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From *The Grocer*, July 9.

## THE FIRST INTRODUCTION OF COFFEE AND COFFEE-HOUSES INTO EUROPE.

Coffee is believed to have been introduced into Venice about the year 1615. In 1644 it was known at Marseilles, M. de la Haye having taken with him some of the coffee-beans from Constantinople, with vessels and an apparatus for making the beverage. The traveller Thebenot was among the first to introduce into Paris the custom of taking coffee after dinner, and he had few imitators until ten years after—about 1668—when the coffee parties of the Turkish ambassador at Paris brought the beverage into fashion. A *café* was opened for the sale of the beverage in 1671, by an Armenian of the name of Pascal. The enterprise did not succeed, however, on account of the heterogeneous company that met there. A few years later, Procope, a Florentine, became known as an arbiter of taste in such matters, and prepared a splendid saloon, at which the rank and fashion of the French capital used to assemble.

The *Correspondencia de España* of Madrid, of May 17, tells us how coffee and coffee-houses were first introduced into Vienna. Considerable historical interest attaches to the little sketch of this first appearance of coffee in central Europe, and we shall briefly recapitulate the facts:

About 1674 Toekoeli, a Hungarian nobleman of great talent and energy, caused his countrymen to rise against the Austrians, and at the head of a numerous army of insurgents he finally succeeded in expelling them, after a series of victorious exploits, in 1781. Louis XIV, as well the Turkish Sultan, assisted him in this undertaking, and the latter, under plea of Hungary being held to pay him an annual tribute under a previous arrangement, caused an army of 200,000 men to invade Hungary, and subsequently Austria proper, under the command of the Grand Vizier, Cara Mustapha, who soon laid siege to the capital, Vienna. The latter seemed to be lost, and Western civilization once more trembled in the balance. The Austrian court fled to Linz, but the citizens of Vienna, under the capable command of Rudiger von Staremberg, repelled successfully all storming by the Turks upon the ramparts of the city during sixty days, until at length the imperial army, under Charles of Lorraine, together with a Polish army under the celebrated warrior, John Sobiesky, came to the rescue, giving battle to Cara Mustapha under the very walls of Vienna. A brilliant victory fell to the lot of the combined Christian forces; the rout of the Turks was complete and crushing. They left behind an immense booty, and the Sultan was so enraged about this inglorious defeat that he caused Cara Mustapha to be arrested during his retreat and beheaded. Charles of Lorraine recaptured one Hungarian stronghold after another, and finally the insurgents were compelled to surrender Ofen, the capital, which had been garrisoned by the Turks during 146 years. This put an end to the independence of Hungary, which ceased to be an elective monarchy, and became part and parcel of the dominions of the house of Hapsburg, which

sway it has been unable to shake off since. This conquest was terminated in 1687, but soon again the Turks appeared, in order to mend, if possible, their fallen fortunes, but they were defeated during the war which followed by the greatest captains then living, Charles of Lorraine, Prince Eugene, and Louis of Baden, in the battles of Salankemen, 1691, and Zenta, 1697, till in 1699 Turkey was obliged to submit to the unfavorable terms of the peace of Carlowitz, which gave to Austria all Transylvania and the country between the Danube and Theiss. Toekoeli, the insurgent chief, died in exile in 1705.

While Vienna was beleaguered in 1683 George Kulczycky, a young Pole of twenty-three years, offered Von Staremberg to communicate with the Austrian commander then approaching, assuming disguise for the purpose. He was permitted to do so, but was captured by the Turks, who would have strung him up as a spy but for his presence of mind. He told the Turkish commander that he was a citizen of Belgrade, and came to make a contract for army supplies with him. While still in the Turkish camp he ascertained the precise position of the imperial army approaching, and in some shape or another managed to slip through the Turkish lines back into Vienna, communicating to Von Staremberg what he had heard. The latter thereupon took his measures, and during a successful *soltie* combined his operations with those of the imperial army outside in such a manner that the battle then commenced ended in the brilliant victory we have alluded to.

After the battle the joint commanders sent for the brave Polish youth and asked him what he wanted in compensation for his heroic deed. His answer was that he would be content with receiving all the coffee from among the booty left behind by the Turks, as it was his intention to open a first-class coffee-house with this stock of the precious bean. This modest request was of course granted him; the camp was ransacked for the bags of coffee in it, which proved to be numerous. The municipal council of the rescued capital then generously tendered the Pole as a gift a home in the suburb of Leopoldstadt, where Kulczycky installed himself. The popularity of this brave man, soon caused the Viennese to flock to his coffee-house; he began to prosper, and transferred it gradually to better locations, finally to the schlossergasse. There he opened a *café*, under the sign of the Blue Bottle, in memory of the fact that being wounded during the siege his intended poured a healing balsam on his wounds from a blue colored bottle. George Kulczycky died in good circumstances at the head of his *café* in 1703.

During the two hundred years which followed these thrilling events in central Europe, coffee has become pretty much throughout the world an article of prime necessity, while the Turks who first introduced it into Europe have, from a formidable power, sunk to a position of insignificance, and may be swept back into Asia and Africa at the final settlement of the Eastern question, perhaps ere this century comes to a close.

## THE RIO AND SÃO PAULO CRICKET MATCH.

The first of the annual matches between these clubs was played on the ground of the former, in the Rua do Paysandú, on the 7th and 8th inst., and resulted in the home team winning with eight wickets to spare. This easy victory may be accounted for by the fact that the São Paulo eleven were of a very uneven quality, possessing a most decided "tail," and from the style of their fielding giving the idea that they had not been in the habit of playing together regularly. We are informed that several of their best men were unable to come down, so that it is probable that in the return match a much better fight will be made.

The first day was showery, which also told against the São Paulo men, the ground becoming slippery and several of them playing without spikes. On the 2nd day the ground was in capital order, and the home bowlers being decidedly on the wicket the visitors were quickly disposed of for 55 runs, or a total on both innings of 113, leaving Rio only 31 to get to win, which they accomplished with the loss of two wickets.

The fielding on the São Paulo side was remarkable for the number of catches made, Springatt distinguishing himself especially, while the long-stopping of Miller was exceptionally good. The Rio fielding was a little loose at first, but improved afterwards, the junior member of the eleven, Close, in particular being noticeable for his neat, smart style. We subjoin the score:

S. PAULO		RIO	
Jones, b. Fitzhugh..	6 Not out.....	4	
F. Kennedy, run out.	6 c. Freeland, b. James.	8	
Miller, do.....	1 c. Wigg, b. do..	5	
T. Kennedy, C. Close,			
b. Fitzhugh.....	4 b. Youle.....	10	
Harrison, not out..	17 b. James.....	7	
Reise, run out.....	3 b. n. b. Fitzhugh.	0	
Williams, do.....	3 b. Fitzhugh.....	7	
Mellor, b. Fitzhugh.	0 b. Youle.....	1	
Corbett, b. Youle...	3 hit wicket, b. Youle..	3	
Springatt, c. Sapte b.			
Fitzhugh.....	4 b. Youle.....	5	
Wrigg, b. Youle.....	1 b. do.....	0	
Extras.....	10 Extras.....	5	
Total.....	58	Total.....	55
RIO			
Robinson, b. Reise..	5 Not out.....	8	
Tatam, c. Williams. b.			
Reise.....	13 b. Reise.....	9	
Cox, c. Springatt, b.			
Kennedy.....	8		
Peake, c. dob. Miller.	7		
Freeland, c. Kennedy			
b. Miller.....	14 c. Harrison b. Reise.	2	
Wigg, l. b. w., b. Reise	0		
Sapte, b. Reise.....	14		
Youle, c. Springatt b.			
Miller.....	9		
Fitzhugh, b. Miller..	0		
Close, not out....	1 Not out.....	4	
James, b. Reise.....	0		
Extras.....	12 Extras.....	8	
Total.....	83	Total.....	31

On the evening of the 8th a dinner was given by the cricket club of Rio de Janeiro to their guests, the São Paulo eleven, at the Hotel de Eiras, Botafogo. Some forty plates were laid and as many cricketers applied themselves with willing appetite to the viands gracefully set upon a tastefully-decorated table. The usual toasts were proposed, and

speeches were made by Mr. Unwin, proposing the "São Paulo Eleven," responded to by Mr. Peter Miller; by Mr. Cox, Mr. Fitzhugh, Mr. Reise, and Mr. Corbett in response to various personal toasts. Mr. R. Kinsman Benjamin responded for "the press" in a graceful little speech. Mr. Unwin proposed "the ladies" in a witty speech. The chairman, Mr. Sapté, presided with dignity, supported by Mr. Peter Miller, captain of the São Paulo eleven, and by Mr. Unwin.

#### THE REGATTA.

Interest in out-door sports is constantly increasing in this city. The day for the annual Regatta of the Guanabarens Club had originally been fixed for Thursday the 8th. inst., but the atmospheric premonitions being unfavorable selection was made of the following Sunday, a day not usually selected by the people most devoted to out-door sports for their public contests. However, they order these things differently in France, as they do in Brazil. When they wish to emphasize a theatrical performance with extra stress, Sunday is always selected, and the Emperor and Empress are generally present. The horse races rarely occur on any other day—unless it happens to be a saint's day—and the imperial head of the nation often "assists." On Sunday last the Emperor was expected at the regatta, but disappointed the "grave and reverend seigniors" of the committee in waiting by going to the horse race instead. Thousands of people lined the crescent-shaped shore of the beautiful bay of Rio's pet suburb—Botafogo—and the smooth surface of the almost mountain-enclosed water was dotted with every description of craft from the lateen-sail falua, to the trim man-of-war's boat, all gaily decorated;—here and there a tug-boat puffed its black smoke energetically and darted from point to point as if in impatient search of some one to hurry up the starting of the racers. Here and there, along shore, a brass band, gifted with lungs apparently reserved for the occasion, made the valleys reverberate with discordant sounds, much to the delight of the juvenile population of African descent who were present in their usual strength.

Race No. 1.—The *Guararema* got well away at the start; superior rowing, however, on the part of the gig of the German man-of-war *Victoria* enabled her to win by a boat's length.

Race No. 2.—Confusion and loss of 20 minutes time in starting; then two boats fouled and were ruled out. *Ferrabras* won easily.

Race No. 3.—Made a good start, spoilt by a subsequent foul, ending, however, by *Tonleiro* winning gracefully.

Race No. 4.—Bad start and uninteresting race. *Cambes* got away by two boats length and kept this distance to the winning post.

Race No. 5.—Won easily by the boat of the Brazilian man-of-war *Purus*. The *Victoria* having, only too evidently, an inferior boat.

Race No. 6.—Contest between a crew of the military college and a crew of the naval college in which the military boys rowing the whole course most spiritedly and winning by an energetic spurt. This was the most interesting race of the day.

Race No. 7.—Crew of boat "XX" was the favorite, but *Pampeiro* won gracefully, though not without effort.

Race No. 8.—Simply "a walk over the course" by *Orlinda*.

Race No. 9.—From the start this race was in the hands of the boat of the *Club Gymnastico Portugues*, while the boat representing the *Regatta Club* came in a bad second.

The day was everything that could be

desired as to weather, and we must congratulate our national friends on the improvement they are annually making in the manly art of rowing.

From the *Gazeta de Noticias*, Sept. 13th.

#### NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION.

We received the following lines yesterday from the illustrious Dr. Ladislau Netto, which we insert with pleasure, and in which he shows himself to be highly enthusiastic over the auspicious endeavors of the Associação Industrial:

The continental exposition projected for the beginning of the coming year in the city of Buenos Aires cannot fail to attract all our attention. In an equal measure it should awaken in the soul of our industries the greatest desire to have Brazil brilliantly represented by the many ramifications of her industry, in the heart of that active capital, which, just across the Plate, is our neighbor, so near at hand that the throbs of her endless labor seem to alternate or harmonize with the beatings of our forges, as if of their own accord the two people desired to imitate the workings of two neighboring beehives, so like two sisters in the structure of their buildings and in the murmuring and harmonious labor of their workmen.

We will speak one truth though which is not known to all our fellow countrymen: that is, that the Argentine Republic knows very little about us, for we have never cared to take the pains to inform her of what we know.

Another truth of which many of us are ignorant, or rather another illusion in which nearly all of us profess to believe, is in the fact that while our troops, during the war, gave proof there of their undisputed courage, of their unsurpassed bravery, they did not succeed in leaving in all the valley of the Plate the pleasant impressions and edifying footprints of an illustrious and industrious people, such as we are proud of being.

Those brave men, like the ancient cohorts of Caesar in transalpine Gaul, counted in their ranks both Greeks and Romans of noble sentiments and of lofty intellectual culture, though these characters were rare in the columns of the Numidians and the other rude combatants, of whose uncultured nature we who saw them embark for the battle fields, have more than sufficient knowledge.

Not even though we might have desired it, would it have been possible to exact of such people, so hastily mustered into service, that which had not been given them.

But now, our wishes are to be satisfied. The new exposition has come at the proper moment to invite us—us, neighbors and friends that we are—to fraternize, not with the deadly instruments of war upon which, through contempt of humanity and the caprice of a few tyrants civilized nations still rely, but with the life-giving arms of industry which science illumines.

Then let us substitute the foolish pride of oligarchy which makes of every man an executioner, an ignoble and contemptible instrument for the extermination of his own brothers, with the praiseworthy love belonging to the democratic societies which possess in every citizen a factor of activity and energy, a productive instrument of the moral evolution of free and cultured people.

In this new and most noble kind of intelligent labor in which he conquers who most labors—August battles, whose peans of victory even the conquered himself sings as he smiles, knowing that the trophies of the conqueror do not consist of the secret tears of routed enemies but of the open applause of contending friends.

On the contrary these are struggles in which what we would call reverses, are the stimulants to growth and to the greater perfectibility of human industries.

So, too, fortunately, together with the majority of the population of this capital, it is understood and comprehended by the Associação Industrial of Rio de Janeiro—a collective individuality as honoring to us in the broad sphere of its labor as an illustrious academy can be in the orbit of its transcendent investigations.

But this association needs the aid of all Brazilians, for working alone, without any subsidized delegation from the government, whose support however, the present worthy minister of agriculture will not allow to be wanting, it could so little realize without such aid.

Nor do we believe that any industrious man in this empire would refuse such aid, but rather that he will hasten to lend it; for not from this well-deserving corporation, but from him and from his industry must come new resources to broaden the horizon for national exportation, and the establishing of transactions of commercial activity upon which, later on, the greatest consumption of our products must depend.

We all foresee, from what interests us in this great industrial *feira*, what light will surely and suddenly show to the eyes of this brother people some vague outlines in our national individuality which they see in a kind of penumbra, the more obscure and confused for having been represented so much more dense and cloudy by inadmissible prejudices, inexplicable hesitation, and fantastic fears.

Let us expunge now and forever the groundless and infantile passions which have left us as coy and distant as two capricious children, estranged for the time by piques common to such children.

No; these petty sentiments certainly suit us no longer. We are both already in full manhood, and the manly encounters and tournaments of the present age are controversies of intelligence and labor. Forward, then, noble workers of intelligence; joyfully take your posts, intelligent promoters of labor!

We regret to say that no prosy English translation of the foregoing can do justice to the fervid rhetoric of the illustrious director of the Museu Nacional. The enthusiasm and illimitable patriotism of the appeal, however, are so great and so intense that we feel compelled to place the nearest approximation which our matter-of-fact language affords, at the disposal of our readers. There may not be reality in all that is said, there may be even some confusion of mind in the reference to beehives, forges, and the Greeks and Romans; but it should be remembered that all these are admissible figures of speech which represent the ideal rather than the real. After this appeal there can be but one result: Brazil must make a brilliant and successful display, or rude people will be vexing Dr. Netto with some very embarrassing questions as to what he meant.—Eds. News.

#### THE ABOLITION OF THE ADVANCE WAGES SYSTEM.

On the 1st of August the Seamen's Advance Note System was practically abolished in Great Britain. There will probably be some drawbacks experienced at first and possibly cases of individual hardship may be caused by it, but considering the spirit of the law, it is undoubtedly one of the best measures possible for benefiting the merchant marine. There have been doubts expressed as to whether it is possible to make a successful change in the wages system, without losing entirely all the advantages that are claimed for the advance note plan. But it is quite possible to do so. The means to that end are those now adopted in England. While they may seem to the sentimentalist heroic in their treatment, they will, if retained, permanently secure far better results for the sailor and his employer than ever could be gained by allowing advance notes. As this new law was not enacted without opposition, it is probable that a thorough trial of it will be made before complaints

against it will have any weight. As close consideration has been given to all that can be said for and against it, there is every reason to hope that the advance note system is killed in England. And it is to be hoped further that this good example will be followed by the United States. Efforts have been attempted here with that end in view, and a petition will be made during the next session of Congress to have our advance wages system abolished. That this is the only means of any value that would succeed in rooting out many evils in our merchant service has been shown time and again. The cause of much of the deterioration and evils of the service have been traced directly to the bad effect of the advance wages system. It is used by corrupt men for their own bad ends without any regard for the ruin of the sailor which the process involves. And it will always be perverted to such uses in spite of all guards to prevent it. Whatever may be said in favor of the system, in its practical application it does more injury than good.

The advance is supposed to give the sailor an opportunity of procuring a new outfit, of leaving some money with his family and of paying for lodgings should he return from a voyage with little money. This was doubtless the original intention. And no objections would be made to the plan were it carried out only on the above good and apparently satisfactory basis. But practically it has miserably failed in all these. A very small portion of the advance ever goes for any good purpose. In most cases none of it is used in that way. It is simply an aid to prolong dissipation on shore, and most of it finds the way into the sailor landlord's pocket in payment of outrageous charges for lodgings and unnecessary services. The blood money villainy, which we have exposed repeatedly, is an offspring of this system, and is an example of some of the evils of which it is the parent. Indeed there are no advantages in the system, for the evils that it causes not only smother the good, but multiply the dangers. The only advantage that ever could be claimed for it is that it gives the sailor some ready money at the beginning of his voyage, but this is offset by the fact that it leaves him the less money to take at the end. A sailor, just discharged and with the money in his pocket, may save some of it, but the chances of his doing so are gone when the landlord collects it for him when he ships. As it is now he will never study economy as long as he can obtain an advance. But when he cannot get that and his landlord throws him out after his earnings are spent, he will be more careful. Imprudence has been fostered in him by the advance system. It gives the landlord a chance to tap Jack's pockets twice—when he lands and before he goes to sea. The sailor when he finds that money is not obtained as easily as heretofore, will learn in time to do better. But this will be when the United States follow the example of England and abolish the advance note system. By doing that, a general system will be established which cannot but act upon the merchant services of both countries to their mutual benefit, for then, the shiftless and lazy would not be kept in the trade to the advantage of the lodging-house keeper, and the merchant service would be filled with a better class of men—men who would learn to be sailors.—*New York Maritime Register*, August 3.

There have been so many fruitless complaints made of the villainy growing out of this advance wages system that it seems idle to say anything further. And yet, the abuses are so great and the wrongs so many that there is no other course than reiterating both complaint and protest. No one who has ever looked into the practical workings of the system can have failed to note how little benefit the sailor ever gets out of it. The spoils generally go to the lodging-house keeper, and not infrequently, we regret to say, to the public officials who are appointed to protect seamen against wrong. We hope the American public will keep up the agitation until this unjust and obnoxious law is finally abolished. The records of the State Department at Washington contain evidence enough to condemn the system forever.

It is said that iron or steel immersed in a solution of carbonate of potash or soda for a few minutes, will not rust for years, not even when exposed to a damp atmosphere.

More than eight hundred thousand acres of land have been reclaimed from the water in Holland since the beginning of the sixteenth century, and the work still goes on at the rate of about eight acres per day. Since 1850 the lake of Haarlem has been drained, and now the Zuider Zee is to be pumped out, which will surpass all previous endeavors.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

—The abolition movement is gaining strength in Pará.

—The August customs receipts at Rio Grande do Norte amounted to 8,582,781.

—The subscriptions for a central usine at Maranhão have reached the total of 202,000\$.

—The president of Ceará has designated the 4th of November next for the election of deputies to the provincial assembly of 1882-83.

—The July receipts of the Manaus custom house amounted to 29,156,280, of which 23,436,260 were from imports and 3,326,020 from exports.

—The materials for the S. Thomé lighthouse have arrived at S. João da Barra. Tenders are invited for conveying the same to the site selected by the government.

—The municipal council of Parahyba do Sul has authorized a contract for the public illumination of that place. The contractor named is Sr. Manoel Cardoso de Mello.

—A fight between two laborers at S. Jeronymo, Rio Grande do Sul, on the 25th ult., resulted in the death of one of them from a knife thrust. The assassin was afterwards captured.

—Business in the province of Piahy is reported to be a most deplorable state. There is nothing to sell, consequently there is restricted ability to buy. Business is totally paralyzed.

—The August receipts of Bahia custom house amounted to 864,680,594 for the national treasury, and 91,504,134 for the provincial treasury. The receipts of the general *recaudaria* were 33,997,8654 and of the provincial 45,320,735.

—An official investigation of the tax collector's office at Santarem, province of Pará has proved a defalcation on the part of the collector, José Olympio Fernandes, to the amount of 14,642,737. Orders have been issued for the arrest of the dishonest official.

—The sum of 1,000,000\$ was subscribed in two hours in the Park Exchange on the 18th ult., for the organization of a new insurance company to be known as the "Grão Pará." A new company, to be known as the "Commercial," with a capital of 1,500,000\$, had been organized only a few days before.

—A well-known planter of Pomba, Minas Geraes, Sr. José Martins, was assassinated by one of his slaves on the night of the 2nd instant. The slave entered the room where he was sitting, and shot him. The assassin was captured, and is now imprisoned at Ubu.

—The official emancipation of slaves in Ceará is receiving great assistance from the slave-owner themselves, particularly in the matter of low valuations. In the municipality of Sobral 21 slaves were classified for emancipation at a valuation of only 6,497,383. Quixeramobim and Boa Viagem 32 slaves at 8,984,400, accompanied by some 30 *ingenhos*. In Apuruzal the classification value was only a little in excess of 100\$ each.

—The province of Amazonas possesses 5 private and 75 public schools. Of the public schools 53 are giving instruction and 22 are at present closed. Of those in operation 32 are for males, 19 for females, and two are for both sexes. The total school population of the province is 1,918, of which 1,239 are males and 679 are females. Besides these, the capital possesses one lyceum with 30 pupils, one seminary with 42 pupils, and one private college with 26 pupils.

—The *Gazeta*, of Lorena, São Paulo, began keeping account of the coffee export from that municipality at the beginning of September, 1880. The export by months during one year were as follows: September (1880) 114,758 kilogrammes, October 76,781, November 144,522, December 154,389, January (1881) 91,463, February 120,715, March 73,879, April 114,346, May 52,585, June 26,865, July 38,250, August 85,236; total for the year 1,093,789 kilogrammes.

—The new slave registry law of Ceará, No. 1,937, of August 5, requires the registration of every slave brought into that province within 15 days from the time of entry, and also the registration of every slave transference, whether by gift, purchase, etc., within the province. On all slaves introduced into the province, except through inheritance and judicial decision, a tax of 1,000\$ will be imposed, and upon the transference of ownership within the province a tax of 50\$ will be similarly collected. These taxes must be paid within one month under penalty of a fine of one half the registered value.

RAILROAD NOTES.

—The Leopoldina railway will transport gratuitously all articles for the projected national exposition.

—The June receipts of the Baturité railway amounted to 16,380,558, and the expenditures to 13,678,027.

—The number of passengers carried on the Campinas tramway line during the month of August was 12,366.

—The July receipts of the Paulista railway amounted to 144,876,230, and the expenditures to 60,921,380, leaving a surplus of 83,954,850.

—It is announced that the Caragoula railway loan, recently placed in London, was subscribed for to an amount four times greater than the sum specified.

—The concession of a railway privilege to José Alves Barbosa, Jr., and others, for a line from Mamanguape, Parahyba, to the village of Acary, Rio Grande do Norte, has been extended to a period of 50 years. The date of the original concession is February 5, 1881.

—The S. Felicit railway company has asked a modification in the terms of its privilege from the provincial government of Rio de Janeiro, by which its point of departure may be on the left bank of the Rio Parahyba as is the case with the S. Antonio de Padua line. The petition has been granted.

—The semi-annual report of the Mogyana railway directors shows that the receipts of that line during the first half of the present year amounted to 438,018,420, and the expenditures to 261,872,539, leaving a surplus of 176,145,881. A dividend of 78000 per share was declared. The capital of the company has been elevated to 5,100,000\$.

—The annual report of the Villa Isabel tramway directors, of this city, shows that for the fiscal year ending June 30 last, the receipts, expenditures and balances were as follows:

	receipt	expenditure	surplus
1st semester	270,942,814	193,948,140	76,994,674
2nd do	275,912,320	175,562,861	100,349,459
	546,855,134	369,511,001	177,344,133

The total number of passengers carried was 3,196,936, of which 160,520 were at the fare of 300 reis, 1,548,660 at 200 reis, 1,378,789 at 100 reis, 96,915 gratuitous, and 12,052 special.

—The English Bank of Rio de Janeiro, Limited, has issued a prospectus for a debenture loan for 500,000\$, for the União Mineira railway, at par, bearing interest payable half yearly at 6½ per cent. per annum. The loan is secured by mortgage on the whole of the company's property, revenue and interest guaranteed by the provincial government of Minas Geraes, which last alone amounts to 210,000\$ per annum. This first class railway has constructed 82 kilometers of its line with a paid up capital of 2,409,270\$ and the net amount of the first year's working, when only the first section was opened to traffic during the first six months, was 86,021,184, a sum much more than sufficient to pay interest and redemption of the loan for one year. The present loan is for the purpose of extending the line. A safer or more desirable investment could hardly be met with. Under these circumstances it is unnecessary to say the loan was fully subscribed at once.

RIVER PLATE ITEMS.

From the Buenos Aires Herald, September 1.

—The winter is virtually over and warm days are becoming not uncommon.

—The amount of land sown in wheat and maize will show an increase on any previous year.

—The minister of finance will shortly present a message to Congress asking for a supplementary credit to cover back debts withal.

—News from the camps are good. The wool clip of the coming season will be large and of a much better quality than last year.

—Eight leagues of land in the 1st section of national lands from Cordoba sold at \$105,000 per league, the highest price we have quoted for similar lands.

—We are happy to announce that the contract for the continuation of the water and drainage works of the city has been concluded with Mr. Bateman, which is a guarantee of thoroughness.

—Affairs in Montevideo are critical. The revolt, begun previous to our last review, has not been followed up by further battles, but there is every probability of a sharp struggle between the government, now virtually led by General Santos, minister of war, and Ex-Dictator Latorre, with the chances in favor of the latter.

—The law for the coining of money in the republic was sanctioned on Tuesday, August 30. The gold coins are to be the *Argentino*, worth 5 hard dollars, and the *medio Argentino* worth half that amount. The silver coins are to be worth one hard dollar, fifty, twenty and ten cents; and the copper, two and one cents. The following are to be the sizes of these coins: *El Argentino* of 23 millimetres: ½ do 19 do; *Peso fuerte* do 37 do; 54 centavos do 30 do; 20 do 23 do; 10 do 18 do; copper of 2 centavos do 30 do; do 1 do 25 do.

—Referring to the visit of Latorre to Buenos Aires, *El Nacional*, of last evening (Aug. 25), has the following: "Latorre arrived here from Curientes, by the *Rio Branco* from Cuyaba on the morning of the 18th. Maintaining the strictest 'cognito' he landed and took up his abode at a modest looking house in Calle Santa Fe, near Mr. Lum's. He and a group of followers subsequently took passage for Paysandú in one of the river steamers, disguised as Basque peons. Colonel Vasquez, Latorre's ex-minister of war, took ship with another group on Tuesday, (August 30) at Quilmes."

THE COFFEE AND SUGAR PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

CENTRAL AMERICA.

Nowhere has such an impulse been given to coffee planting since the great rise in October, 1871, as has been the case in Central America, especially in Costa Rica and Guatemala.

Costa Rica has for its president General Tomas Guardia, a man of great energy and a good statesman, who rules the country as a sort of dictator. Guatemala is similarly governed by Lieutenant General Rusino Barrios, whose presidential office was last year prolonged for another six years. Honduras' president is Mr. A. Soto; Mr. Joaquin Zavala is the chief magistrate of Nicaragua, while that of San Salvador is Mr. B. Zaldivar y Lazo. Although there are at times bickerings between the five republics, peace is upheld between them, and internally there is less revolution than in most other Spanish-American republics.

	SIZE AND POPULATION.	
	square miles.	population.
Guatemala	30,836	1,190,754
San Salvador	4,765	482,422
Nicaragua	34,058	300,000
Honduras	30,668	351,700
Costa Rica	13,174	185,000
	113,501	2,509,876

The respective capitals are:—Guatemala, 45,000 inhabitants; San Salvador, 16,000; Managua, 10,000; Tegucigalpa, 12,000, and San José, 12,000.

Central America is volcanic and mountainous, with a most fertile soil, especially on the rich table lands, a deep black loam being highly favorable to coffee cultivation. Geographically, their position between the two oceans could hardly be better; the climate is generally healthy, labor is abundant and cheap without the necessity of procuring either negroes or coolies. A large portion of the natives consists of pure Indians and half breeds, quite amenable to field labor. The consequence of this happy state of affairs is that Central America progresses rapidly, both mentally and materially, and that it has a great future, provided it keeps out of revolution, the usual bane of the countries originally settled by Spaniards.

Costa Rica's finances are flourishing; the income in 1880 was \$2,802,279, the expenditure \$3,460,597, but this included \$1,255,961 paid for building the inter-oceanic railway, \$138,892 for other public works, and \$173,585 paid Peru in settlement of a debt. This year the income will square the outlay. The foreign debt is \$5,463,285, and the state owes some money at home, but its assets are about twice its liabilities. The import last year was \$2,669,861—the export through Punta Arenas, \$3,524,810, and through Lima, \$211,142. The export included 23,267,065 pounds of coffee, the balance being India rubber and skins.

	MARITIME MOVEMENT.	
	steamers, vessels.	tonnage.
Entered at Punta Arenas.	66	196,007
Sailed from "	63	188,163
Entered at Lima.	41	103,807
Sailed from "	49	106,059

Railways so far in operation, only about seventy-five miles, but already of great value to the coffee planters. Telegraphs, 395 miles.

Guatemala's income in 1877 was \$4,503,523, and its expenditure \$4,428,298. The public debt in 1879 amounted to \$5,369,529. The import in 1878 was \$3,238,000, and the export \$3,919,000; the latter included \$3,349,749 worth of coffee, the balance being sugar, skins, cochineal and indigo. The arrivals at San José in 1876 were 26 sailing vessels, while from three to four steamers touch monthly at the Pacific ports.

Honduras is financially less favorably situated than the preceding republics, for it owes in England and France together some f. 8,000,000, while the income in 1877-78 was only \$533,469, against an expenditure of \$1,189,546. The liquor tax is, however, producing larger amounts since 1877. The export amounted in 1880 to \$1,305,000, the bulk being indigo, cattle, dyewoods and hides. The Atlantic ports are Truxillo and Omoa, and the Pacific port is Amapala. There is a railroad of 37 miles from Puerto Cortes to San Pedro. Telegraphs there are 150 miles.

Nicaragua.—The revenue of the country was

\$1,750,000 in 1877, against \$211,405 in 1858, showing a remarkable increase; the expenditure in 1877 was \$2,255,000, and the foreign debt amounted in 1878 to \$2,284,607.

FOREIGN TRADE MOVEMENT IN 1878.

	import.	export.
Greytown	\$610,000	\$595,000
Corinto	347,000	575,000
San Juan del Sur	33,000	138,000
Chinandega	9,000	27,000
	\$1,099,000	\$1,335,000

The bulk of export consisted in India rubber, coffee, skins and fustic. There entered Corinto in 1876, 35 vessels, and steamers touch at the various ports two to three times per month.

San Salvador.—The income of the republic has from \$798,000 in 1869 gradually risen to \$2,686,000 in 1878, the liquor monopoly yielding \$749,000 alone. The public debt increased from \$1,830,000 in 1877 to \$3,294,000 in 1878.

	import.	export.
1878	\$2,500,000	\$3,626,000
1877	2,586,000	3,955,000

Indigo and coffee were the two heaviest articles of export, the latter \$1,800,000 worth; then came sugar and tobacco. The entries in 1878 were 22 sailing vessels and 82 steamers, with a joint tonnage of 163,232.

Central America at present produces 33,000 tons of coffee, against 10,000 in 1868 and 3,000 tons in 1836. This coffee, Costa Rica in particular, is very popular, both on account of its looks and its flavor. London and S. Francisco in particular have known how to appreciate Costa Rica coffee since they became familiar with it; hence it brings comparatively more there than elsewhere. New York, we are sorry to say, has not yet learned to fully appreciate this excellent coffee, which is absolutely unsurpassed by any other sort. The sorts coming nearest to it in point of outward appearance are a delicacy of flavor are Orizaba and Cordova, from the famous Mexican volcanic region. All these coffees have a great future before them. While Java and Arabian coffees grow so well on the slopes of mountains, Costa Rica flourishes most in the incomparable black soil of the mountain plateaux of that country, midway between the Pacific and the Atlantic.

Railroad building is proceeding most actively in Central America, cheapening the transportation of the precious bean and infusing life everywhere.

GUATEMALA INDIGO.

This catalogue of objects exhibited by the republic of San Salvador at the Paris exhibition contained the following contribution to the history of the cultivation and preparation of indigo in that country: This species of indigo is known to American and European commerce as "Guatemala indigo." In Salvador it is called by the native name of "Aiquilite," and is considered the most important agricultural crop of the entire republic. The plant grows wild, but is cultivated in properly prepared ground. Both the crops and the produce vary according to the geological composition of the soil. Thus at the base of the volcano of San Salvador the yield of dye is sometimes about half a pound per load of leaves, while at some distance from the sea, thirteen or fourteen ounces are obtained. Indigo is grown over nearly the whole of Salvador, forming extensive fields and furnishing one of the most valuable products to its agricultural industry. The localities in which the plants are grown are called "manchones."

The workmen, who are styled "sacateros," cut the plants with a small sickle, and make them up into sheaves of from fifty to sixty pounds weight. The plants, after being cut, are thrown into vats filled with water; they are here allowed to soak for a period of from twelve to seventeen hours, the time varying according to the temperature and quality of the water. When the liquid is in a state of fermentation the coloring matter is drawn off into another vat, where it is beaten or kept in motion by means of wooden wheels, and then the dye is precipitated by the sap contained in the bark of the "tintu late" of the "platanillo," or of the "cuaja tintu." The first named bark is referred to as a species of *Lindlinum*, the second to *Cinnam indon*, while of the third no clew is given as to the scientific name of the plant. All these plants have an acid reaction. When once the dye is precipitated it is allowed to remain during the night, and the next day it is boiled, filtered, pressed, and dried in the sun. Each bale, or "suron," contains 150 pounds, and the different qualities or grades of the indigo are specified by numbers—from four to six, ordinary quality, or "cortes," from seven to nine, fine or superior, or "solresalientes."

The usual annual produce of indigo in Salvador amounts to about 2,400,000 pounds, the annual exports being between 14,000 to 15,000 "surons," of 150 pounds each, representing an approximate value of 1,721,378 piastres or dollars. The superior quality indigo is sold at the country fairs at about 8 reals per pound. In the American and European markets the prices vary, of course, according to the supply from other countries.—*Scientific American*.

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The editorial and business offices of THE RIO NEWS have been moved to No. 34, Rua de S. Pedro, 1st floor.

On the 13th instant it was reported upon the street that a cable dispatch had been received bearing the sad tidings of the death of President Garfield. The report was reproduced in the evening papers, and it was for a time currently believed to be true. We are glad to say, however, that there is no foundation whatever for the report. Our readers should bear in mind that, should there be so unfortunate a termination to President Garfield's life, it will be officially communicated, and will not be subject to the irresponsible reports of the street.

Later.—Just as we go to press we are informed that the telephone company has received a cable dispatch to the effect that President Garfield is better.

The irrepressible Yankee is now charged, by the London correspondent of the *Jornal do Commercio*, with the nefarious design of reducing the great city of São Sebastião do Rio de Janeiro, capital of the Empire of the Southern Cross, to a mere dependency of New York. Nay, he even accuses THE RIO NEWS of aiding and abetting the irrepressible Yankee in his attempt to subject our city to this degrading vassalage. We apprehend this, like his confession of optimism in his letter of July 23rd, is intended to tickle only the Brazilian ear, the antithesis, in fact, of *para Ingles ver!*

In response to the charge that the Brazilian government had not communicated with the government of the United States with reference to the attempted assassination of President Garfield, a statement is made through the *Jornal do Commercio* that the Emperor did communicate his condolences, and that a reply from Secretary Blaine, under date of July 27th, has been received. We are glad to note the correction, because such an oversight would certainly convey a false impression as to the feelings of Brazil toward the United States. Our previous statements as to this question have since been reiterated by the New York correspondent of the *Jornal do Commercio*, who calls attention to the omission, and states that a prominent newspaper editor asked him why such a message of sympathy had not been tendered by the Brazilian government. It seems, therefore, that while all the messages from other countries have been made public through the press, that from Brazil has not been published, and in consequence it was believed that no such message had been sent. The omission was most unfortunate, for to be the only exception

in such a matter is to occupy a position far from agreeable. We trust that our American contemporaries will correct the mistaken impression which has grown up, and give due credit to Brazil for the honest sympathy for President Garfield which she must assuredly feel.

Dr. J. C. ALVES LIMA has not made his trip to the States without learning something, though the same result might have been obtained by simply asking a few questions of any intelligent American in Rio de Janeiro. His letter to the *Jornal do Commercio*, dated San Francisco, July 20, is simply an epitome of the editorial articles of THE RIO NEWS, and might just as well have been compiled from our columns and submitted to the *Jornal* here, before the learned doctor sailed for the land where, as he states, the Chinaman earns the not extravagant sum of 2\$400 daily. The doctor sagely remarks that it is out of the question altogether to suppose that this celestial laborer will forego 2\$400 per diem, with comfortable quarters and good food, wages paid regularly in gold, for 1\$000 per diem, indifferent food and dubious quarters, with wages paid "when the crop is sold." Hence, he advises that the Brazilian planter must look to Canton, or some similar port in China, for his supply of "hands" to take the place of the slave, because Hong Kong, as he takes pains to explain, will not permit an heira to Brazil in consequence of information having been given to its governor by the English authorities to the effect that the Chinamen would not receive, in that country, the consideration due to a man and a brother. This is discouraging. It really begins to look as if all idea of getting a substitute for the slave must be given up, and the dreaded alternative is presented to the Brazilians of either going to work themselves, or modifying their constitution and laws so that voluntary emigration will flow in from Europe, and absorb the present non-worker, finger nails, top-hat, spring-bottom trousers, cigarettes, and all.

The work undertaken by an agricultural association in Pernambuco is one which commends itself to all intelligent men. The great necessity of this empire, as a whole, is less that of the extension and perfection of coffee culture, than that of the introduction and encouragement of other industries which will give diversity to the agriculture of Brazil and new sources of wealth. In seeking such a result the agricultural agency of Pernambuco can not fail to confer a great benefit upon the country. It should be remembered, however, that it is possible to vitiate the effort through misguided zeal and a lack of practical discrimination. For the amateur agriculturist, who has an abundance of time and money at his disposal, it is admissible to try all sorts of experiments with all sorts of products. He might even try to domesticate a polar bear in the tropics if he feels so inclined. But for men who are seeking to introduce industries that are urgently needed by a country, these experiments should at first be confined within the bounds of probability and certain utility. In this sense, we believe it less necessary to spend time and money upon the culture of wheat in Pernambuco, and the purchase of flour mills in anticipation of problematical results, than in the cultivation of rice, cotton, and other products which are already known to be adapted to the soil and climate. There is also another danger which should be avoided, and that is the delegation of individual initiative and enterprise to these associations. An association should be used to aid the planter, never to govern him. If the recommendations of the *Jornal* were carried out we would have the country filled with cumbersome agricultural organizations,

rather than with wide-awake, intelligent planters. This should be avoided at all hazards. These associations in their affording an exchange of views and in giving opportunities for co-operative action in matters where the individual can not do as well, will accomplish a good work, and will afford efficient aid to agriculture.

We take pleasure in recording the exceptional stand taken by the slave-holders in the province of Ceará in giving material and liberal aid to the cause of emancipation. It should be known—and it can not be too well known—that the planters in various municipalities of that province have adopted a policy which is not only just to themselves and to the slaves, but which must necessarily afford valuable aid to the emancipation movement and hasten the realization of its purpose in that province. Next to the voluntary manumission of the slaves is the adoption of a purely nominal value for them in the lists prepared by the emancipation commissions, and this step is the one which the Ceará planters have taken. In one municipality they have valued 21 slaves at only 6,407\$383, or about 305\$000 each; in two other municipalities they have asked only 8,984\$400 for 32 slaves, accompanied by 30 freeborn children, or a value of nearly 281\$ each; and in another municipality they have asked only a little over 100\$ each. No one will pretend that these sums represent the actual value of the slaves from a pro-slavery point of view; the valuations are purely nominal and represent, if anything, the immediate sacrifice which the planters will incur in the loss of their labor. The province of Ceará has long been considered as one of the most advanced in the empire in this question of the abolition of slavery, and this voluntary action on the part of the planters, coupled with the recent tax upon the inter-provincial slave traffic, will strengthen that good impression. These efforts of to-day in assisting the emancipation movement under the law of 1871 will assuredly bear good fruit, and will lead to other and more radical measures in the near future. From their present attitude the planters of Ceará can not be considered as fanatical adherents of slavery, and it will require but a little time more and a brief experience of the good results of their present course, to convince them of the desirability of full and unconditional emancipation. The prospects are good for an early adoption of this measure in the province of Amazonas, and were the province of Ceará to do likewise the moral effect upon the whole empire would be incalculable. The province of Amazonas possesses but a handful of slaves, and can free them and abolish the accursed institution forever from her borders with but a slight cost. The province of Ceará has but a small slave population, and has already a large population of free laborers. There, too, the substitution of the slave by the free laborer could easily be accomplished, and with but slight, if any, cost to the productive interests of the province. In the interests of emancipation, and of the inauguration of a free-labor system throughout all Brazil, it is to be hoped that these two provinces will not hesitate much longer to take the final step. In so doing they will not only place themselves in advance of their richer and more powerful sister provinces, but they will secure for themselves material benefits through the early employment of free labor which, under favorable administrative conditions, can not fail to add largely to their well-being and industrial development.

—The Western railway authorities of Buenos Aires have issued a circular to newspaper publishers to the effect that they have granted a reduction of 25 per cent. from the regular tariff on all news telegrams sent to or from the newspaper offices of that province during business hours. This act is so praiseworthy and beneficial, that it will bear reproduction on all the telegraph lines of Brazil.

## BRITISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to this society was held on the 18th ultimo, Mr. Hime in the chair, when the report and accounts for the year ending 30th June last were approved and passed, the committee and officers being unanimously re-elected.

The following resolution was approved *nem con*: "That to increase the funds of the society and to obtain a larger number of subscribers, a special appeal be made by circular to be issued by the committee to the younger men of Rio, and to all others who do not at present contribute to the society."

The following is the report for the year ending 30th June last:

To the subscribers of the *British Benevolent Society*.

Gentlemen:—Your committee have pleasure in laying before you the following abstract from the treasurer's account for the year ended 30th June last:

Balance in hand 1st July, 1880.....	13,908\$920
Amount of subscriptions for the year 1880-81 .....	5,345 000
Donation .....	100 000
Interest on deposit receipts.....	329 590
	19,683 510

Pensions paid 1880-1881: ..	7,012\$000
Loans, temporary assistance and passages: 1,030\$700	
Less loans ret'ned 533 830	505\$870
Advertisements .....	11\$500 7,529\$370
Balance in hand 1st July, 1881 .....	12,154\$140

This balance is made up as follows:

Bill, New London & Brazilian Bank, due 11th Sept.....	8,516\$090
Cash .....	3,638 050
	12,154\$140

From the annexed list of pensioners the subscribers will see that we have at present 29 pensioners, making up a total of 6,780\$000 per annum.

The committee in presenting these accounts would again call attention to the decline in regular subscriptions, although efforts have been made to bring in new ones; this continuous and, indeed, annual falling off will become a serious question before long, unless means can be found to arrest it, and the committee, if re-elected, intend considering what further steps can be taken with a view to that desirable result, although in the meanwhile they will be glad to receive any suggestions that subscribers may like to make.

Your committee will ask your opinion and wishes on an important question that has arisen somewhat frequently of late; this question is the payment of funeral expenses for pensioners and others, which will deserve your careful consideration.

Rio de Janeiro, 31st July, 1881.

(Signed) FRED. YOUNG, Chairman.  
R. NORTON, Treasurer.  
J. OWEN UNWIN, Secretary.  
WM. MORRISSEY.  
R. S. QUAYLE.  
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From the *Jornal do Commercio*, September 8th.

## AN AGRICULTURAL AGENCY.

The provincial assembly of Pernambuco having given 10,000\$ to the *Sociedade Auxiliadora da Agricultura* of that province for the purpose of aiding the development of agriculture, this society created a dependency called the Agricultural Agency (*Agencia Agricola*) for the purpose of encouraging the acclimatization of useful plants and the introduction of new agricultural methods, tools and machinery. The management of this agency was given to Sr. João Fernandes Lopes, an active propagandist who for many years has devoted himself to the interests of labor, and who, aided by Sr. Felix Fer-

mandes Portella, an intelligent planter of the municipality of Bonito, has succeeded in propagating various plants in the province, among which are coffee and cacao.

The cultivation of the cacao plant is making progress in Pernambuco. There are planted in different localities about 100,000 trees which are looking well, and the "Recife a Limoeiro" railway company received a short time ago a large quantity of seed from which as many more trees are expected.

The area of the coffee plant is growing in the municipalities of Bonito, Triumpho, Taquaritinga, and in some others, the Liberia coffee brought from Rio de Janeiro having done well.

The cultivation of tobacco is also increasing, and the agency is endeavoring to obtain persons to teach how to prepare the leaves for exportation.

About twenty arrobas of seed wheat have been distributed, and the agency, counting upon its perfect adaptability in Serra da Baixa Verde, has ordered mills.

Tea culture was contracted with a private party who is to furnish young plants later. Besides this there has been a distribution of seeds. There have been given out also seeds of castor, jute, indigo, India pepper, cloves and rice-corn, and the cultivation of these plants is progressing.

The agency has imported various machines and is expecting others. It intends to open a permanent exposition of these machines, which will be opened to the public once a week, when the machinery will be put into practical operation.

This is an eminently practical institution which it would be well to imitate. The acclimatization of useful plants and the introduction of new products should be matters of interest to agricultural associations which might be formed in the different municipalities. The defense of other agricultural interests might remain in the hands of associations of a different character, while these occupied themselves specially and exclusively with the introduction and propagation of plants.

It is a recognized fact that we need to develop the different branches of our agriculture. In our flora we have many plants both exotic and indigenous which, extensively cultivated, would be so many sources of wealth. In textile fibers alone we have an immense variety of plants of which great use might be made, but which are only a little known to a few planters.

show the methods of cultivation and their advantages, to encourage the renewal of plants which begin to lose their more valuable qualities, and to generally superintend everything that pertains to this branch of rural economy.

In this way the great difficulty which many planters are now encountering in obtaining the information, seeds and plants with which they wish to make experiments, would be overcome. These agricultural associations would do another great work in collecting and making known the experiences of many planters, thus instructing others and raising the level of national agriculture.

In questions of this kind it is useless to expect everything from the government. Only individual effort can realize such undertakings.

COLOSSAL FARMING IN CALIFORNIA.

A correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, who has recently been journeying from San Francisco to Los Angeles, writes as follows: "Looking from the car across this great agricultural section, the range of the eye is bounded only by the distant mountains, while a broad expanse of waving grain, covering many thousand square miles of level land, lies between. Nowhere else is farming prosecuted on such an extensive and scientific scale, and the quantity of wheat and barley produced each year is somewhat enormous.

NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN LABOR CONTRASTED.

The New Orleans Picayune notices the fact that not long since large bodies of negroes from the South were taken to Pennsylvania and New York by contractors, worked there for months and returned to their homes. At this moment seven hundred negroes from Virginia are working in a company's mines in Minnesota, and a Pennsylvania contractor expects to take two thousand negroes from the South to Colorado to work on a railway contract.

LOCAL NOTES.

The minister of war has adopted the Gerard revolver for use by the lancers in the cavalry service. The gunboat Braconnet left port on the 4th inst. for the prosecution of coast surveys at and near Imbetiba, province of Rio de Janeiro. The director of the Museu Nacional, Dr. Ladislao Netto, has undertaken the organization of a Brazilian anthropological exposition.

The French frigate Pollux entered this port on the 7th inst. from Loanda, by way of Bahia.

The department of agriculture has undertaken to introduce the cultivation of the rubber plant into Brazil.

Late telegrams from Rio Grande do Sul report that the state of ex-minister of war Visconde de Pelotas is such as to inspire grave fears.

By an imperial decree of the 13th inst., permission is granted to Francisco Ferreira Mauricio de Lima to prospect for gold and minerals in the province of Parana.

A trial with the Ader telephone on the Dom Pedro II railway took place recently. The stations were 132 kilometers apart. The voices of the speakers were transmitted distinctly.

The government has promoted Sr. Alexandre Afonso da Rocha Sattamini to the position of assistant customs inspector at this port. Sr. Sattamini has heretofore occupied the office of guardador.

The Companhia Nacional, running steamers between this port and the River Plate, has offered gratuitous transportation to all exhibits destined for the continental exposition to be held at Buenos Aires in February next.

The directory of the Associação Industrial has appointed a committee of ladies to solicit exhibits from their own sex for the approaching national exposition in this city and the continental exposition at Buenos Aires.

The contract for the eight central usines in the province of Bahia is with the firm of Denis Blair & Co., and the capital upon which the government guarantees 6 per cent. interest is 700,000\$ for each usine, or 5,600,000\$ in all. The usines are to be located in the municipalities of Igape, Rio Fundo, Villa do Conte, and two in Villa de S. Francisco.

COMMERCIAL

September 14th, 1881

Table with exchange rates for various currencies including Brazilian mil reis, U.S. dollars, and London sterling.

EXCHANGE.

September 3.—The market opened to-day at 2 1/2% for bank paper on London, which rate was withdrawn again early in the day. Private paper was then negotiated at 2 1/2%.

On the 6th inst. the English Bank of Rio de Janeiro opened the subscription for the emission of privileged preference shares of the Uniao Mineira railroad to the amount of 500,000\$000.

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SALES OF STOCKS AND SHARES.

September 4.

Table listing sales of stocks and shares for September 4, including six per cent apolices, provincial apolices, and various bank shares.

Sept. 5.

Table listing sales of stocks and shares for September 5, including six per cent apolices, national loan of 1879, and various bank shares.

Sept. 6.

Table listing sales of stocks and shares for September 6, including six per cent apolices, Banco do Brazil, and various bank shares.

Sept. 7.

Table listing sales of stocks and shares for September 7, including six per cent apolices, Banco do Brazil, and various bank shares.



ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN STEAMERS.

Table with columns: DATE, NAME, WHERE FROM, CONSIGNED TO. Lists arrivals from Sept 1 to Sept 13.

FRIGHTS: Sailing Vessels.

Table with columns: Destination (London, Liverpool, Antwerp, etc.), Fares, and Sailing Vessels (Channel F.O., Gibraltar, etc.).

FOREIGN SAILING VESSELS IN THE PORT OF RIO DE JANEIRO, SEPTEMBER 14, 1881.

Large table listing foreign sailing vessels with columns: NAME, TONNAGE, ENTERED, WHERE FROM, CONSIGNER. Includes entries for AMERICAN, BRITISH, DANISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, ITALIAN, PORTUGUESE, SPANISH, and SWEDISH.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

Table with columns: EMISSION, CIRCULATION, DENOMINATION, INTEREST, NOMINAL VALUE, QUOTATION. Lists various government bonds like General Apolices, National Loan of 1868, etc.

BANKS AND PUBLIC COMPANIES

Large table with columns: CAPITAL, SHARES, ISSUED, VALUE, PAID UP, NAMES, RESERVE FUND, LAST QUOTA, LAST DIVIDEND. Lists various banks and public companies like Banco do Comercio, Banco de Santos, etc.

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