

### FALL IN BRAZILIAN EXCHANGE HARMS EXPORTS OF U. S.

(By The Associated Press)

Rio, De Janeiro, Brazil, Nov. 25.—Representatives of American export houses in this city and elsewhere in Brazil are seriously concerned because of the recent declines in the exchange value of the milreis. At a time when importers had reconciled themselves to the fifty per cent reduction in the purchase power of the milreis, as compared to the normal, which prevailed at the close of the world war, and were placing orders for merchandise with increasing confidence, there came the slump in the exchange market. From a trifle more than seven milreis to the dollar, the rate dropped in less than a month to about nine.

Many suspensions of orders with American exporters and some cancellations are being reported, with a complete paralysis of further buying. American exporters, who maintained offices here for nearly three years in the expectations that a trade revival sooner or later would come, are facing new discouragement. Two or three companies have decided to close their Brazilian branches at least temporarily, and it is reported that others are considering similar action.

In the meantime, consular reports on ships' manifests show that competitors of American exporters are making desperate efforts to regain their former foothold in the Brazilian markets—and with pronounced success. British exporters of steel, textiles and some lines of hardware, are making big and regular shipments and are taking increasing orders for immediate or quick delivery. The Belgians and Germans are also making headway in the resumption of trade, although the Germans are reported to be having difficulty in their deliveries.

There are many explanations for the fall in exchange, nearly every interested individual has his pet theory, but the representatives of the American export houses are more interested in signs of recovery, because, until such recovery comes, business will remain in its present state of stagnation.

In the meantime the pessimists predict future gloom, while the optimists are declaring that the slump is only temporary; that Brazil's resources are great, and that recovery is certain.

### BIG PICTURE AT THE COLONIAL MONDAY

The same picture that Mr. Wells opens up his half million dollar theatre in Norfolk Monday, plays here at the Colonial Theatre on the same date.

Thomas Meighan in "The Man Who Saw Tomorrow." So if Norfolk selects this picture for the opening of their picture theatre it must be some good.

It is not often one sees such a cast. Theodore Roberts, June Elvidge and Eva Novak assembled in one photoplay. They all appear in "The Man Who Saw Tomorrow," a new Paramount picture starring Mr. Meighan that will be shown at the Colonial Theatre Monday, November 27th.

The director of "The Bachelor Daddy," Alfred Green, directed this superb picture, which is replete with thrills, romance, adventure, intrigue and novel situations. We are certain you will like this picture which has been acclaimed the sensation of the current photoplay season.

Two beautiful women—one offering fame, the other love. Which should he choose? This question confronts "The Man Who Saw Tomorrow." See the picture for the answer.

### PRESENT ORIENTAL RUGS TO TRINITY

(Special to The Southerner)

Durham, N. C., Nov. 25.—From China, 6,000 miles away, there came today three oriental rugs to complete the furnishings of the parlors at Southgate Memorial Building, woman's dormitory at Trinity College. The mystery, the romance, the symbolism of the East has been woven into the rugs in such a manner as to conserve the oriental effects without the elaborateness of the ordinary tapestries and fabrics produced by the yellow masters. The rugs are the gift of J. A. Thomas, head of the Chinese American Bank of Commerce of Peking, and are valued at \$1,000, exclusive of import duties.

The factory in Peking which formerly manufactured all the tapestries and fabrics for the Empress Dowager of China, the lady who was responsible for the Boxer Uprising, made the rugs which have been received at Trinity, and according to special designs prepared by L. M. Jee, a Chinaman learned in the lore of his country, yet a graduate of the University of California and Harvard.

A large rug, 24 1/2 feet long by 22 feet wide, and two small rugs identical in size, 6 feet and 10 inches long by 3 feet and 6 inches wide, made up the shipments. A color scheme of "Chinese Blue" has been carried out to harmonize with the furniture and furnishings.

The design of each of the rugs is the same. The border is woven in a conventional floral design interspersed with butterflies and bats, the former typifying the spirit of love and affection and emblematical of things beautiful, while the latter is the emblem of happiness, good fortune and blessings.

At the four corners are found peony blossoms, growing about a rock, over all of which floats a phoenix. The peony is one of the most beautiful and most highly prized in the Far East. It is used to decorate rare gifts of every description and is also emblematical of love and affection.

In the center is a grand phoenix, surrounded by a border denoting clouds. This mythical bird is called the "Feng Huang" among the Chinese and is an emblem of elegance and benevolence. The Chinese believe it to live in the higher regions of the air descending as a harbinger of good tidings to persons, localities and nations. In the days of monarchy in China under the Manchu Dynasty, it was the emblem of the Empress. The beautiful plumage of the blended colors represents the cardinal virtues.

The rugs are of the very best materials, of first grade yarns and fast dyes throughout. One hundred threads to the lineal foot were used in making the rugs.

J. A. Thomas, who made the gifts, is one of the leading American financiers in China. An interview, accompanied by his picture was recently used by a writer in the Saturday Evening Post on conditions in China.

### AQUITANIA'S AVERAGE SPEED IS 22.25 KNOTS

Lodon, Nov. 25.—The Cunard line steamer Aquitania has crossed the Atlantic 15 times during the past summer at an average speed of 22.25 knots an hour. Since May 1 she has carried over 21,000 passengers.

### THERMOMETER DOWN TO 30 LAST NIGHT

Nearly everybody thought that last night might have been the coldest of the season but it was not. According to Mr. Ed Zoeller the thermometer last night stood at 30, while on Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week, it went as low as 28.

## THE TARBORO MERCHANTS HAVE A BIG BANQUET

Last Night, Forty or More Men Were Present and a Great Address by Mr. Paul Leonard Was Heard. There Was Much Enthusiasm Shown by All Present.

### ORGANIZATION IS NEEDED

Two New Members Were Added to the List Last Night, and All Present Promised To Take a New Hold on Their Organization.

Forty or more of the business men and merchants of Tarboro sat down last night to a most elegant dinner served in the dining hall of the Presbyterian Sunday School rooms and enjoyed a most delicious repast from 7:30 o'clock until eight, after which Mr. Peters called the meeting together and explained the purpose, and then introduced Mr. Paul Leonard, the secretary of the State Merchants' Association and the Merchants Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Mr. Leonard is an interesting speaker and his address was a strong appeal to all the merchants to be loyal to their association in Tarboro.

Before he got into his regular address, he told those merchants present about the attack that had been made in the past few years by the charges of profiteering and high prices but he stated that all these charges were untrue and those who were foremost in making these statements had retreated since the war had closed.

He told the merchants of the great importance of their sustaining an organization and without any organization their efforts for legislation beneficial to them could never be obtained.

He also told them that he as the State Secretary without a strong organization to back him could not

hope to ward off the passage of laws that would work to their detriment to them as business.

He spoke of the improved conditions in business for the last year or more and told his hearers that eastern North Carolina was in much better condition than many places in the far west.

In referring to their organization of the association he reminded those present that before every congress and law making body, nearly every business had formed what is now known as "blobs" and these businesses though their organizations had accomplished much for those concerned.

He said that the average business man of today was asking for a square deal and that the program for the state association now was aggressiveness.

He told them of the legislative program that would be placed before the next legislature, namely: The merchants would ask for a garnishment law to be known as the ten per cent law, and a modification of the Homestead law.

He also stated that something would be attempted to break up the retail system from hotels, by which dealers who come into the town and sell their goods in competition with the local merchant who supports the community and pays his local taxes. In these instances the present laws gave a decided advantage to the itinerant dealer.

He also denounced the Fake Auction system, where travelling men go from town to town and have these auction sales and pay nothing for the privilege in detriment to the local dealer.

He warned the merchants to be aware of what is known as advertising accounts.

He urged the merchants to make more use of their local newspapers and spend more money with these papers. He advised special days during the year in which to present certain goods to the public for sale.

He stated that he had been to many a town and found that the outside papers in many instances had more subscribers than the local paper and the result was that the readers of these outside papers saw more advertisements of merchandise from others towns than from their own, and the result was detrimental to the local merchant.

He said that he was doing all he could in his speeches and trips throughout the state to build up the State and local associations for the benefit not only of the merchants themselves but for the buying public as well.

He presented the claims of the Merchants Mutual Fire Insurance Company organized by the merchants of the state.

The first president of this company was a Tarboro man, Mr. R. B. Peters, who had done as much for this company as any man in the state today, and in proportion to the size of the town, Tarboro had more stock in the company than any other town in North Carolina.

Mr. Leonard concluded his speech at 9:15 o'clock when he was forced to leave to catch the train for Rocky Mount.

Two new members, Rev. Dan Iverson and L. H. Beck were added to the list of the association.

It was decided at this meeting to have a Pay-Up week sometime in December. This matter was left to a committee, W. R. Worsley, Julius Rosenbaum and Lloyd Harrison, the secretary.

Taking it all in all the meeting last night was one that will accomplish much good.

No man could dispute a single word that was said by Mr. Leonard and he was given the best of attention.

His address has stirred up a great interest in the Merchants Association and if his remarks are heeded the Association will go forward in the accomplishment of the very purposes for which it has been organized.

### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORS—READ

There are no two things in the world alike. The leaves of the forest and the blades of grass in the meadow are all different, one from another. The clouds are constantly changing, and the sea is never the same.

This variety makes the world beautiful and fulfills its purposes. There is a great variety among human beings as among the objects of nature. No two persons are alike. Their abilities vary. This is so far a wise purpose, so their ideals are different. Come and give us you ideal of a better work we can do through C. E. Topic: "Praise God." Time: 6:45—Come! Come!!

### THE D. A. R. BENEFIT LAST NIGHT

Those who were at the Colonial last night had an evening of great enjoyment.

The ten dancing girls with their bright costumes caught the audience from the very first. They showed careful training and did beautifully.

The crowd got the biggest laugh from the Minstrel boys, Cosby and Wiggins. Miss Carr's readings and recitations showed splendid elocutionary talent and she greatly delighted the audience.

The male quartette—the Pennington brothers, Bunn and Gilliam, showed up fine in their dress suits with red decorations. Tarboro folks always enjoy male singing and they roundly applauded the singing by this quartette. They were encored several times. On their last appearance they were assisted by the beautiful voice of Mrs. T. J. Farrar.

Mrs. Lagg's voice never sounded better and she was called back again and again.

### THANK OFFERING FOR THE ORPHANS

The following letter from the committee, Alfred Tait, George Earnhardt and D. H. Parker, has been sent out to every Mason of the Concord Lodge No. 50, A. F. & A. M.

It is an appeal to the brethren for the Orphans at the Oxford Orphan Asylum at Oxford, N. C.

Dear Brother:— You are being reminded by the newspapers that the Thanksgiving season is almost upon us, and we are wondering if your thoughts do not turn to the three hundred and seventy five (375) orphan girls and boys you are caring for here in your orphanage.

We are sending you this letter to impress upon your minds and hearts and pocket-books the needs of these children.

Are you planning anything to make their Thanksgiving happy?

For the past half century the Masonic Lodges of North Carolina have stood loyally by their orphanage and we confidently expect you not to neglect it this year.

Our beloved brother, Major John W. Cotton was a director of the orphanage for many years, and the cause of the orphan was very dear to his heart, so let us determine this year to give more liberally than ever, everyone donating at least as much as one day's wages or one day's income.

Make your contributions at once to the chairman of the committee, so that it may be promptly forwarded.

Fraternally yours,  
ALFRED TAIT,  
GEORGE EARNHARDT,  
D. H. PARKER Committee  
Tarboro, N. C., Nov. 21, 1922.

### WAR TO BE MADE ON KU KLUX IN THIS STATE

Since the trouble that has arisen in Lillington, Harnett county, N. C., Mr. J. R. Baggett, the state senator from that district, says he will introduce in the next Legislature a bill, making the wearing of masks by any person or in any way disguising themselves while off their premises a felony.

This is the act that he says he will introduce:

1st: That it shall be unlawful for any person found off his premises disguised or masked in such a manner as to destroy his identity.

2nd: Any person violating this act shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be imprisoned in the state prison not less than one year, and not more than five years.

This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

### COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AND GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Rocky Mount members of the Hilma Golf Club in appreciation of their having been extended the privileges of the Hilma Golf course will give on Thursday, November 30th, Thanksgiving Day, a barbecue and brunswick stew dinner to all members of the Hilma Golf club, including their husbands and wives; and will furnish five prizes for a handicap tournament; Medal play, to be played during the day. The tournament may be played any time during the day and your score must include the first round. Men play eighteen holes, women nine. There will be three prizes for men, and two for women. The play will be strictly on a handicap basis. The handicaps to be arranged by the Handicap committee. All players on account of the congestion of the course, will have to play in four ball matches.

Most of the students thus far enrolled are of the lightweight class but after the close of the football season heavier men are expected to report for practice.

No definite schedule is on the cards, but it is hoped that four or five teams will be arranged for the winter quarter.

### ADVICE TO TAX PAYERS

It will be remembered that those who pay their taxes on or before December the 1st will be entitled to a discount of one per cent.

Those who have dogs had better pay the license tax by December as after this date there is a penalty of fifty dollars.

### C. W. RICE BACK IN STANDARDIZATION IN SOUTH AMERICA

(By The Associated Press)

Buenos Aires, Nov. 25.—To gain standardization of mechanical specifications and names in industry throughout Pan-American as an economic advantage to each country the mission upon which Calvin Rice, a New York engineer, is making a tour of American countries.

Mr. Rice is engineering representative in the American section of the Inter-American High Commission, at the instance of Secretary Hoover, chairman of the American section, he is consulting with members of other sections of commission and with engineering societies in the various countries.

a representative of American engineering societies at the recent International Engineering Conference in Brazil, he urged standardization there, with the suit that resolutions were adopted in support of the movement. He then proceeded to Uruguay, where he spoke before the engineers of that country, thence came to Argentina where he likewise has urged upon the local engineers the advantages of standardization. He next visits Chile.

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These differences exist even in the same country, as in Brazil for instance, in the case of coffee, where in Rio de Janeiro and Santos different amounts of quantity for quoting commodity are used. The economy saving of standardization is obvious but the question is to obtain its adoption, and this, Mr. Hoover hopes can be done through the Inter-American High Commissions and by interesting the engineering profession in the various countries in the subject.

### WRESTLING TO BE RECOGNIZED SPORT AT THE UNIVERSITY

(Special to The Southerner)

Chapel Hill, Nov. 25.—Wrestling is about to become a recognized sport at the University.

A squad of about 04 students is training under the tutelage of A. Shapiro, assistant professor of Spanish, who was wrestling champion of his class at Harvard.

Daily practice is held. It is planned to arrange meets with other colleges, these to take place after Christmas.

Mr. Shapiro, besides wrestling at Harvard, has been pitted against professionals in both North and South America.

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