

THE NAVAL BATTLE.

DESPATCHES FROM TOGO.

RODJESTVENSKY A PRISONER.

ALL BATTLESHEIPS LOST.

HOPES OF PEACE.

TOKIO, May 30. Despatches from Admiral Togo show that immediately the news was received that the Russians had been sighted, early on Saturday morning, the combined Japanese squadrons started the attack. The weather was fine but a heavy sea was running. The enemy was encountered near Okushima Island to the south-eastwards of Yui-Shima. The Russians were defeated and several ships were sunk, comprising, according to prisoners captured subsequently, the "Borovina," the "Imperator Alexander III," "Zemchug," and three others. The damage to the Japanese fleet is insignificant.

The destroyer and torpedo flotilla defeated the attack after sunset. The main Japanese force continued the pursuit and attacked, on Sunday, to the north-eastwards of Okushima, a group consisting of the "Imperator Nicholas I," "Orl," "Admiral Suvorov," "Admiral Apraxin," and "Izumrud." The "Izumrud" withdrew but the remaining ships of the force surrendered. The Japanese fleet was undamaged. Admiral Nibogoff and 2,000 prisoners were taken. All other vessels which Admiral Togo reports as sunk or captured are from reports of commanders under his immediate command, who captured over 1,000 prisoners. It is not clear whether the names given include three unnamed vessels which the prisoners state to have been sunk to the south-eastwards of the main battle. The Japanese morning's latest despatch, received on Monday morning, states that the engagement is still in progress.

WASHINGTON, May 30. The Navy Department has received official news from Tokyo that the flagship "Nyasavrov," has gone down, and Admiral Rodjestvensky is lost.

TOKIO, May 30. All the Russian ironclads sank, with the exception of the "Orl" and the "Imperator Nicholas," which were captured.

Admirals Rodjestvensky and Fockelskranz are prisoners.

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ST. PETERSBURG, May 30. General Khabalov, commander of the fortress of Vladivostok, telegraphed to the State Department the news of the disaster. It is inferred from this that some Russian ships or ships have escaped and arrived at Vladivostok.

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The reports that Admiral Rodjestvensky had reached Vladivostok on board a torpedo-boat obtain credence in very high quarters.

LONDON, May 30. Reuters Agency learns from Vladivostok that the Russian cruiser "Orl" has been captured, and confirms the news of the sinking of the "Kuyasavrov" though it is not explicitly said that Admiral Rodjestvensky was on board. Still, the Russian Admiralty has not been informed of the escape of any other vessel.

TOKIO, May 30. The captured battleship "Imperator Nicholas I," General Admiral Apraxin, and Admiral Semenov were safely brought to Saebao. The battleship "Orl" was brought to Maizuru.

WASHINGTON, May 30. The State Department says that it is officially announced at Tokyo that Admiral Rodjestvensky, Fockelskranz, and Nibogoff are prisoners, but that the battleships have been sunk with the exception of the "Orl" and "Imperator Nicholas I," which have been captured.

SHANGHAI, May 30. Six Russian transports arrived at Wusung and surrendered to the Chinese authorities. They will be interned in the harbour.

A small Russian cruiser has arrived here.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 30. The Russian public is being gradually informed of the full extent of the disaster. The afternoon papers were allowed to publish the first part of Admiral Togo's despatches, but without mentioning the names of the vessels captured or sunk.

LONDON, May 30. Markets are buoyant. Japanese securities are still rising; they have gone up five since the battle. The hopes of peace are strengthened by the earnest advocacy of the French newspapers.

RUSSIANS SINK BRITISH SHIP.

TOKIO, May 30. Intelligence has reached here that the Russian sank a British merchantman to the South of Formosa on the 20th inst.

KING ALFONSO IN PARIS.

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PARIS, May 30. King Alfonso has arrived and was cheered by the populace. At the banquet at the Elysee M. Loubet and the King exchanged cordial words.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE BRINDISI MAIL will be distributed at the G.P.O., Alexandria, at 9.30 p.m. to-day.

THE RAINS.—It is reported that the rainy season has begun early in the Upper Nile regions.

FESTA DEL STATUTO.—The Italian colonies at Alexandria and Cairo will celebrate their national fête on Sunday next.

POSTAL NOTICE.—From 1st July the post office at Biada will be admitted to the specie and money order service.

CAPE TO CAIRO.—The railroad of the Cape to Cairo railway is now seventy-seven miles beyond Victoria Falls.

FOR CRETE.—Two non-commissioned officers and ten men of the 9th Royal Army Medical Corps left Alexandria to-day for Candia, Crete, for duty on the island.

THE SINAL EXPEDITION.—Professor Flinders Petrie lectured at the Ashmolean Theatre, Oxford, last week on the results of his recent expedition to Sinal.

STRAY AND OTHERWISE DOGS found in the Sayeda Zaynah quarter of Cairo during Friday night and at daylight on Saturday will be poisoned by the police.

DROWNING FATALITY.—Yesterday a native youth, 18 years of age, while bathing between Dekhele and Fax, was carried out to sea by the current and drowned.

CRASHED TO DEATH.—A boy, 10 years of age, while at work yesterday in a marble store at Saleh-el-Din-street, Alexandria, was crushed to death by a block of marble falling on him.

POST OFFICE INSPECTION.—Borton Bay, Assistant Postmaster General, has left Alexandria on an inspection of the post-offices in Lower Egypt. He will be absent for about a week.

EQUINE DYSENTERY has attacked the horses of Sidi Bey at Koubbeh. Three of his best horses have had to be killed. The Sanitary Administration is taking steps to prevent the spread of the disease, which is highly contagious.

EGYPTIAN OPTIONS.—The committee of the London Stock Exchange has appointed Wednesday, the 7th June, as a special settling day for Egyptian Options—20,000 Old Shares of £1 each, fully and partly paid, No. 1 to 20,000.

ALHAMBRA THEATRE.—To-morrow, on the occasion of the Feast of the Ascension, a matinee performance of *10 Moschettieri al Convento* will be given at the Alhambra. In the evening *Miladina Anouf* will be played. This evening, *Gilda di Narbonne* is being given again.

THE WEATHER IN CAIRO.—The comparatively cool weekend, which was so welcome to Cairoites after the fortnight of excessive heat, that they had been experiencing, made them hope that the weather had become normal again, but yesterday it was as hot as ever and during a considerable part of the day the thermometer registered 105° Fahr. in the shade.

"THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS," a young bride reported to have answered when her husband made some remark to her that she had been out all night. This is the right attitude for a self-respecting young wife of decision of character. If husbands are to meddle with every little household matter like this, it may justly be asked what is to become of the happiness of home.

A RECORD MONTH.—The month, which ends today, has been the hottest May ever known in Cairo since climatic records were scientifically kept. 118° has been registered in the shade, while even yesterday the thermometer at Cairo registered from 99° to 105° in the shade. At Alexandria the weather has been by no means abnormally hot and on many days the thermometer has been blowing, while in Cairo at the same time the heat has been insupportable.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—The continual increase in the demand for house-to-house delivery of letters in Cairo and Alexandria renders it absolutely necessary that all persons in possession of such delivery shall have the number of the house and name of the street in which they live indicated on their correspondence. Should by any chance a street be unnamed, then the quarter of the town in which it is situated must be indicated. Attention to these instructions is imperative to avoid delay and errors in the delivery of correspondence.

A MUMMY SPECIALIST.—One of the greatest authorities on the Egyptian mode of embalming and one of the leading experts in the world was Dr. Gannal, who died in Paris last week in his seventy-eighth year. His father was the chemist who invented the modern method of embalming, and who died in 1852. Dr. Gannal improved upon his father's process of injection, and was a remarkable expert. He was the author of a notable volume on the subject, and was a member of the Académie des Sciences. He was a Frenchman, and was a native of Lyons.

A TREATISE ON BURIAL AND CREMATION, and contributed numerous papers to scientific periodicals on embalming as practised by the Egyptians and other ancient people, on premature burials, and kindred subjects.

ASSOCIATED COTTON GINNERS.

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THE EGYPTIAN BOOM.

MORE NEW COMPANIES.

AN ATTEMPT TO LORD CROMER.

The recent unprecedented boom of Egypt continues. Among the new companies, whose some of action is to be in Egypt, are a number of gold storage companies. Some of the proposals for these companies are already out in London.

We may mention that Mr. Tilden-Smith, who is well-known in connection with West Australian companies, is promoting a trust company for Egyptian business.

We hear that the Hon. Sir James Fergusson, late Postmaster General, has joined the board of directors of a new company, which is being formed to acquire a large area of land in the neighbourhood of Alexandria, bringing in a total of L.R. 30,000 per annum.

The capitalisation of this company will be £300,000, divided into 200,000 ordinary shares of £1 each and 20,000 founder's shares of one shilling each. A well-known firm of London brokers are guaranteeing £100,000 towards the underwriting of this company. Sir Westby Percival will probably be one of the colleagues of the Rt. Hon. Sir James Fergusson.

In connection with the forthcoming flotation of the great industrial company to be known as "Egypt, Limited," we hear that the biggest New York issuing house is one of the largest guarantors in connection with the two million pounds mortgage bank, which Egypt, Limited, intends floating.

The land of which Egypt, Limited, has the refusal is estimated to yield ten times the output of the company for the next fifteen years. At the end of this period Egypt, Limited, will have assets worth over £750,000, or, in other words, three times the capitalisation of the company.

Egyptian Options has a new Egyptian company on the cards, connected with the acquisition of the great industrial company to be known as "Egypt, Limited," which will be formed in the offices both in Alexandria and in Cairo.

In October or November next, the British Egypt Syndicate, Limited, will appear on the scene. This syndicate will promote a company with a capitalisation of £200,000 to be called Egyptian Industries, Limited. The board will comprise at least two well-known names connected with banking in London.

A portion of the capital of the British Egypt Syndicate has already been subscribed in Egypt.

In order to compensate for the recent loss of Mr. Charles Cammell, one of the directors of the Egyptian Trust and Investment, Limited, his son-in-law, Mr. H. W. Wilson, a nephew of Sir Alexander Wilson, has been named to join the board of Egypt, Limited.

This gentleman is one of the directors of Messrs. Cammell, Laird and Company, who built one of Admiral Togo's battleships which contributed to the recent victory in the Korean Straits.

By way of diversion to the various land, sea, and bank companies, which are now being floated throughout the area of development in Egypt, it is not out of the way to mention a great company, which is to find gold in the Mediterranean sea off Alexandria, and which is to be floated in London. This company will work the continuous gold-finding process, invented by Mr. S. A. T. The process is being made after careful investigation by several well-known scientific men as Professor Sir William Ramsay, F.R.S., Professor Liversidge, Mr. N. D. Littlefield, and F. S. Rawson, C.M.R.I.E. It is estimated that every ton of sea water yields about half a grain of gold. The working expenses are only about 25 per cent. of the value of the gold.

The shareholders will always be able to inspect the working, which will be carried on night and day.

A correspondent writes:—

It is sincerely to be hoped that the Egyptian investor will be careful in his selection of new companies to place his savings in. I cannot understand why the Egyptian Government and Lord Cromer do not stop the wild speculation.

Lord Cromer paid much attention to safeguarding the interests of both the Egyptian and foreign investors in connection with the promotion of mining companies in Egypt and the Sudan, that he is not likely to connive at the indiscriminate flotation of an enormous number of limited liability companies connected with Egypt, when it is a notorious fact that in many cases these companies are being launched without any genuine, definite object. The name of Baring bears such a high reputation in the city of London, that one would not expect a flotation of an enormous number of limited liability companies connected with Egypt, when it is a notorious fact that in many cases these companies are being launched without any genuine, definite object.

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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

The Council of Ministers met yesterday morning at the Ministry of the Interior under the presidency of the Regent, H. E. Mustafa Pasha Pasha, and approved the following:—

Augmentation of the capital of the National Bank of Egypt.

Approval of the statutes of the Land Building Company, Limited, the Bank of Abyssinia, and the Danish Land Company.

The opening of necessary credits for the construction of quays at the port of Alexandria and of lighthouses, the enlargement of the Bacteriological Institute, the construction of an Anti-Radio Institute, and the construction of barracks at Ras el Tin.

The delegation of Sir William Garstin to act as Financial Adviser during the absence of Mr. Mitchell Innes, acting Financial Adviser.