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—On steamers of the Lloyd Brasileiro in the first quarter of the present year 398 emigrants left Ceara for the southern part of Brazil and 2,844 for the north, against 134 for the south and 897 for the north in the first quarter of 1894.

—In the town of Fátima, S. Paulo, the president of the municipal chamber was deposed on the 15th inst. by a band of armed men and on the following day he received a written order from his successor to appear before the latter and give an account of the municipal property and the respective revenue and expenditure.

RIO GRANDE DO SUL.

The report of the death of Tarquato Severo and of the wounding of Appario Saravia has proved to be incorrect. According to telegrams of the 23rd Appario was then reported to be at D. Pedro. It is stated that a stage-coach running between Bagé and D. Pedro and containing important correspondence had fallen into his hands. A telegram of the 24th says that a force of 1,200 men under Col. Firmo de Paula had been sent to dislodge the federalists at S. Gabriel.

On the 24th it was reported in this city that the government had decided, at the cabinet meeting held on that day, to take no steps for making peace in Rio Grande.

It has been reported that the President will send to congress a message on the subject of Rio Grande, and Congressman Moreira da Silva it is stated, will again introduce the bill which he framed in 1893.

A telegram of the 25th says that Appario Saravia has issued an order declaring that all furloughs terminate at the end of this month. Soldiers who fail to make their appearance in camp within 20 days will be considered deserters and those who leave camp without permission, taking with them their arms, will, if captured, be court-martialed and shot. The object of this order is evidently to improve the discipline of the army and to enable the leaders to be sure of the number of men at their disposal, as is essential to the success of any strategic movements that may be planned. As the revolutionists have no organized government and as their army is composed entirely of volunteers who have hitherto had almost unrestricted liberty to go and come whenever they please, it has naturally been difficult to maintain discipline or to plan regular military operations. Had this not been the case they would undoubtedly have derived more benefit from their victories and would probably have long since reached Porto Alegre. Appario Saravia's order is consequently an attempt to remedy this evil.

Gaspar Barreto is said to have reached Quarary with 400 fresh troops for the revolutionists and another column numbering over 1,000 men is reported to be preparing to enter the state. It is believed that Congressman Athur Rios will introduce a bill in conformity with the ideas of the government.

There seems to be in some quarters a desire to misrepresent the situation and to complain of Silveira Martins' not having made overtures for peace. It is well, in view of this, not to lose sight of the fact that the federalists took up arms because they were not permitted to live peacefully at home and exercise their political rights. Before the war began over 15,000 federalists had been forced by oppression into exile, and the government is undoubtedly aware that all they demand is that it shall cease to hold João de Castilhos in office by force. Silveira Martins has never expressed an intention of using force to induce the Brazilians to adopt the parliamentary system, and, whatever may be one's views in regard to this system, it is certainly tyrannical to combat it by oppressing the people of Rio Grande.

A telegram of the 27th states that on the 26th 700 men set out from Santo Anna do Livramento for the purpose of reinforcing Gen. Hypollito Ribeiro, leaving the place garrisoned by 200 men under Col. Paulo Castro.

According to a Porto Alegre telegram Hypollito reports a victory over a body of revolutionists commanded by Capt. Thomaz Medeiros at Hirocahy near Alegrete. The revolutionary commander is said to have died of his wounds after falling into the hands of the castelists.

A castilian telegram states that Santos Filho is pursuing a band of federalists into Paraná; but telegrams from other sources say that he is beleaguered in Soledade by the revolutionists who have possession of all the roads leading to that place.

BAHIA.

The state of Bahia, which for some time has had two chambers of deputies, now has two senates. One of these is holding its sittings at the senate chamber, of which it took possession with the assistance of the police. The other, under the presidency of Barão do Geremoabo, is sitting at the building of the municipal chamber. The latter telegraphed to President Prudente de Moraes asking him to interfere in the matter in conformity with Art. 6 of the constitution. The president, however, declined to interfere, stating that in the present instance such interference would not be justified by any of the four causes specified in that article.

To this Barão do Geremoabo replied with the following telegram: "Although I am convinced that, in conformity with the provisions of the constitution, federal intervention is proper in the present instance, I confine myself, in view of your answer, to informing you that to-day illegal officers of the senate, including Barão de Camaçary, who is an old senator, and Tanajura and Rodrigues Teixeira, who were yesterday proclaimed senators, took possession of the senate chamber by breaking open the doors and excluding with the assistance of the police citizens who had been elected to the senate. As fire-arms were used against us, we were obliged to meet at the building of the municipal chamber where the legal majority, surrounded by the people, who assembled in large numbers, approved the report recognizing the newly-elected senators belonging to both parties and then re-elected its former officers."

On the 27th inst. the opposition senate passed a motion asking for the intervention of the federal congress. It then passed a motion to adjourn to July 5th. This motion was also voted in the opposition chamber of deputies. The resolution was communicated by telegraph to the President, and it is understood that a manifesto explaining what has occurred will be issued.

RAILROAD NOTES

—The S. Paulo Railway Co. has declared a dividend of 12 per cent. for the past year.

—The electric light was inaugurated in the locomotive shops of the Central railway yesterday.

—The inspector of customs at Bahia telegraphs that the obstacles to the discharge of vessels at that port have now been removed.

—Three lighters loaded with bricks from the Boa Vista brickyard, foundered in the bay on the 26th during the storm. Fortunately no lives were lost.

—Application has been made to the state government of S. Paulo for a charter for building a railway of one metre gauge between Aitaraquara and Ribeirãozinho. The length of this road will be 73 kilometres.

—A telegram from Montevideo on the 27th announces that the Uruguyan government has reduced quarantine against Rio and Santos to seven days, arrivals from all other Brazilian ports being subject to rigorous disinfection.

—The Bahia and S. Francisco and the Natal and Nova Cruz railways have declared 5 per cent. dividends for the past year. The latter has a deficit of £5,587 in operating the road. In both cases the dividends were paid from the government interest guarantees.

—In the state senate of Minas Geraes a bill has been introduced for taking over the railways in that state belonging to the Leopoldina Co. Those roads should certainly change hands, but we hardly think that it will be well to transfer them to the state government.

—The treasurer of the Central railway, Sr. Joaquim da Silva Guimarães, has been discovered to be a defaulter to the extent of \$5,000,000. It is strange that the government has permitted his accounts to go unchecked long enough to enable him to make away with so large a sum.

—The state of Minas Geraes up to March 31 had advanced 6,775,045\$984 to railway companies, distributed as follows: to the Sapucahy Co., 2,020,682\$311; to the Muramirim Co., 2,000,000\$000; to the Espirito Santo and Minas Co., 1,580,778\$758; to the Bahia e Minas Co., 164,583\$715.

—The tramway company in S. Paulo has 77 cars and 1,534 miles. It employs 224 conductors and 268 drivers. Although its receipts amount to 4,400\$000 a day, it is unable to pay dividends to the shareholders. In its cars carried 17,742,233 passengers against 16,282,000 in 1893 and 10,887,089 in 1892.

—The Central railway possesses 100 locomotives, according to the *Journal do Commercio*, only 33 of which are in good condition. It is far from creditable to the management of that road that such a state of affairs should exist, for it not only implies great carelessness in the use of the locomotives, but more particularly gross inefficiency in the direction of the repair shops. In all probability this latter will not be remedied until a skilled foreign mechanical engineer is employed and given full charge of the shops. It is certainly poor economy to allow the rolling-stock of a road to get into such a condition as this.

COFFEE NOTES

—The committee on the constitution and laws in the municipal chamber of Campos has reported in favor of asking the state government of Rio de Janeiro to adopt a less burdensome system of collecting the tax on coffee and it suggests that some provision should be made for redeeming unused receipts (guias) corresponding to the quantity of coffee consumed in the federal district.

—A Bahia telegram of the 24th says that the coffee exports from that state during the past year amounted to 279,393 bags, of 60 kilos each. The official valuation was 19,111,870\$849. The principal destinations were 119,953 bags to Germany, 58,284 bags to France and 58,195 bags to the United States. It is said that coffee cultivation is developing rapidly in Bahia and that the next crop will be a large one.

—The *Merchants' Review*, of New York, gives the following comparative table of prices and average per capita consumption of coffee in the United States since 1879. The figures are interesting, as they show how quickly consumption declines when prices advance.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Average value, Consumption per capita. Data points from 1879 to 1893 showing a general decline in both value and consumption over time.

\* Value excessive, owing to errors in government statistics, due to valuation in the depreciated currency of Brazil.

COFFEE STATISTICS.

It is estimated by competent authorities that the annual consumption of coffee at the present time ranges from 10,500,000 to 11,500,000 bags, the consumption in 1894 being about 11,400,000 bags. At the present time the total production is considerably under this estimate, the difference being probably made good by adulterants. According to Messrs. W. Schoeffer & Co., of Rotterdam, the following is the probable total production for 1895-96, compared with the two preceding years:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Rio, Victoria and Ceara, Santos, Bahia, Mexico and Central America, Colombia, Porto Rico and British West Indies, Java government and private, Padang, Menado, Macassar, Timor etc., Ceylon, Br. E. India and Manila, Africa, Mocha, etc., Total. Shows production figures for 1893-94, 1894-95, and 1895-96.

THE COFFEE TAX.

We are in receipt of the following communication from a firm of commissarios in regard to the much discussed coffee tax. We have but one comment to make and that is in regard to the tax on local consumption. If we are dealing simply with an export tax, which it is designed to make the foreign consumer pay, then local consumption should not be taxed. If the states insist on this tax, however, then the tax is one on production rather than upon exportation. As for the difficulties in determining the proportion due to the several states in case the tax were paid at the time of dispatching the product, that is surely by no means difficult than the complicated and very embarrassing the export of coffee.—Ed. News.

To the Editor. Sir.—Will you permit me to correct you on one point in your notice in last issue, as to the weary coffee tax discussion. The plan you suggest of payment of the duty in the custom house in the act of shipment, has been recommended already by a large number of the "commissarios," and planter as you will see from publications very numerous signed in the *Journal do Commercio* of 20 and 29 March and 18 April, and *Pais* of 20 April, &c.

This plan has been accepted by various municipal councils and it is understood to have been favorably considered by the government of Minas; distribution among the four states of the revenue collected, the old system of crediting the various states according to the "guias" presented with the coffee being decidedly hap-hazard; and it would be very much more so with "guias" representing no preliminary payment as would now be case were all the 11% payable in the custom-house. Valueless "guias" (or guias of insignificant value) would be constantly lost and their loss or destruction would imply the loss of the respective duty to the state that issued them. On the other hand "guias" of sufficient value to secure their being taken care of would lead to the resuscitation of the objectionable "guia" traffic, besides depriving the governments of the percentage the "guias" might represent of the duty on local consumption. If your study of the subject has led you to any satisfactory solution of these difficulties, it would be doing very useful work in making it known. As to your strictures on the self interest shown by the various parties to the discussion, you are no doubt in the right.

In a better world we may hope that local authorities will cease from troubling and that planters and their agents will pay without murmur the taxes that may be found necessary to impose on them.

LOCAL NOTES

—The preliminary sessions for the approaching Congress, which opens on May 3rd, began on the 27th inst.

—The decree exonerating Demostenes da Silveira Lobo as director-general of the post-office was signed on the 24th.

—D. Eleonora de Carvalho, daughter of the minister of foreign affairs, was married on the 24th inst. to Dr. Irineu Machado.

—It is reported that Deputy Francisco Glycerio will not be present at the opening of Congress. His return to Rio may be delayed for some weeks.

—The bronze fountain removed from the Largo da Lapa to make way for the "corner-stone" of the projected Monroe monument, will henceforth grace the "avenue of palms" in the Botanical Garden. It will replace the old fountain.

—There was a row on the 23rd amid the military men who frequent the Ovidio, and a Lieut. Bezerra was taken home slightly wounded. It ought to be noted that a street brawl adds nothing whatever to the reputation of a soldier.

—The ferry boat which left the station in this city at 4:30 p.m. on Friday was carried by the current to the vicinity of Fort Santa Cruz, but finally succeeded in reaching the S. I. Lagos station. Something is evidently wrong with this boat.

—The successful candidates for admission are now being received at the Escola Militar, the cholera epidemic there being at an end.

—The chief of police has adopted measures for securing the arrest of pickpockets who now assemble in large numbers at the railway and ferry stations.

—The extra 5,000 lock boxes for the postoffice, which were ordered from the United States a few months ago, have arrived and are now in the custom-house.

—There were 154 deaths from yellow-fever in this city between January 1st and March 31st. In the same period of last year the deaths from that cause numbered 3,652.

—Among the arrivals by the Royal Mail packet *Atlix*, which arrived here on the 21st inst., was Mr. William Crichton, secretary of the United States legation at this capital.

—The action of Col. Pedro Alves, commandant of Santa Cruz, in failing to send witnesses for a court martial trial, is exciting comment. Five applications have been made, but without avail.

—The *Gazeta de Noticias* of the 26th inst. says that the government supervisors Xavier da Silveira and Miranilla Ribeiro have reported abuses committed in the Faculdade Livre de Direito and that the government has ordered the matter to be investigated.

—The heavy rainstorms which visited this city on Friday, Saturday and Sunday last, occasioned no slight damage through the inundations in certain streets. It would seem that the more the city fathers do for us, the worse off we are for it. The new levels of some streets are turning the others into ponds every time it rains.

—It is estimated that there are 760,000 Italians in Brazil, distributed as follows: S. Paulo, 400,000; Rio Grande, 100,000; Minas Geraes, 70,000; Espirito Santo, 45,000; state of Rio de Janeiro, 30,000; Bahia, 30,000; Paraná, 25,000; Federal district, 20,000; Santa Catharina, 10,000; Pernambuco, 10,000; Pará, 10,000; other states, 10,000.

—The *Journal do Brazil* of the 25th publishes a Porto Alegre telegram stating that Mr. Philip Lloyd Vaughan, formerly book-keeper of Messrs. Quayle, Davidson & Co., was killed in a recent fight in Rio Grande. According to the telegram he had been a lieutenant in the Tiradentes battalion and at the time of his death was wagon-master of the 31st battalion of regular infantry.

—In an article published in the *Journal do Commercio* of the 26th inst. Barão do Ladrário declares that he is favor of punishing every one who is responsible for the murders committed by order of the government of Marshal Floriano Peixoto. If the criminals are not punished, he adds, it may then be truly said that the Brazilians deserve to live under the most ferocious despotism. Barão do Ladrário is senator for the state of Amazonas.

—The *Journal* guarantees that the report of the naval council is against the claim of Admiral Gonçalves for admiral's pay during the period when he was on the retired list as chief of division. The mistaken compliment of dating his promotion as admiral back to the date of his retirement (1883), which was made, it is said, with the understanding that it would not include any rights of pay, etc., has given the admiral an opening to claim a large sum of back pay.

—The Uruguayan minister was not present at the recent sanitary conferences in this city, in which various foreign representatives took part. It is said that he had received no instructions from home, and was therefore not at liberty to take any action. It would appear from this that Uruguay does not want any agreement in regard to the imposition of quarantines. Perhaps the exclusion of that port from the commercial movement of the coast will be a beneficial lesson.

—The minister of industry has instructed the director-general of the postoffice to correct all the irregular appointments which have been made in that department. All the 3rd grade officials, amanuenses and letter-carriers must pass the required examinations within 30 days, and all the chiefs of section, 1st and 2nd grade officials who have been appointed contrary to regulations, must be at once dismissed. This will undo much of Demostenes arbitrary work during the state of siege.

—On the 27th the *Journal* stated that the police were looking for a certain official whose accounts show a default of about 5,000,000\$. On the following day the *Journal* announced that the defaulter in question was Sr. Joaquim da Silva Guimarães, treasurer of the Central railway, that the defalcation amounted to 5,500,000\$, and that the criminal was arrested on the 27th. He will of course have one or more bondsmen who will at least be responsible for a small part of the defalcation.

—The *Journal* hears that the *Rochetelo* will not be ready to return to this port before August or September next. The repairs have been so made that other heavy expenses have been incurred, and it is now estimated that the total cost of these repairs will be about 1,000,000\$. It is also said that the ironclad will be top-heavy with the new military masts which have been substituted. It will be a great disappointment to the government to find the ship almost useless after having spent so much money on these repairs and modifications.

—The first result of the recent sanitary conferences was an *arrazo* from the minister of the interior, dated the 23rd inst., ordering the purchase of a piece of ground on Ilha Grande for a provisional isolated hospital for contagious diseases landed from vessels in quarantine, and the construction of the buildings necessary for this purpose. The amount to be paid for the land is 5,165\$, and for brick hospital, drainage, etc., only 8,000\$—in all 9,516\$, or about £380. It is of great consequence, however, to be able to land the sick, and they might be sheltered under tents if nothing else is available.





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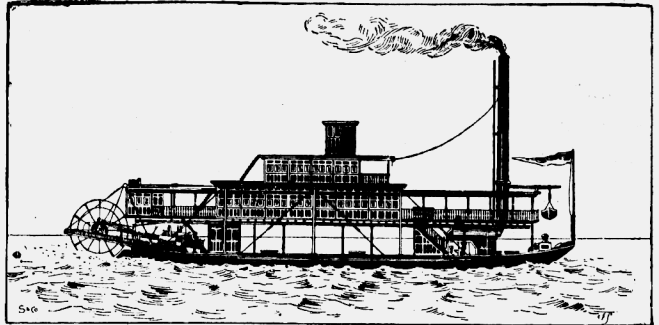


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