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—Yesterday, the Chilean troops in various military districts were assembled in quarters.

—Obligatory military service is now being organized in Chili. It would be interesting to know how such a republic differs from a monarchy.

—The Chilean chief of staff, General Körner, is expected to return by the end of August, and will bring with him the war material ordered in Europe.

—It is stated that President Errazuriz will not reassume the presidency of Chili on his recovery, owing to the character of the malady from which he has been suffering.

—Chili has been consulting various governments in regard to their attitude in case of a war between Chili and Argentina. The United States will remain neutral, of course, but Ecuador will make no promise. Brazil will also remain neutral, while Peru and Bolivia are likely to favor Argentina.

—The Peruvian General Caceres, who recently left for Europe, is said to be commissioned to purchase arms and munitions to an aggregate of ten millions soles. Steps have also been taken to acquire war ships and the "liga" of national defence is asking to have the country put on a military footing. This he had outlook for trade and industry and will not be good news for the creditors of that unhappy country. A subsequent telegram says he will purchase 30,000 carbines and a powerful warship.

RIVER PLATE ITEMS.

—A sanitary station for the disinfection of passengers and luggage has been established at La Plata.

—The resignation of Gen. Luiz Maria Campos, minister of war, has been accepted, and Colonel Ricchieri, now in Europe, has been appointed to succeed him.

—The Argentine capitalist Anchoreta has offered to bear the expense of entertaining the suite of President Campos Salles during his visit to Argentina. It is a generous offer, but it will be a mistake to accept it.

—The May report of the British Hospital at Montevideo shows that there were 17 patients removed from April and 14 admitted during May. Of these 20 were discharged as cured and 1 remained under treatment, there having been no deaths during the month.

—In Nogoya, Entre Rios, (says the B. A. Herald) cattle diseases are doing great havoc. It is calculated that a third of the stock will be lost from foot and mouth disease and trichina. These prevail to an alarming extent in the wooded regions.

—Over 130 new families of Poles have arrived here on their way to Misiones. The Poles already there find life very pleasant in spite of the insects. They write home to their friends and tell them to come out. In other provinces the people who had the misfortune to come, write home and tell their friends not to come. B. A. Herald.

—The Buenos Aires Herald of June 20 says:—The great celebration of the glorious Fourth of July comes off just two weeks from to-night in the hall of the American Church. The entertainment will be original and striking and the social evening a delightful occasion. Diligent preparations are being made for the event.

—We have not heard much about the Argentine lazaretto at Martin Garcia, but from the following extract from the Buenos Aires Standard it is a place to be carefully avoided. The Standard says:—The letter from Mr. Calvert, a quarantine prisoner at Martin Garcia to Mr. Loveday, published by La Nacion, made everybody's hair stand on end. Dirt, starvation, want of even the most essential privacy, clothes destroyed by fumigation, every repugnant thing that refined people can be subjected to; the wretched sheds swarming with mosquitoes and loathsome insects of all kinds—such are the horrors the unfortunate passengers from Europe have to endure. It is simply infamous and a disgrace to the country.

—Free pratique was given to the three vessels of the U. S. Squadron on Tuesday afternoon. After considerable doubt, hesitation and confabulation, the wisecracks who misconduct our sanitary affairs made the discovery that it was contrary to international practice and courtesy to keep foreign war vessels in quarantine when their sanitary conditions on board were perfect, they had complied with all usual sanitary regulations, and had not been in recent communication with shore. It is a pity this discovery was not made sooner, for the vessels had already suffered some five or six days purgatory. Now that the discovery has been made, it is to be hoped it will be remembered on future occasions, for this quarantining of war vessels, besides being offensive, keeps a good deal of money out of the port.—Montevideo Times, June 21.

—A very startling Buenos Aires telegram to the Jornal do Commercio on the 28th ult. says:—The police have discovered that the Turks are planning a horrible massacre, and, for the purpose of avoiding it, a conciliation of sects is sought. We are so dazed with the news that we cannot ask a question, even that of inquiring how many Turks there are in Buenos Aires.

—The university council at Montevideo has settled the controversy between faculty and students by a compromise, which seems to be nothing less than a surrender. They accept the resignation of one examiner, but at the same time they thank him for his long and highly competent services. The examiners in general are recommended to be more circumspect in their conduct, and the students are censured for the terms of their unfounded accusations against one of them. And then the boys are asked to return to their studies and let bygones be bygones. The council should be presented with a wooden mug and spoon in commemoration of this affair.

—The Herald refers to Argentina, and not to Brazil, in the following item:—

—The postmaster general proposes to raise the postage on foreign letters to 15 cents. Britain manages to send us letters for two pence halfpenny and now we will most likely have to pay more for a letter to go over the same route. The Washington postal convention established a tariff of 25 French centimes per letter and 25 extra when maritime expenses have to be paid. At the same time it established the Argentine money on a ratio of 8 cents per 25 centimes. So that we shall be paying 50 centimes per letter or nearly five-pence. To increase the price when Britain has decreased the price from twopence halfpenny to one penny off many of its colonies more distant than Argentina seems rather retrogressive. The post office could make economies better by getting rid of the slow, lazy, impudent and half-educated clerks it has now. Half as many good men could do their work better.

—The Montevideo Times of the 17th ult. takes leave of a mischief-making contemporary in the following well-expressed obituary:—The Republic has ceased to be published, and the atmosphere is the more wholesome for its disappearance. It was an entirely really and pernicious journal, worthy of the collectivists' faction which it sought to represent, and its sole object seemed to be to vilify everything that was decent and respectable, to extol everything that was bad and corrupt, to sow dissensions, to preach discord and violence, and to keep alive revolutionary alarms. That such a paper should have any existence at all shows that there is still an unhealthy substratum in the political life of the republic, and is also a proof of the exceeding toleration of the government, for it daily abused the liberty of the press in the most shameless manner. Perhaps, however, the government did right to let it alone, for to have interfered with it would have given it more importance than it deserved; and, as events have shown, it has died from its own worthlessness, or we might say poisoned by its own venom. May it never be resuscitated.

—It is calculated that there are from 1,500 to 2,000 hectares under rice in the province of Tucuman. These produce from 1,000 to 1,500 kilograms of grain per hectare if cultivated on the dry system and from 2,000 to 3,500 if irrigated. The cost of cultivation is \$50 per hectare excluding the value of the land. All the rice produced in the province is consumed in it. Far from exporting any, it imports rice in the husk from Salta and also Carolina rice. The Salta rice is thrashed in the Tucuman mills. The native rice, unlike many native productions, is good and has a pleasant taste and is greatly appreciated in the province and sells at better prices than its foreign competitors. Rice is produced all over the lowlands of the garden province, but the best results are obtained in the south where there are greater facilities for irrigation. There is a large area of land still available for its cultivation. In the north the crop is less on account of its being grown on the dry system, but it is of a much better quality. Each grain produces about 40 stalks with 300 grains each. In no place in the world is rice on the dry system to be produced at a less cost of money and labor than in Tucuman.—Buenos Aires Herald.

It is worthy of note that the pianist Paderewski returned to Europe from the United States on May 16th with the smug little sum of \$171,500, the net proceeds of a musical tour of five months in the United States.

The movement in the United States to restrict juvenile smoking seems to have found an echo in Japan, judging from the following extract from a Tokio newspaper:—The juvenile smoking prohibition law, which passed the diet in its last session, has come into operation from the 1st inst. In connexion with this, the educational department also has issued an order to the effect that all students, irrespective of their being in minority or majority, of the primary schools, middle schools, and the schools in the same grade as the above, should be positively prohibited to smoke.

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THE ESTIMATES.

In the estimates sent to congress on the 26th ult. the government calculates public expenditure for 1901 at 35,709,784\$913 in gold and 241,125,364\$024 in currency. The following is a comparison of this estimated expenditure with the budget appropriations for 1899 and 1900:

Budget appropriations for 1899	328,094,557\$856
Budget appropriations for 1900:	
Gold.....	34,641,651\$021
Currency.....	267,149,520\$852
Government's estimate for 1901:	
Gold.....	35,709,784\$913
Currency.....	241,125,364\$024
	276,839,148\$937

In relation to the appropriations for the departments of interior, foreign affairs, marine and war for the two previous years the estimate makes little change, as is shown by the following statement:

Department of Interior:	
Appropriations for 1899	15,750,629\$564
Idem " 1900	15,866,964\$799
Estimate " 1901	15,784,418\$724
Department of Foreign Affairs:	
Appropriations for 1899	1,375,612\$000
Idem " 1900	1,055,000\$
Currency.....	526,920\$
	1,581,920\$000

Estimate for 1901:	
Gold.....	965,500\$
Currency.....	526,920\$
	1,492,420\$000

Department of Marine:	
Appropriations for 1899	23,620,215\$544
Idem " 1900	23,076,977\$754
Estimate " 1901	23,076,977\$754

War Department:	
Appropriations for 1899	44,394,951\$856
Idem " 1900	45,596,059\$433
Estimate " 1901	45,518,524\$433

The reductions, then, in the estimate for 1901 refer chiefly to the expenses of the departments of industry and finance. For the former department the following is a statement of the appropriations for 1899 and 1900 and of the estimate for 1901:

Appropriations for 1899	82,971,942\$684
Idem " 1900	
Gold.....	13,459,004\$474
Currency.....	62,233,140\$478
	75,694,208\$952
Estimate for 1901:	
Gold.....	2,857,814\$422
Currency.....	60,569,986\$928
	73,427,801\$350

The estimate for 1901 in comparison with the appropriations for 1899 makes a reduction of 9,544,915\$223. This reduction appertains principally to the expenses of the Central railway which are estimated at 27,059,040\$470, against appropriations to the amount of 35,076,958\$693 for 1899.

For the department of finance the following is a statement of the estimate for 1901 compared with the appropriations for 1899 and 1900:

Appropriations for 1899	160,487,205\$711
Idem " 1900	
Gold.....	22,459,577\$547
Currency.....	118,839,213\$890
	138,289,791\$127

Estimate for 1901:	
Gold.....	21,976,420\$491
Currency.....	95,648,540\$185
	117,625,010\$676

In examining the items of expenditure of this department for 1899 and 1901 we regret to find an estimated increase of 1,309,229\$298 in the cost of collecting public revenue. This increase is, of course, a natural result of the government's exorbitant taxation policy.

On the other hand we are pleased to find the following reductions, which we trust are real:

In pensions.....	635,770\$186
" the expenses of the mint.....	353,370\$000
" special credits.....	9,397,483\$744
Total.....	10,386,613\$930

These reductions account for nearly one fourth of the difference between the appropriations for 1899 and the estimate for 1901. That difference should have been still greater, for the funding scheme eliminated from the budget the item of 60,208,000\$ for difference in exchange, while the amount of currency to be burnt in 1901 in virtue of that scheme is according to the government's estimate only 25,444,674\$722.

On the whole, then, in the government's estimate of public expenditure for 1901 we find very few traces of the alleged retrenchment policy and it is evident that President Campos Salles and Minister Murinho rely, for the purpose of making ends meet, principally on the consumption taxes and the gold duties.

The revenue of the country for 1901 is estimated by the government at 58,869,741\$ in gold and 284,367,000\$ in currency, making a total of 343,236,741\$. In the estimate of the gold revenue is included the sum of 12,678,074\$ in funding bonds and in the currency revenue deposits to the amount of 5,000,000\$. If we deduct these sums from the estimated revenue, we have 46,191,667\$ in gold and 279,367,000\$ in currency, making a total of 325,558,667\$.

Of the revenue which the government expects to collect next year, 9,026,667\$ in gold will belong to the guarantee fund and 25,820,000\$ in currency to the redemption fund. Public expenditure, as has already been stated, is estimated by the government at 35,799,784\$913 in gold and 241,125,364\$024 in currency. The government accordingly expects to have at the end of the year an available balance of 14,043,289\$087 in gold and 17,421,635\$976 in currency, making a total of 31,464,925\$063.

To maintain and increase the present burdensome taxes for the purpose of obtaining money that is not needed is, assuredly, altogether unjustifiable. The government, then, if it really believes in the balance which it promises, should hasten to advise congress to reduce taxation and thus relieve the people of burdens that are aggravating commercial and financial depression and causing intense and widespread suffering.

We suspect, however, that the government shares our own doubts in regard to the reality of the promised balance and consequently persists in collecting exorbitant taxes with the hope of being thus able to evade the redemption of its pledge to adopt a thorough retrenchment policy.

Last year the government collected 10% of the import duties in gold and obtained from this source revenue to the amount of 18,483,225\$, which was 3,716,775\$ less than the amount estimated for that year. It now proposes to collect next year 25% of the duties in gold and it estimates the respective revenue at 45,000,000\$. But it seems to us that it should have been warned by the result of raising the gold duties from 10% to 15%. This measure, instead of producing the estimated revenue of 2,292,166\$ a month, had up to the end of last March produced a monthly average of only 1,505,664\$.

It is possible, however, that the government may not really expect to obtain next year the estimated sum, and that its covert object is to force importers once more to rush their merchandise through the custom-house at the end of the year so as to fill temporarily by means of this expedient the empty coffers of the treasury. In fact President Campos Salles' financial policy appears to consist almost exclusively of a series of uncommendable expedients intended to extort from an impoverished people sufficient revenue to enable him to avoid a collapse during his administration, at the end of which his successor will find the country in an exhausted condition and with its sources of revenue all depleted.

In 1898 consumption taxes on four classes of merchandise produced revenue to the amount of 14,548,175\$. Last year they were levied on 11 classes and produced 24,788,740\$. They have now been extended to 14 classes of merchandise and the government expects to obtain from them next year 39,500,000\$, an estimate which the foregoing figures do not seem to justify, especially since, according to the opinion of a manufacturer, which we published in a recent issue of this journal, certain manufactures will have to be abandoned unless a reasonable reduction in the respective taxes is made by congress. It is asserted, however, that in the first quarter of the present year the revenue derived from consumption taxes amounted to 10,910,620\$, which is at the rate of nearly 44,000,000\$ per annum, but this amount included the annual registry taxes.

The stamp tax produced last year 9,088,057\$, and in the previous ten years an annual average of 7,514,372\$. Next year the government expects to derive from this source no less than 15,000,000\$. We suspect that it will be disappointed, for we think it attaches unwarranted importance to the effect of the stamp tax discrimination law and of the rigor with which it is attempting to enforce, by means of heavy fines, the stamping of documents subject to the tax. The collection of the fines will be slow, tedious and uncertain, and informers will weary of the delay in pocketing their dishonorable rewards and abandon their ignoble calling.

The *Noticia*, some days ago, asserted that the receipts of the post-office amounted last year to 6,785,110\$885, and those of the government telegraphs to 6,926,627\$978. On the following day it changed these figures to 7,591,828\$014 and 10,237,625\$711 respectively. The average for the three previous years was 5,042,125\$749 for the post-office and 6,250,071\$421 for telegraphs. In the first four months of the present year the receipts of the latter are said to have amounted to 2,014,210\$170, which corresponds to 6,042,630\$510 per annum. The government estimates the post-office receipts for next year at 7,500,000\$ and the telegraph receipts at 10,000,000\$.

The receipts of the Central railway, estimated for 1899 at 35,900,000\$, amounted to only 32,527,860\$715, which, however, is 2,191,023\$711 more than the average annual receipts for the three previous years. This year, according to the minister of finance, the returns received are unfavorable, and the government estimates the receipts for next year at only 30,000,000\$.

The tax on salaries is apparently producing less than was expected, for the revenue from this source, having been estimated for this year at 6,000,000\$, is now estimated for 1901 at only 4,000,000\$.

The government adopts the sliding scale, mentioned in our last issue, for fixing the rate of the currency duties on imports. We have already had occasion to say that this sliding scale does not compensate, as is asserted, for the additional burden resulting from the collection of a larger proportion of the revenue in gold. We are consequently obliged to record the fact that the President is attempting to violate

his pledge not to again increase the people's burdens.

The foregoing review of the estimates for 1901 justifies, we think, our want of confidence in the promised balance for 1901, especially since, in spite of the balance claimed for last year, the government continues to make special and deficiency appropriations on its own responsibility and to apply to congress for others.

From *New York Times*, June 5.
NEW YORKERS AID BRAZIL.
SAID TO HAVE SUPPLIED \$30,000,000 TO RESCUE THE COUNTRY FROM FINANCIAL CRISIS— COFFEE CONCESSIONS FOR THE ARKELS.

A report was received here last night from Rio de Janeiro that the Brazilian government had just been rescued from a severe financial crisis by the assistance of New York capital. The report stated that the deal was brought about through certain London bankers, who are already heavily interested in various South American securities, and who desire if possible to centralize South American financial affairs.

The loan made Brazil is said to be \$30,000,000. In addition to the securities given, certain valuable concessions are said to have been made by the Brazilian government in consideration of the loan.

The report is that the largest single American interest concerned in the deal is the firm of Arbuckle Brothers, which is said to have obtained valuable unusual concessions and privileges which will be valuable to them in their coffee business.

Two of the members of the firm of Arbuckle Brothers were seen in regard to the matter. Both of them refused either to affirm or deny the report, or to have anything at all to say in regard to it.

W. A. Jamison, a member of the firm, was seen at his residence, 97 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn. He did not seem in the least surprised at the report, and while it was being repeated to him he nodded his head as if in assent, and exclaimed:

"Yes, yes."

Without waiting to be asked if he would make a statement, he said:

"We have nothing at all to say in regard to this."

"Will you either affirm or deny the report?"

"No, I will not. There is positively nothing to be said in regard to it."

"Will you say whether or not you have ever heard of such a deal as is reported to have been made?"

"I can only repeat that there is nothing I will say in regard to the matter," and Mr. Jamison smilingly bowed the reporter out of the house.

James N. Jarvie, also of the firm of Arbuckle Brothers, said last night at his home, in Glen Ridge, N. J., that he could not say anything about the matter of the loan to the Brazilian government.

"I have just returned home to-night," he said, "after an absence of several weeks, so I can't tell you anything about it."

"Do you know anything of it?" he was asked.

"I cannot tell you anything," was the reply. "Good-bye."

An attempt was made to see John Arbuckle at his residence, 315 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn. A servant stated to the reporter who called there shortly after 10 o'clock last night, that Mr. Arbuckle had retired, and refused to disturb him.

An attempt made to see W. V. R. Smith, another member of the firm of Arbuckle Brothers, likewise proved unsuccessful.

From *The Southern Cross*, June 5.
CONDONING CRIME.

The pusillanimity of Buenos Aires journalism has never been more characteristically manifested than in dealing with the extensive forgery of \$500 bills discovered about a fortnight ago. A colonel of the national army, a wealthy estanciero, or at least a man who possessed valuable landed property besides the emoluments of his military rank, is found to be one of the chief culprits. On his estancia the presses for printing the forged notes are found, together with the lithographic materials for producing the negatives of the falsified bills. The colonel himself confesses his confederacy with the forgers. Legally and morally speaking, a true bill has been found against him. His guilt is apparent to all. The scandal of his felony could not be more naked; it is calculated to shock every sentiment of rectitude; there is not a clause in any code of honour upon which it is not an outrage. And yet the press handles it in the most gingerly manner. A world of censure has been published by any of the journals which aspire to reflect or form public opinion. The dismay, the sobs and tears, of the self-condemned officer are given in detail. The vast dimensions of the "golpes" which he was preparing are dwelt upon; and one reporter can scarcely conceal his disappointment that the forgery of over \$5,000,000 should have broken down at the last moment, "after having been prepared with such mastery." The colonel is not stigmatized as a sordid felon, unworthy to bear arms and a disgrace to the brave gentlemen who are his brother officers. There is no condemnation of the act from any influential or representative portion of the so-called liberal and independent press. Even the government places the colonel on the pas-

sive list, pending inquiry—just the same as if the man's confession were not sufficient reason for taking his commission from him and expelling him from the army.

All this is very sad and discouraging. We do not write it for the purpose of throwing mud at anything or anybody belonging to our adopted country, but because it is our duty to the land we live in to point the dismal moral of such an event. There are forgers in other armies. There are blacklegs holding their heads high in military clubs of more than one European capital. Uniformed and perfumed swindlers, liars, and adulterers swagger on other pavements than ours. We know it. But what is it to us if other people go to the devil? We have no concern in the damnation of foreign countries; and we are fools if we take example by their corruption, or if we point to their decadence as an excuse for our own. Two wrongs will not make a right. Ten lies—ten thousand lies—will not make a single truth. Ten felonies—ten thousand felonies—cannot consecrate or justify a single act of dishonesty. Away then with this squallid *la proque* argument! It is a miserable, shrivelled fig leaf, shamelessly inadequate to cover our nudity. Let us, even if demoralized, be candid and let us tell ourselves the truth.

And the truth of the matter is bitter enough. We are not shocked at felony, because felony has stalked through our tents and slept side by side with so many of us. As virtue has become valueless to us, we have no standpoint from which to realize the ugliness of viciousness. With the disappearance of our appreciation for the good, the true, and the beautiful, there has grown upon us toleration for the vile, the false, and the bestial. Had we been evolved into this selfish and scoffing nineteenth century from some austere protoplasm of abstract natural virtue, it might have been possible for us to keep our laws, and be respectable men and women, without religion—although we could never be transcendently so. But we come from no such invertebrate origin. Racially we are hot, passionate, blessed indeed with exuberant vitality, but cursed with the concomitant tendency towards excess. If nature has given us the warm generous blood from which grand enthusiasms and noble impulses may be nourished, she has also afflicted us with impulses and propensities which, if unchecked, may blaze into vice and wild rebellion against law and morality. Who are we, then, to kick religion out of doors as we have done?

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TELEGRAMS OF THE WEEK

SUMMARY FROM DAILY PRESS.

Great Britain.

JUNE 24.—It is now known officially that the American consulate has been destroyed in Tien-Tsin and the consul was murdered. Forty English and Americans suffered the same fate. In the recent fighting before Tien-Tsin, 150 Americans were killed. (Cin granis salis). Prince Tuan had enormous losses in his ranks in the attack on Tien-Tsin. Ammunition and provisions for the troops in northern China are being hastily forwarded from Hong-Kong. The Sunday Sun says the American government has been officially informed that most of the legations in Peking were destroyed on the 14th inst. The British legation escaped because of its solid construction, and the Belgian and Austrian legations because they were in the suburbs.

JUNE 25.—The foreign office says that Admiral Seymour is making preparations to march to Peking without delay. The Chinese fleet has laid submarine mines at the mouth of the Peiho river and is making Wei-hai-wei (?) its base. It is reported that General Botta is anxious to surrender with all his troops, but President Kruger opposes. Generals Brabant, Ruddle and Methuen have surrounded the forces of Dewet, and the last stand of the Boers is likely to be soon reported. The Irish Rifles and the Middlesex yeomanry, prisoners to the Boers, are now known to have been hurriedly taken from Standerton to Machadodorp, the present capital of President Kruger.

JUNE 26.—Tien-Tsin is reported to have been attacked and captured by a composite force of 5,000 Japanese, 2,000 British, 1,200 Germans and 500 Russians. The Russians are said to have lost 100 men killed and 200 wounded. The Telegraph says that 1,000 British soldiers have been sent from Taku to reinforce the allied troops at Tien-Tsin. Portugal is sending 200 soldiers in the Carlos I. to garrison Macao. Mr. Playfair, British consul in Poo-Choo, has urgently telegraphed for war ships to protect the foreign residents. Mr. Balfour, in the house of commons, stated that he would gladly see a neighboring power send sufficient troops to repress the disorders in China. The situation in Coomassie continues grave. The relief columns are retarded by the heavy rains. The Boers are surrounded by a detachment of British troops at Honingspruit station, but were driven off. Major Hobbs and three soldiers were killed, and 17 were wounded. Marshal Roberts telegraphs that the Boers are successfully employing guerrilla tactics, and are trying to cut communications.

JUNE 27.—Marshal Roberts is making preparations to attack General Botta's forces which are occupying the hills 15 miles to the north-east of Pretoria. The Havas agency says there are loud complaints in the hospitals at Capetown of the scarcity of medicines and medicaments for the sick and wounded, and that great indignation has been caused in consequence. (As this has all the appearance of great exaggeration we give the source). A Canton telegram says that all the Chinese steamers have hoisted the British flag as a protection against the Black Flag and Yellow Bell pirates which are reorganizing and scouring the seas as well as sacking maritime ports. The wealthiest Chinese are emigrating to Cochin-China, India and the Philippines. Telegrams from Japan say that the government is mobilising another army division for immediate despatch to China. The Daily Express says that a revolt in Canton is expected from one minute to another. Two murders have already taken place in the city and the wealthy classes are leaving for Shanghai. The Shanghai papers say that the Empress Dowager has ordered the imperial troops to retake the Taku forts, and that a large force is being led against that position. Mr. St. John Broderick announced in the house of commons that 550 British sailors and marines were on their way to succor Admiral Seymour, whose troops were fighting ten miles from Tien-Tsin. Sir Robert Hart, the inspector general of customs in China, has telegraphed that on the 19th June, the Chinese government intimated to the foreign embassies that they must leave Peking within 24 hours. The Emperor of Japan has sanctioned a war credit of 50 million yen.

JUNE 28.—Great doubts still exist as to the whereabouts of Admiral Seymour, as the telegrams from various sources, and even from the same sources, are contradictory. Some again assert that he is close to Peking, opposed by Chinese variously estimated from 40,000 to 60,000, and others that he has arrived in Tien-Tsin. The later telegrams seem to confirm the latter view. The victory of Nankin is said to have received orders from the imperial government to inform the foreign representatives on what conditions terms of peace can be discussed in Peking. Lord Salisbury, replying to a question in the house of lords, said: We now know that Admiral Seymour has been reinforced and is safe, but did not give his position. Admiral Mexfield, the Russian commander, says that Seymour, in defending himself against the Boers, exhausted his supply of provisions and ammunition, and has sent 200 wounded into Tien-Tsin. The Russian column consisting of 10,000 troops and 36 cannons are now officially reported as marching on Peking. The Japanese have chartered 35 transports to convey troops to China. JUNE 29.—Correspondence published in Dublin says that the Boers have enough provisions and ammunition to carry on the war for two years. The number of British troops suffering from illnesses acquired during the campaign is returned as 40,000 men. A Pretoria telegram says that General Hunter, with 7,000 men and 15 cannons, attacked Botta's forces and obliged them to fly. A commission of Boer deputies waited on President Kruger in Machadodorp to urge him to surrender to the British on condition that he is allowed to live in South Africa. The reply is not given. The Boers have made two unsuccessful attacks on the British at Senekal and Rooval in the Free State. The Standard says the 'Admiral' and not the 'D. Carlos' is taking troops and supplies to Macao. Li-Hung-Chang has informed the Chinese ministers abroad, that the foreign representatives were safe, and had left Peking for Tien-Tsin. A Yokohama telegram to the Times says it is sought there to influence the powers to restore the Emperor and transfer the capital from Peking to some southern city as the real remedy for the present crisis. The Daily Telegraph's Shanghai correspondent says that the Chinese government has been undecided and has ordered the suppression of the Boxers and the severe punishment of all imperial soldiers who aid them. It is reported that the Russian general Alexieff has assumed the chief command of the allied troops. Mr. Broderick stated in the house of commons that Admiral Seymour's recent losses amounted to 87 killed and 303 wounded.

JUNE 30.—Lord Salisbury himself is in doubt as to where the foreign ambassadors to China may be, but believes they are still in Peking, in spite of the assurance of the viceroy of Nankin that they are being escorted to Tien-Tsin. A telegram from Admiral Seymour has been received via Che-Foo. He states that on the 13th and 14th inst. he was attacked by thousands of well armed and resolute Boxers, but drove them off and found 275 of them dead on the field. The Boxers broke up the railway track in front of him on the 16th, so he was obliged to retreat on Tien-Tsin. The return movement was rendered difficult by the carriage of the wounded, and the continual harassing of the train by Boxers and Chinese troops which often required bayonet charges to stop. On the 23rd he reached an arsenal close to Tien-Tsin which he seized and found heavy guns, and great quantities of ammunition and rice which had been abandoned by the Chinese. On the 25th reinforcements arrived from Tien-Tsin, and the following day he entered that city. He lost in killed 27 British, 12 Germans, 40 Russians, 5 Italians, 4 Americans and 4 others. His wounded were 95 British, 62 Germans, 27 Russians, 25 Americans, and 17 others. Vice-Admiral Alexieff has assumed command of the allied troops. The Daily Telegraph publishes a Canton telegram stating that Li-Hung-Chang has beleaguered 130 pirates and Boxer criminals. (Quite a battle in itself). The powerful Li is evidently as fond of beheading now as he was forty years ago. Nine hundred soldiers embarked in Portsmouth to-day for China. The British torpedo-boat named Fame has destroyed the fortress of Hsin-ching (?) and four Chinese steamers. In Capetown the Boer war is considered at an end, and the surrender of Kruger and Steyn is confidently expected. Mr. Schreiner, ex-prime minister at the Cape, intends to resign his seat in the Cape parliament.

United States.

JUNE 24.—The New York Herald says the powers intend to hold Peking and Tien-Tsin as guarantees against future disturbances. Telegrams from China confirm the news of the destruction of the foreign legations, with the exception of those of Great Britain, Austria and Belgium.

JUNE 25.—A terrible railway disaster is reported between Macdonough and Atlanta stations in Georgia, in which 35 people were killed and many injured. The Chinese minister in Washington requested the government to send troops to China. President McKinley replied that it was necessary to send them to the points where the lives of American officials were threatened.

JUNE 26.—A Washington telegram says that the government intends to withdraw half the garrison of Cuba to replace the troops sent from the Philippines to China. Admiral Kempff confirms the news of the taking of Tien-Tsin, and reports the immediate despatch of troops to support Admiral Seymour's column near Peking.

JUNE 27.—Admiral Kempff telegraphs that the foreign ambassadors and their suites are with Admiral Seymour, 8 miles from Tien-Tsin, in entrenched positions. The Chinese foreign office has advised the Chinese minister in Washington that the foreign ministers left Peking on the 19th with a strong escort of native troops. The Boer delegates leave the United States to-morrow. They issued a manifesto, saying that they did not seek the armed intervention of the country, but that they obtained the moral support of the people. The democratic leader in congress, Mr. Bourke Cochran, said that with a policy of annexation, the United States should not only join the European powers and insist on a share of China, but should also annex Mexico and later on the whole of Central and South America.

JUNE 28.—A violent cyclone has passed over New York, occasioning incalculable losses. The heat in New Jersey is suffocating. The thermometer registers 112 degrees Fahr., and several fatal cases of sunstroke have occurred. News has been received of the destruction of the American mission in Weishun in China.

The democratic convention of Illinois has passed a vote of sympathy with the Boers.

JUNE 29.—It is reported in New York that Admiral Kempff, in command of the American forces in China, will be replaced by Admiral Remy who is at present in Manila.

France.

JUNE 24.—Mr. Tarte, the Canadian minister of public works, gave a reception in the Canadian pavilion of the Paris exhibition, which was a pronounced success. The British embassy and consular officials were present.

JUNE 25.—The French consul in Shanghai states on the authority of the director general of railways in Northern China that all the foreign ministers in Peking were safe on the 19th inst. and were preparing to leave on that date. Telegrams from St. Petersburg to Paris say that the Czar has sent orders to the commandants of the various districts in Asiatic Russia to put their troops on a war footing. (This is the fitting corollary to the famous peace proposals. Wars and rumors of wars to the end of time are not only ordained but fit human nature in spite of man's fancied intellect and culture).

JUNE 26.—The German consul in Che-Foo, Dr. Lenz, telegraphs from there that Admiral Seymour and his forces are 12 miles from Tien-Tsin and that the foreign ambassadors are with them. The little column is surrounded by hordes of Chinese, and fully pressed. In one of the fights around Tien-Tsin the Italian commander Carloti was wounded. The taking of Tien-Tsin by the allies is confirmed by Paris telegrams.

JUNE 27.—A military balloon accident occurred at Montpellier when one workman was killed and three others injured. General Galtier, governor of the Caucasus, has been sent with a silver crown to be placed in the Transvaal pavilion in honor of President Kruger. The viceroy of Yunnan-Sen has telegraphed to the Chinese ambassador in Paris that he has sent the French consul there under a large escort to the first French post in Tonkin. The French consul in Shanghai says that the foreign ambassadors have been heavy escort to Mongolia, and on to the east. This is rather different from the London telegrams which announce their being with Admiral Seymour. A St. Petersburg telegram published in Paris says that the Russian admiral, Alexe Joffe, reports that General Stoessel, with five battalions and 12 cannons, entered Tien-Tsin on the 23rd, after a stiff battle with the Boers and Chinese imperial troops.

JUNE 28.—Paris telegrams say the situation in Petchili is improving. The Boers are slowly abandoning their positions at Tien-Tsin and are moving to the westward. It is thought probable in Paris that Admiral Seymour has returned to Tien-Tsin without having reached Peking, and that the foreign ministers are not with him. The latest telegrams confirm this view. The foreign consuls in Shanghai have signed a joint declaration that the allied forces will not invade the Yang-tse-Kiang valley provided the Chinese authorities maintain order there.

JUNE 29.—M. Delcassé announced to-day that he had received a telegram from the French consul in Long-chen stating that he was half way to Tonkin. Li-Hung-Chang has received orders from the imperial government to call out the militia in the provinces of Kuan-Hi and Kuan-Tung. Divergences in the Japanese cabinet have appeared. The speech of Mr. Tarte the Canadian minister of public works, made at Rouen some days ago is said to have been too pro-French for public opinion in Ottawa, and that he will be compelled to resign his portfolio on his return. A convention has been signed between France and Spain defining limits in North-Africa, by which France gains additional territory.

JUNE 30.—Trials of the new submarine vessels *Francois* and *Algerien* are to be made in August and October respectively. The chamber of deputies to-day adopted a measure for the construction of nine battle-ships and five cruisers, and also voted 118 million francs for the construction of submarine and torpedo boats. A terrible collision off Ushant is reported between the British transport *Orolava* and the German steamer *Bremen*. The latter went down shortly afterwards but all the crew were saved. The *Orolava* had 1,000 men on board for South Africa, and had to return to Southampton to repair damages. The absence of the expected crowds of British and American visitors to the exhibition is the subject of general comment.

Germany.

JUNE 27.—The German vice-consul in Chefoo says that Admiral Seymour's allied forces are to the east of Tien-Tsin, about seven miles from the town, and that 2,000 men have left Taku to reinforce them.

JUNE 28.—An official telegram from Taku says that the foreign ambassadors have left Peking and have joined the combined forces at Tien-Tsin.

Spain.

JUNE 26.—It is rumored that the government will send the *Carlos V* to China. The seizure of the goods of merchants who refuse to pay the new taxes is proceeding without disturbance. A violent explosion took place in a cloth factory at San Gervasio Casolas, three kilometers distant from Madrid, and caused a large number of victims.

JUNE 30.—Great floods are reported from the province of Aleria, and in the town of

Albox many houses have completely disappeared under the water.

Portugal.

JUNE 26.—The governor-general of Macao has called all the Portuguese colonists to arms, and has sent large supplies of arms and ammunition to the Portuguese residents in Canton, where posters are inciting the Chinese to fight against the foreigners.

JUNE 30.—The cruiser *Adamastor* has received definite orders to leave Lourenco Marques for Macao, and land a naval brigade of 500 men in the latter place.

Italy.

JUNE 27.—In the recent fighting at Tien-Tsin, three Italians were killed. Lieut. Carlotto of the *Elba* was severely wounded. Reinforcements were urgently asked for. The Italian cabinet has decided to co-operate with the European powers to suppress the Boxer insurrection, and full instructions have been sent to Admiral Canlimi. The foreign and war offices have taken the necessary measures. This decision has caused great excitement throughout Italy. (The pith of Sig. Crispi's recent letter was that Italy could not afford to join in the accord with the other European powers. There is the fact that Italy is so much more heavily taxed per head of the population than Italians find Italy a good country to live out of. The premier, in his first speech to parliament, made no allusion to events in China, which has caused a bad impression. The silk and cotton workers in Bergamo have struck. The intimidation of non-strikers has caused the cavalry to interfere).

JUNE 29.—Sig. Villa has been elected president of the new chamber of deputies by 304 votes and 79 blank papers. On the result being known he kissed and embraced Sig. Pallotti, the vice-president, and took office with a conciliatory speech. The session was an amicable one. The naval authorities at Naples gave a banquet to Admiral Fisher and the officers of the Mediterranean fleet. The Italian men of war will return the British visit a Gibraltar.

THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

A committee of 100 has been formed in New York to raise a fund for the relief of the famine in India. It comprises the leading firms of the city, and the eminent bankers, Messrs. Brown Bros. and Co., act as treasurers. They have also consented to act with the committee for persons in any part of the United States who may wish to forward gifts through them. The committee hope to be able to raise a million dollars, but in any case, the motive, of course, is one of pure benevolence. The members of the committee recognise that the famine is exceptional, both because of the extent of country over which it prevails and the number of people, therefore, who are affected by it; and also because it comes so quickly after the severe famine of three years ago. But while the main desire of the leading houses of New York is to alleviate human suffering, we gladly recognise that the formation of the committee is a token of good feeling and brotherhood towards the British empire. The government is making to relieve the distress, but it points out that 6,000,000 of people are in receipt of relief, there are many others who have not yet been reached, and, unfortunately, the worst of the famine has not yet come. The Statist, June 2.

The rare good will shown in New York to raise so large a sum for the relief of the victims of famine in India, should stimulate donations here. We can not hope to emulate the generosity which gives a million dollars in charity, but we can give to the extent of our ability, which is no less generous and praiseworthy. Every unit will help to put food in the mouths of the starving multitudes of India and this city surely can send a great many of them for so inane a purpose.

LAWY TENNIS.

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Match played at the Paysandú grounds on Sunday July 1st. C. Henderson and T. Forde beat R. H. Latham and R. Deacon 6-2, 9-7. A. S. and H. H. Weigall played R. H. Latham and R. Deacon 4-6, 6-3, and 2 all in third set, which had to be abandoned owing to lack of time. N. W. Jackson and C. Lloyd beat R. H. Latham and R. Deacon 7-5, 6-3. C. Henderson and F. Forde beat H. C. Bouquet and N. B. Dickson 4-6, 6-1, 6-1. A. S. and H. H. Weigall beat H. C. Bouquet and N. B. Dickson 6-1, 6-3. N. W. Jackson and C. H. Lloyd beat H. C. Bouquet and N. B. Dickson 6-4, 6-3. C. Henderson and F. Forde beat — Hampson and Kahl — 6-1, 6-2. A. S. and H. H. Weigall beat Hampson and Kahl 6-1, 6-1. N. W. Jackson and C. H. Lloyd beat Hampson and Kahl 6-1, 6-2. The Club winning by 8 matches to lose 17 sets to two 116 games to 55.

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THE celebration of the Fourth of July to-morrow will unquestionably display greater enthusiasm than ever before. The people of the United States will dwell upon the phenomenal growth of their country in wealth and population, and they will record with satisfaction that new acquisitions beyond the sea have been added to their already enormous territory. With a population of nearly eighty millions, with almost boundless wealth, and with the vigor of youthful energy and enterprise in their veins, they are to be excused for believing that nothing can withstand their triumphal march. But there is a reverse to the medal which should not be overlooked. The American of to-day is celebrating a very different Fourth of July than that which his forefathers celebrated. The country which he glorifies is not the republic founded by the rebel colonists of 1776, nor are its ideals those of the men who signed the declaration of independence. The men who rebelled against King George simply wanted the right to govern themselves. They had been taxed without their consent, they had been oppressively governed by a king and parliament across the sea which had but little sympathy with them, troops were quartered upon them and alien office-holders set over them, and their trade with all parts of the world had been cut off. These are but a few of their grievances, but they show how the times have changed. Then the people dreaded and hated a standing army, and they hesitated even to annex the wilderness lying on the other side of the Alleghanies. During the century which has elapsed since then they have spread out across the continent, they bought the Louisiana territory with great hesitation, then they absorbed a part of Mexico, and later on they purchased Alaska. And now, a century and a quarter after their liberty-loving ancestors hesitatingly broke adrift from the mother country, we find them conquering foreign territory and quartering troops on Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, we find them cultivating militarism and nursing a large standing army, and we find them, also, imposing laws and taxes on unwilling subjects, and restricting trade with foreign countries. It is not the spirit of the colonists which now rules the land, nor are the new ideals those of the men who fought and died to found a free government in the new world.

OUTRAGES IN PERNAMBUCO.

In view of what has recently occurred in the state of Pernambuco, it may be said that the "Boxers" are at large in Brazil as well as in China. Pernambuco has never been celebrated for the pacific and law-abiding character of its people; on the contrary violence and bigotry have brought discredit upon its people again and again, as a colony, a province and a state. And now that

the persecution of a small fraction of its population on religious grounds is being carried on, apparently with the knowledge and approval of the state government, it is time that outside opinion should be brought to bear on the people of that state both for the protection of those persecuted and for the credit of the nation.

In April and May last several scenes of savagery occurred in that state which disgrace its government and dishonor the name of religion. In the small interior village of Bomjardim, where there was a small group of Protestants, several attacks were made upon them, ending finally on April 15th in an armed assault. The assailants had been drinking, and as two groups were engaged in the outrage unknown to each other, it happened that one group mistook the other for Protestants and fired upon them. Three men were killed and several wounded, and now, to cover their crime, the assailants have accused the Protestants of firing upon them and the courts are actually condemning innocent men to imprisonment for a crime committed by others! Appeals have been made to the governor of the state and to the vice-president of the nation (who is a political chief in Pernambuco) but without result. The local political chief, who is a Roman Catholic priest, has sworn to exterminate these heretics, and the governor and vice-president are apparently unwilling to interfere with him. As no foreign missionary is involved in the Bomjardim affair, the injustice falls wholly on Brazilian citizens, and from Brazilian courts alone can justice be obtained.

On 24th May a group of individuals, armed and excited, invaded a private house in Gloria de Goytá where a Protestant religious service was in progress, and not only did they break up the meeting, beat the men, and destroy the furniture of the house, but they even beat the women and children and attempted a nameless outrage upon the women. This, of course, is done in the name of christianity, but it is only the name after all. There is no christianity in such outrages, nor is there even the veneer of civilisation to cover their savagery.

As these outrages are not mere matters of report, as their victims have shewn themselves at the newspaper offices of the capital, as fugitives from their homes are scattered over the state to seek safety and protection in other communities, and as men of high character have sought, without avail, to obtain protection for these persecuted Protestants, is it not time for the better and more tolerant classes of this country to interfere? Religious persecution should be a thing of the past, violence should be sternly repressed, and justice should be denied to no class.

OUR South American friends need not feel at all alarmed over the "imperialist" utterances of Mr. Bourke Cochran. It was evidently a *rasgo* of eloquence, but it will have no other effect than that of making Bourke feel a little better pleased with himself. The cable describes him as "the democratic orator," which is quite correct, but as the democratic party leader, William J. Bryan, is making his canvass for the presidency on issues favoring a silver standard, which Bourke refuses to accept, and opposing territorial expansion, or imperialism, it will be seen that the orator is hopelessly out of step with his party. At the present moment, therefore, he may be described as a "free lance." He will hardly be able to annex a slice of China, Mexico, Central America and South America all by himself, consequently there is no occasion to lose any sleep over the matter.

THE resolution of the municipal prefect to prohibit grass fields and vegetable gardens within the limits of the city, except in two thinly-settled parishes, is a measure calculated to do the maximum amount of harm in order to secure a minimum of good. The *capinzal* or grass field is probably the more harmful of the two, because it is rarely well drained and is therefore a fruitful source of malaria. But that a well-cultivated vegetable garden is unhealthful requires a deal of demonstration. It is not generally considered that the farmer and gardener are incurring risk in cultivating the soil; on the contrary they are more frequently envied for their strength and robust health. And it not infrequently happens that debilitated men are recommended to dig in the soil as a means of regaining their strength.

Neither cultivation of the soil nor vegetation can be considered prejudicial to health, and for this reason there can be no possible justification of this absurd measure. And if the lands are not to be cultivated, may we ask, what is to be done with them? Will they be any healthier when left to grass and weeds? And if vegetable gardens are prejudicial, why not flower gardens also? And then to make sure of it, let us cut down all the trees in the city and burn the vegetation on the hillsides, so that our city may be bare of everything but stone and mortar, tiles and fooms.

THE question of gold salaries to which a correspondent calls attention in another column, has suddenly become one of prime importance. The rise in exchange works a corresponding decrease in the currency equivalent of such salaries, and as the costs of living do not fall at the same time the employed finds his salary insufficient to cover his necessary expenditures. The situation is an embarrassing one both for employer and employee, as it is beyond their power to provide against the mischievous consequences of these fluctuations in the value of the currency. Were the expenses of living to fall with the appreciation in the value of the currency, no embarrassment would ensue, but they never do. On the contrary the tendency for the moment will be to stiffen prices for fear of a fall in exchange, and with a desire to recover something of the losses sustained when exchange was falling. From what we have been able to learn there are many employees here in Brazil who can not possibly make their salaries cover expenses at the present rate, and who, likewise, can not very materially reduce their expenditures. We understand that the banks, companies and commercial firms have the matter under consideration and it may be assumed that a satisfactory solution will be found.

THE financial administration of the state of Amazonas is like a tale from the Arabian Nights. The state is a wilderness of rivers, swamps and rubber forests, with a few scattered settlements and a population in 1899 of only 147,915. Its capital, Manaus, had a population of 38,720. The great mass of the people are extremely poor and ignorant, there are no industries of any consequence beyond gathering rubber, and there is but little commerce outside of rubber and supplying the simple necessities of so small a population. Manaus has been trying in recent years, haphazardly, to parallel as a modern city, by undertaking expensive improvements in the shape of electric lighting, electric tramways, port works, bridges, theatre, etc., all at public expense, and with the inevitable result that it has become one of the most corrupt places on the face of the earth. For every shilling expended on anything required by the public, nineteen shillings are wasted in corruption and folly. And the wonder of it all is, the ease with which the money is obtained. According to an item published by the *Journal do Commercio* of the 30th ult., the revenue of Amazonas for the five months (January to May) last amounted to 14,936,051\$451 (almost exclusively from the export duties on rubber), and the cash available from what is called "*movimento de fundos*" was 2,760,334\$651, making a total of 17,696,385\$102. The expenditure in the same period was 15,360,757\$644, or more than the actual revenue, and obligations of indebtedness were issued to the following creditors: 10,000,000\$ to the Amazon Company, 3,353,200\$ to the Banco do Amazonas, and 2,730,000\$ to sundry creditors, total 16,063,200\$. The *Journal* makes no comment, but the one is needed, no one can dispute. It is not a case of extravagance, but one of unblushing corruption, a disgrace to the whole nation.

THE situation in Chili has become very tense, and the outlook for peace is anything but favorable. The "gingoes" who are doing so much to disturb the peace of the world, seem to have caught the popular ear, just as they have done elsewhere, and they are pushing their advantage with a reckless disregard of consequences. They assert that Argentina has invaded Chilean territory, and without waiting for either investigation or explanation, they are insisting upon measures of resistance that, if carried into effect, can not fail to provoke war. This, in fact, is just the result they are aiming at. They say that Argentina has been imposing her wishes upon Chili, and that Peru and Bolivia are now preparing to impose theirs; consequently Chili must now impose her wishes also. Should these opinions prevail, war must certainly result, for there has been too much hostility shown in the discussion to make a peaceful negotiation possible between the Chilean war party and the neighboring republics. The war party, Chili has conducted herself so arrogantly since her victory over Peru that she has not a single friend among her immediate neighbors. She has driven hard bargains with them, she has blustered and bullied, and in the matter of the Peruvian provinces of Tacna and Arica, out of which she has extorted the costs of her war with Peru, she has shown bad faith openly and cynically. And now if she forces a war on her neighbors over what can be no more than a trifling misunderstanding, she need not expect a particle of sympathy should she get the worst of it. In many respects Chili commands admiration and praise, for she is enterprising and has developed many admirable qualities as a nation. But she is arrogant and impatient with opposition, and she is dominated by militarism in its worst form. Sooner or later war must come, and the appearances now are that it is not far distant.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EXCHANGE AND SALARIES.

Rio de Janeiro, 30 June 1900.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—The question of sterling salaries and the effect upon them of rise or fall in exchange is one of sufficient interest, I trust you will allow, to admit of being discussed in your valuable columns. I ask therefore that you will permit me as one who has been employed in this country for many years, upon sterling and currency salaries, in a Bank and in commercial houses, with a brief experience too of employing clerks upon his own account, to venture a few remarks upon this somewhat complicated subject.

The interests concerned are those of two classes, viz: employers and employed, and in any fair consideration of the problem—for a problem it is—neither should be lost sight of, or subordinated to the other. It would take up too much of your valuable space, nor would it greatly serve the purpose I have in view, were I to attempt to go minutely into the case for either side, upon which there is a very great deal to be said.

It appears to me that, broadly speaking, there are two main points for consideration. First, whether the interests referred to are antagonistic; second, whether, being so, a scheme can be devised for their reconciliation. It will be admitted I think, without discussion, that with regard to the first point, whatever may be the case, there *ought* not to be any conflict of interests as between employers and employed. Nevertheless there is, and I believe always must be such a conflict so long as the fractional system is in vogue of paying sterling salaries at the 90 days sight Bank rate on London. At an abnormally low exchange, such as we have been accustomed to for so long, the advantage is, it is said, unduly on the side of the employee. At an abnormally high exchange, such as has so suddenly come upon us, the same employee finds that not only has this advantage been utterly swamped, but that he has been reduced in a few months from comparatively comfortable circumstances to a condition of abject poverty! It requires no great intellectual effort to perceive that a system which involves these two extremes is pernicious to the last degree; hurtful alike to the interests of employers and employed.

As to the second point, many suggestions have been put forward with the laudable object referred to above. Most of those I have seen appear to me to err like

".....the Dutch
In giving too little and asking too much."
Here is one, however, which apparently combines simplicity with a modicum of justice to both sides, and I have been asked by the bashful author to submit it to the consideration of those interested:

Let the sums a part of exchange for sterling salaries—say 8½—be decided upon, and let all such salaries be paid on the scale of one farthing above or below that rate for every penny rise or fall in the 90 days sight rate on London. Thus at 9d the salary rate would be 8½, at 10d, 8½, and so on, and conversely at 7d the salary rate would be 7¾, at 6d, 7½ and so on.

I enclose my card with apologies for troubling you at such length, and am, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

VERBUM SAP.

ABOUT ST. GEORGE.

Sir.—As you have published an article from the *Morning Leader* which maintains, without any attempt at proof, that the patron saint of England was a fraudulent army contractor, will you allow a protest?

The writer of that article has admittedly taken his statements from a dictionary of biography, and then imperitously says: "This version is the only correct one; others, which represent St. George as some one else, are all wrong." As an opposition authority, and one worthy of credence, I will quote Canon Daniel, principal of Battersea College: "St. George the Martyr was born in Cappadocia in the third century, and served in the army under Diocletian. He is generally supposed to have been the young man who tore down the edicts against the Christians, which the emperor had caused to be affixed to the doors of the church of Nicomedia, and to have suffered death in consequence." I would add that modern investigation shows that there is more truth in the popular tradition than in the deprecatory estimates formed by Gibbon, and by writers who have followed in his wake. Honour was paid to St. George at a very early period both in the East and West. At the beginning of the fourth century Constantine dedicated a church in his honour; this would show that at that time, within 50 years of St. George's martyrdom, there was no doubt as to who the person was. Is it likely, too, that popular sentiment all the world over, among Moslems as well as Christians, should be so entirely deceived as to pay honour to one unworthy of it? For one cannot think so, and will continue to exclaim: "St. George for Merry England!"

Yours truly,

LION.

São Paulo, 24th June 1900.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

JUNE 20.—*Chamber of Deputies.*— Deputy Esternidino Bandeira moved to ask for information in regard to the amount of the claims for whose payment the government is responsible in virtue of decisions of courts of justice. The chair appointed a committee to represent the chamber at the festival commemorating (*Feia comemorativa*) the death of Marshal Floriano Peixoto. Deputy Germano Husslocker offered an amendment to the bill for the payment of claims in virtue of decisions of courts of justice.

JUNE 21.—*Chamber of Deputies.*— There was received a message from the President asking for an appropriation of 220,555 francs for paying the balance due to the Uruguayan telegraph for the period from April 1, 1892, to July 1, 1897. There was also received a message asking for the payment of 11,702 francs for the construction of a telegraph line from Chluy to Santa Victoria do Palmar.

JUNE 22.—*Chamber of Deputies.*— The army bill was voted with amendments in 2nd discussion. In 3rd discussion the chamber voted arts. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the bill on agricultural products and rejected arts. 6 and 7. The contested election case in the 5th district of the state of Rio de Janeiro was decided, as was also that of the 1st district of the city of Rio de Janeiro.

COFFEE NOTES

—The planters in various São Paulo districts are still publishing unfavorable reports of the new crop, and are advising the holding of coffee for higher prices.

—A S. Paulo telegram of the 27th ult. says the commercial firm of Leite Ribeiro is about to be transformed into an association composed of planters for the purpose of extending the coffee propaganda in Europe.

—Naturally the rise in exchange means lower currency prices for coffee, which will be unfavorable to the planter as the costs of production will not be reduced for some time to come. We may therefore expect protests against lowering up exchange before we are many weeks older.

—The negotiations between the minister of foreign affairs and the ministers of France and Italy in regard to the import duty on coffee in those countries, terminated on the 27th ult. The two countries have conceded a reduction of 20 francs and 20 lire per 100 kilograms in the duties now levied in their custom-houses on Brazilian coffee while Brazil engages not to impose minimum rates on their products imported into this country. The accord can be terminated at any time by giving six months notice. Though less than what she claimed, the accord is a victory for Brazil, for she secures a reduction of about 75 per cent on the French tariff rate without the cost of a single concession.

—There seems to be a very widespread demand for the fool-killer just now, and for our peace of mind we trust he will do his work thoroughly and well. Just now he is needed in Chicago where a health commissioner is trying to assert his official importance because 7,500 bags of coffee of the J. W. Taylor's cargo was sent to that city for roasting. The cargo arrived in New York in November, and after subjecting it to various delays, it was landed and sent to the roasters. The Chicago commissioner says he thought it had been burned, and now that he finds (six months later) that a small part of it had been sent to Chicago without his permission (we take off our hat), he proposes to take steps that will convince these people that we are not to be so imposed on a second time. Without doubt Chicago and New York have collapsed from fright long before this.

COFFEE IN INDIA.

At the end of 1898 there were 281,570 acres of land under coffee in India, all with the exception of 549 acres, in Southern India. The cultivation of coffee is, in fact, restricted for the most part to a limited zone in Mysore, Coorg, and the Madras districts of Malabar and the Nilgiris. About 45 per cent. of the coffee-bearing area is in Mysore, where there were 128,079 acres in 1898. The plant is grown on 128,410 acres, forming another 45 per cent., in the British districts of Coorg (82,575 acres), the Nilgiris, and Malabar (45,835 acres). If to these two areas are added 6,384 acres in Travancore and Cochin, we find 93 per cent. of Indian coffee concentrated in the elevated region above the southwestern coast. Mysore, Coorg, and Madras districts contain 97 per cent. of the coffee growing area.

The yield in 1898 was about 23,750,000 pounds, that of 1897 having just exceeded 24,000,000 pounds. The production of both years was extremely poor, following a small yield in 1896. The poverty of the crop in 1896 and 1897 was due in the main to adverse seasons in Mysore, Coorg, and Travancore. In all three cases there was a recovery in 1898, which was, however, incomplete in the case of Mysore, but, to set against this recovery, the Madras crop was a signal failure. Since 1897 the fall in prices has removed the stimulus which had been given for a few years to the expansion of the coffee-growing area, and disease has combined with adverse climatic conditions to reduce the yield.

The following figures show the average exports and consumption of the five years ended 1898-99.

INDIAN COFFEE.		Pounds.
Production	28,819,357	
Exports	28,628,544	
Left in India	1,220,813	
FOREIGN COFFEE.		Pounds.
Imports	1,564,415	
Re-exports	1,025,226	
Left in India	539,191	

—U. S. Consular Reports.

PROVINCIAL NOTES

—The Pará police have discovered an emission of about 50,000 in tramway tickets.

—A counterfeit note of 500\$ has appeared in Campiús, and was accepted from an unknown person! A counterfeit 50\$ note was likewise detected, after having passed through a tax-collector's office.

—Mandós advises state that the Acre provincial government will begin using special postage stamps on August 1st. It is open to suspicion that the politicians of Mandós are still meddling in this business, which may some day lead to serious consequences.

—A new method of treating pulmonary consumption, invented by Dr. Lys Casas dos Santos, has been initiated at the Misericórdia hospital at Santos. The treatment consists of the injection of a serum prepared by the said physician and in returning to observe the patient 15 days after the injection.

—A confidence man has been going the rounds in São Paulo in the guise of a consumption tax fiscal. After inspecting a little he asks the shopkeeper for money on the understanding that he will not make any complaint. Needless to add he succeeded in picking up a great many "donations."

—The *Gazeta de Descalvado*, S. Paulo, notes that a conflict had occurred on the Lagoado plantation because of a fine imposed on a colonist. There were some shots exchanged and a *camarada* was slightly wounded. Some policemen and a consular agent were sent to the place and two of the colonists were placed under arrest. The *S. Paulo Diário Popular* objects to the interference of consular agents in these matters.

—A São Paulo telegram of the 27th ult. says the government of that state is about to create a bath-house for the disinfection of passengers and luggage from Rio de Janeiro. But, may we ask, how many are required? We have heard something about one at Barra do Pirajy, and Minas Geraes is erecting another at Queluz, and São Paulo proposes to have one somewhere in the vicinity of that city. And there is a show of disinfecting luggage when the passenger is leaving Rio. If the unfortunate traveller escapes bubonic pest, he is quite likely to fall a victim to a sanitary zeal.

S. PAULO FACTS.

St. John the Baptist's Day was celebrated in the usual way by all the Johns and Johnniehans. On Saturday and Sunday, by night as well as by day, and apparently without a minute's cessation, rockets, bombs, crackers and other ingenious nerve-worriers were let off in all quarters of the town. The result of such a large expenditure of gunpowder was quite a sulphurous canopy, the peculiar odor of which was hardly suggestive of sanctity. A few bombs, bonfires and balloons were also set going on St. Peter's Day.

The barbers, on Sunday, celebrated their deliverance from the "barberous" custom which for sometime prevailed, of Sanjaly Jabon. They went in procession to the houses of those who had helped to influence public opinion, to express their gratitude. It was found that to express their gratitude, if a few opened, the rest were obliged to also work, for fear of losing their custom. The matter was settled by the camera passing a prohibitive law.

At the Serra, on Wednesday, "all was bustle, for the mental train" brought a distinguished company of visitors. The president of the state with several officials came on the invitation of Mr. Speers, the superintendent of S. Paulo railway, to visit the new line. Breakfast was taken in the Alto da Serra station, and the usual healthie were drunk. The party proceeded to visit the different works round the station, and then took trolleys down the inclined planes. Dr. Rodrigues Alves showed himself much impressed by the magnitude of the undertaking, and especially admired the huge stationary engines which draw the trains up the Serra.

The Light and Power Company, following this lead, have invited Dr. Alves to visit their works on the Tietê at Parnahyba. As their works on the Tietê are with that of the S. Paulo Railway Co., they will now be known as the *S. Paulo Tramway, Light and Power Co.* There is a rumor, not as yet confirmed, that a syndicate, the Light and Power in disguise, has bought up the shares of the Viação. Should this prove to be true, the warfare legal and illegal between the companies will be at an end. With an undisturbed monopoly, the electric company will be sure to adopt the only wise course of consulting the interests of the public in the arrangement of their traffic.

An extension of the Cantareira line has been authorized. It will cross the English line near Luz and run to Rua 25 Março.

The remains of the old theatre are being disturbed. It does not mean the resurrection

of the building, but the foundations have been purchased by the Light and Power Co.

The evenings are proving too cold for the switchbacks; it is accordingly only to be open on Thursday evenings. Its place will be supplied by the Velodromo, which is offering night attractions in the shape of roller-skating. The spot claims to be the largest and most beautiful in the world!

Mr. Mark, H. B. M. consul in Santos, has forwarded a letter from the Marquess of Salisbury, who says that he is directed by Her Majesty to thank her loyal subjects in São Paulo for their telegram of congratulations on the occasion of her 81st birthday. "Exchange is no robbery," but what about salaries at the end of the month?

RAILROAD NOTES

—The net receipts of the Natal and Nova Cruz railway, Rio Grande do Norte, for the month of April were 15,636\$375.

—The national treasury received on 26th June the sum of 624,087\$517 from the Central railway, the receipts of that line during the preceding week.

—We hear that the *chocara*, or "bachellers' diggings," of the Leopoldina company overlooking Jurujuba bay, represents a cost of something over 200,000\$000.

—We hear that the Leopoldina railway administration is reducing salaries and resignations are already reported. The moment is an unfortunate one for such a step, as the fall in exchange renders it most difficult for a man to live on what would be considered a good salary elsewhere.

—The *Brazilian Review*, which is unquestionably inspired by the Brazilian government, professes to give the reasons for the rejection of the offers of the London syndicate for the purchase of the Paulista railway. One of these was, it asserts, that "on the Rothschilds taking a share in the deal the nominal capital was raised from 46,000,000 to 46,250,000."—*Financial News*, June 2.

SHIPPING NOTES

—The Austrian corvette "Donau" arrived at Bahia on the morning of the 27th ult.

—The R. M. S. "Nile," which has been employed as a war transport by the British government for some months past, will resume her voyages to this coast during the current month.

—The master of the national coasting steamer "Satellite" reported a mutiny on board on his arrival here on the 28th ult. It is stated that 13 passengers who had been drinking created a disturbance on board after leaving Santos and a conflict ensued. Some of the disorderly passengers were shipwrecked sailors from the Nor. bark "Urania" who were recently landed at Santa Catharina. They were all placed under arrest and taken to the police station.

—The *New York Commercial* notices the incorporation in New Jersey of the "Royal Ulster Steamship Co. Ltd." with a capital of £1,000,000 which will later on be increased to £5,000,000, which will run lines from Liverpool to New York and Boston, and from Liverpool and New York to the West Indies and South America. Negotiations are on for the purchase of steamers now running between New York and South America. Some of the heaviest stockholders in the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads are said to be interested in the enterprise.

—The Argentine health authorities having declared that all European steamers calling at Pernambuco and Bahia must conduct all operations there in quarantine in order to have free pratique in Argentine ports, Dr. Nuno de Andrade telegraphed to the sanitary inspectors at the said Brazilian ports on the 27th ult. declaring "that this unqualifiable abuse should not be permitted." But what is the ship's master to do? The Argentine Gog says if you communicate with shore you'll be damned, while the Brazilian Magog says if you don't communicate with shore, you'll be damned. In either case he's in for it and perhaps he'd better tell both of them ditto.

—The "Sarmiento" has arrived at Habana. The Cubans are not an explosive people. They are not fond of fireworks, orders, guncracks, etc. Few insular peoples are. They have not tried to kiss the crew of the "Sarmiento" or shed tears on their shoulders. They have not made any speeches about fraternity and other things that exist only in oratory and Latin newspaper padding. In short they have behaved more like men than monkeys. Some of the Argentine press does not like this and tries to make people believe that it is because the Argentine government did not recognise Cuban independence until it was a fact. Probably not over a quarter of the people of Habana have even heard of Argentina. They are used to seeing foreign warships every day and have never seen any necessity to make speeches, give banquets or slobber the sailors and do not see why they should now. When the "Sarmiento" goes to the United States it may receive some sort of an official welcome but there will be no gush. Had she gone to Germany and England on her way the people on board might have learnt that it is only the Latins and Slavs who indulge in cheap gush. Teutons, Japanese and Cubans are not given to it.—*Buenos Aires Herald*.

SHIP FROM RIO QUARANTINED.

It was decided at a meeting of the board of health yesterday not to allow the steamship

Newlyn, which arrived here several days ago from Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires, to go to her pier in this port. The Newlyn has a large cargo of hides. She has had no sickness, and all the officers and crew are well, but since she stopped at two ports which, according to the health board, are infected with bubonic plague, the board refuses to let her dock.

Dr. Doty said that he believed there was absolutely no danger of the plague being brought here by the Newlyn or her cargo. As an extreme precaution, however, he ordered the vessel to the upper bay, that the cargo might be disinfected on the way to the pier. There is not the slightest sign that there is plague on board the Newlyn, added Dr. Doty, and she has a clean bill of health. I am following my usual rule of not relying too much on a consular bill of health, in cases where there is any possibility of danger, or where private or government advisers give me facts which may not have been in possession of the consul.—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce*, June 1.

LOCAL NOTES

—The *Paz* in last Sunday's issue makes a violent attack on the alleged conspirators. The judge that indicted them is the *Paz's* son-in-law.

—It is stated that there are in this city at the present time only 95 deputies. Perhaps it would be good policy to seat the contestants.

—Three more recruits have been enlisted for the special statistics army, which is undoubtedly going to cost the country a mint of money like the planta cadastral of inglorious memory.

—There will be a Fourth of July reception at the United States consulate to-morrow between 1 and 3 p. m., when Messrs. Seeger and Lowrie will be glad to see all their friends.

—Having reached the age of 70 years on the 22nd ult., which is the age limit of active military service, Marshal José Almeida Barreto has been placed on the retired list, and Major General Thomaz de Cantanaria has been promoted to the vacancy.

—A writer who signs his communications with the initials M. de A. (Medeiros de Albuquerque?) is engaged in violently attacking Senator Ruy Barbosa. Doubtless M. de A. has no other way of rendering homage to the eminent orator and journalist.

—It is worthy of note that Kipling's "Absent-Minded Beggar" has produced the astonishing total of about 497,000, or an average of about £2,000 a line, which unquestionably beats the record. But it was the war fever and the sentiment which produced the cash, not the poem itself.

—Although a half of the ordinary session has expired congress is practically doing nothing to expedite business. Many deputies and senators have gone home, "no quorums" are frequent and very little interest is shown. Of course the 755,000 pay are drawn regularly and punctually.

—Among the passengers arriving here last week on the L. & H. str. "Hevelius" was Mr. W. S. Lowrie who returns with restored health and renewed vigor to his post as vice-consul-general at this port. It will be remembered that Mr. Lowrie left in December last after a severe illness in Petropolis.

—It is said that the minister of interior proposes to submit a project to congress for the regulation of prostitution. *Muito bem!* Of course the official and high-life phase of the vice will not be included. We are waiting to see one of our daily colleagues devote his columns to an elaborate discussion of the subject.

—We are glad to see that the caixa da amortização is now putting out fresh one and two milreis notes, to substitute the torn and dirty currency in circulation. If our calling attention to this matter has helped to bring this about, we are quite content to bear the reputation of being a "chronic growler." It takes a deal of growling in this poor sinful world to get what justly belongs to us.

—The committee having placed a subscription list on our table, we shall be very glad to receive the subscriptions which any of our friends may desire to make for the relief of the famine-stricken people of India. The Epworth League of the Petropolis M. E. Church has made a splendid beginning by sending down 100\$000, and we trust that others will lose no time in following so good an example.

—*Andaços fortuna jural*. This is evidently the motto of the castilistas, who, having, with the assistance of the federal army, imposed on the people of Rio Grande do Sul their corruption of the jury system, have now caused their deputies in the chamber to introduce a bill for extending it to the whole of Brazil. The anarchical tendency to destroy everything worth preserving in the country seems to make constant progress.

—The Club Catolico da Mocidade informs us that 719 members visited the Club premises in June and there were 47 visitors. The large club rooms were filled to overflowing on the night of the 27th ult., when Dr. Carlos Laet, the brilliant Brazilian writer, gave a lecture on "Christian Education." How severe he was on the local system may be seen by all who read the *folha do Brazil* on Sunday last, where his eloquent address was given almost in extenso.

—A considerable number of federal deputies are now going home, although the real work of the session has hardly begun. Of course their salary of 75,000 a day will go on just the same, and the chances of a long and profitable session will be improved. When will congress learn the wisdom of paying only for actual attendance?

—The expected has happened in the decision of Judge Godofredo Cunha on the 26th ult. to hold for trial the persons accused of conspiracy some months ago. The accused have accordingly been placed under arrest, the aged Councillor Andrade Figueira being imprisoned at the headquarters of the police brigade, where exceptional measures have been taken to prevent any manifestation of sympathy for the prisoner. The judge is a son-in-law of Senator Quintino Bocayna.

—According to Dr. Namo de Andrada, director-general of public health, no one is lonelier, best-informed and humane who doubts the existence of bubonic pest in this city. In that case, doctor, we are living in a pretty bad place, morally considered, for there are thousands of that opinion. And they will continue in the error of their ways until we are provided with sanitary doctors who show themselves endowed with a little commonsense as well as with a smattering of medical knowledge.

—There was a row on early last week between the director-general of public health and the prefect, because of a report that the latter had spoken disrespectfully of the sanitary authorities at the medical congress. The director-general was greatly offended and threatened resignations were seen all over the landscape. But as no one wants to resign while the money holds out and as the prefect denied the reported remark, the director-general is pleased to consider the affair terminated.

—An ugly crime was committed in Rua do Bispo yesterday afternoon, the federal deputy for one of the districts of this capital, Dr. Irineu Machado, shooting his wife and a young woman who was her intimate friend. The assassin fled, but gave himself up about midnight, and we now await to see whether his privileges will protect him against trial and punishment. One of his victims died immediately, and his wife, a daughter of Dr. Carlos de Carvalho, is lying in a critical state. Her father is arriving from Europe to-day.

—Something surely must be done to protect householders against the multitude of thieves which infest this city. If the police can do nothing and private watchmen are helpless, then surely police courts can be established with summary authority to punish crimes of this character. Let us have these householders promptly sentenced and let us have them put to hard work on public works. To keep them locked up for a few days, we'll feel and comfortably housed, is no penalty at all. A little severity is needed to make them feel the pangs of the law.

—The Young Men's Christian Association of this city will celebrate its seventh anniversary this evening at the Y. M. C. A. building on Rua da Quitanda, at 8 p.m. This anniversary address will be delivered by Rev. J. M. Lander, president of Granbery College, of Juiz de Fora, and the services will be honored with the presence of Hon. Charles Page Bryan, United States minister at this capital. There will also be a concert, in which various members and friends will take part. The secretary will accept our thanks for the courteous invitation sent to the editor.

—In our last issue it was stated that the sanitary authorities were thinking of raising the absurd restrictions on traffic between this city and Niteroy. Well, they are still in force. They are not only absurd, but they are unfair and unjust. They are left to the discretion of ordinary policemen and sanitary guards, whose judgment is not always unerring and whose impartiality can not be affirmed. We have seen soldiers walk through with parcels which ordinary citizens would be compelled to open. Perhaps not one parcel in 50 is stopped and examined, nor is it possible for the guards to see all that is passing them in the rush of passengers from the ferry-boat.

—It is interesting to recall that when the conspiracy for which various persons have been indicted, was first made public, there was a Jacobin conspiracy in the interests of Julio de Castilhos as well as a monarchist conspiracy. The first has been allowed to drop into the background, however, and the latter has been magnified as much as political and personal interests will permit. There are good reasons for believing that the whole affair is a fake and is kept up as a means for diverting public attention from the hopeless muddle into which administrative affairs have fallen. In some countries a foreign war is used to cover political rotteness; here a monarchist conspiracy serves the same purpose.

—When we wrote of the suspension of the *Journal's* European cablegrams last week, we were altogether too previous, as we expressed in the same issue. For three or four days there was a suspension of the private service, which caused our laudatory regrets. The service is, however, again in working order to the great satisfaction of its readers. The pity is that under the present circumstances most of their special telegrams are repetitions of what appear in the other daily papers the day before, with belated amplifications, and also of what appears a day earlier in their own columns from the Havas agency. We like to give merit where merit is due, and we missed the regular service that formerly did credit to our contemporary. We hope it was only a temporary lapse.

—On last Tuesday Councillor Andrade Figueira was indicted on the charge of conspiracy by the federal judge of this district and on the following day was lodged in prison, where he has been visited by large numbers of his friends and admirers anxious to display their respect for his unblemished character and to do homage to his civic courage. Among his visitors was a deputation of lawyers of the Rio de Janeiro bar, whose spokesman, Senator Ruy Barbosa, made an eloquent and impressive address, interrupted, when nearly finished, by a police officer who claimed to be acting in obedience to instructions. Twenty-two other alleged conspirators have also been indicted. It is expected that the indictment of all of the accused will be quashed by the supreme court.

—The chief of police is said to be studying a plan for making the police force of this city more effective. It is full time surely, but if the chief of police will accept an outside comment we should like to say that all his studies will be thrown away so long as the force remains under military and political control. The police force should be a civilian organization, and should be supplemented by a police court empowered to take immediate action in regard to all arrests. There should be no privileged classes or persons to interfere with the policemen's duties, and they should be held strictly responsible for all abuses of authority. Add to this a very necessary requirement that only men of good physique and good character should be employed, and then we shall have the germ of a better force.

—The rapid rise in exchange is a serious detriment to all those in the country who are in receipt of gold salaries, and complaints are general on their part. Those who took houses, on a 3 years contract at the beginning of the year and spent large sums on furnishing them, are particularly vehement as their salaries in paper represent a loss of one-third, more or less. To those on paper salaries no corresponding gain has accrued as house rents and the necessities of life, with few exceptions are unchanged. To run the risk of yellow fever, bubonic pest and all the ills that flesh is heir to out here and suffer a decreasing income, takes all the gilt off the ginger bread of attractive looking gold contracts in Brazil. With an upward tendency in the value of the paper milreis, the outlook is not encouraging, except to those who have to make remittances home.

DEATH.

STEVENS.—On the 19th June, at Poco, Pernambuco, MABEL, beloved daughter of George and Florence Stevens, aged six weeks.

BIRTH.

On June 27th at S. Paulo, the wife of Henry C. Beaumont, of a daughter, Elsie.

MARRIAGE.

MACINTYRE—LEISHMAN.—On the 27th June, at the British Consulate, Santos, JAMES G. S. MACINTYRE, A. M. I. C. E., eldest son of J. S. Macintyre, M. I. C. E., of Ealing and Westminster, London, to JEAN ANDREW LEISHMAN, eldest daughter of William and Elizabeth Leishman, of Stirlingshire, N. B.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Revista do Club Brasileiro Commercial. Vol. III, No. 6. The organ of a commercial club of this capital and devoted to the interests of the commercial classes.

We are in receipt of a handsomely printed card from Messrs. Carlos G. & Co., printers, of São Paulo, commemorating the fifth centenary of the birth of Johann Guttenberg (23rd June), the inventor of printing.

BUSINESS NOTES

—We hear as we are going to press that exchange is quoted 12 1/2 d.

—The price of cotton from Pernambuco has gone up in the English markets from 5 5/16 d. to 5 9/16 d. per pound.

—We hear that Mr. James Mitchell, of Messrs. James Mitchell & Co., electrical engineers, is returning home on a business trip.

—It is stated that the vacancy on the board of directors of the Banco da Republica caused by the death of Dr. Calvet, will be filled by the appointment of Barão de Quarim.

—The Theatro Lyrico of this city is to be lighted by electricity. The installation is furnished by Messrs. James Mitchell & Co., and the electric current will be furnished by the Carioca tramway plant.

—Commercial transactions are practically suspended during the bounce in exchange. There is nothing doing but speculation in lotteries and exchange. And this, says the director of the *Journal*, is giving great satisfaction in London.

—Failures and compositions are now of almost daily occurrence, and strangely enough no one takes any note of them. Were the *Times* correspondent to telegraph the facts, however, there would be a patriotic outcry that would shake even exchange.

—What does the minister of finance mean when he says the country is passing through an epoch of intense economic evolution in our tributary system? It looks like a string of empty words, but it is barely possible that they mean something after all.

—The *Commercial* is informed that a German capitalist representing an important syndicate has offered the Banco da Republica 900,000 for the S. Pedro de Alcantara theatre, in which it is proposed to establish the central offices of a new tramway company formed by the consolidation of all the existing companies in this city.

—A telegram from London to the *Journal do Commercio* published on Sunday says that Anglo-Brazilian circles there are exceedingly satisfied with the news of the rise in exchange in Brazil, and the figures of the budget estimates which are already known there. The rise is attributed to diminished importation, the improved price of coffee lately, and, above all, to the faithful execution of the financial program of the government by the President of the republic and the minister of finance.

—On Friday last the director of the *recebedoria* imposed seven fines of 600\$ each (one-half to the informer) for passing receipts without stamps—one on the Lumbary e Caminha company, and six on Srs. Salgado, Cardoso, Lemos & Co., the abattoir contractors, who are now refusing to pass receipts. The use of receipts will in all probability be greatly diminished, all cash transactions being treated as immediately liquidated. In the end the government will gain nothing by this iniquitous raid on the public.

—We are informed that the cable ship "Scotia" is expected here next month with the Western Co's. new direct cable between Rio and Pernambuco, and will begin laying the cable at once from this end. Later on the "Scotia" will bring out and lay the new direct cable between Rio and Montevideo. These two cables will greatly increase the company's ability to handle the large traffic on this coast. It will be remembered that the "Scotia" recently laid a direct cable between Pernambuco and Pará, which is now working well.

FINANCIAL NOTES

—Executive decree No. 3,685, of the 19th ult., makes an appropriation of 184,262\$505 for the Porto Alegre custom-house.

—Last Saturday the minister was able to burn nothing but *verbas, non veras*. With all due circumspection we may be permitted to say *R. I. P.*

—Some weeks ago the *Journal do Commercio* stated that the report of the minister of finance would soon be ready. The *Journal* was misinformed: the report has not yet made its appearance.

—A question has arisen in Bahia over the recent loan of 3,000,000\$ obtained from the Companhia Edificadora. It is asserted that no documents in regard to the transaction are to be found in the treasury of that state.

—Our pretensions contemporary pretends to see that we have been somewhat circumspect lately in our discussion of financial questions. In matters of second-sight our neighbor is undoubtedly on safe ground, but as we are always circumspect his vision really adds nothing to what we already knew.

—Unhappy Transvaal! We see by the *London Critic* that Mr. Henry Hess is going back to Johannesburg, and that he intends to resurrect the Johannesburg *Critic*. There are also hundreds more of the same cloth who are hurrying back to their old quarters, hopeful of picking up something in the line of spoils and of doing something for the regeneration of that stricken country.

—The average congressman is, doubtless, thoroughly convinced that there is no limit to the burdens to which the tax-payer is ready to submit. The mania for taxation finds its latest exponent in Congressman Barbosa Lima, of unsavory reputation, who has introduced in the chamber of deputies a bill one of whose provisions imposes a tax of 50\$ per annum on every foreign merchant, bookkeeper and mercantile clerk. This provision is unconstitutional and is moreover contrary to President Carnegie's pledge not to increase the burdens of the people.

—The receipts of the Rio de Janeiro custom-house amounted last month to 4,509,332\$475, against 5,518,372\$161 in June, 1899, and 5,968,328\$449 in the corresponding month of 1898. For the first half of each of the three years the receipts of this custom-house were as follows:

1898	42,418,465\$448
1899	37,450,895\$279
1900	24,123,024\$514

The decrease this year is 13,337,570\$765 in comparison with the first half of 1899 and 18,295,449\$934 in comparison with that of 1898.

—The gold receipts of the Rio de Janeiro custom-house amounted last month to 601,719\$333 against 483,145\$163 in June, 1899. For the first half of each year the receipts were as follows:

1900	3,216,306\$137
1899	3,021,064\$539

Increase..... 195,241\$598
Thus an increase of 50% in the rate of taxation produced only an increase of a little over 6% in the amount of revenue. These figures do not encourage the belief that the government will realize its anticipation of obtaining gold revenue to the amount of 58,869,741\$ in 1901.

—There is much curiosity abroad in regard to what is to prevent his rising? Exchange transactions are mainly on one side of the account, and now that the minister of finance has given a start to the rise it must go on. Custom-house statistics have shown for a long time the greatly diminished character of importation, and as the government is not taking exchange, and non-residents are waiting for a higher rate, there are no takers. Consequently the money coming in from abroad from various sources keeps the rate going up. And unless takers appear we see no reason why it should not continue going up to 12 and even 15.

—It is said that the minister of finance is preparing an explanation of the present rise in exchange for the information of the President. It will be a case of the blind leading the blind, but what's the odds as long as we're lappy.

—According to the *New York Times*, it is reported from Rio de Janeiro that New York capitalists have lent Brazil a sum of \$50,000,000. It is said that the loan was arranged through certain London bankers interested in various South American securities. In addition to the securities given, certain valuable concessions are said to have been made by Brazil. The Brazilian government, it seems, has valuable securities and new concessions for American lenders, but for British bondholders only worthless promises and paper interest. —*Financial News*, June 6. —The most worthless feature of the foregoing that you can see is the news item itself. Why should a New York paper give credit to a report from Rio de Janeiro that New York capitalists had loaned thirty million dollars to Brazil? Would not such a transaction be better known there than here? —*Ed. News*.

—Officials organs of the government are at last beginning to acknowledge that gold duties and consumption taxes are causing a decrease in imports and consequently in the revenue which the government derives from this source. If they will examine the question more thoroughly, they will see that from the same cause there has resulted also a shrinkage in other sources of revenue. The receipts of the Rio de Janeiro revenue office, not counting those derived from consumption taxes, averaged last year 1,216,337\$666 a month, against a monthly average of 1,289,864\$238 in 1898. In the first quarter of the present year the monthly average was only 953,770\$053, or 232,567\$613 less than in 1899 and 206,048\$875 less than in the previous year. It is singular that Minister Murinho and his admirers find it so difficult to understand that the capital of the country is limited and that every milreis absorbed by increased taxation is just so much taken from productive industry on which public revenue depends.

—The receipts of Rio de Janeiro general revenue office amounted last month to 2,061,281\$331, against 1,500,686\$877 in June, 1899, and 1,316,378\$005 in the corresponding month of 1898. For the first half of each of the three years the receipts of this office were as follows:

1898	8,579,018\$413
1899	10,460,327\$810
1900	13,129,057\$105

The combined receipts of the Rio de Janeiro custom-house and general revenue office, embracing the product of import duties, consumption taxes, stamp tax, tax on the transfer of property, house tax, tax on industries and professions and revenue from many other sources, were as follows:

1898	50,997,483\$891
1899	47,921,123\$089
1900	37,252,018\$617

These figures do not sustain President Carnegie's assertion that public revenue will amount this year to at least what it was in 1899.

COMMERCIAL

Rio de Janeiro, July 3rd, 1900.

Par value of the Brazilian milreis (1000)	27 d.
do of the Brazilian milreis (1000) in U. S. coin at \$4.90 per \$	54 7/8 cts
do \$100 (U. S. coin) Brazilian gold. 1897	5 8/10
do of £ 1899 in Brazilian gold.	8 8/10
Bank rate of exchange, official, on London	12 1/2 d.
Present value of the Brazilian milreis (1000)	22 1/2
Present value of the Brazilian milreis (1000) in U. S. coin at \$4.90 per \$	44 7/8 cts
Present value of the Brazilian milreis (1000) in U. S. coin at \$5.00 per \$	24 25 c.
Value of \$100 (U. S. coin) in Brazilian currency (paper)	49 7/8
Value of £ 1 sterling	148 7/8

EXCHANGE.

June 25.—The upwards tendency of the preceding days continued, but the market was less active.

Official quotations on London were:
Bank bills..... opening 10 1/2 to 3/4
"..... closing 10 1/2 to 3/4
Private bills..... opening 10 1/2
"..... closing 10 1/2
Official value of the milreis 370-375 reis gold.

June 26.—Today's market showed the same tendency, rates improving rapidly; there was some business transacted.

Official quotations on London were:
Bank bills..... opening 10 1/2 to 3/4
"..... closing 10 1/2 to 3/4
Private bills..... opening 10 1/2
"..... closing 10 1/2
Official value of the milreis 370-375 reis gold.

June 27.—Rates were still improving during the day and there was a fair amount of business done.

Official quotations on London are as follows:
Bank bills..... opening 10 1/2 to 3/4
"..... closing 10 1/2 to 3/4
Private bills..... opening 10 1/2
"..... closing 10 1/2
Official value of the milreis 370-375 reis gold.

June 28.—The tendency of the market remained unchanged; transactions reported were above average.

The official quotations on London were:
Bank bills..... opening 10 1/2 to 3/4
"..... closing 10 1/2 to 3/4
Private bills..... opening 10 1/2
"..... closing 10 1/2
Official value of the milreis 370-375 reis gold.

June 29.—Church holiday.

June 30.—No change in the tone of the market to be reported which remained strong; transactions were numerous.

Official quotations on London were:
Bank bills..... opening 10 1/2 to 3/4
"..... closing 10 1/2 to 3/4
Private bills..... opening 10 1/2
"..... closing 10 1/2
Official value of the milreis 370-375 reis gold.

MARKET REPORT.

Rio de Janeiro, 3rd July, 1900.

Exports.

Coffee.—There was no appreciable improvement in the market during the past week, the reported sales being only 21,000 bags, against 18,000 in the preceding week. Prices gave way about 1500 per arroba during the week through the continued rise in exchange, and another heavy break may be expected during the current week. The receipts were 46,332 bags, showing that the coffee held back is being hurried in, and shipments were 54,079 bags. The Centro Com. and shipments last month's receipts as 2,281,115 kilograms from Minas Geraes, 2,512,864 from Rio de Janeiro (state), and 958,678 from São Paulo; total 5,752,657 kilos, of 92,414 bags.
Advices from abroad give the sales last month as: New York 557,000 bags, Havre 457,000, Hamburg 319,000 and London 222,000, a total of 1,555,000 bags, against 865,000 in the same month of last year, and 988,000 in the month of May. For the half year ending June 30 the sales were: New York 4,370,000 bags, Havre the same, Hamburg 1,966,000, and London 1,572,000, a total of 9,750,000 bags, against 5,478,000 bags in the same period of 1899.
On the 30th ult. a commission of directors of the Centro dos Cafezistas and coffee brokers proceeded to ascertain the stocks of coffee in the market, which were found to exceed the estimates by 41,000 bags. The stocks consist of 75,240 bags in 1st hands, 26,482 in 2nd hands, 52,524 with consignments, and 13,602 at the trapezes and Central railway.
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 with columns: Rio N. 7, Reported sales, Santos, Good Average per arroba, per 1000. Rows for June 25, 26, 27, 28, 29.

The shipments since our last report have been: 25,850 bags for the United States, 8,027 for Europe, 6,609 for Cape of Good Hope, 13,493 for River Plate, etc., 54,079 bags.

The following ships sailed with coffee last week: United States: June 23 New York Br. str. Hoegarth, 24,428 bags.

Table of ship arrivals from various ports including Havre, Trieste, Gibraltar, Marseilles, Oran, Odessa, London, Hamburg, Genoa, Copenhague, and Bahia.

The receipts for the past week were 47,231 bags against 26,683 bags for the previous week and 18,950 bags for the week before.

Table of Brokers' quotations for June 30 and June 25, listing various coffee types and prices.

The stock in all hands was estimated this morning at 152,112 bags, against 124,122 bags a week ago. The Santos stock is reported at 29,850 bags.

Daily receipts and shipments of coffee at Rio de Janeiro

Large table showing daily receipts and shipments of coffee at Rio de Janeiro from June 21 to June 28, with columns for Receipts, Shipments, and Stock.

Imports.

Flour.—The receipts during the past week were 12,000 bags by the Sud and 10,500 by the Tagus from the River Plate, 10,050 barrels by the Josephine from Baltimore and 3,000 barrels by the Hepatica from New York. The market continues very weak and lower prices are expected. Our quotations for the week, were as follows:

Table of flour prices for Trieste, Richmond 1st, Baltimore 1st, 2nd, Western and Interior, River Plate, and Local Mills.

Codfish.—The Pelotas brought 335 cases and the Rabltona 843 from Hamburg. Market nominal.

Lard.—The receipts were 250 kegs ex Josephine from Baltimore. The wholesale price is from 710 to 750 reis per pound.

Pork.—No arrivals. Prices unchanged. Rice.—The Others brought 1300 bags from London and the Pelotas 500 from Hamburg. We quote 10,000 for new and 18,000 per bag of old rice.

White Pine, Pitch Pine, Spruce Pine, Swedish Pine. No receipts. Market unchanged.

Kerosene.—Receipts nil. The prices are from 105,000 to 108,000 per case wholesale.

Rosin.—The Josephine brought 150 barrels from Baltimore. Prices nominal.

Turpentine.—No receipts. Quotations unchanged.

Cement.—The arrivals were 2,500 barrels by the Othos from London. There were no sales reported.

Indian Corn.—No entries. Native estimates to be quoted from 9500 to 10,000 per bag of 62 kilos.

Bran.—There were no arrivals and no changes in prices.

Hay.—The arrivals were 4,625 bales by the Tagus and 7,113 by the Sud from the River Plate. Broker's quote from 240 to 250 reis per kilo.

Coal.—The following vessels arrived with coal: From Hull ex Ganeocogora, 5,014 tons, Cardiff ex Titania, 594, Valleda, 3,088, Miefeld, 2,162, Leith ex Guldhall, 3,573.

Rum.—Receipts continue regular. The prices are nominal as shown below:

Table of rum prices for Pernambuco and Macaeo, Bahia and Aracaju, Campos, Angra and Paraty, Paralyha, and Alcohol.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

BALTIMORE.—Amer. bk. Josephine, 870 tons; McClean, 52 ds; sundries to J. L. Bisset.

FREIGHTS.

NEW YORK.—50 cents and 5% primage per bag. NEW ORLEANS.—50 cents and 5% primage per bag of coffee. ANTWERP, BREMEN, HAMBURG, LIVERPOOL.—35 shillings and 6% primage per ton of 1,000 kilos. COPENHAGEN.—37 shillings, 6 d. and 5% primage per ton of 1,000 kilos. GENOA.—40 francs and 10% primage per ton. BORDEAUX.—40 francs and 10% primage per ton of 900 kilos. HAVRE.—35 francs and 10% primage per ton of 900 kilos. TRIESTE.—45 shillings and 5% primage per ton of 1,000 kilos. LONDON.—30 shillings and 5% primage per ton of 1,000 kilos. CAPE-TOWN.—50 shillings and 2 1/2% primage per ton. PORT NATAL, EAST LONDON.—57 shillings, 6 d. and 2 1/2% primage per ton. DELAGOA BAY, MOSSIEL BAY.—60 francs per barrel of 75 kilos. MONTVIDEO, B. AYRES.

ENGAGEMENTS.

GENOA.—It. str. Città di Genova, 500 bags of coffee. NEW YORK.—Belg. str. Hevelius, 9,200 do do. HAMBURG.—Germ. str. Rabltona, 3,800 do do.

Vessels Allocated & Chartered for Rio

Table of vessel engagements for Rio, listing ship names, destinations, and dates.

Table of ship arrivals from Cardiff, Oporto, Marseilles, and other ports.

Arrivals of foreign steamers.

Table of foreign steamer arrivals with columns: Date, Name, From, Consigned to.

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Stocks and Bonds and Joint Stock Companies --- July 2nd.

Table with columns: Emission, Circulation, Public Funds, Nominal Value, Last Quotation. Lists various bonds and public funds with their respective values and market prices.

Table with columns: Capital, Shares, Emitted, Par, Banks, Paid, Reserve Fund, Last Dividend, Last quotation. Lists various banks and financial institutions.

Table with columns: Capital, Shares, Emitted, Par, Railways, Paid, Reserve fund, Last Dividend, Last quotation. Lists various railway companies.

Table with columns: Capital, Shares, Emitted, Par, Tramways, Paid, Reserve fund, Last Dividend, Last quotation. Lists various tramway companies.

Table with columns: Capital, Shares, Emitted, Par, Steamships, Paid, Reserve fund, Last Dividend, Last quotation. Lists various steamship companies.

Table with columns: Capital, Shares, Emitted, Par, Cotton Mills, etc., Paid, Reserve fund, Last Dividend, Last quotation. Lists various cotton mills and textile companies.

Table with columns: Capital, Shares, Emitted, Par, Insurance, Paid, Reserve fund, Last Dividend, Last Quotation. Lists various insurance companies.

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