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RIVER PLATE ITEMS.

—The President of Argentina has vetoed the bill authorizing bull-fights in Buenos Aires. —It is said that 30,000 persons have died from small-pox in Chili during the last ten years.

—The Uruguayan government has forwarded to Rio the documents in the case regarding the arrest and bad treatment of a citizen of that country at Quarahim, in Rio Grande do Sul.

—It is proposed to call out on March 15th the Argentine national guards who are 20 years of age, for 60 days' service. There will be about 24,000 of them and they, with 8,000 troops of the line, will form two army corps.

—About the middle of next month the British cruiser *Flora* may be expected to arrive in these waters to relieve H. M. S. *Retribution*, whose commission on the South Atlantic station expires.—*Times*, Buenos Aires.

—The population of Buenos Aires on November 30th was estimated to have been 733,034. During the month of November there were 2,423 births, 375 marriages and 1,502 deaths. The excess of arrivals of passengers and immigrants over the departures was 9,602.

—Our Buenos Aires contemporary, *The Southern Cross*, has radically modified its make-up, being now published as a 20-page sheet of the size of *The News*. It is a convenient and attractive modification, and will contribute still more to the popularity of our go-ahead comrade.

—A Buenos Aires telegram says that the Chilean journals are unanimous in demanding that the boundary question shall be at once submitted to arbitration, or that preparations for war should be made. In our opinion the journalists of both countries should be ordered to the frontier to fight it out by themselves.

—There was considerable excitement in Buenos Aires some days ago over a report that Chilean troops had occupied the frontier fort of Maipú. An Argentine cavalry regiment was sent to investigate, and after travelling 90 leagues in nine days the commander found the fort occupied by a party of bandits, which he dislodged. The Argentine alarmists should now take a rest.

—The principal shipments from the port of Bahia Blanca, Argentina, during 1897, were: 16,187 tons of wheat, 10,721 hectolitres salt, 1,120 bales jerked beef, 912 tons sheepskins, 35,177 bales wool, 100 tons hides, 546 casks tallow, and about 100 tons sundries. The custom's revenue exceeded by \$28,000 gold and \$25,000 paper money the receipts of the previous year.

—Mr. Joaquin Tamborini, a French traveller, recently returned to Buenos Aires from an interesting ten months' trip through Paraguay, having given most attention to the Apá River district on the Brazilian frontier. He says that land in that district is splendid, there being owned some three hundred leagues by the Société Foncière du Paraguay, managed by M. C. d'Anvers. Coffee-growing is carried on there on an extensive scale.

—The killings in the River Plate and Rio Grande added up to the 31st of December compared with previous years are as follows:—

	1897	1896	1895
Buenos Aires	47,300	10,000	57,000
Rivers	23,500	544,500	40,000
Montevideo	54,200	123,500	93,100
Rio Grande	2,000	37,000	—
	126,700	317,000	199,400

—We must frankly confess that what little faith we might have had left in the national statistical department has received during the past few days a very rude shock, and we very much doubt if we have any left in it at all. Last week we made a few comparisons between the French and Argentine statistics, and our colleague the *Händler Zeitung* has now taken up the cudgels against the department, and compares the returns of the German statistical department with those of the department over which Mr. Latzina rules supreme. According to the German statistics, during the past four years the imports from Argentina have amounted to 175 millions marks, whereas the Argentine statistics only place the amount at 113 millions marks. Like differences exist in the export returns from Germany. These continued discrepancies call for an explanation from the director of the national statistical department; but we are very much afraid that one will not be forthcoming.—*Review*, Buenos Aires.

—It is still true that an engine-driver is in prison because careless people insisted on trying to cross the track when a train was coming, but an ex-governor and a deputy who went firing revolvers at each other in a crowded street are not in prison and never have been. This is a fair example of Argentine justice. There is no law against the crimes of the powerful, and no immunity from injustice for the poor. If one be highly connected and rich he may commit any crime, and he need not be greatly troubled by the courts, while if he be poor, he can have no hope of justice. If any Argentine thinks this a slender let him examine the case and he will find to-day those who have for years been untried, and who have no hope of the termination of a trial. He will find cases which have been waiting two, three, four years for the judge to deliver sentence, and there is no hope that it will be done for years to come. These are facts which exist to-day, to the shame and everlasting disgrace of this country.—*Buenos Aires Herald*.

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N.B.—Travellers will oblige by notifying Editor of any changes in the foregoing details that may be experienced and of which no public announcements have been made by the Railway authorities.

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RIVER PLATE ITEMS.

Ten's lives are certainly cheaper in Argentina than in any other country with pretensions to civilization, when a man may murder his fellow man for not attending his child at what he considers the proper time and get only six years imprisonment for the crime.

The police returns of the city of Buenos Aires for the past year are very unpleasant reading, and we trust that their perusal will awake our judges to the sense of their duty. During the past year there have been 89 murders and 180 cases of attempted murder, 2,202 cases of assault, 5 child murders, and the total number of crimes committed amounted to 5,675, a truly appalling number.

From the Diario Popular, São Paulo January 14th. OPEN LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNIAO SOROCABANA-VYUANA COMPANY, RIO DE JANEIRO.

It being reported to me that one of the directors of this company is now in this city, I would advise him, as a prudent measure, to investigate on the arrival of the trains at the station, the complaints of the passengers, especially those from S. Pedro, in Jundiáhy.

Very well. This read, the following, which is of great interest, ought to be related: On the 14th I was travelling from Piracicaba to São Paulo and on arriving at Itaiety the train with no reason whatever was delayed.

On the 14th I was travelling from Piracicaba to São Paulo and on arriving at Itaiety the train with no reason whatever was delayed. The passengers were able to arrive at their destination without breaking the journey, always providing that ten (10) passengers at least travelling in the same direction arrive at the point of transfer.

To the end that we should not break the journey, for there were twelve first-class passengers for São Paulo and many others of the second class, the chief of traffic should have made arrangements for us to enjoy the benefits of art. 153 of the regulation of his railway, as soon as it was known at Itaiety that we could not catch the corresponding train on the English line.

Unpardonable omissions like this ought not to pass unnoticed by the railway inspector's office, to which it belongs to punish these constant abuses with the needful energy.

It is lamentable the bad will with which the public served by the Vyutana line, is treated.

A passenger takes a train at S. Pedro very early and gets his breakfast in São Paulo at 3.20 p. m., passing through Jundiáhy; but if he should have the misfortune to fall into the snare of making the journey by the Mayrink branch, then only at 6 o'clock will he be in the capital, there being days on which he would arrive very much later.

On the Sorocabana line the traveller can still find breakfast in restaurants, but on the Vyutana...

Let us now also speak of the celebrated and debated question of the transportation of materials of which I am a victim; a victim in that from the month of September up to this moment I have not obtained one wagon from the Vyutana company for transporting my materials, in spite of repeated applications to the chief of traffic of that line, who is deaf to my applications, causing me enormous losses.

The chief of traffic of that line said to Dr. Guimarães Carneiro that he had no wagons to satisfy my applications, and in the meantime he always has them for the disposition of others!

I am going to make use of the regulamento of the road, in view of art. 171, to give the inspector of railways various points by which he can call to account and punish that railway.

We saw in Piracicaba four way-bills for timber from S. Pedro to the station of Rio das Pedras, a distance of 76 kilometres on that line; very well, two of them took 31 days for the journey and the other two 27 days!

The chief of traffic complains of the lack of wagons, as he did to Dr. Guimarães Carneiro; but the wagons exist in Itaiety, Itupeva and Jundiáhy, in Piracicaba, in large numbers, and await the change of gauge of their trucks.

There is no great lack of rolling stock on the Vyutana; what is felt as a great and immediate necessity is energetic, active management which is vigorously interested for the railway and for the people. Let the directory of the Vyutana-Sorocabana obtain a new one—Dr. José Pereira Rebouças—and we shall have on that road the miracles performed by the Mogiana company which is to-day abreast of the best railways.

In this way the directors of the Vyutana-Sorocabana will see that their capital will have an income, the government will avoid entering with an interest guarantee, and we the victims who are every day losing enormous sums with the retention of our materials in the interior, will render thanks to the directors for the service rendered.

A chief sent away a short time ago left the Vyutana in one day, as Henrique Mullenmeier did, in a traffic crisis.

If the São Paulo council wishes to render a real service to its inhabitants, let it represent to the inspector of railways, Dr. José Luiz Coelho, that he should order the Vyutana to facilitate the transportation of materials for construction which are to-day cheap, but which could not be found in the market because of the difficulties in transportation.

An investigation in the sawmills which are without logs will show the convenience of the measure we suggest to our aldermen, although there are some who are obtaining transportation of their material because they possess private wagons!

And afterwards let us all live—free from care. Awaiting the reply or a measure of relief from the illustrious director who is honoring us with his visit, I subscribe myself His obedient servant, H. ALMEIDA Q. TELLES.

A LAW TO PREVENT SUICIDE.

Suicide is quite alarmingly on the increase in France, and presents as serious a problem to thoughtful statesmen in that country as the dwindling birth-rate. In vain to such the Church refuses its prayers, the army a funeral with military honors. The same tendency is observable in England. What attitude ought the law of England to take up in the presence of this growing evil? It will be said that the law of England has long ago taken up its attitude on the subject of suicide, stigmatising it as felony, and therefore visited with the consequences of felony. This is hard measure, and juries inclining to charity have of late years uniformly postulated insanity as the explanation, and returned a verdict of unsound mind as a presumption rather than an inference. Whether this presumption is well founded may be doubted. Even philosophers have not always been agreed as to the ethics of suicide. Englishmen have the feeling strong in them that suicide is the refuge of the coward. In old days and in small communities the loss of an able bodied tribesman was a source of weakness and danger. To our Anglo-Saxon race, with its overgrowing population, this consideration is insignificant. The seriousness of the suicide problem consists in the fact that the prevalence of suicide is symptomatic of a diseased condition of the body politic. It is in this that law and legislation must address itself, not to any fresh penalties; to promoting healthier conditions of life; and inculcating a higher standard of citizenship.—Law Journal.

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Missing Friends.

Information wanted at the British Consulate General, No. 2, Rua General Camara, as to the following: DOUGLAS, John—of Dunkeld, Perthshire, Scotland, who left for Rio about 1868 or 1869. Appears to have been employed on one of the railway lines. Rio de Janeiro, December 2nd.

frightful epidemic decimates a town and alarms the whole country. Laws may be useless, merely for want of someone to enforce them, but nevertheless laws might be promulgated creating local sanitary boards, protecting rivers and other sources of potable water, and obliging householders to remove everything perilous to health beyond their habitations. The schools can do a good work in teaching the elementary principles of health, of diet, dress, exercise and hygiene. The medical profession can do invaluable work by denouncing nuisances and warning their patients against unsanitary habits. And the newspapers can likewise render a great service by the publication of simple sanitary rules, and in denouncing abuses. The health of the people, it should be remembered, is of vastly more consequence than political campaigns or international relations. It is the foundation of a strong nation, the germ of national growth. It should be the first care of every statesman and the greatest pride of every patriot.

SOMETIME ago we called attention to the arbitrary findings of the analytical laboratory of the custom-house in regard to certain imported liquors and foods. To denounce such products without good reason is to prejudice the interests of the producer as well as the merchant, and it was for this reason that we directed attention to the evident recklessness of the laboratory officials. It so happens that some of the liquors, such as Hennessy's and Martel's brandies, are known all over the world, and have a high reputation. It is certain that the proprietors of such brands would not risk their reputation by sending an inferior article to Brazil, and we may therefore conclude that the consignments condemned here were exactly similar to what is sold by these parties everywhere else. How then does it happen that these liquors are esteemed everywhere else for their excellent qualities, while they are found of bad composition here in Rio de Janeiro? We have been informed that on the day these two brands were condemned, two hundred cases of villainous stuff, a veritable poison, the importer of which confessed to a friend that he would not drink a wineglass of it for fifty guineas, were approved and dispatched without question! If this is true, then we should like to know what the customs analysts are trying to do. Are they seeking to kill us all with poisonous concoctions, or are we to believe that they do not know how to make a proper analysis? If the latter supposition is true, then it may cost the country dear, for we understand that the two great French brandy distillers have initiated proceedings for damages to their good names by the action of the customs officials in regard to their products. Then there is another matter connected with the same subject, which the minister of finance ought to set right. This is the gross injustice done to the importers. Take one of these well known marks of brandy, for instance. It has been imported into this market for years. It is known all over the world, and its makers enjoy the best of reputation. An importer brings out a shipment of this brandy, which is not only condemned in the custom-house, but the importer is fined! And why? What wrong has he done? He had every reason for believing the merchandise to be pure and good. And not only is he fined, but the duties paid are frequently held and difficulties are made to the re-exportation of the merchandise. This is not only robbing the importer, but it is a tacit confession that the custom-house is afraid to let it go where another analysis can be made. The transaction is tricky as well as arbitrary; it robs the owner of his property; it imposes an unjust and unwarranted fine; and it swindles, in many cases, the importer out of the duties paid. The government may have the power to do such things, but it has no power to alter the disreputable character of the transaction.

The reappearance of yellow fever in the interior of São Paulo, and the statements published that these interior towns are in a wretched sanitary condition, ought to rouse the public authorities to an intelligent conception of the urgent needs of this country. There can be no question as to the sanitary state of all these towns. It is as bad as it can be. They are generally without drainage, and the water supply is commonly polluted by every description of filth. The total lack of cleanliness and the custom of closing the house at night without leaving proper means of ventilation, can not be otherwise than prejudicial to health. In a climate like this, great care should be exercised in ventilation, and in the removal of all decaying substances beyond dwelling-houses and their enclosures. This has been rarely done, and when we consider the poisonous emanations from these accumulations, and the pollution of the water in wells and rivers, we can not fail to see the reason why these violent fevers are continually breaking out. With the experience before them of such towns as Santos, Campinas, Cantagallo, Macahé, and others, the people of every town ought to understand something of the danger which always threatens them, but it is to be feared that they do not. Their fears are aroused, or their sympathies stirred whenever an epidemic appears, but they forget everything as soon as the epidemic passes. What remedy can be applied to protect citizens from their own negligence, we can not say, but it is evident that something ought to be done. The medical profession can do much, but as a rule medical men in Brazil are apathetic and indifferent. The newspapers can also do much, but they rarely speak of the evil. In the meantime the danger is always present, and at brief intervals a

THE ASSASSIN MARCELLINO.

Yesterday at 4 p. m. the officers of the guard at the arsenal of war, on visiting the cell in which the assassin Marcellino Bispo de Mello was confined, found that he had committed suicide by hanging, using a sheet for that purpose.

In the morning the guard found him calm and carefully dressed. The confession which he had made of course rendered it impossible for him to escape punishment and to the fear of this is attributed his desperate resolve.

It was the custom to visit the prisoner every two hours. At 2 p. m. he was seen washing his hands and wetting his hair.

COFFEE NOTES

The Jornal do Commercio of the 22nd again seeks to punish the speculators whose exaggerated estimates of the future coffee crop contribute to reduce the prices paid for that article.

PROVINCIAL NOTES

The police force of Bahia is composed of 2,150 men. The new governor of Rio Grande assumed office yesterday.

During the past year there were 517 births, 59 marriages and 462 deaths in the town of Iti, S. Paulo.

The ex-intendant of Pará is accused of having issued 1,800 counterfeit electoral diplomas.

Up to the 24th there have been only four cases of yellow fever in Santos, three of which are recovering.

At Bahia Dr. Virgilio de Lemos has published several articles in defence of Vice-President Manoel Victorino.

It is stated that there has been established a factory for making ice from the water of the Caneira do Vintem.

It is stated that the castillistas will vote for Campos Salles. Does this account for the release of Pinheiro Machado?

We see by a River Plate exchange that President McKinley has appointed Mr. Kavanaugh R. Kennedy as United States consul at Pará.

Up to the 19th inst. only 10,500 head of cattle had been received at the Polotas, sladrors against 48,000 in the corresponding period of 1892.

Complaints are made of the audacity of the thieving fraternity in Campinas. A good remedy is that of prompt and severe punishment.

Maj. Antonio Constantino Nery has written a book on the 4th expedition to Canudos, which will be published by Pinto Barbosa & Co. of Pará.

At the Pará abattoir there were slaughtered last month 3,450 beeves. There were received at the abattoir 3,341, of which 1,918 were from Ceará.

From January to November inclusive there were shipped from Pará 7,611,634 kilos of rubber, produced in that state, of the official value of \$2,370,001,798.

A letter from Rio Grande do Sul says that in that state the sending of political telegrams is restricted to the extent of being almost entirely prohibited.

The two persons arrested at Batatas, São Paulo, for attempting to pass 500 counterfeit notes, are Manoel Joaquim Rodrigues and José Gomes Veloso, planters of Cavatinhos.

The federalist party in Rio Grande do Sul has decided to adopt Campos Salles and Rosa e Silva as its candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency. The executive committee of the party has telegraphed to this effect to President Prudente de Moraes.

A Pará telegram of the 23rd says that in an election for a state senator the republican party, which supports the President, won a great victory. This is significant, as Pará is supposed to be greatly attached to Lauro Sodré, the Glycerio candidate for the presidency, who was governor of that state.

Some German journalists of São Paulo made a visit to the new Swiss colony at Punit, near Campinas, a few days ago, and found everything going on well. The colonists were satisfied. The party afterwards visited some large plantations and then returned to São Paulo much pleased with their excursion.

According to a Santos telegram the young Paulista doctor, that is a college graduate, who wounded a companion with a razor at the Jockey Club, has succeeded in making his escape on board the Italian steamer Washington, which left Santos for Buenos Aires on the 19th inst. Do young men of education and good breeding fight with razors in São Paulo?

Yellow fever broke out in the town of Ribeirão Bonito, São Paulo, early in December, but no attention was paid to it, and the poor frequently took no trouble to call in medical assistance. Finally its severity aroused attention, and its true character was then discovered.

On the 12th inst. there were 31 cases under treatment. A correspondent of the Commercio complains of the complete lack of sanitary precautions in the town.

In the 2nd half year of 1892 there were sent to 24 municipal districts of the state of Rio de Janeiro 1,419 immigrants.

The following is a statement of the emigration from Ceará from Jan. 1, 1893, to Dec. 31, 1892, on steamers of the Companhia Lloyd Brazileiro:

Table with 3 columns: Year, To southern ports, To northern ports, Total. Rows for 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, and a total row.

S. PAULO FACTS AND FANCIES.

Mrs. Laurier, wife of Mr. Louis Laurier, of Santos and S. Paulo, died in this city of typhoid fever on Sunday morning last, and was interred at the Protestant cemetery in the Consolação on the same afternoon.

Laurier will have the sympathy of his numerous friends in his sad bereavement.

There has been a discussion in the press here on the ever interesting subject of the present financial crisis. Dr. Costa Machado opened it with a letter published in the columns of the Estado de S. Paulo of the 9th inst., under the heading 'O grande problema.'

After a general review of the situation which he regards as having been brought about by the sudden advent of slavery, the policy of heavy borrowings began under the monarchy and continued under the republic, and the enormous issues of paper money, he proposes as a remedy the raising of a loan of 200,000,000\$000 on security such as the railways and customs revenues, for the purpose of the redemption, at a fixed exchange of 9d., of 600,000,000\$ of paper money.

He admits the right of the note holder to the face value of the note at par, but sets against it that of the government to tax the people to whatever extent may be necessary in order to liquidate the national obligations.

Desperate diseases require desperate remedies, he argues; and such an operation would, in his view, be merely equal to that of taking a sum of money out of one of the people's pockets and putting it into the other.

The Estado, in a brace of leading articles, dismisses this plan as inadequate, and professes to find the solution of our difficulties in the development of the agricultural and pastoral resources of the country to such an extent as will enable home to take the place of imported products, and eventually to swell the list of exports.

As things are going it would seem as if we were likely to witness the reductio ad absurdum of our federative system, at least from a financial point of view. No one pretends that the individual states—the federal units—are either bankrupt or in danger of becoming so.

DISAGREEABLE SCENE. (!!!)

Under the above heading the papers here tell of an occurrence which took place in one of the saloons of the Jockey Club in this city, on the evening of the 14th instant, in which Dr. Egarde de Almeida Prado inflicted, with a razor, the following wounds on Dr. Elias de Camargo Novaes: one 25 cm. long across the back; another in the upper part of the left thigh, 6 cm. long; two in the left arm of which one was about 3, the other 10 cm. in length; one on the top of the head 6 cm.; another smaller, in the throat, and finally one of 6 cm. in the jaw. This last was considered a serious wound by the surgeons.

The affair calls forth a letter addressed to 'Euphon' in the Estado, in which a writer signing himself 'J' appeals to the police to 'act with energy and vigilance,' so long as the fine flower—the fine flower!—of our youth declines to mend its ways, and leave us in peace.

Without following 'Euphon' into the details he gives regarding certain outrages committed—certain 'disagreeable scenes' enacted—by these members of our 'fina flor,' in which, to use his own words, 'the consecrated razor, the swordstick, and the dagger have played a brilliant part.'

The root of the whole evil is in that rottenness and most ignominious of delusions, the so-called abolition of capital punishment. Capital punishment cannot be abolished. It is an integral part of the social economy.

The Whip and the Gallows are the bulwarks of civilization and social order. We have ruffians in England, in plenty, as ferocious, and more physically formidable than any in Brazil, but the moment the dogs show their teeth the whip is ready for them.

Some of your readers may remember the association of raving rongs which flourished for a few brief but brilliant months in Liverpool, under the name of the High Rip Gang. They did not by any means belong to the fina flor da nossa sociedade.

round on circuit. He visited the haunts, and acquainted himself with the habits of the High Rip Gang. 'But oh, but oh, The High Rips did not know!'

When a number of the members of this amiable Band of Hoops were brought before him, Mr. Justice Day, being fully instructed by them in accordance with the severity of their symptoms, O dies in a Day of wrath, what a handling he gave them! Six months with hard labor, twelve months with hard labor, three months with hard labor, but always to the tune of the merry cat-o'-nine-tails!

Their term expired, out they came to their terror-stricken chums, their mouths down at the corners, their hides striped like zebras, all them, to seek comfort in the bosoms of their favorite gin-mills, and make the hair of their associates stand on end with the narration of the horrors which had befallen them.

Some say the whip and the gallows are 'not suited to the genius of the Brazilian people.' I reverse this statement. I do not think so ill of the Brazilian people. I believe they are especially suited to the genius of them, and of all other peoples with a taste for safe blood shedding and back stabbing, and to whom mainly fair play is unknown.

NICODEMUS DEWDROP. S. Paulo, 20th January.

RAILROAD NOTES

The receipts of the Estrada de Ferro de Bragança in Pará amounted last year to \$52,866,238 and the expenses to \$52,524,521.

The report of negotiois for the sale of a railway in S. Paulo to English capitalists is again in circulation. The price mentioned is £2,000,000.

By the former schedule of freight rates on the Central railway it cost 115500 to ship 56 bags of coffee from the station of Souza Agra to Rio de Janeiro. By the present schedule it costs 215860.

The new Leopoldina company will have a local directory in this city, composed of three Brazilians. One of these will be Barão do Rosario, who will be empowered to represent the company.

The work on the mountain section of the São Paulo railway, new line, is said to be well advanced. At present 3,800 men are employed on this work. It is said that there will be 16 tunnels on this section of the road.

The reported revival of negotiations for the sale of one of the São Paulo railways, remind us of the circumstance that such a sale was fully arranged for one of these railways last year, when the company's representative suddenly resolved to go to a German watering place before signing the documents.

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SHIPPING NOTES

The steamer Oriente, whose collision with the Maranhão we mentioned in our last issue, was valued at 700,000\$, being insured for only 100,000\$. The cargo was valued at 200,000\$.

In the month of December 40 steamers arrived at the port of Victoria. Of these steamers one was from Havre, one from Genoa, one from Lisbon and the others from Brazilian ports.

It was reported in Buenos Aires that Brazil is negotiating for the sale to Chili of the ironclads and cruisers under construction in Europe. It is amusing to see how suspicious our neighbors are.

A telegram from Montevideo on the 17th announced that the Frigorifica steamer Jupiter had run aground at Santa Iman, on the Uruguayan coast. The steamer was considered to be in a perilous position.

After having made the needed repairs to her machinery, the American steamer City of Columbia left port on the morning of the 22nd. It was expected that the steamer would call at Montevideo, but she cleared for Valparaiso. Her Klondike passengers had a warm time of it here in Rio de Janeiro, but they will probably think of us, with a better appreciation of our climate, twelve months hence—always provided, of course, that they reach their arctic destination.

—A Montevideo telegram of the 24th says that all attempts to float the *Júpiter* have failed.

—It was stated by the morning papers of the 19th that the government had also decided to sell the torpedo-cruiser *Tamoyo* now constructing at Kiel, Germany. Of the numerous vessels ordered by Floriano Peixoto, only three will be received—the cruiser *Almirante Barroso*, already here, the torpedo cruiser *Tupy*, now on the way out, and the cruiser *Amazonas*, nearly finished.

LOCAL NOTES

—There were two deaths from yellow fever on the 18th inst.

—At the races of the Turf Club day before yesterday the attendance is said to have been small.

—After an intensely hot spell, this city was visited by a welcome rain-storm on Wednesday and Thursday last.

—It is stated that masqueraders will not be permitted by the police to appear on the streets in this city during carnival.

—If there were only 34 passengers on the steamer *City of Columbia*, how did the reporter of the *Journal do Brazil* manage to see 45?

—At the rate at which the as-faulted streets are being repaved, we shall see them in a passable condition, perhaps, before the year closes.

—The government is said to have issued orders for Gen. Bacellar and Isidoro Fernandes to come from the state of Rio Grande do Sul to this city.

—The few cases of yellow fever recorded lately should remind the authorities of the necessity of keeping the city clean and the water supply abundant.

—Deputy Torquato Moreira protests against being implicated in the murder of the minister of war. He says that he will come to Rio de Janeiro soon and crush the slander.

—On last Saturday an infant 11 months old fell from a 2nd-floor window of a house on Rua da Misericórdia. Fortunately an awning broke the fall and the child escaped with very slight injury.

—If President Prudente de Moraes, after having broken with Glycerio, continues to be controlled by Quintino and Julio de Castilhos, how can he expect the confidence and support of the conservative classes?

—The government is proposing to station the 12th battalion in the old Gloria market building. It would perhaps be better to destroy the old nest, as it can never be anything better than a focus of infection.

—It is stated that Dr. Alberto de Carvalho has been retained by the family of Col. Gen. João de Castro for the civil suit that is to be brought against the criminals who murdered this gentleman and stole or destroyed his property.

—During the month of December the Copacabana beri-beri hospital had the following movement: remaining from November 83, entered during December 75, discharged as cured 57, died 7, under treatment January 1st, 94.

—According to the opinion of the solicitor of the republic, the case of the murder of the minister of war belongs to the jurisdiction of the local courts; but Dr. Godofredo Cunha, judge of the federal court, claims jurisdiction in the matter. The question, it is stated, will be carried to the Supreme Court.

—According to the daily mortality reports there were 6 deaths from yellow fever in this city during the first half of this month, 14 from pernicious fever and 31 from other fevers. The total number of deaths, from all causes, was 57, which shows the very low annual average, for Rio, of about 23.5 per thousand.

—The government has cancelled the concession of military honors granted by the dictator to Senator João Cordeiro, Deputy Thomaz Delphino, Euclides Bernardino de Moura, Deputy Arthur Peixoto, Francisco Ferreira da Rosa, Eduardo Salamonde, Umberto Manoel Pacheco (pharmacist), Turbide Esteves, and Amândio Esteves.

—José Manoel de Abreu, Visconde de S. Fins, committed suicide yesterday by jumping from a ferryboat into the bay. He had made and lost two or three fortunes and was still rich, but was greatly harassed by business annoyances. He left a note saying that he committed suicide in order to avoid committing an assassination.

—A telegram from London announces the death yesterday morning in London of Major Alexander Wood, managing director of the Western and Brazilian Telegraph Co. The deceased had occupied this responsible position for 25 years, and resided here in Rio de Janeiro for some time while the cable was being laid and the business established.

—The report of the 2nd promoter publico, Dr. Moraes Sarmiento Jr., on the evidence taken in the Gentil de Castro assassination case, finds all the accused parties responsible under the law, and that they shall be held for trial. Three of them are also indicted for threatening Visconde de Ouro Preto with death. The indictment is dated the 17th inst.

—The old friends of Mr. William Campbell will deeply regret the death of this gentleman, which occurred at the Strangers' Hospital in this city on the 12th inst. Mr. Campbell was for many years established in business in Pernambuco. He afterwards came to this city where he became interested in all the local interests of the English colony and won for himself many devoted friends. At the time of his death he was in the employ of Messrs. Harl, Rand & Co., having been previously and for many years in the employ of Messrs. Fonseca Machado & Irmao.

—The new papal internumcio, Monsignor Macchi, arrived here on Saturday last on the French packet *Savoia* from Buenos Aires.

—On the 17th inst. the federal district attorney, Dr. Esmeraldino Bandeira, reported that in his opinion the federal courts are incompetent to take cognizance of the assassination of Marshal Bittencourt and the death of the President's life. The supreme court will now be called upon to decide which of the two courts in question is charged with the trial of such cases.

—Seized with the gift of prophecy, the *Putz* prophets that not over twenty years will have elapsed before Marshal Floriano Peixoto will be considered responsible for the greater part of the misfortunes that have recently befallen Brazil. If the *Putz* will take the trouble of sounding public opinion, it will discover that it is unnecessary to wait so long, and if it will take the additional trouble of investigating facts, it will moreover discover that public opinion is not far from being right. It is something, however, for the *Putz* to make such an admission, considering the blind support it gave the dictator.

—It is stated that Senator Pinheiro Machado has addressed a letter to Admiral Pinto da Luz, thanking the officers of the ironclad *Riachuelo* for the courtesy with which they invariably treated him while he was a prisoner on board that vessel. He is also said to have expressed his gratitude to Admiral Marques Guimarães, inspector of the navy yard. The treatment thus received by this ferocious castillista is in striking contrast with that received by his adversaries under the government of his leader Marshal Floriano Peixoto. It will, we think, be generally acknowledged that the lesson given by those gallant naval officers in regard to what is due to political prisoners, was certainly very much needed.

—In the twenty simultaneous matches played at the chess club by Mr. Sittenfeld he won 16 and lost 2, the other two being stale mates. Singularly enough the two successful local players were the president of the club, Dr. Carlos Martins, son of the distinguished leader of the Rio Grande federalists, Councillor Silveira Martins, and Senator Ramiro Barcellos, a prominent castillista. The latter won in consequence of an oversight which deprived Mr. Sittenfeld of his queen. Dr. Carlos Martins' match with Mr. Sittenfeld was quite interesting and consisted of 32 moves by each player. At the 28th move Dr. Carlos Martins checked his adversary's king and, following up his attack, continued to check him at every move until he finally checkmated him at the 32nd.

—The complimentary manifestation to Mr. James Schofield, manager of the Manufatura Fluminense cotton factory at Barreto, Nie to attend personally, resulted in a very pleasing success. It was organized by the factory operatives, who presented Mr. Schofield with an oil portrait of himself. Several representatives of the press were present. At 4 p. m. the operatives and invited guests went from the factory to Mr. Schofield's house, accompanied by a band of music, where one of his companions, Sr. Gustavo Dutra, in behalf of his operatives also spoke, one of them offering Mrs. Schofield a beautiful wreath of artificial flowers. Mr. Schofield then responded, thanking the operatives for their generous appreciation of his services. Lunch was then served and the operatives and their friends, together with many invited guests, were pleasantly entertained until a late hour.

—Before breaking up the Brazilian congress imposed an income tax, for the first time in the history of the country, and it also raised several of the customs duties. The power of eloquence as showing how much the facts of the present administration has increased, and how it has become alive to the necessity for increasing the revenue. Next March the election of President will take place, and those in the best position to judge hope that the President will be re-elected. We trust the hope will be realised, for the President has done well, and his increased popularity and influence will enable him in the future to do still better. —*The Statist*, Dec. 18.

—Our usually well-informed contemporary is very much astray in this item. The proposed income tax did not pass and is therefore not a law. And President Prudente de Moraes is not a candidate for re-election. The candidate favored by the President is Dr. Campos Sales, of São Paulo.

—A curious incident occurred in the suburb of Botafogo on the night of the 15th inst., which deserves a word of comment. As a gentleman left the residence of his brother-in-law in Rua Conde Irajá about 11 p. m., he encountered three respectably dressed young men on the walk, who had been waiting the some two hours or more. Some words were exchanged, and then the group fell upon him and gave him a severe beating. He returned to the house, he had just left to dress his wounds, and then started out again, accompanied by his brother-in-law and another friend. They walked to the Voluntários da Pátria and saw nothing of the three aggressors. The two gentlemen then returned home, and just before reaching their gate they were suddenly attacked by the same three men. Being Britishers, they fought it out and compelling the three rascals to run, but not before one of them was considerably bruised. On laying the matter then that he knew their assailants, as they had lately assaulted another man in the same manner, but he could do nothing as there were no witnesses to the assault. This is strange justice, surely.

—A funeral service for the late Frank Arthur Webb, accountant of the London and River Plate Bank, of this city, was celebrated at the English Church on Sunday last. His companions in the bank and a large number of friends were present.

—No matter how hard up we all are, the lottery flourishes and the ticket vendors ever grow more numerous. Their rancous voices fill the Ovidor, and their dirty, ragged personalities are everywhere to be seen. To the somnolent lolling here, the lottery appears to be the principal business of the country. Are Brazilians of the better classes content with this?

BRITISH SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARY.

The annual meeting of shareholders and subscribers of the British Subscription Library was held at the library rooms on Saturday last. Although there have been some criticisms of the Committee, there was a very limited attendance. The accounts, which show the financial condition of the library to be most favorable, were passed, and it was then proposed to re-elect the Committee for the next year. This the latter declined to accept until the subject of recent criticisms has been fully considered by the subscribers. An adjourned meeting was then called for Thursday, January 27th, at the same hour and place, for the election of a new Committee.

"O QUE DIZ DE NOS."

The *Journal do Commercio* of the 18th gives the following "curious and up to a certain point true idea" of the United States, formed by a gentleman of good judgment (*carvalho sizado*) who visited that country as a delegate to the Chicago exposition. "O que diz de nos," as the headline runs when a foreign opinion is quoted, will be interesting reading in Philadelphia and Chicago. The *Journal's* "sizado" says:

America is a land compared with which Europe is only a peninsula. The United States compose a country compared with which the kingdoms of Europe are pigmies.

America is the land of incalculable dimensions and distances, the land of dollars and of electricity, the land where the fields (*prados*) are more extensive, the rivers larger, the water falls deeper, the bridges longer, the trains faster and the accidents more terrible than in any other country of the world.

It is a land where a simple railway disaster—and every day one happens—costs more lives than in Europe in a whole year.

It is a land in which the houses are higher, the criminals more numerous, the rich richer, the poor poorer, the millions larger, the thieves bolder, the assassins more daring, the educated people sorer, false teeth more abundant, the wists smaller, the diseases more deadly, corruption more general, the summers hotter, the winters colder, the fires more destructive (*durandans*—literally, more lasting) the ice thicker, the time more precious, the men more nervous than in any other country of Europe.

It is a land in which the old are younger, the young older, the negroes blacker, and the whites yellower than in any other region of the world.

MARRIED.

GULD—BUSSMEYER.—In this city, on the 5th inst., JOHN E. B. GULD to STELLA, second daughter of Hugo Bussmeyer.

DIED.

ROBERTSON.—In Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 10th December, at the residence of her brother-in-law, Duncan Harper, Esq., MARY ROBERTSON, late of Rio de Janeiro.

—Interruptions in the Western and Brazilian cables between Ceará and Maranhão, and between Maranhão and Pará, are announced.

—The Associação Commercial of this city has again addressed the minister of finance in regard to the new regulations affecting foreign insurance companies. The matter is one which ought to be settled without delay.

—The Banco Nacional holds 50 shares in the newspaper *Republica*, which was founded by Deputy Glycerio to promote the interests of his party. As the paper is suspended, these shares could probably be purchased for a very small amount.

—The printing of the friction match stamps was begun at the Imprensa Nacional on the 20th, and it is expected that enough will be prepared for distribution before the end of the month. Let us hope that the cost of the stamps will not exceed the tax itself, as was the case with the low value stamps for the tobacco tax.

—Under the reorganization scheme of the Banco Nacional, the shares of the old bank will be exchanged for municipal bonds at the Banco de Depositos e Descontos up to the 1st inst. The bank shares are rated at 70% and the bonds at 150%. The dissatisfied shareholders are thus placed in the position of being obliged to accept reorganization with a loss of 13.5% per share or accept municipal bonds for the old depreciated shares.

—The British Bank of South America, Limited, notifies that Mr. Matthew George Megaw retires from the board on the 31st inst., and that Mr. Hugh Kinsman Brodie has been appointed to the vacancy. Mr. Charles Carrington (managing director) resigns the management, retaining his seat at the board. Mr. Alexander Dick Cunynggham (sub-manager) becomes manager, Mr. Henry Kimber Gregory (secretary) becomes sub-manager, and Mr. Herbert Hollis secretary. —*Financial News*, Dec. 30.

—At the adjourned meeting of the shareholders of the Banco Nacional on last Wednesday, it was decided to reorganize the bank. In payment of the new shares, the old shares, whose present nominal value is 200\$ each, will be received at the rate of 70\$. Shareholders who object to this may exchange their shares valued at the said rate of 70\$ for municipal bonds valued at 150\$ each, that is, in this transaction 15 old shares of the bank may be exchanged for 7 municipal bonds. The new board of directors of the bank is composed of Messrs. George Zangarinosso representative of the French shareholders, Luiz da Rocha Miranda and Raymundo de Castro Maya.

FINANCIAL NOTES

—At Maranhão the customs receipts amounted in 1897 to 3,976,056\$94, against 3,976,351\$87 in 1896.

—During the half year ended December 31 the receipts of the treasury of the state of Pará amounted to 11,191,578\$519 and the disbursements to 7,350,470\$685.

—The governor of the state of Minas Geraes has issued a decree guaranteeing 7 per cent interest on a loan of 600,000\$ for the municipal government of Juiz de Fora.

—The executive has issued a decree opening a supplementary credit of 308,252\$690 for the caixa da amortização to pay an excess in the cost of notes and in signing them.

—The governor of Paraná has failed in placing a loan for 3,000,000\$ 50 he has decided an emission of 1,000,000\$ in 5% notes at 94, interest 7 per cent, redeemable in 50 months by monthly drawings. We would call M. Coureau's attention to this operation.

—A Montevideo telegram of the 21st says that telegrams have been received there confirming the sale of three Brazilian naval vessels under construction in Europe to Japan. The cruiser *Almirante Alvaro* was sold for £ 370,000. It is said that Spain wished to buy them, but was obliged to give it up as Brazil exacted cash down.

—The Bahia economist Luiz Tarquinio predicts that the customs receipts during the first four months of the present year will not exceed two thirds of what they were in the corresponding months of 1897. In the following months there will, he thinks, be some improvement, followed by another decline. Exchange, he believes, will continue to fall and within a year will reach 60 per 1000.

—In its issue of the 18th, the *Deutsche Zeitung* of São Paulo, under the heading "Financial Crisis," reviews at length the financial difficulties of the country and attributes the poor standing of Brazil in the European money markets to the yearly deficit in the budget, and says that the low exchange is a result of a political anarchy of the Jacobins. It ought not to be, the *Zeitung* says, a surprise to its creditors, if they receive the news that Brazil has suspended the payment of interest on its loans. The panacea for the embarrassment, our contemporary believes, is the imposition of taxes on the products of the interior industries not bearing taxes at the present time and an increase on commodities already taxed. Some of the imposts suggested are: cotton, 30 reis per metre; gingham, 50 to 100 reis per metre, and on each piece of sole leather, 8\$ and 1/2. And, continues the *Zeitung*, if this fails to make up the deficit, why then it becomes essential for the country to establish an income tax; for only by the application of energetic tax laws will it be possible for us to extract ourselves from the financial mire into which we have been precipitated by rotten politics and financial prostration.

BUSINESS NOTES

—A new wall paper factory was inaugurated in Rua Visconde do Rio Branco on the 22nd inst. The "beneficent society of barbers and hair-cutters" of this city has a patrimony of 107,000\$ invested in apolices.

—The defalcations of the clerk Paul Cirne from the Companhia Searica Dumont, of São Paulo, are said to aggregate 50,000\$.

—The navy department has requested the department of finance to pay 31,600\$ franes to Messrs. Haupt, Bielm & Co. for 400 Mouscarlines.

—As the stamp tax on receipts, etc., has been raised to 300 reis, orders have been given at the mint to "coin" stamps of that denomination.

—The contractor who supplies the city of Manaus with fresh beef, has asked for permission to raise the price from 15500 to 18800 per kilo.

—According to a Washington telegram the heirs of a suicide can not compel the payment of a life insurance.

—For the market of the city of Ceará there were slaughtered last year 16,270 beeves, 2,341 hogs and 490 sheep, against 16,879 beeves, 2,715 hogs and 610 sheep in 1896.

—The "homage to Condé de Leopoldina" beneficent association of this city has a patrimony of 36,000\$. What the association does by way of "homage" we do not know.

—The Banco de S. Carlos, of S. Carlos, São Paulo, is paying a dividend for the last half-year at the rate of 12 per cent. a year. This should be an encouragement for the creation of banks in other small towns.

—At Bahia the Associação Commercial has sent to the inspector of customs a memorial in which merchants of that city complain of delays in the discharge of vessels and of constantly recurring thefts of merchandise.

Lafayette	Plymouth	22 Dec
Louis	Hamburg	—
Luzie (str)	Cardiff	—
Maryland	Oporto	—
Maryland Mitchell	Savannah	10 Nov
Maryland Glen	Bangkok	18 Sept
Monrovia	Pensacola	—
Mabel	Brunswick	7 Dec
Maritimo (str)	Sunderland	21 Dec
Mars (str)	Grimsby	23 Dec
New City	Cardiff	3 Dec
Nor mandy	Portland	—
Nantuxel	Oporto	14 Dec
Plover	Hamburg	4 Dec
Priscilla	Baltimore	6 Dec
Prince Albert	Savannah	—
Poulohe (str)	Cardiff	—
Robert S. Bernard	Pensacola	29 Nov
Robertsons	Pensacola	—
Rhea	Cardiff	20 Dec
Rose Lines	New York	—
Syria	Baltimore	20 Sept
Syria (str)	Savannah	—
Sladecan	Newport News	14 Dec
Thomas Edward	Kincorn	—
Vega	Pensacola	20 Nov
Violeta	Oporto	—
Vareno	Oporto	—
Zadok	Hamburg	—
Z. Ring	Ship Island	—

Arrivals of foreign steamers.

DATE	NAME	FROM	CONSIGNEE TO
Jan. 17	Norlands Br.	Grangemouth* 4 ds.	Wilson Sons & Co.
17	Matteo Bruzzo Ital.	River Plate* 7 ds.	La Veloce
17	Vilna Arg.	Buenos Aires* 12 ds.	Canuyano & Co.
18	Uberia Br.	Liverpool* 19 ds.	Wilson Sons & Co.
18	Chili Fr.	Bordaux* 18 ds.	Messageries Maritimes
18	Città di Milano Ital.	Genoa* 19 ds.	La Veloce
18	Norge Nor.	Baltimore* 31 ds.	Rio Flour Mills
18	Liguria Br.	Baltimore* 31 ds.	Wilson Sons & Co.
19	New England Amer.	Boston* 24 ds.	To order
19	Portugal Fr.	River Plate 3 1/2 ds.	Messageries Maritimes
20	Bellagio Br.	Liverpool* 27 ds.	Norton, Megaw & Co.
20	Bahitonga Ger.	Santos 15 1/2 ds.	Ed. Johnston & Co.
21	Deik Aust.	Flume* 42 ds.	Rombauer & Co.
21	Vin. Florio Ital.	River Plate* 7 ds.	Fiorio & De Vincenzi
22	Porto Alegre Ger.	Hamburg* 23 ds.	Ed. Johnston & Co.
22	J. W. Taylor Br.	Middlesboro* 42 ds.	Norton, Megaw & Co.
22	Mary Park Br.	Newport* 2 ds.	Large Imports
22	Beara Fr.	River Plate*	Karl Valais & Co.
22	Savona Ital.	do 3 ds.	La Veloce
22	Annali Ger.	Santos 23 ds.	Ed. Johnston & Co.

Departures of foreign steamers.

DATE	NAME	FOR	CARGO
Jan. 17	Minas Ital.	Genoa*	Sundries.
17	Concordia Fr.	New Orleans.	Coffee
17	Cordoba Fr.	River Plate.	Sundries.
17	Paraguay Fr.	Santos.	do
18	Liguria Br.	Liverpool*	do
18	Matteo Bruzzo Ital.	Genoa*	do
18	Cito Nor.	Paraguay.	Ballast
19	Vilna Arg.	do	do
19	Uberia Br.	Valparaiso*	Sundries.
19	Chili Fr.	River Plate.	do
19	Città di Milano Ital.	do	do
19	Cynthiana Br.	Buenos Aires.	Ballast.
19	Elloe Br.	Santos.	Sundries.
19	Buenos Aires Ger.	Bordeaux*	do
20	Portugal Fr.	Paraguay.	Ballast
20	Ida Br.	Hamburg*	Sundries.
21	Vin. Florio Ital.	do	do
21	Clarkland Br.	Valparaiso*	Ballast
21	Bahitonga Ger.	Buenos Aires.	Ballast
22	New England Amer.	Vancouver.	Ballast
22	City of Columbia Amer.	Valparaiso*	Sundries.
22	Savona Ital.	Genoa*	do

* Calling at intermediate ports.

Foreign sailing vessels in the port of Rio de Janeiro.

January 23rd, 1898.

NAME	TONS	ARRIVED	FROM	CONSIGNEES
<i>American</i>				
lug R. F. Pettigrew	834	Dec. 21	Portland	F. L. Ferraz
lug Glad Tidings	603	Jan. 12	Baltimore	Norton, Megaw & Co.
bk Baltimore	671	18	Baltimore	John Moore & Co.
lug Grace Lynwood	599	21	New York	Eddy, M. & Guerin.
<i>Andrian</i>				
lug Emma	568	Dec. 22	Marselles	A. Avenir & Co.
<i>British</i>				
bk Wildwood	1488	Dec. 1	Pascagoula	Empresa Industrial
sp Four Winds	1758	25	Leth	Gas Company
sp Macedon	1453	Jan. 4	Saline Pass.	To order
bk Mary	513	6	Glasgow	Wilson Sons & Co.
bk Clanvior	1083	6	Rangoon	John Moore & Co.
bk Lariston	2133	7	Rangoon	Norton, Megaw & Co.
bk Maclgwyn	1255	8	Rangoon	Norton, Megaw & Co.
bk Glanidnorgw	1660	16	Rangoon	H. Stoltz & Co.
hg Zingari	174	18	Caspe	L. A. Magalhães & Co.
bk Formosa	1474	20	Rangoon	John Moore & Co.
bk Embleton	1199	23	Rangoon	John Moore & Co.
<i>German</i>				
bk Mirella	683	Dec. 14	Hamburg	H. Stoltz & Co.
bk Visgrits	1089	28	Liverpool	Hime & Co.
lug Wilhelmine	247	Jan. 1	Hamburg	C. Hecksher & Co.
bg J. M. Bunck	1062	17	Macalé	W. R. McNeven.
<i>Norwegian</i>				
sp Partenna	1256	Dec. 1	Pensacola	To order
bk Jenny	542	22	Cardiff	Wilson Sons & Co.
bk Nor	772	26	Hamburg	H. Stoltz & Co.
bk Arcadia	1271	Jan. 4	Arvidsö	Wilson Sons & Co.
bk Ilma	443	5	Wishy	Walter, Block & Co.
bk Prince Louis	1288	8	Leth	Gas Co.
bk Prince Amundsen	1821	12	Cardiff	Brazilian Coal Co.
bk Prince Victor	1013	15	Leth	Gas Co.
<i>Portuguese</i>				
bk Constança	1054	Nov. 9	Hull	Macedo Junior & Co.
bk Judith	305	Jan. 4	Oporto	Macedo Junior & Co.
bk Venturosa	460	6	Oporto	J. A. G. Santos & Co.
<i>Swedish</i>				
bk Zaima	318	Dec. 28	Wishy	Empresa Industrial

Last Quotations of Stocks and Bonds --January 24th

Circulation		Public Funds		
252,133,000\$	Stock 5% currency (apofice)			837,500—
102,535,000	Bonds of 1895			782,000— 288,000
124,855,000	Stock 4% (gold), converted			997,000—1,000,000
11,782,000	Gold Loan, 1898, 6%			2,380,000—2,500,000
24,247,000	Do do 1879, 4 1/2%			
18,250,000	Do do 1889, 4%			
17,560,000	State of Espirito Santo			1,530,000—1,545,000
10,930,000	" of Minas Geraes, 5%			
65,000,000	" do			
4,000,000	" of Rio de Janeiro, 6%			970,000—
24,668,600	Emprestimo Municipal			151,000— 156,000
Capital	Banks	Par	Last div.	
20,000,000\$	Commercial	200\$	8\$00—Jan. 05	203\$00—206\$00
20,000,000	Comercio	200	8 000—Jan. 08	207 000—208 000
20,000,000	do 2nd series	200	3 200—Jan. 05	80 000— 81 000
24,000,000	Constructor	200	—	— 7,500
10,000,000	Credito Movel	200	2 000—Jan. 06	—
20,000,000	Lavoura e Commercio	200	6 000—Jan. 08	—
10,000,000	do 2nd series	100	3 000—Jan. 08	— 51,000
10,000,000	Nacional Brazileiro	200	9 000—Jan. 07	68 000— 69 000
117,012,000	Republica do Brazil	200	6 000—Jan. 08	139,500—140,000
20,000,000	Rural e Hypothecario	200	9 000—Jan. 08	225 000— 235 000
	do 2nd series	100	4 500—Jan. 08	110 000—
Capital	Railways	Par	Last div.	
3,600,000\$	Caravelas a Aymores	180\$	—	—
110,000,000	Leopoldina	200	—	—
16,000,000	Muzambinho	100	—	8\$00— 9\$00
62,000,000	Oeste de Minas	200	—	—
10,000,000	do 2nd series	50	—	—
24,000,000	S. Paulo-Rio Grande	200	—	—
70,000,000	União Sorocabana-Itauna	200	—	53 000—
10,000,000	do	100	—	10 000—
42,000,000	Viação 1ª e 2ª Sapucahy	200	—	4 500—
Capital	Tramways	Par	Last div.	
14,000,000\$	Jardim Botânico	200\$	— Oct. 97	9\$500— 10\$500
12,000,000	S. Christovão	200	— July 97	155 000— 162 000
Capital	Mills	Par	Last div.	
10,000,000\$	Alliança	200\$	— Sept. 97	180\$00—
5,000,000	Brazil Industrial	200	6 000—Aug. 95	110 000—
5,000,000	Carriões	200	10 000—Jan. 05	—
6,000,000	Conhanga Industrial	200	10 000—Aug. 95	— 99 000
2,000,000	D. Isabel	200	20 000—Jan. 97	—
1,200,000	Industrial Mineira	200	10 000—Febr. 99	—
1,500,000	Manufatura Fluminense	200	8 000—Mar. 99	—
1,000,000	Petropolitana	200	8 000—Mar. 99	—
1,000,000	S. Pedro de Alcantara	200	— Jan. 98	—
260,000	Santa Luzia	200	— Jan. 98	110 000—150 000

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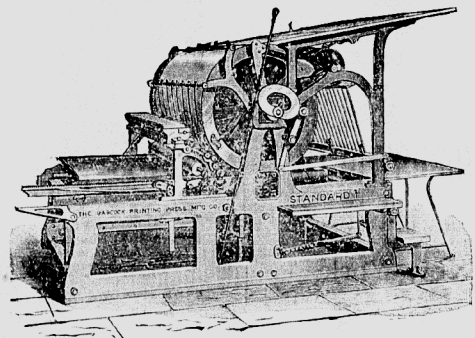
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