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CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

The following is a comparative table of the Customs Revenue of the Republic for the years 1896, and 1897. Cents are omitted and the figures for Dec. 1897 are approximate.

TOTAL	1896	1897
Exportation	\$ 701,316	\$ 1,139,780
Importation	\$ 1,570,172	\$ 1,050,492
TOTAL	\$ 2,271,488	\$ 2,190,272

1896	1897	
Jan.	\$ 111,111	\$ 111,111
Feb.	\$ 111,111	\$ 111,111
March	\$ 111,111	\$ 111,111
April	\$ 111,111	\$ 111,111
May	\$ 111,111	\$ 111,111
June	\$ 111,111	\$ 111,111
July	\$ 111,111	\$ 111,111
Aug.	\$ 111,111	\$ 111,111
Sept.	\$ 111,111	\$ 111,111
Oct.	\$ 111,111	\$ 111,111
Nov.	\$ 111,111	\$ 111,111
Dec.	\$ 111,111	\$ 111,111
TOTAL	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,300,000

above table shows anything but that steady progress which we have the right to expect from a young and resourceful country capable of great development.

If the men who arrogate to themselves the exclusive right of controlling the destinies of the Republic would snatch a little time from their political intrigues to devote it to the study of the above and similar statistical tables, they would see how very little indeed the Republic has to thank them for their interference. Nature, though not uniformly kind, has done her best for this country, whilst its rulers seem to do their worst.

NEWS OF THE DAY

MONTEVIDEO
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1898.

Saints Gregory and Aquilino.—4 days past, 961 to the end of the year.

THE DEPORTATIONS REVOKED.

The Decree was issued on Friday evening revoking the deportation of Drs. Herrera, Aguirre and Brian. The following is the substance.—
Considering:—That the Decree of Nov. 30, deporting certain citizens as a political measure, was solely intended to restore order, which had been altered in the Capital by the sanguinary events of Nov. 28;—That the Permanent Commission in employment of its Constitutional faculties has advised the Executive that Art. 81 has been misinterpreted, and, although recognizing that the case has several precedents, has called upon the Executive for the second time to derogate the said Decree, in spite of the remarks and explanations made.—That the Executive has complied with the duty imposed on it by Arts. 79 and 81 of the Constitution, and reserves to itself the right to take prompt measures of security in case order is again disturbed.—The President of the Senate in exercise of the Executive Power accords and decrees:

Art. 1.—Hereby is derogated the Decree of Nov. 30, deporting from the country the citizens Drs. Julio Herrera y Obes, Martin Aguirre and Angel Brian.

Art. 2.—Let this be communicated, etc.—CUESTAS—E. MacEachen.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Once again the political crisis has simmered down without producing the decisive result that was expected. The Decree revoking the deportation of Drs. Herrera, Aguirre and Brian was issued on Friday night—and the Ministers remain in their places. That is the end, so far, of all the anxiety and expectation. The result, it is said, was not attained without considerable agitation and even dissension in the Cabinet. Ministers Varela and Salterain are believed to have strongly opposed to it, though not relinquishing their portfolios on that account. The Decree, like its predecessor, appears signed only by the President and the Minister of Government Mr. MacEachen. This is the more surprising as Mr. MacEachen is generally regarded as the Minister most in favor of radical measures. Certainly, reports have been and to some extent still are current that the Ministerial crisis is not yet over, and the resignation of Drs. Varela and Salterain may take place at any moment, but these are contradicted by the *Diario*, and we believe correctly so.

The issue of the Decree has been received with much divergence of opinion. Those who are impatient to see radical measures taken against the Chambers and the «collectivity» are frankly disappointed and regard it as another weakness on the part of Sr. Cuestas and a concession to the enemies of the Republic. Others accept it in the hope that something deeper remains behind. Others regard it with indifference, thinking the matter has lost its importance. Lastly, the «collectivity» celebrates it with undisguised triumph as a «score off» Sr. Cuestas and a defeat for the popular cause. Their organ the *Libertad* goes further and hails it as «a return to the regime of constitution and law.» This is utterly absurd, for any resemblance to constitutional government is out of the question while the present Chambers remain in existence. Constitutional government means government by the legally elected representatives of the people, and at present there are none such. A contemporary places on record that the political editors of the *Libertad*, members of the Committee of the Club «Cruzada Libertadora», the only club left to the «collectivity», went to congratulate Sr. Cuestas on having revoked the deportations but he politely declined the honor!

As regards the vacant Ministry of Finance, it is confirmed that it has been offered to Dr. Juan Carlos Blanco, but his answer will not be known until today. It is regarded as peculiar, we might even say

inconsistent, that Sr. Cuestas should keep or gather round him ministers of known radical tendencies, whilst pursuing a policy anything but radical. The appointment of Dr. Blanco would be regarded as another deadly offence by the «collectivity», who regard him not without cause, as their determined enemy. For the same reason it would be regarded with pleasure by the general public though it is to be doubted if Dr. Blanco's talents lie in a financial direction. It is also worth noting that whilst revoking the deportations, Sr. Cuestas reserves to himself the right of again resorting to summary measures, «in protection of threatened society», should fresh disturbances occur. This may mean a great deal. It is difficult to regard these things as indications that the end has by no means yet been reached. The worst of it is that whilst the game is devaluing the Republic is suffering and the economical situation is daily growing worse, a prey to doubt almost verging on despair. The game may be very entertaining to those who live by politics, but they should have some little consideration for the rest of the Republic which, as we have said several times is kept in suspense between the extremes of reaction and revolution.

The following admirable phrases occur in a letter written by Dr. Espalater to the *Democracia* of Rocha, for which Department he is Deputy.—«I cannot deny that Sr. Cuestas professes, in the matter of government, certain erroneous principles, derived from a somewhat exaggerated idea of the principle of authority an idea common to nearly all our statesmen; but on the other hand there must be recognised the good political and administrative services which Sr. Cuestas has lent the country whilst in power, and the honesty above suspicion which he has shown in all his public posts. Surely proven probity counts for something in a country where the public wealth has so frequently evaporated in the hands of its governors. You say that the people may err at times in the selection of a popular candidate. This is possible, but in return I ask, is it not more likely that the error lies with the few who, pitted against the entire country combat the candidature of Sr. Cuestas, and amongst these the members of Chambers, who may be very worthy citizens, but who neither by their origin nor their acts can be considered as depositaries of the national aspirations?»

Our contemporaries, as customary, devote a large portion of their space to a review of the past year, publishing extensive statistical compilations, of which we hope to avail ourselves in due time. They are unusually sparse, however, in their comments, recognising, as we did, that it was a black year—*un año negro*—from every point of view, about which the least said is the best. The extreme obscurity of the situation prevents them from indulging in forecasts as to the future, and what little they venture to say in this direction is not very hopeful. The *Nacion*, which is again assuming the character of an official organ, has attracted some attention by an article full of significant phrases promising the triumph of the popular cause, of which the following may serve for example.—«On the other hand, it is already time that, as occurs in other nations perhaps better educated than we are in practices of liberty, the people should begin to intervene, by the free expression of their desires and their will, in the selection of a presidential candidate, and since public opinion has already designated Sr. Cuestas for the post, it will not be at all improbable that, at a given moment, and in view of unjustifiable and unreasonable resistances, their will shall be expressed in a decisive and unmistakable manner, and those who bear the title of the people's representatives will be obliged to respect and satisfy it.»—It is something new to hear the *Nacion* preaching the rights of the people, but the *Nacion* has a certain instinct which keeps it on the winning side, whether right or wrong.

Senator Dr. C. M. Ramirez resumes the editorship of the *Razon* in an exclusively written but strangely inconclusive letter which leaves us in doubt what side he means to take. He regards the wish for dissolution of the Chambers and a dictatorship as a madness which now has passed (has it?) and the substance of the letter may be found in the following phrase «the people, cured of their madness, would prefer today, without vacillations, any legal solution which would preserve peace and promise the maintenance of the regimen of administrative morality implanted by Sr. Cuestas.» Apparently Dr. Ramirez still fails to discern the utter incompatibility of such a regimen with government by the «collectivity» and the im-

possibility of trusting the solution to their hands. The «legal solution» as he calls it, is out of the question with Chambers that defy the country they do not represent and which did not elect them. He is hankering after the impossible.

Although the new Minister of War is in town, he has not taken possession of his post, nor can we say when he will do so. One of our contemporaries hints that he never will. A Ministry for some 40 days, promising to be turbulent, is certainly not tempting.

The *Pueblo*, which is to be the official organ of the «collective» majority in the Chambers, has made its appearance. As usual, it is overflowing with fine phrases and patriotic professions, every one of which is at absolute variance with the acts and attitude of the men it represents.

The rumored resignation of Prefect Dominguez is once more effectually contradicted by fresh marks of confidence from the President, and is once more traced to «collectivist» sources. The «collectivity» recognise him as an enemy and seem determined to get him out of his post.

As regards the «distinguished exiles» Dr. Brian sneaked back incognito, on Sunday morning, hiding himself carefully to avoid a public reception. It was not even known that he was on board. Dr. Aguirre is expected in a day or two. Dr. Julio Herrera's return is still uncertain. No doubt he also will do his best to avoid publicity. He knows how the people love him.

RACES.

There was a large and brilliant attendance at Maroñas on Sunday, including a great many ladies and many visitors from Buenos Aires. The meeting was favored by fine and not too sultry weather. The following were the results.—

1. *Premio Guerrillero*.—1000 metres. Ten started. Nangapiré won in a splendid rush from the back. Revoloso 2, Croupier 3. Sport, \$5.56; place, \$2.96, \$3.62 and \$5.04.

2. *Premio Canors*.—1300 metres. Ten started. Pilot 1, Zahori 2, Doña Sol 3. Sport, \$13.25; place \$3.94, \$6.26 and \$3.75.

3. *Gran Premio Internacional*.—3000 metres. Nine started for this the great event of the day, and contrary to expectation gave a splendid and most exciting race, resulting in a surprise and a thorough defeat for the Buenos Aires favorite Alacran, which came in quite lame. For the greater part of the race Gauchito led the way at a rattling pace, followed by Alacran, Jonica, Montevideo and Discreto all close together. On entering into the final straight Montevideo, which was third favorite, made a splendid spurt from fourth or fifth place and won the race by a length. Discreto a good second, Vasubio 3. Sport, \$12.88; place, \$3.83, \$15.52, \$2.94. Time, 3 mins. 13 2/5 secs.

4. *Premio Revere*.—1400 metres. Six started. Lautaro 1, Tina 2, Lanza Saca 3. Sport, \$10.18; place, \$5.31, \$8.49.

5. *Premio Sebastopol*.—1300 metres. Seven started. Graciela 1, Nangapiré and Bettina dead heat for second. Sport, \$13.02; place, Graciela \$4.61, Nangapiré \$3.59, Bettina \$3.54.

6. *Premio Imperio*.—2000 metres. Six started. Junot 1, Olimar 2, Labral 3. Sport, \$18.76; place \$5.76 and \$4.16.

It was a bad day for barkers of the favorites.

The next meeting takes place on Thursday (holiday) when will be run the *Premio Buenos Aires*.

SUNDRIES

—The Clerk of the Weather was in a surly mood on New Year's Day, and the heavy rain which fell soon after noon enforced suspension of the cricket match against Buenos Aires. Play was resumed on Sunday, however, under more favorable conditions, and we are pleased to say resulted in a victory for the home team, the scores being M.V.C.C. 65 and 67 against Buenos Aires 50 and 59. Particulars in our next.

—The reception of the new U.S. Minister Mr. Finch will take place this afternoon, when Mr. Granville Stuart will also present his letters of recall. We may take this opportunity of mentioning that the fine furniture in the house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Stuart in Calle Zabala will be sold this afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart are now staying in the Hotel Oriental and will leave for the United States, by the Pacific route, on Sunday next. We hear, however, that there is some possibility of their returning here to reside, which will be a consolation to the large circle of friends they have acquired in society here.

—We regret to say that Mr. F. L. Humphreys, the popular agent of the Royal Mail, has been seriously ill for some days past, his condition giving anxiety to his many friends. On Sunday, however, he took a turn

for the better, and yesterday was reported as doing well.

—The recent holidays have been marked by such an unusual number of «drunk and disorderlies» that the city is in danger of losing its reputation for order and sobriety. It is only fair to add that the greater number of them were sailors.

—We quote the following paragraph from the *Consular Journal*—«We supply a good deal of rope and twine to Uruguay, but we have many rivals, and we are not doing as well as we ought to do. Italy is very close behind us, and Germany the United States and Belgium are making great efforts to catch up. In fact, in machine twine, used for harvesting purposes, and which comes under a different tariff schedule to other descriptions of twine, America is the chief supplier. In 1893, 1,031,469 pounds of this particular make, valued at something like £70,000, came from the United States. From the statistics before us, England does not appear to furnish this twine. The tug of war in the rope and twine trade of Uruguay is evidently a stiff one, and our manufacturers will need to strain every nerve to save themselves from being pulled across the line.»

—An Aberdeen paper says: Colonel Gildea, commanding the 75th Regimental District, was present at the annual meeting of the Aberdeen Gordon Highlanders Association on Saturday night. In the course of an address he said that there seemed to be some doubt in the public mind about the two pipers of Dargai. To his mind it was quite clear that Findlater was the hero. He had received letters from the Indian frontier giving particulars about the fighting. Piper Milne was shot in the chest as he came out of the narrow pass, but Findlater reached the open, and although shot twice, continued playing his pipes. Findlater had been recommended for the Victoria Cross, and in letters which he (Colonel Gildea) had received it was hoped that Milne would get it also.

—A young man named Pedro C. Paz, Uruguayan, aged 24, finished the old year by committing suicide. He took a coach from his residence in Calle Agraciada drove to the Hospital, and shot himself whilst still in the coach, in front of the building. He was taken inside, and died on Saturday night after 24 hours' agony, the ball having penetrated his lung. He belonged to a respectable family, and was for some time employed with Lussich and Co. «Tired of life» was the only reason he could give.

—The telegram about calling on the British naval reserves may be regarded as nonsense. It is stated, however, that the Channel Fleet has received orders to make ready for sailing.

—The programme at the San Felipe this evening consists of «Calzoiola da Donna», «L'iride» (two acts) and «Un Milanese in Mare.» After that the Theatre will be given up to masked balls, and Sr. Cavalli's company will move to the Cibils, where they will give three farewell performances.

—The Committee of the Caridad Hospital are in great joy over the good results of the lottery played last Friday. For a wonder all the tickets were sold, and on the morning of the drawing they even commanded a slight premium, which is a thing that has not happened for a long time past.

—The death occurred on Sunday, after an illness of a few days only, of Don Lorenzo Pons, the well known teacher of English and French. For many years Sr. Pons was Professor of English in the University. He was a well known character, very generally esteemed, and his loss is lamented by a large circle. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon.

—We quote from the *Revista of the River Plate*—«We read in a contemporary that in the house of a well known family residing in the Calle Rodriguez Peña, an accident took place on the night of the 26th ult., which may well be termed disgraceful. It appears that a dance was being held in the house, and one of the guests, while dancing, had an epileptic fit and fell to the ground, causing the consequent consternation amongst the assembled friends, for epilepsy is not a pleasant thing to look at. On lifting him from the floor, however, a revolver fell out of his hip pocket, and went off, wounding him severely, and he was then transported to the San Roque Hospital, where he is under treatment. And the paper which reports this accident apparently finds if the most natural thing in the world that a young Argentine gentleman should go to a dance in a friend's house with a revolver in his pocket. And we prate of the culture and civilization of Buenos Aires while we sanction the carriage of lethal weapons by every boy and man in the place, and are not in the least horrified by snooting affrays, murders, and accidents, which are constantly occurring and nothing is done to check or prevent them. We have no right to call a country civilized in

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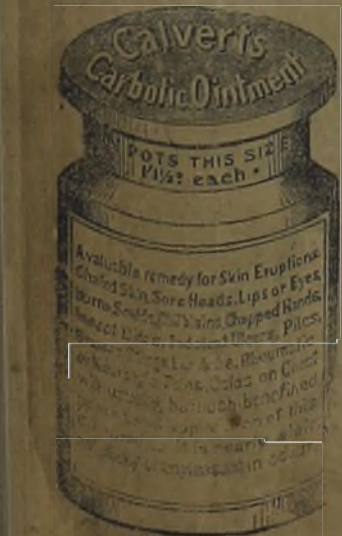
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"Then you may expect you on Thursday? That is settled, and I am off."

"But, I say, Dancombe, wait a minute; it isn't settled at all. I would rather wait to hear what your people say. They may have made engagements you don't know of—and they don't know me."

"I never knew such a modest fellow! I know you, isn't it enough? Besides, they have heard me—and about you, and they cannot know more without seeing you. As to other engagements, the Park is as big as barracks, and we shall manage to give you a shakedown somewhere, whatever those engagements may be. They are always delighted to see any friend of mine. I used to bring fellows from school without giving any notice at home. You would have been there a dozen times if they hadn't happened to be abroad ever since I know you. Now it is settled, remember. I haven't time for further parley. I must bid me to Victoria. I have a good deal of curiosity to see Olive. Two years must have made some sort of difference in her. She was just a romping schoolgirl when I saw her last, and now she is a grown-up young woman of eighteen, educated up to the eyes, and speaking half-a-dozen languages, dead and alive. Perhaps it is Olive you are frightened of—if you are sure—? The other still hesitated, but with slackening resolution.

"I am quite sure. They are always glad to see my friends. I might always ask as many as I liked. Now, remember, Thursday—the day after to-morrow. You will leave King's Cross at ten, and I will meet you at Brompton station at four." And Hugh Dancombe dashed out of the room as if he meant to rush all the way from Holborn to Victoria at the rate of six miles an hour. His friend, George Henderson, went to the window and looked thoughtfully out into the quiet, gravelled quadrangle of Gray's Inn Square. He was a handsome young man of three-and-twenty. He had recently been called to the Bar, and had a plate with his name engraved thereupon on a first-floor landing. So far no brief had come his way, but he could afford to be patient or idle, whichever he chose, being blessed with an income of six thousand a year, upon which a man of reasonable requirements and respectable tastes can afford to live very comfortably indeed.

Hugh Dancombe was also by way of being a barrister, and had chambers in Raymond's Buildings, close by, but it was only two years ago that their warm and intimate friendship had begun, Dancombe being a Christ Church man, and Henderson having graduated at Cambridge. Hugh was heir to a large estate in Yorkshire, and had never been much in earnest about his legal studies. They had been a temporary pursuit, taken up because he had happened to pitch his tent in Gray's Inn while Brompton Park was shot up during the family's absence abroad, for the education of its only daughter. When news came of their approaching return, he hurried home, as he said, to air the beds and open the windows, and generally supervise the dusting, scrubbing, pepping, and paining, to say nothing of the stabling. He came back to meet them at Victoria, dropping in upon George Henderson between train-trains, and thus the invitation was given which had been so doubtfully accepted.

Not because George did not wish to go. It was very pleasant to be invited to a great country house, for the Dancombes were a very ancient family indeed, and Lady Constance Dancombe, Hugh's mother, was a Marquis's daughter, whereas George came of parentage quite unknown to Burke and Debrett. But could he quite rely upon Hugh's promise of a welcome? Hugh was so careless and light-hearted, so disdainful of class distinctions, General Dancombe and Lady Constance might be of quite another mind, and George had a strong dislike to the idea of being pitchedforked into a house where he might be received on sufferance. He, whose father had been a successful manufacturer in a provincial town, had ten times more pride and self-assertion than had Hugh Dancombe, whose forefathers had been Crusaders. But Hugh had assured him that it was all right; that every time he had gone home for holidays or college vacations he had taken friends without any questions being asked as to their names or numbers. Brompton Park was open house, and guests were welcomed even from the highways and hedges. He was not in the least curious to see Hugh's sister. He had heard much of her from Hugh himself, and also from men with whom he had become acquainted in Hugh's chambers. The impressions conveyed to his mind from these sources of information were various and conflicting, but all distasteful. From Hugh he had heard much of the sister who had been his playmate since her birth—the dear congenial little companion of his brotherless boyhood. He had seen her portrait, a bright, merry face, with pretty, curly brown hair, and large, laughing grey eyes. The impression received from Hugh was that Miss Dancombe was a tomboy. She could ride to hounds, and be in at the death; she could shoot, and there was a rumour that she could outrace Hugh on a bicycle. She was the jolliest girl in the world—just as good as a boy.

From Hugh's friends he heard, besides confirmation of these ac-

compliments, that she knew Latin and Greek, and could take honours, if she liked to work them up, in mathematics and natural science; but that she was awfully pretty; nothing like a New Woman, to look at. You only found out how much she knew when you talked to her about your exams, and then you found she could do more than talk and sympathise; she could even make herself useful helping a fellow over a bad stile. She coaxed Hugh in real earnest, though she was a girl, and four years younger, but then Hugh was not a bright scholar. Lady Constance wanted for that sort of thing—higher education of women, and all that—and while Hugh was at home Olive had studied with his tutors. She had had some thoughts of working for a degree. A most objectionable young person!

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