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THE VALLEY OF THE AMAZON AND ITS DEVELOPMENT.

(Continued from our last.)

One more important feature of the Amazon remains to be noticed. This is the existence of what may be called the terrace basins, which are a peculiarity of its greater tributaries on both the north and south side of the valley. Following up either the Rio Melica on the south or the Rio Negro on the north, a series of gigantic rapids occur at a distance of a few hundred miles from the Amazon. These rapids aggregate 40 or more miles in length in each case, the total descent being several hundred feet. Then an enormous plateau is found above the rapids in which the respective rivers have cut down to an elevated base level. Properly speaking, these belong in the curve of the terrain, for in the course of ages these rivers will have worked down and back from the edges of the plateaux, to the beginning of the upper terrain above the plateaux. Here, again, lack of complete exploration, with respect particularly to the geology of the regions involved, introduces some uncertainty in the interpretation of the facts, but the evidence would seem to imply that the transverse South American uplifts were more recent than those parallel with the great oceans. Similar terrace basins occur on many other Amazonian tributaries below the junctions of the Rio Javary, but less extensive as to area. The fact that they do not occur prominently west of the Javary is also significant as indicating the earlier and perhaps more gradual upheaval of the Andes, the eastern cordillera apparently being the oldest.

In another important respect the Amazonian basin is peculiar. It is divisible into an equatorial belt of nearly uniform annual precipitation and flanking areas, north and south, of va-

riable precipitation. Thus, in spite of the enormous floods, which are conspicuous to every traveller, the Amazon is subject to far less serious fluctuations of level than any other great river in the world, in proportion to the volume of water discharged. The axial contributions being nearly constant, the variations are due to the change of seasons in its tributary basins. As the sun swings from one tropic to another, the rainy period on one side is just ceasing as it begins on the other. Accordingly, the variations of stage in the tributaries are proportionately greater than in the main stream. The vast lowlands of the flood plain, of course, serve as an equaliser of floods in the Amazon, being all the more effective for this purpose from the fact that the entire interior basin is densely wooded.

The climate of the coastal plain and interior basin is remarkably equable. The temperature averages about 85 deg. Fahr., at 2 p. m. and about 76 deg. Fahr., at 6 a. m., these being the hours of maximum and minimum heat. The annual variation is apparently less than 8 deg., although exact data from a sufficiently wide area are wanting. The humidity, however, is excessive, varying between the limits of 60 per cent. and complete saturation. The trade winds are felt throughout the entire length of the valley from the sea to the Andes, and serve to freshen the atmosphere and render the climate more salubrious. The daily electrical storms are also efficient purifying agents. Notwithstanding these, the quantity of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is large, and in some localities at a distance from the main river is enormous, giving rise to the painful and dangerous disease of beri-beri. Malarial disorders are common upon the tributaries, but are not so frequent nor so dangerous along the wind-swept Amazon. Perfect acclimatization is probably impossible for persons of northern birth, without southern ancestry, except in individual cases. Persons having a normally rapid circulation of blood, with a correspondingly high average body temperature, are less liable to climatic disorders in this tropic valley than those having the opposite characteristics.

The products of the Amazon are so many that to name them would be to set forth a catalogue of dreary length. Predominant to-day is india-rubber, the product mainly of the syringa trees (*Hevea daniolii* and *H. brasiliensis*), euphorbiaceous plants, having a height of about 60 feet, growing only in the low highly-heated basin, subject to periodical inundation. Under proper treatment these trees will produce several pounds of rubber each per annum for 50 years. Systematic cultivation is now an infant industry, but as the wild reserves become ruined by improvident tapping of the sap, rubber culture will grow in importance. Owing to the habits of the trees, only native born workmen can ever perform the actual labor of the plantations with safety. From the Upper Amazon, in addition to some rubber from the *Heveas*, a somewhat inferior grade is obtained from the *Castilloa elastica*, a tree belonging to the bread fruit family (*Artocarpacae*). The *Castilloa* is common throughout Central America, the north and west coasts of South America, and the West Indies, but the two species of *Hevea* named are peculiar to the Amazon, and produce the most highly-esteemed rubber of commerce.

Sarsaparilla, copaiba balsam, cacao (from which the cocoa of commerce is made), Brazil nuts and hides are the more important products of this valley next in order after rubber. Sugar cane is extensively raised for the manufacture of rum, which is all locally consumed. The prevailing low prices for sugar afford little inducement to its production here for export. Rice is also grown to some extent, and might easily become an article of Amazonian commerce. All the fruits of the tropics are found abundantly, and no region in the world yields choicer bananas and oranges. The agricultural possibilities of the Amazon are very great, but it is

doubtful if they can be developed except by native Indian labor under intelligent superintendence. The difficulties in the way of a successful prosecution of such enterprises are the same as those common to all well watered and well wooded southern countries, but in this case enhanced by the enormous growth of timber, most of which is of the hard close-grained varieties. The value of the timber, however, would be very great if it could be delivered in the markets of the United States and Europe. The future development of the Amazonian valley, so far as it may be accomplished by internally acting forces, will then be either by a slow growth of small plantations, carved out of the forests by natives at the cost of much labor and long and patient waiting for return, or on a larger scale by wealthy operators or corporations on a systematic plan, utilizing the timber product during the process of clearing land, and employing native labor for all tasks involving exposure to the severities of heat and rain.

The building of highways and railroads in a country requiring such heavy and expensive foundations, and so many bridges, often of great length, will be impossible until a comparatively dense population shall have occupied the region, and even then the cost of these conveniences will be so great as to limit for many decades any considerable advance in this direction. Fortunately, water courses are so abundant, ramifying through the flood plain in so intricate a network, that the needs of a large population may be served by water transportation. High industrial development, however, is impossible where slow water communication is not supplemented by rapid land conveyance. This at once limits the central Amazonian valley to agricultural pursuits for a long period, and also ties her commerce to the chief fluvial cities, Pará and Manaus, which are accessible by sea-going vessels.

It would be possible to enter the Amazonian valley from the north by a railroad, coming across the Guiana highlands, which in part consist of open savannas, reaching the city of Manaus near the junction of the Rio Negro with the Amazon. Such a line would be about 750 miles in length, and would, in addition to opening up large areas of highland suitable for European colonization, save 1,250 miles of the journey from the centre of the Amazonian basin to either New York or Liverpool. In time such a road would be regarded as a necessity, and will result in partially conquering the valley of the Amazon by colonization working downward from the north. The persistent tendency of Brazilian railroad extension westward towards its natural goal at Cuyabá, the head of navigation on the Paraguayan river system, may result in a similar subjugation of a part of the great valley to productive industry by northward expansion from the salubrious Mato Grosso highlands. This development is already becoming realized by extensions of the industrial zone of São Paulo and Minas Geraes into Goyaz and down the Araguaya and Tocantins. The determination of the Peruvians to unite the west coast with their eastern fluvial system by rail communication will produce a like result in the west, and evidences are increasing that a Bolivian industrial encroachment will manifest itself within the present decade. In this way the more material development of the resources of the Amazon, by forces working from the periphery, will probably be brought about. Thus an interchange of commodities between the elevated and the low-lying portions of the valley will be rendered feasible, giving to the valley as a whole greater commercial unity, which will be an element of strength, leading to a permanent prosperity that could never be securely established while the conditions of trade prevented any considerable diversity of production.

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A correspondent writes:—"The Jacobin military in Brazil has nominated as candidate for the presidential election, which takes place next March, Major Lauro Sulre."

"This implies, of course, that the military party in Brazil intends to make another attempt to get hold of the reins of government. For some time attacks have been made in the Jacobin press upon President Prudente Moraes, whose resignation has been demanded as a necessary preliminary to any financial reform. How on earth financial reform in Brazil could be assisted by the predominance of the military party the military party alone can know."

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YESTERDAY was the eighth anniversary of the overthrow of the monarchy and the proclamation of the republic in Brazil. It marked the close of eight years of what we must call a disastrous experiment in self-government—an experiment guided by inexperience, disturbed by personal rivalries and hatreds, dominated by fanatical and intolerant chauvinism, and characterized throughout by a reckless disregard of consequences, whether political, economical, or financial. The result has been most disastrous, for the value of the national currency has dropped from 27 to almost 7 pence per milreis, the expenses of government have been enormously increased, the public service has become alarmingly demoralized, the costs of living are weighing heavily upon the people, and the outlook for the future has become almost disheartening. We say this with regret, for the prosperity and happiness of the country is as dear to the foreigner as to the native. But the hard facts are spread out before us all, and we can not make their heavy shadows any lighter by calling them a "temporary" or "deceptive." We have before us the tardy confession of congressional committees and of thoughtful men on the situation of the country, and they are practically unanimous in describing it as extremely critical. They differ, however, in their conclusions, for while some consider that disaster can not be avoided, others believe that a little more taxation, or a little more time will solve all difficulties and bring in the prosperity for which everyone is praying. Somewhere between these extremes the truth is perhaps to be found. Bankruptcy and ruin are results which need not be seriously contemplated, imminent though they may be. Brazil has never yet figured among defaulting nations, and we feel confident that her best citizens will yet combine to avert so disgraceful an end. Additional taxation will be a serious mistake, but retrenchment and financial reform will easily avert disaster in the present, while the natural growth of population and wealth will bring about the complete restoration of prosperity and financial solvency. The indications are that recent events have awakened the whole nation to a sense of the dangers before it, and if this is true then we may now expect to see the beginnings of a change for the better. We can not expect much from congress nor from the adventurers who have forced themselves into responsible positions in every part of the country, but we may expect, perhaps, that better men will now come forward to assist the President in averting the disaster which threatens. If they do, then we may expect that this eighth anniversary will henceforth constitute a turning point in the history of the republic, the victory of law and order over the

anarchy and criminal violence which have thus far dominated the nation. Brazil was not ready for the republic when the military revolt of 1889 overthrew the monarchy, but the change has been made and we must make the best of it. If honest, conservative men can be kept in power, all may go well; if not, then there are still many dark days before us which no optimism will ever be able to illuminate. We believe, however, that the heinous conspiracy just frustrated will awaken the moral sentiments of the people and force them to crush the intriguers and adventurers who have brought so much shame and misery upon us, and thus open the way to better things. That this may come true is the best wish we can express on this national anniversary.

MAL ADMINISTRATION.

Every branch of the public service, says the budget committee of the chamber of deputies, is full of employes whose duties, as defined in the regulations, are simply absurd. In most instances, adds the committee, the offices have been created not in the interest of the service, but in that of office-seekers. The number and salaries of office-holders increase at the same time, so that the latter get more pay for doing less work.

In order to admit new employes the post-office has been reorganized four times since 1888, and the expenditure has risen from 2,714,830\$500 in that year to 10,424,407\$300, which is the estimate for 1898. Yet no one who has business with the post-office will, we think, assert that the service has improved. On the contrary, it has greatly deteriorated, there being much less respect for the convenience of the public, more delay and uncertainty in the delivery of postal matter and frequent cases reported of tampering with the mails. The business of the office has certainly not grown in proportion to the expenditure, for while, as we have seen, the expenses are nearly four times what they were in 1888, the receipts are only about twice those of that year, when they amounted to 2,210,000\$, against 4,592,809\$710 in 1895 and an estimate of 3,500,000\$ for the present year.

In other branches of the public service, says the committee, a similar state of affairs is observed. In the telegraph service, for instance, there are now 2,210 employes, not counting those of inferior grade, such as laborers, servants, etc., against 1,192 in 1888, without any corresponding increase in the amount of business done, or any improvement in the quality of the service rendered to the public.

Turning from the civil service to the army, we learn from the budget committee that 8 marshals, 10 generals of division, 20 brigadier-generals, 71 colonels, 85 lieutenant-colonels, 167 majors, 532 captains, 426 first lieutenants and 1,953 second lieutenants and ensigns are expected to cost the country next year, in pay and commutation for rations, the sum of 17,846,641\$. Instead of trying to reduce this source of expenditure the government adds to it every year by admitting into its military schools no less than 1,200 cadets. In order to have a pretext for this army of 3,282 officers, it is necessary to have a still larger army of enlisted men, who can only be obtained by violating the constitution and resorting to the press-gang. It is also necessary to purchase arms and equipments and maintain costly arsenals, armories, quartermaster's departments and other military establishments with still another army of civil and military officials. Thus one abuse leads to another, heaping expenditure upon expenditure and supporting, at the expense of the working classes, a host of useless office-holders, who, if they were not permitted to burden the tax-payers, would doubtless be useful in many instances, to engage in some useful and productive occupation and contribute towards enriching instead of impoverishing the country.

COMMERCIAL.

Rio de Janeiro, November 15th, 1897

Par value of the Brazilian milreis (1890), gold... 27 d.

Bank rate of exchange, official, on London to-day... 7 1/2 d.

EXCHANGE.

November 9—The official rate was 7 1/2 d. per £1. The market was irregular, with a sharp demand for bills...

November 11—The Banque Française opened at 7 1/2 d. but at once banks were irregular, with a sharp demand for bills...

November 13—The banks posted 7 1/2 d. at which they were drawing bills on London in connection with the market...

States of Stocks and Shares.

Table with columns for date (NOVEMBER 9) and various stock/shares (Apollines, Incialud, Lavourea, etc.) with values.

Table with columns for date (NOVEMBER 10) and various stocks/shares (Apollines, Commercial, Republica, etc.) with values.

Table with columns for date (NOVEMBER 11) and various stocks/shares (Apollines, Commercial, Republica, etc.) with values.

MARKET REPORT.

Rio de Janeiro, 15th November, 1897.

Exports.—There has been a moderate daily business during the week, but for the week and prices have been fairly well sustained...

Table with columns for date (Nov 10) and various stocks/shares (New Orleans, New York, Hamburg, etc.) with values.

Elsewhere: Nov. 8 River Plate Fr str Chili 1,877

Receipts for the past week were 116,429 bags, against 86,676 bags for the preceding week...

Table with columns for date (Nov 8, Nov 11) and various stocks/shares (No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, etc.) with values.

Stocks in all hands were this morning estimated to be 442,472 bags.

Daily receipts and shipments of coffee at Rio de Janeiro

Table with columns for date (Nov 8, Nov 9, Nov 10, Nov 11) and various coffee metrics (Receipts, Shipments, etc.) with values.

Lard.—Receipts are 700 kegs, 25 cases per Good News from Baltimore...

Rice.—The receipts have been 46,842 bags per Cumberland, 18,780 per Bills...

White Pine.—The receipts have been 8,742 feet per Lucinda Sallon...

Swedish Pine.—Receipts in all quotations are nominal.

Kerosene.—Receipts are 50,865 cases refined per Lucinda Sallon...

Turpentine.—The Lucinda Sallon brought 1,250 cases. Dealers now quote at 180/80...

Rosin.—The receipts have been 2,500 bbls. per Lucinda Sallon...

Indian Corn.—Receipts are 26,871 bbls per Afaf de Paiva...

Coal.—Receipts since our last report are 2,053 tons per Lancos from Cardiff...

Rum.—The receipts consist of 179 pipes, 2 demijohns. The market is reported rather firm...

Permanab and Macéid... Bahia and Aracaju... Campos... Pernambuco... Hajahy...

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

Table with columns for date (Nov 10, Nov 11, Nov 12, Nov 13, Nov 14) and various ship arrivals (PENSACOLA, HULL, RANGON, etc.) with details.

DEPARTURES OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

Table with columns for date (Nov 10, Nov 11, Nov 12, Nov 13, Nov 14) and various ship departures (SAPORO, SAVANNAH, PENACOLA, etc.) with details.

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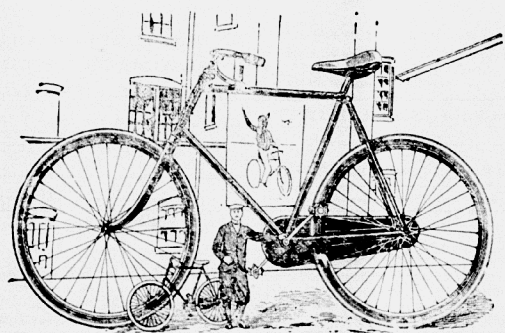


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