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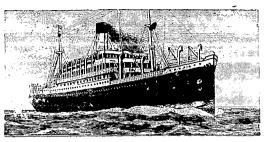
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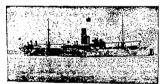
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Meanwhile both German and Austrian ships have been requisitioned and are preparing to ply between Brazilian and Allied ports. Neutrality in the struggle with the Allies, inclusive not only of the United States, but of Great Britain and France as well, has been cancelled, and British, French and American forces been landed in this city and placed at the orders of a Brazilian Admiral. Yet Germany stays her hand! Not because, as the "Berliner Tageblatt" supposes, "not the smallest difference has arisen between Brazil and Germany." not even in consequence of the requisition of much valuable German tonnage, but solely and exclusively because the recognition of a state of war would make resumption of trade after the war more difficult and painful!

Contemptuous as Germany has always shown herself of neutral rights, it is comprehensible, from her point of view, that this country has "no differences" that would justify a declaration of war by either side. But, whatever Germans may think, from the moment that Brazilian shils were sunk by German submarines and Brazzilian lives nd property were menaced, a state of war, de facto existed, that, without any formal declaration on the part of this country, justified any reprisals Brazil might determine to take.

By sinking vessels under the Brazilian flag, after due notice of the consequences such an act would entail, Germany virtually

declared war on this country and Brazil promptly took up the challenge by opening her ports to all Allies and welcoming Allied forces on her soil and associating herself with their fortunes.

However the fiction of simple suspension of relations between this country and Germany may be maintained, the fact remains that on both sides acts have been already performed that must ultimately lead to a formal declaration of war either by this country or by Germany, if not Austria likewise.

There may be good reasons on both sides for not making the break irrevocable!

On the one hand, there are so many German residents and valuable German interests in this country to be protected, and above all, a valuable trade between the two countries to be preserved at any sacrifice for Germany after the war, that Germany may well hesitate.

To this end no effective protest has so far been filed by Germany against the requisition of German ships, that she hopes will be available after the war for resumption of trading between the two countries. For similar reasons protests against the assault on German property at Porto Alegre remain in abeyance and even the crowning indignity implied by the revocation of the decree of neutrality and opening of Brazilian ports to Allied forces, instead of provoking reprisals, is explained away.

On the other side, the failure to bring Germany to grips places Brazil in the invidious and impossible position of posing as neither "flesh, nor fowl, nor good red herring."

An enemy she never was, nor likely to be; but, though a friend, her friendship is so qualified by the maintenance of relations with Austria and failure to break irrevocably with Germany, as to make it difficult to know exactly how to treat her, whether as a tried friend, to whom all the secrets of the Allies' hearts should be open, or as a provisional ally only to be counted on for the duration of the war and liable to renew commercial relations with the enemy on independent lines immediately peace is declared!

There should be no bargaining between Allies. But, until Brazil cast in her lot irrevocably with all the others and puts both Germany and Austria beyond the pale, negotiations between this country and the Allies will always be of the nature of a bargain in each particular case.

For such reasons the spontaneous act of the Brazilian Government in cancelling neutrality with the Allies is already being here interpreted as a quid pro quô for the removal of the embargo on coffee imports by Gt. Britain and the supply of coal and protection of Brazilian merchanmen in the danger zone, as a set off to transport of foodstuffs in Brazilian steamers and so on ad infinitum.

A state of limited liability can never secure thorough cooperation between Allies.

It was tried by Italy and abandoned, whereas the United States from the first placed all her unrivalled resources, material and moral, at the service of the nations with whom she allied herself in the struggle again the common enemy.

Only if Brazil follows her exapmle can the Allies be expected to pool their infinite resources with her too, and back her up through thick and thin in every field, now and after the war.

Then most, if not all her difficulties would disappear: her mercantile marine would be assured the same protection enjoyed by all other Allies: Brazilian steamers would receive the same consideration as those of other Allies with regard to coal; trading with the enemy would cease and, let us hope, some means of financing this country during the war and preventing further ruinous issues of paper money would be found.

For Brazil to enter into the war without some such general understanding with the Allies, not only as regards the conduct of the war itself, but of the economic war that will follow, would be suicidal, but more suicidal still would be any half-hearted policy that seemed to aim at conciliating the advantages of semi-alliance with one side with those of semi-belligerency with the other.

The approchement of Brazil and Britain has been doubtless facilitated on the one side by the spontaneous revocation of the neutrality as regards the Allies and the withdrawal by Great Britain of the embargo on coffee imports.

Whilst pleased to learn that the embargo on coffee imports has been removed by the British Government, until the precise conditions are known it would be premature to jump to conclusions. Since the embargo was imposed in March, c. and f. have undergone a sharp depreciation, so that coffee could now be placed in London at a rate that would compete advantageously with existing stocks. This might lead to some fresh imports for consumption account, but as this is not very great in any case, would not amount to much.

It is likewise possible that some coffee might be shipped on consignment, but not very much unless, as seems probable, arrangements of some kind have been come to by the S. Paulo or other Government to ship and store and borrow against same in London until after the war.

The general impression is that after the war there should be an enormous demand for coffee and produce in general, especially by the Central Empires and that even at the relatively high rates ruling for cost and freight, quantities limited only by the imagination of speculators would would find immediate and profitable markets.

This seems to us an illusion; because, in the first place, any movement for revictualling either the Central Empires or adjacent States must be preceded by an armistice long enough to allow conditions of peace to be definitely arranged before the blockade would be raised.

Meanwhile, in all probability, freights would have fallen and, unless prices in primary markets rose in inverse ratio, c. and f. would be lowered and the market be flooded.

Besides, it seems certain that Germany would never allow indiscriminate dumping of coffee or anything else, in view of the critical state of herexchanges. In fact, we understand that imports will be severely fiscalised by that Government and not only the quantities but prices of all imports be officially regulated.

Still, if it pleases Brazilians and cannot hurt the Allies, the concession is a matter for congratulation, seeing that it tends to establish friendlier conditions between the two countries.

What seems unquestionable is that the possession of so considerable a mercantile marine will make Brazil to a large extent independent of outside assistance and in a position to dump its produce on the Central Empires directly the blockade is raised, unless prevented by some agreement amongst the Allies with regard to trading with the enemy after the war.

Anyhow, the possession of so considerable a mercantile marine should, during the first few months of peace, when Allied countries will be mostly engaged in the transport of troops and material; and both they and most neutrals in the reconstitution of their own depleted marines, be a great factor of prosperity for this country and secure the earliest opportunity of marketing her produce at top prices.

The celebration of 4th July—American Independence Day—as a public holiday was the sanctification of the policy persistently followed by the United States for over 90 years.

By a happy coincidence, a few days before, neutrality with the European Allies had been reveled and on the very eve of the "festa" news arrived of the raising of the embargo on imports of coffee by Great Britain. So everybody was happy and all Rio turned out to lend colat to the proceedings. The bluejackets and marines of four nations—Brazil, Britain, United States and France—made a brave show as, under the command of a Brazilian Admiral, they marched down our splendid Avenue, and one by one did homage to the President. The day was fine, the sun brilliant and Nature herself smiled on an occasion unique in Brazilian history.

It was the apothesis of the United States that, starting with everything against her, except the Monroe Doctrine, itself British conception, spared no pains to conciliate South American opinion, sending us the very best amongst her public men, like Root and MacAdoo, and encouraging and, cooperating in the cultural, commercial, juridic and even political development of these countries, succeeded finally in establishing thoroughly sympathetic relations, that culminated in the demonstration of 4th of July!

On the other hand, starting with everything in her favour—naval, financial and political supremacy—Great Britain by lack of clear vision and perhaps certain temperamental disabilities, has allowed other countries not merely to overtake, but to usurp preeminence on this Continent.

The war has changed many things, and, let us trust, will change the British outlook and views of life too. Otherwise this Continent will be commercially lost to England.

South America—the Continent of the future—takes the place occupied by the States a hundred years ago.

The chance to retrieve lost opportunities is unique, now that the world's affairs are once more in the melting pot, if only England will rise to the occasion and stretch a helpful sympathetic hand to those once struggling nations whose independence and very existence her undisputed naval supremacy of 100 years ensured.

Inflation of prices is the natural result of excessive issues of currency or other forms of credit.

It may be brought about by Government issues without gold to back them, or by the granting of long term credits not based on commercial operations or realisable collateral.

In either case, an artificial demand is created, because notes and credit alike constitute the purchasing power or demand; consequently, the more there is in circulation, the greater the demand for commodities and services and the more prices tend to rise.

In England, as the "Economist" points out, it is by the artificial creation of credit that prices were forced up and in this country by issues of paper money.

In both cases it is Government, the greatest employer of labour, and the classes with fixed incomes, who are the direct sufferers, but indirectly the whole community.

Inflation can only be combated by Taxation. If, to save some national emergency, issues of paper money may sometimes be resorted to, the specdiest way to reestablish equilibrium and counteract inflation is to reduce the volume of money and credit in circulation and curtail power of purchase by taxation, even if to do so all the savings of the community for the time being were to be appropriated.

With a single dissentient vote, that of Dr. Lcopoldo Buhlöes, the Senate on Saturday approved a further addition of 300.000:000\$ to our already inflated currency, that will raise the total to over one and a half million contos!

This before war has even been declared! Facilis decensus Avern.

The more currency in circulation, the greater the purchasing power of the community and the more prices rise.

Higher prices, in their turn, exact more currency for similar transactions. So as more paper money is issued prices rise and money gets tight again, and so on ad infinitum!

Enemy Trading Bill in the United States. Hearings before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce on the Trading with the Enemy Act come to an end to-day. The committee will meet in executive session next Tuesday, at which time, it is hoped, an agreement may be reached to report the measure favourably to the House. According to present prospects, very few changes, if any, will be made in the bill by the House Committee. It will probably go before the House in practically that form in which it was recommended by the Administration.

Secretary of Commerce Redfield and Assistant Attorney General Warren appeared before the committee to-day and explianed further the provisions of the proposed measure. Accompanying these officials were E. E. Pratty-cheif of the Bureau of Foreign

and Domeste Commerce, and Solicitor Woolsey of the Department of State. The bill which is now before the House Committee is the work of an inter department committee composed of Messrs Woolsey, Warren and Pratt.

Only two witnesses besides the Government officals made representations before the committee. These were H. A. Moore, of New York, representing the New York Transfer Association, and the counsel for the Santa Fc Railroad. Mr. Moore declared that the bill should be so drafted as not to interfere with the execution of contracts entered into between American citizens and American agents of Germans prior to the date on which the United States formally went to war with Germany. In other words, no contract with an enemy subject should be abrogated if entered into prior to April 5 last.

The House Committee is fully alive to the necessity of enacting the trading with the enemy bill, not only as a measure for the more successful prosecution of the war, but also for reasons connected with the diplomatic relations between the United States and the European Allies. It was pointed out to the committee that by suspending business relations with German subjects the United States not only makes it possible to prevent intentional or unintentional assistance being rendered the enemy, but places the United States in a very favourable position wit hregard to negotiating peace terms at the end of the war.

England and the other Allies have very drastic laws to prevent their own citizens from trading with the enemy. These Powers naturally look to the United States Government, now that we have entered the war, to prevent the slightest assistance from reaching the Germans. The United States at present has no adequate laws to prevent this and therefore it is highly important that the measure which has been submitted to Congress shall be enacted at the earliest practicable moment.

The so-called Trading with the Enemy Act is a measure designed to supplement the export embargo bill, which was inserted as a section of the general espionage bill. This latter is now in conference between the two houses and may be made a law within the next few days. A conference report on the espionage bill was before the House to-day. While it might be deemed possible to prevent enemy trading by the imposition of embargoes on exports and similar restrictions, as authorised in this latter bill, that does not give the Government authority to prevent all trading with the enemy. Goods might be shipped to a neutral country and ultimately transferred to enemies. Money transfers may be made by wireless. There are innumerable other ways in which persons of traitorious intent might defeat the purposes of the Government.—"New York Journal of Commerce," 31 May, 1917.

[Rome was not built in a day, and even the British Government took two years to complete arrangements for preventing trading between British and enemy subjects in neutral countries.

Until the appearance of the Blacklist in March, 1916, British subjects continued to maintain commercial relations with enemy subjects in this country and British vessels to carry their cargo.

Is it therefore to be wondered at that the Government of the United States, during the two months that elapsed since the declaration of war with Germany and Austria, has failed to do in that time what took Great Britain almost two years to effect?

Convinced of the necessity of putting a stop to trading that may in any shape or form prove advantageous to the enemy, the United States Government is now engaged in securing from Congress the measures requisite to bring the procedure of all the Allies into line and place all these traders on the same footing.

In England it took nearly two years before French and British practice in the respect could be reconciled. In the United States Germans are much more numerous and German influensce much more powerful than in England, and it is not to be expected, as some local British traders seem to imagine, that the U.S. can carry through in two months what took the British Government nearly two years to accomplish.

It is not only in the States that painters are busily wiping out German names from their office doors and, if many more Brazilian boats are sunk by German submarines, it may yet come to local firms having to apply for passes to enter their own offices.

—Corporation laws in most countries allow the disguise of identity of interests friendly to the enemy. It did not take England very long to learn her lesson and place enemy property in the hands of public administrators. This implies no change in the law itself, but simply that enemy activities must be supervised and kept in their proper place. No safeguards against German machinations are possible so long as the law makes it convenient for the Hun to hide his identity under a cloak for the purpose of defeating the measures adopted by the nation whose hospitality he enjoys.

Brazil is virtually an Ally; so let everyone in this country remember that the slightest help given directly or indirectly to the enemy in our midst is another bullet fired at the armies who are fighting our battle as well as their own in the field.

—No normal being says our American contemporary, "The Shipping World," would stab his brother or willingly inflict injury upon his fellow-men. Yet what is to be thought of the intelligent man of business who for the sake of the immediate gain to be realised will help the residing Hun and encourage him in his nefarious work of plotting the destruction of the noble manhood that is now training for the crusade against such butchers, thieves and rapists who command the armies fighting under the imperial banner of the Central Empires for the subjugation of the world.

Liberal subscriptions to charities, may be occasionally accounted by the uninitiated as righteousness; but in Heaven all secrets of the heart are known and there is no trafficing with conscience. Verbum sap!

The War...The Kaiser is now thankful for any small mercy. England was to be brought to her knees by submarines first of all by 1 May; then by 1 June; and afterwards 1 July. Now as sinkings decline and tonnage increases, the date is advanced to Octoberand for all the impression it makes on the callous British, might be put off to the Greek Kalends at once.

When 50 British ships were sunk in a week, victory smiled for a moment on Germany, but now with the British firmly estalished at Messines and threatening Ostend, any little respite in the field is like the famous "strategic withdrawai" regarded by the Kaiser as a matter for congratulation!

How Germans so misread the writing on the wall as to belittle the part the United States have already taken in the war or the immense success of the Liberty Loan is only attributed to systematic falsification of the news allowed to leak through. But even the most docile German cannot be fooled all the time and further successes in the field will soon lead to his enlightenment.

The Food Dictator in the United States. Complete control of the food situation, under the direction of Herbert C. Hoover, is now assured. The objections of Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture, who wanted to control the food situation himself, have been ignored by President Wilson, and Mr. Hoover will have full charge of a separate department for the administration of food. The Department of Agriculture will retain charge of everything pertaining to the stimulation of agriculture, but Mr. Hoover's department will have complete jurisdiction over the distribution of food supplies, both for the United States and the Allies. The Allies will probably authorise Mr. Hoover to maketheir purchases. Within seven days Mr. Hoover expects to have his organisation under way. He will have ten executives assisting. him. One is have charge of wheat, another corn, another sugar, another transportation, another household economy and another propaganda. Regardless of what action Congress takes with reference to grain going to the distilleries, Mr. Hoover intends to get the grain first. The President is back of Hoover, and says that while the programme of food control is to be a programme of cooperation and voluntary contribution, it will be backed by the force of law and sereve penalties for any persons who do not do their share .- "Wall Street Journal."

Brazil, says the "Wall Street Journal," has dropped her neutrality and resumed her self-respect.

Sour Grapes! The "Berliner Tageblatt" states: Apart from the sentimental factors created by the Entente propaganda and by Wilson's Messages, Brazil's motives are easy to understand. Brazil desires to obtain rich payment, politico-financially and politico-commercially, for the services which she renders to the United States. She considers that Germany's good custom-before the war we imported more from Brazil than from Sweden or Switzerland-does not counterbalance the advantages which she expects. The indirect disadvantage which may arise for us from this turn of events cannot yet be estimated. The direct disadvantage for us would consist especially in the loss of our valuable commercial tonnage which is lying in Brazilian ports. The final decision of Brazil will not in any case have considerable influence on our situation in this war. But the establishment of a state of war with a country with which we have not the smallest differences would, of course, be regrettable, and one need not conceal the fact. I) would be regrettable for us because the circle of countries in which we have the prospect of resuming our international trade activity without let or hindrance after the war is becoming narrower and narrower. But perhaps it would be still more regretable for Brazil, for it is obvious that the great Republic which for so long a time has competed with Argentina for the leading part in the South American Continent is influenced only by temporary financial advantages in entering upon a path which leads to the ruin of its political independence.

Texication by Beans. The cases, reported from Lyons, may be a serious blow to this rising industry that it will be hard to get over. Already we hear credits for the United States are cancelled and it is to be expected other countries will follow suit.

There is no better foodstuff than the Brazilian bean, white, black or mulatinho, if properly treated. But, as a letter in one of the Brazilian papers say, unless thoroughly cooked, these beans are not only extremely indigestible but positively toxic.

If kept from one day to another, black beans become ecid and though somewhat indigestable in that state, are not positively dangerous. With the mulatinho bean, mostly used in France, when kept from one day to another, a kind of white crust forms that is highly toxical and dangerous.

The cooking of beans, like coffee and other tropical fruits, is little understood in Europe and much less in the trenches.

Everyone in this country who has any experience of house-keeping knows how carefully beans must be cooked before being fit for general use. Indeed, a good deal of the meningitis, so common amongst Brazilian children, is attributable to beans forming so considerable an article of children's diet in this country.

It is wondeful, under such circumstances, that no one should apparently have thought of warning inexperienced Euroepans against the danger. As it is, it is to be feared that for some time to come beans may be taboo!

Anyhow, at the rate the food shortage is being overcome, it does not seem very likely that England, at any rate, will be forced to replace its usual diet by Brazilian beans to any great extent.

In England beans were only used as a substitute for potatoes, but now that the potato famine has come to an end, imports of beans seem likely to cease. In the United States they were up against a bean famine, shipments to Belgium having exhausted the supply. But beans were rushed in from China, Mexico and Brazil, whilst American farmers have planted white beans to such an extent that there seems every likelihood of a surfeit.

In view of its toxical characteristics, printed instructions for the use of different kinds of beans, in English and French, should accompany every single bag exported. Otherwise this country seems likely to lose a rapidly developing and profitable trade.

Crushing the Sumbarine. The "Wall Street Journal" of 2nd June says: "We have the details geographical, nautical and hydrobut must report only on general terms. The British Admiralty has wisely refrained and will continue to refrain from figures, details or any announcement that would in any way guide Germany. Our latest report is that in a single recent month the destroyers of the Allied navies ended the career of more than 40 German submarines. The remedy for the submarine is so simple that it is most remarkable it was not applied almost from the beginning. The submarine is an eggshell and it can be crushed like an eggshell, and that is what is being done with them. At first they were netted. Then net cutting apparatus was supplied to the submarine and the netting device was quickly ineffective. Then aeroplanes and submarine chasers cooperated. waters the submarine can be detected from an aeroplane at a depth of more than 100 feet. Submarine chasers studied surface bubbles and surface indications. Locating a submarine, groups of destroyers and chasers were summoned to the spot and then the territory for miles around was covered as by spokes from a wheel. Now a submarine location being discovered it is netted most effectively. It is circled by bombs lowered under water over a wide area. The simultaneous explosion of these mines by electrical devices will crush any underwater craft. Water is of course incompressible. The entire ocean weight, millions of tons, resists and the explosive power must effectively crush everything nearby that is not as solid as the ocean itself. Without waiting for U hoat activities the destroyers now fish for and crush them just as effectively as a piece of dynamite is used on a pond by a poacher to stun or kill all nearby fish. It has been known for many years, and therefore laws have been passed forbidding the practice, that an explosion in water will stun all the fish nearby or cause their air bladders to burst. The Allies' ever-increasing flotilla of chasers and destroyers, supplemented by an increasing number of hyroplanes has resulted in detecting and crushing submarines under this system so that in the past week only one-third of one per cent of the sailings, or 19 vessels as compared with 1.06 per cent of the sailings, or 55 boats in the week ending April 22. We are also informed that so successful has been the campaign against the submarines that the German Admiralty is now finding the greatest difficulty in securing crews for them. The men are not lacking in ordinary courage and are perfectly willing to go into the first line trenches exposed to the normal dangers of war, but there is a natural horror of imprisonment and death under water with no fighting chance.

COMPANIES REPORTS

Great Western, of Brazil Railway... Extracts from the Company's Report, by the "Statist":-Although the Great Western of Brazil Railway Company is again unable to pay a dividend on either its preferred or ordinary shares, the position of the company is much more satisfactory than it has been for some while past, and the outlook is very promising. In some respects the past year has been unique. On the one hand, the currency receipts are the best in the history of the company, whilst on the other the sterling results are amongst the lowest on record. The reason for this is the further fall of nearly 7 per cent in the exchange. The company has also established a new record for operation, having dealt with a larger amount of traffic in November last than in any one month since the railway was constructed The first nine months of the year were disappointing, and were characteristic by steadily falling receipts; but on the commencement of the harvest these brightened up, and by the middle of October the previous year's receipts were equalled, and since then have steadily forged ahead. Unfortunately, the results have been seriously prejudiced by the low rate of exchange, which averaged 11.86d per milreis, or 26 per cent below the normal rate of 16d. Consequently, whereas the currency receipts show an improvement of Rs. 1,747,000 or 16.6 per cent compared with the preceding year, and are Rs. 329,000 better than in 1913, the previous record, the sterling receipts have increased only £66,000, or 12.8 per cent, for the twelve months, and are actually more than £278,000 smaller than those of 1913. To show how the traitic improved last year and the serious effect upon the sterling receipts of the fall in the exchange we give the following particulars of the results since 1913:

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A satisfactory feature of the year has been the relatively low cost of working, for, notwithstanding the higher prices of fuel and of railway material of all kinds, the increase in receipts has been accompanied by a decrease in expenditure. The reduction, it is true, is small, amounting to only £2,761; but whereas in 1915 the ratio of expenses to receipts was as high as 79.62 per cent, in the past year it is only 70.04 per cent, which compares quite favourably with the ratios of recent years. Owing to the large increase in currency receipts the Government percentages and fiscalisation charges call for a sum of £44.134, against only £18,398 in the preceding year, and as debenture interest, income tax charges, etc., were £7.500 heavier than in 1915, the net revenue charges are up about £46,000. Of the gain of £69,000 in the total net income, therefore, only \$33,000 is added to profit and loss account, the net result being a profit of 14,363, against a loss last year of £18.613. The transfer of £17.000 made from reserve twelve months ago has now been replaced, but in order to do this the balance carried forward is lowered from £10,282 to £7,645,

The sugar harvest was an excellent one and prices have been high, so that an increased area has been planted with cane for the current year. Cotton and mandioca production has fallen off, but in several other directions, notably in the transport of stone, forest products, and general goods a substantial improvement is noticeable. This will be seen from the appended summary of the freight traffic of the line for several years past:-

1916 1914 1913 1915 Tons Tons Tons Tons Sugar 163,013 146,485 168.072 164,715...... Sugar-cane 413.027 395,407 471.203 398,406 Timber and firewood... 119,414 74,409 73,462 86,416 60,330 Cotton 39.510 47,917 43,156 Cotton-seed 41,126 39,293 49,937 66.826 Mandioca 35,169 32,317 37.855 36,659 Stone 84,228 37,321 80.907 127.596Bricks and tiles 28.15030,630 32,316 41,129 Alcohol 17.26617,12818,189 23.712 Maize 21.247 16,928 18.887 19.788 Salt 14,809 13,902 11,287 11.349 Wheat flour 17,266 15.15315,084 21,634 Dried fish 9,922 12,218 12.81514.052 Coffee 4,544 3,791 4.086 3,548 Sundries 149,085 147.718168,022 216,281

Total goods1.154.924 1,034,155 1.204,082 1,290,951 1913 was the record year as regards volume of traffic.

The comparative prosperity brought about by the good harvest of 1915-16 and the high price at which it was sold is also reflected in the passenger traffic, where an increase of 45.24 per cent in the passenger miles resulted in a gain of 44.89 per cent in receipts. The number of passengers carried per mile of line last year exceeded all previous records, while the ton mileage per mile of line is but a trifle smaller than in the banner year 1913.

That the company has been able to reduce expenses notwithstanding the much larger traffic handled is a noteworthy achievement. The saving is mainly in maintenance of way expenses; but the reduction here of £20.200 is largely attributable to the good weather, and not to any cheese-paring in the matter of upkeep. Locomotive, carriage and watgon maintenance all cost more, the amount spent per engine and per car being substantially heavier than in 1915. To economise in coal, firewood is being burnt in increased quantities, and the more general use of oil fuel is being attended with excellent results. Locomotive running expenses show an increase of £12,000 or nearly 10 per cent. The reduction in the consumption of fuel is gratifying; but although a saving

was effected in quantity, the fuel bill has risen some £13,500 on account of the increase in price. On the other hand, traffic expenses are down nearly £3,000, and vehicle running expenses are also slightly smaller.

The prospects for the present year, reports the General Manager, are the brightest since the beginning of the war. The estimate made of the 1916-17 sugar and cotton crops have been confirmed, and sugar will continue to be carried for some little time The heavy rains experienced during March may somewhat shorten the harvest, but to no appreciable extent. The harvesting of the cotton crop is practically over, but the excellent traffic results now being secured by the company clearly indicate that business is by no means slackening. In the first 21 weeks of the year the expansion in earnings amounts to £62,050, or nearly 30 per cent, and inasmuch as a year ago there was a falling off of about £40,000, the company is more than regaining last year's losses. In part the improvement is due to a rise in exchange, which is now 13 1-4d, as against 12 1-8a twelve months ago. But as this represents a gain of less than 10 per cent, whereas the growth in the sterling receipts is about 30 per cent, the increase in traffic and in currency earnings has also been considerable. As the financial and economic conditions in Brazil are steadily improving, the recovery in the exchange should be maintained, and this, combined with increased traffic, will help the company materially in the coming months.

Everything points to good crops in the coming season provided the weather is normal. The early rains have enabled the planting of cotton and cereals in certain districts on a larger scale than usual, besides helping on the sugar cane, which at the present is reported to be in a very healthy state. It is true, writes the General Manager, that the extremely dry weather during August, September and November did much harm to the growing canes, but the rains from December onwards, he states, have caused a wonderful recovery. It may be taken, therefore, that the traffic offering during the present year will be greater than in 1916. To a great extent, of course, the successful carriage of the larger traffic will depend upon the fuel and material problems and the facility or otherwise with which exporters obtain ships. If any relief can be expected in these directions so much the better, but if not the result must necessarily be a gradual slowing down of transportation facilities and a consequent shrinkage in the earning capacity of the company towards the end of the year.

Looking to the more distant future there can be no doubt as to the potentialities of the line. By its extension policy in the past the company has laid the foundations for a great development of the territory it serves, and although progress has been checked by the untoward happenings of the last few years, there is no question of the richness of the country and of the possibilities of development under normal conditions. This has been proved in the past, for which every additional mile of line constructed and brought into use the company has been rewarded by a more than

corresponding improvement in revenue. Another important feature is the fact that efforts are being made to get a revision of lease agreements with the Federal Government. It will be noted that but for the large increase in the an ount payable to the Government last year under these agreements a substantial dividend could have been paid on the preferred shares. As it is nearly £30,000 additional was taken by the Govcomment, leaving lettle or nothing for the shareholders. The company is merely asking to be placed in a position to obtain a fair remuncration upon the capital employed in the development of the railway, and the directors are undoubtedly fully justified in their contention having regard to the material benefit which the railway has conferred upon the north of Brazil. The directors are, we are glad to learn, authorised to say "that the Brazilian Government, who are studying with sympathy our situation, declare that they expect to arrive shortly at a satisfactory agreement with the company." In the circumstances we would again advise the shareholders to retain their interest in the company pending the better times now at hand. Indeed, at the existing low range of prices the policy of buying more to average would seem to be advantageous. The price of the £10 ordinary shares is $4\frac{1}{2}$ only, while the 6 per cent £10 preferred shares have recently been dealt in at 61/2. The debenture issues are moderately well secured and at current

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4% Debentures	1,762,100	4	100	66	6	4	6
6% Preferred shares	1,000,000	Nil	10	$6\frac{1}{2}$			
Ordinary shares	1,250,000	Nil	10	$4\frac{1}{2}$			
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[We have little to add to this able summary of the company's position. By an unfortunate agreement to pay over to the Brazilian Government a specified percentage of the company's gross receipts in paper, instead of their sterling net receipts, the anomalous position is created that the greater the traffic the less the net earnings available for distribution to shareholders. The Brazilian Government, apparently, recognises the injustice of the position in the case of a concern that like the Great Western of Brazil has contributed and is still contributing so considerably to the development of the Northern Provinces and general prosperity of the country and seems to show a desire to rectify it. Meanwhile, time passes and the company finds itself hard pressed to simultaneously maintain its traffic and meet engagements. Fortunately, there has been some improvement in exchange, which at 133/4d is now considerably over 1916 and 1915, but not up to that of 1914. This should help to improve the company's position so long as it lasts, but how long that may be, now that the Brazilian Government seems committed to the ruinous policy of unrestricted issues of paper money, who can tell?]

Leopoldina Terminal. As the depression in Brazil continued to adversely affect the operating concern of the Leopoldina Terminal Company during 1916, the accounts of the latter for that year do not exhibit much improvement. The gross income amounts to £72,100, as against £69,900 and the net result after meeting debenture charges and administration expenses is a loss of £1,700, as compared with £2,200. As was the case last time, the sum brought in covers the deficit, but the carry over is thereby educed from £3,700 to £2,000. The last occasion on which a dividend was paid was in 1913, when the distribution was $1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

MONEY

Official Quotations, Exchange Camara Syndical and Vales: -

	90 days	Sight	Sovs.	Vales
Monday, 2 July	$13\frac{3}{4}$	13 5-8	19\$700	1\$995
Tuesday, 3 July	13 43-64	13 35-64	20\$000	1\$995
Wednesday, 4 July	I	Holiday.		
Thursday, 5 July	13 21-32	13 17-32	19\$900	1\$995
Friday, 6 July	13 39-64	13 31-64	20\$000	1\$995
Saturday, 7 July	13 5-8	$12\frac{1}{2}$	20\$000	1\$995
Average for week	13 21-32	13 17-32	19\$900	1\$995

Monday, 2nd July. Bank of Brazil opened at 13 13-16d for the market, others at $13\frac{3}{4}c^{i}$, offering to take at 13 27-32d. Rates declined until the Bank of Brazil would not draw better than 13 11-16d for market and others retired to 13 5-8d, when some repassed paper offered at 13 11-16d and 13 23-32d; the market closed steady at 13 5-8d to 13 11-16d bank and takers of commercial at $13\frac{3}{4}d$.

Tuesday, 3rd July. Bank of Brazil opened at 13 11-16d, others at 13 21-32d, offering to take at 13%4d; later on Bank of Brazil raised its rate to 13 23-32d for market and towards close Banco

Ultramarino quoted same. Takers of commercial at 13%d; no bills.

Wednesday, July 4th. Holiday.

Thursday, July 5th. Bank of Brazil opened at 13 23-32d, others at 13 11-16d, offering to take at 13 3/4d. Rates declined until at close Bank of Brazil was nominal at 13 5-8d and other banks were not cager drawers at 13 9-16d and some free takers at 13 5-8d, at which rate some repassed paper changed hands.

Friday, July 6th. Bank of Brazil opened at 13 9-16d, others at 13½d and 13 17-32d, offering to take at 13 5-8d. Some repassed paper offered at this rate and later on at 13 11-16d. Bank of Brazil, City and Ultramarino raised their rates to 13 21-32d, but at close only Bank of Brazil was quoting it, others 13 5-8d, with takers at 13 11-16d; no bills.

Saturday, July 7th. Bank of Brazil opened at 13 21-32d, others at 13 5-8d; a few bills were offered at 13 11-16d and at close takers at 13 23-32d. City Bank and Bank of Brazil drew at 13 11-16d.

Rio de Janeiro. 7th July, 1917.

The market opened on Monday at 13 13-16d, dropped to 13 9-16d on Thursday, but closed this evening with only the Bank of Brazil drawing at 13 11-16d.

A few bills came from Bahia and Manaos, which with repassed paper helped to keep the market going.

Approximate Value of Five Leading Exports, Rio and Santos. In £1,000.

No. da ys	Coffee	Meat	Manga- nese	Beans	Rice	Total	Per- diem
31 January .	1,656	270	80	167	22	2,195	70
28 February .	2,155	393	97	72	22	2,739	97
31 March	1,897	122	257	159	22	2,457	79
30 April	2,300	262	246	278	22	3,108	103
31 May	1,300	269	270	349	83	2,271	73
30 June	1,041	80	153	196	236	1,706	56
1-5 July	124	8	26	35	96	289	58

The figures for Beans for Jan.-May are for All Brazil, but for June for Rio and Santos only. For Rice the figures for Jan., Feb., March and April are averages of exports for the four months at Rio and Santos.

Movement of Rio de Janeiro Banks, 30 June, 1917.

	Cash	Discounts and Loans	Sight Deposits	Fixed De- posits	Percenta- ge of Cash to Sights Deposit
Allied Banks—					
London & Brazilian .	8,160	9,705	12,618	7,429	64.6
London & R. Plate	5,312	10,139	12,123	2,027	43.8
British of S. A	12,092	21,126	12,440	15,220	97.2
National City	4,129	14,151	18,967	_	21.8
Ultramarino	11,558	16,167	17,287	22,174	66.8
Total Allies	41,251	71,288	73,435	46,850	56. 1
Bank of Brazil	27,361	96,566	75,126	11,425	36.2
Dutch Bank	3,372	1,758	5,240		64.3
Total Neutrals	30,733	98,324	80,366	11,425	38.2
Brasilianische	3,920	12,424	4,646	3,300	84.3
Allemão Trans	5,088	5,220	4,149	6,549	122.9
Banco Germanico	2,844	8,758	3,519	- .	80.8
Total, Enemy	11,852	25,402	12,314	9,849	96.2
Total, 10 Exch. banks.	83,836	195,014	166,115	68,126	50.4

British+1.329	+3,385	- 83	+	690
Portuguese = 112 American4,288	+1.843 + 368	+1,773 -546	-	- 53
Total Alllies3.071	+5.596	+1,144	+	627
Bank of Brazil + 157 Dutch Bank +1.421			-	- -
Total Neutrals +1.578	+1.262	-3,861	-	83
Total German —1.659	-1,674	- 271	_	115
Total 10 Exch. banks -3.152	+5.184	-2,988	+	429

Revenue Collected at the Rio de Janeiro Customs House during the month of June, 1917.

In Contos of Reis.

	Collected in gold	Equiv. in paper at prem. 131.6 per cent	Collected in paper	Total in paper
Derived from Imports-				
Duties	1.843	1,911	1,740	5,494
5 per cent Guarantee Fund	185	192		377
2 per cent Port Impost	221	229		4.50
Sundry Charges, 1 Real		_	21	21
S. Casa and Hospital Lazarus.	_		20	20
Intendencia	_		5	ñ
Mesa de Rendas Macahé	_	_	28	23
	2,249	2,332	3,814	6.395
Deposits	28	29	66	123
Consumption Dues	_	_	409	409
Income Tax	_		23	23
Industrial Tax		_	9	9
Extraordinary		_	4	4
Eventual		_	12	12
Total, June	2,277	2,361	2,337	6,975
Ditto, May	2.158	2,350	2,175	6.653
Ditto, April	1,856	1,420	1,940	5,216
Ditto, March	2,102	2,780	2,205	7.087
Ditto, February	1,672	2,200	1,743	5.615
Ditto January	2,020	2,605	2,782	7,407
Siz months, JanJune. 1917	12,085	13,716	13,182	38,983
Ditto, 1916	_			41,021
Ditto, 1915	_	_	_	32,898

Expressed all in paper, customs revenue for the first six mouths of the current year show shrinkage of Rs. 2.038:000\$ or 4.9 per cent compared with 1916, but increase of 6.085:000\$ paper or 18.5 per cent compared with 1915.

ISSUES OF BONDS (APOLICES) AND PAPER MONEY AUTHORISED BY DECREE 2,986 OF AUGUST, 1915.

BALANCES ON 30 June, 1917.

A-made:	In milreis				
Assets— Apolices (bonds) deposited with the Caixa de Amortisação as security for	Gold	Paper			
paper money Ditto, balance in hand		327.000:000\$ 12.000:000\$			

Paper Money furnished to Treasury		
to meet deficiencies of 1916		
Revenue		166.908:502\$
Litto, balance in hand		12.000:000\$
Payments effected by Treasury to	0.450 5040	* F 0.13
date	9.456:564\$	57.641:147\$
Treasury bills exchanged for Bonds (Apolices)	6 179 .good	99 966 100m
Interest on same		28.266:100\$ 659:064\$
Premium of 15% on issue of bond		φ+υυ. συυ
(apolices) exchanged for Treasury	•	
bills		14.516:727\$
Conversion of gold Treasury bills and		т.
interest on same		40.962:972\$
Furnished to Federal Delegacies by		
Bank of Brazil		72.900:000\$
Bank of Brazil, for rediscounts, etc Ditto, in aid of agriculture		50.000:000\$
Furnished to Federal Delegacy in		11.000:000\$
London	5.188:188\$	
Bonds remitted to delegacies for liqui-	σ.200.200ψ	
		8.835:188\$
	20.916:830\$	
Linhilitian	20.010:000	802.689:700\$
Liabilit!es		
Issue of bonds (apolices) as security		
for paper money, authorised by law		
2,986 of 28 Aug., 1915, and decree		
11,693 of same date, No. 11,983 of		•
10 March, 1916, and 12,128 of 7th		
July, 12.281 of 29 Nov., 1916, 12,392		
of 12th Feb, 1917 and 42,463 of 9th		222 222 222
May and 12,525 of 23 June, 1917 Issue of paper money authorised by		339.000:000\$
abovementioned laws and decrees to		
10th March, 1916		339.000:000\$
Ditto, authorised by law 2,986 of 28		φουστουσίσου
Aug., 1915, and decree 11,897 of 18		
Jan., 1916, in aid of agriculture		11.000:000\$
Issue of bonds or apolices at 85 %		·
authorised by law 2,986, of 28th		
Aug., 1915, and decree 11.694 of		
same date for liquidation of out-		
standing debt contracted prior to		
1915		34.539:500\$
Issue authorised by law 2,986 of 98		
August, 1915, and decree 11,694 for		
withdrawal or exchange of Treasury		00 100 100 0
***************************************		33.109:400\$
Issue of Bonds (Apolices) at 92%,		
90% and 89% of face value authorised by same law and decree		• .
for withdrawal of treasury bills		
payable in gold at 89% 9.331:000\$,		
90% 5.302:900\$&92% 17.325:700\$		21 050 -600@
Ditto, ditto, for liquidation of obliga-		31.959:600\$
tions prior to 1915		12.574:800\$
Issue of bonds (apolices) at par-		12.0.1.000φ
authorised by law 2,986 of 28 Aug.		
1915, and decree 11.694, for nayment		•
of fractions of above mentioned Trea-		
sury bills	-	649:400\$
Ditto, for liquidation of obligations		4.
prior to 1915		29:000\$
of back accounts	1 004 .0000	000 000+
Conversion of Treasuray Bills pay-	1.894:600\$	828:000\$
able in gold into bills payable in		•
paper	19.022:2308	
	20.916 8200	802 680 7000
Paper money to the maount of Rs	20.916:830\$	802.689:700\$

Paper money to the maount of Rs. 24.000:000\$ was issued during the month of June, thereby exhausting the amount of Rs. 350.000:000\$ authorised by Congress in 1915.

COFFEE

The Rio Market closed quiet with No. 7 quoted at 7\$600 and little or nothing doing. There was some enquiry from the States.

The impression that the British embargo had been inconditionally raised gave rise to some enquiry for space for London and Liverpool, which, however, does not seem to have materialised, probably because things are not quite as the "Jornal do Comnercio" represented them. It is, however, a step in the right direction, as so long as coffees are carried under the Brazilian flag and proper precautions were adopted for their not reaching the enemy, it is difficult to see what objection could be taken to exports to that destination, so long as other Powers made no objection to an exception to the general embargo being made in the case of this country.

Since the embargo was imposed in March last, prices in primary markets have dropped 16 per cent, so that if freights can be kept at the same level, new imports could compete favourably with existing stocks and so help the consumer. It is, however, a mistake to imagine that the embargo was intended to protect British traders against outside competition, seeing that most of the stock of 600,000 bags in the United Kingdom was not in British, but in the hands of Dutch and American firms who contemplated dumping on Germany directly peace was declared. The prospects of a long war have, however, pretty well destroyed that illusion, though there still seem to be sanguine people, especially in S. Paulo circles, who cherish it and seem to think that if coffee must be valorised, the best way to do it might be to ship part of this crop surplus to England and get that country to help to carry it until the good times come after the war when it may be disposed of at big prefit to coffeeless Germany.

The demands of the inflationists get more vociferous every day. S. Paulo notoriously enjoys a good Press, and not a voice except our own in apparently raised against the monstrous proposal to issue hundreds of thousands of contos of reis for purchase of coffee, besides some 300.000:000\$ for other purposes.

Should the proposal be carried into effect, no doubt currency prices might be maintained or even be raised for a time, but ultimately the effect on real values and on exchange must be disastrous.

Far better to leave valorisation alone and let coffee prices find their true level, which with production increasing and cor umption shrinking daily, seems likely to be very much lower than anything witnessed for years.

By depreciating the currency still further, paper prices may be kept up, but only at the sacrifice of the whole Brazilian community.

Entries for the week ended July 5th at the two ports show increase compared with previous week of 29,315 bags, of which 2,440 at Rio and 26,875 at Santos. The weather continues favourable and entries are on the increase, but the season is very back-

ward and it will take some time for entries to catch up last year, especially with the inducement of prospects of a fresh valorisation scheme, for planters to hold them back.

Clearances overseas for the week ended 5 July were smaller than ever, only 70,140 bags as against 169,382 the week before. Of the total shipped, 40.5 per cent went to the United States, 44.4 per cent to France, 8.6 per cent to Spain and 1.6 per cent to Italy. Coastwise 4,274 bags were shipped

Compared with the previous crop, overseas shipments at Rio and Santos for the season 1916-17 show shrinkage of 2,812,004 bags or 19.4 per cent and coastwise an increase of 14,809 bags or 5.1 per cent. In all clearances show decrease of 2,797,195 bags compared with previous season.

The most notable increase was that in exports to the United States of 944,674 bags or 16 per cent compared with last year, which would certainly have reached the round million but for the stagnation caused by the rise of exchange on the eve of a large new crop. The next largest increase was 176,106 bags or 44.9 per cent to the United Kingdom, which again would have been larger but for the embargo in March.

Exports to France likewise show expansion of 112,260 or 4.7 per cent compared even with the record year 1915-16, as also to the Cape, Spain and Russia, via Vladivostock. All other distinations show a falling off, the most notable being 3,122,920 or 95.8 per cent to Scandinavian countries, 422,685 or 37.7 per cent to Italy, mostly after declaration of war with Germany, 460,855 or 74.5 per cent to Holland, 73,473 bags or 77.87 per cent to Egypt, which presumably now gets coffee via England or France, and 12,920 or 3.9 per cent to the Plate and Pacific. No coffee was shipped during the season to Greece or Crete.

Enemy Shipments for the Crop:-

	1916-17	00	1915-16	ن رور
Enemy		4.8	1,359,444	9.4
Allies and Neutrals	11,095,884	95.2	13,413,569	90.6
Total	11,660,999	100.0	· 14.473.604	100.0

Whereas in 1915-16 enemy and blacklisted firms succeeded in shipping 9.4 per cent of the crop. in 1916-17, thanks to the Blacklist, they shipped only 4.8 per cent, whilst Allies and Neutrals shipped 95.2 per cent as against 90.6 per cent for 1915-16.

Shipments by Flag for 1916-17 Crop, 1 July, 1916, to 30 June, 1917, and for 1-5 July, 1917:—

British—

Bags Bags June 29-30 July 1-5 To U.S. 1,836,162 58.6 23,903 Europe . 971,551 31.0 200 Cape ... 243,881 7.8 Plate &c. 81,545 2.6 920 Total British 3,133,139 26.9 25,023

COFFEE CLEARANCES, RIO AND SANTOS, 1st JULY TO 30 JUNE.

	1915-16	1916-17	Inc.	or Dec.	%	Crop 1915-16	June 29-30	July 1-5
United States	5,896,114	6,840,788	+	944,674	16.0	5,896,114		28,403
France	2,391,320	2,503,580	+	112,260	4.7	2,391,320	905	30,221
Italy ·	1,119,225	696,540	_	422,685	37.7	1,119,225	1,113	_
Holland	618,582	157,727	_	460,855	74.5	618,582	<u></u>	
Scandinavia ,	3,260,947	138,027	-3	,122,920	95.8	3,260,947		
Great Britain	392,066	$568,\!172$	+	176,106	44.9	392,066		_
Spain	130,293	152,541	+	22,248	17.1	130,293	6,073	
Portugal	12,450	7,794	-	4,656	37.4	12,450	<u>.</u>	200
Egypt		21,000	-	73,473	77.8	94,473		_
Plate and Pacific	328,431	315,511	-	12,920	3.9	328,431		3,225
The Cape	208,067	247,257	+	39,190	18.8	208,067	-	
Greece	21,035	. ·	· —	21,035	100.0	21,035		
Russia		12,062	+	12,062	100.0			
Total overseas for crop	14,473,003	11,660,999	-2	,812,004	19.4	14,473,003	8,091	62,049
Coastwise		302,606	+	14,809	5.1	287,797	3,297	977
- Tale	14,760,800	11,963,605	-2,	797,195		14,760,800	11,388	63,026

Total	11.660.999	100.0	8.091	62.049
Argentin e	1.720			
Cuban	62.500	0.5	_	
Portuguese	11,789	0.1		
Brazilian	1,984.818	17.1	71	_
Scandinavian	2.510.521	24.1		4.500
Spanish	198,56%	1.7	6.073	
American	1,121.314	9.6	_	
Japanese	354.564	3.3	_	_
Italian	492.602	4.2	1.042	_
Dutch	153,815	1.6	_	
Other Flags-French	1,275,349	10.9	9.45	32,520

Of the total of 6.840.750 bags shipped to the United States, 1.836,162 bags or 26.8 per cent left in British bottoms and 5.004,626 bags or 73.2 per cent in other bettoms.

The following comparison shows the falling off in the percentage of coffee carried under the British and other flags for the whole crop and the first three months, July-September:—

July-Sept July-June Inc. or Dec.

Flag	o _c	0.	9,0
British	36.7	26.9	- 9.8
French	18.7	10.9	- 7.ª
Italian	6.2	4.2	- 2.0
Scandinavian	11.6	24.1	+12.5
Brazilian	14.1	17.1	+ 3.0
American	0.8	9.6	+ 8.8
Dutch	3.0	1.6	- 1.4
Other flags	8.9	5.6	- 3.3

The falling off of shipments under Allied flags has been made good by increase under those of Brazilian and American, but especially Scandinavian flags, which for the time being almost usurped the premier position of the British flag.

F.O.B. Value for the week, £2.003 per bag; for 1917-18 crop, £2.005 per bag; for 1916-17 crop, £2.058 per bag.

Visible Supply, New York Coffee Exchange, 30 June, 7,794.000 bags, as against 8,157,000 bags on 31 May and 7,328,000 on 30 June last year.

According to M. Laneuville, the world's visible supply on 30 June was 7,761.000 bags, as against 5,124,000 on 31 May and 7,056,000 on 30 June last year.

Figures forthe S. Paulo 1916-17 Coffee Crop were	as follows:
Passed JundiahyBags	9,811,088
Entries	9,803,044
Cleared at Mesa de Rendas, inclusive of Minas & Parana	9,603,858
Embarques	9,591,292
Exported, inclusive of coastwise	9,611,620
Stock, subject to rectification	985,624
Duties collected on Exports, paper Rs. 34.785;889\$ a	nd francs
41.571.515.	

The estimate for the State of S. Paulo allows for an increase of 15.57 per cent compared with last year. The state of the trees is believed to be extremely good and their appearance to promise a still larger crop for the coming season 1918-19.

Although the Bank makes no reference to the large number of new trees now coming into production, barring accidents they may be counted on to swell estimates for the 1918-19 crop still further.

COFFEE PROSPECTS.

TEN YEARS' WORLD'S PRODUCTION AND DELIVERIES.

Production-1,000 bags.

		Rio	Santos	Bahia	Total Brazil	Other Countries	Total
5 seasons	1906 7—1910 11	16,112	51,733	7,480	70,275	18.937	59,212
	Average	3,222	10,347	486	14,055	3,787	17,842
5 seasons	1911, 12 - 1915 16	14,919	50,856	3,451	69,056	22.961	92,017
	Average	2,989	10,131	690	13,811	4,592	18,403
10 seasons	1906 7—1915/16	31.061	102,359	5,881	139,351	41,898	181,229
	Average	3.106	10,239	518	13,933	4,189	16,128

Deliveries-1,000 bags.

		B:azil	Other Countries	Total
õ	seasons 1906/7—1910/11	68,351	19,478	87,829
	Average	13,670	3,896	17,556
5	• 1911/12—1915/16	72,751	23,236	96,017
	Average	14,556	5,647	19,203
10	Seasons 1906/7 - 1915/16 Average		42,714 4,271	183,846 18,385

The position for fresh valorisation seems hopeless perhaps for a decade.

On July 1, 1918, as far as can be seen, the visible supply of the world will exceed 15,000,000 bags and if the war continues to July, 1919, as seems extremely likely, the visible will be 22,800,000!

The higgest visible supply known at close of any season was 16.380,000 bags on 30 June, 1907, when good average was quoted at 3\$700, with exchange at 15 1-8d and New York near options at 5.74 cents. Now good average is quoted at 4\$300, exchange at 13¾d and New York near options at 7.53 cents.

Since 1907 supply and demand has been as follows:-

• • •	30 June, 1907Bags 98 to 1915-16	,
Visible supply, 30	June, 1916	7,134,000

In consequence of the low prices that ruled up to 1909, production in countries other than Brazil suffered so severely as to be threatened with extinction, had not valorisation intervened to save it and raise the production of those countries from an average of 3.842,000 during the 5 seasons 1905-06 to 1909-10 to 4,367,000 during the following 5 seasons 1910-11 to 1914-15.

By overtaxing Brazilian in favour of foreign producers, and severely restricting home expansion for a number of years, equilibrium had been practically realised and accumulations of a decade worked off when fresh plantations of 100,000,000 trees in the State of S. Paulo, and simultaneous, it is to be feared, lasting shrinkage of consumption, threatens once more to upset the balance between demand and supply for a long time to come.

For the current season prospects are as follows:-

Visible supply, 30 June, 1917	4,500,000 12,00(0,000 1,000,000
Total world's supply, 1917-18 Consumption, same as for 1916-17, about	30,300,000 15,000,000
Surplus, 30 June, 1918	
coming into production next season, the minimum supply for 1918-19 should be about	22,500,000
Making the total available for 1918-19	37,800,000

July 10th, 1917.

amount to

Should the war continue two years more, consumption in all probability will be still more restricted, but allowing it to be the same as for 1916-17 and 1917-18 and allowing 200,000 bags for an American army of 2,000,000 men, it would total about 15,200,000 The visible supply on this basis on 30 June, 1919, would

Whether the war comes to a close next year or the year after will make little difference as regards equilibrium of supply and demand, even if temporarily reestablished by dumping this year's excess of production on enemy and neutral countries, so long as, owing to simultaneous increase of production and restriction of consumption, the fundamental causes of disturbance.

Allied countries have received all the coffee they required and no increase of consumption is to be expected from that quarter, but, on the contrary, a decided falling off in view of the decrease in the number of consumers, exhausted financial conditions and imperious necessity of raising enormous revenues by taxation, particularly on articles of luxury, to meet expenditure.

As regards neutrals, no doubt there will be some expansion for reconstitution of exhausted invisible stocks, allowed for below

In Enemy countries markets doubtless are absolutely bare of supplies of coffee, as they are of almost every other imported commodity. But however great the desire to buy may be, financial and monetary conditions will inevitably oblige the Central Empires to exercise the greatest prudence and economy for many years, without which their exchanges could never recover, but would be exposed to further depreciation.

The German Government is quite alive to the possibilities fo the position and proposes to control imports after the war by fixing not only the quantity of each separate commodity permitted to be imported, but its price.

For such reasons we are unable to believe that there will be any great rush of imports into Germany and Austria as soon as peace is declared, so that an allowance of 50 per cent over the consumption of the last normal year 1913 seems, in their case, more than adequate.

Presuming that the war comes to a close by 39 June, 1918, consumption for the following season should be more or less as

follows:—					
•	Lı	In 1,000 bags.			
•	Norma	l E	stimated		
Consu	mption	Increase C	onsmptu		
	1913	Estimated	1918-19		
Allies—					
France	1,920	_			
Russia	200	_			
Finland	215				
Italy	480	_			
United Kingdom	220	_	-		
Portugal	55	_			
Algiers	125	_	_		
Egypt	130	same	3,345		
United States	7,070	+ 30%	9,200		
Neutrals—					
Holland	700	+100%	1,400		
Scandinavia	1,010	+100%	2,020		
Switzerland	190	+100%	380		
Spain	240	same	240		
Greece, Roumania, Serbia, Crete	130	+100%	260		
Cape, Plate, Pacific, Coastwise	820	same	820		
Enemy—					
Germany	2,735	+ 50%	4,102		
Austria-Hungary	955	+ 50%	1,433		
Turkey	180		270		
Belgium		+100%	1,250		
The second secon	18,000	1	24,720		

Whether last season's increase of 30 per cent in U.S. consumption can be maintained after the war, in view of the probability of its being checked by taxation, may be questioned; but we are inclined to think that 9,200,000 per annum will constitute the high water mark for perhaps some years to come.

There is no knowing how long the war may yet last; but, on the hypothesis that peace may be declared if not by 30 June, 1918, then by 30 June, 1919, the movement should be more or less as follows:--

Visible supply on 30 June, 1917	7,800,000
Production, 1917-18	22,500,000
<u>-</u>	30,300,000
Consumption on basis of 1916-17	
Visible Supply, 30 June, 1918	15,300,000
Production, 1918-19	
	37,800,000
Consumption, if war last to 30 June, 1919	15,000,000
Visible Supply, 30 June, 1919	22,800,000
If the war comes to a close by 30 June, 1918, consumption, as estimated above, would be 24,700.000 or	
greater by	
and the visible supply on 30 June, 1915 be reduced to.	13,100,000
Were the war to continue for another year, until 30	
June, 1919, the figures would be as follows:—	
• ,	22,800,000
June, 1919, the figures would be as follows:—	22,800,000
June, 1919, the figures would be as follows:— Visible supply on 30 June, 1919	22,800,000

How, with a visible supply of 15,300,000 in 1918, and 22,800,000 in the worst or 13,100,000 in the best hypothesis in 1918, or, if the war continues for only two years more and consumption is then normalised, of 18,000,000, prices can be maintained at their actual high level without a radical readjustment of the conditions of demand and supply of the commodity is difficult to imagine.

Probable visible on that hypothesis on 30 June, 1920... 18,100,000

The outlook for fresh valorisation at 4\$300 per 10 kilos for good average, or 16 per cent over the basis of 1906 and every prospeet of production increasing and consumption decreasing for a number of years, is scarcely encouraging.

The maximum that producers could carry is reckoned at 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 bags all told; so that to maintain prices at their actual level some 9 to 10,000,000 bags would have to be bought up at a cost of some Rs. 200.000:000\$ on the best hypothesis that the war only lasts to 30 June, 1918, but of Rs. 400.000:000\$ should it, as seems quite possible, drag out until June, 1919!

If even with consumption increasing incessantly and taxation, kept within bounds, it took ten years to liquidate the first valorisation venture, how long may this still more gigantic and elastic operation take, with production steadily increasing and consumption likely to decrease still more rapidly for years to come?

Coffee Statistics

IN BAGS OF 60 KILOS.

During the week ending July 5th, 1917.

	FOR TH	IE WEEK	FOR THE CROP TO		
RIO	July. 5 1917	Jun. 25 1917	July. 6	July. 5 1917	July , 6
Central and Leopoldina Ry Inland Clastwise, discharged	43.615 613 133	35.811 309 1.607		29.471	19.966 4.488
TotalTransferred from Rio to Nictheroy	43.767	41.827	24.451	29,604	24.451
Net Entries at Rio	43.767	41.327	24.451	29,604	24,451
Nictheroy from Rio & Leopoldina		~			. - -
Total Rio, including Nictheroy & transit. Total Santos: to 3rd	43 767 90.853	41.527 63.478	24 451 185,385	29.604 71.846	24,451 185 385
Tota Rio & Santes.	134.120	104,805	209,836	101.444	209 886

The total entries by the different S. Paulo Railways for the Crop to July./5 1917 were as follows:

	Per				Remaining
	Past Jundiahy	Sorocabana and others	Total at S. Paulo	Total at Suntos	at S. Paulo
1916/1917	70 862	3.172	74.054	71 840	
1915/1916	177,587	4.778	182.365	185,385	_

FOREICN STOCKS. IN BAGS OF 60 KILOS.

	July. 5/1917.	Jun. 28/1917.	July. 6/1916.
United States Ports	1.720.000 2.008 000	1.666.000 1.995.000	$\frac{1.225.000}{2.093.000}$
Both Deliveries United States	3.728 000 57.000	3.661.000 114.000	3.318.000 88.000
Visible Supply at United States ports	2.066.000	2.094.000	1.849.000

SALES OF COFFEE.

During the week ending July 5th, 1917.

	July. 5 1917.	Jun. 28, 1917.	July. 6 1916.
Rio	14.268	81.726	15,15 <u>4</u> 161,000
Total	14.268	81 796	166 154

COFFEE LOADED (EMBARQUES).

IN BAGS OF 60 KILOS.

	DURIN	H WEEK	POR THE CHOP TO		
*	1917 July , 5	- 1917 Jun 21	1916 July. 6	1917 July, 5	1916 July . 6
Rio	30,1195	21,614	31,757 	30,395 ————————————————————————————————————	51,757
Total Rio including Nietheroy & transit	30 395 92 339	21,614 108,677	31 757 90 428	80,395 92 ,889	31.757 90 428
Rio & Santos	102,784	125,191	122,185	122,781	122,185

VALUE OF COFFEE CLEARED FOR FOREIGN PORTS. IN BAGS OF 60 KILOS.

+	July. 5	Jun. 28	July. 5	Jun. 80	Crop to Ju	ly. 1917/18
	Bags	Raga	£	£	Bags	£
Río	7,441	25,176	18,565	45,702	7,120	12,97%
Santos		141,206			51,929	111,415
Total 1916/1917	79,140	169,982	140,541	338,757	62,019	124,423
do 1915/1916	78,247	93,878	174,788	209,089	115,241	237,199

COFFEE SAILED.

During the week ending July 5th, 1917, were consigned to the following destinations:-IN BAGS OF 60 KILOS.

PORTS	UNITED STATS	EUROPE & MEDITER- RANHAN		RIVER	CAPE	OTHER PORTS	TOTAL FOR WEEK	CROP TO DAT
Rio Santos	4,500 25,903	32t 38,191	977	2,620 605	=	7	7,441 63,676	7.120 55,906
1916/1917	1			l '	Í	-	71,117	63,026
1915/1916	17,200	51,625	1,290	9,422		-	79,537	79,537

OUR OWN STOCK.

IN BAGS OF 60 KHAOS.		
RIO Stock on Jun. 30th, 1917 Entries during week ended July. 5th, 1917		111.562 29.907
Loaded «Embarques», for the week July. 5th, 1917		141.566 80.325
STOCK IN RIO ON July 5th, 1917,	29.937	111.171
Afloat on Jun. 30th, 1917	10.095	
Entries at Nietheroy plus total embarques inclu-	36.395	
Deduct: embarques at Nicthoroy, Porto da Ma- dama and Vianna and sailings during the	70.397	
week July. 5th, 1917 STOCK IN NICTHEROY AND AFLOAT ON July. 5th,	7.120	63.277
STOCK IN 1st and 2nd HANDS and THOSE AT NICTHI and AFLOAT ON July. 5th 1917		274.448
Loaded (embarques) during same week	960,781 9≨.839	
STOCK IN SANTOS ON July, 5th. 1917		868.442
Stock in Ric and Santos on July. 5th, 1917 do do on July. 3th, 1917 do do on July 6th 1918.		1.042 890 1.040.905 1.197.273

COFFEE PRICE CURRENT.

During the week ending July 5th, 1917.

			•	.g o u.,				
	Jun. 29	Jun. 80	Ju .1y	July .	July.	July . 5	Ave-	Clos- ing Ju y 7
NIO- Market N. 6 10k N. 7 N. 8 N. 9 SANTOS-	Holliday	5.447 5.615 5.611 5.879 5.175 5.039 5.107	5.447 5.515 5.511 5.579 5.175 5.248 5.089 5.107	5.515 5.579 5.243 	Holliday	5.379 5.248 5.107 4.971	5.469 5.383 5.197 5.061	5,442 5,311 6,166 5,174 4,979 5,039 4,834 4,902
Superior per 10 k Good Average Base N. 4	-	4.900 4.200	5,000 4,300 —	5,000 4.300 —	5 030 4.300	5.000 4.800 —	4.980 4.280	1.900
N. YORK, per lb Spot Rio N. 7 cent. Santos N. 7		9 8 8 9 1/3	1.1.1	_	S)	. 1 ! 1 !	1111	1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -
Options— July Sept Dec Mar BAVRE per 50 kilos	7.45 7.64 7.76	7 48 7.60 7.82	7.79 7.92 8.06	7.66 7.79 7.94	Holliday	 7.62 7.74 7.91	7.46 7.66 7.91 7.97	7.68- 7.76- 7.91
Options francs July Sept Dec MAMBURG per 1/2 k	98.26 98.25 —	91.50 91.50 92.50	96.60	95.50 92.75 21.50	- 95.75 93.75 91.25	95.25 94.25 92.75	93,62 95,20 93,45 92,00	
Options pfennig July Sept Dec Mar LONDON cwt.	=		=	7 1 1 1 1		1-1-1	1111	
Optionsshillings July Sept Dec Mar	50 - 50, -	=	1111	51/3 r. <u>52/</u> 9	51/- 53/-	51/6 58/8	50/- 51/2 56/-	1111

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AGENTS FOR THE EXPORT DEPARTMENT LONDON MERCHANT BANK LIMITED. LONDON. SOLE AGENTS FOR THE STATE OF S. PAULO OF THE HACEMEYER TRADING COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

MANIFESTS OF COFFEE.	A. DE KERSAINT-France Baphael Sampaio & C. 4,500
RIO DE JANEIRO.	Ditto- , Société F. Bresilienne. 4,250 Ditto- , Whitaker Brotero & C. 3,500
During the week ending July 5th, 1917.	Ditto- " Nioae & Co 3,007 Ditto " Jessouroun Irmaos 2,900 Ditto " Malta & Co 2,000
NEUQUEM—Italy Fabrao Telles & Co 70 Ditto— , A. Pambeta Lima 1	Ditto- , J. C. Mello & Co 1,500 Ditto- , Souza Queiroz Lins 1,500 Ditto- Leon Israel & Co 1,500
IGER-France Pinto & Co	Ditv
ARONNA—Argentina	Ditto- " Ed. Johnston & Co 1,000 Ditto " Hard, Rand & Co 1,000 Ditto- " Picone & Co 750 30,22
VERDI—Argentina	EUCLID=United States
Ditto- ,, Roberto do Couto 1,000 4	,500 Ditto— , Leon Israel & Co 250 23,90
·	Total overseas — 62.69
COASTWISE.	SANTOS—COASTWISE.
TAQUERA—South Brazil Louis Boher & Co 500	BRAGANCA—North Brazil A. Bulle — 13 ITAQUERA—South Brazil Venancio de Faria 50
Ditto— , Sequeira & Co	Ditto— " Cia. Puglisi 30
	ANNA—Itajahy
APURA—North Brazil De Lamare Faria 280 Ditto— Sequeira & Co 185	ITAUBA—South Brazil Venancio de Faria — 10
Total coastwise — 2	ITAPACY_North Brazil A. Bulle 54
SANTOS.	ITASSUCE-North Brazil J. C. Mello & Co 10
During the week ending July 5th, 1917.	MAROIM-North Brazil J. Machado & Co 23
IGER—France Ed. Johnston & Co	Total coastwise 1,3 MANIFESTS RECEIVED AFTER DATE OF ANALYSIS. 655 NEUQUEM—France B. Alves Toledo & Co 6.0
NDIANAItaly	Ditto—Italy Levy & Co
ALMES-Spain Francisco Tenorio 1,500	Ditto S. A. Martinelli 3,250 6,0
Ditto	PERNAMBUCO MARKET REPORT. Pernambuco, 30 June, 1917.
ARRO-Portugal	Sugar. Entries to 25th have been 42,938 hags compared wit 9,489 bags for same date last year. The market has ruled firm and prices paid to planters have continued as follows: Using 8\$900 to 9\$200, white crystals 8\$800, whites 3a 6\$500 to 74 somenos 5\$500 to 6\$, bruto secco 3\$200 to 3\$600 a granel and view of poor qualities now coming to market must be considered.
Ditto— " Naumann Gepp & Co. 50 Pitte—Consumption Casalta & Co	good prices. The Argentine buyer is still here but has not been

able to arrange any business as planters are not prepared to accept his offer of 7\$ for crystals, which seems a pity as a round amount now sold at this price would guarantee prices for balance or crop and no doubt lead to higher prices ruling for home consumption. Of course the price offered is a big discount upon what is being paid now for inferior quality, but at the same time is a paying price for planters, but these gentry are always most difficult to deal with at the beginning of any new crop. Shipments during the week have been: Rio 10,890 bags, Santos 34,306 bags, Rio Grande ports 1,382 bags, Northern ports 3,148 bags and Montevideo 2.500 bags.

Cotton. Entries to 25th have been 13,632 bags compared with 3,355 bags for same date last year. Market has been very irregular, opening firm with many buyers on 25th at 36\$, but only 200 bags reported sold at that price, but later in the day an outsider paid 37\$ for 500 bags for shipment to an outport. Price then became weaker and shippers only offered 35\$, with plenty of buyers thereat, but absolutely no sellers. These still demand 36\$, whereas buyers are again rather inclined to hold off and do not to-day actually offer 35\$ any more, but most probably cotton could still be placed at this figure were there any sellers, but these at the moment are very firm and refuse to entertain any business under 36\$, whilst some holders still demand 37\$ and some of the country people are not sellers at any price, as some have once more got 40\$ into their heads as a probable price for the article ere long and some appear really frightened over the boll worm scare and affirm that damage is spreading amongst cotton in this State. Shipments during the week have been:-Rio 455 bags and 300 pressed bales, Santos 1,391 bags and 350 bales and Rio Grande do Sul 100 bales.

Coffee. Quotation is still 10\$, with up to 11\$ for superior quality.

Cereals. There has been fair demand during the week; milho quoted 5\$800 to 6\$ per bag of 60 kilos and 3,700 bags have been despatched for Liverpool; beans, 26\$ to 27\$ per bag of 60 kilos for imported lots and 28\$ to 30\$ for home grown; about 4,500 bags are going to Liverpool by s.s. Inkosi. Farinha 6\$ to 6\$500 per bag of 50 kilos imports and 16\$ to 17\$ per bag of 100 kilos for home grown.

Freights. Nothing new and Liverpool rates unchanged. The s.s. Inkosi has returned from Parahyba and will fill up here.

Exchange opened on 25th at 13%d and 13 13-16d for collection, with 13 7-8d later as general bank rate, but there were very few takers; private was reported done at 14d. 26th, collection was at 13 13-16d, with banks offering for business 13 27-32d and 13 7-8d, with very little business doing some private was again sold at 14d. 27th, collection at 13 13-16d, with 1-16 better for business and a little more private paper was reported as done at 14d. 28th, collection at 13%d in foreign banks and 13 13-16d in Banco de Regife, but market was easier and nothing over 13-16d offerd by banks all day. 29th, holiday.

Railway News

THE LEOPOLDINA RAILWAY COMPANY.

ESTIMATED WEEKLY TRAFFIC RECEIPTS.

Year V	Week Ended.	Rec	Total from		
		Currency.	Exch.	Sterling.	lst Jan.
1917 1 9 16	30th, Jun. 1st. July.	570:000\$ 418:000\$	13 13/16 12 11 32	£ 32,805 £ 21,499	£ 635.699 £ 584,632
Increase	-	17:2:000\$	1 15 93	£ 11,806	£ 101,057

THE S. PAULO RAILWAY COMPANY. ESTIMATED WEEKLY TRAFFIC RECEIPTS.

		Rec	TOTAL		
Year	Week Ended	Currency.	Exchange	Sterling	from 1st January
1917	1.st July.	391:942\$100	13 3/4	22,455-0-8	574,822-7-9
1916	2nd. July.	528.871\$500	12 11/82	27,201-0-11	581,788-0-11
Increase	_	-	1 18/32	_	
Decrease	-]	136:928\$600	-	4,746-0-3	7,410-15-2

Differences for the week ending 1 July, 1917, compared with previous year:—Differences of exchange, increase, £3,098 17s 1d; meat, increase, £231 18s 7d; beans, increase, £1,520 13s 9d; other traffic, decrease, £9,597 9s 8d; not decrease, £4,746 0s 3d.

RUBBER

Cable Quotations for Hard Fine. London per lb. and Para per kilo:—

	London	Para
	s. d.	
31st March, 1917	$3 \ 2\frac{1}{2}$	5\$400
14th April, 1917	$3 1\frac{1}{2}$	5\$200
5th May, 1917	3 0	4\$600
May 26th, 1917	3 2	4\$800
June 2nd, 1917	3 2	4\$750
June 30, 1917	$2\ 11\frac{1}{2}$	4\$300
July 7th, 1917	$3 0\frac{1}{2}$	4\$300

RICE

MANIFESTS OF RICE.

RIO DE JANEIRO.

During the week ending July 5th, 1917.

	Bags of 60	kilos.
LIGER-France	Toledo Assumpção & C	500
ITAMBY-France	I. R. F. Matarazzo	6,000
BOLIVIA—France	I. R. F. Mattarazzo	6,500
BRAZIL-France	I. R. F. Matarazzo	6,000
FLORIANOPOLIS-Uruguay	Leon & Co	50
A. DE LAMOINAIS-Argentina	Favilla Lombardi & C. —	1,000
A. KERSAINT—France Ditto— "	Henrique Metzer	23,586
TOSCANA-Argentina	I. R. F. Matarazzo	1,300
GARONNA—Argentina	J. C. Mello & Co 2,000 Naumann Gepp & Co. 1,000 J. Almeida Cardia 1,000	4,000
NEUQUEM-France	Ed. Johnston & Co	1,000
	Total overseas	49,936

Shipments of Rice during the	week en	ding 5th Ju	ly, 1917,
were as follow:			_
	\mathbf{R} io	Santos	Total
Liger, France		500	500
Itamby, France		6,000	6,000
Bolivia, France		6,500	6,500
Brazil, France		6,000	6,000
Florianopolis, Uruguay		50	50
Al. S. de Lamornais, Argentina		1,000	1,000
Al. Kersaint, France		23,586	23,586
Toscana, Argentina		1,300	1,300
Garonna, Argentina		4,000	4,000
Neuquen, France	_	1,000	1,000
Total week ending 5 July, 1917		49,936	49,936
Total. month 1-30 June	14,875	172,235	187,110
Total, 1-5 July	_	49,436	49,436
Total, 1 Jan. to 5 July	31,928	276,729	308,657

There were no shipments of Rice from Rio de Janeiro during the week ending 5th June.

Shipments from Santos were heavy, but smaller than for previous week by almost 50 per cent, being 49,936 bags as against 88,379 Of the total of 49.936 bags shipped during the week under review, 43,136 bags went to France and 6,800 bags to Argentina. Total shipments for the month of June were 187,110 bags, of which 172,235 bags or 92.5 per cent went from Santos and 14,875 bags or 7.5 per cent from Rio.

Closing quotations for Rice at Santos on 5th July ruled 32\$ to 32\$500 per bag of 60 kilos for first quality (agulha), 28\$ to 29\$ per bag for inferior quality and 16\$ to 18\$ in the husk.

MEAT

EXPORTS OF MEAT-Tons of 1,000 kilos.

	Rio		S	antos	Total		
	1916	1917	1916	1917	1916	I917	
January		3,407	1,179	2.646	1,179	6,053	
February	1,339	5.547 -	459	3,327	1,798	8,874	
March	2	1,202	1,298	1.565	1,300	2,767	
April	203	3,756	1,748	2,113	1,951	5,869	
May	2,538	3,113	2,199	2,946	4,737	6,059	
5 months	4,082	17,025	6,883	12,597	10,965	29,622	
Average .	816	3,405	1,721	3,149	2,744	7,405	
Value f.o.	h. in £	:					
May1	01,061	153,839	87,495	145.821	188,556	299,660	
4 months	52,701	618,318	179,609	428,967	232,310 1	,047,285	
5 months1	53,762	772,157	267,104	574,788	420,866 1	,346,945	
Value f.o.	b., in C	ontos:-	-				
May	2,032	2,803	1,759	2,657	3,791	5,460	
4 months	1,102	12,520	3,738	8,693	4,840	21,213	
5 months	3,134	15,323	5,497	11,350	8,631	26,673	
Value per	ton, R	lio and S	antos:—				
			1916	1917	1916	1917	
May			<u> </u>	9018	3 —	£44	
5 months		•••••	787\$	900\$	£38	£45	
Destinations, Rio and Santos, in Tons of 1,000 kilos:-							
		,			1916	1917	
Egypt					_	2,928	
United States		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			,199	183	
***					.471		
Great Britain					,649	1,343	
Mediterranean				4	,646	25,168	
Total		•••••••••		10	,965	29,622	

BEANS

MANIFESTS OF BEANS.

RIO DE JANEIRO.

During the week ending July 5th, 1917.

	,	Barr of	60 kilos.
TIMES-United States	American Hide		
Ditto— "			
			312.2
CANOVA-United Kingdom	Norton Megaw	& Co	— 400
GRAECIA-United States	R. L. Millington	n & Co. 2	.000
Ditto- "	II. Barcellos	1	,000
Ditto "	Fry. Youle &	0	500 3,500
	Total overseas		- 9.0.1
SAN	TOS.		
	2015.		
LIGER-Bordeaux	A Casalta	••••••	- 73
DARROUnited Kingdom	Jessouroun Irn	180s	- 4,000
AL. KERSAINT-France	Jessouroun Irn	180s	— 1.25 5
	Total overseas		- 5.328
		Bags of	f 60 kilos.
Destinations	Rio	Santos	Total
United States	8,671		8,671
France		1,328	1,328
United Kingdom	400	4,000	4,400
Total for week ending 5 July		5,328	
Total, 1 to 5 July		5,255	9,155
Ditto, 1 to 30 June	\dots 132,262	31,394	163,656
Ditto, 1 Jan. to 5 July	505,044	522,109	1.027,153

Mulatinho Beans.—On 5th July buyers were offering 24\$000 per bag of 60 kilos for mulatinho at Santos, but only a small business was done at this price, sellers holding out at 25\$ to 26\$ per bag.

Black Beans.—No quotations, there being absolutely no demand for this commodity in the Santos market during the week.

White Beans.—Closing quotations on 5th July ruled 24\$ to 36\$ per bag at Santos for the little offering in the market.

EXPORTS OF SUNDRY PRODUCE.

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Exports from Santos during the week ending 5th July, 1	917.
Lard—Bolivia, France	4,000
Itamby, France	4,600
Brazil, Havre	4,060
•	12,660
Mandioca Flour—Al. de Kersaint, FranceBags	3,000
Neuquem, France	2,000
	5,000
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Indian Corn—Neuquen, ItalyBags	
Hides Felix Taussig, United States	6,336
Corned Beef-Felix Taussig, United StatesCases	1,500

SHIPPING

Engagements. Royal Mail.—No new engagements. Rumours were current during the week that the s.s. Demerara that was supposed to have left Liverpool on 26 June had been torpedoed.

Lamport and Holt.—The chartered s.s. Felix Taussig leaves next week for the United States with 20,000 bags coffee and 4,000 bags Indian corn engaged at 80c per bag, also 2,000 bags beans and some hides. Per s.s. Enclid 15,000 bags coffee engaged for U.S. at \$1.00. s.s. Strabo will load at Santos, end July, cereals for United Kingdom at 360s and 5 per cent per 1,000 kilos.

-The Norwegian s.s. Cratheus has been chartered by Hard, Rand & Co. to load 6'8,000 bags coffee from Santos for U.S.

The Japanese s.s. Seattle Maru is due to leave about middle August for Argentina, South Africa, Japan and Eastern Russian ports, with space for 12,000 bags; nothing yet engaged.

The Swedish s.s. Kronborg (Wilson, Sons & Co.) is due to arrive here towards end of current month and will be berthed for New York. She has space for 90/100,000 bags, but nothing engaged so far.

-War rates, Brazil-Mediterranean, 8 per cent; Mediterranean-Brazil. 6 per cent.

The Freight Market .- Argentina. The Brazilian market is very much easier, and it is possible that some of the carriers will leave half empty. The Norwegian s.s. Cratheus was fixed for Santos early in the week at \$9 and has since loaded, but we doubt if the rate is obtainable now. The coasters, however, are making very nice little profits, for the Brazilian shippers of mate "y otras

yerbas" are offering huge rates for the River Plate.

Coal rates are still nominal. We hear that 140s is freely offered from the States without obtaining the slightest interest.

Vessels Arriving at the Port of Santos during the four months January-May, 1916 and 1917:-

		Nun	aber	Te	ons
		1916	1917	1916	1917
British	***************************************	75	52	320,925	237,178
Brazilian		226	167	203,803	226,485
French		34	24	122,922	90,371
Spanish		21	20	67,815	58,209
Dutch		22	5	100,782	20,857
Italian		44	24	140,797	75,972
Sundry		91	82	154,889	160,808
Tota!	***************************************	513	474	1,111,983	869,880

Vessels Arriving at the Ports of Rio and Santos during week ending July 5th, 1917.

	Rio		Sa	Santos		Total	
Flag	No.	Tons	No.	Tons	No.	Tons	
British	12	41.580	2	10,362	14	51,942	
French	4	14.084	3	10,05/4	7	24,138	
American	1	3,164	2	8,032	3	11,196	
Italian			3	9,050	3	9,050	
Braz, overseas	4	3,952	2	2,268	6	6,220	
Ditto, coastwise .	12	8,605	14	8,315	26	16,920	
Scandinavian	5	8,567	3	4,553	. 8	13.120	
Spanish	1	2,718	2	5,063	3	7,781	
Argentine	1	469	2	1,101	3	1,570	
Total for week	40	83,139	33	58,798	73	141,937	
Ditto, 22-28 June	29	74,755	25	29,547	54	104,302	

Arrivals at the two ports during the week were heavy, being 73 vessels aggregating 141,937 tons against 54 vessels of 104,302 tons for previous week. The British flag again tops the list of oversea arrivals, accounting for 14 vessels aggregating 51,942 tons or 41.5 per cent of the total of 47 vessels of 125,017 tons, the Scandinavian flags coming next with 8 vessels of 13,120 tons and the French flag third with 7 vessels of 24,138

Submarine Losses. The following table shows the particulars issued by the British Admiralty relative to arrivals, sailings and vessels sunk during the seven days ending Feb. 24 and each week following :-

ARRIVALS Week (British		Sailings (British		Vessels	(British Mer- chant Vessels unsuccess-	ISH. 4 V KS- SUNK
Ending	and Foreign).	and Foreign).	1600 tons gross or over	Under 1600 tons gross	fully attacked by Sub- marines)	BRITISH. FISHING VES- 1 SELS SUNK
Feb. 24	2,280	2,261	16	6	16	5
Mar. 4	2,528	2,477	15	8	15	2
Mar. 11	, 1,985	1,959	12	4	12	3
Mar. 18	2,528	2,554	17	8	20	21
Mar. 25	2,314	2,433	18	7	11	14
April 1	2,281	2,399	16	13	16	6
4 11 0	2,406	2,367	17	2	14	6
April 15	2,379	2,331	19	9	15	12
April 22	2,585	2,621	40	15	27	9
April 29	2,716	2,690	38	13	24	8
May 6	2,374	2,499	22	24	34	16
May 13	2,568	2,552	18	5	19	3
May 20	2,864	2,759	· 18	9	9	3
May 27	2,719	2,769	1	18	17	2
June 3	2,642	2,693	15	3	17	5
June 10	2,767	2,822	22	10	20	6
June 17	2,897	2,933	27	5	31	
June 24	2,876	2,923	21	7	22	
July 1	2,745	2,546	15	5	16	11

VESSELS ARRIVING AT THE PORT OR RIO DE JANEIRO

During the week ending July 5th, 1917.

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VESSELS SAILING FROM THE PORT OF RIO DE JANEIRO.

During the week ending July 5th, 1917.

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VESSELS ARRIVING AT THE PORT OF SANTOS.

During the week ending July 5th, 1917.

OYAPOCK, Brazilian s.s. 143 tons, from Brazilian ports
ANNA. Brazilian s.s. 247 tons, from Brazilian ports
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PIAUHY, Brazilian s.s. 926 tons, from Brazilian ports
ITAPEMA, Brazilian s.s. 926 tons, from Brazilian ports
ITAPEMA, Brazilian s.s. 118 tons, from Brazilian ports
NEUQUEM, Brazilian s.s. 1118 tons, from Brazilian ports
NEUQUEM, Brazilian s.s. 3051 tons, from Argentina
BALMES, Spanish s.s. 3051 tons, from Argentina
BALMES, Spanish s.s. 2345 tons, from Argentina
DARRO, British s.s. 7291 tons. from Argentina
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AL, DE KERSAINT, French s.s. 3070 tons, from France
STA. ROSALIA, American s.s. 3488 tons, from United States
SARGTE, ALBUQUERQUE, Brazilian s.s. 1272 tons. from Braz. ports
S. DOURADO, Brazilian s.s. 516 tons, from Brazilian ports
ITAUBA, Brazilian s.s. 516 tons, from Brazilian ports
GARONNA, French s.s. 3531 tons, from Brazilian ports
GARONNA, French s.s. 3531 tons, from Brazilian ports
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FLORIANOPOLIS, Brazilian s.s. 918 tons, from Brazilian ports
TOSCANA, Italian s.s. 2595 tons, from Italy
ITASSUCE, Brazilian s.s. 326 tons, from Brazilian ports
MAIELLA, Italian s.s. 3400 tons, from Brazilian ports
MAIELLA, Italian s.s. 3417 tons, from United States
MAROIM, Brazilian s.s. 3417 tons, from Brazilian ports
STRABO, British s.s. 3471 tons, from Brazilian ports
STRABO, British s.s. 3471 tons, from United Kingdom
FELIX TAUESIG, American s.s, 4544 tons, from Brazilian ports
CAROLINA, Brazilian yacht. 27 tons, from Brazilian ports

VESSELS SAILING FROM THE PORT OF SANTOS.

During the week ending July 5th, 1917.

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EGEO, Brazilian yacht, 65 tons, for Brazilian ports OYAPOCK, Brazilian s.s. 143 tons, for Brazilian ports AARCONI, British s.s. 455 tons, for Brazilian ports ITAPEMA, Brazilian s.s. 247 tons. for Brazilian ports ITAPEMA, Brazilian s.s. 245 tons, for Brazilian ports ITAPEMA, Brazilian s.s. 926 tons, for Brazilian ports BULIVIA, Argentine s.s. 427 tons, for Brazilian ports BULIVIA, Argentine s.s. 426 tons, for Brazilian ports INDIANA, Italian s.s. 3651 tons, for Brazilian ports INDIANA, Italian s.s. 3651 tons, for Spain P. DE SATRUSTEGUI, Spanish s.s. 2718 tons, for Spain DARRO, British s.s. 7291 tons, for United Kingdom S. DOURADO, Brazilian s.s. 515 tons, for Brazilian ports ITAPACY, Brazilian s.s. 510 tons, for Brazilian ports ITAUBA, Brazilian s.s. 825 tons, for Brazilian ports ITAUBA, Brazilian s.s. 825 tons, for Brazilian ports AL. S. DE LAMORNAIS, French s.s. 3465 tons, for France FLORIANOPOLIS, Brazilian s.s. 926 tons, for Brazilian ports BJORNFJURL), Norwegian s.s. 2537 tons, for United States TOSCANA, Italian s.s. 779 tons, for Brazilian ports MAROIM, Brazilian s.s. 371 tons, for Brazilian ports PLAUHY, Brazilian s.s. 371 tons, for Brazilian ports RASIL, Argentine s.s. 437 tons, for Brazilian ports RRASIL, Argentine s.s. 437 tons, for Brazilian ports RRASIL, Argentine s.s. 437 tons, for Brazilian ports STA. ROSALIA, American s.s. 3488 tons, for Brazilian ports STA. ROSALIA, American s.s. 3488 tons, for Brazilian ports STA. ROSALIA, American s.s. 3486 tons, for Brazilian ports NEUQUEM, Brazilian s.s. 3095 tons, for United States

The Week's Official War News

The following communiqué has been received by His Majesty's: Consulate General from the Press Bureau:-

London, 6th July, 1917.

During June last the British haev taken in the course of operations against the Messines Ridge and one lither parts of the front 8,686 German prisoners, 68 guns, 102 trench mortars, 345 machine guns, besides great quantities of other war material. Since the beginning of April the French and British captured 63,222 prisoners, 509 field heavy guns, 503 trench mortars, 1,318. machine guns. Since the beginning of the war the British alone in all threatres of war have captured 117,776 prisoners, exclusive of African troops fighting with the Germans in South West Africa. East Africa and the Cameroons. The latter have been released and have gone back to their country. Since the war began in all theatres, the British have lost to the enemy 51,088 prisoners, which includes all Indian and native troops. In all theatres since the war commenced we have captured 739 guns. We have lost 133. and out of that number have recaptured 37. These 37 were not included in the 739 guns captured, so that the actual number left in the enemy's hands is 96, as against 739 in ours. We have not lost a single gun of any kind on the Western front since April, 1915

The main interest of the week has been the British prgoress. towards Lens. A series of strongly organised defensive systems on both banks of the river Souchez, covering the town of Lens have been captured. The troops gained the whole of their objectives with slight losses, while inflicting considerable casualties on. the enemy. Positions of great strength, as well as of tactical and strategic importance have thus passed into our hands.

During June 282 German aeroplanes were brought down. The

superiority of the British airmen continues.

Russian Front.—The Russians have started a new campaign. On 1st and 2nd July a great battle was fought in Eastern Galicia. against a mixed army of Germans, Austrians and Turks. They assaulted one of the strongest enemy position in Galicia and as a result captured 300 officers, 18,000 soldiers, 29 guns and 33 machine. Germany is alarmed at the revival of the Russian armies, having transferred all her aavilable forces to stem the Allied pressure on the west front.

The French front has been marked by very severe fighting. and the Germans have launched a most ambitious offensive for some time on a 12-mile front at Chemin-des-Dames, in a desperateeffort to make a gap in this vital part of the line. No fewer than eight attacks have swept on to the centre of this front round. Cerny, the front line and flanks being made up of the best shock troops. The enemy effort ended in the greatest reverse he has suffered since the French hurled him back from Dounamont and ' other positions near Verdun. His losses were exceptionally heavy.

The Italian Front.—The Italians evacuated part of the border pass of Agnelia. The enemy has been aggressive at many points: including the Carso and attacks by small Austrian forces between Lake Garda and Ledro Valley have been repulsed. On the Roumanian front the reorganisation of the Roumanian army is practically complete and the army is now provided with everything. necessary.

General Allenby has taken over the command. Tur-Egypt. kish supply depots and aerodromos were heavily bombed in Palestine. 50 bombs were dropped on military establishments near Jerusalem. No damage was done to the holy city.

Submarine returns:—Arrivals, 2,745; sailings, 2,846; sunk. over 1,600 tons, 15; under 1.600 tons, 5; fishing vessels sunk, 11. Even taking the worst weeks into account this brings down theaverage of our losses since the ruthless submarine war began to a rate on which the most optimistic of our enemies cannot conce vably build a hope of our defeat. There appears simultaneously in the German press and neutral papers under German influence a statement in which it is said: "Nobody with expert knowledge ex-

pected to starve England out. In German official circles no doubt exists that England will be able to hold out in spite of the submarine blockade." The main hope, it is added(is that the lost tonnage will influence commercial minds in England towards peace.