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a. m. Cachoeira (S. Paulo branch) 12:29 p. m. Porto Novo
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at 6:45 and the Central train at 8 p. m.
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at 6:58 p. m. S. Paulo branch leaves Barra at 1:30 and arrives
at Cachoeira at 6:25 p. m. From Barra, Rio train leaves at
5:15 p. m. and arrives at Porto Novo at 6:05. Downward
train leaves Marriano Propicio at 5:00 a. m. Cachoeira 5:50
and Porto Novo 5:59, arriving at Rio at 5:10 p. m.
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and third to Barra arriving at 9:10 a. m. and 3:55 p. m. and
third to Belém arriving at 7:32. Downward train leaves Entre
Rios at 4:30 a. m. arriving at Barra at 6:40 a. m. and Barra
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RIO DE JANEIRO, JULY 5th, 1888.

The anniversary of the Declaration of Independence by the thirteen English colonies in North America, which will be celebrated to-day by over sixty millions of people, is an occasion of more than ordinary interest to the people of Brazil at this moment. Perhaps there has never been a time in the history of this country when an accurate and intelligent knowledge of the causes, incidents and results of this great event are so important and necessary. There have always been a few men in this empire who have called themselves "republicans," and a few slight disturbances are on record as the result of their plottings. This year, however, through discontent with old party affiliations, through opposition to the impending succession of Princess Isabel to the throne, and through discontent and anger over the unconditional abolition of slavery, the ranks of the republican party have been so swelled as to make it an object of serious solicitude for the future. As Americans and republicans, we can certainly entertain no feelings of hostility to any movement representing the genuine aspirations of a people for self-government and liberal institutions, but when this movement is heralded by dreamers, led by an enraged oligarchy, and backed by a mass of ignorant, superstitious people who have not one single qualification for self-government, we believe it needful to sound a note of warning. The American revolution was not such a movement as this, nor were the English colonies of North America in so unprepared a condition for independent self-government. Every colony had its own legislature, and the colonists were thoroughly acquainted with the principles and practices of responsible representative government. In many of these colonies also they were accustomed to meet in "town-meetings" to discuss and determine local affairs and even to decide what action should be taken in the general affairs of the colony. The moral standard of these people was exceptionally high, illiteracy among them was rare, and they possessed in the highest degree the courage of their convictions. Their revolt was not so much against the English monarchy, as against usurpations upon the liberties which they had enjoyed, and impositions which they believed to be unjust and humiliating. The Declaration of Independence was merely the succinct statement of principles which had for years and generations dwelt in the daily thoughts of these colonists, and the government which they founded was the logical outgrowth of such high thinking and of the discipline

of generations in self-government. The republican form of government in the United States was not the result of a passionate outburst, like that which overthrew the Bastille and raged in the Reign of Terror; it was the fruit of a tree whose planting took place in pre-historic times among the Germanic tribes of Central Europe, it was the logical outcome of the fierce struggles in England for civil liberty, and it was, above all, a natural result of sound moral principles, industrious habits, a high average of education among the people, a strong sense of honor and responsibility among leaders, and a quick sensitiveness to perceive and resent every trespass upon established rights and principles. The French revolution, which came fifteen years later, and to which Brazilian republicans are accustomed to look for their inspiration, sprung from no such principles as these, nor had it the support of the experience, judgment, intelligence and definite purpose which characterized the American patriots. The 4th and 14th of July are near enough together on the calendar, but they are very wide apart in the lessons which they offer to the Brazilian republican.

If the Brazilian planter can not succeed in making a decent living with all the favors, privileges and assistance granted him by the government, it is to be feared that the only remaining recourse for the state will be to assume all his debts, dignify him with a title, and then pension him generously for himself, his family and all his dependent relatives. Short of that, there is very little that can now be done. The customs tariffs of the country are so arranged that he pays the minimum in proportion to his wealth and ability. In the way of direct taxes he pays almost nothing. His land, stock and income are exempt from taxation, unless it happens that the church gets a municipal tax levied for some purpose, and even that is transferred just as far possible to the consumer who may buy his products. If he requires agricultural machinery, special laws reduce the customs tax to a minimum, and other laws impose special penalties for the destruction or injury of his stock, implements, machinery and crops. Should he have had occasion to mortgage his property, the old law, only recently substituted, made it impossible for the creditor to foreclose without taking over the property at a stipulated valuation and paying him the difference in cash. If he wants laborers the government pays their fares 'out from Europe, up to fixed rate, provides them food and shelter for a certain time, and then transports them gratuitously to their destination. And now, special orders are given for the free transportation of plantation laborers, whether immigrants or not, from the sea-board to the interior, provided of course they are destined for the service of the aforesaid planter. And to secure him in all the benefits possible from the employment of free labor, a labor contract law was enacted and is still in existence which reduces his laborers to a condition but little better than slavery. For slight breaches of discipline or of the contract he may fine them or have them imprisoned at pleasure. And then, for his financial needs and to make him absolutely independent of the uncertain returns from his plantation, the government has always made it a subject of special anxiety to provide him with facilities for borrowing money on easy terms and for long periods. Exceptional favors have been given to banks which will undertake to loan him money on mortgage security, *credit foncier* institutions have been created every where, and now it is proposed to grant a state interest guarantee on the hypothecary

notes of a new and extensive system of agricultural banks, created especially for the purpose of loaning him money on real estate and advancing money on his crops. Guarantees have already been given for railways for his personal advantage, and on central sugar factories for the development and protection of a declining branch of his industry. Perhaps there may yet be a chance to assist him temporarily by granting guarantees on central coffee-cleaning mills, on stock-raising, and on the production of *farinha* and *feijoadas*, but as the last two belong more especially to the small farmers perhaps they are not to be reckoned upon. The most effective way, however, as it is certainly the simplest, to meet the insatiable needs of this helpless offspring of a slave-nourished civilization, is to pension him liberally, ennoble him, send him to Paris or stand him up against the entrance to a *confeitaria* on the sunny side of the Ouvidor, and then turn the land over to men who are willing to work and live upon the fruits of their own intelligence and industry.

We doubt whether there be one interested party in the Brazilian coffee trade that will regret the closing of the 1887-88 coffee crop year. Commencing, as we did, under the influence of the June, 1887, panic in New York, the market has dragged along with little profit or interest to those in the trade. The steady decline in prices was counted upon, and we should have opened the coming season with reasonable quotations had not the American markets allowed their stocks to run down to an almost dangerous figure, which, forcing them into our market, and also into the European centres, caused a movement that is transitory and will probably result in losses. The past year has now become ancient history. Commencing as it did with Ordinary 1st quoted at 138500 per arroba, we will close with the same quality at somewhere about one-half of this quotation, and yet there has been little profit in the business. The only task cast upon us is to examine into why consuming markets have been able to maintain their stocks at very little less than average figures, under such a year as we have seen in Brazil. Naturally, the first idea suggested is adulteration; this has no doubt been a potent factor in the coffee market, as we have had occasion to point out, not only from our own convictions, but from figures furnished by well accredited London brokers. The only inference appears to be that, although coffee may be now considered a necessity, if prices for the pure article pass a certain point, a substitute will be furnished and the pure article will require years to recover the position lost in one unfavorable season; and a short crop in Brazil may mean the loss of its predominance in the coffee markets of the world. The next feature requiring examination is the *modus operandi* in Rio. Does it not seem possible to reduce expenses on the handling of coffee in this city? We are quite aware that a great part of shipments are now sold before clearance; but this does not affect our argument that entirely too much expense is attached to the purchase and shipment of coffee in Rio. The cartage from the railway station to the packers' store, the re-packing at this, the cartage again to the shipping wharf, wharfage, custom-house interference, etc., could surely be somewhat curtailed to the benefit of all concerned. We refrain, for well understood reasons, from referring to brokerages. When, therefore, it is sought to reduce expenses on the shipping of produce at every port of the world, is it not time for Rio to awake and accompany the movement? These remarks

are merely to call attention to past mistakes, and suggest their improvement. Coffee will not be accepted at the price fixed by producers, without reference to the ideas of consuming markets, and Rio must simplify methods and reduce the shipping expenses. As to the past crop, we have over-estimated receipts by about 250,000 bags; not an excessive mistake, if the weather and labor questions be taken into consideration. In common with many more closely interested in the trade than we are, we calculated that the new crop (1888-89) would be early. This expectation has proved erroneous but there seems no reason to reduce estimates. It is claimed that about one-third of the coming crop will be lost through the abolition of slavery, but this assertion does not merit entire confidence. The planters may lose a small part of their crops, but this part is likely to come to market, for the laborers are not unacquainted with the value of the bean, and purchasers of surreptitiously gathered coffee are plentiful in the interior. If it be added that Espirito Santo, Bahia and Ceará are estimated to contribute about 800,000 bags to our export, and that various provinces, heretofore dependent on Rio, are supposed to be producing sufficient coffee for their own consumption, the estimate of 8,000,000 bags for Rio and Santos does not seem out of the way. As we have published regular statistics during the year, we can do no better than refer our readers to them for further details.

OFFICIAL DELAYS.

Rio de Janeiro, June 28th, 1888.

To the Editor:

Sir.—Will you kindly ventilate in your columns a grievance that most shipmasters trading to this port have to complain of—namely, the loss of time after arrival before they can commence the work of discharging cargo, thereby causing a heavy loss to the owners through time lost, wages and victualing of crew?

To give you an instance: My ship with some five more arrived one evening the early part of this month, and the first vessel did not receive pratique till noon of the following day. The consequence was that neither of these six vessels (all sail) were able to get up to the measuring ground in time to be visited that day. The following day it was not till 1:30 p. m. (note the time) before the authorities came to measure these ships for their tonnage dues, and as twenty-four hours have to elapse after the calculation is made and deposited with the powers that rule these matters, before the ship can commence her work of discharge—and further there were some of these vessels did not get measured this day, caused solely through the dilatoriness of the government officials—the writer's ship did not get started with the work of discharge till the fifth day after arrival (Sunday included).

Now where will we find in these go-ahead, pushing times another port where such delays would be tolerated? What are the merchants—aye! and the general public!—thinking about that they do not appeal against such a deadlock to business? The writer has spoken to numbers of them about this matter, but he was generally put off with a shrug of the shoulders and spread of palms, or a twirl of thumbs. "*Amanhá, Captain!*" (with a deep sigh.)

Now, Mr. Editor, if you love us sons of Neptune, as I think you do, you will kindly insert and ventilate this grievance, and the Sea Dogs will forever pray.

Yours truly,

ONE OF THEM.

P. S.—Can you persuade your contemporaries to assist in their columns to ventilate this matter? Justice and equity demand it!

SEAMEN'S MISSION FUND.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1887.

In presenting their Eighth Annual Report of the Rio Seamen's Mission, the Committee are able to record with thankfulness its continuance and success.

During the year Mr. Hooper has regularly visited vessels of several nationalities, holding services, distributing books, papers, etc., and giving a word of encouragement and advice to sailors. He has also visited the hospital and the house of detention.

Through the kindness of friends interested in the Mission he was enabled to assist 325 men by supplying clothing, food, and lodging, and a fair supply of reading matter has been provided for the use of those attending the Room.

It is very gratifying to be able to report that on most occasions Mr. Hooper has been well received by the captains and officers of the vessels he has had the privilege of visiting. This in the opinion of your Committee is a sufficient proof of the value of the work that is being carried on and constitutes the strongest possible claim upon your continued generosity.

The Mission Room has been kept open, daily services being held there on Sundays and from time to time on week days.

The accounts now shew a total of 9,273-\$300 at the credit of the "Seamen's Mission Fund" of which 7,701-\$660 belong to the "Mission Ship Fund," leaving 1,571-\$640 towards working expenses for the current year.

Under these circumstances the Committee regret they can not recommend any transfer from the Seamen's Mission Fund to the Mission Ship Fund, which though gradually growing is still considerably below the requisite amount.

The Committee desire again to record their thanks to the South American Missionary Society in London, to Edward Gotto, Esq., and to all other subscribers to the Mission, also to those who have so kindly contributed clothing, books and newspapers during the past year.

Subjoined is a statement of receipts and expenditure:

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditure. Receipts include Balance at credit 31st Dec-ember, 1886 (8,652\$510), Subscriptions and donations (1,074\$380), South American Missionary Society (1,000 000), Edward Gotto, Esq. (200 000), Dr. Gunning (1,485 000), Sundries Rio de Janeiro (120 000), do Ship Fund (410 600), Interest on fixed deposit (70 570), do in acct. cur. at 3% (3,013\$060). Expenditure includes Missionary's salary 13 mos. (1,950 000), Rent of Bethel (13 11), Boat hire (12 11), Duty on organ and expenses (157 000), Petties (143 020), Advertising expenses (41 800), Expenses attending Mr. Hooper's illness, duties on books, etc. (197 040), Balance at cr. 31 Dec 1887 (9,273 300), Total (13,013\$060).

Table with columns for Payments. Payments include Missionary's salary 13 mos. (1,950 000), Rent of Bethel (13 11), Boat hire (12 11), Duty on organ and expenses (157 000), Petties (143 020), Advertising expenses (41 800), Expenses attending Mr. Hooper's illness, duties on books, etc. (197 040), Balance at cr. 31 Dec 1887 (9,273 300), Total (13,013\$060).

Rio de Janeiro, 31 Dec., 1887. F. H. HARRISON, treasurer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

In accordance with our custom, we translate some of the more interesting topics treated in the *relatorio* presented by the minister to the legislature.

Agriculture.

The minister is again unable to furnish a complete and minute exposition as to the position of agriculture, nor of the specification of its products, nor of the value of these. Generally statistics are difficult to collect, particularly those that refer to agricultural labor. The following table is no less deficient than that annexed to the last report, but it is published as an aid to the appreciation of production.

Table titled 'Official value of agricultural produce.' Columns: Province, 1882-83, 1883-84, 1884-85. Rows include Amazonas, Pará, Maranhão, Ceará, Piauí, Rio Grande do Norte, Paraíba, Pernambuco, Alagoas, Sergipe, Espírito Santo, S. Paulo, Minas Geraes, Santa Catharina, Rio Grande do Sul, Mato Grosso, Goiás.

Totals... 165,823,068\$ 177,890,066\$ 178,437,294\$ The above three years appear to be complete.

A partial table follows, viz.:

Table with columns for Province, 1885-86, 1886-87, Principal Products. Rows include Amazonas, Pará, Maranhão, Ceará, Piauí, Rio Grande do Norte, Paraíba, Pernambuco, Alagoas, Sergipe, Espírito Santo, S. Paulo, Minas Geraes, Santa Catharina, Paraná, Rio Grande do Sul, Mato Grosso, Goiás.

It will be noted that the province of Rio de Janeiro and the neutral municipality are not included in the above tables.

Central Sugar Factories.—Two of the concessions granted the "North Brazilian" company were declared lapsed in October last year; and in December the three concessions to the "London and Brazilian" company. Two guarantees of interest were granted during the year, viz.: 6 per cent. on 1,500,000\$ invested by the "Lavoura, Industria e Colonizacão" company in a factory at Barra do Pirahy, province of Rio de Janeiro, which is working, and 6 per cent. on a capital of 1,850,000\$ to José da Silva Loyo for the establishment of three factories in the province of Pernambuco. Since the relatorio was printed the government has changed the interest guarantee to the Lorena, S. Paulo, central factory from 7 per cent. on 500,000\$ to 6 per cent. on 700,000\$ (decree dated on June 13th). There were 23 factories with 18,000,000\$ of guaranteed capital, divided as follows, viz.: 7 per cent. on 2,400,000\$ and 15,600,000\$ at 6 per cent. The fiscalization and interest guarantees amount to 2,011,908\$379.

Emancipation.—The only feature of interest now is the cost to the country of the emancipations under the fund. The number of slaves freed since the passage of the 1871 law reaches only the ridiculous figure of 32,436, which cost the enormous sum of 19,534,923\$8673, and of which the slaves contributed from their savings the amount of 1,297,808\$527. The average per capita varies from 787\$ in Minas Geraes to 111\$ in Ceará. The amount received by the province of Minas Geraes was 4,147,087\$517, Rio de Janeiro 3,912,720\$092, S. Paulo 2,636,013\$979, Bahia 1,727,108\$268, Pernambuco 1,294,721\$794\$, Maranhão 1,292,192\$980, etc.

Table titled 'Immigration.' Columns: Province, Arrivals. Rows include Rio de Janeiro (31,310), Santos (22,227), Rio Grande do Sul (815), Santa Catharina (430), Bahia (199), Paraná (9), Total (54,990).

The arrivals at the northern ports, where there is an annual supply of Portuguese, are not included. Of the arrivals at Rio de Janeiro 24,009 paid their own transportation expenses. The provincial authorities of S. Paulo have been active, and to their energy is exclusively due the receipt of 18,663 immigrants, out of a total number of 33,310 arrived in the province; the difference

between this latter figure and the arrivals at Santos 22,227, shows the number that landed at Rio. The minister has a reference to a transient class of immigrants, and claims that there is less of this in Brazil than in the River Plate, and he estimates that only 7,757 immigrants left the principal ports of the empire during 1887, against arrivals, as above, of 54,990. In 1887 the minister states he authorized, under the clauses of the circular of December 23rd, 1886, the introduction of 4,609 families and 5,160 individual immigrants; and during the first four months of the current year, the introduction of 3,674 families and to individuals. The arrivals at Rio and Santos for the first four months of the present year exceed 30,000, and it is satisfactory to note that there are no complaints from either planters or colonists. The minister proposes extending the system of colonies, already commenced in Minas Geraes, to other provinces, that immigrants who desire to settle on their own land may find prompt accommodation; and also to have lots prepared in the neighborhood of ex-colonies for the same purpose, but the completion of this part of the system depends on a very considerable increase in the number of immigrants.

Commerce and Industries.

Joint Stock Companies.—During the past year eight native companies were organized under Decree No. 8,820 of December 30th, 1882, and ten foreign companies were authorized to do business in the empire. The companies registering statutes at the various juntas commerciaes numbered 42, with capital amounting to 58,481,000\$, and adding to this the amount registered in 1882 to 1886 the total capital of these companies is estimated at 328,410,200\$. Various foreign companies had been notified to regulate their *locum standi*, after hearing the report of the council of state.

Weaving and spinning mills.—Statistics are scanty and moreover badly organized. An increase in the number of mills is established, principally in Rio and Minas, and this number may be estimated at 80. The minister proposes to organize an exhibition of native goods, together with the necessary statistics, in this city, that he may estimate the degree of prosperity, the true condition and necessities of these mills.

Phosphate of lime.—The concessionaire of the privilege for working the deposits on the islands of the Fernando Noronha archipelago shipped a cargo to New York and also one to London; the quality was unsatisfactory, but this is ascribed to the want of a proper chemical examination of the spot from which the phosphate was shipped. The minister says the richness of the deposits is incontestable after former explorations and examinations and the success of the enterprise depends upon its management.

Mining.—The special attention of the government has been called to this important industry, which has been examined into by it. From reports received from various provinces, it appears that but few concessions have been worked. Beyond the old gold mines in Minas Geraes, the most important now working is the Arroio dos Ratos coal mine in Rio Grande do Sul, but this is struggling with all kinds of embarrassments. Recently special favors had been conceded the company by the provincial legislature and it is to be hoped that with this aid it may overcome the difficulties in the way of its improvement. The minister refers to his circular of October 20th last, which sought to correct some of the irregularities of former regulations. There is in operation an American company formed to take over the concession granted by the legislature for working mines on the rivers Cayapó, Maranhão and their branches, in the province of Goiás. The general assembly having merely fixed the period for commencing work and the duration of the privilege, the government, by Decree No. 9,874 of February 22nd, 1888, supplied the *litteras* and determined the obligations incurred by the company for the purpose of protecting national interests.

Note.—As the table of agricultural produce published above is in marked divergence with the table published by the minister of finance showing exports for the sundry years, we consider it well to give the finance figures also. A glaring error would appear to have been made in the figures for the province of Bahia. The department of finance figures for foreign trade alone are:

Table titled 'Exports.' Columns: Province, 1882-83, 1883-84, 1884-85. Rows include Amazonas, Pará, Maranhão, Ceará, Piauí, Rio Grande do Norte, Paraíba, Pernambuco, Alagoas, Sergipe, Bahia, Espírito Santo, S. Paulo, Minas Geraes, Santa Catharina, Paraná, Rio Grande do Sul, Mato Grosso, Goiás.

Totals... 197,034,536\$ 216,011,500\$ 220,669,654\$ The provinces of Minas Geraes and Mato Grosso have no sea-ports.—Editors Rio News.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

June 20.—In the Senate the premier in answer to a question said that none of the planters had availed of the clause in the 1885 law referring to the provision granting payments where it was proposed to free slaves, and that the question now appearing of indemnity has arisen since the passage of the abolition law, he again repelled the idea. Visconde de Ouro Preto (Alfonso Celso) defended the national bank project against the objection of Senator Pereira da Silva, and the premier stated that the "help to agriculture" cry was injudicious and hasty, for the government was studying the question. Senator Ribeiro da Luz saw various objections to the bank project, principally to the issue of 200,000,000\$ in new government stock. In the Chamber the minister of justice presented his project of a law for forming colonies of vagabonds, and asylums for aged paupers. The session was occupied in discussing the budgets of the department of empire and the naval force bill.

June 21.—In the Senate Sr. Correia advocated the purchase by the state of foreign-owned railways and the concentration of the direction in one central administration; he also desired the extension of the railway in his province, Paraná. Senator Silveira Martins availed of Senator Pereira da Motta's motion asking for information regarding government intervention in provincial matters, to address some severe remarks to the government; the senator thinks the whole empire is seriously ill, and needs a board of physicians for its government. Senator Avila presented no less than 14 amendments to the law fixing the military force of the empire. The bank project was discussed by Senator Correia, whose remarks were of no interest. In the Chamber the budgets of the department of empire and the navy bill finally passed. Deputy Pedro Luiz made an attack on the government on the bill opening a credit for the department of empire and called upon the ministry to resign. The minister of empire replied, but there was little of interest transpired.

June 22.—In the Senate Barão de Cotegipe's indemnity project was referred to a committee, after sharp remarks from Senator Dantas, who requested that a prompt report be made. Senator Silveira da Motta objected to the national bank laws for reasons that occupied the rest of the session. The senator objects to any currency but bullion, and as this does not seem possible, we are anxious to understand the end aimed at in his speech. In the Chamber, little of interest transpired. The minister of agriculture had to give some explanations as to railways, and then as minister of foreign affairs reply to accusations relative to the Missions commission. The session was occupied in a sterile discussion of the pros and cons for the reforming of the diplomatic service of the empire.

June 23.—No session in either Senate or Chamber. June 25.—No session in the Senate, and that at the Chamber was of little interest save to the constituents of the various speakers.

June 26.—In the Senate, after some remarks of Sr. Saravia, who wishes the bank law to pass, but considers the opinion of the government requisite, for otherwise the project will not pass in the Chamber, Senator Lafayette, one of the authors of the law, made a long and able speech defending the project and answering objections made by preceding speakers. His explanation of the fact that paper money is at a discount seems to be that the balance of trade is against the country, for although official figures show a balance in favor of the empire, the withdrawals made from the Treasury remitted abroad in the twelve months, April 1886—May 1887, 49,000,000\$; Portuguese immigrants withdrew 20,000,000\$ and with freight and remittances for smuggled goods, the sum of 98,000,000\$ is reached; or deducting an apparent balance in favor of the country of 22,000,000\$, there is a debt incurred of 74,000,000\$. The foreign loans of 1883, 1886 and 1888 amounting to 216,000,000\$ were used in settling the adverse balance of payments. The senator is evidently a warm partizan of the idea, of which we have so long been advocates. In the Chamber, after the usual interminable list of *requerimentos* and an attack by Deputy Amalrico Figueira on the project for placing judges on the retired list, the premier read a project for a banking law to assist agriculture, the principal features of which are a government interest guarantee to hypothecary notes issued by *crédit foncier* banks, and the substitution of these for apolices in certain forms of obligatory investments. The project is likely to meet with much opposition, as it is considered by the state of the obligations of bankrupt planters. The premier then proceeded to reply to the interpellation of Deputy Cesario Alvim as to government action in relation to the labor question and the republican movement. The premier said the first part of the questions put was answered by the banking project just read; as to the second the general tenor of H. Ex.'s remarks leads to the belief that the government lends but little attention to the movement which it considers to be the production of discontented ex-slave owners, who have had ample time to set their houses in order. The premier was considerably interrupted, but much applauded at the close of his speech. Deputy Alvim replied, and the premier again spoke, declaring that from the information he had received the coffee crop would suffer no such reduction as was declared imminent and he concluded in declaring his approval of decentralization, to relieve the general government of grave responsibilities and to oblige localities to assume certain obligations. Deputy Nabuco read the republican [so-called] agitators a merited lesson, and declared his adhesion to the monarchy, which was advantageous to American republics as a proof of maintained order and stability.

June 27.—In the Senate the discussion of the bank law occupied a great part of the session, and was adjourned for 48 hours on motion of Senator Silveira Martins, who desires to have the opinion of the government. In the Chamber entirely too much time was occupied in discussing the part Brazil is to take at the Paris exposition next year, and with a useless discussion on Pará affairs, in

which latter the actors were Deputies Canlão and Mac Dowell, who ventilated personal questions. The special committee reported favorably as to the government banking law project.

June 28.—In the Senate there was no session, and in the Chamber nearly the whole session was occupied in discussing the credit for assisting exhibitors at the Paris exposition next year.

June 30.—In the Senate the premier stated that the staff at the Mint had been increased to meet the demand for coining silver from private parties, after which the silver ordered by Sr. Belisario would be coined. In view of the changed condition of the labor question, the government did not consider it judicious to substitute the smaller denominations of currency by silver. In reference to the national banking law, the premier stated that his preference was for a great central bank of issue, but seeing the impracticability of this, he considered the law would meet the requirements, now generally conceded, of trade for an increase of currency. The premier had occasion to give a malicious hit to his predecessor who sought to improve the value of the currency by withdrawing 7,500,000\$, but was forced to issue a much larger sum, of which 10,000,000\$ is still in circulation. Visconde do Cruzeiro defended the law against certain attacks, and Senator Correia showed how little the average senator knows about banking and the needs of the country, serving himself as a proof of this assertion. In the Chamber there was no quorum.

PROVINCIAL NOTES

—The trinitarian senatorial candidate in São Paulo, Dr. João Mendes de Almeida, favors the indemnification of slave owners.

—Our Buenos Aires colleague *El Globo* is informed, under date of 23rd June, that a great republican movement is going on in Rio Grande do Sul.

—The official *panta* in Minas Geraes during the ensuing quarter will be as follows: coffee 20 reis per kilo, manufactured tobacco 15 reis, tobacco in rolls 12 reis.

—A commission of army officers left Rio on the 17th inst. to organize a colony at the mouth of the Iguaçu river, and the surveys of strategic roads in the province of Paraná.

—The *Monitor Campesino*, of Campos, advocates a national banking system, and holds that the present currency circulation is totally inadequate for the current needs of the country.

—At the last moment the necessary guarantee was arranged in S. Paulo for a visit from Coquelim, who went there on the 25th ult. Five representations were given to large and enthusiastic audiences.

—A new daily newspaper has been started at Juiz de Fora, Minas Geraes, under the title of *Diário de Minas*. It starts out well, and will be a credit, let us hope, to the enterprising little city in which its fortunes have been cast.

—The press of Pará united on the 11th ult. to publish a commemorative journal in honor of the extinction of slavery in Brazil, to which was given the title *A Liga da Imprensa Paraense*. And it did not contain a single advertisement either!

—The people employed in smuggling into the province of Rio Grande do Sul have "squared" the fiscal authorities. The smuggled goods are seized by the owners, who in this manner become entitled to a premium, and the goods get in all the same.

—The *Correio Paulistano* of the 23rd ult. says that some well known capitalists of that city are proposing to found a large bank there for discounts and deposits, which will undertake the emission of bank notes as soon as the national bank project becomes law.

—The republican central committee in S. Paulo has invited the voters in each parish to send in a list of three names as candidates to be voted for in the senatorial election of the 10th prox. Not a bad idea, certainly, as it will serve to secure the strongest nominees.

—When the first immigrants arrived at Juiz de Fora, Minas Geraes, on the 25th ult., they were received with music and rockets, two peculiar features of a Brazilian celebration. The immigrants seemed to have been affected, for they did not "send the hat around."

—It is announced that the S. Paulo loan of 7,000,000\$ which Dr. Dutra Rodrigues is trying to place in London, is meeting with a very favorable reception. Perhaps English investors have little fear that it will be used to separate S. Paulo from the rest of the empire.

—At a place called S. Pedro dos Ferros, Minas Geraes, the police authority recently had a white man put in the stocks, and in reply to the protests of sundry witnesses of the fact said that the stocks, formerly used for taming negroes, was now to be used for taming the whites.

—The five representations given in S. Paulo by the Coquelim company appear to have been a decided success, the gross receipts reaching a total of 14,700\$. Coquelim was made the recipient of many flattering attentions from the Paulistas. The company embarked at Santos on the *Trent* for the River Plate on the 30th ult.

—Santos appears to be threatened with another epidemic of small-pox.

—The Rezende municipal council has adopted a resolution petitioning for a constituent assembly to revise Art. V. of the constitution.

—The mercantile classes of Porto Alegre and Rio Grande have formally resolved not to dispatch any more imported merchandise until the government solves the customs difficulties in the province.

—The provincial revenue of Bahia for 1889 is estimated at 3,102,370\$213, among which are such items as 480,000\$ import duties, 400,000\$ house tax, 277,600\$ tax on tobacco, 176,000\$ duty on coffee, 106,000\$ duty on cocoa-nuts, etc. The expenditure is estimated at 3,292,001\$171, of which 797,711\$ is for the service of the provincial debt.

—The Bahia correspondence of the *Journal do Commercio* published on the 20th contains this golden paragraph: "The month of May, fertile in *festas* and amusements, was completely sterile in legislative results, but this did not prevent the illustrious deputies from receiving 25,480\$ from the coffers of a province which is more than exhausted." The correspondent certainly does not desire the provincial deputies to do any work?

—The official returns of the vote cast for a senator from the province of Minas Geraes at the election held on April 26th last show that only 17,376 electors deposited their ballots. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes were Barão de Santa Helena 9,120, Comendador Soares 9,032 and Cesario Alvim 8,448. The last is a liberal and federalist; the others are conservatives.

—A meeting of planters took place in S. Paulo on the 23rd for the purpose of formulating a complaint against the abuses practised at the immigrants' *hospedarias* by the special labor-contract brokers appointed by the Sociedade Promotora. It is charged that these brokers are notoriously partial, some planters obtaining laborers easily, while others find all kinds of difficulties in the way. It is very much what we anticipated.

—At a place called Peganha, Minas Geraes, there was caught on May 13th (abolition day) a curious butterfly, which had on its wings, and clearly distinguishable, the figures 88. The good people of Peganha at once grasped the idea that something important was to occur, and, sure enough, a few days afterwards they were apprised of the freedom of the slaves. Barão de Cotepege and his companions will not swallow any such story as this. How could a butterfly be on confidential terms with the premier? It is needless to add that the butterfly is an old acquaintance of naturalists.

—The separatist argument in S. Paulo is something after this fashion: In April the province of S. Paulo contributed 1,689,271\$ to the imperial government, or about 1\$000 per capita of its population. If this money were kept in the province certain public offices could be kept in better condition, the stamp tax could be reduced 30 to 40 per cent, the export tax on coffee could be largely reduced, as also those on the transmission of property, etc. It is a taking argument, but it quite ignores the fact that were São Paulo a separate state there would be an enormous increase of expenditure for government, army, navy, diplomatic corps, judiciary, etc.

—The central committee of the liberal party in Pará has recently adopted an advanced programme in which are to be found the following declarations: the extension of suffrage to every citizen who can read and write; the creation of a second chamber in provincial assemblies; the abolition of life senatorships; free instruction, the primary schools being under municipal and secondary and higher schools under provincial control; the creation of provincial and municipal revenues; provincial election of executive officers; transfer of public lands to the municipalities; municipal militia; abolition of national control of the judiciary; extension of the authority of juries; abolition of capital punishment; a new civil code; abolition of taxes on national industry; prohibition of concessions for privileges and monopolies; complete liberty of industry and of all instruments of credit and circulation; and the decree of universal (*grande*) naturalization; and the revocation of Art. V. of the constitution.

—The institutions of the country received a severe shock at Santos on the 24th ult. through a refusal of the captain of the Italian steamer *Matteo Bruczo* to permit the immigration agent, Sr. Alfaya Junior, to come on board and inspect the ship. The Argentine inspector had just refused to accept the statement of the port doctor as to the non-existence of yellow fever, and the authorities all around were in a slightly irritated state of mind. The *guarda-mór* at once called the captain to account for the disrespect shown to the immigration inspector, whereupon a few uncomplimentary expressions were exchanged, which had no reference to the weather, nor to provincial secession. The *guarda-mór* then ordered every official ashore, fined the steamer 5% on double the total amount of passages ordered, the immediate moving of the steamer to a point in front of the custom house under penalty of a fine of 200\$ per hour for non-compliance, and then reported to the minister of agriculture who ordered the imposition of the maximum fine and the delivery of the immigrants on shore. Apologies were offered, but were received very coolly.

RAILROAD NOTES

—At the recent meeting of the shareholders of the Mogiana company at Campinas, S. Paulo, it was decided to increase its capital to 26,000,000\$.

—The papers relative to the D. Pedro I railway concession, containing the appeal for the intervention of the British government, have been referred to the council of state.

—The decree dated May 8th authorizing the transfer of the Norte railway to the "Rio de Janeiro and Northern Railway Company" was published in the *Diario Official* of the 23rd June. Better late than never.

—Telegrams received here on the 28th state that the president of Piahyá had signed the provincial law conceding a privilege for a railway from Amarante, through the Canidá valley, to Casa Nova on the S. Francisco river.

—On the 16th ulto. the minister of agriculture asked his colleague at the Treasury to instruct its London agent to reject all expenses incurred in Bahia by the Bahia and S. Francisco railway that had not been submitted to the fiscal commission.

—On the 20th ulto. the minister of agriculture appointed a commission to examine the contracts, etc., of the Recife and S. Francisco railway extension, and the Caruarú branch. The minister's dispatch implies some "crookedness" in the accounts of the late chief engineer.

—The very first act of Minister Antonio Prado on taking charge of the portfolio of agriculture was to issue orders to the director of the D. Pedro II railway to make provisions for the gratuitous transportation of plantation laborers, in parties of not less than five, from this city, or any station of the 1st and 2nd sections, to any point beyond Barra do Pirahy. The laborers must be under definite contracts with planters, and the railway authorities must use all diligence to prevent fraud. Poor laborers going up country to seek work do not fall under the provisions of this extraordinary measure, nor those employed in other occupations. This is apparently another sop to the sulky planter, who has eaten his cake and wants more.

COFFEE NOTES

—Deputy Cesario Alvim in his speech at the Chamber on the 26th ulto. stated that the planters, presumably of Rio de Janeiro and Minas, estimate the coffee crop at 8,000,000 bags for the present crop year.

—We have received the following communication from an esteemed friend, which we gladly publish. "You know the interest I take in your paper and my desire that you should always be well informed and give true figures. In your coffee notes, you value the Bahia crop about 400,000 bags, based on a provincial estimate of export duty, 176,000\$. Well, 400,000 bags at 20\$ per bag make 8,000,000\$, at 7 per cent, 560,000\$ (duty.) This is a mistake, or a printer's error. An estimate of about 100,000 bags [1 error for 4] would about justify 176,000\$. You have already printed an estimate of 500,000 bags for the Bahia crop." Our extract was made from the Bahia correspondence of the *Journal do Commercio* published on the 20th ulto., and as it appeared *quasi official*, we took no liberties with the figures.

LOCAL NOTES

—"The day we celebrate" appears to be quite out of joint in Rio.

—The Princess Regent and family returned to the palace of S. Christovão on the 1st inst.

—The *Montevideo Express* of June 20th notes the arrival of a commission of Brazilian customs officials sent to inspect the frontier custom houses.

—It is possibly exaggeration, but the provincial papers contain a great number of attempts at stealing children. Are there no police in the provinces?

—The government has appointed Dr. Glasion *ad-interim* director of the Floresta at Tijuca in place of the late Barão de Escragnoille. Dr. Glasion is known as one of the best botanists in Brazil.

—The British frigate *Swiftsure*, Captain J. L. Hammet, carrying 18 guns and a crew of 470 men, arrived at this port on the 30th ult., *en route* to Valparaiso, via Montevideo.

—The minister of agriculture has received five proposals for the execution of the Pernambuco port works, the particulars of which have been sent to the treasury department for examination.

—We heard it remarked the other day that when the first cold blast strikes Dr. Demeval da Fonseca at the River Plate, the illustrious commissioner will shrink into absolute nothingness. It's a pity the Argentines could not arrange a *fiesta* for warmer weather so that our press representatives could better appreciate the entertainment offered them.

—Perhaps it is not absolutely necessary—but at the same time we should very much like to know something about the Emperor's health. As no more telegrams are published, we are uncertain whether His Majesty is still gaining strength, or not. It would certainly be highly satisfactory to the public to hear from their Majesties from time to time.

—Quarantine on Brazilian arrivals has been suspended at Buenos Aires.

—Why is it necessary for the postoffice to close the mails 3 1/2 hours, or more, before the steamer sails?

—The Assuruá gold mining company has gone into liquidation, but Dr. Frontin continues to figure as a great engineer.

—It is announced that the Emperor and Empress will return to Brazil on the French packet which leaves Bordeaux August 5th.

—We should like to have some one explain to us what possible practical good Brazil can secure by an exhibit at Paris next year.

—Why can not the business men of Rio de Janeiro get up a co-operative telephone company—one that can guarantee decent service?

—In June the Mint coined silver pieces of 500 rs. and 2\$ to the amount of 255,794\$500, of which 176,150\$ were for private parties.

—The prime minister appears to have made an irretrievable blunder in his new agricultural banks project, which we shall discuss hereafter.

—It is interesting to have *avisos* all over the postoffice threatening us with a 30\$ fine if we speak disrespectfully to an employé. Hats off, gentlemen!

—It is now proposed to increase the appropriation from 300,000\$ to 1,000,000\$ to enable Brazilian exhibitors to commemorate the centennial of the execution of Louis XVI.

—There were 3,254 immigrant arrivals at this port during the past month, of which 1,719 were Italians and 1,012 Portuguese. The number leaving for foreign destinations was 749.

—The Argentine press has nominated ten committees to receive the three Brazilian journalists that go to Buenos Aires. Each representative of the Brazilian press will have 3 1/2 committees.

—The well known circus company of Carlo Brothers arrived here from the River Plate per *Aconagua* on the 29th ult. It is said that the vacant ground on Rua Senador Dantas will be occupied by the company.

—The Princess Regent has received a laurel crown from the province of Goyaz. With the exception of the legislators from that province, we cannot recall any other remittance thence to this city.

—The defaulting ex-treasurer of the postoffice, Salvador Joaquim Pires, who disappeared about two years ago, delivered himself up to the police on the 25th ult. A settlement has probably been arranged.

—The *Montevideo Express* says that the cause of the trouble in Santos was the *Matteo Bruczo* was the action of the Argentine sanitary inspector in forbidding the embarkation in Genoa of more emigrants for Brazil.

—A decree dated on the 28th ulto. appoints Senator Prado, minister of agriculture, commerce and public works, and Deputy Rodrigo Silva, minister for foreign affairs. The latter has been in charge of both the portfolios during the indisposition of Senator Prado.

—On the 30th ulto. religious services in memory of the late Emperor of Germany were held at the German chapel here. The Princess Regent was represented by one of her chamberlains, the diplomatic corps was present, and the greater part of the German colony in Rio.

—The republican nominee for the Presidency of the United States is Hon. Benjamin Harrison, of Indiana, a grandson of Wm. Henry Harrison, who was elected to the same office in 1840. The Havas agency has not yet informed us who has been nominated for the vice-presidency.

—On the 1st inst. our esteemed colleague, *L'Étoile du Sud*, commenced a weekly edition. We wish every success to the journal in its new departure, for there cannot be too many foreign papers in the empire, as these are more or less obliged to turn into a generally understood language the occurrences of Brazil.

—The representatives of a part of the Rio press proceeded on their complimentary visit to the Argentine Republic by the *Trent*, which sailed hence on the 29th ulto. Beyond the three official representatives, a "free lance" representing other local journals, went down. The commissioners were furnished with a quantity of Brazilian literature for distribution among our Argentine brethren, whose moral and artistic tastes will undoubtedly be affected thereby.

—Telegrams received here daily since the 30th ulto. give an alarming account of the Buenos Aires and Montevideo stock markets. Failures are reported by dozens; the managing director of the National Bank of Uruguay has been obliged to resign his position; and all sorts of alarming reports reach us together with very considerable receipts of gold. It is possible the Brazilian press committee will partially allay what looks very like a panic; but there seems little reason to doubt that "los hermanos de la Plata" are going entirely too fast, and the crisis there should call some of our legislators to reason.

-If the clerk of the 1st court of absentees is guilty, and has been suspended for five months from his office, why not kick him out at once? Leopards do not frequently change their spots, and the clerk of a court should be like Cesar's wife, "above suspicion."

-Will some Christian give us an equivalent for an *aliquire* of land? On the 15th ult. the minister of finance seems to make it equal to 4 hectares 84 arrobas (1) or 28,400 square meters. If land is to be estimated by weight, a quarry should be a fortune.

-It is interesting to note that Dr. Freire has opened an office for the vaccination of confiding persons against yellow fever. The Dr. is not at all frightened by Dr. Sternberg's unfavorable report - probably because the said report will be seen by so few out here in Brazil.

-The emancipation law seems to have shaken Brazilian society to its very foundations. Whether the new edifice, built on the creation of unlimited nobility, is on sand or rock seems questionable. The majority of the "new creation" were contrived already; what advantage in making them barons, viscounts, etc.?

-A scientist treated on the 1st inst. at the Gloria school of the "religion, habits and costumes of the primitive races of America." We did not hear the lecture, but can summarize our view of the question thus: religion, superstition; habits, the worst possible; and costumes - feathers, paint and bows and arrows.

-The Italian legation here has asked the government to obtain an approximate census of Italians resident in S. Paulo, particularly in the municipality of Campinas. Such a request is a disgrace to Brazil; the government appears afraid to order a census, lest this should show that the population is over-estimated.

-Senator Antonio Prado arrived in this city, from S. Paulo, on the evening of the 27th ult. and his reception was enthusiastic. Speeches, fireworks, etc., were abundant, and, if the local press is correct, the senator required over two hours to reach his residence, which was illuminated and full of admirers. Mark Twain says the Emperor of Russia had his spoons counted after an invasion of America; perhaps Condeheiro Prado did the same?

-We sincerely regret that the confidence expressed in these columns as to the triumph of the "Mugwumps" should have so frightened the São Paulo cricketers that they could not put in an appearance at the match arranged for the 29th. Perhaps they are playing the Fabian game, and will only drop down upon us when the Mugwumps are out of training. The scorer says that what he misses most is the customary polite little attention from each man in the two teams, which all together make this one of the most satisfactory days of the year.

-It is just as we expected. On the arrival of the *Matteo Bazzo* at Santos on the 25th ult., a number of passengers obtained permission from the port authorities to land and make a trip up to São Paulo, but when they were about to start the Argentine sanitary inspector on board suddenly prohibited any person from going on shore under penalty of 15 days quarantine for the steamer at Buenos Aires, although he was assured there had been no yellow fever this season. A few minutes later the aforesaid sanitary inspector coolly went on shore himself and took an extend trip about the city. As a rule, a small tyrant is a mighty mean one!

COMMERCIAL

Rio de Janeiro, July 4th, 1888.

Par value of the Brazilian mil reis (18800), gold 27 d. do do do do in U.S. coin at \$ 84 per £ 1 stg. 54 45 cts. do \$ 1.00 (U.S.) coin Brazilian gold. 118 57 do of £ 1 stg. in Brazilian gold. 8 88

Bank rate of exchange on London to-day 25 1/2 d. Present value of the Brazilian mil reis (paper) .. 230/16 gold coin at \$ 80 per £ 1 stg. 50 25 cts. Value of \$ 1.00 (\$ 80 per £ 1 stg.) in Brazilian currency (paper) .. 118 57 Value of £ 1 sterling .. 8 88

EXCHANGE.

June 23.-Official rates at the banks were 25 on London, 380 on Paris and 471-472 on Hamburg at 90 d's; 2500 on New York at sight. Bank sterling was quoted at 25 1/2 direct, and at 25 1/2-25 3/16 from second hands, and brokers quoted commercial at the extremes of 25 1/2-25 3/16. Sovereigns closed with sellers at 25 1/2, no buyers. June 24.-Official rates were unchanged at the banks, but bills were readily obtainable at 25 1/2, and business was done at 25 1/2 from second hands. Commercial sterling was quoted at 25 1/2-25 3/16, with little doing. Sovereigns closed with sellers at 25 1/2, no buyers. June 25.-No change in rates at the banks. Bank sterling was reported at 25-25 1/16 and commercial at 25 1/2, with next to nothing doing. Sovereigns closed with sellers at 25 1/2, no buyers. June 26.-Rates at the banks were unchanged viz: 25 on London, 380 on Paris and 471-472 on Hamburg at 90 d's; 2500 on New York at sight. On London offices business was reported at 25 1/2, and on banks at the same rate from second hands. Commercial sterling was quoted at 25 1/2-25 3/16. Sovereigns closed with sellers at 25 1/2, no buyers. June 27.-Rates at the banks were unchanged viz: 25 on London, 380 on Paris and 471-472 on Hamburg at 90 d's; 2500 on New York at sight. On London offices business was reported at 25 1/2, and on banks at the same rate from second hands. Commercial sterling was quoted at 25 1/2-25 3/16. Sovereigns closed with sellers at 25 1/2, no buyers. June 28.-No change in official rates. Something was done in bank sterling at 25-25 1/16, later on London offices, and brokers quoted commercial at 25 1/2-25 3/16. Sovereigns closed with sellers at 25 1/2, no buyers. June 30.-Rates at the banks were unchanged, and the market was reported very firm. Business was reported in bank sterling at 25-25 1/16, later also on London office, and commercial was quoted at the extremes of 25 1/2-25 3/16. Sovereigns closed with sellers at 25 1/2, no buyers.

July 2.-Rates at the banks are unchanged, viz: 25 on London, 380 on Paris and at 471-472 on Hamburg at 90 d's; 2500 on New York at sight. There was little doing with bills on London offices quoted at 25 1/2, and bank sterling from second hands at 25 1/2. Commercial sterling 25 1/2 to 25 3/16. Sovereigns closed with sellers at 25 1/2, no buyers. July 3.-There are no changes in rates at the banks, but bills are readily obtained at 25 1/2, and some business was reported at 25 1/2. Commercial sterling was quoted at 25 1/2. Sovereigns closed with sellers at 25 1/2, no buyers. July 4.-The banks have advanced their sterling rate to 25 1/2, and the market is steady. Brokers quote commercial sterling at 25 1/2-25 3/16.

-The liquidators of the Assumã gold mining company, the land of which is situated in Bahia, ask for tenders for disposing of the property, privilege, etc. Proposals will be received up to the 25th inst.

-The report is current that the Sorocabana railway directory is in treaty with foreign capitalists for the sale of the road. It is curious that while the foreigners are buying our best lines, the government is studying a scheme for purchasing the guaranteed lines.

-In our issue of this same date last year we had occasion to notice that the "Comercio and Labour" coffee packing company had declared a dividend of 7 1/2 per cent. We have this year had the misfortune to notice the liquidation and re-organization of this same company. Various are the results of coffee dealing!

-The following are the rates offered by three of our banks for deposits:

Table with 2 columns: Term, Rate. Account accounts 3% (30), Two to five months 4 1/2 (45), Six to ten 5 (50), Ten to twelve 5 1/2 (56), Five to six months 5 1/2-6 1/2 (56-62).

-The government project of extending assistance to agriculture through guaranteeing the interest and sinking fund of an issue of hypothecary notes based on mortgages seems to have pleased no one, but the special committee at the Chamber of Deputies to which it was referred. At first sight it would appear that the government fears the planting interest, or why guarantee its creditors that interest will be paid? If the creditors of planters are to be guaranteed why not guarantee the creditors of every other branch of commerce, industry and trade? Equity demands this. The premier has been excessively precipitate and has decidedly weakened the administration shown for him, only a short month ago. To guarantee the interest on the debts of the most notoriously improvident class in the empire, the planters of Rio de Janeiro, is an offense to every other province, and may have political results more serious than could arise from the "puffing and swelling" of the Rio republican ex-slaves.

-The June receipts at the Rio custom house were:

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Importation 3,860,289 \$860, Port dues 17,471 492, Exportation 30,945 528, Sundries 3,271 840, Surtax 5 per cent 193,974 857, Total 4,467,958 \$860.

COMPARATIVE CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

The following table shows the monthly receipts at the custom house in this city for the twelve months, July-June, 1886-87 and 1887-88. The internal revenue receipts consist of stamp taxes, taxes on houses, licenses, etc., but they also include the deposits of funds belonging to dead and absent persons, and those for the emancipation fund. The surtax of 5 per cent. on all duties and taxes commenced on July 1st, 1886 and is included in import duties and internal revenue. It amounted to 1,974,253 \$235 in the last twelve months at the custom house alone. On July 1st last the new customs tariff went into operation; and in April the house tax, formerly collected in June, fell due.

Table with 2 columns: Month, Amount. July 1,857,488, August 1,857,488, September 1,857,488, October 1,857,488, November 1,857,488, December 1,857,488, January 1,857,488, February 1,857,488, March 1,857,488, April 1,857,488, May 1,857,488, June 1,857,488.

IMPORTATION.

Table with 2 columns: Month, Amount. July 2,318,828 \$424, August 2,318,828 \$424, September 2,318,828 \$424, October 2,318,828 \$424, November 2,318,828 \$424, December 2,318,828 \$424, January 2,318,828 \$424, February 2,318,828 \$424, March 2,318,828 \$424, April 2,318,828 \$424, May 2,318,828 \$424, June 2,318,828 \$424.

EXPORTATION.

Table with 2 columns: Month, Amount. July 2,318,828 \$424, August 2,318,828 \$424, September 2,318,828 \$424, October 2,318,828 \$424, November 2,318,828 \$424, December 2,318,828 \$424, January 2,318,828 \$424, February 2,318,828 \$424, March 2,318,828 \$424, April 2,318,828 \$424, May 2,318,828 \$424, June 2,318,828 \$424.

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Table with 2 columns: Month, Amount. July 4,637,656 \$848, August 4,637,656 \$848, September 4,637,656 \$848, October 4,637,656 \$848, November 4,637,656 \$848, December 4,637,656 \$848, January 4,637,656 \$848, February 4,637,656 \$848, March 4,637,656 \$848, April 4,637,656 \$848, May 4,637,656 \$848, June 4,637,656 \$848.

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS.

Table with 2 columns: Month, Amount. July 1,857,488, August 1,857,488, September 1,857,488, October 1,857,488, November 1,857,488, December 1,857,488, January 1,857,488, February 1,857,488, March 1,857,488, April 1,857,488, May 1,857,488, June 1,857,488.

DAILY COFFEE REPORTS.

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

Table with multiple columns: Category, Price, Date. Includes Stock this morning, Receipts yesterday, Exchanges on London, etc. for dates June 23 to July 3.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Shipments for United States during the week, Sales for United States during week, etc.

SALES OF STOCKS AND SHARES.

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name, Price. Includes Banco do Commercio, Banco Delcredere, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name, Price. Includes Banco do Commercio, Banco Internacional, etc. for dates June 28 to July 3.

MARKET REPORT.

Rio de Janeiro, 4th July, 1888.

Exports.

Coffee.-There has been business doing daily since our last report and it has more than sufficed to meet receipts. Two Sundays and a holiday intervening have somewhat interfered with our supply and the average for the past eleven days is less than for the preceding nine days, but coffee must come in now, and this conviction, with a suspicion that the most urgent needs of consuming markets are about met, gives the market here a dull, and even weak, character for the time. Quotations have been slightly changed, but are considered rather nominal. Considerable disappointment has been expressed that June did not show a better record as to receipts, but a reference to our tables will show that the average during the month is considerably above that for the same month in former years.

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Shipments since our last report are: 37,679 bags for the United States, 41,972 for Europe, etc.

For the same time the daily foreign clearances at the custom house have been:

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. 49,879 bags for the United States, 49,515 for Europe, etc.

The vessels cleared with coffee are:

Table with 2 columns: Ship Name, Amount. Includes New York Br str Halley, Baltimore Amer bk Julia Rollins, etc.

Imports.

Table with 2 columns: Ship Name, Amount. Includes Havre Fr str Ville de S. Nicolas, Hamburg Ger str Tapanario, etc.

The foreign clearances in June were divided as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. 135,434 bags for the United States, 47,450 for Europe, etc.

Receipts for the past eleven days have averaged 10,427 bags per day, against 11,000 for the preceding nine days. The monthly receipts for the past crop years are given in a table below.

Brokers' quotations this morning were:

Table with 2 columns: Category, Price. Includes Washed, Superior, Good first, etc.

Stocks were this morning estimated to be from 112,000 to 118,000 bags in first, and about 33,000 bags in second hands awaiting shipment.

Vessels loading and to load.

Table with 2 columns: Ship Name, Amount. Includes New York Br str Vandijk, Big str Kefler, Baltimore Amer bk Glad Tidings, etc.

DAILY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS OF COFFEE AT RIO DE JANEIRO.

Table with columns for Receipts, Shipments, and Exchange on London. Rows include various coffee types and dates from June 23 to July 3.

N.B.—We have somewhat modified this table to accord with the notes furnished us. The clearances show the number of bags on which duties are paid daily at our custom-house.

Total clearances of Coffee from Rio for crop-years.

Table showing coffee clearances by destination (United States, Europe, Elsewhere) for various years (1887-88, 1886-87, 1885-86).

Total clearances of Coffee from Rio for six months.

Table showing coffee clearances by destination for six months (1888, 1887, 1886).

Clearances of coffee from Rio de Janeiro for the last 7 crop years, in bags of 60 kilos:

Table showing coffee clearances for the last seven crop years (1881-82 to 1887-88) in bags of 60 kilos.

Table titled 'Receipts of coffee at Rio during the last seven crop years, in bags of 60 kilos.' with columns for Total, D.Y. acc't, and D.Y. av'g.

There is very little to report since our last issue. Receipts of flour are moderate, and prices are somewhat lower; River Plate flour appears to be attracting increased attention from our consumers.

There is nothing new in pine, except that sundry cargoes of Swedish are about for port. Kerosene is flat; there have been no receipts, but there is a considerable quantity nearby.

Count is stronger and stocks are said to be much reduced. Receipts of Indian Corn have been very large, and buyers are holding off, but importers are firm in their pretensions.

Sales and withdrawals for the same time are about 11,000 lbs. and brokers estimate stock in first hands at 22,000 lbs. American

The market is reported fairly active at the following quotations: Trieste 14,500-15,500; Richmond 14,000-14,750; Baltimore 13,500-15,000; Western & Int. 14,000-15,000; River Plate 12,750-13,500; New Zealand 12,500-15,000.

Receipts in June were:

Table showing receipts in June for American (36,278 bbls), Trieste (1,475 bbls), and River Plate (5,775 bbls).

White Pine.—No receipts and the market is reported flat at 34,500 per doz. Receipts in June were 99,170 feet, against 1,737,707 feet for the same month last year.

White Pine.—Receipts in June. On the spot some sales are making at 100 rs. per foot, and a sale to arrive is rumored at about 96 rs. Receipts last month were 168,839 feet, against 18,534 feet in June, 1887.

Spruce Pine.—No receipts last month, nor in the same month last year, and nothing to report.

Swedish Pine.—Receipts in June, 1887, were 1,413 doz. against nil this year. There are three, or more cargoes near-by, but no sales have transpired.

Kerosene.—No receipts since our last, but, as the arrivals are likely to be considerable shortly, the market is reported flat. Brokers quote at 6500 per case. Receipts last month were 38,800 cases, against 2,300 cases in June last year.

Lard.—There have been no receipts, but the quantity shipped, or shipping, has influenced the market. We may quote at 3700-3800, as to quantity. Receipts in June were 1,715 kegs, against 1,702 packages in the same month, 1887.

Cement.—The Atlanti brought 4,735 lbs. from London, which have been sold. The market is very firm and tending upwards, but brokers continue quotations of 63000-66000 for British, 58000-60000 for German, and 78000-79000 for French.

Receipts last month were: 2,000 lbs. German, 33 French, 7 British, 2,040 lbs. against 1,617 in June last year.

Rice.—Receipts are 1,100 bags via Europe, and brokers quote from dealers at 8800-8850 per bag. In June receipts were 49,299 bags, against 1,164 bags for the same month last year.

Rosin.—The Glad Tidings brought 325 lbs. from Baltimore. Quotations are unchanged at 68000-118000 per lb. as to quality and weight. Last month our receipts were 1,595 lbs. against 655 lbs. in June, 1887.

Turpentine.—Receipts nil and we may quote at 460-500 rs. per kilo. In last June we received 1,144 cases, against 790 cases for the same month last year.

Bratt.—Receipts from the River Plate are 1,544 bags. Our local mill is largely supplying consumption, and River Plate bran cannot be quoted over 2800-2800 per bag. Receipts last month were 6,526 bags, against 10,274 bags for June last year.

Wool.—Receipts have been insignificant, and brokers still quote at 75-80 rs. per kilo. Our receipts in June were 91 bales of foreign, against 12,247 bales in the same month last year.

Indian Corn.—Receipts since our last have been 3,000 bags per Congo, 7,855 per Galileo, 490 per Arconagua, 1,201 per Liban, 4,823 per Tamar and 3,020 per Bahia, all from the River Plate.

Codfish.—The only receipts are 750 cases Norwegian and 10 tubs Canadian. The stock in dealers' hands is small, and both tubs and cases are quoted at about 25000, at retail. June receipts were 1,367 cases Norwegian, against 1,333 packages of all kinds for the same month last year.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

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

DEPARTURES OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

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

MACAO—Sued by Brage; 282 tons; Stromboli; ballast. ANTONIO—By bk Mary Blundell; 822 tons; Williams; do. JULY 1.

BALTIMORE—Amer bk Serene; 549 tons; Smith; coffee. JULY 3. MACAO—By lug Osburgha; 351 tons; Cook; ballast.

—Ital bk Cattarina M., in ballast, from Buenos Aires, arrived here on the 29th ult., leaking. Dr bk Bertie, 60 dc from Marseilles for Buenos Aires, put in here on the 29th ult. with cargo, en route, slitted.

—Amer ships McNaor and Syren, both from Baltimore with coals for San Francisco, put in here on the 28th ult. leaking.

—Recent telegrams received here advise the loss of four or five vessels bound from Macao, Rio Grande do Norte, or our port with salt. —Bras str Ludario, of the Nacional de Navegacao (south-east ports) company, arrived here from Santos on the 23rd ult. The steamer put into Victoria with damaged machinery and was towed here by one of the steamers of the same company.

CLEARED AND READY FOR SEA.

Table listing cleared and ready for sea vessels including ship names and destinations.

FREIGHTS AND CHARTERS.

The lack of suitable vessels has very much restricted business and the only charters reported are: Nor lug Helena, salt hides, to Channel Cal, 25 and Br lug Osburgha, salt, from Macao to Rio, 300-350 rs.

Freight-steamer:

Table listing freight-steamer services including ship names and rates.

VESSELS AFLOAT & LOADING FOR RIO.

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

GOVERNMENT AND PROVINCIAL BONDS

Table listing arrivals of foreign steamers with columns for ship name, origin, arrival date, and agent.

Table of Government and Provincial Bonds with columns for denomination, interest, nominal value, last sale, and last quotations.

DEBENTURES AND SHARES

ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN STEAMERS.

Table of arrivals of foreign steamers with columns for date, name, where from, consigned to, capital, shares, issued, value, paid up, names, reserve fund, last sale, last dividend, and last quotations.

Table of Debentures and Shares with columns for denomination, interest, nominal value, last sale, and last quotations.

DEPARTURES OF FOREIGN STEAMERS.

Table of departures of foreign steamers with columns for date, name, where to, cargo, tonnage, expected, where from, and consignee.

Table of Debentures and Shares with columns for denomination, interest, nominal value, last sale, and last quotations.

FOREIGN SAILING VESSELS IN THE PORT OF RIO DE JANEIRO, JULY 4th, 1888.

Table of foreign sailing vessels in the port of Rio de Janeiro, July 4th, 1888, with columns for name, tonnage, expected, where from, and consignee.

Table of Debentures and Shares with columns for denomination, interest, nominal value, last sale, and last quotations.

Insurance.

BRITISH & FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIM'D. Capital £1,000,000 sterling Agents in Rio de Janeiro Swanwick & Gordon, 31, Rua General Camara. Telephone No. 427.

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, OF LONDON. FIRE AND MARINE. Agents for the Empire of Brazil Wilson Sons & Co. Limited. No. 2 Praça das Marinhãs.

GUARDIAN FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE CO. Agents in Rio de Janeiro Smith & Youle. No. 69, Rua 1 de Março.

HOME AND COLONIAL MARINE INSURANCE CO. Agents for the Empire of Brazil Norton, Megaw & Co. No. 82, Rua 1º de Março, Rio de Janeiro.

LONDON AND LANCASHIRE FIRE INSURANCE Co. Agents in Rio de Janeiro Watson Ritchie & Co. No. 25, Rua de Thomazillo Ottoni.

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY. Agents in Rio de Janeiro Okell, Mourão & Wilson, 87, Rua Visconde de Inhaúma. Telephone No. 193.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY. Established 1797. Losses paid £5,500,000 Agents in Rio de Janeiro Swanwick & Gordon, 31, Rua General Camara. Telephone No. 427.

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE. Established 1782. Agent in Rio de Janeiro E. W. May, Rua do Visconde de Inhaúma, No. 16.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON AND LIVERPOOL. Capital £2,000,000 Accumulated Funds £6,000,000 Agents John Moore & Co. agents. No. 8, Rua da Candelaria.

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ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY. Under contracts with the British and Brazilian Governments for carrying the mails.

TABLE OF DEPARTURES, 1888

Table with columns: Date, Steamer, Destination. Includes entries for Tamar and La Plata.

This Company's steamers leave Southampton every alternate Thursday, and Rio de Janeiro, homeward, every alternate Tuesday.

Insurance on freight shipped on these steamers can be taken out at the Agency. For freight, passages and other information apply to E. W. May, Supt. Marítimo. Rua do Visconde de Inhaúma, No. 16. Phipps Brothers & Co. Agents.

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