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BRASILEIRA

caderno para fim didático

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It is now twelve months since
the Marquis de Caxias took the com-
mand of the Brazilian forces cam-
paigning in Paraguay. He then
said "give me 10,000 men more
and I will finish the war by
May." The country responded
liberally to the demand. It
furnished him 17,000 men,
with treasure and supplies
ilimited, and it prepared it-
self to sing paeans for the
promised victories of the sep-
tuagenarian Cincinnatus....

At length the impatience of
the country made itself heard
through all the swell of adu-
lation, and the army moved.
..... The movement was
unopposed, the enemy was

peru cas

evidently taken by surprise the flank was weakly fortified and the Brazilian soldiery were eagerly expecting the order to assault. But it came not, enough had been acted, strategy was again in ascendant. . . .

It is said that the Marquis of Caxias is deeply learned in all the ancient and modern campaign, that ~~to~~ he travelled with Julius Caesar through the Gallic war, and has fought upon the map with General Grant, . . .

Is not the contrast presented between the energy of the Paraguayan leader and the inactivity of the Brazilian most mortifying to the Brazilian troops? They see the ^{at}Paraguayan soldiery assailing when, where

and how their leader pleases, ...
 ... It is no secret that the Brazilian army is full of admiration of the energy displayed by the enemy, and it is none that the comparison made with the timid movements of Cascias is not in favor of their own general ...

What they want, then, is a man of decision at the head of the Brazilian troops. The Marquis of Cascias may have been such, but evidently his hour of promptitude has departed and the cautious timidity of senility has unfitted him to compete with the active and enterprising Paraguayan.

Under Cascias the war threatens to linger on as long as the country can find the gold to

squander,

There are not wanting Osorio
and Porto Alegre in the army
to lead it on to a sustained
assault upon the country's
lines at all points. Osorio
would find a hundred volun-
teers where the dilatory poli-
cy of Caxias would not find
a single recruit,