# THE RUSSIAN STRIKES.

## TROOPS FIRE ON WORKMEN.

## FRESH DISORDERS FEARED.

WARSAW, February 10.

One thousand, five hundred strikers of Sosnowice, seeing the Catherine Works illuminated, thought that work was proceeding. They started towards the building, when the soldiers fired from the windows, hitting many of the strikers. *(Reuter.*

ST. PETERSBURG, February 10.

The men of the Putiloff and Franco-Rus ian works here have started an eight-hours day on their own account. As the employers have refused to countenance the movement, the strike was renewed to-day, 12,000 men being out. The troops are in readiness to prevent the strike spreading.

Five thousand strikers have paraded here to-day. They induced four other factories to join them, but dispersed quietly on encountering the troops.

At the instance of the governors, the manufacturers of Warsaw and the mine owners at Sosnowice are conferring with a view to making concessions. *(Reuter.*

WARSAW, February 10.

There was a fresh collision at Sosnowice last night with the troops. The latter fired on the mob as the strikers were extinguishing the smelting furnace. One hundred persons were killed or wounded. *(Reuter.*

ST. PETERSBURG, February 10.

A strike has been declared in the Putiloff works. Fresh disorders are feared. *(Havas*

## MANCHURIA.

### JAPANESE ATTACK REFULSED.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 10.

General Kuropatkin repulsed an attack on his left flank on the 9th inst. *(Havas*

## GENERAL ELECTION PROSPECTS.

### LIBERALS GETTING READY.

LONDON, February 10.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, the chief Liberal Whip, has warned the Liberal agents to complete immediately all arrangements for a general election. He expects the dissolution may take place early in March after the opening of Parliament on the 14th inst. *(Reuter.*

## A LIBERAL MANIFESTO.

### ISSUED BY LORD SPENCER.

LONDON, February 10.

Lord Spencer has issued a manifesto in the name of the Liberal leaders. He dwells upon the food, housing, and education questions. He says and mentions the Japanese alliance but approves of the arbitration treaties. He advocates a fully representative and responsible Government for the Transvaal and Orange River Colony. The Imperial Government must promote the real interest of the South African colonies without continuing, beyond the obligations of existing contracts, any system of indentured labour. *(Reuter.*

## CHURCH AND STATE IN FRANCE.

### SEPARATION TO BE VOTED.

PARIS, February 10.

The Chamber of Deputies has decided to vote the separation of the churches from the State after voting the Budget and the military law. *(Havas.*

## H.M.S. "PYLADES" AGROUND.

SIDNEY, February 10.

H.M.S. "Pylades" is aground on the Peel Reef (Thursday Island) but is not seriously damaged. *(Reuter.*

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# LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL met at Cairo to-day.

THE PLAGUE.—Yesterday's bulletin records a recovery at Suez.

QUARANTINE restrictions on arrivals in Egypt from ports from Porbandar and Yodia (India) have been removed.

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.—The next meeting of the Council of Ministers will probably take place on the 20th inst.

THE STEAM YACHT "Argonaut" arrived at Alexandria from Jaffa yesterday with a large number of tourists, who proceeded to Cairo.

EGYPTIAN SALT AND SODA COMPANY. — The monthly return of sales of salt during January shows a total of L.E. 23,201.698, as against L.E. 24,806.081 in January 1903.

VERY SEVERE WEATHER is reported between Crete and Alexandria. The S. S. "Prince Abbas," which arrived this morning from Constantinople, bore traces of having weathered a storm.

THE FRERES CASE.—The Court of Appeal at Aix on Thursday confirmed in its entirety the judgment of the French Consular Court given against M. L. Yayon for libel against the Christian Brothers.

THE CAIRO TRADESMEN'S BALL is to be given on the 17th inst. at the Verdi Theatre. This is the second annual ball of this character, and it should become a regular yearly fixture. The ball was a great success last year.

SUEZ CANAL.—16 vessels passed through the Canal on the 8th inst., of which 9 were British, 1 Dutch, 3 German, 1 Austrian, 2 Italian. The day's receipts were frs. 494,248.62, making the total since 1st inst. frs. 3,057,940.69.

"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE."—We learn that the performance in Cairo of Gilbert and Sullivan's opera has been antedated to the 17th inst. as H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, has signified his intention of honoring the performance with his presence.

WHITE NILE EXPLORATION.—One of the chief contributions to the "Geographical Journal, vol. XXIV., containing the proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society during the last half-year, is an interesting article by Captain Landeen on his exploration of the White Nile.

THE INNISKILLING FUSILIERS held their regimental sports at Abbas House yesterday. Some of the events were held before and some after lunch. In spite of the cold weather, the sports went off well, there being a very large number of events. About 150 to 200 guests had been invited by the officers.

THE ELECTRIFICATION of the Ramleh Railway has inspired imitators in Cairo, and it is stated that the Cairo Tramway Company is negotiating with the Railway Administration for an electric tram service on the Matareh line. The company proposes to run one hundred and sixty trams per day.

COAL IMPORTS.—From 1st January to 9th inst. the quantity of coal imported was 50,662 tons. During the corresponding period of last year 76,848 tons were received. This year Newcastle sent 5,833 tons, Welsh districts 33,661, Scotch districts 5,894, Yorkshire 4,687, and other districts 627 tons.

ABBAS HELMY THEATRE.—This evening, Signora Belincioni will appear in Massenet's *Manon*. To-morrow a matinée performance of *Le Bohème* will be given, and in the evening *Lucia di Lammermoor*, with Signora Svicher. *Carmen* is to be produced on Monday, when Signora Belincioni will again appear.

CHEAP HOUSES AT ALEXANDRIA.—A meeting of capitalists interested in the question of cheap houses at Alexandria for the working classes, will be held shortly, when the statutes of the Società Anonima di Case Economiche will be considered. If the statutes are approved the company will be definitely formed.

H.M. TRANSPORT "Soudan" (Capt. S. de B. Lockyer) reached Port Said on Thursday night, outward bound from Southampton, and entered the Canal yesterday morning en route for Bombay. The troops on board numbered 1,313 of all ranks. The officer commanding is Lt.-Col. M.G. Jackson, 1st Devonshire Regiment.

KHEDIVIAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.—Dr. L. de Castro, who is the doctor attached to the Italian Legation in Abyssinia, will read a paper before the Khedivial Geographical Society, entitled 'Le Patriarchisme et le Feudalisme en Abyssinie," on Monday. Dr. de Castro has spent three years in Menelik's country, and his paper should be of great interest.

ALHAMBRA THEATRE.—A ball will be given at this theatre this evening and to-morrow evening, after the usual variety performance, which is still as attractive as ever. A new ballet is to be produced at a matinée performance to-morrow. Four performances are shortly to be given by the old chansonniers of the famous "Chat Noir." The company, which is being brought here by M. C. Baret, has the celebrated Jules Moy at its head.

HELIOUAN SPORTING CLUB.—A very successful performance was given yesterday afternoon by the boys' band of Tourah Prison, which is composed of the sons of negro warders. The boys, who were very smartly uniformed in blue and white, played from 3 to 5 p.m. in the enclosure of the Heliouan Sporting Club, next to the Tewfik Palace Hotel, and also gave a display of physical drill, which was greatly appreciated.

STILL THEY COME!—Next week large numbers of tourists are due at Alexandria, on the 13th inst. by the North German Lloyd's S.S. "Hohenzollern" and on the 15th inst. by the White Star liner "Romanic." Three hundred and fifty tourists are due here on the 27th inst. by the Hamburg-American S.S. "Moltke." The passengers will remain in Egypt for 6½ or 12½ days, as they may desire. The "Moltke" leaves Alexandria on March 5 for Beyrout and returns here on March 11, leaving shortly after for Jaffa.

RETAIL TRADE COMBINATION. — We have received a copy of the publication, entitled "The Retail Merchants' Journal of Canada," which seems to be a first-rate medium for bringing together manufacturer and retailer. Like our American cousins, Canadian traders have an excellent idea of looking after the main chance, and are well aware of the advantages of combination for the advancement of their mercantile interests. The secretary and editor is E. M. Trowern, 21, Richmond-street, West, Toronto, and the subscription $2 per annum.

KHEDIVIAL CLUB.—The annual general meeting of the Khedivial Club, Alexandria, was held this week, when the following gentlemen were elected as officers of the club for the current year: president, Robert J. Moss; vice-presidents, Mr. Adv. R. Giro and Hassan Pasha Mohsen; auditor, Mr. A. Biasseustein; members, Messrs. J. R. Aghion, H. R. C. Blagden, Av. Clemente Castro, P. Cavaty, A. Cesana, Av. M. Colucci, E. Friedheim, H. Greathead, F. C. Haseldeu, Lt. Col. Lucas, C.B., R.A.M.C., W. B. Rees, J. R. Reeves, Av. M. Romano, Dr. M. A. Ruffer, A. Sorokine, Em. Stross, and Av. Alfred Tiche. The following members of the outgoing house committee were re-elected unanimously: Mr. Adv. R. Giro, Mr. P. Cavaty, Hassan Pasha Mohsen, Mr. A. Cesana, and Mr. A. Sorokine.

# PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Lord and Lady Cromer and Lady Beatrice Thynne are expected to arrive at Assouan on Tuesday.

The following passengers left Cairo yesterday by the P.S. "Hatasoo" for the Nile trip: General and Mrs. Lance, Mr. Gilbert Elliot, Rev. S. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bailliere, Capt. and Mrs. Geopcke, Mr. Josef Hiebaum, Lt. and Mrs. von Meyer zu Knonow, Mr. J. Buckley Jones, Mr. E. Hughes Jones, Mr. E. C. Morris, Mr. Otto Kohen, Miss L. D. Shephard, Miss Sara Nicholson, Mrs. Hogg, Miss A. G. Morris, Mr. J. P. Brady, Mr. W. J. Brady, Judge Royle, Mr. Geo. Royle, Mr. S. H. Brierley, Mr. E. Foster Brook, Mrs. Brierley, Miss A. W. Shaw, Admiral and Miss Dale, Mrs. Gandin, Mr. Herbert Wallis, Miss A. B. Hyde, Miss M. E. Crouse, Mr. E. Sas.

No official statement has yet been made confirming the rumour that Mr. Russell is to be appointed director of the Treasury.

The marriage arranged between Mr. Charles O. Borman and Eumeline Beatrice Hewgill, youngest daughter of Mr. John Hewgill, of Mex, will take place at St. Mark's Church on Tuesday next, 14th inst.

The marriage arranged between Mr. Alexander M. Reid, of the Eastern Telegraph Co., and Ada Elvira, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Angel, will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Alexandria, on Tuesday, 28th inst., at 2.30 p.m. A reception will afterwards be held at the Hotel Abbat.

Amongst the latest arrivals at the Eastern Exchange Hotel, Port Said, are Mr. J. A. Routh, Capt. P. W. North, Mrs. B. H. Jessen, Mr. B. Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. B. Firth, Mr. Alex. Firth, Miss Wrightman, Mr. E. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. R. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Crawshay, Mr. P. R. Boxwell, Mr. E. L. Botham, Mr. F. G. Davidson, Dr. W. M. Aders, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Wykoff, Dr. and Mrs. Dunlop, Mr. and Mrs. MacNutt, Mrs. J. Grundy, Mrs. M. Lucas, and Kamal Bey.

## PASSENGER LISTS.

DEPARTURES.

Le paquebot "Niger" des Messageries Maritimes partijhier pour Marseille avait à bord:—

Provenance du Caire: M. Pointel, Mme et Mlle West, M. Walter Mansfield, M. M. Yungfleisch et son fils, M. I. Pierroni, M. Cheneval.

Provenance d'Alexandrie: M. Primi, M. Kalfaian (consul de Perse), M. Emile Mercier, M. Mary, M. Félix Lebon, et 12 passagers de 3me et 4me classe.

Having succeeded Mr. J. B. Pritchard, of the "CAIRO SODEGA" (Royal Hotel bldgs.) I beg to inform the public that it is my intention to maintain the reputation which this establishment has enjoyed for over 30 years. The management has been reorganised. In addition to the first-class drinks already served, many choice brands will be added, and the experience acquired of several years' service will enable me to fully satisfy my clients.
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# ALEXANDRIA MUNICIPALITY.

## RESIGNATION OF MR. ALDERSON.

Mr. Geo. B. Alderson has resigned his position on the Alexandria Municipality, and we have been requested by him to publish the following copy of a communication addressed by him to-day to Mr. Chataway:—

To the Administrator of Alexandria Municipality.

Dear Sir,—I have now been one year a member of your honorable assembly and feel that, not having been invited to sit on the Delegation, I am useless for the public good, and beg to offer you my resignation.—Yours obediently, GEO. B. ALDERSON.

Bulkeley, February 11th.

## THE PORT SAID COLLISION.

### FULLER DETAILS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Port Said, Friday.

As already reported, a serious collision occurred in Port Said harbour on Thursday afternoon between the Harrison liner, "Craftsman," of Liverpool, a vessel of some 8,000 tons, and the Norwegian collier, "Congal," of Sandefjord, bound for Hong Kong with coal. The "Congal," ready to enter the Canal, was moored fore-and-aft at her berth, but having no breast line out aft, had drifted slightly into the fairway. The "Craftsman," from the Canal, in proceeding to her allotted berth, abreast of the Suez Canal Company's offices—which was directly astern of that of the "Congal,"—passed too near, with the result that a side collision was inevitable, the smaller vessel's main rigging being touched by the high counter of the "Craftsman," and the stanchions on the poop bent. The main damage, however, was caused by the propeller blades (three of which are reported to be broken) ripping the plates on the port side of the "Congal" below the water line, and causing the vessel to begin to settle down.

The Canal authorities, realizing the situation, at once sent tugs to tow the "Congal" in-shore if possible, but the operations were only half completed when she sank at the stern, and the water rushing in, one bulkhead after another gave way till the whole hull was submerged. She now lies in the Bassin Cherif with bridge and boats amidships, a small part of the forecastle deck, and the mast and funnel visible. The crew were able to save most of their effects.

## SIR W. WILLCOCKS' EXPEDITION.

As we announced a few days ago, Sir William Willcocks has returned to Cairo from his important expedition to the Euphrates and the Tigris. He has kindly given us the following statement of the conclusions he has arrived at:—

The Tigris and Euphrates have apparently enough water to allow of the perennial irrigation of 5 million acres and of keeping navigation open to the sea. The hydraulic problems are not so hard as those on the Nile; but comprehensive projects must be taken up to secure the canals against obliteration by silt, which has often ruined Babylonia. I saw the Tigris in places only 140 feet wide and 6 feet deep, and the Euphrates 40 feet wide and 3 feet deep, though I measured the water entering Babylonia and found it 50,000 cubic feet per second for the Tigris, and 25,000 cubic feet per second for the Euphrates. All the existing canals in the Bagdad Pashalic were discharging 500 cubic feet per second between them. The first work needed would be an irrigation and navigation canal some 150 feet wide, joining the Tigris and Euphrates at Bagdad. This would be easy, as the Euphrates is about 15 feet higher than the Tigris.

The Hindia Barrage on the Euphrates has so far been a failure, because they have made the same mistake as was made on the Cairo Barrage. I tried to persuade the engineer (a son of Mougel Bey, who built the Cairo Barrage) to act as I acted in Egypt, but he considered the risk too great.

Some 100 specimens of soils and building materials and water have been collected by me. When the agricultural experts and chemists have sent in their reports I shall be in a position to frame estimates.

## THE PRICE OF MEAT.

As some misapprehension appears to prevail in regard to the subject of the price of meat and the cold storage system, we may state that in spite of the extra freight for meat landed at Port Said (it actually costs less to send frozen meat from Australia to London than from Australia to Port Said) and for railway carriage by fast trains, which is absolutely necessary unless the meat is to deteriorate, also for duties, the Nile Cold Storage Company's prices average only 1d. per lb. more than those given in the London Army and Navy Stores' catalogue for 1904. And this though the charges mentioned make the cost of transport nearly 1½d. per lb. higher, and the additional freight charge coming to about a halfpenny per lb. more, while railway charges add an extra ½d. in the lb. and Customs about ½d. As for the retail prices of the butchers in Cairo, they average 12½ dearer than those quoted by the Nile Cold Storage Company. Here is an example—for lamb (18 months old as a rule) four Cairo retailers charge P.T. 14, 14, 13, and 11 per oke respectively, while the company charges for genuine lamb P.T. 12 for legs or loins, and P.T. 11 for other parts. In beef, mutton, and hams the difference is even more marked.

## STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Moss liner "Tabor" sailed from Liverpool yesterday afternoon and is due here about the 24th inst., with passengers, mails, and general cargo.

# KHEDIVIAL LEVEE.

## ORDER OF RECEPTION.

On the occasion of the feast of Kourban Beyram, the Khedive will hold a reception at Abdeen Palace on Tuesday next, when visitors will be received in the following order:—

*At 8 a.m.* The Ulema; the General Assembly and Legislative Council; the Governor of Cairo and the Moudir of Ghizeh, the officers of the Army and Navy, from the rank of Bimbashi upwards.

*At 8.30 a.m.* The officials of the following administrations: Council of Ministers, Ministry of the Interior, Board of Health, Prisons Inspectorate, Slave Trade Repression Department, Cairo Gouvernorat, Ghizeh Moudirieh, Finance Ministry, Postal Administration, the Chief Guards, Public Debt Commission, Daira Sanieh, State Domains Administration, Administration of Railways, Telegraphs and the Port of Alexandria, Public Works Ministry, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Public Instruction, Ministry of War, Foreign Office, Wakfs Administration.

*At 9 a.m.* The Princes of the Khedivial Family; the President of the Council of Ministers and the Ministers; the Financial Adviser, the Judicial Adviser, and the Adviser at the Ministry of the Interior and of Public Works; the Under Secretaries of State.

*At 9.30 a.m.* The former Presidents of the Council of Ministers, the former Ministers, Presidents of the Legislative Council, Sirdars, Grand Masters of Ceremonies, heads of the Khedivial Cabinet, chief aides-de-camp, Directors of the Khedivial Khassa, Directors General of Wakfs, Under Secretaries of State; directors-general of the Daira Sanieh, administrators of the State Domains and administrators of the Railways, Telegraphs, and Port of Alexandria; unofficial military and civil personages having the rank of Lewa or Oula Sinf Sani and upwards, the officers of the Army and Navy unattached and on the retired list having the rank of Kaimakam or Miralai; the unofficial civil Beys, having the rank of Moutemaiz or Sanieh and upwards.

*At 10 a.m.* The Diplomatic and Consular Corps.

*At 10.15 a.m.* The Directors-Commissioners of the Public Debt Commission; the Director General and the Controllers of the Daira Sanieh; the State Domains administrators; the administrators of Railways, Telegraphs, and the Port of Alexandria.

*At 10.45 a.m.* The field officers of the Army of Occupation; the clergy; the Mixed Magistracy; the Native Magistracy.

*At 11.15 a.m.* The Khedivial Counsellors; native notables; European notables; the officials of the military and civil households of H.H. the Khedive and those of the Khedivial Khassa.

The Khedivah will also hold a reception on Tuesday at Abdeen Palace. The Princesses of the Khedivial Family and native ladies will be received from 3 to 3.30 p.m., European ladies from 3.40 to 4.40 p.m., and the wives of members of the Diplomatic Corps at 4.45 p.m.

The Khedive is leaving Montazah for Cairo this afternoon.

The motor car which his Highness bought during his recent visit to Paris has arrived from Europe this week.

## THE ROYAL VISIT.

Sir William Garstin, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Clowes left Cairo last night for Assouan, where they will meet the Duke and Duchess of Connaught on the occasion of their Royal Highness's visit to the Assouan Reservoir.

## ZIZINIA THEATRE.

Last night's performance at the Zizinia Theatre in aid of the St Orwa El-Woska benevolent society was a brilliant success. H.H. the Khedive arrived punctually at 9 p.m. and was received by H. E. the Governor and the members of the committee of the society. His Highness occupied Baron de Menasce's box in company with the Governor, Baron Alfred de Menasce, and several members of the committee. The appearance of the theatre was magnificent, the whole of fashionable Alexandria being present, and the aspect was further enlivened by the band of the society in their brilliant and becoming uniforms. The Khedive on several occasions applauded the playing of the young bandsmen. During the intervals his Highness received many European and native notabilities and also all the French comedy artists, who kindly lent their services in aid of the society's funds. The play, *Le monde où l'on s'ennuie*, a sparkling comedy by Pailleron, was very ably rendered and is certainly one of the best performances of the company this season. Mme. Parny, Patry, Lely and Mlle. Georgette Loyer were particularly good. The latter, in the amusing part of Suzanne de Villiers, was much appreciated, and was applauded more than once by H. H. the Khedive. Messrs. Cooper and Laurent also deserve special mention.

The net receipts amount to about £300, and we sincerely hope that it will help to enhance the good this society is doing in the education and moral improvement of the poorer classes of native boys. At present more than 2,000 boys receive instruction at its hands.

## BULLETIN DE LA BOURSE

*(Aujourd'hui à midi et demie)*

Notre marché devient de jour en jour plus ferme et la tendance est pour la hausse.

La Banque Nationale atteint 36 7/16, l'Agricole 11 3/8, l'Investment 1 25/32, la Delta Light 14 5/16, l'Anglo-American Nile 5 3/8 et les Eaux d'Alexandrie 16 3/8.

Par contre il y a une légère réaction en Banque d'Athènes, en Salt & Soda et en Tramways d'Alexandrie.

# ARMY AND NAVY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

London, February 3.

The appointment of P. M. Q. in Egypt will be filled by the posting of Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel James Magill, C. B., senior medical officer of the Coldstream Guards. Lieutenant-Colonel Magill entered the medical department in 1885, and reached his present rank in May, 1896. He is no stranger in Egypt, for he accompanied the Guards Camel Corps in the Nile Expedition 1884-85 and was severely wounded in the fierce action at Abou Klea, near where Colonel Fred Burnaby fell fighting. He was mentioned in despatches, received the medal with two clasps and bronze star. He was with the Coldstreams in the Boer War, and was present at the actions of Belmont, Enslin, Modder River, Magersfontein, Poplar Grove, Driefontein, Vet River, Zand River, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Diamond Hill, Belfast, and Komati Poort, and the succeeding campaign. For his services he was mentioned in despatches, awarded the C. B., medal with six clasps, and King's medal with two clasps.

The Army Council, despite much hostile criticism, has determined to withdraw the 56th Battery R. F. A. and No. 4 Mountain Battery from Egypt. The field battery will return home in March. The Army Council is pushing retrenchment to the very verge of safety.

We have the authority of Mr. Arnold-Forster for stating that 120 of the new 18½-pounder field guns—just sufficient to arm 20 batteries—are now ready and that 500 more will be delivered in 1906. That is a great hiatus. If 120 guns can be produced for India in a few weeks, why wait nearly two years for the balance? The haste in providing guns for India is based on Mr. Balfour's new historic statement that "the problem of the British Army is the problem of the defence of Afghanistan."

The battleship "Illustrious" has arrived at Portsmouth to have one of her 12-inch barbette guns replaced by a new one.

One of the objections to the late distribution of the fleet was that in a great number of foreign countries the tremendous naval power of Great Britain was not fully enough realised. On many shores a small cruiser or obsolete gunboat represented—or rather misrepresented—the premier naval power. That will now be all changed. The second cruiser squadron, which consists of eight powerful 24-knot armoured cruisers under the command of Rear-Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg—who has just hoisted his flag on the swiftest cruiser afloat, the "Drake"—has been detailed for a seven months' cruise along the coast line of North and South America. Every port of importance will be visited, and the naval might of the Empire practically demonstrated. The selection of the "Drake" as flagship was a happy one, perpetuating as it does the name of that grim old sea dog who was the terror of our enemies on the "Spanish main."

## ROYAL MALTA ARTILLERY.

The news that the company at Alexandria and the detachment at Cairo of the Royal Malta Artillery are leaving Egypt for their native isle has been received with much regret, as during the five years the R.M.A. have been in Egypt they have made themselves very popular. They came here in January, 1900, two companies having been raised in Malta for service abroad, and one was sent to Egypt.

Nothing is known as to the future of the company now in Egypt, and it is doubtful whether they are to be stationed permanently in Malta, or to be posted to some foreign station. Since the R. M. A. came to Egypt they have been under the command of Major Balbi. The troops are leaving on the 4th proxo. by the "Di vara."

## EGYPTIAN HOTELS, LIMITED.

A great many people appear to be quite unaware of the position of the Egyptian Hotels, Limited, which company owns the Ghezireh Palace and Shepheard's Hotel. We are authorised to state that this company, as at present constituted, is an English company and is registered under the Companies Acts. Its board is composed as follows. Chairman: Lord Claude Hamilton, the Chairman of the Great Eastern Railway Company; members of the board: Sir Robert Herbert, Mr. Emmanuel C. Zervudacchi, Mr. E. A. Harrison (general manager of Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, Limited), and Mr. J. J. Hug, of Cairo. The London offices of the company are at 3, Lothbury, E.C.

Up to last spring the Compagnie Internationale des Grands Hôtels was the largest shareholder in the Egyptian Hotels Company. The former company was bought out entirely by Mr. Charles Baehler, who is backed by a powerful financial syndicate. He therefore is now in control of the destinies of the company, and with the assistance of his board, some of whose members have great local experience, he should make the company, under its new conditions, even more successful than it was before.

Owing to the rise in the price of land, especially for building purposes in the neighbourhood of Cairo, the property belonging to this company at Ghezireh has become a very valuable asset. The company intend to develop the Ghezireh estate into one of the finest residential quarters of Cairo. Already thirty-two villas have been built and some very high offers have been recently made for sites at Ghezireh.

The fashionable neighbourhood of this estate, and its proximity to the Ghezireh Palace Hotel, with its beautiful park and the Khedivial Sporting Club, already combine to make it a much sought-after spot for residences.