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THE EGYPTIAN SITUATION.

Egypt is the home of the newest and the oldest things known to humanity. It is also the country where everything goes by contraries, even to the twisting of the handle to open a door or a window. Thus it was quite in accordance with traditions that Egypt should have suddenly been struck with a slight touch of war mania when everyone else was thinking of peace. Had the outbreak of the innate desire for loot that resides in every man, especially if he be a Bedouin, occurred at the beginning of the war when there was some little chance of getting free away with the booty there might have been some intelligent if dishonest reason for the effort, but taking place as it has done with the whole civilised world almost panting for peace the organisers of the recent burst of hatred against everything that tends towards the amelioration of the country and the increase of its prosperity will meet with scant sympathy from any part of the world and they deserve to be treated with the utmost rigour. Stupidity is a crime. The men who incited the ignorant native to leave his fields and pastures to inflict inglorious injury on the people who have saved him from the Turks have shown criminal stupidity in its worst form and should be punished accordingly. Fortunately the Home authorities in the interests of the hard-working but sadly unsophisticated inhabitants of Egypt have done the right thing and sent General Allenby out to this country, where he is known, respected—and liked—which last is a great aid in the task he has undertaken—to bring the country to its senses, to punish the criminal agitators, and, as he said himself to his audience of Egyptian notables in Cairo, to study any sensible claims that may be laid before him and to present them before the leaders of the world who are now working for the future peace and contentment of humanity in general.

Meanwhile although in the central parts of the country order has been re-established and the trains and telegraphs are again working normally, there is still a certain amount of violence, mostly of a predatory nature, in some of the outlying provinces in Lower Egypt, and in Upper Egypt. To deal with this General Allenby has the fullest military and civil powers and short shrift will be given to any villagers who break the peace or to agitators who endeavour to continue to sow the spirit of discord amongst the predatory tribes who

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THE ALLIES' NEW BURDEN.

TO FEED RUSSIA.

There is reason to believe that although discreet silence is being kept about Russia at Paris there is gradually being evolved a solution of this nightmare problem. A new orientation of policy is beginning to take definite shape, according to the latest news from Paris. America, especially, is not sitting still. If the project of sending commissions, which was foreshadowed, is in abeyance, at least something in this direction is being done without a general resolution. There is now being arranged the delicate preparatory work of certain trustworthy agents. It is announced that commissions, less official in form, of which the numbers perhaps are too small to make the term really appropriate are starting. The object, indeed, is not only to gather reliable information, but to interpret it. There can be little doubt that the situation is deplorable, but how far is it the outcome of Bolshevism, and how far hunger? There's the rub.

"FAMINE" AT SPA.

AIRMEN DROP FOOD FOR DELEGATES.

No word has yet leaked out of the plight in which the members of the Allied Armistice Commission found themselves on their first arrival at Spa. There was not enough food! How to deal with the shortage was a problem rendered more difficult by transport troubles, for the Commission was far in advance of Allied forces. Thoughts turned to aeroplanes. In response to a "wireless," the Royal Air Force allotted to a squadron the special duty of conveying foodstuffs to the Allied military and diplomatic leaders. As there were no known dropping grounds sufficiently near for landing, and the enemy forces having completely withdrawn, the idea was conceived of using parachutes with ration bag attachment. Within twenty-four hours these parachutes were available sufficient numbers to equip the whole squadron and in due course bully beef, bread and other foodstuffs were dropped for our delegates. In the meanwhile, their troubles had been overcome—but that is another story.

NATIONAL RELIEF.

BALANCE OF £3,000,000 IN FUND.

The report of the National Relief Fund for the six months ended September last, which has just been issued states that the receipts amounted to £6,437,733. The total issues amounted to £3,088,929 for naval and military relief, and £808,952 for civil relief. The income from funds temporarily invested during the four years amounted to £481,529. Among the grants made since August 1914 were:—

Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, £1,917,459; local committees £301,675, St. Dunstan's Hostel, £66,000, Soldiers and Sailors' Help Society, £145,000, Royal Patriotic Fund, £410,531, Local Committees (civil distress) £620,497, Professional classes, £39,761, East Coast towns, £83,901, shipwrecked mariners, £25,380. The cost of administration expenses for the four years are given as £11,915, of which £4,216 was for salaries and wages. The East Coast towns generally had enjoyed a more successful summer season in 1918 than in previous years since the outbreak of war; but the majority of the lodging house keepers have incurred heavy debts during the past four years, and will probably still require some assistance during the coming winter. The Canadian Fund having been exhausted, the committee agreed to meet the expenditure necessary for the continuance of the scheme of special assistance which has been given to the lodging house keepers of the East Coast towns towards the payment of rent and mortgage interest.

SPECIAL FOR WELSHMEN.

Although the Prime Minister is in favour of the institution of a new order of chivalry reserved exclusively for Welshmen who have rendered conspicuous service to Wales, there is reason to believe that he has not yet recommended his Majesty to sanction any such scheme. It is unnecessary to speculate on what may occur when peace is proclaimed.

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The following story is being told of President Poincaré. He had to reply to a speech in which he was congratulated on the immortality he had achieved by joining the illustrious roll of the Presidents of France. "It is true," he said, gravely, "I have achieved immortality. At least, my name will be remembered for all time for I see that the great chef Escoffier has discovered a new method of cooking a fowl and has called it 'Poulard Poincaré.' Yes, Poulard Poincaré' and 'Peches Melba' will live as long as men and women eat!"

treck from place to place on the western confines of the country; fishers in troubled waters whose understanding of the basis of human civilisation (the doctrine of mine and thine) is about as limited as that of a Barbary pirate. Great Britain has been in this country for a great number of years now, as the policeman with the kind smile and the big stick. It has used the smile very much more often than the truncheon. Many say a little more stick applied to certain elements of the population would have been more advisable, like the old and oft tried proverb of sparing the rod, etc. But that is not a question to be discussed at the present moment. The time has now come for the judicious use of the big stick on the breakers of the peace. After the unspeakable horrors of the raid on the Cairo-Luxor train the world cries aloud for the punishment of the guilty. Punishment will be awarded. General Allenby has the fullest powers for that, and it is in the interest of the Egyptians themselves that a severe lesson should be given. It is Great Britain's duty to prove once more before the world at large that she is capable of keeping the peace among and safeguarding the interests of the heterogeneous population of Egypt. The Valley of the Nile and the Suez Canal belong to the world and the only reason why Egypt is under the benevolent tutelage of Great Britain is because the world acknowledges that it is to their interest that such an important spot on the globe from the economic and commercial point of view should be governed in a proper and orderly manner. The task of governing the country has thus fallen to Great Britain, and it is well for the Egyptians that it has been so. In fact one of the finest punishments that could be dealt out to the criminal agitators who have lured the fellaheen from their fields to deal blind blows at constituted authority, only to return in many cases to find their homes burnt to the ground as a just punishment for their outrages, would be to send them to a German colony, supposing any such dreadful places were left, or to a vilayet still under Turkish domination. They would soon begin to long for the fleshpots of Egypt once more. But too much property breeds discontent. Hence the outbreak which General Allenby is here to quell. The recent troubles in Egypt are only the proof that Egypt is at last learning something from Europe. With her usual perversity she has learnt the wrong thing first. She will now have to begin to learn all over again.

"Shall I give my first born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul."

Micah 6: 7.