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RIO DE JANEIRO, JUNE 5th, 1886.

THE sessions of the General Assembly since our last report show a little more activity, but a large part of the time is still occupied with election disputes and political discussions. In the Chamber, Deputies Franklin Doria and Paranaçu have been unseated in favor of conservative contestants, and on grounds not at all conclusive. The Goyaz contest, so fatal in character and disgraceful in all its bearings, has continued to occupy much attention, but the government disclaims all responsibility in that and all other contests. On the 26th the budget committee confessed that the budget for next year could not be carried through before the 30th June, and asked, therefore, that the budget provisions for the current year (which are themselves extensions of at least two preceding years) be extended to cover the first four months of next year. This is a confession of weakness which the conservatives ought not to have made at the very outset. There has been much complaint in regard to the inability of the liberals to enact proper budget laws; if now the conservatives confess themselves unable to do any better, what is to be the result? In the present financial disorganization of the empire, something decisive and efficacious must be done to infuse order into affairs, or serious consequences must inevitably follow. If the government were to insist that a certain number of hours should be devoted each day to the budget and kindred measures, something might be done; but as long as the sessions are filled with political rhetoric the real work will be put off to the last. The evil is a serious one and should be dealt with at once. In the Senate some progress has been made in the municipal elections bill, which of course has given occasion for ministerial explanations and political discussions of a varied nature. Its chief results have been the admissions that the Saraiva electoral reform has proved a failure, and that the last ministerial change was in part due to a lack of understanding between the liberals and conservatives over the Saraiva emancipation bill, in which it is intimated that the Emperor did not inform the liberal premier of the promised support of his opponents in the Senate. The chief event, however, was the introduction by Senator Dantas, on the 1st instant, of a bill for the abolition of slavery in five years, which has been referred to an extreme pro-slavery committee.

THERE was a curious revelation during the Senate debate of the 29th which admirably illustrates one of the peculiar phases of the system employed in governing Brazil. In discussing the last ministerial change, which brought the conservatives into power, the prime minister referred to the difficulties encountered in carrying out the emancipation policy of his predecessor, Senator Saraiva, and stated that he had declared positively to the Emperor, during the negotiations preceding the cabinet change, that the conservatives would vote for the Saraiva bill. Of this offer he thought the late prime minister could not be ignorant; but to the surprise of the house Senator Saraiva declared that he knew nothing about it! It would appear, therefore, that an offer of support from the conservative leader was not communicated to the liberal cabinet, for which reason it went out of power. Probably there is nothing unusual in this in the system thus far followed, but it is clear that it is far from being in harmony with the representative system under which the country is supposed to be governed. If cabinet negotiations can only be carried on through the Emperor, and if His Majesty consults only his own judgment and pleasure in the matter, then the government is really personal, not representative. It is a matter of record that cabinet changes have thus far occurred almost wholly upon the personal initiative of the Emperor, and not upon any change of political sentiment in the country. Whether such a system is best is a matter of opinion, but it is certainly not a representative system in the common acceptance of the word. In our opinion, it has not been altogether conducive to the development of ministerial responsibility and a high grade of statesmanship.

THE debate in the Senate on the 29th ultimo on the bill regulating the election of aldermen and justices of the peace, brings to light some opinions on the law of electoral reform which deserve more than passing attention, for it was nothing less than a confession of its failure. Even the author of that law, ex-Premier Saraiva, admits that it has failed to secure the ends desired, that abuses have arisen which it is powerless to prevent or restrain, and that still further legislation is required before the elections of this country can be considered free from existing abuses. Senator Saraiva, however, is not an advocate of universal suffrage, nor even of suffrage with an educational qualification; he admits that his property qualification has not worked properly, but this he ascribes to the lack of common sense in its application rather than to the complications and peculiar difficulties attending such a measure in Brazil. He admits that there have been abuses in qualifying as voters, but dismisses the matter with the question: "What harm can result from the admission of one, two, three, four, six, or ten thousand such voters?" The question therefore is material, not moral; and the demoralizing consequences are wholly ignored. One of the great evils of this political corruption and irresponsibility was very truthfully characterized by him in the course of his speech, in the following words: "It is a painful truth—that neither the conservative, nor the liberal party are capable of respecting the sacred rights of their adversaries." And the facts prove this statement true in every particular. In the elections, false qualifications are used to procure voters, force and tricks are employed to prevent one or the other party from casting its vote, bloody fights frequently occur, ballot boxes are carried off, or are tampered with, official influence is freely used to control elections, and then, last but not least, the Chamber

of Deputies exercises the privilege of reviewing the election and giving the seat to whichever candidate it pleases. Already in this session several such cases have transpired, and elected members have been unseated on technicalities in order that their seats may be given to the conservative contestants. In one case, a liberal member is thrown out on the ground that a large number of illegal voters are registered in his district, though two elections have been held since the registry and the district is still competent to cast its vote for any other purpose. With such action in the supreme legislative body of the country, supplemented with universal indifference and apathy on the part of the people, one is amply justified in asking the question: Are representative institutions adapted to the people and conditions of political life in Brazil?

THERE was a genuine surprise in the Senate on the 1st instant when ex-Premier Dantas, in behalf of himself and nine others, introduced a bill for the unconditional abolition of slavery at the expiration of five years from its adoption. And not the least surprising part of the event was the names signed to the bill, among whom are some not thus far suspected of abolition sentiments. Rio Grande's three senators are a unit in this matter, and Rio de Janeiro's long silent liberal senator, Octaviano, commits himself unequivocally to the measure. Not less surprising is the absence of such names as those of Christiano Ottoni and Afonso Celso, both of whom have declared in favor of a more liberal and effective emancipation policy, and both of whom may be counted upon to support this measure. The friends of the Saraiva-Cotepe amnesty of last year have probably been congratulating themselves that the fullest aspirations of the country have been satisfied, and that no further agitation for abolition might be expected for some time to come. And to make assurance doubly sure, they took good care that the abolition element should be very slenderly represented in the new Chamber. They are now probably undeceived, for the new Senate measure is the cleanest and most clearly cut bill thus far introduced, and is designed to bring the question to issue upon its merits. It simply declares all slaves free at the end of five years, the extinction of the apprenticeship of free-born children of slave mothers at the same time, and the diversion of the 5% surtax to the general revenue of the state. There are no compromises, no checks, no counterbalances, no indemnifications, no complications of any kind. There are to be no more deceptions, no more subterfuges, no more evasions. Slavery is to be absolutely abolished at a fixed date, let come what will. For our own part we should prefer to see the abolition made immediate and unconditional, as the evil will then be at an end, and with no more injury to the country than were it fixed for a date five years hence. Next to this, the best measure is that which fixes a date; and the earlier the date, the better. In such a measure, however, there is one unrepealed provision of existing laws which will work unjustly, and that is the continued use of the emancipation fund for the liberation of slaves. If all slaves are to be unconditionally free at the end of five years, then let all masters be put on one and the same footing. It will be manifestly unjust to pay the few, who can secure recognition from the fund during the next five years, and then shut off all the rest without a penny. The purchase of all is an impossibility; neither is it justly due. The only just and equitable policy, therefore, is to cut off redemptions with the fund, and to stop all special taxes levied for the benefit of the same. The chances of carrying this

new project, which may be called the Dantas project, through the Senate are very slight, while in the Chamber it will hardly receive any attention at all. By the request of Senator Dantas it has been referred to a special committee, which was elected on the 2nd and is composed of the most uncompromising pro-slavery men in the Senate, first among whom are Nunes Gonçalves and Martinho Campos. This committee will probably defer its report and thus prevent all discussion.

THE political farce which has been upon the Uruguayan stage for the last few months, has now reached its culmination of absurdity—the telegraph on the 24th ultimo announcing the resignation of President Vidal and the accession of General Santos to the presidency by virtue of his position as president of the Senate. It was all done regularly, of course, and was in strict accordance with the constitution. The veneration with which a Constitution is regarded in a South American republic is something phenomenal, and were it not made the warrant for so much revolution and bloodshed, one might describe it as a republican virtue of great promise. In Uruguay, Santos had been a mere dictator for many years, but, feeling that his position was becoming grossly incompatible with the republican pretensions of the country, he finally resolved to resign and submit the presidency to an election and to retire to private life. Of course there was an appearance of patriotism and disinterestedness in all this which reflected great lustre on the retiring dictator, but when the attempt was made to choose his successor the real meaning of the step became apparent. No candidate was permitted to contest the election who was not likely to be humbly subservient to Santos himself. A new hand was to hold the reins, but the orders were to be given as before. Gomenoro was driven out of the country, others were frightened into silence, and then during the first days of March the dictator's nominee, Vidal, was chosen as his successor. Santos was at once elected to the Senate, and honors of every kind were heaped upon him. The revolution came and went, a nobly-conceived but badly-executed effort to rescue the country from bad government. And now for the closing scenes! Only a few days ago it was announced that Santos had been elected to the presidency of the Senate, and then immediately after came the news that Vidal, the President of three short months, had resigned his office, and that Santos, by virtue of his position in the Senate, had succeeded to the presidency of the republic. One hardly knows which to admire the most, the audacity and resource of the dictator, or the weakness and pusillanimity of the man who, for a second time, permits himself to be used to cloak the designs of others.

It is high presumption, perhaps, to undertake to correct a minister of the crown, and especially one whose readiness and fluency in debate implies a profound familiarity with all questions of public interest. Yet, to prevent a very serious error from becoming fixed in the popular mind, such a correction must be made. In the discussion of a bill for the creation of a new provincial office—a prefecture—on the 25th ult., the minister of war, Senator Junqueira, undertook to draw lessons from the United States, using the following words: "Who is it that governs the States of the Union? Are they individuals elected by the local assemblies alone? No; the central power also has the right to influence the choice of agents, and to Massachusetts, for example, and to other States, go men

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Vessels loading and to load.

Table listing vessels loading and to load, including New York Br str Elstow, do Nasmith, Baltimore Amer bk Codorus, do Amer lug Spollett, New Orleans Br str Humboldt, London and Antwerp Br str Tamar, Hamburg Ger str Petrolit, Trieste, Holstein.

DAILY RECEIPTS AND SALES OF COFFEE AT RIO DE JANEIRO.

Large table showing daily receipts and sales of coffee at Rio de Janeiro from May 22 to June 3, including columns for destination, receipts, sales, and exchange rates.

Total clearances of Coffee from Rio during eleven months of crop-years.

Table showing total clearances of coffee from Rio during eleven months of crop-years, categorized by destination (United States, Europe, Elsewhere) and year (1885-86, 1884-85, 1883-84).

Total clearances of Coffee from Rio for 5 months 1st January-31st May.

Table showing total clearances of coffee from Rio for 5 months (1st January-31st May), categorized by destination and year (1885, 1884, 1883).

Imports.

Brokers report a fair business doing, since our last report at lower prices for Flour, of which the receipts have been considerable, while Kerosene has advanced sharply and closes very firm. Pitch price is unchanged nominally, the only receipts being a cargo on order; White is weak and lower. Lead is steady and unchanged. Indian Corn is flat, but brokers do not change quotations. Cash is firm, stocks being small and no receipts expected for a considerable period.

Flour—Receipts since our last report have been: Finance from New York:

Table listing flour imports from New York, including Castilla, Codrus, Mi. Vernon, Chesapeake, Western.

Spotless from Baltimore:

Table listing spotless flour imports from Baltimore, including Codrus, Mi. Vernon, Columbian.

Serene

Table listing serene flour imports, including Castilla, Codrus, Harper's Ferry, Rockland.

Pavana from River Plate:

Table listing pavana flour imports from River Plate, including Pleiades, Savah, Kheider, Horrox.

Sales for the same period have been about 7,000 hls, and stock in first hands is estimated to be:

Table showing sales and stock in first hands for flour.

Brokers report the market steady with a fair demand at the following quotations:

Table showing market quotations for flour, including Richmond 1st do 2nd, Baltimore 1st do 2nd, Western & Int. Chili, River Plate, New Zealand.

Receipts in May were:

Table showing receipts in May, including American, Trieste, River Plate.

against 16,169 in May, 1885.

Pitch Pine—Receipts are 300,750 feet per Brothers & Sisters from Pascagoula on order to dealers. Brokers quote the market nominal at 38,000-40,000 per doz. Last month receipts were 300,750 feet, against 1,274,929 feet in May, 1885.

White Pine.—No receipts, but the market is flat and brokers quote about 95-100 rs. per foot. Receipts in May were 180,542 feet, against 295,482 feet for same month last year.

Swedish Pine.—No receipts since our last, nor in May, and quotations are purely nominal. There were no receipts in May, 1885.

Spruce Pine.—No receipts since our last, nor in May, last, nor in the same month last year.

Kerosene.—The Blue Bird brought 12,200 cases from New York. Brokers report the market very firm at 68,000-68,800 per case. Receipts in May were 5,000 cases, against 51,350 cases in the same month last year.

Lard.—Receipts are 250 kegs per Serene from Baltimore. The market is reported steady at 30 rs. per lb. for invoices. We received in May 950 kegs, against nil for the same month last year.

Rosin.—Receipts have been 800 brls. per Serene from Baltimore and 60 per Blue Bird from New York. We may quote at the extremes of 68,000-70,000 per bl. as to quality and weight. Receipts last month were 800 brls. against 180 brls. in May, 1885.

Turpentine.—The Blue Bird brings 100 cases from Rosin to dealers. The last retail quotations were about 520-530 rs. per cask. There were no receipts last month, against 150 cases in May, last year.

Indian Corn.—Receipts from the River Plate have been:

Table showing Indian corn receipts from the River Plate, including La Plata, Senator, Kheider, Lorrain, Pleiades, Koeln.

The market is weak, but quotations are unchanged at about 38,000-40,000 per bag. Receipts of River Plate maize last month were 41,333 bags, against 400 bags in May, 1885.

Beans.—Receipts since our last report have been:

Table showing bean receipts, including La Plata, Senator, Kheider, Lorrain, Pleiades, Koeln.

all from the River Plate. Brokers now quote at 28,100-28,300 per bag. Last month receipts were 8,412 bags, against 11,472 bags for the same month last year.

Coal.—The Robin from Jersey brought 1,213 tons and 105 cases. The market is firm with a small stock and light supply expected. Retail quotations are C.R.C. tds 38,000, other marks, 26,000-28,000; cases 26,000-28,000. Receipts last month were 230 cases, Norwegian, against 2,000 packages in May, 1885.

Cork.—Receipts since our last report have been:

Table showing cork receipts, including Charlie Baker from Cardiff, Mary S. Burvill, Woodfield, Prince Louis from Newport.

all to companies and dealers. Receipts in May were 28,369 tons, all British, against 29,018 tons of all sorts in May last year.

Hay.—Receipts have been 1,738 bales per Senator and 715 bales per Arabella from Rosario. In May we received 3,735 bales, large and small, against 1,339 bales for the same month last year.

Rice.—No receipts and brokers report the market steady at about 95,000-98,000 for lots. Receipts were insignificant last month.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

Table listing arrivals of foreign vessels, including ship names, origins, arrival dates, and agents.

DEPARTURES OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

Table listing departures of foreign vessels, including ship names, destinations, departure dates, and agents.

VESSELS AFLOAT & LOADING FOR RIO.

Table listing vessels afloat and loading for Rio, including ship names, destinations, and dates.

—A S. Paulo paper thinks offering a reward for a runaway thief is infamous. So does the thief, probably.

—The April receipts of the Rio Grande do Sul (city) custom house, excluding deposits, amounted to 175,361\$049, against 213,564\$700 last year, a falling off of 38,203\$651. Imports showed a falling off of 46,086\$189, while exports showed an increase of 7,573\$741.

—Sr. Justiniano Ferreira Pinto, who was old enough to know better, was celebrating Holy Saturday at Congonhas, Minas Geraes, with dynamite. A bomb did not explode and Sr. Pinto applied a match; he is now minus his right hand and right eye.

—The São Paulo sanitary board (*inspector de hygiene*) has ordered all the dentists in that city to remove the title of "Dr." from their signs, improperly used, under the penalty of a fine. There is no question as to the impropriety of the custom, but how does that concern public health?

—The Lorena central sugar factory, which a colleague characterizes as one of the most important established in Brazil, is about to receive the sum of 50,792\$700 from the imperial treasury as a guarantee of interest on its capital up to 31st December last. A very important enterprise surely!

—The awards for the São Paulo exposition of January, 1885, have just been announced, from which it appears that all the exhibits got some kind of a premium. There are 184 premiums announced, of which 11 are silver medals, 33 copper medals, 65 diplomas of merit, and 75 "premios de animação"—presumably "leather medals." The Ypanema iron works gathered in one of the latter for castings.

—A gentleman and four ladies, friends and admirers of José Lino Fleming, the Brazilian musical student now in Italy, undertook to take up a collection in Vargem Grande the other day for the purpose of assisting the young composer to publish his first opera. They were accompanied by a band of music, and traversed all the streets of the town, and with the result of obtaining 295\$500 all told.

—The Santa Isabel Agricultural Asylum was inaugurated on April 28th. It is situated on the Monte Scyllene farm, about one kilometre distant from the Desengano station on the D. Pedro II railway in the province of Rio de Janeiro, and is under the management of the Associação Protectora da Infância Desamparada. The *Côrte de En* visited the establishment on the 27th ulto. Fifty children can be accommodated.

RAILROAD NOTES

—All the stock of the projected tram line in Rio Claro, S. Paulo, has been taken.

—The formal inauguration of the steam motor on the Santos and S. Vicente tramway line is fixed for the 23rd inst.

—The April receipts of the Pará tramway lines amounted to 30,113\$800, against 23,164\$600 in the same month of last year.

—By decree dated 29th ulto, the Norte railway has been granted an extension of one year for completing its line.

—The March receipts of the Tietê branch of the Sorocabana railway, which does not enjoy a provincial guarantee, were 7,786\$610, and the expenditures 4,984\$705.

—At the meeting of the Porto Alegre and New Hamburg railway held in London on the 30th a dividend of 2 per cent. was declared on the preferred shares for the six months ending 31st Decr. last.

—The March receipts of the Recife and S. Francisco railway amounted to 97,167\$440, and the expenditures to 58,049\$416, leaving a surplus of 39,118\$024.

—The minister of agriculture has conceded a credit of 350,000\$ for the extension of the "Recife a S. Francisco" railway, the same to be charged to the appropriation for the current year.

—Thirty kilometres of road-bed of the Sorocabana extension to Botucatu are completed, on 19½ kilometres of which the rails have been laid. The bridge over the Rio Sorocabana was completed some three weeks ago.

—According to the fiscal engineer's report, published in the *Diario Official* of the 27th ult., the March receipts of the Carangola railway amounted to 59,702\$920, and the expenditures to 27,977\$859, leaving a surplus of 31,725\$061.

—According to the official report published in the *Correio Paulistano*, the March receipts of the Sorocabana railway (guaranteed line) were 44,882\$720, and the expenditures 27,774\$161, leaving a balance of 17,108\$559. The total surplus for the quarter ending 31st March was 45,694\$186. This surplus was credited to March in our last issue, on the statement of another São Paulo paper.

—The Pacific steamer *Valparaiso* landed 320 immigrants for this port on the 29th ult.

—On the 27th a trial was made with an apparatus to prevent accidents on the tramways, but was most decidedly unsuccessful.

—The February receipts of the São Paulo railway, just published, amounted to 455,621\$810, and the expenditures to 207,846\$620, leaving a surplus of 247,775\$190. The differences in exchange, amounting to 69,444\$450, are not included in the expenditures.

—The February receipts of the D. Thereza Christina railway amounted to 6,008\$580, and the expenditures to 28,934\$181, leaving a deficit of 22,925\$601. The first coal came down the line on the 8th of the month, and the coal traffic furnished 1,740\$ of the receipts.

—A French railway manager, M. Fronde, has recently been making a minute examination of the Dom Pedro II railway, in all its departments. The government has freely given him every facility, even to the examination of books and accounts. The exceptional character of this investigation—for it is rare thing to see a stranger admitted to a knowledge of all the particulars and private details of a business—leads to no slight curiosity as to the probable character of the business which brings M. Fronde to Brazil. The *Diario de Noticias* says he represents a syndicate of French capitalists.

LOCAL NOTES

—The Abbey-Grau company, with the celebrated actress Sarah Bernhardt, arrived in the *Colepaci* on the 26th ult.

—The Centro da Lavoura e Commercio sent 300 coffee samples (crop 1885) to the Berlin "South American exposition" by the Hamburg steamer *Lissabon*.

—The government has ordered the collection of the fine of 5,000\$ imposed upon the North Brazilian Sugar Factories Co. for not having a duly authorized representative in Brazil.

—The government has authorized the medical school of this city to open a special laboratory for the study of yellow fever in accord with the system and processes of Dr. Freire, who is a member of its faculty.

—It is not at all a matter of surprise to us that the *Vanguarda* has fallen to the rear. Ultramontane in religion, reactionary in politics, and illiberal in all its ideas, it had a very difficult rôle to play—and succeeded only by failing.

—The government has issued orders for the peremptory collection of the 4,000\$ owing by the Carris Urbanos tramway company of this city for the stamp taxes and emoluments of the four companies whose privileges and property it has acquired.

—The thieves of this city are really carrying things too far. On the night of the 20th they broke into the city hall and robbed the corporation counsel of 500\$. They have already robbed police *delegados* when on duty, and at the police station, and now they are robbing our municipal protectors! There ought to be more honor among thieves.

—We deeply regret to note that our unscrupulous friend Morris has received still another reverse—the minister of agriculture refusing to permit the construction of a railway hotel at the Dom Pedro II station. However, there is no *non possumus* against the purchase of private property in the vicinity and building a palatial hotel on it. Why not do it?

—The *Eco de España* of the 23rd ult. urges upon the attention of the Spanish minister the necessity of appointing a vice-consul for the city of São Paulo, the Spanish colonists in that vicinity being numerous enough to require the service of such an official. Our colleague says that the abuses suffered by Spanish colonists in São Paulo are sufficient to make consular protection a necessity.

—Some of our provincial colleagues were green enough to accept an offer from the "Norman Electric Light Co." of Philadelphia for the insertion of a large advertisement, the price of which was to be remitted in due course—and, of course, they are all now awaiting the remittance. Any one simple enough to accept an advertisement in that way ought not to complain, yet that is just what many of them are doing. We see by our American exchanges that the "Co." is under arrest for swindling, and that every mail brings money from various parts of the world, including Brazil, for the electric lamps advertised.

—There is nothing like the telegraph facilities enjoyed in this part of the world. The *Journal* of the 23rd says: "The minister of marine received a telegram from Europe yesterday announcing that the well known Remington arms manufactory had failed." This failure actually took place during the week ending April 24—a month before the cable news reached Brazil. In the *New York Commercial Bulletin* of April 26, however, we see that "The suspended firm of E. Remington & Sons, gun-makers, are making arrangements to continue business." It would be interesting to know whether this is lightning communication, or a trick of some rival contractor.

—The minister of finance has solved the new 5% surtax difficulty by excepting all taxes under 2\$000 from its operations.

—If Sarah does not send free tickets to all our colleagues, there is no such word as gratitude in the French language.

—The *duo* Luiz de Quillinan, who wished to fight a duel with Jacob Bright for a sharp criticism of Portugal, has been promoted to a colony.

—It is noteworthy that in the advertisements of judicial sales, the valuations of slaves are frequently by much above the maximum valuations fixed by the Sariva-Cotepepe law.

—A house rented by government earns 500\$ per quarter for 15½-seventeenth of one-half of the rent? What is the whole rent? The *Diario Official* of the 28th contains a curious calculation.

—On the morning of the 29th another attempt at a burglars' entry into the headquarters of the police was discovered. These attempts at robbing the preservers of the peace are becoming serious.

—The resignations of four provincial presidents were accepted on the 29th ult.: João Alfredo, of São Paulo; Henrique Lucena, of Rio Grande; Costa Pereira, of Pernambuco; and Bandeira de Mello, of Maranhão.

—According to *Le Brésil* the news of the conversion of 6 per cents. produced the effect of a "Scotch bath" on the Brazilian colony in Europe, particularly in Paris. The outlook is that Minister Belisario will be a very unpopular man among his compatriots in Paris.

—The *Aguidaban* lost a torpedo on the 22nd and although it was diligently searched for during three whole days it was not discovered until the 24th when some Botalgoo fishermen hauled it on shore. The only damage it received was from the fishermen, who tried to crack it with stones.

—It seems that 4,000\$ covers the bonds of the defaulting treasurer of the postoffice, Salvador J. Pires, who got away with nearly 150,000\$. The official inquiry shows that there has been great laxity in the administration of this office. The government has ordered proceedings against him.

—The *Bonds Maritimos*, steam launches for the transportation of passengers in the harbor and for towage, have passed into English hands. Besides the above services, the Bonds despatch a launch daily to Piedade, at 2 o'clock, by which passengers for Theropolis are carried.

—The minister of agriculture has determined to send Prof. Emil Gollit, of the Museu Nacional, to Santa Maria Magdalena, S. Fidelis and Cantagallo to study the coffee disease which has been causing so much injury there for many years. The Capanema investigation some three years ago does not seem to have resulted in any good.

—The marriage of Mr. Eugene Honold, of New Orleans, to Miss Jeanne Hümmel, of this city, took place at the residence of the bride's mother, Madame Hümmel, in Rua dos Voluntarios da Patria on the evening of the 25th ult., Rev. J. L. Kennedy officiating. The American and French colonies were largely represented.

—This is a hotel in one of the suburbs of this city which is evidently anxious to secure English customers, as witness the following advertisement in the *Journal do Commercio*, which no English traveller ever reads:

"Comfortable hotel, luxuriously mobiliated and equal to the first of North America. There are apartments for family and for a only person. The prices are moderated and subjected to a convention."

—It is claimed by Dr. Lacerda that permanganate of potassa is a cure for hydrophobia. A colleague of his reports treating a man and his son bitten by a rabid cat. The injections were made in the child 12 hours after he was bitten and he died seven weeks after showing all the symptoms of hydrophobia, but the man was operated upon a quarter of an hour after he was bitten and his so far shown no symptoms of the disease.

—The telegrams from Europe during the past fortnight have been marvellously important and interesting. We have been told all about the festivities in Lisbon—their Most Faithful Majesties and guests going to a bull fight, to the theatre, the processions, dinners, balls, fireworks, and how delighted they all felt about it—and we have heard about the French horse races, and the Derby, and D. Carlos. In the face of such stupendous events, the great debate at Westminster was quite forgotten.

—The new municipal ordinance in regard to street porters seems to us unnecessarily minute and onerous. It requires special registration at police headquarters, for which 2\$200 in stamps are required, a police certificate, a numbered badge, a particular place or station for awaiting customers with a prohibition of soliciting work elsewhere, requires him to present his certificate to any police official who asks it, and to avoid collecting together in the streets, disputing over offered work and using improper language. The latter part of this regulation might with propriety be applied to the well-dressed loafers of the Rua do Ouvidor.

—Julius Caesar, the terrestrial balloonist, is now in Paris, and is devoting all his energies to inflating the public with the belief that the balloon of Renard and Krebs was a copy of his own. Probably if Julius would talk less and do more, his credit would stand very much higher.

—It is pleasing to note that Sarah Bernhardt had not been in this country over an hour and ten minutes before a "polka" was written and named after her. The only celebrity not similarly honored thus far, is that "audacious invader" of Brazilian soil, General Arredondo.

—Now that the Rua do Ouvidor is being torn all to pieces to lay Mr. Hancox's surface water drains, why not have it re-paved in a decent manner? It has been a disgrace to the city heretofore, and the occasion is an excellent one to pave the Rio Regent street in a manner that would at once honor the heads and hearts of the municipal fathers.

—A quarrel between a chancery judge and his *escrivão*, which resulted in the latter's dismissal, has brought out some very important disclosures as to the administration of the property of deceased persons in this city. In a letter to the press the *escrivão* calls attention to the total disappearance of all the property of Visconde de Souza Carvalho, who died about one year ago, and was supposed to be a man of considerable wealth. He charges that the judge told him the deceased left nothing but his bed-room furniture. This disclosure has had the effect of bringing out the missing property, which is inventoried at 1,162,639\$, of which 94,000\$ is cash. There is evidently a little crookedness in the matter.

—The minister of empire has at last solved the difficulty encountered in the award of the contract for street-cleaning by calling for new proposals. He evidently intended to give the contract to Alex. Gary & Co., the former contractors, but a more favorable tender from Geo. Sanville & Co. interfered. He then allowed Gary to amend his proposal some time after they had been opened, but still the difficulty was not solved. The just and honorable course was that of promptly accepting the most advantageous proposal, but this the minister had no thought of doing. Unable to give the contract to Gary under the former proposals, he resorts to some old and calls for new proposals. And this is called open competition! Would it not be more honest for the minister to award the contract without any pretense of competition?

—According to the most recent statistics the state telegraph line has a total extension of 10,292½ kilometres, with 17,993½ kilometres of wire and 170 stations. The lines extend from the Uruguayan frontier on the south, to Vizeu on the north, to which will shortly be added a section of 318 kilometres between Vizeu and Pará. During the fiscal year 1884-85 there were 367,799 messages transmitted, containing 5,598,810 words, of which 48,332 messages, or 1,816,497 words, were official. The receipts for the year were 700,619\$233, and the working expenses and cost of construction 2,109,570\$545. The year showed an increase in the number of messages, but there was a falling off of 24,234\$675 showing that the increase was wholly in official telegrams.

—On the 25th inst. a man named Firmino Jorge da Rocha died in Niteroy who has had a peculiar history. Years ago he held the office of *almoxarife* [store-keeper] in the military arsenal of this city, but was suspended September 15th, 1859, on a charge of embezzlement. He was not dismissed from the service until June 27th, 1866, when it was decided that his defalcation amounted to 900,000\$. He has never held any office since, but devoted his whole life to the sifting of his accounts to disprove the charge. At last he succeeded, and on November 4th, 1881—over 21 years after his suspension—he received a full and honorable acquittal—having been found that instead of a deficit of 900,000\$ in his accounts, there was really a surplus of 512,000\$523! He was then of course entitled to his salary for the period of his unjust suspension, but died before his claim for repayment could be carried through the official circulo of office.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

A Illustração; Vol. III, No. 7. The illustrations in this number are chiefly devoted to Palm Sunday scenes, several of which are of striking merit. The number is one worthy of preservation.

Projecto de Colonização e Industria Pastoral; presented to the legislature of 1886 by John Welson. An examination of this scheme leads us to conclude that it offers no inducements either to the immigrant or to the country, which entitle it to serious consideration. On the contrary, its operations can not fail to be most prejudicial to the best interests of both parties. It aims at the creation of a great land-holding corporation, of which Mr. Welson is to be director-general for 10 years, whose lands are to be worked by semi-serflike immigrants on terms which benefit the former alone. Such a system would be but a very slight improvement on open, legalized slavery.

Estrada de Ferro Victoria a Natividade—Memorial dos Concessionarios aos Poderes do Estado. A statement of the controversy between Messrs. Waring Brothers and the government regarding the decision of the privilege for the construction of the above railway in the province of Espírito Santo. The government having arrived at an accord with the company's representative, Mr. H. E. Hunt, agreed to pay £70,000 to the grantees in consideration of a full and final relinquishment of the concession. This accord was afterwards annulled in the imperial legislature, and the government was authorized to pay only the net cost of the surveys. It was so gross a breach of contract that the grantees hope to secure a reconsideration of the whole matter and a reversal of the legislative act of last year.

COMMERCIAL

Rio de Janeiro, June 4th, 1886.

Par value of the Brazilian mil reis (1000), gold 17 1/2 do do do do do in U. S. coin at \$1.81 per £1 stg. ... 54 1/2 cents, do \$1.00 (U. S. coin) Brazilian gold ... 183 1/2 do of £1 stg. in Brazilian gold ... 8 8/10

Bank rate of exchange on London to-day ... 21 3/4. Present value of the Brazilian mil reis (paper) ... 810 1/2 gold do do do in U. S. coin at \$1.80 per £1 stg. ... 43 7/8

Value of \$1.00 (\$4.80 per £1 stg.) in Brazilian currency (paper) ... 2 2/8 Value of £1 sterling ... 103 1/2

EXCHANGE.

May 22.—Official rates at the banks were 21 3/4 on London, 430-440 on Paris and 542-543 on Hamburg at 90 days; \$2330 on New York at sight. The market was quiet with bank sterling quoted at 21 3/4-21 1/2, better on head office and 2 1/4 from second hands. Commercial sterling was quoted at 21 1/2, 21 1/8, 21 and bank on Paris at 439. Sovereigns closed with buyers at 11 \$20, sellers at 11 \$50

May 24.—Official rates were unchanged. Market quiet with bank sterling quoted at 21 3/4 on bankers, 21 1/2 on head offices, and 2 1/4 bank from second hands. Commercial sterling was quoted at 21 1/2-21 1/8-21. Sovereigns closed with buyers at 11 \$10, sellers at 11 \$50

May 25.—The official rates at the banks were 21 1/4 on London, 440 on Paris and 542-543 on Hamburg at 90 days; \$2330 on New York at sight. On head offices bank sterling was quoted at 21 1/2, and from second hands at 2 1/4. Commercial sterling was reported at the extremes of 21 1/2-21 1/8-21 and bank francs at 439. Sovereigns sold at 11 \$50, closing with buyers at 11 \$20, sellers at 11 \$50

May 26.—The market continues unchanged, with little doing. Bank sterling is quoted at 21 1/2, 21 1/8 on head office and 2 1/4 from second hands. Commercial sterling was quoted at 21 1/2, 21 1/8 and 21, and commercial francs at 435. Sovereigns closed with buyers at 11 \$50, sellers at 11 \$20

May 27.—There is absolutely no change, so far as reported, and the market is quiet. Commercial sterling was quoted at 21 1/2-21, and bank on Paris at 440. Sovereigns closed with buyers at 11 \$20, sellers at 11 \$50, and sold at 11 \$50

May 28.—Market quiet at unchanged rates. From second hands bank sterling is quoted at 2 1/4, and commercial at 21 1/2-21 1/8. Commercial francs were done at 436. Sovereigns sold at 11 \$50, closing with buyers at 11 \$20, sellers at 11 \$50

May 29.—Market very quiet at unchanged official rates, viz: 21 1/4 on London, 440 on Paris, 542-543 on Hamburg at 90 days and \$2330 on New York at sight. From second hands bank sterling was quoted at 2 1/4. Commercial sterling to an insignificant extent was reported at 21 1/2-21 1/8 and bank on Paris at 440. Sovereigns sold at 11 \$50, closing with buyers at 11 \$20, sellers at 11 \$50

May 31.—Posted rates are unchanged, but bank paper was obtainable at 2 1/4. Market very quiet and nothing doing in commercial sterling. Bank on Paris was reported at 440. Sovereigns closed with buyers at 11 \$20, sellers at 11 \$50

June 1.—Official rates were still unchanged, but business was done at 2 1/4 for bank, both on head office and from second hands. Commercial sterling was quoted at 21 1/2-21 1/8. Sovereigns sold at 11 \$50, closing with buyers at 11 \$20, sellers at 11 \$50

June 2.—Market quiet, but firm at higher rates, viz: 21 1/2 on London, 430 on Paris, 540 on Hamburg at 90 days and \$2300 on New York at sight. Bank sterling was also done at 2 1/4 on bankers and on head office, and commercial was quoted at 21 1/2-21 1/8-21. Sovereigns sold at 11 \$50-40, closing with buyers at 11 \$40, sellers at 11 \$50

June 4.—Rates at the banks are 21 1/2 on London and 2 1/4 on head offices. Market firm with money scarce. Brokers seemed to have secured what money was offering at 2 1/4

—On the 24th ult the Banco Delecedere commenced business.

—The directors of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company have declared a dividend of 1 1/2 per cent, making with the interim dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on 1st Nov last 1 1/2 per cent, or 7 1/2 per cent, for the year 1885.—Railway News, Apr. 24.

—The conversion of apolices was to some extent expected to increase the demand for industrial securities. The minister of finance says, however, that the government find a short period of option to prevent the capital employed in old apolices seeking other employment than in the new.

—On the 30th an article, ineditorial, in O Pais, seems to foreshadow a "bull" movement in some of our railway shares or debentures. Carangola, Leopoldina and Sta. Isabel do Rio Preto are the stocks most likely to be moved. If the companies' obligations seem to offer a fair chance for a "bull" combination, but our Stock Exchange is so petty in its operations that we are doubtful of a successful movement. At all events a considerable speculation will be difficult.

—The rumor current is, that our principal financial establishment has been unduly protecting certain brokers. Those not in the good graces of the bank have to divide their business with the favored few. Whether the rumor be true, or if it is a mere wind, there is a good chance for an opposition deputy to ventilate the question and make public, whether or not the companies' obligations seem to offer a fair chance for a "bull" combination, but our Stock Exchange is so petty in its operations that we are doubtful of a successful movement. At all events a considerable speculation will be difficult.

—Under date of the 28th ult the minister of finance forwarded to the various fiscal departments copies of the decree ordering the collection of the 5 per cent surtax. He further advised that: "Concerning the strict execution of the said decree will meet with difficulties relative to the collection of the said additional tax on stamp duties fixed and proportional, and where whenever payments are to be realized in stamps, and it is necessary to apply the additional tax to stamps of 100 reis, or of the values, whence arises a fraction which cannot be met by any of the stamps in circulation, and it not being possible to remove this difficulty within the short period responsible to the legislature to the decree: It is ordered that pending the decision of the legislature to the said surtaxer will be submitted. That the collection of the said surtax of 5 per cent is suspended in cases where payment of the fixed or proportional stamp tax is made in stamps, which do not represent a value of \$4 at least, when there is already a stamp of 100 reis, which should be attached in conformity with the recommendation of Art. 18 of the Regulamento No. 5,947 of May 17th, 1884. That where the tax payable exceeds \$3 and terminates in a fraction less than 100 reis, this excess shall be ignored on observation 3, § 1 of Table B annexed to the above Regulamento.

—The report of the Brazilian Submarine Telegraph Co. for the half year ended 31st Dec. 1885 states that the revenue amounted to £27,660 and the working expenses to £12,893. After providing £9,680 for the debenture interest and sinking fund and £1,100 for income tax, there remains a balance of £5,870, to this is added £2,831 brought forward, making a total of £8,701. Dividends amounting to £30,000 had been paid and £15,000 transferred to the reserve fund, leaving £3,701 to be carried to the next account.—Statist, May 8.

—The May receipts at the Rio custom house were: Importation ... 3,122,657,985 Port dues ... 2,197,990 Exportation ... 377,386,856 Sundries ... 3,670,370 Total ... 6,368,112,201 Deposits ... 22,197,623 Resolutions ... 25,016,043 Internal Revenue receipts ... 359,978,692

DAILY COFFEE REPORT.

Rio Associação Commercial daily cablegram to New York regarding position and quotations of the Coffee market.

Table with columns for Stock this morning, Receipts yesterday, Sales for United States, State of the market, Exchange on London, and various prices for coffee. Includes dates from May 22 to June 4.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Summary table for May 22nd and June 2nd, showing sales for United States, Europe, and other regions, along with shipping and market information.

SALES OF STOCKS AND BARRS.

Table of stock and bond sales from May 22 to May 28, listing various securities like apolices, bank stocks, and government bonds with their respective prices.

MARKET REPORT.

Table of market reports for Rio de Janeiro, June 4th, 1886, covering exports, coffee prices, and various market indicators.

Table of June 2nd market data, including six per cent apolices, gold loan, and various bank and government securities.

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS OF BRAZILIAN STOCKS AND SHARES.

EXTRACTED FROM "THE STATIST" AND "RAILWAY NEWS" OF MAY 8TH.

Table of London quotations for Brazilian stocks and shares, including Government Stocks, Railways, and Miscellaneous securities.

MARKET REPORT.

Market report for Rio de Janeiro, June 4th, 1886, detailing exports, coffee market conditions, and the sales of various goods.

of great importance, men of the sphere of Grant, who, in spite of being general-in-chief, accepted the position of governor of a State." The illustrious senator then proceeded to inform the Senate that the political contests in the United States are between the North and South, and that the vanquished always bow the head to the functionaries sent to govern them by the President-elect. Also, that on January 1st, the day on which the houses of Congress are formally opened, the members of both parties call on the President to compliment him. We must confess that all this is decidedly new to us, as it can not fail to be to our American readers. According to our own information, which may be accepted as approximately correct, the governors of the States are elected in State elections, not appointed by the President; the United States government has no control whatever over the election of State officials; General Grant was never governor of Massachusetts, nor of any other State; the President-elect does not send public functionaries from one section of the country to another for executive purposes, except to the territories; and Congress is not formally opened on January 1st. In fact, all that Minister Junqueira appears to know about the government of the United States is purely imaginative, and may be considered merely as an adaptation of the system now pursued here in Brazil, which he considers admirable, and unequalled in any part of the world.

THE EMANCIPATION FUND.

The following tables from the last *relatório* of the minister of agriculture show the results of the emancipation fund as thus far employed. The table gives the number of slaves liberated in each province up to the latest reports and the totals paid for the same from the fund. The results are as follows:

Province.	No. slaves liberated.	Expense.
Minas Geraes.....	4,230	3,509,437\$167
Rio de Janeiro (province).....	4,115	3,309,120 336
Bahia.....	3,202	1,552,420 496
S. Paulo.....	2,791	2,259,310 373
Pernambuco.....	2,249	1,180,849 887
Ceará.....	1,805	291,335 108
Rio Grande do Sul.....	1,466	771,494 173
Maranhão.....	1,468	770,724 978
Parahyba.....	783	292,576 087
Município Neutro (Rio).....	754	415,310 299
Alagoas.....	734	366,783 650
Piahy.....	710	262,004 445
Sergipe.....	659	317,270 350
Pará.....	566	315,179 664
Espirito-Santo.....	422	284,315 925
Santa Catharina.....	355	158,228 712
Rio Grande do Norte.....	329	136,220 456
Paraná.....	200	116,924 418
Goyaz.....	197	92,713 311
Matto-Grosso.....	138	113,341 499
Amazonas.....	52	37,142 978
Totals.....	24,165	16,443,682\$372

In addition to this expenditure of 16,443,682\$372 from the emancipation fund, the slaves have contributed from their own private savings, or resources, (*peculios*), a further sum of 972,902\$663, making an aggregate cost of 17,416,585\$035 for the slaves thus far manumitted under the operations of the fund. This shows an average cost per capita of 720\$735, of which the cost to the fund was 680\$475.

According to an interesting comparison published by the *Journal do Commercio* on the 23rd ult., the average cost of manumissions, exclusive of fractions, in the different provinces is as follows:

Province.	with "peculio."	without "peculio."
Matto-Grosso.....	913\$000	821\$000
Amazonas.....	904 000	714 000
Minas Geraes.....	864 000	820 000
Rio de Janeiro (province).....	813 000	801 000
S. Paulo.....	704 000	795 000
Espirito-Santo.....	748 000	673 000
Pará.....	642 000	550 000
Rio Grande do Sul.....	629 000	458 000
Goyaz.....	594 000	468 000
Maranhão.....	593 000	547 000
Alagoas.....	562 000	499 000
Município Neutro (Rio).....	562 000	550 000
Pernambuco.....	555 000	525 000
Bahia.....	535 000	484 000
Sergipe.....	523 000	481 000
Santa Catharina.....	484 000	445 000
Rio Grande do Norte.....	453 000	414 000
Parahyba.....	395 000	397 000
Piahy.....	386 000	369 000
Ceará.....	174 000	161 000

The period covered by these statistics is the 12 years since the law of 1871 went into effect, that is,

after the close of registration in 1873. And the expenditures include all the payments made in behalf of the fund and the effectual execution of the law.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

May 22.—In the Senate there was no quorum. In the Chamber there was no quorum.

May 24.—In the Senate nothing of general interest occurred. In the Chamber the bill opening credits for old debts of the ministry of agriculture was passed. Srs. Franklin Doria and Jayme Rosa each claimed his election from the 3rd district of Piahy.

May 25.—In the Senate, the bill fixing the naval force for 1886-87 was read, and attacks on the government by the opposition and replies from the ministers occupied the rest of the session. In the Chamber, Sr. Jayme Rosa was declared elected deputy from the 3rd district of Piahy, the Chamber declaring fraudulent the votes of 83 electors of the district.

May 26.—In the Senate, Sr. Avila spoke on the bill fixing the military forces for 1886-87. In the Chamber the president fixed the 28th for the questions to be put to the minister of empire by Deputy Candido de Oliveira relative to the alleged fraudulent voting in Piahy. The budget committee reported that as the budget for 1886-87 can not be passed in season, that the laws 3,229 and 3,230 of September 3rd, 1884, fixing the budget, be extended to cover the first four months of 1886-87. Deputy José Pompéo spoke on the Quixadá reservoir and Baturité railway questions, asking the attention of the minister of agriculture thereto. The rest of the session was occupied by election discussions.

May 27.—In the Senate the minister of war, Visconde de Pelotas and Senator Avila spoke on the army bill. In the Chamber, the committee reported the navy bill for 1887-88, and the rest of the session was of no general interest.

May 28.—In the Senate, Sr. Lima Duarte asked for various documents, including a report of Sr. Fernandes Pinheiro, relative to the change of gauge of the D. Pedro II railway extension. Senator Silveira Martins spoke on the army bill. In discussing the bill to defer elections of members of municipal chambers, Senators José Bonifacio and Dantas declared in favor of a considerable extension of the franchise, the former stating that all persons who can read and write should have the right of voting. Senator Saraiva, although a liberal, opposed universal suffrage. In the Chamber Deputy Candido de Oliveira asked the minister of empire his questions relative to Piahy affairs. The minister replied that the government had nothing to do with the action of the Chamber in declaring fraudulent the votes in question. Deputies Affonso Celso and Alves de Araujo, liberals, and Coelho Rodrigues and Bulhões Carvalho, conservatives, also spoke on the question, which it appears will be subjected to the legal authorities of the district.

May 29.—In the Senate, Sr. Avila again spoke on the army bill. In the discussion of the bill to defer municipal elections, Sr. Saraiva defended his resigning office, and the premier made a somewhat jocose reply in which he defended the government from any transgression of the electoral law. Senator Silveira Martins also spoke declaring that the electoral law could not be well executed pending administrative decentralization and the organization of provincial executive. "So long as the immense machine, commencing with the Emperor and finishing with the *inspector de quarterio* (police sub-official) is working, all resistance to the government will be useless."

In the Chamber there was no quorum.

May 31.—In the Senate, Sr. Luiz Felipe moved for information regarding the Pernambuco provincial assembly suspending a session, because the chamber was invaded by troops. The minister of empire said the government had no information respecting the occurrence. Senator Affonso Celso presented an amendment to law 2,033 of September 20th, 1871, regarding the concession of *habeas corpus*. Senator Lima Duarte asked for information relative to the sale by the Paraguayan government of the Assumpção and Villa Rica railway, which was a guarantee of the debt of the republic to Brazil. The premier replied that the railway was not such a guarantee, but that the Paraguayan government had agreed to pay for the rolling stock furnished by Brazil during the war. The subsequent arrangement with a firm had made the debt payable in installments one of which had been made. The minister of war, Avila and Visconde de Pelotas spoke on the army bill and Senator Franco de Sá on the election of municipal chambers bill. In the Chamber, a petition from Visconde de Mauá and others for a system of pneumatic tubes between Jandiahy and Santos was referred to committee. Deputy Lucena occupied the greater

part of the session in a defense of his administration of Rio Grande do Sul. The rest of the session was of no general interest.

June 1.—In the Senate, Sr. Dantas presented a project for a law to declare all slaves free within five years from the date of the law. The project reads as follows: The General Assembly resolves: Art. 1st.—Within five years counted from the date of this law all slaves existing in the Empire will be considered free. § 1. Within the same period the obligations of service imposed upon free-born children by the law of September 28th, 1871, will become absolutely extinct. Art. 2.—The project of the surtax of 5 per cent. referred to in Art. 2 of law No. 3,270 of September 28th, 1885, will be applied to the general expenses of the empire. The project was referred to a special committee on motion of Sr. Dantas. On the municipal elections bill, Senators José Bonifacio, the minister of empire, Franco de Sá and Correia spoke. In the Chamber, Deputy Candido de Oliveira attacked the government in the debate on the reply to the Speech and the premier replied. On the bill to prorogue the budget laws, Deputy Montandon spoke, praising the conversion of the 6 per cent. stock, but condemning the short time granted for conversion. The minister of finance replied, defending the prorogation, and stating that the period for conversion was ample, said that had it been extended speculators and company mongers would have availed of the irritation of holders of stock to attract to themselves this capital.

June 2.—In the Senate, the special committee to report on Senator Dantas' abolition project was elected. The army bill passed. Senators Leão Veloso, Lima Duarte, Fausto de Aguiar, Visconde de Paranaíba and Octaviano spoke on the municipal elections bill. In the Chamber, Deputy Taunay declared that the minister of agriculture considered it a cause for satisfaction that the vote for immigration showed a balance of 800,000\$, which he thought should have been expended. The bill to prorogue the budget laws passed first reading. Deputies Affonso Celso and Rodrigues Jr. and the premier spoke on the reply to the Speech and Deputies Montandon, Taunay and Beltrão on the navy bill.

PROVINCIAL NOTES

—The Amazonas sub-treasury receipts in March amounted to 113,963\$855.

—The senatorial election in Minas Geraes is to take place on the 26th prox.

—The public debt of the province of Maranhão now amounts to 854,991\$253.

—The fines imposed on the Pará gas company in March amounted to 724\$250.

—Both small-pox and *ben-berri* are reported on the increase in Manóas, Amazonas.

—The April receipts of the Manóas, Amazonas, custom house amounted to 72,810\$361.

—The balances in the Pará provincial treasury at the end of April amounted to 517,474\$773.

—The gas company of Victoria, Espirito Santo, was fined 100\$ for leaving the town in darkness three hours on the night of the 3rd ult.

—The April receipts of the Pará provincial *recolheitoria* amounted to 162,868\$835, against 168,183\$868 last year and 105,025\$255 in 1884.

—The April provincial revenue receipts of Espirito Santo amounted to 118,356\$738, and those of March 74,688\$755. The provincial expenses for the two months were 100,917\$367.

—The mileage (*ajudas de custo*) for the two Pará deputies, McDowell and Costa Aguiar, figures at 1,600\$. This, with 50\$ a day for doing nothing, is a pretty fair speculation.

—A Portuguese was arrested and imprisoned in Pará, the other day, to prevent his leaving the country, as he owed a Pará firm 24,204\$8610, and was trying to escape without paying it.

—The *Correio de Santos* has recently had a strike in its printing office, and has another editor. The *Correio* is laying up more diverse experience than probably any half dozen papers in Brazil.

—The March revenue receipts in the province of Minas Geraes, including deposits and imposts for the emancipation fund, were 195,214\$995, against 169,504\$714 in the same month of last year.

—The provincial government of São Paulo has purchased a piece of ground in the Braz suburb of the capital for 17,000\$, upon which it is proposed to erect an immigrants' station for the province.

—The *delegado* of police at S. José dos Campos, São Paulo, has recently denounced the manager of the Monte Claros plantation, João Augusto Gonçalves de Freitas, for a series of *eight assassinations* committed within the last ten years. The crimes were committed most cruelly, often with fiendish tortures, and the victims were both slaves and free persons. Several skeletons have been found.

—The January receipts of the Parahyba custom house amounted to 20,847\$929, against 26,204\$502 in the same month of last year.

—The province of São Paulo has entered into a contract with one José Antonio dos Santos for the introduction of 4,000 immigrants.

—The village of Mogy-guassú, São Paulo, has been authorized to borrow 5,000\$ for the purpose of providing the place with water.

—A bill has been introduced into the Amazonas provincial assembly for granting a premium of 30,000\$000 to Joaquim Theodoro Bentes for the discovery of a new process for preparing rubber.

—At Parahyba do Norte on the 8th ulto, the president of the municipal chamber knocked the clerk of the *juiz de paz* on the head with a weight, because the latter had called on him to pay some costs.

—There is a town called Cunha, in S. Paulo, where the jury have had nothing to do for four years. This somewhat reduces the average of crimes for the province, which was becoming very excessive.

—According to a column and a half table in the *Diario Official* of the 3rd inst., the April receipts of the Penedo custom house, Alagoas, amounted to 8,573\$324, against 8,909\$043 in the same month of last year.

—A schoolmaster at Cabreuva, São Paulo, named Pedro Kiehl, improved his opportunity to steal 3,800\$ from a merchant, in whose house he was lodging, on the 25th ult., and then made his escape from the place.

—The party charged with the exploration of the Rio Parapanama, under the direction of Engineer Theodoro de Sampaio, left Itapetinga, São Paulo, on the 25th ult. The river is wholly unknown and passes through an unexplored region.

—The April receipts of the Pará custom house amounted to 633,525\$986, against 727,382\$831 in the same month of last year, 637,595\$179 in 1884, and 681,355\$848 in 1883. April was a bad month in Pará as well as here.

—The *Gazeta*, of Campinas, São Paulo, is informed that 2,000 families, comprising about 9,000 individuals, are coming from Russia to settle in Brazil, and will select the province offering the most advantages. Send them to Paraná, of course!

—In April 328 head of cattle were killed for consumption in Manóas, Amazonas. According to the rough calculation of the country—one animal per day for each thousand of population—this indicates a population for Manóas of nearly 11,000.

—The Ypanema iron works have recently received 50 packages of machinery for their shops, which are said to have been idle two years for want of them. Perhaps the earnings will now increase sufficiently to pay for keeping the machinery clean.

—The April receipts of the Maceió custom house were 54,226\$153, against 65,485\$287 in the same month of last year, a decrease of 11,259\$134. Imports showed an increase of 3,993\$783, while exports showed a decrease of 14,072\$840 in comparison with last year.

—According to the São Paulo *Diario Mercantil* of the 20th ult., the president of that province has entered into a contract with Antonio Antunes dos Santos for the introduction of 4,000 immigrants from the Azores, under a recent provincial law which concedes to each immigrant the price of passage at 19 d., or 85\$330.

—The good people of Rio Claro, São Paulo, are in transports of joy over the prospect of having a tramway, which will run from the railway station through the town and out to the new slaughter house. The latter is to be inaugurated, probably with a blood offering, on the 15th inst. Rio Claro must be very careful, or it will become giddy over the progress it is making.

—During the quarter ending March 31st the exports of rubber from the Amazon amounted to 4,415,700 kilos., valued at 10,414,982\$836, against 4,112,288 kilos., valued at 9,102,976\$346, in the same period of last year. The total official value of exports was 11,048,828\$549 this year, against 9,662,859\$499 in 1885. The March exports amounted to 3,296,163\$351, on which the export duties amounted to 385,286\$173.

—The new domestic service law of São Paulo is an interesting illustration of the legislative tendencies of the day. Every servant must be registered at the police office, and is then made subject to regulations, restrictions and penalties which reduce them to a condition little better than slaves. While they are to be rigidly bound by their contracts, the employer can really discharge them at pleasure, for the list of causes for dismissal practically leaves them without any guarantee whatever against unjust treatment. Unquestionably a great many of the so-called republicans of São Paulo voted for this law, arbitrary as it is. We trust that the immigration society will have it translated for circulation among intending emigrants to Brazil.

GOVERNMENT AND PROVINCIAL BONDS

ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN STEAMERS.

Table with columns: DATE, NAME, WHERE FROM, CONSIGNED TO. Lists arrivals of steamers from various ports like Panama, London, Santos, etc.

Table with columns: EMISSION, CIRCULATION, APPLICABLE, INTEREST, NOMINAL VALUE, LAST SALE, LAST QUOTATIONS. Lists government and provincial bonds with their terms and market values.

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Large table with columns: CAPITAL, SHARES, DEBENTURE, VALUE, PAID UP, NAMES, RESERVE FUND, LAST SALE, LAST DIVIDEND, LAST QUOTATIONS. Lists various debentures and shares from banks, railways, and other companies.

DEPARTURES OF FOREIGN STEAMERS.

Table with columns: DATE, NAME, WHERE TO, CARGO. Lists departures of steamers to various destinations like Southampton, London, Hamburg, etc.

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