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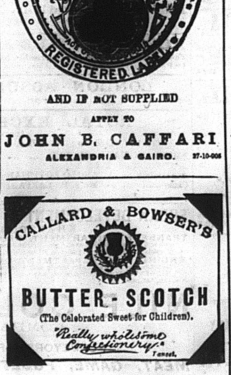

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Direction of wind	S.
State of sky	Fresh
State of sea	Rather rough
Max. temp. in the shade	17.6
Min. do. do.	06.0
Humidity	76.0
Barometer	—

REMARKS.

Throughout the day the wind blew fresh between S.W. and N.W. In the afternoon the barometer commenced to fall, and at midnight the wind veered to the S. There was a rough sea, and the sky was cloudy. The day opens with a very threatening appearance. Barometer still falling and very low.

Slight shower of sleet passed over Kom-el-Shadours Observatory this morning, shortly after 8 o'clock—a most unusual occurrence.

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	17	7	Wady Halfa	19	5
Suez	18	7	Berber	16	13
Heliopolis	17	6	Suakin	—	—
Ghizeh	20	6	Khartoum	—	—
Benisuef	—	—	Wad Medani	20	11
Assiout	19	1	Doem	29	13
Assouan	18	4			

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Stations.	Bar.	Wind.	Temp.	State of Sea.
Malta	775.7	Calm	8	Calm
Athens	777.1	Moder.	14	Moder.
Corfu	769.	Strong	11	Very Rough
Athens	66 3	Moder.	11	Slight
Constantinople	760.3	Almost Calm	6	Moder.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

			Gmt.	Gen.
Feb. 4	New Moon	1.6 p.m.	6.44 a.m.	2.16 p
12	1st quarter	6.30 a.	6.38 a.m.	2.10 p
19	Full	8.21 a.	6.23	2.47 p
26	Last quarter	0.4 p.m.	6.31 a.m.	2.53 p.m.

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