

We have received at an hour too late for publication in this issue a very interesting comment on Col. Seraphim's criticism on the war in South Africa.

What! no copy of our 'esteemed' this week! exclaimed Smalwyt, as he sat down and called for our Brazil's contemporary.

In order to find more money for the parasites who occupy themselves with affairs of government, a congressional committee at Buenos Aires charged with a revision of the tariff of valuations has resolved to increase the valuation on wool destined for export from two to three dollars per 10 kilos.

The attempt of the Rio de Janeiro Harbour Works Co. to take possession of the southern shore of Cobras island on Monday week has provoked a question of jurisdiction between the departments of marine and industry.

Now that Brazilian funds are falling in London, perhaps the Jornal do Commercio will tell us that too is in spite of the Times correspondent's telegram.

For the 11 months ended on the 30th ult. the customs receipts at Par  amounted to 23,270,145,683 against 20,015,331,205 in the corresponding period of last year.

Net decrease of receipts at the five principal custom-houses of Brazil.

The decrease, which is at the rate of over 13 1/2 %, will at the end of the year, if it continues at the same rate, exceed 26,000,000\$.

The state of Rio de Janeiro has been divided into 22 consumption tax districts and that of Par  into 14. As a similar division of other states will doubtless be made, we shall soon have in the country several hundred consumption tax districts.

Regarding the effort made to minimize the fact that foreign trade is diminishing as shown by the decrease in customs receipts, it is to be said that the gold receipts are not converted into currency in any official report that we have seen.

The following is a statement of customs receipts for the eleven months ended Nov. 30, 1899, compared with those for the corresponding period of 1898, at the important ports of Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Bahia and Pernambuco:

Table with 3 columns: Location, 1899, 1898. Rows include Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Bahia, Pernambuco, and a Total row.

From the foregoing figures it will be seen that the decrease averaged nearly 18 % at the four custom-houses. At Santos it amounted to nearly 22 % and at Bahia to nearly 27 %.

COMMERCIAL.

Table titled 'Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 12th, 1899.' showing exchange rates for various currencies like Brazilian milreis, U.S. coin, and sterling.

EXCHANGE.

Dec. 4.—In spite of the uncertainty of the market, rates improved a little today, quotations closing firm. There was a fair amount of business transacted.

Official quotations on London were: Bank bills opening 6 3/32-7 closing 7 1/32 Private bills opening 7 1/32 closing 7 1/32-7 1/16

Dec. 5.—Today's market continued firm and rates were well sustained. Transactions reported were of average volume.

Official quotations on London were: Bank bills opening 7 closing 7 1/32 Private bills opening 7 1/16 closing 7 1/16

Dec. 6.—There was a slight falling off in today's rates and the market showed less firmness than on the preceding days, closing weak. There was also less business transacted.

Official quotations on London were as follows: Bank bills opening 7 1/32 closing 7 Private bills opening 7 1/16 closing 7 1/16

Dec. 7.—The market today remained unsettled, rates showing a downward tendency; there was very little business transacted.

Official quotations on London were: Bank bills opening 6 3/32-7 closing 6 1/16 Private bills opening 7 closing 7

Dec. 8.—Church holiday. Today's market remained unaltered, and transactions reported were small.

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FINANCIAL NOTES

The November receipts of the Par  custom-house aggregated 1,872,817,962 (including 42,251,897\$ deposits), against 2,116,113,850 (including 21,143,445 deposits) in the same month of last year.

Table showing general revenue office receipts at Rio de Janeiro for the 1st week of December 1898 and 1899.

By transferring assets to the government the Banco da Republica is gradually extinguishing its long standing indebtedness to the national treasury.

The desire of importers to escape the 5 % gold duty and other burdens that will be imposed next year is causing an increase in customs receipts, which at the port of Rio de Janeiro in the first week of this month amounted to 1,597,278,816.

In the municipal district of S. Francisco de Paula, state of Rio de Janeiro, the government is now engaged in collecting the tobacco tax for 1896 with fines and expenses.

The budget committee of the legislature of the state of Rio de Janeiro has reported in favor of reducing to 11,202,944\$40 the expenditure of the state for 1900.

The following is a comparative statement of the gold receipts at 11 custom-houses in the months of October and November:

Table comparing gold receipts at 11 custom-houses for October and November.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

The World's Commerce and the United States' Share of it; issued by the Philadelphia Commercial Museum.

American Trade with Siam; a report by the Philadelphia Commercial Museum.

The Republic of Costa Rica; by Gustavo Niederlein, chief of the scientific department of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum.

BUSINESS NOTES

There is a report current that the minister of finance now proposes to take the foreign banks in hand and compel them to keep at least one half their capital in the country.

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Assets:

Table of assets including bills discounted, loans, and securities.

Liabilities:

Table of liabilities including deposits, sundry accounts, and bills payable.

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MARKET REPORT.

Rio de Janeiro, December 12th, 1899.

Exports.

Coffee—There was less activity in the coffee market last week, the reported sales being 49,000 bags...

The foreign markets also showed much less activity than in the preceding week, the sales reported being 161,000 bags at New York...

The detailed movements of the market during the week were as follows:

Ruling prices during the week for N. Y. Type No. 7 at Rio, and for Good Average at Santos, with daily reported sales at the former market.

Table showing ruling prices for coffee at Rio de Janeiro and Santos.

The shipments since our last report have been:

Table showing coffee shipments to United States, Europe, and elsewhere.

The following ships sailed with coffee last week:

Table listing ship departures with dates, destinations, and agents.

The receipts for the past week were 41,069 bags against 46,954 bags for the previous week and 84,502 bags for the week before.

Table of broker's quotations for coffee according to New-York types.

The stock in all hands was estimated this morning at 268,076 bags, against 305,738 bags a week ago. The Santos stock is reported at 665,640 bags.

Daily receipts and shipments of coffee at Rio de Janeiro

Large table showing daily receipts and shipments of coffee from various origins to Rio de Janeiro.

Imports.

Flour.—The receipts were nil. The market continues dull but with small demand. The latest quotations are:

Coffee.—The Belgiano brought 224 cases from Hamburg and the Coleridge 2,208 tubs from New York. The stock in first hands is estimated at 12,800 packages...

Wool.—The receipts were 4,650 kegs and 55 cases ex Coleridge, from New York. Broker's quote from 860 to 880 reis per pound wholesale.

Wax.—The Coleridge brought 100 barrels from New York. Quotations unchanged.

Rice.—The arrivals during the week were 5,000 bags ex Belgiano, from Hamburg, and 59,919 ex Winnie from Rangoon. Quotations unchanged.

White Pine.—There were no arrivals during the week. Prices nominal.

Pitch Pine.—No receipts. Quotations unchanged.

Spruce Pine.—Receipts nil. Prices are nominal.

Swedish Pine.—No arrivals. Prices unchanged.

Kerosene.—The Coleridge brought 11,300 cases from New York. We quote from 13800 to 13850 per case.

Rosin.—The receipts were 266 barrels ex Coleridge from New York. There were no changes in prices.

Turpentine.—Arrivals nil. Market unchanged.

Cement.—The arrivals were 5,166 barrels ex Coleridge, from Antwerp. There were no arrivals. The wholesale price is from 10800 to 11800 per bag of 62 kilos.

Brass.—Receipts nil. We quote native bran from 3800 to 3900 per bag of 40 kilos.

Hay.—Receipts nil. Quotations unchanged.

Coal.—The Verona brought 4,674 tons from Cardiff. Run.—The receipts continue regular. There were no changes in prices, as shown in the following table.

Table of coal arrivals from various sources.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

DEPARTURES OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

DECEMBER 10.

DECEMBER 9.

DECEMBER 8.

DECEMBER 7.

DECEMBER 6.

DECEMBER 5.

DECEMBER 4.

FREIGHTS.

Table of freight rates for various ports including New York, Antwerp, Bremen, Hamburg, Liverpool, Copenhagen, Genoa, Marseilles, Bordeaux, Havre, Trieste, London, Southampton, Cape Town, Port Natal, East London, Delagoa Bay, Mossel Bay, Montevideo, and B. Aires.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Table of engagements for coffee and other goods, listing agents and destinations.

Vessels Afloat & Chartered for Rio

Table listing vessels afloat and chartered for Rio de Janeiro, including ship names, agents, and destinations.

Arrivals of foreign steamers.

Table of foreign steamer arrivals with columns for date, name, from, and consigned to.

Departures of foreign steamers.

Table of foreign steamer departures with columns for date, name, port, and cargo.

* Calling at intermediate ports.

Foreign sailing vessels in the port of Rio de Janeiro, December 10th 1899.

Table of foreign sailing vessels in the port of Rio de Janeiro, listing ship names, agents, and destinations.

Sales of Stocks and Shares.

Large table of stock and share sales, including Apolices, Empréstimo Municipal, and various bank and company shares.

Stocks and Bonds and Joint Stock Companies --- December 11th.

Table with columns: Emission, Circulation, Public Funds, Nominal Value, Last Quotation. Includes entries for Stock 5% currency (apolicies), Bonds of 1895, and various municipal loans.

Table with columns: Capital, Shares, Emitted, Par, Banks, Paid, Reserve Fund, Last Dividend, Last quotation. Lists various banks like Commercial do Rio de Janeiro, Mercantil de Santos, and Uniao de S. Paulo.

Table with columns: Capital, Shares, Emitted, Par, Railways, Paid, Reserve fund, Last Dividend, Last quotation. Lists railway companies like Leopoldina, Macahé e Campos, and Uniao Sorocabana-Iatana.

Table with columns: Capital, Shares, Emitted, Par, Tramways, Paid, Reserve fund, Last Dividend, Last quotation. Lists tramway companies like Carioca, Carris Urbanos, and Jardim Botânico.

Table with columns: Capital, Shares, Emitted, Par, Steamships, Paid, Reserve fund, Last Dividend, Last quotation. Lists steamship companies like Esperanga Maritima, Lloyd Brasileiro, and Navegacao Costeira.

Table with columns: Capital, Shares, Emitted, Par, Cotton Mills, etc., Paid, Reserve fund, Last Dividend, Last quotation. Lists cotton mill companies like Allianca, America Fabril, and Botafogo (aniagem).

Table with columns: Capital, Shares, Emitted, Par, Insurance, Paid, Reserve fund, Last Dividend, Last Quotation. Lists insurance companies like Allianca, Argos Fluminense, and Confianca.

Table with columns: Capital, Shares, Emitted, Par, Miscellaneous, Paid, Reserve fund, Last Dividend, Last Quotation. Lists various miscellaneous companies like Cantareira e Viação Fluminense and Carros Lateral do Moreaux.

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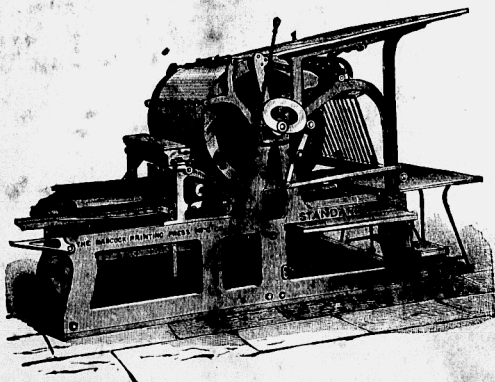
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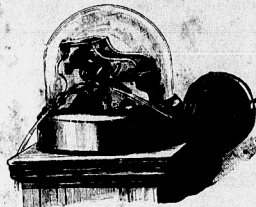
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