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Rio de Janeiro.

PROBABLY no place on earth is more inappropriately named than Rio de Janeiro. There is a tradition that an early Portuguese navigator, when exploring the coast of Brazil, entered this bay in the month of January. From the great size of the bay, which extends inland seventeen miles and has an extreme width of twelve miles,



PRESIDENT PEIXOTO.

he supposed he had discovered a river similar to the Amazon and Orinoco and he forthwith named it Rio de Janeiro, which in English means River of January. To our ears the sound is cold. Our rivers in January are not inviting except to venturesome skaters, but January and

June are the same upon the placid waters of Rio Bay. Perpetual summer smiles upon it and no icy winds blow from the heights which surround it. Our engraving shows the city and bay.

The City of Rio is the metropolis of South America. Being the terminus of several lines of railway, its commerce, both foreign and inland, is very great. Its museums and botanical gardens are much noted.

The Bay of Rio de Janeiro enjoys the distinction of being the most magnificent harbor in the world. Travellers assert that the Bay of Naples, the Golden Horn of Constantinople, and Sydney Cove, the pride of Australia, must each and all yield the palm to the land-locked and mountain-girt Bay of Rio.

During the reign of the late Emperor it rested in almost profound peace. Great improvements were carried on both in the city of Rio and throughout the empire. Slavery was abolished without the firing of a shot. But two or three years ago the form of Government was changed. Discontent with the ruling powers has grown till now Brazil is being torn by civil war; her navy is bombarding her capital, and no one can tell how much of the stately fabric of the late Brazilian empire will be left intact, before the nation has adjusted its political institutions to the Brazilian average of civilization.

The immediate cause of the trouble is somewhat obscure. President Peixoto and Admiral Mello, whose portraits we give, are the leaders of the government and the malcontents respectively. While Peixoto denounces the revolutionists as rebels, Admiral Mello accuses the President of seeking to place Brazil under the rule of absolute tyranny. Both parties seem to be able to appreciate the advantages of being

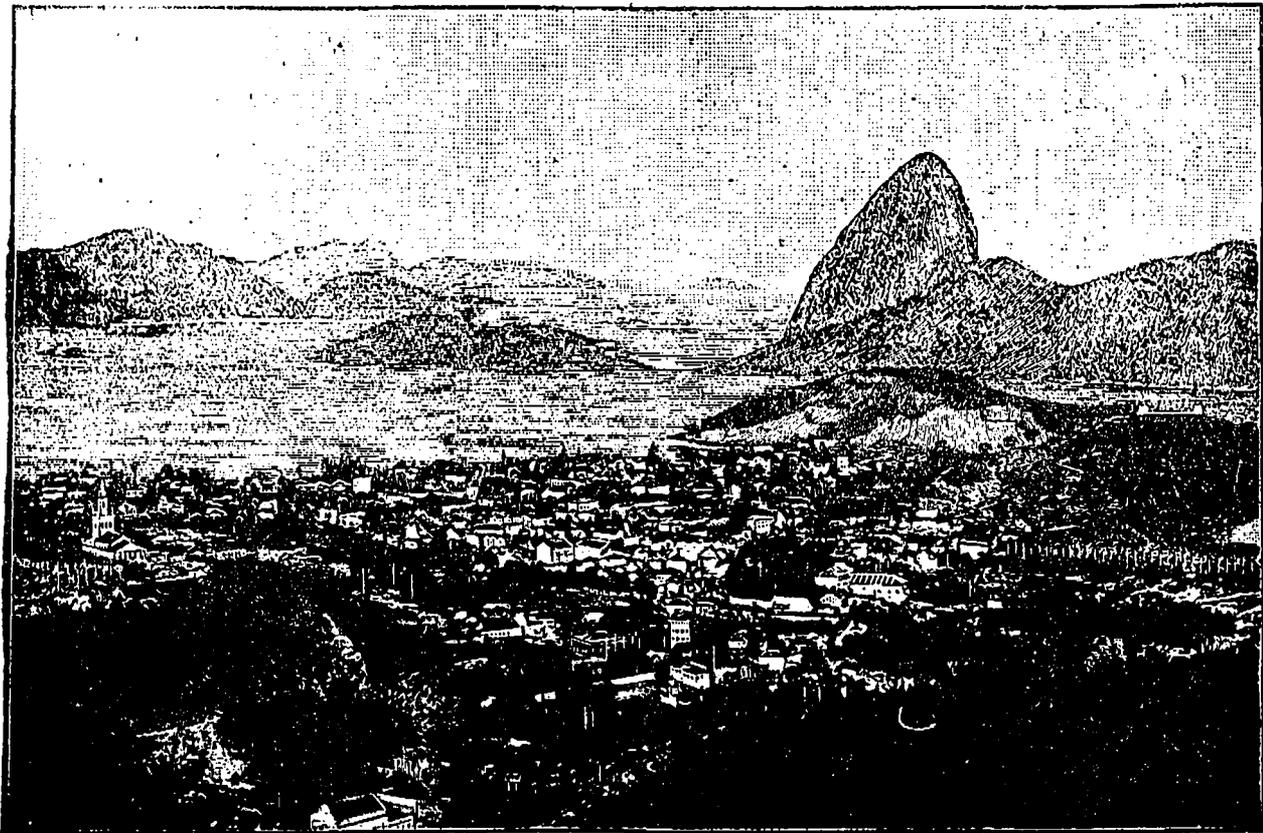
able to lie by telegram. The result has been considerable confusion to the outside world which has daily read announcements, first, that the insurrection is on its last legs, and secondly, that the government is just on the point of collapsing. It is not safe to prophecy on South American affairs, so we will not hazard any conjecture as to what the result may be.

The great article of trade in Brazil is coffee.



ADMIRAL DE MELLO.

Nearly all the coffee used in the United States and Canada comes from Brazil. There are many grades of the berry, which are carefully assorted in New York, the best being labelled Mocha and Java, and the inferior sold cheap under the name of Rio.



VIEW OF RIO DE JANEIRO.