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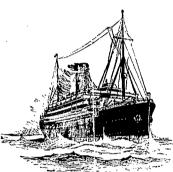
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PARAHYBA	74,731	500,000	tants refer to the year 1906; 20 per cent may
RIO GRANDE DO NORTE	57,485	480,000	safely he added to arrive at approximate figures for 1917.
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Total	319,102	2,880,000	

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	Klms, in traffic	Passengers	Goods, tons
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1915	1,621	1,975,586	1,066,260
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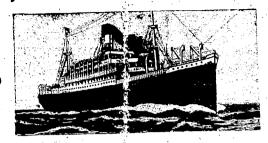
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Arp and Hoepcke. Too long accustomed to browbeat all they could, not even the bitter experience of the last four years has taught Germans the wisdom of letting well alone.

Only by the intervention of Providence in the shape of the police did Arp's shop in the Rua Ouvidor get off almost scot free during the riots in October, when so many of his less obnoxious countrymen fell victims to the fury of the populace.

That, we might imagine, should have sufficed to point a moral and adorn a tale. but far from trying to conciliate opinion, this swashbuckler positively went out of his way to provoke the by no means long-suffering Carioca populace by barricading his premises and thus inviting assault.

By what seems to us mistaken leniency, this and other German houses were permitted to reopen after the riots and to carry on what little business remained to them, as before,

This firm from the beginning of the war has been the moving spirit in German propaganda in this city and made itself so obnoxious to Brazilians and English alike by exhibition of insulting placards and cartoons that more than once the premises had to be protected. Now Arp finds the Kaiser but a broken reed to lean upon and invokes the protection of the Brazilian Government on the grounds that, having been so long resident, and marriel and raised a "Brazilian" family in the country, his affection for the land of his adoption cannot be questioned!

No Teuton is to be trusted—that has become almost a maxim of international belief wheresoever he may have been born or brought up—in once happy England, whose happiness the Germans destroyed—in generous America or free Brazil, whose very independence they threaten. It is all very well to pretend to love this country, but oil will not mix with water nor love for Brazil with loyalty to Germany!

So it is not to be wondered at that Carlos Hoepeke Junior, son of the original Hoepeke and founder of the powerful German firm of that ilk in Santa Catharina, was in spite of ostentatious patriotism, found to be tarred with the self same brush as Arp and his venerable progenitor.

They can't go straight, so to prevent trouble the best thing would be to shut them all up in concentration camps out of harm's way. Hoepcke & Co. had a line of steamers that traded with Rio de Janeiro. Though figuring on the British Blacklist the firm was regarded in Brazilian circles as beyond suspicion, and it was therefore with no little surprise some of the missing parts of the requisitioned German steamers were found stowed away in their warehouses at Florianopolis!

The Revanche. Dreading reprisals now that all hope of German protection has vanished, should any more Brazilian steamers be sunk, local Huns made elaborate preparations to resist attack by turning Arp's shop, the headquarters of German intrigue in this city, into a regular "pill-box," as impregnable, they imagined, as the Hindenburg line.

Doors and windows, barred and reinforced with cement, stared defiance at the angry crowd that gathered to wonder at this new proof of German audacity; but their temper was up and in a very few minutes the bars gave way and the "fort" was rushed and sacked whilst its defenders escaped ignominously by the back door, together with a well known American, whose official position should, one might imagine, have been sufficient safeguard against the corruption of good manners by evil German associations.

The Brasilianische Elektrictats Gesselschaft is still the denomination of the company formed in Germany to work the telephone concession for this city. This concession was taken over by the Rio de Janeiro Tramway, Light and Power Co., but to avoid payment of transfer fees it continued to work under the original title. The original capital of the German Co. was, says a note of the Minister of the Exterior, transferred in 1908 to the National Trust Co. of Canada at Toronto, in whose hands said shares have been deposited in trust for the debeniure holders of the Rio de Janeiro Tramway, Light and Power Co. and other companies operating in Brazil.

Under any other name the company would earn just the same dividends! So why not change it instead of masquerading under a hated German title?

The Rubber Position. If it is true that Government will advance Rs. 12.000:000\$ (£600,000) for purchase of rubber at Para and Manaos, we fear that history will but repeat itself and the Government lose its money as it did six years ago. It is possible that speculation has brought pressure to bear on Amazon markets to sell below its value, but so long as the supply of rubber is so largely in excess of demand, we doubt very much whether any outside influence will make much impression on consuming markets.

According to last mail reports, dated 2 October, Hard Fine spot was quoted in London at 3s 5d as against 2s 6d to 2s 8d per lb, for plantation. No statistics of shipments are any longer obtainable from the East.

The Lleyd Brasileiro. Implicated, it is said, in the lately discovered frauds on the company, that seem to have been carried en for years, without the knowledge or with the connivance of the directors, and some of the higher officials, Captain Midosi, one of the three directors, has resigned, and the resignation of another, Sr. Muller dos Reis, is expected on his arrival from Montevideo.

Peace Rumours. "O Imparcial' of 22 December published a telegram stating that the Kaiser had authorised the Imperial Chancellor to offer peace terms to the Entente. The Kaiser—benevolent person!—begins to feel his heart ache for the sufferings of his poor enemies and in his usual kindly manner is going "undoubtedly" to tell them that, being victorious, he is ready to give them peace, so long as Germany can rule the roost. Poor, weary Russia is already feeling the henevolent touch!

Brazil at War. (From "The Economist.") Brazil has at last ranged herself definitely with the Entente. She has been constrained to do so by the sinking of a fourth Brazilian ship-the s.s. Macao, formerly the Hamburg-American liner Palatia-off the coast of Spain by a German submarine. Consequently the President invited Congress to declare a state of war and to authorise reprisals, including the seizure of the German gunboat Eber, detained at Bahia, and the internment of her crew and other German crews. Congress assented on Friday of last week-the Senate unanimously, the Chamber by 149 to 1. Since then the war feeling has been stimulated by the publication of other intercepted despatches in which Count Luxburg refers to South American peoples, collectively, as "Indians with a thin vencer," and suggests the despatch of a German submarine squadron, to be placed at his own disposal, but principally designed to "salute the President of Argentina," so as to bring South America to the German side, and to "reorganise" Southern Brazil. Steps have now been taken to organise the national resources and to check German activity by military and Press measures; but we doubt if the German colonists will give cause for anxiety. They are mainly a quiet rural population of the French Canadian type, sufficiently isolated to preserve the German dialects of their immigrant forefathers, and with no special love for the German Empire, in spite of the frantic

efforts of Pan-German propagandists. In the towns, however, German residents may give some trouble. Meanwhile the Argentine Government, while approving the action of Brazil, hangs back itself—possibly. however, only till after the wheat harvest next month.

Feeding the American Army and Navy. The following is the list of the articles included in Uncle Sam's regular army ration and quantities required to feed 1,000,000 soldiers for 30 days:-Coffee 2.010,000ibs, tea 80,000lbs, sugar 6,300,000lbs, rice 1,100,000 lbs, baking powder 162,625 lbs, black pepper 325,000 cans, cinnamon 48,000 cans, cloves 18,000 cans, ginger 36,000 cans, nutmeg 3.000 lbs, lemon extract 96,000 bottles, vanilla extract 120,000 bottles. vinegar 90,000 gallons, salt 1,300,000 lbs, cock salt 50,000 lbs. sirup 318,000 gallons, ice 150,000,000 lbs. bacon 4,500,000 lbs, beef, fresh 30,000,000 lbs, mutton, fresh 1,875,000 lbs, beans 3,200,000 lbs, potatoes, Irish 30,000,000 lbs, onions 5,600,000 lbs, flour 35,108,000 lbs, hard bread 1,500,000 lbs, tomatoes 1,947,000 cans, prunes 750,000 lbs, evaporated apples 350,000 lbs, evaporated peaches 250,000 lbs, evaporated milk 1,344,000 pints, butter 1,000,000 lbs, lard 300,000 lbs, blackberry jam 868,000 cans and pickles 75,000 gallons.

The Sammies' ration provides for 1.12 oz. of coffee or $31\frac{1}{2}$ grammes per diem or $11\frac{1}{2}$ kilos for 365 days as against only 4.40 kilos the average civil consumption.

At this rate 1,000,000 men would require about 200,000 bags! per a.num, allowing for wastage.

The German soldier is supposed to get seven-eighths of an ounce of so-called coffee, whilst there is talk of increasing Sammy's already liberal allowance to 1.28oz. per day.

In advertising for coffee, the Quartermaster's Department gives preference to Porto Rico, Hawaiian and Central American growths, but failing these is ready to take Santos and Rio No. 2 and 3. Only dry roast, says "The Tea and Coffee Trade Journal," from which these figures are obtained, is accepted, which must be packed in drums or packages.

The Navy Department figures on feeding 250,000 men, requiring 6,930,000lbs or about 52,500 bags of coffee per annum.

Between an army of 1,000,000 men and navy of 250,000, the total consumption of coffee for war purposes would be about a quarter of a million bags.

Cocoa must show not less than 20 per cent fat, but does not seem to figure in the soldier's diet, though a certain amount is consumed by the navy.

Doing Their Bit. The following members and employees of firms well known in this market, have joined the colours:

Hard, Rand & Co.—J. E. Mitchell, H. Naughton, B. F. van Vlit. James Hendy (with British Army), S. M. Greenlidge (ditta), R. Knot, R. H. Swezey, Fran. G. McCreery and R. R. Maxwell, (at Quartermaster's Office. U.S. Concentration Camp).

Leon Israel & Co.—Guy Sneider, Phil Elbing, Ed. Murray, Sam Herson.

J. Aron & Co.—T. J. Israel (Quartermaster's Dept.), Milton Schwartz, H. Wiener, D. Warren.

A. C. Israel.—C. R. Coffin, A. F. Israel. Ray Deninger, S. A. Levey.

Geo. Lawrence & Co.-John Hock.

Steinwender Stoffregen & Co.-Christopher Arndt.

The house of Hard Rand has from the outset of the war given evidence of its sympathies with the Allies, not only by refusing to deal with their enemies, but allowing their staff to enlist under the British flag. Now a son of our old friend McCreery is on the U.S. Quartermaster's Staff. Altogether nine men of Hard Rand's have joined the British and American colours. Leon Israel comes next with five and J. Aron with four, one of the firm, Mr. Israel, serving likewise on the U.S. Quartermaster's Staff. The firm of A. C. Israel take similar rank and altogether the firms of Israel and Aron have sent twelve to join the colours. The coffee trade is doing well!

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British Foreign Trade in October. The Board of Trade returns for October show an increase in our imports of £13.101,090 at £94,260,963, while exports amounted to £50,757,054, an : dvance of £6.041,806. The total of exports is the highest that has been recorded by the department. As compared with the previous month imports in October rose £7.961,295 and exports expanded in value £7,512,860. Last month there was a decline of £5,112,804 in the value of imports of food, drink and tobacco, but increases in those of both raw materials and articles mainly unmanufactured and Under the former heading the largest manufactured articles. item was an advance of £5,020,948 in cotton, while oil seeds, ruts, oils. fats and gums rose by £2,300,183 and wool by £1,467,337. In the second category the increase was almost entirely accounted for by "miscellaneous" articles. With regard to exports there was an advance of £7,692,476 in manufactured articles, cotton being up £2,931,323 and wool £766,467. Imports during the ten months of the year were valued at £870,833,391, an increase of £85,904,477 while exports totalled £444,786,142, an advance of £20,741,956.

The German Raider "Moewe." (From "The Syren and Shipping.") In our issue of last week we referred ti Lieut. Rohr's account of the second voyage of the German raider Moewe, which we left starting on its homeward voyage. Actually she did more damage to shipping on her return than when outward bound. Her first victim was the s.s. Brecknockshire, which was on her first voyage. The author describes the captain of that ship as a particularly fine man, and notes that he assumed command of the prisoners on board. A sailing ship (name not given) was the last victim south of the Equator, which was recrossed on Feb. 23. The crew of the Katharine, sunk five days later, brought the number of prisoners on board to 600. Then ten days later the Rhodanthe was sunk, and on the night of March 9 the Esmeralda. At mid-day on the 10th a steamer hove in sight, which ecentually proved to be the Otaki, of the New Zealand Shipping Company. The blank cartridge, ordering her to stop, receivedd as reply a shell from the gun which she carried. Then began a duel between the frail liner and the armoured raider of which we believe this is the first account published, and which will, we are certain. go down to fame in the annals of the mercantile marine. When the fight begau the raider was beyond range of the Otaki, whose first shot fell short. As she closed in, the Moewe started firing salvos. We give the story of the fight, summarised from Lieut. Rohr's narrative: The Moewe fired shell after shell at her. As the sea was extrordinarily high, whilst the steamer was hit several times, her gun was left undamaged. She had luck and an extremely good gunner on board. Soon he scored an "outer", which passed through the signal bridge, without causing much damage. Shell followed shell, each side firing hard. I was on my way along the deck. and just as I passed by the funnel I was flung down full length. I scrambled up to see a large smake cloud pouring from the side of the ship. The enemy had scored a bull's eye. Nobody had thought of such a thing. Even "H" and "T" discovered a great respect for the English pigmy. The shell had pierced the belt, entered the stoking-room and set the bunker coal on fire. The flames were spreading rapidly and water was pouring in from the hole in the hull. Then the prisoners broke loose. Our situation was far from happy, and all the time the enemy lay there, refusing to sink and firing shot after shot. Fortunately, her own condition and the weather prevented her aim from being effective. Half an hour later, hammered and torn by our guns, but still firing, she sank beneath the waves.

Such was the end of the Otaki, in as gallant a duel as naval history can relate. With her one small gun she fought the Moewe from mid-day until dusk, and did her sore damage and then went down, her flag still flying. The captain was lost with his ship. The survivors of the crew were picked up that night by the Moewe and the wounded cared fir on board. It took 24 hours to get the fire on board the raider under. The other damage principally consisted of a bad hole amidships and another one in the stern. As the engines had been untouched and temporary steering geer rigged, the raider limped from the scene of the battle, repairing ship the while. It was three days before she was in trim and on the third day the dead were buried. The following day the Demerterton (?) was captured and blown up, after her gun (a 7.2)

centimetre) had been removed. Being loaded with timber the hull refused to sink and was left derelict. On March 15 a neutral was stopped, but released, and on the 16th the s.s. Governor was stopped with a lucky shot, which placed her gun out of action, killed four men and wounded ten out of a crew of 46. (After the action with the Otaki the Moewe ceased firing blanks.) This was the last victim, and the raider stood round the North of Scotland and over to the Norwegian coast, creeping thence to Cuxhaven, where she safely arrived on March 22.

MONEY

Official Quotations,	Exchange	Camara Syn	dical and	Vales:
	90 days	Sight	Sors	Vales
Monday, 17 Dec	13 47-64	13 39-64	20\$700	2\$038
Tuesday, 18 Dec	13 25-32	13 21-32	20\$750	2\$038
Wednesday, 19 Dec	$13\ 25-32$	13 21-32	20\$750	2\$038
Thursday. 20 Dec	13 25-32	13 21-32	20\$750	2\$038
Friday, 21 Dec	13 47-64	13 39-64	20\$850	2\$038
Saturday, 22 Dec	13¾	13 5-8	20\$850	2\$038
A manage for week	13 .49-64	13 .11-64	20\$775	28038

Monday, 17 December. Bank of Brazil opened at 13 23-32d, others 13 21-32d and 13 11-16d, some offering to take at 13 25-32d. At close most of the banks were quoting 13 3/d for drawing, whilst some were offering to draw at 13 25-32d with conditions. No suitable bills offered during the day.

Tuesday, 18 December. Bank of Brazil opened at 13 25-32d, others 13 21-32 and 13 11-16d, some offering to take at 13 25-32d. ready. Bank of Brazil soon raised its rate to 13 13-16d and a few bills were offering at 13 27-32d, some banks drew at 13 13-16d during the day. Market closed with only the Bank of Brazil quoting 13 13-16d for market takers. No bills offering.

Wednesday, 19 December. Bank of Brazil opened at 13 13-16d for market, others 13%d and 13 25-32d, offering to take at 13 7-8d. Latter was soon reduced to 13 27-32d. Market paralysed all day. No bills offered and Bank of Brazil reported to have found some money at 13 13-16d.

Tuesday. 20 December. Bank of Brazil opened at 13 13-16d, others 13¾d and 13 25-32d; takers of commercial at 13 27-32d. No bills offered, market remaining very quiet all day, clasing with Bank of Brazil quoting 13 25-32d for small amounts, other banks 13 11-16d and 13 23-32d and takers of commercial bills at 13 25-32d.

Friday, 21 December. Bank of Brazil opened at 13 25-32d for the market, others at 13 23-32d and 13¾. Market weakened off in early part of the day, when some commercial and repassed bills were offered at 13¾d. Market closed steady with several banks drawing at 13¾d and some bills offering at 13 25-32d. 60 days delivery.

Saturday, 22 December. Bank of Brazil opened at 13\(^3\)/d for the market, others 13 11-16d and 13 23-32d, offering to take at 13 13-16d. Market very quiet and closed with several banks quoting 13\(^3\)/d, with neither money nor bills offered.

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

No. days	Coffee	Meat	Manga-	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	307	153	196	236	1,933	64
31 July	836	182	465	85	237	1,805	58
31 August	1,851	349	137	57	33	2.527	82
30 Sept	1,973	208	285	124	53	2,643	88
31 Oct	2,124	370	245	49	27	2,815	91
30 Nov	1,311	274	177	215	23	2.000	67
6 1-6 Dec	194			l	4	199	33
7 7-13 Dec	203	202	51	27	16	499	71
7 14-20 Dec	428	4	27	30	3	492	70
Dec. to date.	825	206	78	58	23	1,190	60

The figures for Beans for Jan.-May are for All Brazil, but for June onwards 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.

-"The Financier" of November 9 says:-The Rio exchange keeps quite steady, reflecting confidence in the economic situation, but, as I have frequently hinted of late, the political situation is not altogether clear, and some uneasiness has been caused by Reuter's cablegram announcing the impending declaration of a state of seige in the capital. The large Teutonic element in Brazil and its attendant Boloist activities naturally inculcates precautionary measures, and these will no doubt be successful in repressing any trouble. The movements of all Germans are strictly controlled, although actual internment has not yet taken place except in the case of the crews of the seized steamers. Unlike the Argentine Government, the Brazilian has put its foot down and suppressed "vi et armis" an attempted strike in Rio Grande do Sul engineered by the hidden Hun hand. The state of war with Germany will not for the present involve mobilisation of the army, but Congress has voted 5,000 contos (£280,000) for the formation of an aerial fleet, and belligerent expenditure in one shape and another will run into big figures.

COFFEE

The Local Market closed firmer on Saturday, 22nd December at 6\$500 to 6\$600 for No. 7. There were no buyers and market was paralysed.

The Weather in S. Paulo was wet, with 5 days rain and two days half and half.

Entries at the two ports for the week ended 20th December show increase of 33.163 bags or 10.5 per cent compared with previous week, accounted for by shrinkage of 7,516 bags at Rio, but increase of 40,679 bags at Santos. Compared with same week last year, entries at the two ports show increase of 44,548 bags or 14.7 per cent, accounted for by shrinkage at Rio of 8.983 bags, but increase of 53,531 bags at Santos.

Entries for the crop at the two ports to 20 Dec. show shrinkage of 207,964 bags or 2.4 per cent, accounted for by increase of 152,112 bags or 11.6 per cent at Rio. but decrease of 360,076 bags or 4.8 per cent at Santos.

Clearances Overseas at the two ports for the week ended 20th December at 221,319 show an improvement of 110,091 compared with the previous week. Of the total for the week 25.9 per cent

went to the United States, 71.6 per cent to France and 2.5 per cent to the Plate and Pacific. For the crop to same date, shipments overseas at the two ports show decrease compared with same period last year of 1,644,632 bags or 26.2 per cent. Shipments to the United States alone show decrease of 948,311 bags or 24.1 per cent; to France of 480,152 bags or 33.8 per cent, as against 578,933 bags or 42.6 per cent for previous week, a decided improvement; and to United Kingdom of 227,455 bags or 95.7 per cent. To Italy increase of 36,980 bags or 10 per cent; to Scandinavia of 19,828 bags or 25.6 per cent, Spain 11,448 bags or 17.1 per cent, Plate and Pacific of 33,785 or 24.4 per cent and Japan of 13,205 bags or 100 per cent.

Coastwise shipments for same period show increase of 33,694 bags or 26.4 per cent.

Shipments by	Flag to 2	oth Decem	iver, 1917:-	_	
Cinpinonts 23	Bags	0/ /0	Bags	%	Week to Dec. 20
British to U.S	134,905	51.9			
To Europe	22,378	8.6			
To The Cape	55,554	21.4			_
Plate & Pacific.	47,181	18.1			
Total, British			260.018	5.6	
Other Flags-Fre			242,077	5.2	23
Italia			189,261	4.1	3,300
Dute	h		57,581	1.2	-
Japa			140,657	3.0	
Amer			568,849	12.3	_
Span	ish		86,431	1.9	_
Scan	dinavian		1,778,133	38.4	59,544
Brazi	ilian		1,250,443	27.0	158,452
Cuba	n		41,112	0.9	_
Chila	an		20,000	0.4	
Total		.,	4,634,562	100.0	221,319

The Scandinavian and Brazilian flags are running close for supremacy, the latter creeping up week by week. For the crop to date the Scandinavian flags account for 38.4 per cent of the total shipped as against 38.9 per cent up to previous week and the Brazilian flag 27 per cent as against 24.7 per cent.

F.O.B. Value of Glearances Overseas:— 1916-17 Bags £ Bags £ July to 20 Dec....... 6,278,694 14,824,704 4,634,062 8,915,281 21 Dec. to 30 June... 4,984,913 13,280,334 — —

11.263,607 28,105,038 — Shortage to date £5,909,423 compared with last year.

COFFEE CLEARANCES, RIO AND SANTOS, 1st JULY TO 20th DECEMBER, 1917.

					0.	Crep	Crop	Week ending
	1916-17	1917-18	Inc.	or Dec.		1916-17	1915-16	Dec. 20
United States	3.741.909	2,793,598	_	948,311	24.1	6,837,718	5,896,114	57,329
rance	1,418,959	9 3 8,807	_	480,152	33.8	2,474,868	2,381,320	158,475
Italy	369,492	406.472	+	36,980	10.0	724,335	1,119,225	
Holland	111,163	55,048	_	56,115	50.5	157,757	618,582	
Scandinavia	77,610	97,483	+	19,873	25.6	135,442	3,260,947	_
Great Britain	237,555	10,100	_	227,455	95.7	596,259	392,066	
Spain	66.765	78,213	+	11,448	17.1	150,530	130,293	
Portugal	4,937	1,278		3,659	74.1	11,373	12,450	
Egypt	21,000		_	21,000	100.0	21,000	94,473	
Plate and Pacific	138,129	171,914	+	33,785	24.4	324,856	328,431	5,515
The Cape	91,175	60,444		30,731	33.7	247,257	208,067	_
Japan	_	13,205	+	13,205	100.0	5.004		
Russia		7,500	+	7,500	100.0	7,062		
Greece		-			_	_	21,035	 .
Total	6,278,694	4,634,062		1,644,632	26.2	11,693.461	14,463,003	221,319
Coastwise	123,763	156,457	+	32,694	26.4	319,307	257,707	4,449
Grand Total	6,402,457	4,790,519	_	1,611,938	-	12,012,768	14,720,710	225,768

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Embarques at the two ports for the week ended 13 December showed a big shrinkage of 107,893 bags, and the f.o.b. value for the week of £87,240 compared with the previous week.

F.O.B. Value of Clearances for the week ended 20th December averaged £1.935 per bag as against £1.827 for previous week and for the crop to date £1.924, as against £2.861 for same period

Stocks at the two ports, inclusive of 1,000,000 bags taken over by the S. Paulo Government, on 20 Dec. show increase of 273,889 bags, of which 249,676 bags at Santos and 24,213 bags at Rio.

Coffee Sales during the week ended 20 Dec. were 164,924 bags as against 161,016 bags for previous week.

-Our correspondent at S. Paulo writes:-The market has heen living in hopes of the purchase of 2,000,000 hags by the French Government. It is reported that these purchases started on the 18th inst. in Santos, but the improvement is very insign:freant. Stocks are enormous and there is still great anxiety to sell. Unless some steamers soon come along to load for Europe the position will become most critical. The rise in exchange has also made any export business to the United States very difficult and altogether the outlook is gloomy for coffee. The fact is that there are already a great many fazentias being offered for sale, many of the planters being discouraged with the general position. Reports for the next crop are unanimous that it will be small and even the following cannot be large in view of the drought during the past months in almost all the coffee zones.

World's Visible Supply, in 1,000 bags. (From "Le Café."). 1916 1917 1917

	1917	1917	1911
	1 Nov.	I Oct.	1 Nov.
England	763	866	660
Hamburg			
Holland	_		280
Antwerp	_	_	
Havre	1,770	1,830	2.597
Bordeaux	90	86	79
Marseilles	296	393	305
Trieste		_	
Breinen			
Copenhagen	_		_
Total, 10 ports	2,919	3.109	3.921
Afloat, Brazil-Europe	539	389	508
Visible Supply, Europe	3.458	3.498	4,429
			1.10:
Stocks, Brazil sorts, U.S	1.971	1.718	1.135
Ditto, other sorts	748	894	778
Afloat, Brazil-U.S	641	707	1,048
Visible Supply, U.S	3.360	3,319	2,956
•			460
Stock at Rio	567	44.5	
Ditto, Santos	3,236	2,829	2,708
Ditto, Bahia	67	60	25
			 N. 160
Total, Brazil Stocks	3,870	3.334	3,193
			10.770
World's Visible Supply	10.688	10,151	10,578
Total Stocks, Brazil sorts	9,291	8,598	8,966
Ditto, other ports	1,397	1,553	1.612

The Visible Supply of the World on 1st November shows increase of 537,000 bags compared with 1st October last and 810,000 bags compared with 1st November last year. World's deliveries during October were 1,493,000 bags (including 64,000 bags by s.s. Cabedello from Santos to St. Nazaire and 34,000 bags of the s.s. Macau both torpedoed), as against 1,242,000 bags for same month last year and 1,952,000 bags for 1915. For the first four months of the current crop they aggregated 4,707,000 bags. as against 4,479,000 hags for same period last year and 6,292,000 for 1915-16,

Green Coffee Welfare Society Parade. About 350 members and friends of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare Society of the Green Coffee Trade of New York took a prominent part in the Liberty Loan parade in New York on Oct. 25. The parade marked the culminating patriotic effort of this organization in actively supporting the second Liberty Loan. The society made a striking display, marching behind a band that played martial music throughout the parade.

No Coffee for Spain. Before the war Germany bought about a million pounds of coffee from Port Rico, now about a quarter goes to Spain and the rest to Cuba. Some difficulty is experienced in getting licences to ship to Spain, where prices for Porto Rico are higher and there is wailing in that Protectorate.

Trading With the Enemy. The best way to make certain that you are not trading with the enemy may be, as "The Tea and Coffee Trade Journal" suggests, to apply for a license, but to our mind would be simpler not to fill the order!

Coffee Statistics

ENTRIES.

IN BAGS OF 60 KH.OS. During the week ending December 26th, 1917.

FOR THE	E WEEK	ENDED	FOR THE	CROP TO
Dec 20 1 47	Dec 18 1917	Dec. 21 1916	Dec. 20 1917	Dec. 21 1916
35.776; 583 1.964	41,509 885 4.185	45,563, 906 1,027	1,400,025 22,369 34,309	J.210.548 17.898 50 575
85,518 _	46.029	47,496 	1.456,703	1,279,096 12,615
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-	- :	-	-	35.205
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347.744	314.581	393 196	4.554 685	8.742.649
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The total entries by the different | S. Paulo Radways for the Crop to Dec. 20 1917 were as follows: P#1 Remaining Past Total at S. Paulo Total at Santos S. Paulo Jandinhy and others 994,954 6,131,558 1917 1916 1916/1917

FORFICN STOCKS.

1.321.324

IN BAGS OF 60 KILOS. During the week ending December 20th, 1917.

	Dec. 20/1917.	Dec. 13 1917.	Dec. 21 1915.
United States Ports	1 854,600	1.697,030	1.712 (00)
	1,748 0 0 0	1.691,600	2.437.000
Both Deliveries United States Visible Supply at United	3.032.000	2,688,000	4,149,000
	177.000	154,000	136,000
	2.344.000	2,382,000	2,549,000

SALES OF COFFEE.

During the week ending December 20th, 1917.

	Dec. 20 /1917.	Der . 18/1917.	Dec. 21 1916.
Rio	22,924	23.016	25.577
Santos	112.000	138.000	
Total	164.924	:61 016	25 577

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COFFEE LOADED (EMBARQUES).

IN BAGS OF 60 KILOS.

	DUMING WEEK ENDED			POR THE CROP TO		
	1917 Dec. ?0	1917 Dec. 18	1916 Dec 21	1917 Dec. 20	1916 De. ,21	
Rio	81,982	81,563	48.009	1.260,821	1,146.538 29,145	
Total Rie including Nictheroy & transit	81 932 59,555	84,563 164,817	48 009 235.661	1.260.32t 3,695,048		
Rio & Santos	91.487	199 380	283 570	4 959,369	6,299.568	

VALUE OF COFFEE CLEARED FOR FOREIGN PORTS.

IN BAGS OF 60 KILOS. During the week ending December 20th, 1917.

	Dec 20	Dec 18	Dec. 20	Dec. 13	Go to De	e. 20/1917
Rto	Bags 14 800	ng- 40,475	£ 21.966	68.872	984,139	; 1,651.839
Santos	207,019 221 319					! '
do 1916/1917.	848,557	201.266	612.432	463,994	6,278,694	14,834,704

OUR OWN STOCK.

IN BAGS OF 60 KILOS

R10 Stock on Dec. 18 th, 1917	442.565
Entries during week ended Dec. 20 th, 1917	38.518
Estation witting work and Door 20 Pag.	481.078
Londed «Embarques», for the week Dec. 20 th, 1917	31,932
STOCK IN RIO ON Dec 20 th, 1917 Stock at Nictherey and Port of Michaels on Ilha do Vinna Dec 13 th 1917	449.146
Attout on Boot to the	
Entries at Nictheroy plus total embarques inclu-	
125 248	
Deduct: embarques at Nictherey, Porto da Ma- dama and Vinna and anilings during the week Doo, 20 th 1917	
Week Dec. 20 th	110.010
STOCK IN NICTHEROY AND APLOAT ON Dec. 20 th 1917.	110.948
STOCK IN 1st and 2nd HANDS and THOSE AT NETHEROY	
and AFLOAT IN Dec 20 th, 1917	560.689
SANTOS Stock on Dec. 13 th 19:7 4 02: 107	
Entries for week ended Dec.th 20 1917 309,231	
4.5d1 958 Loaded (embarques) during same week	
	4.271.783
STOCK IN SANTOS ON Dec. 20 th 1917	
Stock in Rio and Santos on Dec 20 th 9 7	4.831.872
do do on Dec 18th .1917	4.557.983
do do on Doc. 21 th 1916.	8 565 703
Note.—The Santos stock of 4,271,783 includes 1.000,	000 bags
purchased by the S. Paulo Government.	_

COFFEE SAILED.

the following destinations:-

During the week ending December 20th, 1917.

IN BAGS OF 60 KILOS.

PORTS	UNITED STATS	RUIGOPE & MEDITER- RANKAN		RIVER	CAPR	OTHER PORTS	TOTAL POR WEEK	CROP TO DATE
Rio Santos	11.000 46.329		4 419	3,300 2,215		=	14,300 211,468	
1917/1918	57.329	158,475	4,449	5,515	_		225,768	4,791,687
1916/1917	238,401	100,277	5,282	4.699	_	180	348 839	6.402.346

COFFEE PRICE CURRENT.

During the week ending December 20th, 1917.

	Dec.	Dec. 15	De c .	Dec 18	ec. 19	Dec. 20	Ave-	Clo ⁸ - ing Dec.22
RIO	4 562 4 358 4 222 4 385 1 900 4 900	4 562 4 358 4 222 4 085 4 900 4 000	4 562 4 358 4 222 4 685 4 900 4 000	4 562 4 358 4 222 4 055 4 900 4 000	4.562 4.650 4.358 4.426 4.222 4.29.1 4.085 4.153 4.900 4.000	4.680 4.426 4.290 4.153 4.900 4.000	4.58 4.877 4.241 4 104 4 900 4 000	4.562 4.630 4.425 4.498 4.259 4.357 4.158 4.221 4.900 4.000
N. YORK, per lb 8pot : io N. 7 cent.	1111	= =	=======================================	- - -	1111	= =	 	=======================================
Mer a May a July a	7.26 7.41 7.57	7 37	7 27 7 43 7.59	7 49	7,60	7 50 7.65 7.80	7.47	7.74
BAVRE per 50 kilos Options france				 				Dec21
• Mar • • May • July • HAMBU G per 1/2;		106.00 104.50		106.75 195.76			106 55 165 57	
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Optionsshilling Den* Mar May July July Den May Den Den	68,1 64,4							

65,0 66,0

MANIFESTS OF COFFEE. SANTOS.					
During the week end	ling Nov. 22nd, 1917.				
(Published in our issue of	Nov. 27, but not in detail.)				
16-INDIANA-Consumption	Nino Paganetto	41			
17GARONNA—Buenos Aires Ditto-	Naumann Gepp & Co. 800 R. Aives Toledo & Co. 640 Scocieté F. Bresilienne 537 Raphael Sampaio & C. 5-3 Freitas Lima Luqueira 500 Baccarrat & Co. 177 F. S. Hampshire & Co. 150 Pascual Gomez & Co. 120 Jessouroun Irmaos 10 J. Jorge Figueiredo 1 Raphael Sampaio & C. 100 Casalta & Co. 3	4,131			
20—T. DI SAVOIA—Italy Ditto—	Picone & Co 1,000 Levy & Co 500 Cia. Puglisi 6 B. Machado 2 N. Paganetti 50				
Ditto	Henrique Capola 10	10,189			
20—BALMES—Buenos Aires Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto—Consumption	J. C. de Mello & Co. 238	1.206			
23—CUYABA—New York	Naumann Gepp & Co. 3.600 Ed Johnston & Co. 2.250				
	Silva Ferreira & Co 1,000 Levy & Co	22.150			
23—FLORIANOPOLIS—Montevideo. 23—ARAQUARY—Havre Ditto "		61,003 98.820			
	COASTWISE. Victorino Cardoso	119			
19—ITAPACY—Pelotas	U. R. Santos	2			
22—ITAQUERA—Pernambuco Di:to Ditto—Rio	Jessouroun Irmaos 25	127			
	Total coastwise	248			
RIO DE	JANEIRO.				
During the week endi	ng December 20th, 1917.				
TRAFALGAR-Neã York	Hard, Rand & Co	11,000			
-P. DI UDINE—Montevideo Ditto—Buenos Aires Ditto— Ditto— Ditto—	Jessouroun Irmaos 1,000	3.300			
	Total overseas	14.300			
SAI	NTOS.				
### TRAFALGAR—New York Ditto-	Naumann Gepp & Co. 8,000 Hard, Rand & Co, 7,825 R. Alves Toledo & Co. 2,000 Prado Ferreira & Co. 2,000 Levy & Co	37.32B			

JETHOU	-Buenos Aires	Cia. Atlantica de Café	847	
Dirte			500	
Ditte) H		448	
Ditte		Société F. Bresilienne	314	
Ditte			100	
Ditto	Consumption	Ed. Johnston & Co	6	2,215
ANGLIA	-New York	. Cia. Atlantica de Café	6,000	
Ditte	**	J. Aron & Co	3.000	
Ditte	-Consumption	. Ed. Johnston & Co	1	9,001
		Total overseas		207,019
				401,010
	SANTOS	COASTWISE.		
·s. Dot	RADO-Paranaguá	R. Alves Toledo & Co	o. —	2
-ITAMA	RACA-Rio de Janeiro	Mignel Cardoso	355	
	D— ,,			
Ditt		. J. S. Cramer	1	446
-BIO D	TANEIRO-Pio Grand	de Villas Boas & Co	800	
Ditt		· And'de Junqueira & C.		
Ditt		Venancio de Faria		
Ditt		Venancio de Faria		
Ditt	0— "	Louis Boher & Co	100	
ખાદ		Villas Boas & Co		
Ditt		Jessouroun Irmaos		
Ditt	n	L. Franco & Amaral	. 3	4,003
		Total coastăise		4,449
				-11773

Railway News

THE LEOPOLDINA RAILWAY COMPANY ESTIMATED WEEKLY TRAFFIC RECEIPTS.

Year	Week Ended.	Rec	Total trom		
		Currency	l-xch.	Sterning -	lst lan.
1917	Dec 15 th.	572:000\$	13 21/81	£ 32.547	£ 1.497.842
1916	"16 th	569:000\$	11 15/16	£ 25.317	£1,254,167
	!	',			<u> </u>
lncrease	-	63:000\$	1 28/32	£ 7.230	£ 243.685
Decrease	-		_	_	-
	! !	,	1 28/32 —	£ 7.230	£ 243.6

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

·		Rec	TOTAL		
Year	Week Ended	Currency.	Exchange	Sterling	from 1st January
1917	Dec. 16	810:035\$910	18 9/16	45,775-9-4	1,528,864-1 7-11
1916	Dec. 17	763.823\$100	11 31/32	35,091-14-0	1,425 221-18-4
	!				
ne r ease	- i	46:212\$800	1 19,32	7,683-15-4	98,643-7-4
Decrease.	_	-	i		-

Comparison with corresponding week last year:—Differences of exchange, increase £5,072 5s 3d; meat, in crease (1:232\\$300) £69 12s 9d; beans, decrease (10:564\\$) £596 19s 6d; other traffic, increase (55:544\\$500) £3.138 16s 10d; net increase, £7,683 15s 4d.

PERNAMBUCO MARKET REPORT.

Pernambuco, December 14th, 1917.

with 152.360 bags for same date last year. The market has been very steady for all the better qualities and evidently there is more doing for the Plate markets and the Lloyd have placed the s.s. Campos on the berth for those ports; so far 33,000 bags have been despatched for her and the s.s. Darro takes about 4/5,000 bags to Buenos Aires and the s.s. Rio de Janeiro left a few days ago with 24,000 bags for Buenos Aires and Montevideo; more is evidently destined that way. Brutos are at a discount and nobody wants them at present as there is no ship to take them. Prices to planters this week have been: Usinas 8\$100 to 8\$500, white crystals 7\$ to 7\$400, whites 3a 6\$800 to 7\$, somenos 5\$800 to 6\$, bruto

secco 3\$100 to 3\$300. Dealers prices for the bagged article are the same as last week. Shipments during the week have been:—Rio 1,300 bags, Santos 1,720 bags. Rio Grande ports 12,575 bags,

Northern ports 5,230 bags.

Cotton. Entries to 11th have been 16,748 bags compared with 17,381 bags for same date last year. There has been more movement this week and several new buyers have been in the market. Shippers worked hard to get price down to 42\$, but sellers were equally determined not to deliver at that figure and on 4th shippers bought 2,300 hags at 43\$. Next day same price was offered but no sellers could be found; on 6th price looked rather doubtful at opening, which brought orders to brokers and at close of day about 3,200 bags were again sold to shippers at 43\$; next day a further 300 bags were placed at same price. 10th, market opened steady and during the day some 1,500 bags were again sold at 43\$, but at close market was weaker and buyers retired to 42\$. Next day one of the local mills secured a small lot at price of 43\$, but shippers refused to pay this price and sellers refused to entertain 42\$. Yesterday market was in same position, but at close about 300 bags were delivered at 42\$500, being cotton already arryied at station. To-day market opened with offers of 42\$ and sellers at 43\$. As a result there has been no business reported so far. The question of freight room is still the chief factor in the marker and its scarcity is a serious loss to sellers of the article, as were shipping facilities at hand there is no doubt that prices would have been 45\$ this week, possibly even more, but seeing what probabilities are of getting stuff away, sellers should think themselves lucky in having been able to sell so much at 43\$. Shipments during the week have been small: Rio 400 pressed bales, Pelotas 100 bales, Porto Alegre

On night of 13th 200 bags were sold at 42\$ and on 14th this offer was repeated, without finding sellers.

Coffee market unchanged, with buyers at 8\$ to 8\$500 for new

crop.

Coreals. There has been a good demand all the week and milho and farinha are both rather higher again, to-day's quotations being: Milho 8\$800 to 9\$ per bag of 60 kilos; heans 25\$ to 26\$ per bag of 60 kilos; farinha, 9\$500 to 10\$500 per bag of 50 kilos according to quality.

Freights. No change in berth rates, but so far no steamer to lead for Liverpool. The s.s. Senator has arrived at Maceio and will be here next week. It is reported that provisional engagements which had been made for her nave been cancelled, as such soing away on Government account and probably it will be a long time before another boat is available for U.K. loading. It is good news to hear the coastwise laws have been suspended for the duration of the war, but unfortunately the number of foreign vessels now calling here is so small that relief to the market will be trivial for the present at any rate. The Lloyd boat coast rates are just now 3\$200 per 60 kib. bag of sugar for Rio and 4\$500 to Santos, with rhum at 531\$200 per pipe. The rate to Buenos Aires remains at 60\$ per ion of 1,000 kilos.

Exchange opened on 10th at 13 5-8d for collections, but later only 13 9-16d was obtainable for business; 11th, collection at 13 9-16d, advancing after Rio news came to hand to 13 5-8d and 13 11-16d, with a small business reported as done at 13 13-16d in private paper; 12th, collection was at 13 5-8d, but for business most banks at once offered to draw at 13 11-16d and later unofficially business was done to a small extent at 13\(^2\)₄d bank; 13th opening was at 13 11-16d and were there any money offering 13\(^3\)₄d could certainly have been obtained, but takers are generally holding off in hopes of seeing a st'll better rate before a homeward mail is available from here. 14th, exchange is weaker at 13 5-8d bank; some takers came forward yesterday at 13\(^2\)₄d.

BEANS

Shipment of heans during gthe week ending 20th December in bags of 60 kilos:—

-Destination	Rio	Santos	Total
France, (total for week)	20.720	2,605	23,325
Total, 1 to 20 December	28,720	16,642	45,362
Ditto, 1 Jan. to 20 Dec	688,215	767,640	1,455,855

At £1.3 per bag, f.o.b. value for the week for the two ports works out at £30,322 and for the month of December to date at £58,970. Compared with the previous week shipments of beans show slight increase of 2,288 bags, accounted for by increase of 12,720 bags at Rio, but decrease of 10,432 bags at Santos.

Closing quotations at Santos on 20th ult. ruled: mulatinho 23\$ to 24\$500 per bag of 60 kilos, as against 25\$ to 26\$ for previous week; black beans 18\$ to 19\$500; white beans not quoted.

—Our S. Paulo correspondent reports:—The stock of old crop is small and probably does not exceed, say, 50,000 bags and part of it is already badly weeviled and therefore not available for export. The new crop ("das aguas") is late also owing to the drought and reports as to its size are still very contradictory. The general opinion, however, is that it will be smaller than last year's and in any case it will not be available for export before the end of January.

RICE

Shipments of Rice from Rio and Santos during the week ended 20 December, in bags of 60 kilos.

Destination	Rio	Santos	Total
France (total for week)	1,001	500	1,501
Total, 1 to 20 December	2.001	11,460	13,461
Ditto, 1 Jan. to 20 Dec	52,632	420,045	472,677

At £1.7 per bag, f.c.b. value for the week's total works out at £2.551 and for the month of December to date at £22,883. Shipments during the week ended 20 December were very small, showing shrinkage of 8.059 bags compared with the previous week at the two ports.

Closing quotations at Santos on 20 December not received.

--At S. Paulo stocks are very small and prices have advanced considerably. At present prices there is not the slightest chance of export and local consumption will take care of what remains.

MEAT

Shipments of Meat during the week ending 20 December, in tons of 1.000 kilos:-

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Vestris, U.S. (total for week)	76		76
Total, 1-20 December	2,569	1.664	4,233

At £48.5 per ton, f.o.b. value for the week's total at the two ports works out at £3.686 and for the month of December to date at £205.300.

MANGANESE

Shipments of Manganese during the week ending December 20th, in tons:

The Program of the	Rio	Bahia	Total
Destination		Dama	
Saga, U.S.A	200		200
Dova Lisboa, U.S.A	2,040	-	2,040
Dagny, U.S.A	1,700		1.700
Anglia, U.S.A.	200		200
Glanse, U.S.A.		1.230	1,230
Total for week	4,140	1,230	5,370
Ditto, 1-20 December	10,440	2,805	13.245

At £6.5 per ton, f.o.b. value for the week for the two ports works out at £34,905, of which £26,910 at Rio and £7,995 at Bahia and the total for December to date for the two ports £86,092.

Between now and the first week of January about 30,000 tons of manganese will be shipped to the United States. Stocks are still big and more of the mineral comes down to the two ports than is shipped.

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

Landon	Para
s, d.	
$3 \ 2\frac{1}{4}$	5\$400
3 11/4	5\$200
3 0	4\$600
3 2	4\$800
3 2	4\$750
2 11½	4\$300
$3 \ 0\frac{1}{2}$	4\$300
3 31/2	5\$100
$3 \ 3\frac{1}{2}$	4\$800
$3 \ 2\frac{3}{4}$	4 \$650
3 3	4\$700
3 3	4\$700
$3 \ 3\frac{1}{4}$	4,\$650
3 2	4\$500
3 41/2	4\$300
$3 \ 4\frac{1}{2}$	4\$300
$3 \ 4\frac{1}{2}$	4\$100
$2 7\frac{1}{2}$	3\$600
2 6	3\$500
2 6	3\$500
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EXPORTS OF SUNDRY PRODUCE.

Mandiaca Flour-Santos, France 350, Rio, France 140 Bags	490
Tapicca—Rio, France	
Tobacco-Rio, FranceBales	
Carnauba Wax-Rio, New PorkBags	
Cocoa—Rio, New YorkBage	7,000
Pineapples Rio, Montevideo	11,100
Rio, Buenos Aires	127,000
Oranges-Rio, Montevideo	1.50
Lard—Rin, France	
Santos, France	603

Castor Seed. We hear from S. Paulo that a large crop is expected, as there has been planting on a very large scale. Prices are still about 700 reis per kilo, but futures have been done at much lower prices and there are sellers at about 450 reis.

Maize. Our correspondent at S. Paulo reports the stock as not of sound quality and until the new crop comes down there will be no exports of this cereal. Next crop should be a fair average one and is expected about February or March.

SHIPPING

Engagements. Royal Mail, Sud-Atlantique and Chargeurs Reunis.—Nothing to report.

—The Norwegian s.s. Roald Jarl is on the berth at Santos i.r. New York and will load early in January about 35,000 bags coffee at \$1.50.

—The Danish s.s. Skinfaxe will load at Santos, end December or early January, 30,000 bags, full capacity, for New Y rk at \$1.50.

—The Swedish s.s. Moskov is expected at Santos in January, where she will lead 30,000 bags coffee for Copenhagen. She has a capacity for 35,000 bags.

—In January, 1917, the tonnage of the Japanese mercantite marine amounted to 2.500,000 tons. New constructions in Tokio. Nagasaki, Kobe and Oraka yards surpassed 600,000 tons. Japan has made tremendous strides in the shipbuilding industry and is now a formidable competitor in the construction of first class merchantmen. "Fairplay" of Oct. 25 says: "It is evident that after the war there will be a few more shipbuilding countries than there were before it and it will not be England's old competitors only that she will have to fight against." This is true especially with regard to the new world. The United States is making a bid for second place in shipbuilding after the war and will undoubtedly

compete with British huilders for foreign construction. Canada is another instance and already considerable tonnage is under construction there for British owners. Canadian yards, "Fairplay" continues, "will not close lown after the war is over." Certainly they will not, but they will undoubtedly become bidders for a certain amount of construction that was Engand's practical monopoly before the war.

Our contemporary calls attiention to the development of the shiphuikling industry in South America and adds "hitherto we have not looked upon South America as being likely to run away with many contracts from the Clyde or the Tyne, but times are changing," Changing they are and both Argentina and Chile are seriously thinking of organising shipbuilding and repairing yards, the former country having already approached Messrs. Vickers, Ltd., of Barrow, on the subject of a concession. Brazil is not behind the times and has had for some years repairing shops capable of doing first class work and recently Messrs. Lages Irmãos have completed building slips and have aircady commenced the building of a steamer for their coastwise trade. Formerly these ressels were built in the United Kingdom. That competition will be deferred than ever after the war is a foregone conclusion.

Vessels Arriving at the Ports of Rio and Santos during week ending 20th December, 1917.

	R	Rio		Santos		otal	
Flag	No.	Tons	No.	Tons	No.	Tons	
British	อั	22,206	ì	2.335	6	24,541	
French	2	8,999	1	3.772	3	12.771	
Italian	l	4,936	2	8,934	3	13.870	
American	1	1.980	_		1	1.980	
Braz, Overseas	1	6,065	3	5,761	7	12.826	
Scandinavian	4	6.061	3	3.486	7	9.547	
Dutch	1	1.951		_	1	1,951	
Argentine			1	158	1	188	
Total, overseas	18	52,198	U	24.476	29	76,674	
Braz. coastwise	24	17,089	13	8,941	3-	26,030	
Total for week	42	69.287	24	33,417	66	102.704	
Ditte, 13th Dec	26	45.358	18	23,166		68.524	

Overseas arrivals during the week ending 20th December were 29 vessels aggregating 76.674 tons, as against 20 vessels of 42.759 tons for previous week. The Brazilian and Scandinavian flags share the first place with 7 vessels each, followed by the British, French, Italian, American, Dutch and Argentine flags.

What is a War Loss? The House of Lords has given judgment in two important insurance cases arising out of the war. The first was the case of the Kattenturm, a German steamer bound at the time war was declared from Malta to Hamburg with cargo on board belonging to an English firm. To avoid capture by the British Navy the captain put into a neutral port (Messina) and stayed there, so that the owners of the cargo could not get possession of it. It was insured against war risks with the London Assurance Corporation, against whom the owners claimed a total loss on the ground that tthey were deprived of their cargo. The case was fought right up to the Lords and in every Court the owners were bearen, it being held that the carg: was never captured, but only in danger of capture. That they were deprived of possession at least temporarily was not denied, but this deprivation came from the captain's fear of one of the perils insured, not from the peril itself. The second case-Moore and Gallop v. Evans-was fought on a jewellers' block policy, covering pearls against any loss or misfortune. Before the outbreak of war they were sent on sale or return to Germany, and they have never come back, nor will there be any possibility of their coming back till the war is over. Here again the owners were deprived of possession, and on that ground they won their case in the first Court. They lost t, however, in appeal, and again in the House of Lords, so that it is not a loss or misfortune within the terms of the policy for the pearls to be shut up in an enemy country indefinitely. The most interesting thing about these cases is the contrast they present with the well known case of Sanday and the British and Foreign, in which a cargo bound for Hamburg and directed to Liverpool owing to the war

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re still han is was decided to be a total loss, though it still remained in complete possession of its owner. So we have three principles:—

(1) British cargo on an enemy ship bound for an enemy port, though the owners are deprived of possession is not a total loss.

(2) British pearls in an enemy country, though the owners are deprived of possession, are not a total loss.

(3) British cargo lying at Liverpool in full possession of its owners is a total loss.

The law in each judgment is sound enough, but a trial at the bar of common sense would surely have had a different ending.

—Our readers will be interested to know that Germany is celebrating this year the jubilee of the adoption of the black, white and red flag, which is now so great a rarity on the open seas. It was on Oct. 1, 1867, that the "Bundesflagge" became the German insignia, representing the States of the North German Union. After the establishment of the Empire, it was adopted as the national flag of the same. In 1867 the mercantile marine of the Union numbered 7,500 sailing ships aggregating 1,800,000 tons, manned by 54,000 men.

-The Norwegian mercantile marine, during the first half of 1917, sustained a loss of 289 vessels, with a gross tonnage of 418,000, of which 208 steamers represented 314,000 tons gross, and 85 sailing vessels 104,000. The number of vessels sunk by submarines and torpedoes were 266, aggregating 386,000 tons gross. Ordinary marine losses accounted for 23 vessels with 31,700 tons. The increased tonnage consists of 29 vessels with 20,000 tons, built in Norway, and 20 vessels, with 58,000 tons, built abroad; that is to say, a total of 78,000 tons as against 123,547 tons in the first half of 1916. Those bought from abroad during the above half-year were only six old vessels (fifve of which were sailers), totalling 10,000 tons. During this same period four Norwegian vessels were sold abroad. Quite recently the Brazil, the first motor vessel built in a Norwegian shippard, that belonging to the "Akers" Company of Christiania, for Messrs. Frederick Olsen, has commenced running. On account of the satisfactivy results obtained with the Brazil, six other units have been ordered with two four-stroke motors to each, and developing 1.550 i.h.p.—"Syren and Shipping."

'Spotting' Submarines. We are reminded by the Chairman of Lloyd's Register of the importance which attaches to the maintenance of an efficient outlook for submarines on shipbard. Sir Eric Geddes in his recent allusion to the subject in the House of Commons pointed out that this is 'almost the most potent protection against submarines that exists, the odds being 7 to 3 on the ship if the submarine is sighted, and 4 to 1 against if the submarine is not sighted." This weighty pronouncement, coming as it does from such a high authority on the subject, cannot be too widely known to all sea-goers. Sir Thomas Devitt suggests that shipowners shall give instructions for it to be prominently exhibited in all ther vessels, so that everyone on board, whether a passenger or a member of the crew, should have it constantly before him. We reed hardly remind our readers that he has been entrusted with the administration of the fund provided by Sir Alfred Yarrow, who generously offered a reward of £20 (up to a total expenditure of £10,000) to anyone on board a British merchant ship who first draws the captain's attention to an enemy submarine being in the vicinity. A large number of awards have been made under this scheme, which has proved to be of the greatest service in encouraging a sharp lookout being kept, and has been the means of saving valuable lives and property. Its usefulness might be considerably increased if it were given greater publicity, and no doubt shipowners will be only too glad to do all they can in this direction. It is suggested, therefore, that the services of everyone available on board should be enlisted, for, obviously, the greater the rember of eyes there are on the look out the better the chance there is of sighting the submarine before it has time to approach near enough to make an attack. With this view notices are teing prepared for display on shipboard inviting passengers to assist in the work of spotting submarines. Shipowners desirous of obtaining such notices are invited to apply to the chairman of Lloyd's Register - "The Syren," Nov. 14.

Shipping After the War. The Sub-Committee of the Unionist War Committee have issued reports upon Naturalisation, Enemy Trading, Shipping and Foreign Controlled Companies. In dealing with shipping they confine themselves to the question of the ownership of British merchant ships, and allude to the case of the s.s. Polzeath (1916), in which the Court of Appeal held that as the principal place of business of this British-owned, but Hamburgcontrolled, vessel was not within His Majesty's Dominions, she was forfeit to the Crown. With the view of preventing any further prejudicing of British interests by possibly enemy influence, the report recommends that (a) Three-fourths of the directors of British shipping companies, and all their principal officers, shall be British subjects of British parentage; (b) they shall not be a foreign-controlled company or corporation; (c) none of their shares shall be held by or in trust for an alien, or by or in trust for a foreign company or corporation, or a foreign-controlled company or corporation. A foreign-controlled company is defined as one in which the control is not in the hands of British subjects of British parentage, or where the majority of the executive are appointed by a foreign-controlled company. Another point to which the Committee attach great importance is the necessity of revising the practice at present permissible of issuing share warrants to bearer. As the law stands at present, any limited company, not being a "private company," can by its articles of association take power to issue share warrants "to bearer" in respect of fully-paid shares. If this course is followed the shares so registered pass by delivery of the share warrant. Up to the present time share warrants "to bearer" have not been widly issued, principally no doubt owing to the heavy stamp duty thereon. But if legislation such as is suggested is adopted the system of issuing such share warrants "to bearer" might easily become popular as a means of evading the effects of such legislation. The Committee state that this was the identical course followed by Germany before the war in the case of one country in which it was desirous of obtaining secret influence, and, of course, such would be their obvious tactics in their post-war campaign were the loophole left open to them. The Committee summarise their conclusions and recommendations in the following terms: " (1) That the scope of the existing law making it illegal for any foreigners to own a share or shares in a British ship be extended so as to apply to companies or corporations owning British ships, thus doing away with the present means of evasion of the provisions of the earlier Statute Law of England. (2) Special regulations shall be made with reference to such existing companies owning British ships as are foreign owned or controlled, so that they shall have a reasonable time within which to adjust themselves to the proposed new conditions. We recommend five years as being a reasonable period for this purpose, but that a Secretary of State should have the power, on exceptional grounds, to allow an extension of such period for a further 25 years. Any company failing to comply with the proposed conditions shall be wound up and the assets sold. (3) All companies owning British ships shall be prohibited from issuing share warrants to bearer." These suggestions are well thought out, and are certainly well intentioned, but-and the "but" is important-will anything come of them? Are the labours of this Committee and scores of others which take up the time and energy of our leading men of business mere labours of Sisyphus? If the Government intend to take absolute control of shipping for a period of years after the war, then from what we know of their methods they will not want advice from anybody. Why then this waste of precious time? Why did not Sir Edward Carson, who resigned his position on the Committee when he became First Lord of the Admiralty, or Mr. Leslie Scott, who resigned when he undertook important Government work, inform the Committee of the intentions of our legislators, of which they must, or should have, been well aware? Sir Owen Philipps, the chairman of the Committee, has certainly no time to waste in drafting reports which to all appearances will have the same result as a resolution passed by a Sunday school debating class .-- "The Syren and Shipping."

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BOATS LOADING OR EXPECTED TO LOAD COFFEE.

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Artemis (Norw.) December	70,000	_	_		\$1.75
Jethou (Norw.) January	80,000	_		_	
Henrik Ibsen (Norw.) Jan	80,000	_	_	_	**
Graecia (Swedish) DecJan	80,000				\$1.40
Pacific (Norw.) Jan., Prince Line	100,000	-		_	
A Brazilian Steamer	100,000	_	_		
Tricolor (Norw.) January	70,000			_	
Tyr (Norw.) January	50,000		_	_	
Talisman (Norw) January	50,000	_			
Newa (Danish) JanFeb	50,000	_	_	_	
Arkansas (Danish) JanFeb	60,000	_		_	
California (Danish) JanFeb.	50,000		_	_	
Kentuckian (Danish) JanFeb.	50,000	_	_	-	
P. Holmblad (Danish) JanFeb.	35,000	_			
Roald Jarl (Norw.) Jan.	35,000	_	30,000	30,000	\$1.50
Skinfaxe (Danish) January	30,000	_	30,000	30,000	\$1.50
Moskov (Swedish) January	35,000		30,000	30,000	
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A Brazilian Steamer	110,000	_			
Wakasa Maru (Japanese) December	100,000	10,000		10,000	
Seattle Maru (Japanese) Dec	120,000	,			
		FOR EU	ROPE.		
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Hollandia (Dutch) Dec	30,000	_	_	_	
Cometa (Norw.) December					
A Brazilian Steamer		_	_		
Leon XIII (Spanish) December			_		
Rio de Janeiro (Norw.) Dec.		_	-		
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Rio de la Plata (Norw.) Jan	40,000				

^{*}Coffee and/or Cereals.

Capacity by Flag.

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VESSELS ARRIVING AT THE PORT OR RIO DE JANEIRO

During the week ending December 20th, 1917.

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CALIFORNIA, Danish 8.s. 2864 tons, from United States URANO. Brazilian tug. 141 tons, from Brazilian ports CAMPOS NOVOS. Brazilian lugger, 32 tons, from United States FIDLEENSE, Brazilian ses, 250 tons, from Brazilian ports PROGRESSO, Brazilian barque, 105 tons, from Brazilian ports SIDDONS. British 8.s., 2650 tons, from United Kingdom. CURVELLO. Brazilian 8.s., 8076 tons, from Brazilian ports CEARA, Brazilian 8.s., 2078 tons, from Brazilian ports ITAJURU. Brazilian 8.s., 2078 tons, from Brazilian ports ATLANTICO. Brazilian 8.s., 130 tons, from Brazilian ports ATLANTICO. Brazilian s.s., 130 tons, from Brazilian ports TRAPARIMA. Brazilian s.s., 173 tons, from Brazilian ports MAYRINK. Brazilian s.s., 175 tons, from Brazilian ports ITAPURA, Brazilian s.s., 175 tons, from Brazilian ports ITAPURA, Brazilian s.s., 175 tons, from Brazilian ports ITAFURA, Brazilian s.s., 175 tons, from Brazilian ports ITAFURA, Brazilian s.s., 175 tons, from Brazilian ports ITAFURA, Brazilian s.s., 1831 tons, from Brazilian ports ITAFURA, Brazilian s.s., 1831 tons, from Brazilian ports ITAFURA, Brazilian s.s., 1831 tons, from Brazilian ports SWINEURNE, British s.s., 252 tons, from United States SWINEURNE, British s.s., 6522 tons, from Argentina DAERO, British s.s., 5276 tons, from Argentina DAERO, British s.s., 2798 tons, from Dargulian ports ITAURA, French s.s., 5782 tons, from Drazilian ports ITAURA, Brazilian s.s., 891 tons, from Brazilian ports ITAURA, Brazilian s.s., 891 tons, from Brazilian ports ITAURA, Brazilian s.s., 892 tons, from Brazilian ports ITAURA, Brazilian s.s., 894 tons, from Brazilian ports I

VESSELS ARRIVING AT THE PORT OF SANTOS.

During the week ending December 20th, 1917.

During the week ending December 26th, 1917.

MAYRINK, Brazilian s.s. 254 tons, from Brazilian ports
CONSUL OLSSAN, Säedish s.s. 1658 tons, from United States
17taTUBA, Brazilian s.s. 613 tons, from Brazilian ports
17taQUI, Brazilian s.s. 613 tons, from Brazilian ports
RUY BARBOSA, Brazilian s.s. 557 tons, from United States
RUY BARBOSA, Brazilian s.s. 567 tons, from United States
VERA FERRARO. Argentine lugger 168 tons, from Argentina
ANGLIA, Säedish s.s. 869 tons, from United States
VERA FERRARO. Argentine lugger 168 tons, from Argentina
TERNEU, Danish barque, 951 tons, from Brazilian ports
OYAPOCK, Brazilian s.s. 926 tons, from Brazilian ports
TABATINGA, Brazilian s.s., 677 tons, from Brazilian ports
EASTWOOD, British s.s., 2335 tons, from Brazilian ports
IBAIPABA, Brazilian s.s., 822 tons, from Brazilian ports
ANNA, Brazilian s.s., 825 tons, from Brazilian ports
FLORIANOPOLIS, Brazilian s.s., 918 tons, from Brazilian ports
RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazilian s.s., 918 tons, from Brazilian ports
MOSSORO, Brazilian s.s., 924 tons, from Brazilian ports
MOSSORO, Brazilian s.s., 925 tons, from Brazilian ports
SANTAREM, Brazilian s.s., 432 tons, from Brazilian ports
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REGINA DITALIA, Italian s.s., 398 tons, fromArgentina
REGINA DITALIA, Italian s.s., 4936 tons, from Argentina
P. DI UDINE, Italian s.s., 4936 tons, from Brazilian

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

Week	Arrivals	SAILINGS	British Su	NK	(British Mer- chant Vessels unsuccess-	ISH. VYRS- UNK
Ending	(British and Foreign).		1600 tons gross or over	Under 1600 tons gross	fully attacke by Sab- marines)	Beitish. FishimeVrs- sets Sone
Feb. 24	2,280	2,261	16	6	16	5
Mar. 4 .	2,528		15	8	15	2
Mar. 11	1,985	1,959	12	4	12	3.
Mar. 18	2,528	2,554	17		20	21
	2,314		18		11	14
-	2,281		16		16	6
_	2,406		17		14	. 6-
	2,379		19		15	12.
	2,58	-	40		27	9
-	2,716		38		24	8
May 6			22		34	18
	2,568	•	18	_	19	3
	2,86		18		9	3
	2,719		1		17	2
_	2,642 $$ 2,761		$\frac{15}{22}$		17	5 6
	2,76				20	0
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	2,748	,	15		16	11
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* *	2,828				12	8
* 1 00	2,791		21			1
	2,74	,	18	_	9	
	2,678		21	_	-	
Aug. 12	2,770			_		3
Aug. 19	2,81	3 2,764	18	3		-2
Aug. 26	2,62	9 2,680	18	3 5	6	
Sept. 2	2,88	4 2,432	20) 3	9	_
Sept. 9	2,74			2 6	12	4
Sept. 16	2,69			3 20	_	1
Sept. 23	2,77			_		
Sept. 30	2,68			_		
	2,51			-	_	3
Oct. 14 Oct. 21	2,12			_	_	1
Oct. 21	2,64	-		-	-	
Nov. 4	2,28			_		
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Nov. 11	$2,12$ $$ $2,53$			_		1
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Dec. 16	2,42				_	
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