furnishing us the necessary money for carrying on the little coffee business we are doing. On Saturday, quite late, the first sign of weakness was visible and ever since liquidations have brought the rate down to 71/2 to-day. This fall got evidently its first impetus from London, where bankers, either knowing that the financial arrangement would not be unanimously carried by the bondholders, or with the desire of realizing profits, gave orders to remit. Since then speculators for the rise residing here joined and helped to precipitate the movement. We hope nobody was naive enough to think European bankers would send their money out in order to invest in this country, although we feel sure there will be the usual outburst about "wicked speculation" when the rates go down. Well, bankers in Europe or anywhere else are not sentimental, and if they get a valuable tip like the one they, got lately, they will act on it quite regardless whether a great community might suffer on account of it or not. That Brazil has suffered nobody will doubt when looking at the tremendous fall in currency prices for coffee and the large amounts which have left the country in small drafts. We are poorer now than we were at the rate of exchange of 5 11/16.

BUSINESS DONE ON THE RIO DE JANEIRO STOCK EXCIIANGE DURING WEEK ENDING JUNE 17th, 1898.

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	Sales	Highest	Lowest	This Week	Last week
STOCKS AND BONDS. Apollees Gernes 50/0 Currency ditto 4 0/0 Gold ditto Miudas ditto 1889, 40/0 National	230 164 5	870\$000 1:0708000 1:060\$000	850\$000 1:040\$000 1:060\$000		1:040\$000
loan, Gold	12 520 6 145 294 731 41	1:400\$000 885\$000 885\$000 940\$000 942\$000 150\$000	1;4008000 8508000 8508000 9898000 9408099 1498000	1.400\(\pi\)000 878\(\pi\)000 885\(\pi\)000 940\(\pi\)000 150\(\pi\)000	9405000
BANKS Republica Commercial Commercio Hypothecaria Lavoura e Commercio (1st se- ries)	969 567 22 230	155\$000 155\$000 210\$000 220\$000 52\$500	158\$000 152\$000 208\$000 220\$000 52\$500	1588000 1548000 2108000 2208000 528500	153\$000 208\$000
ries). Rural e Hypothecario. ditto Popular National RALLWAYS AND TRAMWAYS	75 107 7 100 58 1/2	90\$000 240\$000 110\$000 38000 1968000	903100 2403000 1103000 33000	908000 2408000 1108000 38000 1958000	2408000 38500
Leopoldina R'y. Minas de São Jeronymo R'y. S. Christovão tranway. Jadim Botanico Tocan'ins e Araguaya R'y INSURANCE	313 800 60 146 1,066	78000 48250 1608000 1178000 58000	78000 48000 1598000 1168000 58000	78000 48250 1598000 1178000 58000	68750 48250 1808000
Vigilancia Previdente Prosperidade Argos Fluminense Cotron Mills	8 1/2 100 30 5	30\$000 50\$000 17\$000 345\$000	308000 508000 178000 3458000	30\$000 50\$000 17\$000 345\$000	
Conflança Industrial Alliança Brazii Industrial Debettures	50 100 50	110\$000 195\$000 150\$000	110\$000 195\$000 150\$000	110\$000 195 \$ 000 150\$000	143\$000
Leopoldina R'y (2008) ditto (1008) Sorocabana & Ituna Petropolitana (mill) Banco de Credito Movel Montraae Bonds	5 47 1,185 5 78	988000 928500 558000 1658000 308500	988000 98250 558500 165800 30\$500	988000 98250 558500 1658000 30\$500	100\$000, 9\$000 55\$000
Banco Hypothecaria — Banco de Crédito Real do Brazil, 2nd series, paper Miscellaneous	160 20	95 \$ 000 20 \$0 00	95\$000 208000	95\$000 20 \$ 000	 25\$000
Melhoramentos no Brazil Loterias Nucionaes LloydBrazileiro Construcções Civis Assuc P. e Sergipe Şaneamento do Rio	2,255 90 108 37 320 50	22\$000 40\$060 3\$500 30\$000 10\$060 28\$000	20\$000 405000 3\$500 30\$00 10\$000 28\$000	218500 408000 38500 308000 108000 288000	228000 408500 38000
SALE BY JUDICIAL OTDER(alvará) Banco da Republica. , Commercial. , Depositos e descontos. Popular. Leopoldina R'y. Conflança, Insurance. Debentures Leopoldina R'y(1003) Banco de Credito Real do Brazili, 2nd series, Mortogage	45 50 125 150 1 18/100 100 25/100	154\$000 208\$000 76\$500 3\$000 7\$000 42\$000 9\$000			
Bonds paper. Banco de credito Real do Brazil c. hyp. São Paulo 20 % Melboramentos no Maranhão	6 12 10	18000 18000 18800	,		
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Business done on the Rio de Janeiro Stock Exchange during the week ending June 17th amounted in all to Rs. 1,967:709\$, distributed as follows:

tied as tollows;	
Government Securities.	1,377.869\$
Dank Shares	329,0968
Railway and Tramway Shares	37,400\$
Insurance	7,490\$
Cotton Mill	32,500\$
Debentures	69.4478
Miscellaneous	57.043\$
Mortgage Bonds	15,600\$
Sales by Judicial order (Alvara)	41,264\$
Total	1 000 000
Total	1,967:709\$

Government Securities. - There has been an average movement during the week in this class chiefly in 1895 five percents. The Currency 5 per cents, improved 15\$ to 870\$ and 4 % Gold 21\$ to 1:060\$. 1895 five per cents rose also 19\$, other quotations showing no alteration.

Bank Shares.—The movement was small with no alterations of

Railway & Tramway Shares .- Very little was doing, Leopol-

dina advanced to 7\$000.
In Insurance and Cotton Mills the movement was insignificant, Brazil Industrial having risen 78 to 150\$

Debentures.-Leopoidina (2008) fell 28 and the 1008 rose

250 reis.

Miscellaneous.—The total movement was only 57:0433. Melho-

The latest quotation on the São Paulo Stock Exchange on 16th June Mogyana R'y Shares..... Paulista ,. Banco Uniño (70*). 2018

BRAZILIAN SECURITIES ON THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

The mails bringing advices to 28th May give details of the great

" São Paulo.....

EXCHANGE.

The mails bringing advices to 28th May give details of the great improvement in Brazilian securities of almost every description, 1879 4 1/2 % improved only I point, as was to be expected if included in the funding operation, their superiority to other issues being based on the expectation of redemption in 1899. This being now put off to the Greek Kalends, quotations maturally approximate to those of other similar issues. 1883 4 1/2 per cents rose 7 points, 1888 ditto 8 points, 1889 four per cents 5 points, Western Minas Bonds 6; and 1895 five per cents only 4. São Paulo bonds on the contrary fell 2 points; why, it would be hard to say, as the rise of exchange must improve their value as securities. City of Rio Municipal bonds remain unchanged; evidently these are not dealt in.

Railway Securities, almost all improved, which is the best proof that the depression of Brazilian securities was in reality a discount of possible default, because otherwise they should have fallen instead of rising. The position of the railways is certainly not improved by receiving bonds in lieu of cash, as they have always done hitherto, quite the contrary; but bonds are better than nothing at all, which was the alternative the investing Public had made up its mind to. Central Bahia stock and 6 0/o debentures rose 2 points: Recife & Francisco and S. Paulo Railways stock, and South Brazilian (Rio Grande do Sul) and Alagoas 6 0/o debentures rose 2 points each: Minas & Rio stock advanced 1 1/2: Rio Claro and Alagoas, shares 1 point, and Great Western 6 0/o Debentures, Leopoldina 6 0/o and 5 0/o debentures, and Macahé & Campos 5 0/o rose all 1 point; Bahia & S. Francisco stock, Natal & Nova Cruz preferred, Brazil Great Southern stock, and D. Thereza Christina preferred shares advanced 1/4, whilst the 5 1/2 0/o debentures of the last named line rose 2 points. The only decline registered was in Central Bahia 6 0/o debentures of 3 points, to 68-71.

Bank Shares. British remained unaltered at 9 10. London & Brazilian rose 1/2 to 1

Brazilian rose 1/2 to 15 1/2—16 1/2, but London & River-Plate fell 1

Miscellaneous Shares show scarcely any alteration. City Improvements rose 1/2 point, and Dumont Debentures show more firmness at 77—82 against 77—80 the previous week and 75—80 the week before ending May 14th. St. John del Rey gave way 1/16, and Brazilian Submarine L. lost 1/4.

NOTES CALLED IN.

We remind our readers that the date for exchanging notes of the 5th and 6th series (estampa) terminates on the 30th of this month (June), and from that date forward they will be exchanged only with

and $5^{\circ}/_{0}$ for each month after.

A Dividend.—The directors of the Western and Brazilian Telegraph Company have decided, after placing £5,000 to the reserve fund, to recommend the payment of 6s. 9d. per share, making, with the interim dividend paid in November last, a total distribution of 3½ per cent. for the year 1897. This will give 6s. 9d. to the ordinary, 6s. to the preferred ordinary, and 9d. to the deferred ordinary shareholders.

Advices from Juiz de Fóra state that the new issue of 5,000 contos by the Banco de Credito Real de Minas has been fully covered by private subscription, which is now closed.

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Coffee Market.

COMPARATIVE ENTRIES FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 17th, 1898.

1	Average Daily Entries			Total Entries			Total Entries for Crop			
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	This Week	Last Week		This Week	Last Year		
Rio	6.639 5.997	6.059 4.585	6,334 5,283		42.413 32.097		4,235,482 6,675,162	3,454,786 5,005,731		
Both	12.636	10.644	11.617	88:457	74.510	81.316	10.310.644	8.460.517		
Rio Transit Coffee	782	1.094		5.477	7.658	·	296.596			
Grand Total for the Week	13.418	11.738		93.934	82.168		10.607.240			

The aggregate entries at Rio and Santos during the week ending The aggregate entries at Rio and Santos during the week ending. 17th June were 13,947 bags more than last week, but only 7,141 more than for the corresponding week last year. Total entries, exclusive of transit coffee, are now 10,310,644 against 8,460,517 hast year. The percentage of this week's entries to those of the corresponding week last year is 104.8 e/o for Rio and 113.5 °/o for Santos, giving a total estimate of 10,552,933 bags for the crop for both, against 10,505,852 our last week's estimate. week's estimate.

Information as regards the coming crop remains still conflicting. So far, however, but very little new coffee has been sent to market

either here or at Santos.

The Coffee transhipped at Rio (Cabotagem) was of the following

origin:

Macahé	795	bags
São João da Barra	3,233	11
Itabapoana	1.207	**
Guarapury	100	**
S. Matheus	65	,,
	77	**
Iguape		
Total	5,477	bags

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EMBARQUES AND SHIPMENTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 17th, 1898.

						тот	'A L	TOTAL	
	States	Europe	Brazil and Const	British Colo- nies	Other Ports	This week	Same week last year	This week	Last yar
Rio	25,935	7,967	7.260			41,171	55,451	4.215,477	3,030806
Santos .		24.925	500			25,425	82,494	5.981.303	1,615802
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Total	25,935	32,802	7,769			66.596	137.945	10196780	7.050008
Daily average	3,705	4,699	1.109			9,513	19.706	28,967	21,735

Despatches (Embarques) at Rio and Shipments at Santos continue insignificant, being only 2.351 greater than last week, but 71,349 less than the corresponding week last year. For the current crop they now amount to 10,196,780 against 7,650,608 last crop.

Local Stocks show an increase of 21,861 bags for Rio and Santos, compared with last week, and are 125,116 greater than the same date

last year:	June 17th/98	June 10th/98	June 17th/9
Rio	236,202	230,895 296,232	195,208 $218,664$
	548,988	527,127	413,872

Foreign Stocks at the United States Ports and Havre have increased 81,000 bags compared with last week, and 640,000 compared with the same date last year.

United States ports	June 13th/98	June 6th/98	June 13th/97
	682,000	637,000	487,000
	1,202,000	1.166,000	757,000
		1.803,000	1,244,000
Visible Supply in American ports Deliveries at New York.	521,000	938,000	736.000
	58,000	67,000	85,000

The Visible Supply in American ports has decreased 17,000 bags since last week, but is still 185,000 greater than the same date last

THE FOREMENTIONED COFFEE WAS SHIPPED BY THE FOLLOWING STEAMERS TO THE FOLLOWING DESTINATIONS DURING THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 17th 1898.

Date	Vessel's nama	Destination	Quan- tity	Total
RIO		,		
1898	1			
June 11th	Cintra	Hamburg		
,, ,,	220000000000000000000000000000000000000	2.0	13.668	
11 1444		South Havre	2.891	
;;. 14th		River Plate		
" 15th	Magdalena			
1, "	Marrhura	Bremen	650	
,, ,,	S. Gottardo	Genoa	220	
'' 17th	Mattee Bruzze	River Plate	1.060	
"	Pernambuco	North	1.107	
Total from the Port of Rio				25.48
SANTOS				
1898				
June 15th	Glimt	Southampton	9.000	
,, ,,	Ypyranga	Rio	500	
19 . 19 .	Amazonas	Hamburg	12.058	
'' 17th	San Gottardo	Genoa	$\frac{125}{3.742}$	
***	Ville de S. Nicolas	Havre	0.740	
Total from the Port of Santos.	4 1			25.42
Total from both				
	1		1	50.90
Ports	1			

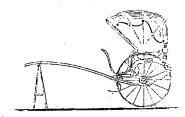
The above-mentioned coffee sailed during the week ending June 17th was consigned to the following destinations

	r ·	1	E .		1
	U. States	Europe	Const	R. Plate	Total
Rio		$\begin{array}{r} 7.495 \\ -24.925 \\ -32.420 \end{array}$	$-\frac{1.998}{500} - \frac{2.498}{2.498}$	$\frac{2.319}{2.319}$	25.480 25.425 50.905

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MANIFESTS OF COFFEE	
Sailed during the week ending Janua 17	th.
RIO	
Per Hamburg, Sud. Amer. Damp. Ges Cintra, sailed June 15th;	
	bags of coffee
Lacombe & Co Gustav Trinks & Co Hard, Rand & Co	350 1,332
Total	415 2.097
	2,007
Per Lamport & Holt S.S. Holbein, Sail	ed June
	bags
Arbuckle Brothers	of coffee 11.530
Hard Rand & Co	2,138
101111	13,668
Per Brazilian S. S. Itapacy, sailed June	
· Southern Ports	bugs of coffee
Sundries	891
Per Chargeurs Reunis S. S. Ville de S.	Mícolos
sailed June 18th:	
•	bags of coffee
Karl Valais & Co. Empreza Industrial Brazileira	1.000 875
Aug. Leuba & Co Lacombe & Co.	500 200
Lacombe & Co. Mello & François. Cruz & Mattos. Souza Maciel & Co.	200 53 50
Total	2,878
	,
Per Royal Mail S. S. Thames, sailed June	14th:
Montevidéo e	bags of coffee
F. G. Figueira & Co	75 69
Option	
Lagombe & Co	100
Buenos Aires	
F. G. Figueira & Co. Norton Megaw & Co. Ltd. Zenha Ramos & Co. Sequeira & Co.	105 250
Sequeira & Co.	100 500
Total	1.259
Per Royal Mail S.S. Magdalena, sailed Ju	
and the state of t	ne mar: bags
	f coffee
Norton, Megaw & Co. Ltd	780
Naumann, Gepp & Co. Ltd	500
Antwerp	ģιυυ
Lacombe & Co	250
London	
Lacombe & Co	120
Total	1.650
Per Norddeutscher Lloyd S. S. Marxburg	e suffici
June 15th.	
Antwerp	bags f_coffe
Karl Valais & Co Aug. Leuba & Co Lacombe & Co	≲5
	25 2
Aug. Leuba & Co	
Total	125
	1,307
Per La Ligure Braziliana S. S. S. Gottardo	, sailed
Juno 15th.	bags
Saloniea	f-coffee

Naples	Antwerp and options
N. Pentagna & Co	Goetz Hayn & Co.
Genoa .	Karl Valais & Co
Guimarães Paes & Co	Hard Rand & Co
Total 920	Rotterdam & Options
Per La Veloce S. S. Mattéo Bruzzo, sailed June 15th,	Goetz, Hayn & Co 1.250
bays	Bremen
Buenos Aires of coffee	J. W. Doane & Co 259
Karl Krische	Sundries H
Empreza Industrial Brazileira	Total 6.280
	·
Total 1.060	Per Hamb, Sud - Amer, Damp, Gesell, S. S. Amazonas, sailed June 15th:
Per Brazilian S. S. Pernambuco, sailed June 17th.	bágs
Ter brazinan 3. 3. Fernambueb, samed June 17th.	Hamburg of coffee
bags	E. Johnston & Co
Northern Ports of coffee	Goetz, Hayn & Co 800
Zenba Ramos & Co	Copenhague 500
John Maore & Co. 50 Oliveira Gomes & Santos 41 Dias Pereira & Almeida 40 Schultz & Moreira 30 Mello Lacerda & Co. 20	E. Johnston & Co. 1.65ac Karl Valais & Co. 56m Naumann Gepp & Co. Ltd. 250
Total 1.107	Total
	Per Brazilian S. S. Ypiranga, sailed June 15th :
SANTOS	thanks thanks
	Rio de Janeiro of coffee
Per La Ligure Braziliana S. S. S. Gottardo, salled June 13th.	Zerrener Bulow & Co 500
bags	·
Genon ^ of coffee	Per Chargeurs Reunis S. S. Ville de S. Nicolas sailed June 17th.
Nossack & Co	bags
	Havre of collec
Per Norddeutscher Lloyd S. S. Marxburg, sailed June 13th.	J. W. Boane & Co. 1,500 Goetz, Hayn & Co. 760 Steinwender, Stoffregen & Co. 700
Autworp of coffee	Zerrenner Bulow & Co. 500 Nossack & Co. 150
•	Ed. Van Leckwyck & Co. 125
1. W. Doane & Co. 590 Sundries. 66	Total 3.7



COFFEE PRICE CURRE	NT FOR	THE	WEŁ	KEN	DING	JUNE	2 17th.	1898
Description	June	11	13	14	15	16	17	Avera- ge
Rio No. 6 per 10 kilos }	min. max.	H ≸ 170	8\$170	8\$170	8,170	8\$170	8\$170 8\$206	8 3 ,89
" No. 7 " " " "	min. max.	7 ‡ 490	7#490	7 £ 490 7 \$ 626	7\$490 7\$626	7#490	7.490 7.626	7\$585
" No. 8 " "		64945 74081				7\$081	7.081 7\$217	18093
" No. 9 ., " "}	min. max.	68264	6\$264	6\$264	68264	6\$264	6\$128 6\$264	\$244
Santos Superior per 10 kilos ,, Good Average "								7\$500 6\$700
N York, per lb. Spot. No. 7cents. "Options July		6 3/3 6 1/1 5.70 5.80 5.90	6 3/3 6 1/3 5.75 5.85 5.95	6 1/3 6 1/3 5.70 5.75 5.85	6 3/3 6 1/3 5.65 5.75 5.85	6 8/3 6 1/3 5.65 5.70 5.85	8 1/4 6 5.60 5.70 5.80	6.85 6.12 5.67 5.77 5.86
Havre, per 50 kllos. Options, July francs Sept'r December"		37.00	36.75 37.00 37.50	36.75	36.50	36.00 36.25 36.75	36.00	36.5
Hamburg per 1/2 kilo. Options, July plennigs Sept'r '' December. ''		SU. 75	30.50 31.00 31.50	3).75	29.75 30.25 30.75	29.25 30.00 30.50		30.4

There has been a little more movement this week in the coffee market, declared sales having amounted to 29,500 bags at Rio and 40,000 at Santos, in all 69,500 bags. Prices in consequence of the variations of exchange continue erratic, but more regular than last week, the average for No. 7 New York type at Rio being 7\$535. or reduced to Gold Rs. 2\$000 per 10 kilos, against 7\$548 paper and 2\$035 Gold, the average for last week.

the average for last week.

Planters seem inclined to hold back, unable to comprehend that the rapid rise in exchange has so affected currency prices, and expecting a new rise shortly that will adjust values to the new basis.

Prices at New York have been fairly maintained at 6.3/8 for spot No. 7, weakening off to 6.1/4 on Friday 17th, and other quotations in proportion, as also at Havre and Hamburg.

The Pauta at São Paulo during the week was 710 reis per kilo, and the average quotation of guias at Rio 53.5 c/o. At these rates the average f. o. b. value in Brazilian ports for the week is Rs. 28364 Gold per 10 kilos at Rio for No. 7, and Rs. 28245 at Santos, for good average, and the aggregate value of coffee shipped during the week £104.223 against £124.856 last week and £338,260 per week since 1st July, 1897!

From our own Correspondent.

Santos, June 16th, 1898,

Santos, June 16th, 1898,

A great feeling of uneasiness about the course events will take during the near future is easily perceptible in our market. With the constant fluctuations of exchange our commissarios do not know any more which way to turn; they have entirely lost their bearings and the situation is still more aggravated, as coffee prices in consuming quarters are receding slowly but surely. Planters in the interior, far from the centre of perturbation, cannot very well understand why their produce should have gone down about 35 % in value within the last 4 weeks, and just at the beginning of a new crop, apparently, of inferior quality, and their complaints about the heavy losses they are exposed to make our commissarios still more uneasy. Exporters on the other hand do not feel inclined to enter into negotiations, as exchange might, just at the time when the business is going to be closed, go against them. It is undoubtedly a most unsatisfactory state of affairs and it is an ill wind that blows no one any good, a few European bankers and other speculators get the profits.

The volume of business during the week under review is consequently very small, amounting perhaps to 35,000 bags at prices ranging from

ing from

7\$400 — 8\$000 for superior.

The higher price was allowed for a few lots when exchange went down to 7 9/16 d. and 7 1/2 d. yesterday and to day.

Low grades, ordinary and escotha are in good demand, especially from the States, but Europe also has sent some orders. It is difficult to define values, as these goods are sold on special types. Prices range from 4\$500 to 6\$000 the latter price for qualities about equal to New York type 9.

New crop washed coffees have considerably fallen in price. We noted last:

quoted last

138000 to 13\$500 for fine washed, and have to quote now: 11\$000 to 17\$500

There are hardly any orders forthcoming for these yet very desirable goods. Perhaps when new types have arrived in Europe more orders will come forward. New orop "terreiro" is entirely neglected, nobody likes to touch these unsuitable qualities, at least not before new types have arrived on the other side. As mentioned above, European markets kept apathetic. We hear that "good average" new and old, from coffee is offered at 28/6, but we ignore whether sales have

been effected. The Americans with exception of the big roasting concerns, which bought low grades, have hardly sent any orders, but we think that they will have to buy soon again, as otherwise suitable old crop coffee will disappear and then we do not think that the invisible supply in the States is after all so enormous as some people want to make believe.

Since February about 1,700,000 bags have been delivered, equal to about 110,000 bags per week, whilst deliveries during the year 1897 amounted to about 5,408,900 bags, being about 100,000 bags per week; we, therefore, think it is a fallacy to speak of overstocking

Shipping, Produce & Imports.

SHIPPING ARRIVALS AT THE PORT OF BIO FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 18th, 1898.

DATE		NAME	AME FLAG		TON- NAGE	WHERE FROM
		0.0.44	Italian	s. s.		Genou
une	13		Brazilian	do		Aracajú
	13	União	do	do		Laguna
	13	Industrial	do	Schooner	79	Cabo Frio
	13	Dous Irmãos	British	S. S.	10	
	14	Thames			1 210	Southampton Liverpool
	14	Trongate	do	do	1.518	Rosario
	14	Country Antrim	do	do		
	14	Meridas	ďο	do	1.487	
	14	Corrientes	do	ďο		Glasgow
	14	Porto Alegre	Brazilian	dυ		Montevideo
	1.4	Rio	do	do	404	A raenjú
	1.1	1tapemirim	do	do		S. Matheus
	1.4	Maralo	ďο	do	785	Santos
	- 17	Itacolomi	do	do		do
	14	Garcia.	do	do	144	Paraty
	14	Marxburg	German	S. S.	<i></i>	Santos
	14	Itulie	Freuch	do	1	Marseilles
	19	Lesreaulx	British	do		Cardiff
	15	Leareaute	do	do		La Plata
	15	Magdalena	do	do	1 349	Monteviaéo
	15	Santh Gw al ia	Brazilian	do	1.020	Pernambaco
	15	Itaúna	do	do		
	15	Itaituba	Portuguese	Schooner	911	Porto Alegre Porto
	15	America	French			
	16	Colonia		S. S.		
	16	Amazonas	German	do	170	Santos
	16	Ypyranga	Brazilian	do	170	
		Inca	British	S. S.		Liverpool
	17	Matteo Bruzzo	Italian	ďο		Jenova
	17	Gothic	British	do		Lyttelton
		Itanema	Brazillan	do		Pelotas
		Blumenau	, do	Schooner	250	Itajahy
		Vencedor	do do	do	27	Macahé
		Pedro Monteiro	. do	do	40	Cabo Frie
		Manaos	do	S. S.	1 	Manaos
		Muguy	do	do		Caravellas
			do	do		S. João da Barra
	15	Itahy	German	l. do	1	Hamburg
	18	Itaparica	French	do	1	Bordéos
		Bresil	British	uo uo	381	Cardiff
		Lends	German	do	200	Santos
		Asti	Brazilian	do	634	
		Pinto _	d.		224	S, João da Bai
	19	N. S. da Assumpção		Schooner	3.2	Cabo Frio
	19	l.lorge	լ աս	do	32	
	40	Dous Irmãos	~ do	l do	34	l do

VESSELS CLEARED FROM THE PORT OF RIO DURING THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 19th, 1898.

DATI	ž.	NAME	FLAG	DESCRIPTION	TON-	DESTINATION
		Coblenz	German	S. S.		S. Francisco do Su
June	13 14	Ville S. Nicolas	French	do ·		Havre
		Satellite	Brazilian	do		Pernambuco
		Guaratiba	do	do	76	Paraty
	14	Itacolomi	do	do		Imbetiba
	11	Amazonas	do	Schooner	. 155	Itabapoana
	11	Antioch.	British ~	Barque	879	Barbadoes
	12	Magdalena	do	S. Ś.		Southampton
	15	Wartburg	German	do .		Bremen
	10	Tucuman	đo	do		Santos
	10	S. Gothardo	Italian	do		Genoa
	15	Gambia	British	do	1.863	Santa Lucia
	15	Cervantes	do	do .		Valparaiso
	15	Thames	do	do		
	10	Juanita	do	do	,	
	15	Santos	Brazilian	do -		
	15	Itduna	do	do		Porto Alegre
	15	Fidelense	do .	do	225	Cabo Frio
	12	Bella Formigosa	Portuguese	Barque.	560	New Orleans
	10	Italie	French	S. S.	1	River Plate
	10	Alice	Brazilian	do	980	Macau
	iä	King Cenric	Norwegian	Ship	1 521	Pensacola
	ia	Edith	do	Barque	547	Barbadoes
	16	Almirante	Brazilian	Barkentine	120	Hituanh v
	า๊ล	Alina	do	Schooner	46	Mucane
	18	S. João	do	do	34	
	16	Laura	do	do-	28	Cabo Frio
	17	Inca	British	S. S.		Valparaiso
	17	County Antrim	do	do	1.379	
	17	Matteo Bruzzo	Italian	do		River Plate
	1.0	Colonia	French	do		Santos
	17	Pernambuso	Brazilian	do		
	1	Alexandria	do	do	1	
	14	Elephante	do	Schooner	0-12	Itabupoana
	1,	Gothic	British	S. S.	1	London
	12	Golhic Caleridge Amazonas	do	do		New York
	18	Amazonas	German	do		
	10	Itanem a	Brazilian	do		Peruambuco
	12	Transuou	do	do		Porto Alegre Laguna
	18 18	Industrial	do	do	150	
	15	Garcia	do	do	1.48	
	15	Merida	British	do		Delamare
	10	Mabel	Norwegian	Barque Barkentine	95	Barbadoes
•	18	\โดยมนาก	German	Barkenime	54	B do
	15	Nellie M. Slude	American			0 Macau
	15	Nomada	Norwegian	Barque Barkentine		O Trinidade
	1	Glad Tidings	American			5 Laguna
	1	Santo Antonio	Brazilian	Schooner		0 Itabapoana
	- 11	Monte Alegre	do '	do	17	
. *	1	Francolim 9 Amelia & Clara	do do	do		l Barra de S. Joi

SHIPPING ARRIVALS AT THE PORT OF SANTOS FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 16th 1898.

DATE	NAME	FLAG	DESCRIPTION	TON- NAGE	WHERE FROM
June	Amázonas 9 S. Gottardo 9 S. Gottardo 9 Maskelyne 9 Marajó 9 Aymoré 0 Ypiranga 1 Darwin 1 Ferda 1 Alacrita 2 British Prince 3 Porto Alegre 3 Oapibarbo 5 V. de S. Nicolas 5 Il anema	German Italian Belgian Belgian Berzilian do do do tolore Italian British do Italian British do French Brazilian	S. S. do	- 1.867 1.764 1.875 785 381 170 205 1.646 597 1.442 1.402 915 884 552	do do Rangoon Genon New York Montevideo Pernambuco Havre Pelotas
1	6 Tucuman 6 Coblenz 6 Santos 6 Tilda	German do Brazilian German	do do do Barque	2.001 968	Hamburg Bremen Rio Rangoon

VESSELS CLEARED FROM THE PORT OF SANTOS DURING THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 16th 1898.

DATE	NAME	FLAU	DESCRIPTION	HVAR LON-	DESTINATION
9 10 10 11 11 11 11 11 11 14 14 16	Atexandria Pampa Aymore Buckley Thornley Thornley Hacolomi Belmarco S. Gottardo Marajó Normanaia Marxburg Typyranga Porto Alegre Itanema Amazonas Santos Italie	Brnzilian do do British do Brazilian do Italian Brazilian do German Brazilian do italian German German German	S. S. do do do do do Schooner S. S. do	307 1.381 794 48 1.349 785 1.904 2.109 1.864	Porto Alegre Buenos Aires do Pernambuco S, Francisco Genoa Pará Itajahy Bremen

THE FREIGHT MARKETS.

RIVER PLATE.—During the week ending June 11th the freight market continued dull, with next to nothing doing for Brazil. The only charters reported were the *Dora*, prompt, to load grain up-river for Santos, and the B'k. *Bessie Markham*, prompt, to load hay at Rosario, at \$2.30 for Rio or Santos.

Departures.

June	7th.	From	Buenos	Aires	S. S.	Mereda	for	\mathbf{R} io	with	3,350
					1. 81	bags	s flo	ur.		
**	79	**	**	"	"	Malvina	for	S'ta	Cathai	ina.
,	3rd.	"	**	"	79	Portugal	for	Rio v	vith 14	4 tons
						Mai	ze ar	nd 50	0 bags	Maize
						fron	ı Ba	hia.		
11	8th.	. "	Rosario	B'k,	Moses-	B. Towe	r fo	r Ri	o with	6,615

bales hay.

Montevideo B'k South Gwalia for Rio with 1,383
bags Maize, 3,600 bags bran,
14,360 bags flour,

The Freight Market is featureless, there being almost nothing at all

IJ	doing. Engagements reported are	STR TOTTO.	WB:		
	By Mr. W, McNiven	10.000	70	C C	
	Per s.s. Coleridge	12,937	Bags	Сопее	
	for New York				
	Per s.s. Amazonas	3,722	• • • •	11	
À	for Hamburg				
	By Mr. Luiz Campos				
	Per s.s. Nord America	875	,,	,,	
	for Genoa				

Current Coffee Freights are unaltered at following rates :

	$Rio\ de\ Janeiro$	Santos .
Antwerp	351 & 5°0 to	22s. 6d. & 5 %
Bremen	მნე & ნ ან	•-
Bordeaux, 900 kilos	40 frcs. & 10 օլ	0
Buenos Ayres	3\$000	-
Copenhagen	42 $_{1}6\ \&\ 5\ \circ_{1o}$	
Genoa	30 fres. & 10 op	
Hamburg		22s. 6d. & 5 olo
Havre, 900 kilos	35 frcs. & 10 olo	frcs. 25 & 10 %
Lisbon	45[& 5 °[o	
Liverpool	35 [& 5 ი _{[ი}	
London	35 [& 5 °[o	27s. 6d. & 5 of
Marseilles, 1,000 kilos	30 fres, & 10 olo	fres.30 & 10 oi
Montevidéo	3\$000	.0
138 Dres	fres. 40 & 10 %	
Rotterdam	მნլ & 5 °լօ	
SouthamptonTrieste	35į & 5 ° _{[o}	22s. 6d & 5 °[°
Trieste	40 & 10 olo	40s. & 5 o₁
Venice	45 fres. & 10 or	
New York	40 cents. & 5 of	40c. & 5 o₁o
New Orleans	40 ,, ,, ,,	40c. & 5 oto
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Home Markets. Fairplay of 26th May states that homeward rates have receded in many directions, yet, taking homeward and outward business together, there has been little difficulty in procuring remunerative employment for tonnage. Outward coal rates from U.K. ports to Rio have been done at 20s. to 22s.

The Coal Trade. Fairplay of 26th May says that "the expectation of an early end to the coal strike is not now so general as it was." Scotch coal is in full supply, with Steam in good demand at 10s; cll firm at 9s, to 9s, 6d.; splint not so firm at 8s, 6d. to 8s, 9d.; and main steady at 8s, 3d, to 8s, 6 d.; all f. o. b. Glasgow, and all about 2s, per ton above the rates current a year ago.

The Northumbrian market is easier, but with little coal obtainable for prompt shipment. Best steam was quoted 12s, 6d, to 13s, 6d. and steam smalls at 4s, 6d, to 4s, 9d, for long terms, prompt being at a premium. South Wales prices are creatic 21s, to 24s, for best steam, and 15s, to 16s, for dry coal. Second steam has been fetching 18s, to 20s, and Monmouthshire semi-bituminous about the same price.

Trade with Brazil. The Times of Argentina of 6th June states that the trade with Brazil does not show signs of revival, albeit a couple of tramps, besides the regular liners, have secured full cargoes lately for Rio. It is probable that shipments of maize to Rio and flour to Santos may be resumed in a more active form very shortly, but the cattle trade to Rio seems to have virtually stopped, the only exporter here offering £1.6s per head, a rate which no agent appears disposed to accept.

CEREAL SHIPMENTS.

From Buenos Aires. May 29th per S. S. Mount Lebanon, 1,309 tons wheat, 1,800 bales hay,

,,	` ,,	June 3rd.	••	2,000 bags bran.
,,	São Pedro	oune ord.	**	Portugal, 144 tons Maize. Dora, 300 tons Maize.
,,	Rosario	. 11 11	,,	County Antrim, 1,800 tons wheat.
				withat.

LIST OF VESSELS AFLOAT AND SAILING FOR THE PORTS OF RIO AND SANTOS.

	. RIO AND SAN 103.								
	Name	Flag and descr	From	For					
	Alice Reed Craigmore Anyara	Am. bg. Br. s. Br. bg.	New York Nov 23 Leith May 11 New York, Mar 25	Santos Rio Santos					
	Anna & Mathilde. Argentina Anakonda	Ru. sc. No. bg. Ge. bq.	Hamburg, Mar. 12 Ardrossan, May. 11 Boulogne, Ap. 5	Rio					
1	Australia Baldur	No. bq. Ge bq.	Shields Ap., 12 Hamburg Mar. 18	Santos					
	Brillant	No. bq. Br. bq. Br. bq.	Brunswick, June 5 Leith May 10 Pensacola, Mar. 30	Rio ::					
	Brodick Bay Clara Criffel	Br. bq. Po. bq. Br. bq.	Rangoon Feb. 24 Figueira Mar. 23 Rangoon Feb. 28	••					
	Enterprise Falls of Dee	No. bq. Br. s.	Sout pton . Ap. 3 Grimsby . Ap. 20	*1 *1 *1					
	Ferda	No. bq. No bq. Am. bq.	Pensacola Ap. 9 Hamburg. — 9 New York, Jan. 9	Santos					
	Halvar Falls of Halladale. Callao	Sw. bq. Br. bq. No. bq.	Rangoon Feb. 24 Hull May 10 Rangoon Ap. 14						
	Fjord	No. Bq. Po. bq.	Leith Ap. 27 Hamburg. Ap. 15 Halifax Ap. 8	**					
	Kongsbyrd	Br. s. No. Sc.	Liverpool, May 3 Messina Feb. 28	** **					
	Machrih (ni\h) Sophie Primus	Br. bq Da. sc. Ge. bq.	Rangoon Feb. 28 London May 10 Rangoon Feb. 27						
	Resi Sierra Colonna Sterna.	Au. bq. Br. s. Ge. bq.	Hamburg Mar. 29 Rangoon Ap. 9 do Mar 7	11 11 11					
	Vareiro Arthur C. Wade Flaxman	Po. bg. No. bq.	O Porto Feb. 26 New York, Ap. 6 Liverpool May 22	31 31					
	Good News Lota	Br. s. Am. bq. Br. bq.	Baltimore Feb. 2 Antwerp Ap. 24))))))					
	Coringa	Br. s. Po. bq. N.o s.	Pensacola Ap. 25 Valencia May 6 Hamburg Ap. 25	; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;					
-	Gurli Mac Millan Bendo	Sw. bq, Br. s. Br. s.	Tyne May 9 Saguenay May 10 Cardiff May 25	,, ,,					
	Manin Este Corona	Br. s. Ge. bq. No. bg.	Tyne May 21 Hamburg May 20 London May 24	Santos					
	Flottbek Scottish Isles Mimi	Ge. s. Br. s.	Liverpool. May 1 Hamburg. May 20 Hamburg. May 21	.; Rio					
	Sophia	Po. bq. Br. bq.	Oporto May 18 Leith May 24	* 9 * 17 * 17					
1	Midnatssol	No. bq.	Antwerp May 21	17					

1897

of Cereals from Argentina to Brazil Total shipments up to June 10th. Maize W_{HEAT} To date Week ending To date Week ending June 10th June 19th Tons Tons Tens 4,963 40, 492 4,421 3,109 33,280 2,581 31,170 5,087 1897.....

AVERAGE PRICES, VALUES, ETC.

FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 10TH.

(From the Reciew of the River Plate)

	. 1000	Trans.
100 bile	9.80	10,00
Wheat, new per 100 kills	3.00	4.00
Maize, per 100 kilos	0.70	
Linseed, per 100 kilos	7.90	7.50
Wool (cross), per 10 kilos	8.50	9.00
Dry ox hides, per 10 kilos	19.50	16.50
Salt ox hides, per 100 k. (gold)	30.00	28.00
Hay, per ton	263.53	295, 15
Gold price		47 1/2
Exchange - London	-17/1/2	
Discounts	S. p. c.	8 p. c.
Freights — bales	12 1/2 fs	. 8 fs.
Grain sail freights — Resario	16s, 0d,	nom.
Grain San Greights — Resalto		

Visible supplies at the principal Argentine Ports on Thursday 9th June were: 40,000 tons wheat, 75,000 tons maize, 1,000 tons linseed. The Inspector named by the Argentine Government to report on the quantity of wheat estimates 400,000 tons yet available for export, which with 600,000 already exported will make up a round million! The wheat market is reported dull, at \$10.40 for special with nothing doing for export, maize being firmer at \$3,20 for superior yellow and linseed at \$9.70 for export.

Live Stock.—There were no shipments what war to Brazilian

Live Stock. — There were no shipments what wer to Brazilian port; during the week ending June 10th.

The Hamburg-South American Company was recently fined by the Landgericht for not inserting in its last balance sheet the amount written off for depreciation. On appeal to the Hanseatic Oberlandgericht, however, the fine was remitted, the Court deciding that the Company was not bound to publish anything beyond the balance-sheet and profit loss account passed at the meeting of share-

At the invitation of the Hamburg-American Packet Company, a conference of the steamship Companies running boats between Genoa and the east coast of South America was held at Cologue on the 16th inst. The result was an agreement between the Navigazione Generale Italiana, the Veloce Steam Navigation Company, and the Hamburg-American Line, to work the trade on the route mentioned on joint account. This understanding will put a stop to the ruinous competition hitherto carried on between the Companies concerned. concerned.

The announcement is made at Bremen that the current rumours to the effect that the North German Lloyd Company has sold a steamer, or several steamers, to the United States Government, are entirely devoid of foundation.

The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company have contracted with Messrs, R. Napier & Sons, Govan, for the construction of two steel screw-steamers. These vessels will, 1 understand, be similar to the Magdatena, built by Messrs, Napiers for the Royal Mail Company in

The Government of Guatemala is said to have granted a subsidy to the Pacific Steam Navigation Company on condition that their vessels should call at the Capital once a week on their voyages to Chili, the amount to be doubled when the boats run to San Francisco. The service will be carried on in conjunction with the Chilian Compañia Sud-America de Vapores.

THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

DIRECTORS.

EDWARD PERCY BATES, BART. WILLIAM H. SHIRLEY, Deputy Chairman.

ARTHUR WILSON BIBBY. | JAMES G. NICHOLSON. ALEXANDER ELDER. John Rankin WILLIAM THOMSON.

William Thomson.

Fifty-Seventh report of the directors for the year 1897:—
The directors now submit the accounts for 1897, duly audited.
The profit on the working accounts is £ 209,869 10s. 10d.
The profit and loss account—which includes a debit of £ 143,712
Ss 1d for depreciation, boiler replacement, and special repairs—shows a credit balance for the year of £ 63,049 15s. 10d. Adding the amount brought forward from 1896 (£ 25,243 5s. 4d.) the credit balance is £ 88,293 1s. 2d. Out of this sum the directors declared dividends amounting to £ 1 5s. od. per share (10s. paid 1st November, 1897, and 15s. 2nd. May, 1898) thus absorbing £ 73,856 5s. 0d.; and, after further reducing the value of the shares in the Callao Dock Company, the amount carried forward is £ 14,189 6s. 2d.

After providing for the losses incurred by the stranding of the Corco-ado near the Eastern entrance of the Straits of Magellan, on the 7th of January, and of the Orotava on Scilla Shoal. Red Sea, on the 23rd February, 1897, and on the Oronaet on Sering Smart States the 23rd February, 1897, and smudry other claims, the underwriting account shows a profit for the year of £ 18,868 0s. 6d. Adding to this the amount brought forward from 1896, the balance is £ 268,868

The steamers Araucania and Potosi and the hulk Chala have

been sold.

The directors have contracted with Messrs, Vickers, Sons & the Australian mail line; with Maxim, Limited, for a steamer for the Australian mail line; with Messrs, Caird & Co., Limited, for another for use on the West Coast of South America; and with Messrs. Wigham Richardson & Co. for a small coasting steamer. These vessels are now in course of construction, and will be respectively named Ortona, Columbia, and

Taboga.

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Mr. Arthur Wilson Bibby was elected a director at a special general meeting of proprietors held on the 18th of August Lag.

The directors desire to express their deep regret at the great loss the Company has sustained by the death of the late chairman, Mr. Robert Rankin. To fill the vacancy thus caused, Mr. John Rankin, of Liverpool, was elected a director at a special general meeting of the proprietors held on the 7th March, 1898.

Mr. William Thomson and Mr. John Rankin are the directors, and Colonel Thomas Wilson is the auditor, retiring by rotation. They offer themselves for re-election.

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By order of the Court of Directors,"

FREDERICK ALCOCK,

Joint Manager and Secretary.

Liverpool, 19th May, 1898.

Fleet of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, as at 31st December, 1897.

Į	Tons Nom.	Tons Nom.
Į	Gross Reg. H. P.	Gross Reg. H. P.
ı	Orizaba (screw) 6,298 1,200	Santiago (serew) 2,953 600
Į	Oroya ,, 6,297 1,200	Areguipa 2,953 600
	Oruba ,,, $5,552$ 1,200	Puno ,, 2,398 400
i	Orotava ., 5,552 1,200	Serena ,, 2,394 400
	<i>Orania</i> (twin-se'w), 5,320, 750	Pizarro , 2,160 400
١	Orissa ., 5,317 700	Mendoza 2,160 400
	Oropesa ,, 5,303 700	$Coguimbo = 1, \dots, 1,821\dots 300$
	Orellana(screw) 4.821 600	Arica 1,771 220
	Oreana ,, 4 803 600	Ecuator 1,768 220
	Iberii ,, 4,689 750	Quito 1,039 200
	Liguria 4,677 750	Manari 1,041 200
	Sorata 4,581 390	Arauco 801 100
	Corcovado 4,568 390	Chirigui ., 643 90
	Galicia ,, 3,835. 600	Casma 592 95
	Sarmiento ,, 3,603, 350	Osorno(twin-sc'w) 532 90
	Inca ,, $3,593$ 350	Morro 170 90
. 1	Magellan , 3,500 350	Assistance(1ug, etc.) 214 100
	Antisana 3,584 350	Perlita 19 10
	Chile(twin-sc w) 3,225 600	
	Peru ,, 3,225 600	38 steamers, 117,942 18,145
	0.00-	38 steamers, 117,942 18,14

The result of the year's working, as compared with that of the precious years, will be seen by the following figures:

inverpressous year	rs, wiii b	e seen by	, rue rono.	wing ugi	nes: -	
	1892.	1803.	1814.	1805,	1803.	1897.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Profit on } voyages \(\frac{1}{3}\)	83,171	112,349	146,226	254,177	258,760	209,869
Expenses of management and general charges in excess of 6 % of on receipts	8,393	9,271	4,943 •	3,418	4,522	2,842
Depreciation	117,308	114,171	110.895	131,310	118,495	118,912
Replacement of boilers and special repairs	18,333	16,503	10,125	21,758	21,721	24.800
Transfer to underwriting cocount	nil	nil	nil	16,893	21.725	nil 🗷
Transfer from underwriting account to profit and loss	35,000				nil	กสัเ
Dividend 1	nil ,477,125 l	2 p. c. 1,477,125	2 p. c. 1,477,125 l	5 p. c. ,477,125	5 р. с. 1,477,125	5 p. c * 1,477,125
Underwriting) account f Reserve fund	187,096 85,000		1,40			

PERNAMBUCO MARKET REPORT.

From our own Correspondent Pernambuco--8th. June Produce Markets - are almost at a stand-still, the very sudden and excessive rise in exchange has taken all by surprise, and means heavy losses to holders of all kinds of produce, as they are not yet inclined to make the necessary difference in currency values which would tempt exporters into the markets. A high exchange is most prejudicial to the low cost produce of the Northern States, and it if advances much more there will be no margin left to sugar Planters.

Sugar.—Only sale reported is some 2000 Bags of low Brutos 82/3 test at 3\$600 — 3\$800-\$\$\sigma_0\$\$ = \$8/0 per cwt. c. & f. ex com., and to day same quality is worth 3d. — 6d. less. There has also been a great falling-off in demand for qualities for home consumption, and the only actual transaction reported has been a reside of 1000 Bags.

the only actual transaction reported has been a resate of 1000 Bags Clayed Browns (6.58000 per 15 kilos on shore, shippers having refused to pay the same price for other small lots on offer. I quote market flat and prices quite nominal in absence of all demand, but business could probably be put through under present asking prices, which are for:

8\$200 to.... Usinas..... Crystals..... Whites 3^a... 8\$500 per 15 kilos on shore 8\$300 ., 9\$000 7\$200 ,, 7\$400 5\$600 ,, 5\$800 Somenos....

Clayed..... 4\$800 .,... 5\$000 .,. Entries during month of May were 116.413 Bags of all kinds, making total of crop to date 1,695.853 Bags.

Cotton—has continued flat and disanimated, as buyers have been few and far between; the larger holders still firmly hold their stock few and far between; the larger holders still firmly hold their stock and refuse to put it on the market at anywhere like present values, and there have been only sales of small lots as they arrive from the interior at the Mills on spot, and small parcels for shipment to Portugal at 15\$000 — 15\$200 per 15 kilos on shore. The market is exceedingly flat so far as exporters are concerned and present value for Liverpool is to-day not over 13\$500 — 14\$000. At the same time anyone wanting to buy any larger lots would have to pay considerably over 15\$000 to secure it. Entries for May were 20.904 Bags making total to date of 217,086 Bags.

Freights.—No charters have taken place during the fortnight and only one small engagement of sugar is reported to Liverpool at 15/— Cargo is becoming very scarce, and Liner, will soon find it difficult to secure full cargoes at any rates.

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Exchange—has been very unsettled and subject to many and extreme fluctuations every day. The whole movement is a speculative one and has simply followed the hourly advices of changes in Rio. At times the market is wildly excited without apparently any reason and rates jump up 1/4d. or more, and then often in an hour or so the whole rise and even more has been lost.

Discounts on spot 8 % - 12 % - 8 % - 8 % - 8 % - 8 & Bank balances, etc. 31st May, 1898.

	Cash	Discounts
Banco de Pernambuco	3,263:237\$850	966:894\$870
Banco Popular	4,032:819\$860	836:190\$480
London & Brazilian Bank	2,243:029\$800	7:418#660

CUSTOM-HOUSE RECEIPTS FOR MAY.

General Government..... 1,336:874\$834 258-7748081

Recebedoria. 104:998\$587

Rains.—May was a wretched month, the total rainfall being only 3.94" as against 21.83" last year and 20.42" in May 1896, and sun was unusually scorching and great damage is reported as result to all growing crops. There were consequently serious fears of drought, and prices of all food stuffs have materially advanced. Fortunately advance has come with tune and so for good rains have prevailed. and prices of an food stuffs have materiary advanced. Fortunately a change has come with June, and so far good rains have prevailed, fully 8 inches having fallen during the week, and if it continues, the sugar crop may yet turn out fairly well, but the crops of maize, Beans, etc., can now at best be only small.

P. S. Cotton. – Buyers for Portugal were in the market to-day at

158400 and the nativa mills here are reported as having tried to secure some larger lots at 168(00, but holders absolutely refused to sell.

CALL FOR TENDERS

ESTRADA DE FERRO CENTRAL DO BRAZIL

(CENTRAL (STATE) RAILWAY OF BRAZIL)

Tenders are invited for the Supply of a Metallic Superstructure

of the new bridge to be erected at Rodeio (Rio de Janeiro).

By order of the Administration I hereby notify, that by midday of the 15th July next tenders for the supply of two metallic superstructures for the new bridge at Rodeio will be received at the office of the Secretary of this Railway in accordance with the plans and specifications to be seen at this office.

Acceptance of any tender will be conditional on the fitness of the

parties tendering.

Competitors must previously deposit, in the Treasury of the Railway, the sum of 300\$ (three hundred mil reis) in guarantee of good faith, the receipt for which must accompany the presentation of tenders, which must be duly closed and sealed, with the name of

of tenders, which must be duly closed and sealed, with the name of the tenderer marked outside.

In order that a tender shall be taken into consideration, it must be written-out clearly in black ink, dated, and signed, and indicate the address of the tenderer.

The tenders will be opened in the presence of the parties interested, and those, that have satisfied the legal conditions specified above, will be duly numbered and read, no further tenders being admitted, nor any allowed to be withdrawn, after the time for opening has been announced.

has been announced.
Office of Secretary of the Central Railway of Brazil, 9th
May 1898.—(Signed by the secretary), Manoel Fernandes Figueira.

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CONTRACTS AND TENDERS.

Central R'y of Brazil. + Tenders for the supply of the superstructureof a bridge at Rodeio (Rio de Janeiro), will be received at the office of the Secretary up to mid-day 15th July: — Deposit, Rs. 3005000, Central R'y of Brazil.—Proposals will be received up to 30th June.

for the construction of a bridge over the River Sant'Anna, and a culvert at the River Cagaria:—Deposit, Rs. 300\$000.

Rio Post Office.—Proposals to be sent to the 1st section of the Post Office, up to the 29th inst., for the su; ply of Cardiff coal for the Post Office's steam-launch.

Municipal Chamber of Monte-Mor.—Tender—for the construction of receivers, drains and deposits for water, both at the Falls and in the Town, up to the 4th July:—Deposit, Rs. 40-8000.—For further information apply to the Secretaria da Intendencia geral da Villa de Monte-

Mor, State of S. Paulo.

Companhia Frontão Paulista.—Tenders for the construction of a building for a projected Frontão, will be received up to the 24th, inst. Apply to the Co's office, S. Paulo, for details.

3rd. Bn. Infantery of Police, S. Paulo, -Offer for the purchase of the timber proceeding from the demolished part of the Barracks, will be received up to 18th, inst. Information as regard quantities and qualities of timber can be had at the office of the Bataltion.

Intendencia da Guerra, Rio de Janeiro.—Proposals for the furnishing of timber and other materials for the second half-year, will be received at the Secretaria da Intendencia da Guerra, up to 18th inst., that will also supply any information applied for.

Central R'y of Brazil.—Offers for the purchase of a Portable Engine will be received at the office of the Railway up to 27th, inst. Deposit;—Rs. 300\$000.

THE MOGYANA RAILWAY

The General Meeting of this Company was held at Campinas on the 15th inst., 64 shareholders being present representing 76,543 shares, with Dr. Antonio Carlos Moreira Salles in the Chair.

After duly approving the Directors accounts a proposal of Messrs. After duly approving the Directors accounts a proposal of Messrs. Contricco and Georgi, in representation of a Syndicate that offered to supply the Company with the capital necessary for the construction and equipment of the projected branch to Santos, was accepted, and the Directors authorized to negotiate a loan for that purposs. At the same time it was determined to call up at once the balance of the unpaid capital, equivalent to 60% for the nominal value of the second series, of shares in a single instalment. The new officers of the Company were then elected and the meeting brought to a close.

The Brazilian Review has from its commencement urged on the attention of the São Paulo-Railway shareholders the advisability of coming at once to an understanding with the Mogyana and Paulista Companies, by which the ruinous competition threatened by the extension to Santos may be avoided.

The danger signals have been frequent of late, but the São Paulo Company, secure, as it imagines, in its interpretation of its concession and in its influence in the English money market, pays no attention. We do not know what degree of importance to attach to this new proposal; but whether it be carried out or no, we feel certain that the extension of the Mogyana line to Santos is but * question of time. If the money is unobtainable in London it will be

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It may be that the São Paulo Company is right, and that its pretensions may be maintained at law; but, considering the highly
controversial and technical nature of the dispute, it does seem rather
like tempting Providence to trust so implicitly to an interpretation
that, after all, may not be confirmed by the Courts.

The uncertainties of the law are proverbial in all countries, and
nowhere less so than in Brasil; and, should the São Paulo Company,
after all, prove to be mistaken it will be but cold comfort to its injured shareholders to be assured that Justice had miscarried, whilst
the Mogyana extension is filching their traffic away! Nor will it stop
here! The branch to Santos once constructed, the amalgamation of the
Sorocabana and possibly the Paulista line will be only a question of
time, unless the São Paulo Railway will make up its mind at the last
moment to buy at probably fancy prices.

There is one programme that will not only avoid so disastrous a
denouement, but that will also conciliate the true interests of producers and of the whole State of São Paulo, and that is amalgamation. This would remove once and for all the danger of competition as ruinous to the Companies interested as to the State itself;
and open to English Capital employed in the São Paulo Railway a
prospect of expansion from which it is shut out entirely at present,
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At no very distant date the immense interior that lies at the back of the cultivated districts of the State of São Paulo and stretching away to the Paraná and across to the foot of the Andes and Bolivia must be developed; when no better field, at least in South America, is likely to be found for railway enterprise. A bold policy at the present moment may secure to English Capital the option of such development and virtual monopoly of the carrying trade of, this, the most important and go-ahead part of Brazil. Let it escape, and others will assuredly step in and carry off the prize. It is not only the immediate advantages offered by the Mogyana and Paulista and Sorocabana lines that are at stake: the question virtually to be decided is whether the whole railway system of São Paulo from the Sea to the Andes shall be guaranteed to the São Paulo Railway shareholders and English capital, or no!

It is true that the São Paulo Railway at present constitutes the branch line over which all the traffic of the State must pass on its way to the Sea, and therefore every development of existing systems will be but so much grist brought to the mill without effort or expense on the part of that Company, could the existing monopoly be maintained in perpetuity. But, for reasons we have already pointed out and which we need not repeat, such pretensions are bound to be defeated.

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oft and which we need not repeat, such precensions are sound to be defeated.

Should even the present intentions of the Mogyana Company be defeated by an adverse decision at law, it would be no very difficult matter to design a line that will effect the same object without invading at all the privileged zone of the São Paulo Company. Anyhow, we believe that the Mogyana and probably other São Paulo Railways are certain to secure independent exits to the seá sooner or later by one route or another, unless the São Paulo Company make it impossible by acquiring these properties itself.

We believe that in the interest of all concerned the amalgamation of the three great trunk lines of São Paulo is the best and most advantageous policy. Competition will be ruinous to all conserned, and to none less than to the Public, which will be called on to make good losses on one side, and to consent to sacrifices on the other. Amalgamation under English management on the other hand will ensure the extension to the whole system of the economy and efficiency so notable with the management of the parent line, and must necessarily be advantageous to the public at large.

As a rule monopolies are not to be recommended; but, when amalgamation is synonymous with reduction of loss from friction, such as

As a rule monopolics are not to be recommended; but, when amalgamation is synonymous with reduction of loss from friction, such as the concentration, in homogeneous system, of the latent offshots with the trunk line, thus securing the most perfect circulation into a minimum outlay of energy, no one who believes that the principles of mechanics are applicable to our social economy can call in doubt. The economy that such an amalgamation of interests must affect would undoubtedly compensate any possible loss that might be sustained from absence of competition, whilst the advantages conferred by increased efficiency and regularity will far outweigh any such problematic sacrifice. We don't know the opinions of the Mogyana or Paulista Companies on the subject, but feel certain that if properly undertaken there ought to be no insuperable difficulties in coming to terms that would be advantageous to all.

We desire to see English Capital more largely interested in São Paulo for two reasons. Firstly, because we believe that São Paulo affords a field for profitable investment inferior to none; and secondly, because it is of immense advantage to the country to secure such capital on the comparatively easy terms exacted by English investors, and in this manner to set free native resources for employment in other industries of quite as great, if not greater, importance in which foreign capital is not inclined to invest.

LATEST TRAFFIC RETURNS.

	·	Latest E	Earnings rted	Aggre- to-d	
Railway	W'k or Month	1898	1897	1898	1897
Alagoas Bahia a São	April	72:600\$	38;297\$. —	
Francisco	2, w'ks Ap. 30	5,498£	4,927£	1475	
ditto Timbó branch	3. w'ks Ap. 30	· 881£	557 £	_	

ļ	Braz.'G't					
	Southern.	April	11:1118	11:556\$	55:556\$	53;7788
	Central Ba-		_			
	hia,	ditto	142:798\$	128:506\$	278:357\$	266:010\$
	D. Thereza					
ŀ	Christina.	March		16;159\$	88:2778	98:700\$
	Minas & Rio	May	148:930\$	133:546\$		
	Natal & N.					
	Cruz	February	15:7428	11:837\$	_	-
	Recife to S.					
ĺ	Francisco.	March 26			$\sqrt{75,414£}$	68,533£
	S. Paulo	2.w's. April 17	21,132\$	30,5258		
į	Southern					
	Brazilian					*
	(Rio G. do			Jan 0004		
	Sul)	February	142:838\$	133:839\$	284:323\$	279:4348
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	burgo	April	33:822\$	32:469\$	_	
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All the lines show increase of receipts excepting the Brazil Great Southern, D. Thereza Christina, Natal and Nova Cruz, and São Paulo railways, the reduction in the receipts of the last named line being £9,493 for the week, compared with 1897.

APPROXIMATE TRAFFIC RETURNS.

Down-traffic for May , 6,680 7,033 Coffee carried , , , , 449 755	MINAS & RIO RAILWAY:		1807	1898
Aggregate since 1st January , 735:037\$ 721:489\$ Up-traffic for May tons 2,049 1,635 , , aggregate ,, 11,521 6,920 Down-traffic for May ,, 6,680 7,033 Coffee carried , , , 449 755		ب		
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Coffee carried ,, ,, ,, 449 755	Down-traffic for May	,,	6,680	7,033
	Coffee carried ,, ,,	,,	449	755
,, ,, since 1st January, 2,634 2,632		,,	2,634	2,632
Porto Alegre & Nova Hamburgo R'Y: 1897 1898	Porto Alegre & Nova Hamburgo R'Y:		1897	1898
Kilometres in traffic	Kilometres in traffic		43	43
Receipts for the month of April Rs. 32:469\$ 33:823\$	Receipts for the month of April	Rs.	32:469\$	33:823\$
			139:1218	134:523\$
Up-traffic for April tons 1.017 893			1.017	893
Aggregate ditto since 1st January 4,492 3,872	Aggregate ditto since 1st January		4,492	3.872
Down-traffic for April			1.726	1,682
			7.289	6,646
			4,663	4,837
				23,389

Sugar Production of the World.—Mr. Licht estimates the approximate production for 1897/98 in metric tons (2,204.6 lbs.) as follows:

1,925,000

825,000

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Germany

Austria Hungary

France	840,000
Russia	800,000
Belglum	225,000
Holland	120,000
Other Countries	190,000
	4,925,000
ANE SUGAR.	
Cuba	200,000
Puerto Rico	60,000
T'rinidad	50,000
Barbadoes	50,000
Martinique	30,000
Guadaloupe	40,000
Demarara	110,000
Brazil	180,000
Java	560,000
Philipine Islands	190,000
Mauritius	110,000
Reunion	40,000
Jamaica	35,000
Lesser Antilles	95,000
United States	345,000
Egypt	100,000
Peru	65,000
Sandwich Islands	200,000
Total	2,460,000

Total approximate yield for 1897/98, 7,385,000 tons. For 1896/97, the actual production was 4,917,840 tons of beet and 2,371,875 of cane. Total 7,289,715 tons, or very nearly The prothe same as that estimated for the current year. duction of beet sugar is now double that of cane, and may be expected to increase with the competition that is promised from the United States. Brazil from being one of the principal sugar producing countries of the world, has now sunk to the 11th place, coming after even such parvenus as the Sandwich Islands.

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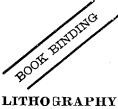
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