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—An extradition treaty has been negotiated between Great Britain and Chili.

—Two torpedo cruisers built for the Chilean government, will leave England for Valparaiso on January 1st.

—The Chilean minister of finance estimates the public revenue for 1897 at \$80,150,000, and the expenditure at \$80,805,970.

—A Valparaiso telegram of the 26th says that the saltpetre trade in Chili is paralysed and that great prejudices are resulting.

—Telegrams from Iquique state that the crisis in that place still continues, and great difficulties are experienced by the people in supporting themselves.

—A Valparaiso telegram of the 26th says that Mr. G. W. Fishback has arrived there, charged with the inspection of the American consulates in South America.

—The Mercuro of Valparaiso is opposing the government project of a military port at Talcahuano, which will cost eighteen millions and will compel another foreign loan.

—A Lima telegram of the 25th says that a new revolution appears to be imminent in Peru. A squadron of cavalry has been sent to Moquegua to oppose an invasion organizing under Colonel Mas.

—The cruisers Blanco Encalada and Presidente Pinto, and the torpedo-cruiser Lynch have been commissioned to escort President Errazuriz on his projected visit to Punta Arenas, Straits of Magellan.

—A Valparaiso telegram of the 22nd announces the loss of the Chilean steamer Miramar in a storm near Coquimbo. The crew was saved with difficulty and the vessel and cargo are considered a total loss.

—A company has been incorporated in the United States, with a nominal capital of \$20,000,000, for the purpose of developing coal mines in Peru. It will be known as the Pacific Company, and will probably not achieve a very great success.

—The general council of health, at a recent meeting adopted a resolution to petition congress to abolish duties on tea, coffee, mate, and cocoa, with the view of promoting the use of these articles among the poorer classes.—Chilian Times, Nov. 25.

—A treaty has just been signed between Chili and Bolivia, by which the latter cedes to the former Antofagasta, Tarapaca, Tacna and Atacama. Chili gains by this treaty 259,000 kilometres of territory, 55 million dollars of value, and 118,232 inhabitants. Chili has grown by 463,000 kilometres of territory and 191,448 of acquired population since 1842.—Soutern Cross.

—The chamber of deputies is engaged in the consideration of a new customs tariff which has been framed to protect native industries against foreign competition. It is divided into seven sections comprising articles subject to 60, 35, 25, 15 and 5 per cent., others subject to special duties, and will probably pass Congress with but slight alterations.—Chilian Times, Nov. 25.

—The imports of Chili in 1895 were, valued at \$69,206,552, and the exports at \$72,919,882. Among the countries participating in this trade were:

Table with 3 columns: Country, imports from, exports to. Includes Great Britain, Germany, Argentina, etc.

—The customs tariff for the in-coming year has been revised with great care, and in the opinion of those who have studied the subject with deliberation will tend to encourage native enterprise without in any way decreasing—and, perhaps, even swelling—the national revenue. Of perhaps, equal importance as a revision of the customs is a reform in the administration of that branch of public service, in which a shocking degree of corruption has for long existed. A tax on cattle imported by the Cordillera from the Argentine republic will be imposed from the commencement of 1897. The tax is light, and should not much increase the price of meat; but as the value of the herds annually driven over the Andes in the summer, and afterwards fattened in the Chilean valleys, amounts to about \$800,000, the tax should bring in a fair sum.—Chilian correspondence of Financial News, Dec. 3.

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## RIVER PLATE ITEMS.

— The restrictions on the press in Uruguay were removed last week.

— There were 274 suicides in Buenos Aires in 1895, and the evil is steadily increasing.

— The suicidal mania is again reviving in Buenos Aires. The subject deserves careful study, for surely there must be some preventable cause for these epidemics.

— The *Nacional* appeared yesterday morning with two blank editorial columns, one headed "In full Dictatorship," and the other "From Triumph to Triumph." The next was left to the imagination of the reader.—*Montevideo Times*, Dec. 4.— The military bands are playing in the plazas of an evening, as is the summer custom, but the number of people that go to listen to them just now is exceedingly reduced. We suppose this is due to the disagreeable state of the atmosphere, which many find unhealthy.—*Montevideo Times*.— It is an ill wind that blows nobody good. Whilst business in general is almost at a standstill, it is satisfactory to learn that one firm is making a rapid fortune, owing to sudden access of business. This is the military outfitting firm known as Porter and Co., of which Deputy Aiteaga of the *Nacion* is principal partner.—*Montevideo Times*.— A private cable just received from Dr. Drees announces that he and Mrs. Drees sailed from New York yesterday per steamer *Compania* for England and they will arrive in Buenos Aires about the middle of January. Bishop Vincent has already left New York for Brazil and will go to Para and Manaus and afterwards come to Buenos Aires. The Bishop will preside at the next annual conference which is to meet on February 17th and will probably be held in Santiago, Chili.—*B. A. Herald*, Dec. 6.

— The Argentine minister of finance, Dr. J. J. Romero, has resigned, and the minister of foreign affairs, Dr. Amancio Alcorta, has assumed temporary charge of the portfolio.

— It must be acknowledged that our native contemporaries accept the gag imposed upon them very heartily and, whilst awaiting forbidden subjects, content themselves with remarks upon the Matafeles, the failures of General Weyler to suppress the revolution in Cuba, the threatening aspect of the weather, the necessity of a sharp storm to clear the atmosphere and purify the streets, and such like harmless and insignificant topics, which have suddenly assumed unusual interest in the eyes of their readers.—*Montevideo Times*, Dec. 4.— About the 15th instant the great summer attraction of the season will be inaugurated at the Arcadia gardens. A long incline has been built and a large lake has been made into which boats will plunge as they pass down the incline. The arrangement is so perfect that accidents are impossible and this novelty has been very popular in the States and in Europe where more than 2000 were in operation last season. The garden will be lighted with pretty coloured lights and made as attractive as possible for the visitors.—*Buenos-Aires Herald*.From, *The Statist*, London, Dec. 5.

## BRAZILIAN MISMANAGEMENT.

To the Editor of "The Statist."

Sir,—Mr. Girardol's letter in your issue of the 14th inst. (Nov.) will scarcely allay the anxiety felt for the financial future of Brazil.

Calling the *Journal do Commercio* of Rio the *Times* of South America is a very pretty dictum, only unfortunately, a dictum by this huge daily paper—which prints a mass of matter, most of which would be rejected by the *Times*—does not carry, nor deserve, anything like the weight your correspondent attaches to it.

The managers of the banks your correspondent mentions have no interests, and cannot be expected to publish their views of the situation. They may say that the situation is about the same as it was last year—they may not add that it was bad then already—and that then there remained some little hope of possible improvement; which hope is now diminishing, and which may vanish altogether when the search-light of publicity is directed towards the state of affairs. It is not quite safe in Brazil to be out-poken on public matters.

First-class, well-managed banks can do a most remunerative business in such times, therefore need not find fault with the state of affairs which gives them golden opportunities. People who have surplus cash wish for the most part to secure obtainable, and therefore deposit their cash at low rates of interest; whilst people who want advances don't bargain much about the rates of interest charged. Careful bank managers can, and do, closely scrutinise the securities tendered. Merchants who have to remit to Europe look more to the signatures on the drafts than in a fraction. The rate of exchange, and sellers of bills with shipping documents take them rather to the banks than to speculators. Banking profits result from this state of affairs, which are not dreamt of in Europe.

What is at the bottom of the prevailing distrust in Brazilian finance is:—

1. That as nobody in Brazil, nor out of it, knows how much paper currency is in circulation, the value of the paper currency has therefore fallen to less than one-third of its face value in gold.

2. That the budgets of the government cannot be correct, because nobody can tell at what rate of exchange its liabilities in Europe will have to be provided for.

3. That there is frightful mismanagement in all public departments, including the custom-house, the administration of the state railways, the post-office, etc.

4. That it is a notorious fact that the state bank, the Banco da Republica do Brazil, holds an incredible amount of depreciated, unsaleable paper of all sorts, which nobody believes to be written down to its actual value, which in many cases is next to nil.

5. That a very large number of traders have claims against the government which they cannot get adjusted, and that these creditors of the Brazilian government get tired of waiting, and that their creditors, in turn, lose hope of ever being paid.

6. That no reforms can be expected from a legislative assembly which votes the expulsion from the country of a newspaper correspondent who says unpleasant truths, and which has so little common-sense that it voted last year a further increase of the import duties, in the face of a solemn official report from the inspector-general of customs that the exaggerated existing duties were producing a steadily declining revenue.

7. That there is increasing discontent in the provinces with the central government of the Estados Unidos da Republica do Brazil, whose motto is "Order and Progress," but whose administration is a curious example of disorder and anarchy. Your obedient servant.

W.

The *Figaro* published on January 10th, a tabular statement of the naval force of the great European powers and the United States. The total, which comprises torpedo-boats but excludes all vessels not of recent type, is given as follows: England, 288; Italy, 204; Germany, 174; Austria, 76; Russia, 103; France, 308; United States, 37. The preponderance of France in the list is due to the great number of torpedo-boats she owns—216 against England's 105.

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## PUBLISHER'S NOTICE

Owing to the excessive depreciation of the currency and the consequent increase in the currency cost of publishing this periodical, it has become necessary to make still another increase in our local subscription rate, which for the coming year will be 30,000 to all points in Brazil. This small increase is much below the equivalent to the £ 2 sterling which has been the subscription from the beginning, but we still live in hopes that the exchange rate will improve and thus bring our currency and sterling rates more nearly equivalent. We trust that this trifling modification in our subscription rate, which will enable us to meet the increased currency cost of publication and also enable us to continue the issue of twelve pages, will meet the cordial approval of all our old subscribers.

By a decree of yesterday's date and published this morning, the executive provides for the redemption of the currency in conformity with the provisions of law No. 427 of the 9th inst. This decree provides that the currency shall be gradually withdrawn until its value is equivalent to four milreis per *ataza* of gold 22 carats fine. For this purpose the following recourses are provided: (1) The product of 50,000 4% gold apolices, 1,000\$ each, from the deposits to guarantee the bank issues; (2) the interest and amortization on the 80,000,000\$ bonus just converted; (3) the instalments received from the Banco da Republica in settlement of its debt to the treasury, the total to be not less than 100,000,000\$; (4) the annual surpluses in the budget; (5) two-thirds of the product of the lease of the state railways while exchange is below 18 pence, and one-third while exchange is above 18 pence. With these recourses the minister of finance will redeem 10 per cent of the currency circulation in 1897, 15 per cent in 1898, 20 per cent in 1899, 25 per cent in 1900, until convertibility can be maintained. The sums destined to the purposes of redemption, but not applied, shall be converted into gold and deposited in the treasury as a permanent conversion fund. To increase or renew this fund, import duties may be collected in gold when exchange rises above 18 pence.

It is to be deeply regretted that the government has neglected to carry out its scheme of reducing public expenditures in the one department where it could best be done. This country is at peace and has no international quarrel on hand, consequently it has no need of a large army. A small military establishment, just large enough to garrison the forts and arsenals and to preserve order in districts subject to Indian raids, is all that can reasonably be required. The police work of the country should be left to the civil authorities, and the maintenance of a large garrison in this capital should at once be terminated. Instead of doing this, however, we hear of no economies in the war department whatever beyond the vague assertion that all orders for war material not urgently necessary will be suspended, and that recruiting will also

be suspended. But this is not economy. To desist from buying what one does not want may be praiseworthy, but it is a poor substitute for economy. What the country needs is a reduction in the army, accompanied by a corresponding reduction in the costs of maintenance. It wants a suspension in the purchase of arms and munitions. And it wants the military schools cut down to a point where they will serve the actual needs of the army, and nothing more. In this last item, there seems to be an increase in expenditure, not a reduction. For an army nominally 28,000 strong, but actually not exceeding 20,000 men, the country is maintaining three military schools, which will be attended next year by 1,965 officers and cadets, or about seven times the number educated at the one military school in the United States. This is a gross abuse. There is no possible employment for 80 many officers. One school of 200 to 250 students would fill every requirement. In addition to this the country supports another military college, and some two or three subaltern's schools. If there is to be any genuine economy, all these unnecessary institutions must be closed up.

AMONG the concessions which the government should grant to the company leasing the Central railway is that of improving the water front of the Gamba station, erecting storehouses on the reclaimed land and shipping coffee direct from its own wharves. Such a concession would not only be of great value to the railway company, but it would be of incalculable benefit to the coffee trade. At present, coffee is brought down to this station, then carted to the commissario's deposits, then to the *ensacador's* deposits for blending and packing, and then to the D. Pedro docks for shipment. All these transfers involve much expense, much waste through leakage, accidents, etc., and no slight loss from theft. They imply a loss both to the planter and to the foreign buyer, and they compel the employment of many hands, which are not at all necessary in the economical handling of the product. To cut down these avoidable expenditures would be of advantage to everybody, except the intermediate laborers whose services will no longer be required, to the gleaners who pick up the waste grains about the storehouses and to the thieves who find abundant opportunities for theft in these frequent transfers. If the railway company were permitted to store and ship the coffee at the Gamba station, it could build and lease the necessary storehouses to the *commissarios* and *ensacadores*, and the trade could be concentrated in one place without the necessity and expense of transportation through the streets. There would be much less waste, and the loss by theft would be reduced to a minimum. Still further, by running out suitable piers, provided with light railways, vessels would be able to receive cargo alongside, with a great saving of time and expense. As for the D. Pedro docks, they can be turned to some other use. The need of economising time and expense in the coffee trade is urgent, and the government should use every effort to satisfy it. A good business-like administration of the Central railway will be of great benefit to the trade, but it will fall far short of its needs until permission is given to store, blend and ship the product at the Gamba station itself.

This morning was published the executive decree regulating the lease of the state railways in accordance with law No. 427 of the 9th inst. The call for tenders, however, has not yet appeared. By the terms of this decree the lease will be for 60 years, but it is not stated whether the roads may be leased separately or not. The price will consist of a single payment of £5,000,000, at the time of signing the contract, and annual instalments thereafter to complete the total, together with 20 per cent of the excess over 12 per cent a year on the capital. Each proposal must be accompanied by a certificate that £50,000 had been deposited at some place designated by the government, which deposit will be forfeited in case of failure to sign the contract. This contract must be signed within 30 days of the announcement of the acceptance of the proposal. The expense of fiscalization must be borne by the lessee, who must pay 100,000\$ a year for that purpose. This is exorbitant. The lessee must maintain the lines, rolling-stock and buildings, and deliver them in good order to the government at the end of the contract without

indemnization. The lessee will have preference for the construction of branches and extensions, and also for new suburban lines, and will enjoy the same favor granted to other railway companies. The lessee will also have the right to revise the tariffs, subject to the approval of the government, and may employ the sliding scale to meet fluctuations in exchange. The government reserves the right to take temporary possession for military purposes, subject to indemnization. The government also reserves the right to resume ownership after 30 years, subject to indemnity based on returns for the last five years. The company must be subject to the courts of the national capital, and must maintain a legal representative there, should the said company be domiciled abroad. The government reserves the right to impose fines of 2,000\$ to 20,000\$ and to rescind the contract in cases to be hereafter specified. The rights of half-pay and annuities enjoyed by certain employes are guaranteed in accordance with existing laws, and in case employes are deprived of their places they will have preference in seeking employment in the telegraph and postal services, or in others. Unfortunately, the decree is not clear in regard to where responsibility rests for the half-pay and annuity payments. No private company could reasonably assume such an obligation.

## THE STRANGERS' HOSPITAL.

With the completion of its new isolated fever ward, the Strangers' Hospital may now be considered fully equipped for the work it was designed to do. When we consider how small in number our two English-speaking colonies really are, how exceptionally difficult and critical the years have been through which we have passed since the hospital was founded, and how rigidly we have been shut out from all the public assistance upon which institutions of this character commonly depend, it must be admitted that we have done surprisingly well. In fact, we have accomplished a work, incomplete as it may still be, which few English-speaking colonies, if any, can parallel. Within the brief period of five years we have raised over 400,000\$ in cash through donations and annual subscriptions and have earned about 90,000\$ from the treatment of patients. We have built a hospital with the funds thus supplied which has been admired and praised by everyone who has visited it, for its comfortable appointments, its homelike character, its beautiful surroundings, and its adaptability to the care of the sick in a climate like this. It is not complete, nor is it perfect; but still as a re-adaptation and extension of a rambling, old-fashioned private residence into a hospital it must be admitted that we have obtained exceptionally good results with the material in hand. At any rate, within these short five years we have adapted and constructed a hospital large enough to accommodate 70 patients without crowding, besides a numerous staff of nurses and servants. The present valuation of the property, which includes some four acres of ground, only a part of which is actually used, is 325,158\$670, the balance of the amounts received having been expended on maintenance, staff and the treatment of patients. Since the hospital was opened on January 8th, 1893, to June 30th last, 496 patients have been admitted for treatment, of which 262 were suffering from yellow fever. Of these last mentioned cases, 173 were discharged cured and 89 died, showing the exceptionally low death rate of 30 per cent, including the large number of moribund cases received. During the past year this rate was reduced to 26 per cent. From these returns it will be seen that the hospital has fully realized the expectations of its friends, and has more than justified the confidence which they have bestowed upon it. In the future, as its facilities for treating the sick are increased and improved, it may be confidently expected that it will yield still better results.

At the present moment the hospital is prepared to receive general cases all the year round, which it has thus far been unable to do in the fever season. The fever ward, which contains 24 beds, is completely separated and isolated and will not interfere in any degree with the treatment of other diseases. It is provided with all the facilities which have thus far been found efficacious in the treatment of fever, and it will be much more convenient for the nurses than the wards in the old hospital.

As the construction of this pavilion has cost about fifty per cent more than the original estimate, owing to the decline in exchange, increased cost of labor and materials, and some unforeseen expenses, a large deficit has resulted, which, added to the loans raised for its construction and to a small debt previously incurred in the building of a nurses' residence, renders it necessary for the directors to again appeal to the friends of the hospital for assistance. The institution is now in a position where it can easily earn its own maintenance, and this, with the good record it is able to show we confidently believe it will do. But the debt must be met, however, and it is best that it should be liquidated as soon as possible through the medium of donations in order to leave its management free from all embarrassments of that nature. The erection of the isolated pavilion for the treatment of yellow fever was made compulsory by the health authorities, who declined to permit the further treatment of fever under the same roof with other cases. The expenditure therefore was obligatory, unless the directors should choose to confine their work to yellow fever alone, which did not seem feasible.

In conclusion we can assure those who have taken a warm personal interest in this institution, that the funds donated have been expended only upon urgent and necessary work, with the view of promoting its efficiency and usefulness. No further expenditures in that direction will now be required. The work done in the treatment of the sick has been signally successful and the number of patients seeking admission has steadily increased from year to year. In all respects therefore, the Strangers' Hospital has fully justified its foundation and merits the continued confidence and support of its friends.

## PROVINCIAL NOTES

- In Sergipe the municipal council of Divina Pastora has been dissolved.
- The last Ca melite friar resident in Pernambuco died on the 17th inst.
- The Peruvian transport of war *Constitucion* has left Para on her return to Callao.
- The cornerstone of a new market was laid at Desterro, Santa Catharina, yesterday.
- Telegrams from Rio Grande do Sul announce the death of General Memes Barreto at Uruguayana.
- The Italian cruiser *Piemonte* arrived at Bahia on the 26th inst., where she will await orders from Rome.
- It is reported that 400 armed men have left Cumbeo for the purpose of joining Antonio Conselheiro.
- The supply of water now furnished to the city of S. Paulo amounts, according to the *Estado*, to 26,370,000 litres per diem.
- In S. Paulo the police has prohibited the issue of a paper called the *Menck*, which is considered offensive to the Italians.
- In Ceará on the 21st inst. in a disturbance caused by caulets and policemen five of the latter and three of the former were wounded.
- The elections in São Paulo promise to be somewhat confusing. There are nationalist (jacobins), federalist (Glycerio's party) and parliamentarian tickets in the field and at some points it is said that the monarchists will vote.
- Bolonago Indians have massacred 30 persons in the vicinity of Porto da União and in the Polish colony of Lucas, in the state of Paraná. The *Diario da Parana* recommends poisoning the Indians. Evidently Indiania ideas continue to prevail in certain circles.
- Great Scott! The *Clarion* says that the "artifices," "the enemies of this country" are sowing false reports about the "sanitary state of Linciera. The afore-said "enemies" will some day upset the whole country by declaring that its infernal climate promotes perspiration."
- Gov. Marinho Garcez, who owes his place to the undue intervention of federal troops in the affairs of Sergipe, has sent a two column telegram to the press protesting against such intervention, now that it happens to be against him. Whether he keeps or loses his office, it is to be hoped that he will profit by the lesson.
- From all indications the elections on the 30th in Paraíba, Ceará, Sergipe, Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande and other states, will be farcical in every sense of the word. There is really no liberty of suffrage for the free of force recruitment drives men away from the polls, while fraudulent registers and dishonest returns defeat every attempt to overthrow the party in power. It is needless to add that such proceedings will absolutely defeat every attempt on the part of really honest and patriotic men to give the country a good government.
- The election in Campos promises to be lively. Deputy Nelo Pimenta is now in opposition, consequently he feels that the government is evading the voters. He telegraphs that the police are going about with loaded rifles. On the other side, the good republicans of Campos are sending a telegram to Nelo, who has been receiving 200,000 from Rio and has distributed them among his followers. In that case we may expect to hear of a lively fight in Campos on the 30th. As both sides are devoted republicans, intent on saving the republic, the row is quite proper and legitimate.

The governor of Santa Catharina has prohibited the organization of electoral boards in conformity with art. 2 of the new election law.

In the 2nd congressional district of Pernambuco Dr. Alcindo Marrocos presents himself as a monarchist candidate for the chamber of deputies.

In S. Paulo on the 23rd inst. the public carriage drivers struck on account of new regulations issued by the police. Thirty of them were arrested.

Vicente Machado and Glycerio are at loggerheads. The latter wishes to elect Dr. Francisco Torres to congress from Parana and the former opposes it.

According to the Comercio de S. Paulo thieving has grown into alarming proportions at Jahu, where one of the gangs of thieves has adopted the motto "Venha a mim o que é teu."

Nilo Paganha, who is trying to be re-elected to congress, telegraphs that his life is in danger and asks Vice-President Manoel Victorino to send an army officer to Campos to protect him. Why not send Capt. Avila?

A fever epidemic "of bad character" (presumably yellow fever) has broken out at Pirassununga, São Paulo, and several deaths have already occurred. The Opinio advises the people to withdraw from town.

It is stated that the people of Rodeio, alarmed at the report that the 24th battalion of infantry is to be stationed there, are beginning to remove. It is an eloquent illustration of the esteem in which our military protectors are held.

RIO GRANDE DO SUL.

Dr. Romero Baptista telegraphs from Alegrete that the notorious João Francisco at the head of 700 men is pressing citizens into military service, seizing houses and committing other abuses for the purpose of overawing opposition voters and keeping them from the polls on the 30th.

Juli de Castilhos has declared that the electoral boards shall not receive the votes of the federalists whose names were stricken from the lists of voters during the war, even though they present legal certificates proving their right to vote.

The president of the federalist executive committee has telegraphed to the Vice-President informing him of this and inquiring to whom he must apply in order to obtain protection from violence for voters.

It is stated that Capilhos has caused to be printed 3,000 voters' certificates for the soldiers of his military brigade.

The widow of Gumerindo Sariva is said to be at present in Pelotas for the purpose of learning whether there is any prospect of obtaining compensation for the property which she has lost through deprivations committed by government troops.

From data recently published it appears that, while the public expenditure of the state is increasing, the production has decreased. In 1891 there were exported 33,935,773 kilos of carne secca and in 1895 only 21,709,201 kilos. At the saladeros of Pelotas, Cachoeira and Quarary in 1891-92 there were slaughtered 520,181 head of cattle and in 1895-96 only 190,228. Cattle-breeding, as is well known, is the principal industry in the state.

The public expenditure has increased from 4,028,326,800 in 1891 to 8,524,493 in 1895.

RAILROAD NOTES

It is stated that the employes of the Pernambuco Central railway have received no pay for four months.

On Friday two men were killed by a locomotive near the great tunnel and another by a suburban train near the station of S. Christovão.

On Tuesday last in consequence of want of water for the engine, there was an interruption of an hour and a half in the service of the Santa Theresa electric car.

On the S. Paulo and Rio Grande railway contracts are now engaged in laying rails between Castro and Ponta Grossa and between the latter place and Entre Rios.

According to a telegram published in the Comercio de S. Paulo, Rothschild and Minister Bernardino de Campos have recently been engaged for some time in a telegraphic correspondence in regard to the lease of the Central railway.

It is announced that the Sapucahy company will open to traffic to-day 8 kilometres of railway connecting the Santa Isabel line with that of Santa Anna. It will also open to traffic 12 kilometres of railway in the state of Minas Gerais.

There was a great delay in the starting of trains at the Central station in this city on Wednesday evening last because of a lack of water. This great scarcity of water ought to arouse the authorities to a very lively sense of the grave consequences threatened.

The Jornal do Commercio of this morning intimates that there is something very crooked in the recent call for tenders for supplying coal to the Central railway, and hints at a private understanding previous to the issue of the call. There is an old contention between the Jornal and the coal contracts.

For the operating expenses of the Paulo Afonso railway during the present year there was appropriated the sum of 254,179,825. In the budget for 1897 this sum has been reduced to 199,038,850 and the minister of industry and director of the road have, it is said, put their heads together and discovered that they need not spend more than 160,1788. It is to be hoped, then, that the expenditure will be really restricted to this sum.

In Bahia on the 14th inst. a family on taking a tram was insulted by the conductor, who was called to order by some of the passengers. Then the tram was attacked by a band of 40 conductors and drivers and the passengers, consisting of men, women and children, were roughly handled. The rioters afterwards stoned a house and caused other disturbances. On the 16th five of the drivers were arrested. This led to a strike, which, however, lasted only a few hours.

COFFEE NOTES

It is curious that no one has as yet suggested the organization of some association to protect the coffee planter against losses in gambling and other costly vices.

The editor of the Jornal do Commercio claims to have seen a telegram from New York stating that a trust has been organized there for controlling trade in coffee imported from Brazil.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Centro da Lavoura e Commercio has been called for day after to-morrow at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of devising means to protect planters against loss through speculation in coffee gins.

It is asserted that the state governments of Minas Geraes, S. Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Espirito Santo and Bahia have decided to abandon their scheme for promoting an increase in the consumption of Brazilian coffee. This is sensible. They could spend large sums on the scheme and get very little benefit from it. And even if they could, why should the government seek to promote the interests of any one special class, to the prejudices of all others?

LOCAL NOTES

Dr. Ubalino do Amaral is the lawyer of the suspended custom-house officials.

A fire engine station was inaugurated at Tijuca on the morning of the 25th inst.

Rumors are current that there will be trouble in this city during the elections of the 30th inst.

On Rua de S. Christovão four policemen on Friday last brutally assaulted a poor laborer and robbed him of his watch and chain and of 5\$ in money.

There was a collision on the bay Saturday evening, a ferry-boat running into a vessel which was being towed to the bay. The ferry-boat was slightly damaged.

Many persons, it is stated, are obtaining permission to visit the Filiberto palace, on which the government, notwithstanding its retirement policy, is said to be expending large sums of money.

It is said that many legally registered voters in the Candelaria parish could not obtain their diplomas, owing to the dilatoriness of the officials. Such neglect of duty will unavoidably lead to bitter complaints.

On Christmas day occurred the death of Councilor Antonio de Souza Martins, a member of the supreme tribunal and solicitor-general of the republic. He was born very nearly 68 years ago at Oeiras, Piahy, and has held many important judicial offices during his long professional career.

The many friends of Capt. G. M. Hicks, the popular skipper of the R. M. S. Danvers, will be pleased to hear of his appointment as superintendent of the Royal Mail service at Southampton. We shall regret to lose Capt. Hicks at this end of the line, but he deserves the promotion received and will have a flood of congratulations from the thousands of passengers who have had the good fortune to travel with him.

On Christmas morning the Diario Official published an official announcement that the government has no candidates in the approaching elections and will not intervene. And yet the police and military forces are everywhere interfering with the organization of election boards and with the liberty of voters. If the government will make an example of some of these officials, we shall then believe its announcement.

Is it not a little undignified and out of keeping with the high office for a member of the supreme tribunal to serve as chairman of a Cuban committee? We are not surprised at anything Dr. Lucio de Mendonça feels inclined to do, for he is essentially a partizan, but surely he ought not to forget the judicial character of the highest court of the country, and the necessity of keeping himself free from every relationship which might reflect upon that court.

A Washington telegram of the 22nd says that Minister Dupuy de Lome has transmitted to President Cleveland the thanks of the Spanish government for the friendly sentiments expressed in his message. And it is but only a few days ago that all Spain was in a ferment over the alleged unfriendly sentiments of that same message, and even the Figaro and other anti-American organs in Paris were in a fine state of indignation over it! Verily the race of fools is a prolific one, and it fills the whole earth!

A municipal election was held in this city on Saturday. The number of aldermen to be elected was 15 and there were about 150 candidates. According to the returns received about 11,000 votes were cast. The federal republican party carried the elections, their candidates obtaining about 5,000 votes, of which nearly half belong to the 3rd district. They succeeded in electing 12 of their candidates. One candidate of the federal democratic party and one independent candidate were elected in the 3rd district. There is much complaint of fraud and there were some disturbances. The most important of these was at the station of Meyer, where fire-arms were freely used for about 15 minutes and several persons were wounded.

The scandal connected with the Santa Rita de Cassia orphans' asylum mentioned in our last has developed a new and darker phase. Suspecting something worse, the orphans' judge privately investigated some of the girls, and discovered that the infamous wretch, Basilio de Moraes, who has been plying for some time as a philanthropist, had not only been speculating on the charitable feelings of the people, but he had been seducing the little creatures entrusted to his care. Proofs were obtained that he had seduced five of the little girls in the asylum, and then orders were issued for his concealment. It is to be hoped that he will promptly be sentenced to imprisonment for life. Such a monster can have no claim on public sympathy.

It would be interesting to know the number of suicides in this city during the past year. We are inclined to believe the percentage a large one.

The minister of marine has ordered money to be given as a Christmas present to the janitors and messengers of his department, but it is not stated whether this is at his own expense or at that of the treasury.

Yesterday was sensibly the hottest day of the season thus far experienced, but happily a sharp rain-storm came up toward evening and gave us some slight relief. It came just in time, for our water supply is running short.

An accusation is published to the effect that the election board in the Gloria parish is in possession of some three or four hundred names of dead persons, which will be used to manufacture satisfactory majorities on the 30th.

The minister of industry writes to that of foreign affairs that the Polish immigrants in Parana are at work on their farms and are perfectly contented. The aged and infirm, he says, receive assistance from the state government.

According to the count of the Republica, organ of the federal republican party, that party obtained about 6,000 votes at the municipal election on Sunday and elected all its candidates. In view of the frauds evidently committed, and of the unscrupulous character of the managers of the election, this result is not at all surprising.

The war department has decided that during the coming year the military schools may be attended by 765 officers and 1,200 cadets, distributed as follows: Rio de Janeiro school, 300 officers and 445 cadets; Ceará school, 165 officers and 425 cadets; Rio Grande school, 300 officers and 330 cadets. There is no sign of economy in this direction.

The election of the municipal council was held yesterday. The abuses, frauds and criminal attempts practised in some sections, sadly accentuate the continual decadence of political habits and the want of respect for law and morality in those who authorize and explore them to the benefit of their capidity and their ambitions.

Jornal do Commercio, Dec. 28th.

The cable between New York and Haiti, belonging to a French company, was opened to traffic at the beginning of the month.

A Pan-American exposition, to show the progress made during the century, is now proposed for 1899, to be held at Niagara Falls, U. S. A.

The shipments of rubber from Manaus and Belém amounted to 2,247,611 kilos in November against 2,906,362 in the corresponding month of 1895.

It is expected that the machinery will be mounted to inaugurate the electric light service at Pirassununga, São Paulo, about the end of January.

In Parana, says a correspondent of the Jornal do Commercio, business is extremely dull. The price of herve mate has declined and there has been a considerable decrease in importation.

The proposal to found an international American bank is again to the fore in New York. It is not altogether a sound business scheme, and has too much sentiment involved in it to inspire much confidence.

A letter in last Saturday's Preis says that planters complain very much of the delay in receiving pay for the cane which they have furnished to the Rio Branco central sugar mill, belonging to the Companhia Leopoldina.

A propos to the appointment of a committee by the government to revise the statutes of the Banco da Republica the Liberdade very pertinently remarks that the bank belongs not to the government, but to the shareholders.

The customary annual shipment of apples and ice from Boston is now in, and American apples are brought at \$5.00 to \$6.00 per dozen at the fruit stalls. This means about one dollar a dozen, or about two cents an apple when you feel like the minimum investment.

The November export of rubber from Parana amounted to 1,467,703 kilos, of which 101,920 kilos came from the state of Amazonas. The total export from Parana and Amazonas amounted to 2,247,611 kilos, of which 1,103,736 were for the United States and 1,143,875 for Europe.

The minister of finance has corrected his mistake in regard to the articles enjoying a 30 per cent rebate. All the articles specified in last year's budget, except kerosein and jerked beef, will continue to enjoy that rebate, together with salted and pickled pork as provided in this year's budget.

The report is current that the Brazilian government is negotiating for a new loan, offering as security the receipts of the Central railway. This is a government property which, up to the present, no Brazilian administration has ever attempted to deal with in a loan transaction.

Financial News, Dec. 2.

A Washington telegram to the New York Journal of Commerce of November 27th says that the state department is informed that Brazil will not renew the McKinley reciprocity treaty. Brazil considers that she was deceived in that treaty, and though she did not lose anything she failed to secure the advantages anticipated.

One of our London correspondents writes us that lately nearly all our papers have been marked unrepaid, and he has had to pay as high as 9d postage per copy. We have invariably paid the customary 50 reis postage and can not understand why the pd post should mark them short paid. And to ask 9d postage in London is clearly a swindle.

Complaints are becoming very urgent in regard to the delays in dispatching merchandise through the custom-house. It is said that the suspension of several examiners (conferentes) is the cause, because no substitutes have been appointed, but we are inclined to think that neglect of duty and extraordinarily short days (some officials are not on duty over two hours) are really the cause of the trouble.

We presume it is hopeless to expect the South American Journal to modify its practice of taking what it pleases from these columns without a word of credit. Among journalists such a practice is not held in very high repute. On Dec. 5th, the S.A.J. had nearly two columns of such pirated news items, which about represents the average weekly forays of that paper.

According to the federal constitution: "Art. 7. It is within the exclusive faculty of the union to decree: "4. Entrance, clearance and anchorage taxes on ships, the coastwise trade in national goods being free, as well as in foreign goods which have already paid the import tax." And yet the municipal council of Parana, state of Parana, has imposed a tax of 100\$ on every freighted vessel entering that port but has consigned to some party living outside the city!

The report current some time ago that Messrs. Arubuck Brothers, the well-known coffee importers and roasters, were negotiating the erection of a sugar refinery, turns out to be true. They have advertised for a superintendent for a sugar refining plant, and it is said that the construction of the refinery will be begun at once. It will be located on John Street, Brooklyn, near their coffee roasting establishment, and will cover a whole block. They will not be connected with the sugar trust.

For the year ending 30th September last the gross income of the Rio Flour Mills and Granaries amounted to 122,958, and the expenditures to 103,319 including 15,000 to the reserve fund, showing a net profit of 19,639. Adding to this the 1809 brought forward from 1895 and the surplus amounted to 19,947. An interim dividend of 3r. 6d. (13,966) was paid in June last and a further dividend of 10r. 6d. (11,997) has been now declared, making a total dividend for the year of 14r. a share, or 10 per cent., and leaving 4,071 to be carried forward.

The district court of the federal district has decided that the government must pay to the Companhia Lloyd Brazileiro the cost of repairing the steamers Santos and S. Salvador and the lighter Tubarda, the charter of the latter, compensation for the time lost while these vessels were undergoing repairs and the value of articles stolen or destroyed on board when they were in the government's possession. In rendering this decision the judge establishes the doctrine that citizens who are injured by acts of the government are entitled to compensation for the injury which they thus sustain. This is certainly sound doctrine.

The expenditure of the State of Espirito Santo for 1897 is estimated at 4,461,144\$54.

The November receipts of municipal revenue of the Parana recobrador amounted to 124,618,356.

The prefect of the federal district has properly vetoed the 10% export duty voted by the municipal council.

The revenue of the state of Parana in November amounted to 2,007,628\$810, the greater part of which was derived from the export tax on rubber.

The treasury paid to the Italian legation on the 22nd inst. the sum of 4,000,000\$ as stipulated in the recent protocol celebrated between Brazil and Italy.

In substituting the bank issues now in circulation the government can do no better than to return to the use of the notes printed by the American Bank Note Co. As an additional precaution against counterfeiting a special paper might be used.

It will be a great relief to us to get rid of the ruck of surcharged and ugly bank notes in circulation. Many of them represent banks from which the right of issue was long since withdrawn. If now the government will return to the old custom of using uniformly and neatly printed notes, employing a good quality of paper for that purpose, it will confer a great boon upon the public.

The destination of the 200,000\$ of paper notes issued. It is decided that they shall be deposited to the Caixa da Amortizacao where the interest accruing shall be used to redeem outstanding currency. The withdrawal, then, is only partial. They are substituted by treasury notes, which give an excuse for a new issue of 80,000,000\$ and then they are to be filed away for some subsequent use. When the treasury is pushed for money, we shall not be surprised to see Deputy Glycerio proposing their re-issue.

The government has extended to March 31st next the period for redeeming without discount the treasury notes of 500\$ and 200\$ of the 5th stamps, 200\$, 100\$ and 50\$ of the 6th stamps, and 200\$ of the 7th stamps. For the bank notes, the period is extended to June 30th next for the following notes: 500\$, 1st estampa, green, of the Banco dos Estados Unidos do Brazil; 500\$ and 200\$, 1st estampa, green, and 50\$, 1st estampa, blue, of the Banco da Republica dos Estados Unidos do Brazil; 100\$, 1st estampa, 1st estampa, blue, of the Banco Emissor de Pernambuco; and 100\$, 1st estampa, of the Banco Nacional do Brazil, with or without the stamp of the Banco da Republica.

The budget voted by the legislature of the state of Rio de Janeiro and signed by the governor of that state, estimates the revenue at 14,134,760\$00 and the expenditure at 14,134,445\$422. The principal sources of revenue are as follows:

Export duty on coffee..... 10,000,000\$000  
" " " " other articles..... 331,257\$000  
Extraordinary revenue..... 2,049,911\$000  
Tax on transfer of property..... 1,864,913\$000  
Stamp tax..... 313,301\$000  
Deposits..... 860,499\$000

The following are the principal items of expenditure:

Public instruction..... 2,817,000\$000  
Police..... 2,405,951\$000  
Public works..... 1,013,000\$000  
Health..... 958,500\$000  
Municipal services..... 724,465\$000  
Collection of revenue..... 628,800\$000  
Courts of justice..... 630,800\$000  
Guaranteed interest to railways..... 500,000\$000  
State legislature..... 521,500\$000  
Retired functionaries..... 451,270\$000  
Interest on state debt..... 440,000\$000



**ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN STEAMERS.**

DATE	NAME	FROM	CONIGNED TO
Dec. 21	Bona Br	Rosario 8d	Rio Flour Mills
21	Kilburn Br	Bs. Aires 7d	Nonhebel & C
21	Stent Istan Aust	River Plate 6d	Rombauer & C
21	N. D. de Salut Fr	do 13d	Karl Valais & C
21	Bellefleur Arg	do 13d	Camuzano & C
21	Bébé Fr	Bonleau* 28d	Mess. Maritimes
21	Jupiter Gr	Antwerp* 29	Wilson Sons & C
21	Berence Aust	Trieste* 47 d	Rombauer & C
21	Delos Br	Valparaiso* 25d	Wilson Sons & C
21	Basstere, Nor	Bs. Aires 8d	Luiz Campos
21	Eastern Fr. Br	Santos 22h	Quayle, D. & C.
21	Athen Gr	do 30h	E. Johnston & C
21	Iberia Br	Liverpool* 18d	Wilson Sons & C
21	Mozart Br	do* 28d	Norton, M. & C
21	Golden Cross Br	Cardiff* 28d	Mess. Maritimes
21	Haverst Br	do 29d	Braz. Coal Co
21	Concordia Fr	Havre* 26d	Chargours & Bains
21	La Plata Fr	River Plate 3d	Mess. Maritimes
21	Gaileth Big	New York* 20d	Norton, M. & C
21	Scandia Gr	River Plate* 2d	E. Johnston & C
21	Calidy Br	Cardiff* 28d	Braz. Coal Co
21	Tiquary Gr	Hamburg* 29d	E. Johnston & C
21	Amtra Gr	Bs. Aires 21d	Luiz Campos
21	Kilburn Br	New York* 2d	Quayle, D. & C.
21	Victoria II	River Plate 3d	La Veloce
21	Macedonia Gr	Santos 25h	E. Johnston & C
21	Buenos Aires Gr	Santos 25h	do

**DEPARTURES OF FOREIGN STEAMERS.**

DATE	NAME	FOR	CARGO
Dec. 21	Entre Rios Fr	Santos	Sundries
21	Uppa Gr	New York	Coffee
21	Szent Istan Aust	Trieste	Sundries
21	Kilburn Br	Buenos Aires	Ballast
21	Endeavour Br	Gaveston	do
21	Lucina Br	New Orleans	do
21	Potosi Br	Liverpool*	Sundries
21	Eastern Fr. Br	New York	do
21	N. D. de Salut Fr	Marseilles*	Sundries
21	Iberia Br	Valparaiso*	do
21	Delos Br	River Plate	do
21	Vilna Arg	Paranáguá	Ballast
21	Rosse Br	New York	Coffee
21	Scandia Gr	Marseilles*	Sundries
21	La Plata Fr	Bonleau*	do
21	Athen Gr	do	do
21	Berence Aust	Santos	do
21	Victoria II	Gema*	do

Last Quotations of Stocks and Bonds ... Dec. 28th

Circulation	Public Funds	
26,126,000\$	Stock 5% currency (apólicar)	940\$ 000
105,000,000	Bonds of 1895	935 000
124,555,000	Stock 4% (200d) converted	93\$ 000
12,254,000	Gold Loan, 1868, 189	—
24,579,000	Do do 1873, 4 1/2 %	—
18,350,000	Do do 1885, 4 %	—
175,000,000	State of Espírito Santo	1,500 000
100,300,000	do do Minas Geraes, 5%	—
4,000,000	do do Rio de Janeiro, 6%	154 000
25,000,000	Emprestimo Municipal	153 000

Capital	Banks	Par	Last div.
20,000,000\$	Commercial	200\$	8\$ 000— July 96
20,000,000	Commercio	200	8 000— July 96
20,000,000	do 2nd series	80	3 200— July 96
20,000,000	Constructor	200	—
16,000,000	Credito Movel	200	3 000— July 96
20,000,000	Lavoura e Comercio	200	6 000— July 96
10,000,000	do	100	3 000— July 96
155,045,600	Nacional Brasileiro	200	10 000— July 96
20,000,000	Republica do Brazil	200	6 000— July 96
20,000,000	do 2nd series	200	3 000— July 96
20,000,000	Rural e Hypothecario	100	9 000— July 96
20,000,000	do 2nd series	100	4 500— July 96

Capital	Railways	Par	Last div.
40,000,000\$	Bahia & Minas	40\$	—
10,000,000	Mazambuco	200	—
62,000,000	Oeste de Minas	200	—
24,000,000	do 2nd series	75	—
70,000,000	S. Paulo-Rio Grande	200	13\$ 000— 14\$ 000
20,000,000	União Suroccidental	200	—
20,000,000	do 2nd series	60	—

Capital	Tramways	Par	Last div.
24,000,000\$	Jardim Botânico	200\$	— Oct. 96
11,000,000	S. Christovão	200	— July 96

Capital	Mills	Par	Last div.
10,000,000\$	Alliança	200\$	— Aug. 96
6,000,000	Brazil Industrial	200	6\$ — Aug. 96
3,000,000	Carrioca	200	10 000— Jan. 96
6,000,000	Confiança Industrial	200	10 000— Aug. 96
500,000	D. Isabel	200	40 000— Jan. 96
1,200,000	Industrial Mineira	200	10 000— Feb. 96
1,500,000	Manufactura Pharmaceutica	200	8 000— Mar. 96
4,000,000	Petropolitana	200	000— Mar. 96
2,000,000	S. Pedro de Alcantara	200	— July 1879
360,000	Santa Luzia	200	8 000— July 96

FOREIGN SAILING VESSELS IN THE PORT OF RIO DE JANEIRO, December 27th 1896

NAME	TONE	AR- RIVED	FROM	CONSIGNERS
<b>American</b>				
bk C. S. Hulbert	999	Nov. 15	New York	Watson, R. & C.
bk Baltimore	854	15	New York	Quayle, D. & C.
Nov. 13	Baltimore	670	Baltimore	Watson, R. & C.
11	Glad Tidings	693	Baltimore	To order
11	Mabel Jordan	899	Boston	Ferreira I. & C.
11	Wang Jew	611	Rosario	To order
<b>British</b>				
bk Auriga	860	Oct. 30	Brunswick	Genal de C. & I.
bk Adelaide I.	1449	31	Ra goon	To order
bk Earl Derby	971	Nov. 13	Rangoon	H. Stolts & C.
sp Z. Ring	1290	17	Newport	Braz. Coal Co.
sp Geo. T. Hay	1647	21	Mobile	F. P. Passos
bk Amund	2073	24	Manscolla	V. W. Guim & C.
sp Thistle	2102	26	Hull	Genal de C. & I.
sp Servia	1300	27	London	Walter, B. & C.
sp W. H. Gosnar	1395	28	Cardiff	Braz. Coal Co.
bk Cambria	1281	28	Pensacola	Genal de C. & I.
bk Katabdin	1145	29	Pascagoula	To order
sp Ster. Motena	1305	Dec. 4	Rangoon	Alvarez, P. & C.
sp Wendenbek	185	5	Pasphebia	L. A. Magalhães
sp Ang. America	1483	7	Cardiff	Braz. Coal Co.
lug Snowdrop	149	16	Gaspé	L. A. Magalhães
bk Glenview	1034	16	Rangoon	To order
lug Electra	158	21	Gauge	L. A. Magalhães
bg Union	193	22	Pasphebia	L. A. Magalhães
<b>Danish</b>				
lug Adolphine	249	Nov. 23	Mossoró	To order
lug Sorine	381	25	Liverpool	Walter, B. & C.
lug Aken	250	Dec. 2	Mossoró	Oliveira M. & C.
bk Waterloo	348	6	Westermarck	C. Hecksher & C.
<b>German</b>				
lug Herm Becker	363	Oct. 27	Paranáguá	To order
sp Wendenbek	185	Nov. 20	Antwerp	To order
sp Ruthin	1737	20	Antwerp	Laureya & C.
bk Baldu	693	Dec. 7	Hamburg	H. Stolts & C.
<b>Italian</b>				
lug Fiducia	575	Nov. 24	Marseilles	To order
bk La Plata	537	29	Marseilles	K. Valais & C.
<b>Norwegian</b>				
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3. Santos, 25th December 1894. I beg to thank you again for the two bottles of Tincture of *Nectandra Amara*, which you were kind enough to offer me and I take great pleasure to inform you of the splendid results obtained on board the *s/s Aquitane* on my last voyage south. At the dinner table I noticed the absence of some friends and learned on inquiry that they had retired to their cabins, being down with sea-sickness.

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Myself, I fortunately do not suffer from that complaint, and had therefore no necessity to make use of your powerful preparation; as you see, however, it had all desired effect whenever it was wanted. Yours etc. ERNANI PINTO.

4. Pernambuco, on board *s/s Alagoas*, 17th January 1895.

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5. Lisbon, Feb. 15th, 1895.

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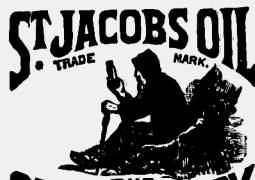
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