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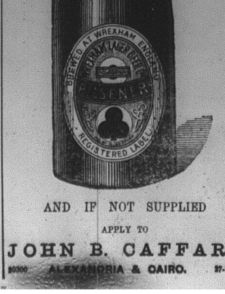

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT

OBSERVATIONS BY SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

ALEXANDRIA.

Direction of wind	Calm
Force " "	Calm
State of Sea	Calm
During 4 hours ending 8 a.m. Max. Temp. in the shade	29.0
Min. do. do.	18.2
Humidity	77.1
Rainfall	--

REMARKS.

A fresh easterly wind blew yesterday and made the day cool. Towards daybreak it died away into a flat calm and the day opens similarly. Barometer rising.

OTHER STATIONS.

For the 24 hours ending 8 a.m. Yesterday

Stations.	Max. temp. in the shade.	Min. temp. in the shade.	Stations.	Max. temp. in the shade.	Min. temp. in the shade.
Port Said	29	20	Marowe	44	24
Suez	36	21	Berber	46	28
Helouan	29	20	Suakin	36	27
Ghizeh	38	20	Khartoum	43	25
Assiout	40	23	Wad Medani	40	20
Assouan	40	25	Dueim	39	25
Wady Halfa	46	26			

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Stations.	Barom.	Wind.	Temp.	State of Sea
Trieste	763.8	Calm	24	Calm
Malta	761.9	Moder.	21	Slight
Brindisi	756 7	Moder.	22	Rather rough
Athens	756.3	Very light	25	Moder.
Jerusalem	756.6	Almost calm	27	Very slight

PHASES OF THE MOON.

June 3	New Moon	7.37 a.m.
" 10	First Quarter	5.5 p.m.
" 17	Full Moon	7.53 a.m.
" 24	Last Quarter	2.40 p.m.

THE SUN.

	Rises a.m.	Sets p.m.
June 1	4.54	6.51
" 2	4.55	6.50
" 3	4.54	6.50
" 4	4.55	6.50

THE PLANETS.

Mercury is invisible at first, but it is an evening star at the end of the month.

Venus is a morning star throughout the month.

Mars is visible until 3.30 a.m. at the beginning of the month and until 1 a.m. at the end.

Jupiter rises at about 4 a.m. at the beginning of the month and about 2 a.m. at the close.

Saturn rises at about midnight at first and 2 hours earlier at the end of the month.

The chief constellations in the South at 9 p.m. are Bootes (chief star, Arcturus) near the zenith and Libra at an altitude of 57 deg.

Calendar of Coming Events

ALEXANDRIA.

June.

Fri. 2 — Windsor Hotel. Orchestra. 6 to 11 p.m. Alhambra. Italian operetta company in *Il Duchino*. 9 p.m.

Sat. 3 — "Trotter Egyptien." Horse Show. 9.30 a.m. A. C. C. grounds. Cricket. A. C. C. v. Mr. Henley's XI. 2 p.m. Mustapha Rifle Range. Practice by B. R. C. 2.30 p.m. Alexandria Swimming Club. Members meet 4 p.m. San Stefano Casino. Small Dance. 10 p.m.

Sun. 4 — San Stefano Casino. Concert 10 a.m. Gabbari. Pigeon Shooting. 2.30 p.m.

Tues. 6 — Cricket. E. T. C. v. A Mustapha XI. Commence at 2 p.m.

Wed. 7 — Khedivial Yacht Club. Regatta.

Thurs. 8 — Hotel Beau Rivage. Small Dance. 9.30 p.m.

CAIRO.

June.

Fri. 2 — Zoological Gardens. Performance by Ghizeh Boys' Band in afternoon. Esbekieh Gardens. Performance by British Military Band. 9 to 11 p.m. Theatre des Ambassadeurs. 9 p.m. Theatre des Nouveautés. 9 p.m. Verdi Theatre Gatti's Circus. 9 p.m. Esbekieh Theatre. Italian Comedy Company. 9 p.m.

Tues. 6 — Esbekieh Gardens. Performance by British Military Band. 9 to 11 p.m.

Thurs. 15 — Moonlight Tram Pyramids trip.

Fri. 16 — Moonlight Tram Pyramids trip.

Sat. 17 — Moonlight Tram Pyramids trip.

July.

Sat. 8 — Credit Foncier Egyptien Extraordinary General Meeting, 4 p.m.

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EGYPT AND ABYSSINIA.

The Council of Ministers on Tuesday last approved the statutes of the Bank of Abyssinia, which has been founded under the ægis of the National Bank of Egypt. The establishment of this bank under direct Anglo-Egyptian influence is an event of extreme political significance, for banks are quite as useful as 'missionaries as harbingers of "peaceful penetration." The official approval of the bank's statutes comes most opportunely, as in a few days' time the Abyssinian convention between the British, French, and Italian Governments will be signed. As the "Times" remarks, "the agreement thus concluded between Great Britain, France, and Italy, while safeguarding their several interests without infringing the sovereignty and independence of the Emperor Menelik, will be a boon to the commerce of the world by opening up the vast resources of Abyssinia to international trade and industry." But Abyssinia is of greater importance to us than it can ever be to France or Italy for the frontier line between the Sudan and Abyssinia is a very long one, and the richest part of Abyssinia lies in a strip along the eastern frontier of the Sudan contermINous for six hundred and thirty miles or thereabouts, and inhabited by men who, unlike their conquerors, are both industrious and prolific, and provided with the remembrance of oppression to avenge, and probably ready to seize the hand of any liberator that may present himself. Finally there is the link that binds the two countries, and always will form a political contract. Egypt, for whose prosperity we are responsible to the world, has the tap root of her existence in Central Abyssinia. It has been threatened in former centuries, but what was a vain menace in the days of Lalobala, King in the Thirteenth Century, or even later when Albuquerque, the Portuguese, gave counsel to the reigning King to cut off the spring of Egyptian fertility, might in these days of that modern Titan the engineer produce at least a grave political situation. If anyone will cast up the sum of these various forces he will see a strong family likeness between them and those in other parts of the world which have combined to bring the British into conflict with the ambitions and interests of other European Powers.

In this connection it is worth recalling the fact that when the German mission, under Dr. Rosen, was at Adis Adeba, great efforts were made by a German group to obtain a concession for a National State Bank. This concession, however, was refused, owing to the representations of our able minister, Sir John Harrington, and instead a similar concession was granted to the National Bank of Egypt. The establishment of the new bank will open a new era in Abyssinia and Anglo Egyptian relations, and a great future lies before the bank. Abyssinia only needs capital for its development, and cannot be truly independent if any other European Power exercises a predominant control over the machinery that supplies the motive power of material advance.

THE NAVAL BATTLE.

DESCRIPTION OF FIGHT.

ADMIRAL FOELKERSHAM KILLED.

6,000 RUSSIANS DROWNED.

LONDON, June 1.

The correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" with the Japanese Fleet reports from Tokio that as the Russians steamed up the Bashie Channel the Japanese vessels, which were so disposed as to enfilade them simultaneously from the front and both flanks, maintained the same position as the Russians moved north.

The fire was terrible: the Russians at first returned shot for shot, but at two o'clock the increasing confusion showed that they were practically defeated. Between three and five a cruiser of the "Admiral Nakimoff" class and the "Kamchatka" foundered, and the Russian line broke in utter disorder. The Japanese then closed up, dividing the Russians into a number of detached squadrons and pressing them towards the Nagoto coast.

When night arrived swarms of destroyers and torpedo-boats were let loose, and the battleships and cruisers also kept up a merciless fire. The night's work resulted in the sinking of the "Imperator Alexander III.," "Oslyabya," "Navarin," "Ural," and three gunboats.

With dawn the Japanese came still closer and the battle raged with unabated fury during the whole day. Here the message breaks off. *(Reuter.)*

TOTAL JAPANESE LOSSES.

TOKIO, June 1.

Admiral Togo reports that the total Japanese losses are under 800. The battleship "Sissoi Veliki," the cruiser "Admiral Nakimoff," and the "Monomach" sank on Sunday morning while they were drifting helplessly near Tsu-Shima. The Japanese cruisers and coast vessels rescued 1,000 men.

It is estimated that there were ten thousand men on board the sunken vessels of the Baltic Squadron, four thousand of whom have been rescued, but it is feared that most of the remainder have perished. Many bodies are being washed ashore. Admiral Foelkersahm was killed on the 27th inst. in the conning-tower of the "Oslyabya," while directing the squadron. *(Reuter.)*

JAPANESE LOSSES IN SHIPS.

TOKIO, June 1.

The necessity for secrecy no longer existing, the Admiralty acknowledge the following losses: the battleship "Yashima," which touched a mine on the 15th May, 1904, the destroyer "Akatauki," on the 17th May, the gunboat "Oshima," on the same date, the destroyer "Hayatory," on the 3rd September, the gunboat "Atago," on the 6th November, and the protected cruiser "Takasago," on the 12th December. *(Reuter.)*

WOUNDED AT VLADIVOSTOK.

VLADIVOSTOK, June 1.

The cruisers "Oleg" and "Izumrud" have arrived. *(Havas.)*

ST. PETERSBURG, June 1.

The Russian cruiser "Izumrud" arrived at Vladivostok with 20 wounded on board. *(R.)*

MOROCCO AND FRANCE.

FRENCH PROPOSALS UNACCEPTABLE.

TANGIER, June 1.

The Sultan has informed M. Taillandier that if any reforms be introduced, it should be with the consent of the Powers. He will ask the views of each Power with reference to a conference. *(Reuter.)*