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WEST COAST ITEMS.

—The increase in crimes of violence in Chili is attracting much attention. —The Chilean Congress is said to be favorable to the Chili-Bolivia treaty. Very naturally! —Bank swindles are also becoming unpleasantly common in Chili. The Western Courier of the 14th inst. gives the particulars of two. —Some of the Chilean papers are again talking of an accord with Argentina in order to diminish the military expenses. Possibly the Chileans are contemplating the purchase of more war material. —A Caracas telegram says that the Venezuelan government has refused to indemnify Great Britain for the Uran incident. Venezuela is thirsting for a repetition of Nicaragua's experience. —The students at Lima, Peru, held a meeting on the 26th to manifest their approval of President Cleveland's message and to declare their adhesion. This, of course, settles the whole business. —There was an important meeting at Santiago on the 26th to express sympathy with Cuba. The feeling against Spain is said to have reached a point where it is considered necessary to station a public force at the Spanish legation for its protection. —It has been decided to reconstruct the new Congress buildings upon the same walls and without alterations of any great importance. The plans of Sr. von Mollke have been accepted, and the work is to be completed in one year's time, at a cost of \$585,000.—Western Courier, Valparaiso, December 14. —The new loan of six and a half millions sterling which the President of Chili want, has been approved by the Senate, but on condition that the government employ no intermediary either in Chili or abroad, but deals direct with the foreign bankers. It would seem that too many patriotic commissions have been charged to these loans. —It is said that by the recent treaty Bolivia is to pay unsatisfactory Chili five millions of pesos, for which 4 per cent. bonds will be issued. It is also said that Chili will surrender Tacna and Arica, should a plebiscite prove favorable to that step. But—of what real value is a plebiscite in South America? No one is fool enough to believe that an election will be contrary to the wishes of the government. —As already announced in our former issues the census taken throughout the whole country in last month will require to be satisfactory, and in many cases will find it to be done well anew if the returns are to be anything like approximate. In most cases the results obtained show that the increase has been about 15%, and if we consider that the census for 1885 was given at 2,956,412 inhabitants, the returns for the next ten years up to the present time should amount to, say roughly, 3,400,000. As a rough calculation, the census for 1895 may be given as about 3,700,000 inhabitants. —Western Courier, Valparaiso, Dec. 14.

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I made his acquaintance last year. It happened this way. Two friends came and said: "You try the Kuhne system." "What's that?" I asked. "Anything connected with the mosquito curing?" "Not at all. It's a way of questing—of healing, you know." "But I'm not sore anywhere." "Never mind, you have foreign matter in your system."

"Foreign what?" "Matter, matter—foreign matter deposited by the inadequacy of the digestion to cope with the task of assimilating unnatural and injurious foods!" "Great Scott!"

"Oh! it's a fact. You're all right now; but in a month or two you will have a sanitary crisis."

"Snakes alive! What's that?—what is a sanitary crisis?"

"Well, it's very simple. You go on getting yourself charged with foreign matter until you are full. Then you get fever, or

the small-pox, or housemaid's knee, or chicken croup, or scab—anything at all. You're bound to get some sort of sickness. We call this a sanitary crisis, because it comes to clear you out—to work off all that foreign matter."

It was very distressing and I said so. They went away and left me a book written by Kuhne. It had a lot of pictures in it of people with foreign matter in their systems. One man was in a tub with his head and heels out. He was, I supposed, dealing with a sanitary crisis. Another man was lying on a kind of operation table like what they open you upon in the hospitals. I supposed he was over the sanitary crisis and waiting for the undertaker. They left me the book for a few days in order to let it soak into me as it were, and then came back again to talk about foreign matter and Kuhne's system. Things were quiet at the time, there were no revolutions, no bankrupts, no quacks, nothing at all to be described, or denounced, or turned into "copy." So I determined to start in on Kuhne. I lived on him for three months. This is why I said that I have a personal acquaintance with the subject.

First and foremost you have to buy a long, collapsing kind of a machine, half chair, half ambulance stretcher; then a kind of oil stove and a pot for boiling hot water. You kindle the fire under the pot, and place it alongside the stretcher. From the pot project two pipes which terminate in affairs like the nozzle of a shower bath. When the water boils the steam escapes through these pipes and is distributed under the chair. When you have lighted your fire you strip off and lie down on your chair or stretcher and cover yourself up with a blanket. When the steam begins to rise under the chair you begin to perspire. This gentle sport is followed up for half an hour or so and then you get up. The stretcher is cane-bottomed, and held together with bands of coloured web. The perspiration takes the chemicals out of these, so that when you get up you are striped like a Bengal tiger.

Your next move then is to go into a tub. Your head and heels and hands remain in the open air. The rest of you is covered by the water in the tub. This is called a hip bath. When you get into it you take coarse linen towels and rub yourself. You splash the water all over the floor, but that is nothing. If there are people in the room below they generally come up and file a protest. But you keep right ahead. For obvious reasons you cannot explain to them. Besides you are fully preoccupied with the various operations as laid down in Kuhne's system. The towels are so coarse that you would prefer a scab scraper. Every place you rub yourself you remain red. This together with the colouring stuff imparted to your skin by the web bands makes you a very interesting object by the time you have finished your hip bath. Then you have another bath that is too complicated to be described, after which you dress yourself and try to feel that you are a new man. Such is one half of Kuhne's system. It takes you about two hours to get comfortably through. While you are operating on yourself half the fellows in town are looking for you, but you can't think of receiving them. They must wait. Your washerwoman, the office boy, your breakfast, the messenger, the porter with your boots, your friend who wants to borrow five dollars, your friend who wants to get at your tobacco, your friend who wants to get your morning papers—there they are outside. They think all sorts of queer things about you while they wait, and possibly, after waiting an hour or so, they go away and spread all sorts of queer reports about you. But you are not to mind this; your conscience is tranquil. You have been engaged with Kuhne. No use of explaining it to them. They would want to see you at it. Besides they cannot understand: you feel that they are not educated up to Kuhne. You also feel that your skin is smarting and burning in various places. But this is only a mere detail. So much for the baths. Let us now approach the question of diet.

They took me to a Kuhne restaurant and introduced me to other converts. They were an awfully skinny corpse-like lot—skinny Spaniards—skinny Germans—skinny Frenchmen—skinny Italians. And they were all eating vegetables. They diversified this occupation by talking about their respective complaints. There was a

Spaniard who was giving Kuhne a chance at asthma. There were two Germans working off foreign matter left them by generations of beer drinking. There was a spiritualist from Poland who was telling about his liver tumour. A Frenchman treated us to a detailed exposition of his rheumatic experiences. An Italian was catering for the public interest by describing a cancer which he hoped to outlive. Oh, it was very fine. Every mother's son of them had a sanitary crisis of his own. They asked me what my complaint was, and, not to be crowded out by any of their tumours or cancers, I said that I had been bitten by a mad dog. The poor fellows sympathized with me, but I know from the hurried way in which they left the table that they were rather afraid that I might break out and try to bite them. They were mistaken. No man or dog would be so mad as to go chewing at any of that crowd. The game would not have been worth the candle. There was absolutely nothing on them to get hold of. The friends who knew all about me explained matters to them, and, after duly protesting, the entire selection of skeletons sat down again and resumed the discussion of their vegetables and diseases.

I am not going to give a detailed description of the Kuhne food. It is all vegetables. They won't give you meat—save your soul. The soup is vegetable—leeks, carrots, mangels, thistles, nettles, cabbage, grass, docks—anything at all that is vegetable. You get vegetable pies, roasts, sweets. They won't allow you to drink a drop of wine if you were to go down on your bended knees, and as for tea, coffee, whisky, brandy, spirits of any kind, tobacco, milk, sugar, or any other Christianlike article of food or liquid or use, you must swear against it. They even refuse you white bread. They give you a black wheat loaf cut into slabs and expect you to look cheerful over it.

But this is not the worst. By some infernal combination of calamities every second man you meet on the street will offer to treat you. In other and brighter days you had to do all the treating yourself. Now by a cruel irony of fate fortune throws free drinks at you from every street corner and you must decline. To make the torture more excruciating you cannot explain why. Every other day you will now be invited to dine out. Before, these invitations used to drop in about once a month. And as for cigars, they seem to fall in showers about your devoted and smokeless head. It is terrible—a very distressful state of affairs altogether.

You cannot go to the camp. How could you ask them to turn you loose on the quinta and allow you to take chances? Imagine your confusion on being asked what you would like for dinner. You would have to sit there with a sickly kind of smile and refuse roast ducks, lamb from the "asador," chickens, cold "mulitas" and goodness knows what else. And after being badgered for half-an-hour you would say with your face covered with blushes, "Well, if you wouldn't mind, I think I'd take a little green alfalfa!" They wouldn't know what to do with you. Possibly they might allow you to graze in the quinta, but I doubt it. I think they would have to tie you out on a rope afraid you might get into the kitchen-garden and eat all the onions and cabbages.

Well, such is Kuhne's system more or less. The strangest thing about it is that it makes a new man of you. I have seen weak, crippled invalids become cured by it. You feel that you could walk on air, that you could move mountains with your strength, that you never knew what health was before in all your born days. Still it does not suit everybody. It undoubtedly is mischievous to many. Kuhne says that man is not naturally a carnivorous animal. Let him speak for himself. His system is gaining ground every day and that ought to be enough for him. For my part, I don't think it is good enough to live like a hermit on roots and grass and water—not while there are decent restaurants at hand—not while the generous grape ripens along the Rhine, and while the tobacco-leaf flourishes in Havana and Brazil!

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RIVER PLATE ITEMS

—Heavy rains were reported from the northern
Argentine provinces on the 27th inst.

—Disturbances are again threatened in Cor-
rientes, and a revolutionary attempt is anti-
cipated.

—The Romero project and Pellegrini substitute
for the consolidation of the Argentine public debts,
have been postponed until the next Congress.

—It is said in Buenos Aires that Dr. Garcia
Merou will return to Brazil next year to complete
negotiations on questions now pending between
the two countries.

—The Chilean minister to Argentina and Uru-
guay, Dr. Adolpho Guerrero, has presented his
letters of recall and returns home to assume a
portfolio in the present cabinet.

—There was a heavy rainfall at Buenos Aires
on the 26th inst. The country between that city
and La Plata is flooded and much damage to agri-
culture is feared because of these excessive rains.

—The monthly vital statistics of Montevideo for
November give that city an estimated population
of 243,941. During the month there were 610
births (of which 95 illegitimate), 95 marriages and
300 deaths. There were 5,041 passenger and
immigrant arrivals and 4,825 departures.

—An expert cattle man who has been investi-
gating the cattle business of the country for the
benefit of an American syndicate told us yesterday
that inside of five years a large amount of American
capital would be put into the Argentine cattle
business. He also added that Armour & Co. of
Chicago had about decided to locate here. —*Buenos
Aires Herald.*

—A Buenos Aires telegram of the 26th says
that the Argentine navy is to be increased by an
ironclad, two cruisers and five torpedo boats. All
this of course is a diplomatic expression of "dis-
armament." Henceforth when Argentina and
Chile begin to talk about peace and disarmament,
we may be sure that new acquisitions of arms and
munitions, lathies and ships are contemplated.

—We have just received private information
from the United States that a party of twenty
capitalists will leave New York for Buenos Aires
in April, 1896. Their plan is to carefully look
into the industrial possibilities of the country with
a view of establishing factories and promoting in-
dustrial enterprises of various kinds. The scheme
if it is carried out would involve the investment of
several hundred thousand dollars. —*Buenos Aires
Herald.*

—The national telegraph management is now
for over a month without a chief. The present
provisional director is said to know absolutely
nothing about telegraphs and their management.
The result, therefore, is not at all surprising.
Telegrams are not to be delayed for eight or ten
days, but they will be delayed for months or years
if this sort of administration continues. The lines
from Paraguay were interrupted for such a long
time on Argentine territory that even poor Para-
guay had to send a special note to government here
to remedy matters. Nothing is worse administered
than government railroads and government tele-
graphs. —*Times, Buenos Aires.*

—The condition of laborers and common peons
in some of the provinces borders upon the incredi-
ble. The poorest in this province are rich in
comparison to what their fellow-workers in the
northern provinces are. They are rich in
artificial sources, that many of the peons in the
valley of the Calchaquíes get only from two to five
dollars a month. They have not enough to buy
even the most necessary clothing, and are in the
most absolute poverty. With five dollars a month
not even a dog could live, and we wonder that
there are men found capable of grinding down the
poor to such a wretched condition. Slavery is far
better than this, and we have no doubt that many
of these poor wretches would sell themselves body
and soul for ten dollars a month. —*Times, Buenos
Aires.*

—The new regulations respecting passengers on
trams seem to be causing a certain amount of
confusion, so it is as well to make them as widely
known as possible. In the open coaches nobody
is allowed to ride on the steps or on the platform
behind, and only postmen and police in front, all
the rest must occupy a seat, or wait for the next
coach. In the street cars two extra people may
stand on the platform at the back of the tram, the
front is reserved for postoffice and police officials,
in the inside only the proper number will be
carried. Everyone must agree that these arrange-
ments are an improvement for man and horse,
but the public complain that the carrying capacity
of the trams under the new regulations is not sufficient,
this can easily be cured and no doubt will be
country to be cured and no doubt will be
they will gain by saving their horses. —*Sport and
Pastime, Buenos Aires, Dec. 18.*

—The sugar kings in the country seem to have
such control over the legislatures of the country as
to be able to obtain any amount of concessions
and subventions. At the very moment that the
federal Congress has a bill before it to bestow a
bounty of 12 per cent. on sugar, the legislature of
Tucuman introduces the same bill in its own
country. Whether it is constitutional or not is
situational. Who is going to rule the national one in Buenos Aires? It is
one of the strangest questions that has ever come
before the public, and a good deal of excitement
may be roused by it. The minister of the interior
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constitutional. The poorest and the worst sugar in any country. —
Times, Buenos Aires.

—The Brazilian Senate has rather quickly ap-
plauded the message of Grover Cleveland, and
rather hastily determined to send him a flattering
felicitation and unanimous approval of his words
and actions. It shows how little love the Brazilian
for England, and how popular any demon-
stration of ill-feeling is with them. The Trinidad
question has until recently kept the bitter feeling
alive, and it finds a convenient vent in this unani-
mous acclamation of the Brazilian senators. It
would look far more disinterested if Brazil had no
difficulties pending with Great Britain. —*Times,
Buenos Aires.*

—After the length of time we have been harassed
about this Venezuelan question, it is perhaps as
well that matters should be brought to a head.
Arbitration has been from time to time suggested
by both sides. But Venezuela has always insisted
upon arbitrating on such terms as assume the
question at issue. If Venezuela's conditions were
accepted, the argument would practically have been
as to whether or not Georgetown, the capital of
British Guiana, instead of being about the centre of
the coast line of that country is in the extreme
north-west, almost on the borders of Venezuela, in
fact. Let it be admitted, for the sake of argument,
that England was not so tenacious about the dis-
puted territory until gold mining began to be im-
portant there; the argument tells equally on both
sides. It will, moreover, be admitted that the
firing upon small coasting steamers is not a very
dignified way of bringing about an arbitration,
assuming that it was declined by the other party.

But now let us see what the next step to which the
United States has perhaps a little hastily committed
itself involves. Its motto is the one at the head of
this note, (America for the Americans); but the
formula is wider than may appear to many who
carelessly use it. Another side of the phrase is
suggested by Lord Salisbury's recent remark as to
England being herself a great Mohamudan power.
This remark was made as indication of her action
towards the Sultan. It will bear application else-
where. If we are to use the phrase America for
the Americans we should not be unmindful of
the fact that after the United States, the next
great American power is not Brazil with its im-
mense territory, and its large half-savage popula-
tion, nor yet Argentina with its great resources
and its increasing population, but Canada. The
Americas, and Canada does not yield in freedom
and autonomy to the United States, while she is
immeasurably in advance of any so-called free
republic. Yet Canada has no overwhelming
desire to join the United States, and we do not
suppose that any possible extension of the Monroe
doctrine could compel her, or against her will, to
forsake her allegiance to England. — *Review,
Buenos Aires, Dec. 21.*

RUSSIAN WHEAT RESOURCES.

The *Statist* remarks that if Russia could export
ten million quarters of wheat a year from the crops
of 1889 to 1892, which averaged 31,600,000 quar-
ters, she could have exported twice that amount in
each of the last two years, the crops of which
amounted respectively to 43,000,000 and 48,500,000
quarters. But the exports were only about ten
million quarters, leaving a surplus of about
fifteen million quarters, leaving a surplus of about
ten millions for the two years to be added to the cur-
rent crop, which is said to be little above the aver-
age crop of 1889 to 1893. In spite of the surplus
Russians are not selling freely at present low
prices; the government makes loans to the farm-
ers on easy terms to help them carry their grain,
and it supplies them abundantly with information
regarding the condition of the market of the world,
so that the Russian producers and exporters
are not in haste to part with the grain they have.

The fisheries department of Newfoundland,
under the direction of Prof. Adolph Nielsen, a
Norwegian, has been doing some remarkable work
during the last few years. The artificial propaga-
tion of codfish and lobsters was begun with the
most gratifying results. In the cod-hatchery in
Trinity bay no fewer than 644,939,000 and ova
were hatched and planted in five years ago. This in-
fishermen see them in immense masses, and the
catch has been very large. The experiment, con-
ducted on a large scale, has settled the question of
the artificial propagation of cod. These fish can
now, by artificial means, be indefinitely multiplied.
Still more striking has been the success of the arti-
ficial production of lobsters. In the different
bays of the island during the last five years the
inconceivable number of 2,425,546,000 lobsters
have been hatched and planted. The lobster
fishery already has improved greatly, and the
most beneficial results were hoped for in the near
future. In addition, Mr. Nielsen has given the
fishermen instructions for the cure and packing of
fish, especially cod and herring.

BASE is the ingratitude of the stamp collector.
It seems that some of the Central and South
American republics have been changing their post-
age stamps very frequently, so as to benefit by the
demand for new issues, or, rather, for suspended
issues, by the "philatelist's" complete new ser-
vice free of charge, on the condition that the firm
got the remainder of the old series free to sell to
stamp collectors. The republics who did this made
a small profit, and one would have expected the
collectors to be delighted with these efforts to fur-
nish them with new specimens; but when a man
gets the length of calling himself a "philatelist,"
he takes himself and his hobby very seriously, and
we learn that a memorial to good Spanish has
been addressed to the easy-going republics asking
them not to issue too many new series of stamps,
mainly on the ground that the practice "tends to
weaken the credit of the governments which support
it." In future the Stock Exchange will have to
keep an eye on postage stamps, and we may live to
read that "Continental Aines were lower on the
announcement of a new postage stamp issue."
—*Financial News.*



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The Nectandra is already well known, but I have, nevertheless, the greatest pleasure in confirming again facts happened under my eyes, and which undoubtedly will help to mitigate the sufferings of man. Always yours, Pedro G. Paes Leme. Rio de Janeiro, 15th October, 1895

Continued from our last

TRINIDAD ISLAND.

THE CRUISE OF THE "ALBERTE".

Finding that there were no suitable stones near this beach, we got in the boat again and towed to West Bay, to see if we should have better luck there. Three islets lie off the east side of the Ness. We found that the narrow deep-water channel between these and the cape could be taken with safety on a fine day like this. As a rule, this channel is impracticable, for the ocean swell penetrating it produces a great commotion, the sea being dashed with violence from the cliffs on one side to those on the other, so that the entire channel presents the appearance of a boiling cauldron; and even on this quiet day, we had to keep the boat carefully in the middle, for the waves leapt high up the rocky walls with a loud noise, which was repeated in manifold echoes by the crags above. When we were in the passage between the third islet and the shore the scene before us was most impressive. The black cliffs rose perpendicularly on either side of us, about thirty feet apart, casting a profound shade on the heaving water, so that it looked like ink beneath us, and between these cliffs, as through a dark tunnel, we saw the sunlit waters and shores of West Bay. The mountains that lay to the back of it were barren and of bold outline, great pinnacles of rock dominating huge landslips that slope to the shingle-beach. We could distinguish the familiar forms of the Sugarloaf and Noah's Ark towering over the depressions of the hills. At the farther end of the bay we found a suitable place for getting stones. Here a rocky shelf formed a sort of jetty. George leapt on shore and brought down the stones, while Wright, sitting in the stern, took them from him, and placed them at the bottom of the boat, while I backed in towards the jetty and pulled out again between the waves; for there was sufficient sea to do damage if proper caution was not observed. Having taken on board about half a ton of large heavy stones, we returned to the yacht and stowed them under the cabin floor.

On the following morning, December 2, the doctor came off again in the life-boat, and carried off another moderate load of stores. He reported that on the previous day, being Sunday, he had given all hands a holiday, on his return to the shore, and that they had passed the day in exploring the neighborhood of Treasure Bay. They came across some more tent poles and picks left by Mr. A.—'s party. They also made one very curious discovery—a quantity of broken pottery, lying in a little rocky ravine at a considerable height above the shore. All this was of Oriental manufacture. Some was of unglazed earthenware, some of glazed china—the remains of what appeared to have been water-jars and punch-bowls. There were also some broken case-bottles of glass, oxidised and brittle from long exposure. The bowls proved to be of Blue Dragon china, about a hundred years old, and, therefore, of some value to the connoisseur.

Pottery of this description had certainly not formed part of the equipment of Mr. A.—'s, or of any other of the treasure-hunting expeditions. Could these be relics of the pirate's booty—articles they had thrown away as being of no value to them when they buried the rest of the treasure? It was, certainly, difficult to account for the presence of old blue china on a barren hill-side of Trinidad. It has been suggested by an old sea-captain that an East-Indian may have been wrecked here many years ago, and that her crew had contrived to reach the shore with provisions and other property, for bowls of the same description as those of which these fragments had formed part were commonly used by the Malay sailors to eat their curry in.

The doctor soon left me, and hurried back with his boat's crew to the camp; for the sea was rising, the glass had been falling for twenty-four hours, and the sky had a stormy appearance, not only over the mountains, but on the sea-horizon as well.

These signs of foul weather did not deceive us, for it now blew hard from the south-east for several days and the sea was so rough that we were unable to launch the dinghy, while, on the other hand, it was impossible to put out from the bay in the whale-boat. All communication was, therefore, cut off between the yacht and the shore for six days, and we could not even see each other during this time, as two capes stretched out between us.

It was fortunate that we had landed such an ample supply of stores while the weather was fine.

We had rather an uncomfortable time of it on board for the next few days. For a good part of the time the wind was blowing with the force of a gale, and it howled and whistled among the crags in a dreadful fashion, while the surf thundered at the base of the cliffs. The wind being southerly was parallel to this portion of the coast; so we were scarcely, if at all, protected by the island. A great swell rolled up travelling in the same direction as the wind. But as violent squalls occasionally

rushed down the ravines at right angles to the true wind, we were blown round by them, so that we were riding broadside on to the sea, rolling scuppers under in the trough of it, pitching the whole bowsprit in at one moment and thumping our counter on to the water the next.

Things looked so bad on December 4 that I was thinking of slipping the anchor and putting to sea, but, as the vessel did not appear to be straining herself, I held on. Our dinghy was dipping into the sea as we rolled, so we took it from the davits and secured it on deck.

We had now ample leisure to study the meteorology of Trinidad. The rains were heavy during this stormy period and the cascade swelled visibly. I do not think this island is subject to drought; for, notwithstanding that this—the summer—was the dry season here, scarcely a day passed without a shower during our long stay. In the winter season this is, to judge from the logs of passing vessels, a very rainy spot. The glass never fell below thirty inches while we were here, and generally stood at about thirty and nine-tenths. The temperature in the shade on board averaged about eighty. In the tents on shore it was far hotter. The sunsets are often very fine on Trinidad, the wild and stormy appearance and full of vivid coloring; these indicate fine weather. The hoisterous south-west winds, extensions of River Plate *pamperos*, were heralded by clear blue skies.

We three now imprisoned on the yacht occupied our time in tidying her up, and making all necessary repairs in the sails and gears generally. We occasionally knocked down some birds as they flew over us. Some would coolly perch on our davits and stare at us very rudely, to the great indignation of Jacko, who swore at them in his own language. It was curious to watch the birds fly far out to the sea, each morning for their day's fishing, the air full of their shrill and unmelancholy cries, and return again in the evening. It was invariably while starting at daybreak that they called on the yacht. While going home in the evening they had their business to attend to. It was then that they carried food to their young—fluffy balls of insatiable appetite, which, I am afraid, had sometimes to go to bed supperless, for the anxious mothers are often robbed of their hard-earned fish by the cruel pirates who are perpetually hovering round this island.

These pirates are the frigate or man-of-war birds. They do not fish themselves, but attack the honest fishers in mid-air, and compel them to surrender what they have caught. The frigate-bird is of the orthodox piratical color—black—but has a vermilion beak and a few white patches on its throat. It has a forked tail, and wings of extraordinary length in proportion to its body, their spread sometimes attaining, it is said, as much as fifteen feet.

There are other pirates here as well, of a meaner description, who, being able to fish for themselves, have no excuse for their crimes; whereas the frigate-bird is unable to skim the sea after fish. Should he touch the water, he cannot make use of his unwieldy wings and flounders helplessly about until he becomes the prey of sharks.

But these other robbers have taken to dishonest ways from sheer laziness and lack of principle. Their favorite method is to seize a smaller fisher by the throat, and hold him under water until he is half drowned and has to disgorge his fish. Sometimes two or three plucky little birds will assist a neighbor in resisting the big bully, and often drive him off discomfited. We witnessed several most exciting combats of this description.

We skinned the birds we killed, and I have brought these specimens home with me. Of fish we now caught plenty. We salted and sun-dried some, but these were not a great success, and had a rank flavor in consequence of their oily nature.

At last, on December 7, communication between the yacht and the shore was resumed; for the wind and sea had greatly moderated, and the doctor was enabled to come off to us at midday, with four volunteers and paid hands. They had been laboring hard with pick and shovel, and looked like it too. Digging into the volcanic soil of Trinidad soon takes all superfluous flesh off. Indeed, led on by the energetic doctor, they had worked harder, perhaps, than white men should in such a climate, and had a stale, overstrained appearance, while they admitted that they felt somewhat slack.

They brought us off a quantity of turtle-eggs. The female turtle frequent South-west Bay in large numbers, for the purpose of depositing their eggs in the sand. But up till now, they had failed to catch any of the turtle. The eggs are excellent, and can be used for every purpose for which fowl's eggs are employed. Here is a receipt for making egg-nog which I have tried myself and can recommend: Two turtle eggs, a tea-spoonful of tinned milk, some water, sugar, and a small glass of rum.

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On account of the circumstance that 1895 contains 53
Tuesday days, while 1896 contains but 51, we are
during this number January 1st and crediting it
to 1896.

The situation in Rio Grande, it must be confessed, is again becoming highly critical. We have never felt so great a confidence in the Galvão-Tavares treaty of peace, simply because it failed to correct the principal cause of the conflict in that state. As long as Julio de Castilhos and his partisans remain in power, there can be no protection and no justice for their opponents, the federalists. The assaults and murders committed since the declaration of peace, are ample proofs of this fact. It must be admitted, even by their enemies, that the federalists have carefully observed their agreement. Although Tavares was not authorized to make this peace, the different revolutionary chiefs have promptly yielded to his terms, even in cases where they did not wholly approve of the conditions. They have disbanded their forces and have sought to return to their homes. The partizan forces of Castilhos, however, have in great part kept the field, even after they had been paid and disbanded by General Galvão. And they have continued their depredations as before. In some cases they have been re-enlisted in the force which Castilhos is organizing on his own account. In view of all this the federalists are again emigrating, and unless the government does something at once to insure their protection, they will soon take up arms again. The key of the situation is the removal of Julio de Castilhos. If this is not done, then civil war must surely follow.

CONGRESS has at last adjourned—for which let us be devoutly thankful. It is of course the authorized representative of the people of Brazil, empowered to provide the necessary funds for the support of government and to enact all laws required for the protection and well-being of society. How well it has accomplished these objects the records will show. It has been zealous in fanning the flames of dissension and hatred which exist throughout the country, it has been vindictive and oppressive in its attitude toward revolutionists who have shown a desire to return to their allegiance, it has shown an eagerness to vote public moneys for military expenses and for pensions to its partizan friends, and it has urged forward any and all legislation calculated to favor partizan objects. On the other hand it has stubbornly resisted every suggestion of economy, of a reduction in the military establishment, of an equalization of taxation, of subjecting irregular state governments to national control, and of correcting the grave abuses committed during the preceding administration. It has passed the worst series of budgets the country has ever known. It has largely increased taxation, and it has complicated the tariff so that much trouble is sure to result. And it has meddled in foreign questions in a way which has covered it with infinite pity for its ignorance. It is a satisfaction, therefore, to see its doors closed and the daily record of its failures ended. It has complicated and burdened the business affairs of the country, and it has helped to increase the costs of living. On the other side it has failed to equalize taxation, to adjust the relations of the states and nation, and to reform the currency. It has left the finances of the country in a desperate state, and its narrow mercenary policy in regard to protective tariffs will make the situation even worse through the diminution in the revenue. But, notwithstanding all this, these legislators are the chosen of the people. If the people want such representatives, then they can have no cause for complaint. When they are called upon to pay more

rent and higher prices, let them remember who it is that brought it about, and then thank the Lord that they are not like others, who are never satisfied with what was done for their own good.

The prominence recently given to the question of protection, both in Congress and in the press, leads to the belief that public opinion is being steadily influenced in that direction. Although no one could claim the present as a period of low tariffs, the tendency is clearly toward higher tariffs for protective purposes. We have already shown in these columns how antagonistic a high protective tariff really is to an increased revenue. Protection means the exclusion of foreign products from a country so that the native producers can have the market to themselves. This exclusion means a loss of revenue from the products thus excluded. Protection therefore implies a loss of revenue to the state. This conclusion is as clear as the simplest mathematical problem. The sole purpose of protection then is, nominally, to encourage national industry and, really, to enrich a favored class. No one will care to admit, however, that laws are made and administered for the main purpose of enriching a few individuals, even when circumstances admit of no other conclusion. For instance, fluid magnesia is a valuable aid in the treatment of fevers, especially of yellow fever. A certain preparation of this character is made in a foreign country, is known all over the world and has the confidence of the medical profession. Two parties in this city have undertaken to manufacture the same medicinal preparation (we do not refer to the common falsifiers who use the bottles and labels of the foreign manufacturer), and although they have all the advantages which ocean freights and ordinary tariffs give them, they are not satisfied. They want a still larger profit. One of these native manufacturers is an influential politician, so he easily arranges to have the duties on the foreign product so raised as to prohibit importation and thus give him a monopoly. It would be absurd to say that it was patriotism which induced him to have the duties raised on a product so necessary for the treatment of the sick, and, in our opinion, it would be equally absurd for Congress to claim that it legislated for higher prices on so precious a preparation solely for the encouragement of national industry. To deprive the poor of needed medicines, or to increase their cost, in order that one or two manufacturers may have the market to themselves, is certainly not patriotic, nor humane, nor politic. It is simply a scandalously mean variation on the vulgar use of legislation to favor mercenary monopolies. There is nothing noble, nor manly, nor patriotic about it. It is as mean as was the American duty on imported quinine. Such taxes are not only statutory gifts to certain manufacturing chemists, but they are indirect gifts to the undertakers. They are premiums on sickness and death, contributions to the discredit, depopulation and impoverishment of the country. In its rational and best sense the encouragement of national industry deserves generous support. It may occur that there is an industry not indigenous to a country, but yet necessary to its safety and well-being, and deserving the support which a protective tariff can provide. In such case, no one will object to the tariff imposed. It is a tax pure and simple, and for a recognized purpose. But that every industry, indigenous as well as exotic, should be entitled to the same favor, is irrational and unjust. The consumer has vital interests to be considered as well as the manufacturer, and he has even greater claims upon the government for protection. No matter what the form of government may be, it is the duty of the governing powers to protect the poor and the unfortunate, and to promote the well-being of all impartially. It is a cruel partiality to protect greed and rapacity, wealth and oppression, and leave all others to shuff for themselves. It is an appalling injustice to tax imported bread and flour, so that a local mill or two may increase their dividends, or to tax imported stock and preserved meats so that a few native stock-raisers and beef-preserving factories may augment their profits. And so on through the whole list. If a factory can not exist without a high protective tariff, then it has no right to live. It is better for the country that it should die. And as for

those which are national only in name, industries whose raw materials, machinery, fuel and skilled labor are all imported, what excuse can be invented why consumers should pay exorbitant prices in order that they may live and wax fat? It is the most unprincipled imposition ever invented! If the country is to be governed on these lines, then it would be well to bid farewell to all ideas of justice and general prosperity. Brazil will become a country of classes and monopolies, where the masses are systematically explored for the benefit of the favored few.

It seems almost a hopeless task to make the average American understand Latin America. The governments here are called "republics," and he reasons, therefore, that their laws, institutions and customs are like his own, and that their people are wholly in sympathy with those of his own country. And even among prominent men, whose education and official position should furnish them with a more accurate knowledge of the subject, the same misapprehension exists. In a recent address before the New York chamber of commerce, Senator J. C. Burrows said:—"Let us turn our attention to the 55,000,000 of people on this hemisphere to the south of us who, by reason of their proximity and similarity of institutions, are our natural allies in trade." He then expresses a hope that the flag of American commerce will be soon unfurled in every South and Central American port, and that the projected intercontinental railway will bind the American republics together in indissoluble bonds of commercial interest and unity." All this sounds fine and is doubtless highly appropriate for a chamber of commerce dinner, but somehow it is misleading and is founded on nothing more substantial than sentiment. We, too, wish to see more of the American flag in this part of the world, and a greater extension of American commerce, but we have no rational certainty of it under the perverted commercial ideas which still influence American legislation and cripple American trade. The commercial missionary work is first needed at Washington, and even Senator Burrows himself must be brought under its regenerating influence. When the barbarous, selfish and suicidal tariffs of the United States are largely reduced, and when the restrictive navigation laws of that country are completely abolished, then there will be some reasonable chance for a foreign trade. But before that can be accomplished, the people of the United States, including their senators and representatives, must be educated very considerably in regard to the outside world. In the first place they must disabuse their minds as to the binding force of that political shibboleth—the republic. The political ideas of men are as varied and varying as their religious ideas. Let them use the same terms as such as they like, they never reach the same practical result. The republic in Switzerland, France, the United States and Latin America, though bearing the same name, is far from being one and the same thing. And the people in all these countries are far from having the same aspirations and views. In this respect the people of the United States and Latin America are as widely separated as are the people of the United States and Russia. There is no similarity whatever in their institutions, or their methods, or their aspirations. And, if the truth must be told, there is practically very little sympathy. The Americans are not liked in Latin America; they are considered to be arrogant and over-reaching, always claiming favors and immunities, and quick to take an unfair advantage. This is the general feeling, and how far it is due to their peculiar methods of pushing trade, and how far to the circumstance that they have been represented by adventurers rather than by trained commercial men, we leave our readers to conclude for themselves. For Senator Burrows' special benefit, we would say that there is no similarity whatever between these countries and the United States. They are not "our natural allies in trade." Their language, laws, customs, needs, aspirations and social institutions are widely different. They look to Europe for everything they require, and when they go abroad it is toward Europe that their faces are turned. The foreign merchants in their cities are chiefly Europeans; their mines, and railways, and public companies are operated by Europeans and with European capital; their loans are taken in Europe, their fashions come from

Paris, their money from London, and their military stores and ships from Germany, England and France. Their independence was won with the assistance of English officers, and thus far they have received more help and encouragement from Europe in their political development than from the United States. It is only natural, then, that their sympathies should really go to Europe, and all the more so in view of the steady flow of immigration to these countries from Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, France and Austria. In 1892 the feeling here was so bitter against the United States, because of the Chilean quarrel, that a Latin American union against the "arrogant Saxon republic" was widely discussed, and was even favored by Brazilian journals which are to-day praising President Cleveland's message. The basis of all this is the old antagonism between the Latin and the Saxon, and no amount of political compliment and commercial intrigue will ever eradicate it. The Latin and the Saxon may be on the best of terms and live together as good neighbors for years, and then wake up some fine morning to find the old rivalry and antagonism in full possession of the field between them. Blood is thicker than water, Julius; and in the end you will find all the Saxon nationalities side by side and shoulder to shoulder in the march of civilization in spite of your efforts to separate them!

THE EXCHANGE QUESTION.

Rio Grande, Dec. 16, 1895.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In my last I promised a solution of the problem according to which \$20,000,000 had been converted *spontaneously* into 400,000,000 by simply substituting apolices for currency.

Rejecting the spontaneous theory we can only conclude that, as neither production nor material wealth have been in any manner augmented by the transfer of 200,000,000 to the funded debt, the profit that must accrue to some from the increased value of both currency and apolices must have been accumulated at the cost of a corresponding loss of some kind to others. The question is, who wins, and who is it that has to pay the piper?

The local value of the currency is determined exclusively by the relations of supply and demand; the supply being the quantity in circulation and the demand constituted by all the operations of sale or purchase, or payments of any kind. The reduction in the volume of currency reduces the supply, whilst the demand is increased by the value of the new apolices emitted. Consequently paper money will exchange for more commodities than formerly, with the exception of securities and other fixed values (such as apolices, official salaries, etc.), and these must have risen in value in the same ratio as the currency itself, whilst every other class of commodity, service, or property, including labour, will have suffered a corresponding depreciation, which will be proportionate to the alteration of the ratio of the supply to the demand for the circulating medium.

Any attempt, therefore, to arbitrarily improve the value of the currency by means of an internal, and in a less degree of a foreign loan, is nothing less than a forcible transfer of part of the property of one class to another; and as the greater portion of the currency and securities is accumulated in the hands of capitalists and the well-to-do classes, this inequitable transfer would be mostly from the poor to the rich; and accounts for the anxiety of the governing class to improve the value of the currency, whilst its depreciation is a matter of supreme indifference to the poorer classes, whose consumption of imported commodities is almost nil.

This then constitutes the great objection to any attempt to raise the value of the currency in this manner; and though it may be retorted that even if this were so, it would only be a revival of a previous operation by which a similar transfer had been effected from Rich to Poor in consequence of the irregular depreciation of the currency, the two cases are not strictly analogous.

In the first place the depreciation of the currency is not usually the result of a deliberate design, such as an attempt to raise its value by means of a loan must be.

It is true that the depreciation of the currency must have effected some transfer from Creditors to Debtors, and therefore generally favour the industrial classes, but such a transfer would be more effected in its action, and limited in fact almost entirely to fixed values, and would not include the currency except for an insignificant moiety.

In regard to the currency, it is doubtful if any single individual possesses intact precisely the same amount of paper money he held in 1889 before the fall of exchange commenced; that is, that he has allowed that money to lie absolutely idle, without touching or exchanging it for anything whatever. If so that individual has doubtless suffered severely by the fall in exchange, but even so the fault is all his own. If, however, he has bought and sold with it, as he naturally would if engaged in commerce or industry of any kind, as the prices of commodities and all property have likewise risen in proportion to the fall in exchange (though not uniformly), he has always, except perhaps at the initial fall, realised at each successive sale and purchase the full value of his money, so that finally the currency in his possession to-day represents the value of goods delivered or services rendered, which have been estimated not at the par rate of exchange, but at the current rate; and if he were even obliged to convert these notes at the rate of 100 per cent he would not in reality have experienced any loss at all, if we perhaps except the initial fall.

Exception must of course be made for banks or those that deal wholly in money, who are, how-

ever, generally able to recoup the loss in other ways.

The class that undoubtedly does suffer from a depreciation of the currency is that of creditors at long dates, and especially the holders of securities payable in currency, but amongst these the holders of paper money must not be included; and, in point of fact, even the holders of apolices, so long as they continue to reside in the country, will be found to suffer more from a nominal depreciation of these securities (a fall in price) rather than from a depreciation of VALUE, the consequence of the differential rise in prices of different classes of commodities and services.

In addition it should be borne in mind that a government issue of currency is merely a substitute for taxation, which if resorted to must have been exacted from contributors, of which the security owning class must have borne the greater share, being the largest consumers of imports.

Whatever claims the owners of apolices issued previous to the depreciation of the currency may have to compensation, it is certain that those who have lent money to the state subsequent to the fall in exchange can claim no such consideration; and the fact that the class of speculators and creditors would realise a wholly unearned increment of profits at the cost of taxpayers in general should prove an insuperable objection to the use of internal credit, or home loans.

The same objection could not be alleged in respect to internal gold, or foreign loans. In this case the creditor could gain nothing by the depreciation of the currency, and would more probably lose.

The objections to any attempt to raise the value of the currency by means of foreign loans, as has been mooted, are similar, but the injury inflicted is more gradual, and therefore less evident.

The importation of the bullion equivalent to 200,000,000 would then represent a real accession of wealth, and be a real cause for the improvement in the value of the currency, but none the less the gradual repayment of the loan must affect the depreciation of one class of property in favour of another, which will be more considerable in proportion to the loss realised in the price of emission, whilst the whole mass of apolices will be raised in value, just as in the case of an internal loan.

The only positive advantage of a foreign loan, therefore, is that it mitigates the injustice, by spreading it over a longer period, and prevents the unearned increment of profit that would accrue to the holders of internal loans by the restoration of the value of the currency, but even these advantages would disappear if the price of emission of the foreign loans were inordinately low.

The analysis of the effects of the depreciation and appreciation of the currency by arbitrarily interfering with its quantity prove how artificial the whole system of inconvertible paper money must be, and the inextinguishable confusion any attempt to control the laws of supply and demand by tampering with the currency must create.

The depreciation of the currency demanded by the excessive emissions by government, or on its authorisation, have undoubtedly inflicted a great injury and injustice on a considerable class, whilst favouring others.

To attempt to rectify this injustice again by an equally artificial and arbitrary revaluation of the currency is impossible without inflicting a second injustice on debtors to favour creditors. If the relative position of debtor and creditor had remained unchanged since the depreciation of the currency commenced, there might be some excuse in favouring the creditor by reversing the operation by which he had been previously injured to benefit the debtor, but to make one class of debtors responsible for the advantages gained by another, and to confer gratuitous advantages on one set of creditors, which had probably lost nothing by depreciation, can find no apology in either justice or equity.

The conclusion we must arrive at, therefore, is that the state has no right to interfere at all with the volume of the currency, either to increase or decrease its quantity, but more considerably in proportion to the loss realised in the price of emission, whilst the whole mass of apolices will be raised in value, just as in the case of an internal loan.

The harm inflicted by the depreciation of the currency is done, and cannot be undone by inflicting a second and similar injury on the classes that can least afford it.

If the volume of the currency cannot be equitably diminished by reduction of the volume, how then can the ratio of the demand be adjusted to the supply, and the rate of exchange improved?

Exchange will improve without any reduction of the supply by the increased demands of an increasing population, by the increase of production and exports, accompanied by some self-denial as regards imports, but whether there is any real advantage, except to a limited and already exceptionally favoured class, in raising the value of the currency and rate of exchange is extremely unlikely, and is a matter that deserves more serious consideration.

It is generally admitted that neither high nor low exchange is injurious to trade and enterprise, but oscillating exchange.

The desideratum to which our efforts should be directed should therefore be to immobilize exchange, and reduce its oscillations to a minimum.

This can only be effected by the reduction of the par value of the milreis from 274 to say 104, as has lately been effected in Chile, and already on two distinct occasions in Brazil itself. During the colonial period the par value of the milreis was 675/4, which was successively reduced to 437/4 in 1833, and 274, in 1846. It is useless, however, as experience teaches, to reduce the par value, or in fact to attempt to contribute a permanent value at all to the currency, unless the indispensable balance of foreign payments is simultaneously realised, without which exchange would, after a few years, continue to drop as before, necessitating a new adjustment.

With the provision of an adjustment of this equilibrium, which can only be attained by the limitation of imports, a reduction of the par value of the milreis, to say 104, would prevent great advantages.

The oscillations in the value of the currency, which injure all trade and industry, are particularly disturbing to both labour and capital, and the origin of endless disputes destructive of any permanent harmony, and calculated to reduce pre-

mairely the worst features of the struggle for supremacy noticeable in the older centres of industry.

The rise of prices, consequent on the fall of exchange, both of labour and commodities, has already been realised, and prices adjusted to the altered values. Any future rise of exchange will then be as injurious to capital as the fall has previously been to labour, and necessitate a new reduction of prices, especially those of labour, which would be inevitably resisted, and lead to endless disputes, strikes, and loss to all concerned.

If the reduction of par value succeeded in avoiding the disorganisation of the existing relations of labour and capital alone, it would be well worth attempting, but it has other and no less important recommendations.

The reduction of par value, and simultaneous foreign payments, would destroy speculation in exchange by reducing the margin of profits to a minimum; and thus do away with the chief cause of the increasing oscillations in the value of the currency so injurious to legitimate trade; whilst the capital at present employed in the operations would be thus set free, and be available for more useful objects. The reduction of par value would be an immense administrative advantage by introducing an element of certainty into the budget, and admitting of a precise estimate of both revenue and expenditure.

The advantages that a low rate of exchange confers upon production, and which a permanent reduction of the par value of the milreis would tend to perpetuate at least for some years to come, scarcely need to be discussed. They are almost universally admitted, and in fact constitute the main argument in favour of bimetalism. If any confirmation were required it is only necessary to observe the great increase of exports in silver among countries, such as India, compared with the monetarist, since the great depreciation of silver commenced.

That a depreciation of the inconvertible currency operates in a similar manner is evidenced by the increasing prosperity and productiveness of the Argentine republic, where the premium on gold has served as a positive bonus to production, and without which the exportation of many of its products would be impossible.

Any improvement in the rate of exchange must tend to destroy these advantages, and discourage production and exports. Finally the reduction of the par value would put an end to the endless attempts and projects to improve the value of the currency, and relieve your correspondent from the tedious of wading through deserts of sterile discussion, which alone would be a tremendous recommendation.

The objections on the other hand to such a measure are no numerous, provided previous engagements on the basis of 274 are respected. The chief would be the permanent loss that would thus be inflicted on apolice holders; though it would appear that, even to them, a definite settlement would be preferable to an almost certain further depreciation. The idea of a reduction of par value is not new; but has never, that I am aware of, been fully discussed, nor its pros and cons systematically weighed and analysed.

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LEGISLATIVE NOTES

DEC. 21.—Senate.—There was received a communication from the minister of foreign affairs stating that the message of the Senate to the President of the United States had been telegraphed to Washington. Senator Coelho Rodrigues said that from facts that have come to his knowledge it appears that it is generally believed that the motion in regard to President Cleveland's message on the Venezuela question was voted by the Senate at the instigation of Minister Carlos de Carvalho, who, it is thought, desired to exercise pressure on President Prudente de Moraes for the purpose of forcing him to reject the proposal of the British government for arbitration in the Trinidad question. He declared that his vote had no political significance, being merely intended to show that he is not unfavorable to all proper demonstrations of American fraternity. Senator Ramiro Barcellos made a violent attack on Great Britain, whose premier he is, in his opinion, to absorb the planet. The object of the motion was to show that the Brazilian senate appreciates the conduct of the great nation which now steps forward as the champion of the rights of a weaker sister nation threatened with violence and injustice. It was also intended to emphasize the fact that a great and salutary international doctrine has passed from theory into practice. He is convinced, he asserted, that those who are hypocritically seeking to excite ill-will and jealousy between the two branches of the government will certainly be disappointed. Senator Severino Vieira protested against the revenue bill as it was voted in and discussion. Senator Leopoldo de Bulhões said that the estimates in that bill are all incorrect. The sources of revenue therein mentioned are expected to produce 374,000,000, and yet, in the opinion of the speaker, they will not produce even 300,000,000. Some of the amendments of the Senate, rejected by the Chamber of Deputies, to the budget of the department of justice and the interior were sustained and others were lost.—Chamber of Deputies.—Deputy Meeiros e Albuquerque said that the papers left by Marshal Floriano Peixoto belonged to the family and not to the government. The committee appointed to examine them finds among them many public documents, it will duly deliver them to the proper authorities. The speaker said that he has no confidence in the government, which he is unwilling to permit to examine those papers. If the government were permitted to do this, it would probably appoint for the purpose such men as the President's chief of staff, Col. Luiz Mendes de Moraes, who was an avowed revolutionary sympathiser and who was very properly dismissed from the place which he held at the beginning of the revolution by Marshal Floriano Peixoto. It would also appoint such men as Garcez Palha, the friend of Saklanha da Gama, or Gen. Bezouro. If the government wishes the documents, it will either have to go to law for them or

take them by force. He assures the government, however, that in this case it will simply waste its time, for the most important documents will already have been sent to a safe place. He informed the Chamber that there had already been an attempt to attack the house of Gen. Floriano Peixoto's widow, and this is not astonishing, he said, when such men as Luiz Mendes de Moraes and Garcez Palha hold confidential offices under the government. Deputies Gasar e Drummond and Meeiros e Albuquerque discussed the proposal for imposing a duty of 15% per litre on salt; that which imposes a fixed stamp tax of 200 reis on bank checks and on every deposit of money in sums of 25,000 and upwards; that which requires national manufacturers to mark their goods with indelible ink; that which subjects to a fine of from 1,000 to 5,000 and to the confiscation of the respective merchandise importers of foreign labels and trade-marks; that which subjects to confiscation and a fine of from 200 to 500 adulterated wines and olive oil; that which imposes a tax of 1/20 of 1% on the amount of the transactions of branches of foreign banks and companies; that which imposes the tax of 2 1/2% on such part of the dividends declared by those banks and companies as corresponds to the part of their capital invested in Brazil; that which imposes a fine of 4% on the capital of state lotteries; that which proposes for taxing liquors by weight and not by measure. By a vote of 22 to 12 the Senate rejected the amendment empowering the government to increase taxes and surtaxes whenever it deems it advisable to do so in the interests of self defence and of reciprocity.—Chamber of Deputies.—Deputy Timotheo da Costa defended a proposal for the charge of delay in voting the budget. The blame, he said, belongs solely to the ministers, who failed to supply their estimates in time. He opposed the idea of adopting the rate of 12% per 1,000 for calculating specific duties. He also opposed the increase of duties on drugs and medicines. Deputy Nilo Peganha made a violent attack on England, on the President and on the press. He said that the North American consular agent authorized by the Monroe doctrine to fix the boundaries of two countries, why, he asked, should not Brazilians prepare for the different solutions of the question and thus avoid an attack on the integrity of their beloved country? He moved to ask the government what answer Brazil had made to the appeal which Venezuela, in defence of its territory, had addressed four years ago not only to this country but also to other American nations.

DEC. 23.—Senate.—Senator Moraes Barros taking the floor referred to the complaints against the dock service at Santos. He desired that the transportation crisis at Santos had been solved by the dock company. That crisis, he asserted, had been caused by the insufficient carrying capacity of the English railway and had been covered by the government, which adopted on the road. The Senate, then in secret session, confirmed the transfer of Minister Cyro de Azeredo from Mexico to Austria. In an open session the Senate voted in 3rd discussion with amendments the general revenue bill. Among the amendments voted are the following:—that which estimates the revenue at 354,634,000; that which provides for adopting the rate of 12% per 1,000 as the basis for calculating specific duties; that which imposes a duty of 15% per litre on salt; that which imposes a fixed stamp tax of 200 reis on bank checks and on every deposit of money in sums of 25,000 and upwards; that which requires national manufacturers to mark their goods with indelible ink; that which subjects to a fine of from 1,000 to 5,000 and to the confiscation of the respective merchandise importers of foreign labels and trade-marks; that which subjects to confiscation and a fine of from 200 to 500 adulterated wines and olive oil; that which imposes a tax of 1/20 of 1% on the amount of the transactions of branches of foreign banks and companies; that which imposes the tax of 2 1/2% on such part of the dividends declared by those banks and companies as corresponds to the part of their capital invested in Brazil; that which imposes a fine of 4% on the capital of state lotteries; that which proposes for taxing liquors by weight and not by measure. By a vote of 22 to 12 the Senate rejected the amendment empowering the government to increase taxes and surtaxes whenever it deems it advisable to do so in the interests of self defence and of reciprocity.—Chamber of Deputies.—Deputy Timotheo da Costa defended a proposal for the charge of delay in voting the budget. The blame, he said, belongs solely to the ministers, who failed to supply their estimates in time. He opposed the idea of adopting the rate of 12% per 1,000 for calculating specific duties. He also opposed the increase of duties on drugs and medicines. Deputy Nilo Peganha made a violent attack on England, on the President and on the press. He said that the North American consular agent authorized by the Monroe doctrine to fix the boundaries of two countries, why, he asked, should not Brazilians prepare for the different solutions of the question and thus avoid an attack on the integrity of their beloved country? He moved to ask the government what answer Brazil had made to the appeal which Venezuela, in defence of its territory, had addressed four years ago not only to this country but also to other American nations.

DEC. 24.—Senate.—Senator Ramiro Barcellos defended the dock company of Santos. He said that he had been a contractor at every port of entry in Brazil.—Chamber of Deputies.—The sitting after being opened was suspended to wait for a quorum. When it was reopened at 3 o'clock only 100 deputies were present and the chair appealed to the patriotism of the members to be more punctual in their attendance, since otherwise the matter would probably close before Congress assembled. The North American consular agent, then, José Carlos said that the small houses adjoining the Ajuda convent are an eyesore to the public and a disgrace to the city. Deputy Carlos Joze defended Major Gabino Bezouro, and was answered by Deputy Meeiros e Albuquerque, who disclaimed having any intention of offending the major.

DEC. 25.—Senate.—The engrossment of the revenue bill was approved by the Senate.

DEC. 26.—Senate.—Senators Almeida Barreto and Abdon Milanes spoke on political affairs in the state of Pernambuco. The former said that for more than three years fraud and violence have degraded the people of that state of the right of suffrage, and the latter answered that the governor of Paralyha is perfectly incapable of violating any law and that the charges against him originate solely in the personal and partisan enmity of his accusers.—Chamber of Deputies.—After lively debates the Chamber concurred in the Senate's amendments to the budget of the department of industry and to the general revenue bill, several deputies declaring that they did so under protest in view of the necessity of voting the budget before the end of the year. Deputy Adolpho Gordo defended Col. Luiz Mendes de Moraes from the strictures of Deputy Meeiros e Albuquerque. He defended the latter deputy to prove that he had been an attempt to attack the house of the widow of Marshal Floriano Peixoto for the purpose of seizing the papers left by the Marshal. If the government is accused of having authorized such an attack he has no hesitation, he said, in denouncing the charge as grossly scandalous. As to the charges made against the President, he declined to answer them since they contribute only to the glory of that functionary, showing that his administration has been honest and just. Deputy Meeiros e Albuquerque replied, maintaining that his charges had not been refuted. Deputy Matta Machado pointed out some verbal absurdities in the revenue bill which had been just voted and expressed the hope that in the engrossment of the bill they would be corrected. The Chamber voted a motion expressing sorrow for the death of Dr. Ruy Romão.

DEC. 27.—Senate.—Senator Christiano Ottoni spoke on the subject of the Central railway and moved to ask the government for information on

the proposal for the lease of the road. Senator Leopoldo de Bulhões spoke on the cattle disease. Senator Pires Ferreira offered an amendment to the bill on the Polytechnic school.—Chamber of Deputies.—Deputy Cordeiro da F. Neca, in the name of the Pernambuco delegation, protested against Deputy Meeiros e Albuquerque's attitude towards President Prudente de Moraes and requested that deputy to change his attitude. He was answered by Deputy Meeiros e Albuquerque, who said that he had been treated with no special solicitation. He could not change his views, which are those of all true republicans. Deputy Timotheo da Costa moved to ask for information in regard to the proposed reinstatement of Barbosa Loreto in the professorship from which he had been dismissed. Deputy Eriko Coelho said that he fully endorsed the ideas of Deputy Meeiros e Albuquerque. He regretted that he had overruled Dr. Prudente de Moraes for the presidency of the republic. He was warmly applauded by Deputies Rico Filho, Alcindo Guanabara, Nilo Peganha, Franca Carvalho and Paula Ramos. Deputy Glycerio said that the party to which he belongs confides in President Prudente de Moraes. It is possible that the President may sometimes fail to please everybody, but there is no doubt that he is thoroughly devoted to the republic. The Jacobins in Brazil are conservatives and there is no reason why they should be excluded from the Partido Republicano Federal. The party, however, is not responsible for their excesses. "We are the advance guard," said Deputy Eriko Coelho, "and you are the baggage." After considerable discussion of the engrossment of the budget there was voted a motion of Deputy Arthur Kosz authorizing the chair, in harmony with the chair of the Senate, to correct mistakes. Deputy Timotheo da Costa's motion on Barbosa Loreto's professorship, was adopted by a vote of 63 to 49. The motion of Deputy Nilo Peganha on the Venezuelan question was also adopted. Deputy Frederico Borges withdrew his motion on Marshal Floriano Peixoto's papers. The bill granting a pension to the widow of Senator Cunha Junior was voted in 3rd discussion.

And now poor Sergi e has to endure not only Vallado, but also the small-pox.

At Natal the house of a Protestant clergyman was recently looted by fanatics.

Councillor Luiz Vianna is the candidate of the federal party for the governorship of Bahia.

Gen. S. Bon arrived at Bahia on the 27th inst. and took command of the 3rd military district.

Heavy rains have fallen in the state of Maranhão during the past month, to the great prejudice of agriculture.

The 10th regiment of cavalry, now stationed at Lages in Santa Catharina, is to be transferred to the city of S. Paulo.

A telegram of the 21st inst. from Oura Preta says that between 7 and 7:30 p. m. a magnificent comet was seen at that place.

A telegram of the 25th inst. from Mező states that two cases of arms stored at a warehouse in that city have been seized by the police.

It is stated that the monetarists have purchased the Comercio de S. Paulo. The price which they are reported to have paid is 125,000,000.

On the 21st inst. at Acaju there was a fight between Dr. Lacerda, manager of the Caixa Economica, and Dr. Sá Barreto, ex-chief of police of Col. Vallado.

Dr. Graciano Neves is the government candidate for the governorship of the state of Espirito Santo. The opposition candidate is Senator Domingos Vicente.

It is announced that the Folha do Nordeste daily paper to be published in Pará under the direction of Cong. Senador Eneas Martins, will issue its first number to-morrow.

Senator Camões Salles and Dr. Gamilio Peixoto have been formally presented by the republican party as candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency of the state of S. Paulo.

In November there emigrated from Ceará 232 persons for the south and 356 for the north, against 205 for the south and 152 for the north in the corresponding month of 1894.

Col. Vallado is causing Dr. Teixeira Fontes, ex-municipal judge, to be prosecuted for not having brought a suit against Col. Clementino Carvalho and other respectable citizens on the charge of sedition.

In a report presented some days ago to the bishop by the vicar of S. João Baptista de X. X. theory it is stated that during the present year there had been in that parish 930 christenings and 106 religious marriage ceremonies.

Further reports of the great heat experienced in S. Paulo state that on Christmas day the thermometer marked 95° Fahr. in the shade, and in the city of S. Paulo, 97° in Santos, 98.6° in Campinas, and 100.4° in Ribeirão Preto.

The forts of S. Gabriel, S. Joaquim and others in Amazonas on the frontier of British Guiana are stated to be in a dismantled condition. Each of these forts has six pieces of old-fashioned artillery, said to be entirely unserviceable.

Good! The officers and men of the Bahia police brigade have offered their services to the government in case England takes possession of Trinidad. This will certainly annoy Lord Salisbury to the perils of his present position.

At Quixadá, in the state of Ceará, there was a fight on the night of the 24th inst. between the people and the police force. Three policemen and several citizens were killed. The secretary of justice has gone to Quixadá with 40 policemen to investigate the matter.

A telegram of the 25th inst. from Recife says that on that day there was a fight between Turks, Christians and Mahomedans all took part and in which two Christians were killed. The people endeavored to lynch the Mahomedans, and when there was a rest, one of them being wounded in resisting arrest.

—Conflicts have occurred at Tanbaté, São Paulo, between the police and private citizens, because of the violence of the former. It is charged that the police not only abuse their authority in making arrests, but that they insult and beat their prisoners. They also appear at theatrical representations armed with carbines.

—Mococa forever! A few days ago a begging procession (*banda peçonhosa*) went about the streets of that energetic little town asking donations for the cause of Cuban independence, and the result was 1,705,500, to which a family of the place added 800. This raised the subscription promoted by the *Manicopa* to 407,78000.

—The S. Paulo Municipality of the 27th hour heavily upon the lottery, which it calls the *lotaria* of the country. And that most hypocritical of all the lotteries, the one calling itself the "protection of poverty" comes in for a special castigation. As a rule the lottery impoverishes and demoralizes the people, and no one class suffers more from this than the poor.

—The *Journal de Notícias*, of Bahia, praises President Cleveland's message on the Venezuela question and appeals to the Brazilian people to raise a subscription for paying their debt to the English in token of disapproval of the conduct of the British government in occupying Trinidad. We suspect that the Jacobins will think that the *Journal de Notícias* is not sincere.

—There was so much exclamation at São Paulo on the 21st at a meeting called by some youthful politicians for the purpose of approving Citizen Cleveland's message, that the police had to interfere. One excited youth was not permitted to orate—the reason for which is not quite clear—and a delegate of police even went so far as to threaten a state senator with arrest.

—Some days ago José Ignacio Mergo Penteado, a plaster residing near S. Carlos do Pinhal, in the state of S. Paulo, received an anonymous letter threatening him with heavy loss in case he failed to leave the sum of 30,000\$ at a certain place within a given time. He paid no attention to the letter and a few days afterwards his residence and all his plantation buildings were burnt.

—The *Comercio* of São Paulo announces the arrival there of Miss Mary Howard, who comes to take charge of a children's hospital (*orphan*) in that city. Miss Howard is a daughter of an engineer years and afterwards lived there. She has been trained in one of the best hospitals in England, and is thoroughly competent for the work she has undertaken.

—Capt. Garcer Palla has brought a libel suit against the editors of the *Estado de S. Paulo* and *Correio Paulistano* for publishing telegrams stating that he had furnished to the revolutionists maps of the fortified positions held by government troops. On the 28th inst. the defendants' lawyers appeared before court and declared that the former assumed responsibility for the telegrams, whose originals they declined to present.

—The *Correio Paulistano* says that notwithstanding the continued excessive heat throughout that state, the health of all the principal towns, except Araçatuba, continues good. In none of them, with the one exception mentioned, have any fever of a bad character appeared. We see that the state sanitary inspector has been traveling about and supervising the sanitary precautions considered necessary. In this respect São Paulo is much ahead of her neighbors, for in none of them are precautions thought of until the epidemic has appeared.

—On the 26th ult. the *Diario*, a paper published in Pinhy, stated that on the previous day the captain of the post had arrived at Theradina from Parahyba with 20 boys who had been pressed into the naval service. It was a heart-rending sight, says that paper, to see poor women weeping over the departure of their brothers, sons and grandsons, who perhaps they would never see again. The army, it adds, has carried off thousands of men, the navy is now taking up boys and the government of the republic will perhaps soon invent some idea for depriving us of the women.

—The municipal council of Santos seems to be again in trouble. It made a contract for street-paving on the 22nd, and on the following day the directors of its own party published a protest against the job, and the sanitary inspector (1) ordered the doors of the municipal hall to be closed. Fearing an attack, the council at once adopted the extraordinary expedient of telegraphing to the government of the state, Dr. Bernardino de Campos, and placing the keys of the municipal hall at his disposition. What on earth has the governor to do with these keys? And where does a sanitary inspector derive his authority in the premises?

RIO GRANDE DO SUL.

Last Thursday Gen. Galvão arrived here from Rio Grande do Sul, receiving a cordial and enthusiastic welcome.

On Friday he reported at the office of the adjutant-general of the army and called in the war office and at headquarters, but did not find either the minister of war or the President. On the following day he called on the President at his private residence on Morro do Lopo, and they had a conference which lasted several hours. After returning home he was interviewed by two editors of the *Journal de Brazil*, to whom he is reported to have made important statements. He will not hesitate to bear witness to the fact that he has repeatedly been made public, that the *Castilhistas* constitute an insignificant minority in the people of Rio Grande do Sul. He acknowledges that in the command of the 6th military district he has been very much annoyed and hampered in his efforts to promote peace by the ill-will of Gen. Vasques, minister of war, but he believes that he has, by the thorough approval and firm and decided support of President Prudente de Moraes.

His principal object in coming to Rio de Janeiro was to confer with the President and explain to him more fully than he could by correspondence the

situation in Rio Grande; but he was also actuated by the state of his health, which requires him to take a short rest. He had accordingly obtained a leave of absence and was to take passage yesterday for Bahia.

He presented to President Prudente de Moraes the pen with which the agreement for peace with Gen. Vasques was signed, and also a silk flag with the arms of the Rio Grande republic of 1835, captured from the *Castillistas* by Appario Saiva on the 16th of last March.

In view of the repeated complaints of the federalists of the violation of the terms of peace, President Prudente de Moraes has telegraphed to Gen. Savaget instructing him to investigate the matter and, in case the complaints prove to be founded, to take steps to prevent the repetition of outrages and to bring the authors to punishment. He impresses upon the general that the honor of the government is pledged to afford entire security to the federalists.

Gen. Savaget, on receiving the instructions, applied for information to Col. Paula Castro, who is one of the persons to whom Raimel Cabela had fruitlessly sought refuges. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that no efficacious action has yet been taken to put a stop to the outrages.

In the meanwhile Julio de Castilhos continues his warlike preparations. A telegram of the 29th states that at Livramento he has ordered the manufacture of 1,000 lances. He has also made purchases of firearms, and the 12th corps, commanded by Col. João Rodrigo Morina Barreto, which had been disbanded by Gen. Galvão at Santa Maria, has been taken into his pay. João Francisco's men continue under arms and it is stated that their commander has been instructed by Castilhos to enlist the soldiers who were discharged when Hyppolito's command was paid and disbanded. At Porto Alegre the press-gang is said to be at work and many persons have been pressed into the service. It is reported that Hyppolito will be made commander-in-chief of Castilhos' army.

At S. Bojia three ex-revolutionists were arrested some time ago, and it is reported that two of them have been murdered. Near Livramento, Silva Cabral, an ex-revolutionist, was assaulted and wounded. From Uruguaiana Col. Assaíhuja telegraphs that the ex-revolutionists at that place are subjected to persecution.

The commander of a detachment of federal troops at Piratininga telegraphs that after having been attacked several times by Castilhistas he called ex-revolutionists to his assistance, and this measure seems to have produced the desired effect, for Col. Telles, who was sent to Piratininga to investigate the matter, reports that quiet has been restored.

It is stated that Dr. Adriano Ribeiro will shortly recommence the publication of the *Reforma*, which has been suspended since 1892.

Capt. Dumense, who some months ago, it will be remembered, was arrested in this city for insubordinate conduct, has recently been arrested at Uruguaiana for a similar cause and sent to Pelotas.

RAILROAD NOTES

—All free passes on the Central railway will be cancelled to-morrow.

—It is stated that the contractors on the railway from Bage to Uruguaiana are unable to go on with the work for lack of money, the government being in arrears with them for seven months' work in 1894, three months' work in 1894 and for the whole of 1895.

—Dr. A. de Abreu Lacerda, secretary of public works, of the state of Rio de Janeiro, has answered the protest of the minister of industry against the proposed railway from Petropolis to the station of Jeronymo Mesquita. He contends that the state of Rio de Janeiro had a perfect right to grant the charter for this railway.

—It is stated that the Leopoldina company has resolved to cease issuing yearly tickets at 700,000 for passage between this city and Petropolis, and to issue instead six-months tickets at 600,000. The monthly tickets are also to be raised from 100\$ to 150\$. Many residents of Petropolis have addressed to the company a remonstrance on the subject.

—A gross leak was shipped in his case on the 26th on the Central railway from Jaz de Fôra to Vassouras. When it reached its destination, it was discovered that on the journey it had been miraculously transformed into a canary. It is even more wonderful than the transformation of wine into bottles into sticks and stones, which sometimes occurs on the Central.

—It is stated that there will be laid before the Legislature of the state of Rio de Janeiro a plan for connecting the Gôa-Para railway with the União Mineira and for extending the Sumidouro line to S. José do Rio Preto. It is added that the legislature will be asked to empower the state government to take over, whenever it shall be deemed advisable to do so, the railways belonging to the Leopoldina Co. in the state of Rio de Janeiro. The administration is apparently not bad enough yet to please the rural legislator.

COFFEE NOTES

—For some days last week the coffee market was greatly depressed by the threatened complications between Great Britain and the United States. Both Americans and Europeans hesitated to buy, in view of impending difficulties.

—Dr. Beck writes as follows respecting the influence of tea and coffee upon character: "The nervousness and peevishness of our times are chiefly attributable to tea and coffee; the digestive organs of tea and coffee drinkers are in a state of chronic derangement, which reacts on the brain, producing fretful and lachrymose moods. Fine ladies addicted to strong coffee have a characteristic temper which I might describe as a man's petulant temper, preserved and intensified. The strength, and the temper of the Chinese can certainly be ascribed to their immoderate fondness for tea."

—The "Review of the Trade of India in 1894-95" —an official statistical publication—has the following comment on coffee production in that country: "The run of high prices has continued now for three consecutive years. The world is so largely dependent on Brazil for its supply now, that Ceylon has given up coffee, and the conditions in that country are so uncertain, that speculative influences have been in successful operation for a considerable time past. The range in high prices has not, however, been effectual in increasing the supply from India materially, for coffee-planting has been beset with difficulty and disappointment and the area under the plant continues to be very restricted. In Travancore, following the example of Ceylon, coffee has been largely abandoned in favour of tea, and in British India, according to the agricultural returns, the area has substantially diminished during the last four or five years."

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF COFFEE.

The total imports of coffee for the first nine months of 1895 were 495,720,969 pounds, valued at \$73,831,460, or an average of 14.9 cents per pound. For the same time in 1894 the imports were 53,728,896 pounds less, while the average cost per pound of shipment was 16.04 cents.

The total imports in 1895 were as follows:
From Brazil..... 315,398,234
Other South American countries 58,562,048
Central America..... 59,995,103
Mexico..... 34,884,078
West Indies..... 14,625,371
East Indies..... 8,494,326
Netherlands..... 3,217,928
Germany..... 2,106,864
United Kingdom..... 1,907,025
France..... 1,795,763
all other countries..... 3,863,241

The exports of coffee for the same period were 6,639,997 pounds, valued at \$1,169,635.—*American Ocean*, November 27.

LOCAL NOTES

—According to Cuban advices of the 26th the revolutionists have been badly defeated near Matanzas.

—Vice-Admiral Mauri'y has resigned the vice-presidency of the *conselho municipal* and has been succeeded by Vice-Admiral Firmino Chaves.

—Some days ago workmen in the employ of the Carioca tramway company discovered on Ladeira de Santo Antonio a wall of gallery some 6 or 7 metres below the surface.

—The pot and the kettle are at it again. Nilo Peganha and José do Patrocínio are calling each other black, but with the difference that José is not ashamed of his African origin.

—It is now asserted that Lord Salisbury quite agrees with the principle of the Monroe doctrine, but considers that this doctrine has no application whatever to the Venezuela question.

—Several cases of sudden insanity have lately been caused here by the tricks of spiritualists. It would seem to be about time to place these fanatics and tricksters under some control.

—It is said that the free masons are about to establish a school in this city, which will be called the Lycée Ganganelli in honor of the late Senator Saldanha Maranhão. The school is designed for the children and orphans of masons.

—Notwithstanding the frequent rains during the past two months, complaints are already heard of a scarcity of water in various parts of the city. There must be something radically wrong with its distribution.

—In the first half of the present year there arrived at the port of Rio de Janeiro 30,117 immigrants, of whom 14,516 were Italians, 10,020 Portuguese, 2,470 Spaniards, 1,859 Austrians, 717 Syrians and the remainder of other nationalities.

—Six Italians went out for a sail on the bay on Sunday, and being apparently inexperienced, they succeeded in overturning the boat between Cobras and Botafogo. Two *guarda* stations on the last named island at once went to their rescue and succeeded in saving two of them. The other four were drowned.

—The continued appearance of yellow-fever cases in Laranjeiras ought to convince the sanitary authorities of the necessity of a thorough investigation of that locality. The continued use of the steam which flows down the valley to carry away all kinds of refuse, is one source of harm, and defective drainage will probably account for the rest.

—It would seem that, in his own estimation, Deputy Meidreiros de Albuquerque is a "true republican"—a real, live, "original Jacobin." Probably Cordero, Borges, Nilo, Delino, Castilhos, Demo-theinos, Decolletiano and the rest of that crowd consider themselves equally true and good. The country ought to be proud of them. In fact, it should preserve them—pickled.

—A New York telegram of the 26th says that a great meeting had been held there at which Cleveland's recent bellicose message had been condemned in toto. It is well enough for Brazilians, and Argentines, and Peruvians to applaud, for they have nothing at stake. The losses which the United States would suffer in such a war would be enough to irretrievably ruin all South America.

—There were 12 deaths from yellow-fever in this city on the 27th, there being a total of 53 during the week, showing that the disease is steadily increasing. For the first week of December the daily average was 4, for the second week 3, for the third week 2, and for the fourth week 7½. And this should be said to be the really short of the truth, for the doctors occasionally give fancy names to the disease because of some complication, and the *demographic* then omits it.

—According to New York telegrams of the 26th President Cleveland is becoming more specific in his intentions. An Indiana friend, Senator Gray, says that the proposed commission doesn't intend to define the boundary, but will seek simply to collect reliable information on which the government and people can form a correct opinion. The President's language, then, must be taken in a Pickwickian sense.

—Decolletiano Mantov is appealing to his brother Jacobins for pecuniary assistance to enable him to continue the publication of his paper. If we were still under martial law, with the treasury doors open to the Jacobins, Decolletiano's appeal would doubtless be successful. In the meantime, Decolletiano might apply to the march-squire, Organ O Brazil, one of whose founders is said to have been the founder also of *O Jacobino*. Among such speculators there should always be much fraternal sympathy.

—An *aviso* of the minister of interior granting a subsidy of 500\$ each to our French delegates *Le Brésil Republicain* and *L'Etat du Sud*, has provoked a violent commotion in the *Pais* office. Our Jacobin neighbor doesn't like it. He would rather have the subsidy go to Decolletiano, or to some other patriot. Frankly we do not think very favorably of such subsidies ourselves, but then our opinion is one of pride and not of personal antagonism. It would be well were all subsidies suppressed.

—Dr. Kaul Pompea, who was dismissed from the directorship of the national library some months ago for an attack on President Prudente de Moraes in a speech made at the grave of Marshal Floriano Peixoto, committed suicide by shooting himself on Christmas day. He was considered a brilliant writer, but like many of his cult, had been carried away by the mischievous doctrines to-day current here in Brazil. A lack of sound training, which helps to form character and judgment, evidently unfitted him to meet adversity and thus led to his fatal resolve at the early age of 32. He had many friends and admirers here and in S. Paulo.

—If you must send money through the mails without registering, don't lead the poor post office clerk a troy by using thin envelopes and paper so that he can see what is inside by holding the letter between himself and a light. Also do not fold the money up by itself, so that it forms an independent and smaller enclosure inside the letter. Just use thick, rough envelope and paper, spread out the money inside the sheet of paper and fold it up smoothly as though it were a part of the letter. And then—don't register it. Of course we do not advise anyone to evade the law, but if you must, then do it properly.

—The "chiek" of the *New York World* is something phenomenal. It is so far as to telegraph to the Prince of Wales and Duke of York for their opinions on the situation, it can only be called "chiek." The *Press-Herald* people have also been at work down here and went so far as to ask the opinions of President Prudente de Moraes and his minister of foreign affairs. These so-called journalists are apparently unaware of the fact that the executive officers of a nation would be guilty of a grave indiscretion were they to rush into print on every important question.

—According to a telegram of the 27th Senator Lodge has been making an excited speech in the United States Senate on the Venezuelan question and Monroe doctrine, in which he discloses the existence of a secret treaty of alliance with Russia since 1893. The statement is absurd. There is no possible basis for such a treaty, for it is contrary to the policy of the United States to meddle with European disputes, and no one will believe Russia capable of entering into such an alliance with the United States made an agreement to that effect. Still further, the President can not make a treaty without submitting it to the Senate for ratification. And, beyond all that, a defensive and offensive alliance between these two countries would be antagonistic to the principles of both; it would be harnessing the wolf and the lamb together.

DEATH.

GRAY.—At Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on the 26th December, 1895, HELEN ESTHER, only daughter of Harriette A. and the late William R. Gray, and sister of Louis R. Gray.

New York papers please copy.

BUSINESS NOTES

—The directors of the Amazon Steam Navigation Co. have declared an interim dividend of 3 per cent.

—It is estimated that the running expenses of the first-class steamers across the North Atlantic average from 4,000 to 57,000; and, as these steamers cross from twenty to thirty times a year, the total outlay may easily be £150,000 per annum.

—The *Journal do Commercio* says that the treasury officials are discussing the difficulties which must be encountered in enforcing the new tariff. The changes in former laws and regulations are so numerous that it is found to be most difficult to make an intelligent application of the law. All this should convince the government and Congress of the necessity of forbidding the inclusion of tariff changes in budget laws. If a change in the tariff is found desirable, let it be presented and discussed by itself.

—It is hardly creditable to Congress that the general revenue bill should be passed in so confused a manner that no one is certain what the new taxes really are. It would appear that not only are the duties doubled by the reduction of the base of valuation from 24 to 12½, but the sutax rates are retained and imposed together burdened with the obligation of paying one-third in gold. If this is correct, then the merchandise will pay \$34 where it now pays 100. If ever a bill deserved a veto, it is the general revenue bill.

For the past year the directors of the Rio Flour Mills have declared a dividend of 7/10 a share, or about 5 per cent.

If the experience of a foreign country is worth the consideration of those legislators who believe that an increased revenue can only be obtained through the medium of increased duties, we would cite a recent statement of the chief of the bureau of statistics at Washington to the effect that in 1895 the value of dutiable goods imported was \$354,271,900, under a lower tariff, against 257,045,703 in 1894, under a higher tariff. Duties collected amounted to \$145,907,218 in 1895, against \$128,881,867 in 1894. It will be seen, therefore, that reducing the tariff really increases the revenue.

Two years ago accounts at once have just been presented to the shareholders of the Bahia Central Sugar Factories, the reason for the delay being the desire of the directors to complete the sale of a large stock of sugar which had been warehoused in New York pending the tariff legislation of last year, and to carry out certain advantageous financial arrangements. The latter have been satisfactorily made, with the result that whereas the 1893-94 accounts showed a debit balance of £19,020, in those of the year ended June 30 last the adverse balance has been reduced to £1,742. The directors are trying to sell the Iguaçu factory, on which, in spite of a government guarantee, there is always a loss; it is also in contemplation to sell two unfinished factories. The company has been devoting itself to the manufacture of sugar for the Brazilian market, as the European and American markets have been so unprofitable; and the change of policy appears to have had favorable results. -Financial News, Dec. 2.

FINANCIAL NOTES

On the 24th inst. the bonds of the last Brazilian loan were quoted in London at 15 1/2 below the price of issue.

On the 23rd inst. the governor of the state of Rio de Janeiro issued regulations for the collection of the state taxes.

In the state of Espirito Santo a law has been passed imposing a tax of 200,000 a pipe on rum imported into that state.

The city government of S. Paulo, whose revenue for 1896 is estimated at 1,096,448,259, spends on personal the sum of 971,330,364.

During the present session of Congress the government has asked for special and deficiency appropriations to the amount of 78,678,151,539.

During the late congressional session the senators and deputies drew pay to the amount of 4,950,000. It is an infinitely large sum to pay for so infinitely small a service.

A defalcation of some 300,000\$ has been found in the savings bank (caixa economica) at Desterro, Santa Catharina. It is said that the money disappeared during the revolt.

The telegrams and local papers have it that an issue of "bons de caudero" is contemplated in the United States. This is absurd. An issue of exchequer bills has been recommended again and again to meet unexpected emergencies, but a cedula emission has never been dreamed of.

Dr. Pedro da Cunha Beltrão, president of the Companhia Assucreira, in defending the entry debiting the company with 10% of the amount of the loan in bonus obtained from the Banco da Republica, says that the case is not an isolated one, being a well-known fact that applicants for such loans have to pay for the influence of which they make use in order to succeed in accomplishing their object.

An executive decree was published on the 27th promulgating the supplementary credit of 14,000,000\$ voted by Congress for the department of war. According to this decree, 12,847,922\$50 will be devoted to expenses already audited in connection with military operations in Rio Grande do Sul, and the balance will be devoted to further expenses of the same character which shall be verified before the end of the year.

The governor of Santa Catharina has decided to spend the 2,000,000\$ loaned that state by the national treasury, according to his own ideas. He has decreed that 800,000\$ shall be spent on a highway from Theropolis to Lagras, 600,000\$ on a highway from Blumenau to Coritivanos including a bridge over the Injaly, 400,000\$ on a highway from a station on the D. Thereza Christina railway to S. Joaquin with a bridge over the Tularão, and 200,000\$ on redemption of the public debt.

In the budget voted by Congress for 1896 the revenue, including the product of new taxes, is estimated at 354,634,000\$. The appropriations voted for public expenses amount to 343,536,260\$23.6. Adding to this sum the amount of the special and deficiency appropriations, we have a total of 422,214,411\$75. The new revenue budget which was approved by the President on the 30th, changes the basis of valuation for specific duties from 24 to 12 cent per milreis, which doubles the tax. The sutaxes, except on ad valorem duties, are suppressed, and the amendment requiring payment of one-third in gold was defeated at the last moment.

On the 24th inst. the governor of the state of Rio de Janeiro signed the budget voted by the state legislature. In the budget the revenue of the state for 1896 is estimated at 1,375,284,896, of which the sum of 9,914,917\$95 is to be derived from the export duty on coffee, that of 1,925,603\$226 from the tax on the transfer of property and that of 312,407\$842 on the stamp-tax. The expenditure is estimated at 13,696,723\$223, of which the sum of 365,000\$ is to be spent with interest on the public debt, that of 426,628\$767 with pensions, that of 2,265,388\$80 with the police force, that of 2,067,000\$ with primary schools, that of 488,200\$ with courts of justice, that of 885,100\$ with the sanitary service, that of 600,000\$ with guarantee of interest to railways; that of 283,000\$ with the immigration service; and that of 250,000\$ with work on the state map.

COMMERCIAL

Table with exchange rates for Rio de Janeiro, December 31st 1895. Columns include bank rate of exchange, present value of Brazilian milreis, and value of £1 sterling.

EXCHANGE

December 24.—The Banco da Republica commenced drawing at 9 1/2, but was obliged to adopt 9 1/4 during the day, at which, however, it furnished bills all afternoon. The other banks posted 9, and the British Bank furnished small amounts at 9 1/16, but the demand for other paper at 9 1/16 was active, and the market flattened until two of the banks refused money at 9, and business in other paper was reported at 9 1/16. Then the British bank refused bills at 9 1/16, and there was a slight improvement, the day closing with bank at 9-9 1/16 and other sterling at 9 1/16-9 3/16. The business reported was fair at 9-7/8 for bank and 9 1/16-9 3/16 for other sterling; and there was an official quotation of 8 3/16 for bank. The position of the foreign banks was peculiar: all the good money goes to the Banco da Republica, and all the bills are "snapped up" at rates below their value. Sovereigns closed at 100 with the buyers at 26 1/2, no sellers; on the street 26 3/4 was reported.

December 25.—The market was quiet and steady. The Banco da Republica furnished bills at 9 1/2 during the day, and the other banks, with a posted, were drawing at 9 1/16-9 1/8, the latter rate ruling with some restrictions. There was a good deal of other sterling at 9 1/16 elsewhere all day, and business was reported at 9 1/16, but the banks showed for a time a disinclination to purchase bills, and the British Bank drew on head office at 9 3/16. The moderate business reported comprised bank sterling at 9-9 1/16 and other bills at 9 1/16-9 3/16, the market closing at 9 1/16 for bank and 9 1/8 for other sterling. Sovereigns closed at the Bolsa with buyers at 26 1/2, no sellers; on the street there was nothing doing.

December 27.—The market was firm, but only moderately active during the day, and flattened slightly just before the close. The Banco da Republica opened at 9 1/16 and the other banks at 9, but during the day the British and London and Brazil on also posted a 1/16, and rates advanced until 9 1/8 was given by all the foreign banks. In the morning business in other sterling was reported at 9 1/16, but bills were afterwards freely offered at 9 1/8, and the greater part of the day's business was done at 9 1/16. The market was reported active at the extremes of 9-9 1/16 for bank and 9 1/16-9 3/16 for other sterling, and other bills at 9 1/16-9 3/16. The market closed with bank at 9 1/16, and the Bolsa closed with neither buyers, no sellers.

December 28.—The market was firm during the morning, and a considerable business was reported, one broker being credited with having bought, or sold, 2,700,000, but in the afternoon there was a good deal of irregularity, and the transactions realized produced an impression that either the banks were short of cash for the current month, or that the government operations formed a larger part of the day's business. The Brazilian banks posted 9 1/16, and the others 9 1/16, the offers of bills at 9 1/16 being very free, and rates advanced until bank sterling was reported at 9 1/16. Business for March 1 was reported at 9 1/16, and s. o. at 2 1/2, while January business was done at 9 1/16, when two of the banks were drawing for prompt delivery at 9 1/16. The extreme rate was a 1/16 for bank and 9 1/16 for other bills, according to credit us, for other bills, and the market closed at 9 1/16 for bank and 9 1/16-9 3/16 for other sterling. Sovereigns sold on the street at 26 1/2, and the Bolsa closed with neither buyers, no sellers.

December 30.—The market was rather irregular during the day, and while there was little money for ready bills, there was a certain amount of business done in exchange for next month. The Brazilian banks again posted 9 1/16, and the foreign banks 9 1/16, but the higher rate was obtainable for other sterling. The market was reported active at the extremes of 9 1/16-9 3/16 for bank and 9 1/16-9 3/16 for other sterling. Sovereigns sold on the street at 26 1/2, and the Bolsa closed with neither buyers, no sellers.

SALES OF STOCKS AND SHARES.

Table of stock and share sales for December 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31. Columns include company names, quantities, and prices.

MARKET REPORT.

Coffee.—The week has been quiet, as was to be expected, and the sales are about 38,000 bags, with shipment of 48,000 bags. The supply has increased sharply, owing to the arrival of a coast steamer, and although quotations were firm, the sales of nearly 100,000 bags, reported were supposed to have been for the basis of 26 1/2-27 1/2 per arroba for No. 7. To-day the market opened with a very good demand, and rather firm, but whether the sales are to exceed the 15,000 bags known in the afternoon, or reach the 20,000 bags at which they were estimated, can only be conjectured. The supply, and the appearance of some coffee *de aquas* in recent receipts, has increased the nervousness of the dealers, but, so far as we have been able to learn, the facts show a good deal more strength. The average expectations in December have certainly exceeded the expectations of every one, and only the steady purchases of conservative buyers have prevented a sharp decline in the currency value of coffee, for these apparently end use the estimates of the factors.

In Santos the market has ruled quiet also, and the sales for the week are reported to have been only about 21,000 bags. The quotation for good average was reduced to 18,000 per 100 lbs on the 27th, and the market closed quiet. Receipts for the week were 65,000 bags, shipment 52,000 bags for the United States and 60,000 bags for Europe, and there was stock on Saturday was estimated to be 40,000 bags in all hands.

The shipments since our last report have been:
United States: 7,490; Europe: 2,194; Cape of Good Hope: 1,014; Ceylon, Java, etc.: 500.

United States: Dec 21 New York, Ger st Coffee, 5,707; Dec 22 New York, Ger st Coffee, 2,605; Dec 23 Baltimore, Amer lug Good News, 6,750; Dec 24 New York, Br st Roman Prince, 10, 31; Dec 25 Hamburg, Ger st Suez, 5,579; Dec 26 Marseilles, Fr st Espagnole, 4,674; Dec 27 Valpa, 252; Dec 28 Valpa, 500.

Dec 23: Frater, Plat Fr st Brazil, 1,072; Caswest, sundry steamers, 2,038. Receipts during the past week were 71,277 bags, 22,229 for the preceding week and 67,673 bags for the week of 1895. The receipts in transit were about 2,500 bags, and nearly 50,000 bags of these coffee have been shipped since the crop year opened. The official quotations for the 31st inst. per 100 lbs, were: Washed, 148 1/2-168 1/4; Superior, 14 2/8-16 3/4; Good, 14 2/8-16 3/4; Regular, 14 2/8-16 3/4; Ordinary 1st, 14 1/4-15 3/8; Good 2nd, 14 1/4-15 3/8; Ordinary 2d, 14 1/4-15 3/8; and the *Andes* remained unchanged at 18 1/2.

Market quotations, according to New York types and per arroba, were the following:
December 23rd: No. 6, 29 1/2-30; No. 7, 28 1/2-29; No. 8, 27 1/2-28; No. 9, 26 1/2-27; No. 10, 25 1/2-26; No. 11, 24 1/2-25; No. 12, 23 1/2-24; No. 13, 22 1/2-23; No. 14, 21 1/2-22; No. 15, 20 1/2-21; No. 16, 19 1/2-20; No. 17, 18 1/2-19; No. 18, 17 1/2-18; No. 19, 16 1/2-17; No. 20, 15 1/2-16; No. 21, 14 1/2-15; No. 22, 13 1/2-14; No. 23, 12 1/2-13; No. 24, 11 1/2-12; No. 25, 10 1/2-11; No. 26, 9 1/2-10; No. 27, 8 1/2-9; No. 28, 7 1/2-8; No. 29, 6 1/2-7; No. 30, 5 1/2-6; No. 31, 4 1/2-5.

DAILY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS OF COFFEE AT RIO DE JANEIRO.

Table showing daily receipts and shipments of coffee at Rio de Janeiro from Dec 21 to Dec 31. Columns include date, receipts, and shipments.

The week has, as was expected, been very quiet, and receipts of most articles are fair, without any changes in retail quotations. Flour is unchanged and still very quiet. In regard to the 20th, there is nothing of interest to report, and rice continues with the same quotations and no supply, but the stock is said to be still heavy, if not quite 400,000 bags. A fair lot of coffee is in, and more is in port, but there has been great delay in publishing manifests lately, and particulars are not readily obtainable. A considerable quantity of kerosene has arrived, without affecting dealers' quotations as yet. The only receipts of pine are that of White Pine from New York, and quotations are nominally unchanged. The supply of Indian corn has fallen off, but receipts this month have been very large, and while dealers are quoting last prices reported, inquiries in publishing manifests lately, and particulars are not readily obtainable. 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Prata	Baltimore	23 Nov.
Rona	Hamburg	23 Nov.
Santa Rosa	Hamburg	24 Aug.
Santa Rosa	Sagunay River	24 Nov.
St. Hilbert	Cardiff	..
Steuers	Pennacola	..
Tampere	Sagunay River	..
Takar	Brunswick	25 Nov.
Tarifa	Westwick	..
Urbana	Oporto	..
Ventura	Oporto	..
Vasco da Gama	Oporto	..
Winton	Gosse	14 Nov.
Westerland	Sundswall	11 Oct.
W. H. (Lislar)	Wistly	20 Dec.
White Wings	Pasagoula	..
Z. Ring	Pennacola	..

FOREIGN SAILING VESSELS IN THE PORT OF RIO DE JANEIRO, DECEMBER 29th, 1895

NAME	FROM	ARRIVED	FRUM	CONSIGNEES
American				
log T. J. Stewart	New York	Nov. 23	Phil'nia	V. W. Guim & C
log Merom	New York	Dec. 20	New York	Watson, R. & C
log Geneva	New York	Dec. 20	New York	Carloso, F. & C
British				
sp P. Caledonia	Hull	Nov 13	Hull	Gas Co
sp Clydesdale	Greenock	13	Greenock	Gas Co
sp Bermuda	Cardiff	15	Cardiff	Wilson Sons & C
lk Crown	Cardiff	15	Cardiff	Braz. Coal Co.
sp C. m. bank	Antwerp	22	Antwerp	To order
lk Tythons	Cardiff	29	Cardiff	Gas Co.
sp Eirelle	Cardiff	29	Cardiff	Braz. Coal Co.
lk G. G. G. G.	Cardiff	29	Cardiff	Ferraz Sob. & C
lk Fish of Clyde	Cardiff	29	Cardiff	Ferraz Sob. & C
lk John O'Connell	Cardiff	29	Cardiff	Ferraz Sob. & C
sp Celtic Chief	Cardiff	29	Cardiff	Ferraz Sob. & C
sp Port Logan	Cardiff	29	Cardiff	Ferraz Sob. & C
log Hebe	Cardiff	29	Cardiff	Ferraz Sob. & C
Danish				
lk Claus	Mosoro	Nov 1	Mosoro	Oliveira H. & C
log Zylphide	Mosoro	14	Mosoro	W. R. Mc Niven
Dutch				
lg Vlaanderen	Hamburg	Sept. 13	Hamburg	C. Hecksher & C
German				
sp Ika	Cadix	Oct. 11	Cadix	Macedo Jr. & C
log Sical	Hamburg	Nov 1	Hamburg	Navy Depart.
lk Hamburg	Hamburg	Nov 28	Hamburg	Gerd. de C. & I.
log Activ	Hamburg	26	Hamburg	H. Stoltz & C
lg Aden	Paranagu	26	Paranagu	J. H. Lowndes & C
lk Antwerp	Hamburg	26	Hamburg	H. Stoltz & C
lk P. v. d. Laeken	Hamburg	26	Hamburg	H. Stoltz & C
Italian				
lk Splendizza	Marseilles	Dec. 2	Marseilles	A. Avenir & C
lk Papa Guic'lo	Hamburg	2	Hamburg	C. Hecksher & C
Norwegian				
lk Hama	Arendal	Nov. 30	Arendal	To order
lg Swift	Paranagu	Dec. 12	Paranagu	J. H. Lowndes & C
lk Assyria	Ardoosan	13	Ardoosan	H. Stoltz & C
log Okonom	Rosario	13	Rosario	To order
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log Vega	Iha do Sul	13	Iha do Sul	G. Saboia & C.
Portuguese				
sp Clama	Lisbon	Oct. 11	Lisbon	Macedo Jr. & C
lk Teuladon	L. do Sal.	Nov 1	L. do Sal.	A. G. Santos
lk Propheta	Valencia	Dec. 1	Valencia	Oly. G. & Santos
lk Mariposa	Oporto	11	Oporto	Veiga Pinto & C.
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lk Atlantic	Mosoro	20	Mosoro	To order
lk Isidel	L. do Sal.	21	L. do Sal.	Macedo Jr. & C.
Swedish				
lk Anna Sophia	Hamburg	Nov. 25	Hamburg	C. Hecksher & C
sp Carl Hindric	Hlyth.	27	Hlyth.	Braz. Coal & C.

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ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN STEAMERS.

DATE	NAME	FROM	CONSIGNEE TO
Dec 23	Sorrento Gr	New York	E. Johnston & C
23	Nord America It	River Plate	La Vallee
23	Merula Br	Bs Aires	E. N. Norton Jr.
24	Weser Gr	Bremen	H. Stoltz & C.
24	Edilio R. It	Genoa	A. Florin & C.
24	Ouissa Br	Vaiparais	Wilson Sons & C
24	Houston Gr	Rosari	Wille, S. & C.
25	Eutopia Br	Buenos Aires	D. T. Azeredo
25	Orellana Br	Bordeaux	Wilson Sons & C
26	Miche Gr	Bordeaux	Mess. Maritimes
26	Falkenburg Gr	Bremen	H. Stoltz & C.
26	Ila Br	P. Alegre	Norton, M. & C.
27	Creole Tr. Br	New York	Quayle, D. & C.
27	Junco Gr	Antwerp	Laureys & C.
27	Raggio It	Genoa	A. Florin & C.
28	Equateur Fr	River Plate	Mess. Maritimes
28	Saiza It	P. Alegre	A. Gonella
29	Bentour Br	Cardiff	Braz. Coal Co
29	Belarena Arg	Buenos Aires	Conyruano & C
29	Sil Nor	Montevideo	To order
29	Ashley Br	Parahyba	L. Campos
29	Corrientes Gr	Santos	E. Johnston & C
29	Tamar Br	do	Royal Mail
29	Roman Fr	do	Quayle, D. & C.
29	Edilio R. It	do	A. Florin & C.

DEPARTURES OF FOREIGN STEAMERS.

DATE	NAME	WHERE TO	CARGO
Dec 21	Nord America It	Genoa	Sundries
21	Basil Fr	River Plate	do
21	Strabo Br	Santos	do
21	Parahyba Fr	do	do
21	Campana Fr	do	do
21	Ouissa Br	Liverpool	do
21	Merula Br	New York	do
21	Lejo Fort	Buenos Aires	do
21	Stella Nor	Montevideo	Ballast
21	Bama Nor	Perambuco	Sundries
21	Christy Gr	Santos	do
21	Edilio R. It	do	do
21	Nagy Lajos Aust	do	do
21	Lindel Br	do	do
21	Lassel Br	New York	Coffee
21	Orellana Br	Valparaiso	Sundries
21	S. Fran. do Sul	S. Fran. do Sul	do
21	Paranagu	Paranagu	do
21	Ila Br	Bordeaux	do
21	Equateur Fr	Santos	do
21	Raggio It	do	do
21	Weser Gr	do	do
21	Piconayo Br	S. Joao da Barra	do
21	Midos Fr	River Plate	do
21	Eutopia Br	Buenos Aires	do
21	Waterloo Nor	do	do
21	Twickenham Br	do	do
21	Creole Fr. Br	Santos	Sundries
21	Sorrento Gr	do	do

* Touching at intermediate ports.

Last Quotations of Stocks and Bonds-- Dec. 30th.

Circulation	Public Funds	
262,025,800	Stock 5% currency (Apollinaris)	975000
105,000,000	Bonds of 1895.	973000
124,642,000	Bonus 4% (gold) converted	1,281000
16,541,500	Gold Loan, 1888, 6%	
24,751,500	Do do 1889, 4 1/2%	
16,808,000	Do do 1889, 4 1/2%	1,630,000-1,720,000
Fcs. 17,500,000	State of Espirito Santo	1,600,000
7,329,000	" of Minas Geraes	
4,000,000	" of Rio de Janeiro, 6%	

Capital	Ranks	Par	Last div.
20,000,000	Commercial	200	9000 - July 95
20,000,000	Commercial	200	3000 - July 95
80,000,000	do 2nd series	80	3200 - July 95
17,000,000	Constructor	200	2000 - July 95
20,000,000	Credito Movel	100	4000 - July 95
10,000,000	Lavoura e Commercio	200	8000 - July 95
136,875,000	Nacional Brazilian	200	12000 - July 95
10,000,000	Republica do Brazil	200	6000 - July 95
17,500,000	do 2nd series	100	3000 - July 95
20,000,000	Fural e Hypothecario	200	9000 - July 95
4,000,000	do 2nd series	100	4500 - July 95

Capital	Railways	Par	Last div.
40,000,000	Bahia & Minas	400	
16,000,000	Maranhao	100	
29,000,000	Oeste de Minas	200	
24,000,000	do 2nd series	25	
79,000,000	S. Paulo-Rio Grande	200	
20,000,000	Unia Sorocabana-Itana	200	
4,000,000	do 2nd series	60	

Capital	Tramways	Par	Last div.
14,000,000	Jardim Botânico	200	Nov. 95
12,000,000	S. Christoforo	200	July 95

Capital	Mills	Par	Last div.
10,000,000	Alliança	200	July 95
6,000,000	Ilazal Industrial	200	14000 - Aug. 95
3,000,000	Caraca	200	July 95
6,000,000	Confiança Industrial	200	10000 - July 95
5,000,000	D. Isabel	200	25000 - Jan. 95
1,200,000	Industrial Mineira	200	12000 - Aug. 95
1,500,000	Manufactura Fluminense	200	6000 - Aug. 95
4,000,000	Petropolitana	200	July 95
2,000,000	S. Pedro de Alcantara	200	Sept 95
250,000	Santa Luzia	200	Sept 95

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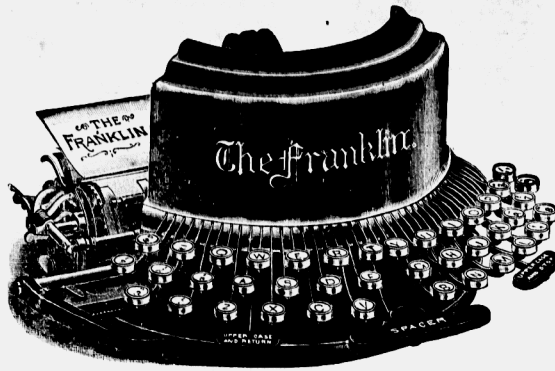
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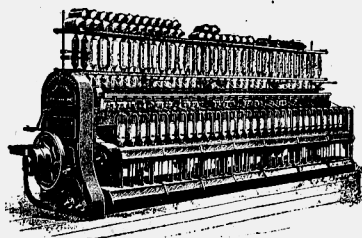
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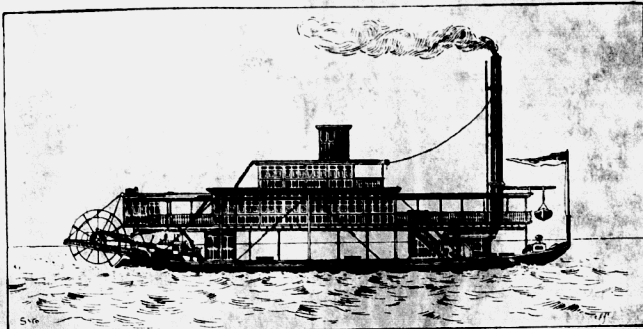
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