

THE SITUATION IN SYRIA.

URGENT RELIEF OF WINTER CLOTHING REQUIRED.

(By a Correspondent.)

The letters that arrive from Syria are still most pitiful and appealing. They continue to describe the miserable condition of the population there, and especially in the northern parts of the Lebanon, such as the Keserwan and Batroun Districts where, before the liberation of the country, the sufferings and privations were indescribable and the losses from famine and disease the greatest.

On the occupation of the country by Allied troops the authorities at Beirut started distributing food stuffs there and in the Lebanon, and thus relieved the distress to a certain extent. The arrival of winter however and the recent spread of the influenza epidemic have made the need for winter clothing most felt. That epidemic is said to be ravaging most dreadfully at present in Syria owing to the delicate constitution of the inhabitants—rendered so by the shortage of food and privations of four years—and by the total lack of winter clothing as they wore out their clothing during the winter and were unable to renew it. The mobilisation of doctors and the requisition of medicines and drugs have also made the situation more critical. Practically all those who are attacked with Spanish Influenza are reported to succumb in 48 hours. Relief is being sent from Syria and there are hundreds of Syrians in Egypt, and a number of charitable institutions who are desirous of procuring winter clothing for their relatives and friends there but who are unable to do so on account of the refusal of the postal authorities to accept parcels from places other than Palestine. Even for this latter country the formalities are long and discouraging. It is therefore the urgent duty of the authorities here to help as much as possible in the matter and to provide all facilities for people here to send parcels to their families and thus save a portion of the inhabitants of that most unfortunate country whose sufferings have been reported to be greater than practically all other countries which have participated in this terrible war.

It is a pity that the post offices accept money remittances to Beyrouth, Damascus and other large centres but refuse to accept in kind what money cannot help people there to purchase clothing as none can be found there, the available stocks having been consumed during the 4 years of blockade and not renewed. It is clothing which they require and which they need in kind most urgently. The authorities would undoubtedly render a great service to Syria if they could accept parcels for the purpose of receiving parcels, and announce to the public through the medium of the press that such parcels should be despatched or what articles should not be despatched. The Syrians here can then prepare parcels for their relatives and friends and hand them over to the bureau on payment of postage fees in cash.

It appears also that in spite of the watchful eye of the new Government in Beyrouth, the profiteers there are still carrying out their old practices and exploiting the public. In a letter dated November 28, a respectable gentleman writes to his brother in Egypt stating:—"Our country has received a double trial during the war, and the other at the hands of the profiteers. The Government had even been more merciful than the latter, who have made their countrymen die of famine daily but had trod over their necks and continued their dishonest practices. It is the only way to imagine that the price of wheat (2 1/4 oaks) of wheat flour was sold at three oaks and within the means of anyone no matter how rich he is—to continue paying this rate? These people even went on to carry out their profiteering in spite of all the attempts of new Government to relieve the situation, and we are now paying P.T. 12 to P.T. 15 per oke of wheat flour which is excessive."

The Finnish Government are considering the question of an amnesty of convicted political prisoners. An agreement in principle is said to have been reached, but no decision has yet been made as to the actual extent of the amnesty or the date of its proclamation. The idea appears to be to release, in the event of a peace treaty, those who have been sentenced to a maximum penalty of three years and have not conditionally liberated. This would mean an amnesty for about 5,000 persons. Possibly the scope of the amnesty will be still further extended.

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EGYPT'S WAIFS AND STRAYS.

"Wady An-Nil." The Police have seized 50 little waifs from the streets of Cairo and sent them to the Government. These little waifs and their street mothers have to be as they are leading an unfortunate and sickly life, owing to the aversion of Government and of the Ministry of Waifs, and the indifference of the rich. They are in a state of misery, have gone about with an unbridled tongue and have been in the streets since the cotton season as they know no better way than to beg. They are in a state of misery, have gone about with an unbridled tongue and have been in the streets since the cotton season as they know no better way than to beg. They are in a state of misery, have gone about with an unbridled tongue and have been in the streets since the cotton season as they know no better way than to beg.

General Sir Allenby at Beyrouth. The general arrived at Beyrouth on the 14th inst. and was received by the President and the Administrative Board of the University. He was also received by the Mayor of the city. He was also received by the Mayor of the city. He was also received by the Mayor of the city.

FIGHTING INFLUENZA.

"Mir."—We were horrified on Saturday last to accept parcels from places other than Palestine. Even for this latter country the formalities are long and discouraging. It is therefore the urgent duty of the authorities here to help as much as possible in the matter and to provide all facilities for people here to send parcels to their families and thus save a portion of the inhabitants of that most unfortunate country whose sufferings have been reported to be greater than practically all other countries which have participated in this terrible war.

The "Al-Kahira."—The Public Health Authorities in the Ministry of Health are working with the Military authorities and those of the Ministry of the Interior to prevent the spread of the influenza epidemic in the city.

A GROUNDLESS HUMOUR.

The "Mishar."—A few days ago we published a notice in the "Mishar" stating that we were to intervene in the affairs of some of the schools in the city. This notice was taken up by the hearing men in the Society now assembled in the city. They have been very active in their efforts to prevent the spread of the influenza epidemic in the city.

THE AWFUL PRICE OF WHISKY.

The "Express."—The cafe and bar keepers are enjoying an unlimited field for their trade. They are selling whisky at a price of P.T. 12 per bottle. This is a very high price for whisky in the city. The price of whisky is a very high price for whisky in the city.

PURIFICATION OF ALEXANDRIA.

RESULT OF RECENT CLEARANCE.

"To the Editor of the Egyptian Gazette." Sir, I am writing to you to inform you of the result of the recent clearance of the city of Alexandria. The result of the clearance is that the city is now free from the influenza epidemic. This is a very good result and it is a very good result for the city of Alexandria.

RACING.

AMEN "ARRIVES".

THE IMPOSSIBLE HAPPENS.

FOOTBALL.

ST. DUNSTON'S SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT.

CAIRO V. ALEXANDRIA.

GRAND CHARITY MATCH.

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HOGS RACING NOTES.

(By G. G.)

The "Gazette."—The race was held at the Hog's Race track on the 14th inst. and was a very good race. The winner was the horse named "The Winner" and he won by a large margin. The race was a very good race and it was a very good race for the city of Alexandria.

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