

FREIGHT TRAINS WRECKED IN HILLS

Mile Of Tracks Ripped As Arch Bar Breaks On Car Truck

Minor damage was done to a box car loaded with cement and to nearly a mile of ties and track on the D. G. H. & M. railroad between Charring Cross road and Birmingham early Saturday morning when an arch bar broke on the rear truck of the car caused the car to derail, dragging the track approximately 3000 feet.

Shortly after the train, carrying about 50 or 60 cars, passed the Charring crossing, the arch bar broke on the truck and the entire car settled somewhat, but it was not until it had been carried 2000 feet that the car derailed.

A wrecker train from Detroit answered the call, towing the wrecked box car into Birmingham and clearing the track. Ten cars proceeded to Detroit, while the remainder of the train was taken back to Pontiac.

Trainmen say that an arch bar break is a common cold-weather occurrence.

Senora Luisa Vallegon of Lisbon went back to work in a factory two days after she became the mother of quadruplets, three boys and a girl.

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Brazil's Yankee Tendencies Assure Hoover Friendly Visit



Brazil Turns Tropical

By CHARLES P. STEWART Staff Writer for Central Press and The Eccentric
Washington.—A lick and a promise are all we can give to President-elect Hoover's stay in Sao Paulo—considering that we are not a bit surer he will stop there at all.

Sao Paulo is getting on toward a million. Numerically, it is Brazil's second city. Industrially and commercially, it is far and away the republic's first. It is capital of the formidable state of Sao Paulo—a capital rivaling in importance, the national capital, Rio, itself.

From Sao Paulo, to the north-ward, Brazil turns tropical and about half negro. From Sao Paulo, to the southward, it is more or less temperate and a white man's country.

The southern folk, in a minority, pay the bulk of the taxes. The northern folk, in a majority, spend the money. This arrangement is far from satisfactory to the former. Periodically they lose their patience and rebel. The central government cannot lick them on land, but it has the navy, blockades their ports, cripples their trade, and bothers them until some sort of a compromise is patched up. It lasts for a while, and then the southern outfit rebels again. How long this will go on—quien sabe?

The city of Sao Paulo lies a couple of hours by railroad inland from the port of Santos—up in the mountains as the Andes. On the very edge of the tropics, the city is hot in summer, but it has sufficient altitude to be, not precisely cold, but infernally raw in winter.

I have heard stories of lost travelers freezing to death in Sao Paulo's vicinity. I do not believe them. I think a man, adrift for days in the region, might succumb to exposure—damp—discomfort—sore throat—but I think it would be impossible for him to freeze stiff, in the North Dakota sense.

They call Sao Paulo the "graveyard of babies and the aged," meaning that the climate kills the weak.

The Hoover party can do any one of three things: 1. Steam right past Santos and Sao Paulo without stopping. 2. Land at Santos, journey up to Sao Paulo, come back and go on to the northward. 3. Land at Santos, proceed from there to Sao Paulo, travel by rail from there—a short overnight trip—Rio, and pick up the Utah at the latter port, after the festivities.

Rio De Janeiro is just comfortably—or uncomfortably—north of the Tropic of Capricorn. It is the biggest of tropical cities—1,500,000—nearly three times the size of Havana or the City of Mexico—larger, by a few hundred thousand, than Calcutta or Bombay.

All classifications are imperfect, for the human is so complicated and so many-sided that he will not submit to labeling. Thinkers do and doers think, so there are many modifications in this classification system.

A favorite way of dividing up the race at present is somewhat along this line. Some are extraverts and others are introverts, and the label doesn't exactly stick, but some are almost introverts while others are almost extraverts.

Anyway, you observe that a man, whom we'll call A for convenience, is concerned about doing things, making bolts or radiators or candy, and directs all his energy to getting his job done. While B devotes most of his time to thinking, considering, weighing, listening to music, reading. A is interested in things; B in thoughts.

Now A and B seldom understand one another. Because every man thinks his way is the best. A looks upon B as a time-wasting fool, and B looks upon A as a crass materialist without soul or quality.



Blockades Their Ports

Fit to Stagger Imagination but cooler, from the Atlantic breezes which sweep them, than the town below. "Science" is the right word. The whole effect is that of a stage setting, made to order to delight the eye.

North American money is invested in Brazil as in no other country, and in Rio in no other city south of Panama.

Wherever Mr. Hoover has been hitherto the public utilities are mainly English, German, Italian, French. Rio's street cars, lighting, power facilities generally, all its big enterprises, are North American.

The Brazilian navy is North American-built and the Brazilians make a point of liking it.

Brazil needs our money, for one thing. Her products, too, are unlike ours—tropical. Our products are unlike hers—manufactured goods. The United States and Brazil are admirably adapted to trade back and forth—complementary, not competitive.

Brazilian resources—as yet barely scratched—are fit to stagger the imagination. Unfortunately they have been touched on—"developed" would be too strong a term—in a series of booms—coffee, diamonds, rubber—first one thing, then another—first a boom, then a bad slump. More attention is needed for the good of all concerned.

Only one thing may trouble our southern tourists, from now on. Brazil is basically Portuguese, but Rio begins to show signs—they increase rapidly to the northward—of its pronounced African strain.

And in Brazil a negro is exactly as good as anybody else.

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A NEW STORE for Birmingham

138-140 West Maple

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A new double store, most modern in display and arrangement, will be in operation for our Birmingham patrons. Fresh fruits and vegetables will also be handled in addition to the meat and grocery departments.

Special Prices for Opening (For Friday, Saturday and Monday)

- Maxwell House Coffee 5lb carton 45c
- Jack Frost Sugar 5lb carton 33c
- Cigarettes carton \$1.15
- Bacon 1-2 lb pkg 18c



"WHERE ECONOMY RULES"

A&P Stores will be open New Years Eve. until 10 P. M. and will be Closed all day New Years, January 1st.

- Welch's Grape Juice pint bot 29c
- Dill Pickles qt jar 19c
- Nutley Oles lb 15c
- Palmolive or Lux Toilet Soap 3 cakes 20c

- Del Monte Prunes 1-lb carton 25c
- Swansdown or Gold Medal Cake Flour pkgs 29c
- Lux Large Size pkgs 20c
- Crisco Famous Shortening 1-lb can 23c
- Grandmother's Bread 16-oz loaf 8c

Fine Quality Meats at Low Prices!

- Pork Loin Roast young pig pork lb 19c
- Chickens stewing lb 38c
- Beef Roast choice cuts of shoulder lb 28c
- Veal Roast boneless lb 38c
- Smoked Skinned Hams lb 29c
- Smoked Picnics lb 19c
- Fresh Pork Picnics lb 15c

- Log Cabin Syrup label size 27c
- Bokar Coffee can 45c
- Snider's Catsup bot 19c
- Pillsbury or Aunt Jemimas Pancake Flour pkgs 12c

- Gold Medal or Pillsbury Flour 24 1/2-lb bag 95c
- Rinso Large Size pkgs 19c
- Matches Birdseye, Full Count 3 boxes 10c
- Royal Baking Powder (6-oz 25c) 12-oz size 45c
- Waldorf Toilet Paper roll 5c

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NOTICE

TAXES FOR SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP

Taxes payable at Southfield Township office (R. F. D. No. 1), December 1st, 1928, to February 1st, 1929, after that time 4 per cent will be added. Make checks payable to John E. Ferguson, Treasurer.

PAY TAXES BY MAIL

Whenever possible, taxpayers are urged to use the mail to pay taxes. Send check or money order. Receipt will be mailed by return mail. This will save you both time and trouble.

DESCRIPTIONS OF PROPERTY

When writing for a bill for your taxes (in case you have not received a bill) kindly include specific information of your property so that we can properly bill you.

(Signed) JOHN E. FERGUSON, Southfield Township Treasurer.

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