DEATHS.

PRIOR— On the 20th inst., at the 19th General Hospital, Alexandria, Egypt, Matilda, widow of the late Capt. R.T. Prior and fourth daughter of John Wylie Esq. J.P., Ferryland, St. Johns, Newfoundland. Canadian papers please copy.

GRANT. — On February 19, at Banchory, of illness contracted on Active Service, in his 28th year, James Gibson Grant, late Sec. Lieut. 2/10 K.L.R. (Liverpool Scottish) son of the late Dr. Grant Bey of Cairo and Aberdeen and of Mrs. Grant, 10, Parkfield Road, Liverpool.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

The Sultan spent Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the Boustan Palace.

All Government departments, banks and the Bourse were closed yesterday on the occasion of the Sultan's Birthday. No receptions or any other proceedings took place. Flags were hoisted in the central streets in honour of the day.

Her Highness Princess Tawfiek did not hold a reception this year as usual on the occasion of the Sultan's birthday.

General Allenby arrived on Tuesday in Alexandria Harbour about 10 a.m. on board one of the latest new-type light cruisers—H.M.S. Caradoc. The trip from Taranto to Alexandria took 30 hours. These vessels do thirty six knots an hour.

Brig. General Storrs, Military Governor of Jerusalem, is now on a visit to Cairo.

Colonel Richards, R.A.M.C., who previously held the chair of Surgery at the Kasr El Aini School of Medecine, has been selected to succeed Dr. Keating as Director of the Kasr-El-Aini School and Hospital. Colonel Richard, has arrived in Cairo to take up his new duties but will not be officially appointed until Dr. Keating is actually retired on pension on the expiration of his time.

Brig. General Nouri El Said of the Arab Army who accompanied Emir Feisul to France returned to Cairo early last week and left again on Sunday morning for Damascus by air. This brilliant young officer is an aviator and his name appeared in despatches in connection with the operations which led to the conquest of Syria last September.

Maitre Joseph N. Dagan, Manager of the Anglo-Egyptian Bank at Zagazig, was murdered on Saturday last by villagers in the course of disturbances there.

The Alexandria Municipal Commission did not meet yesterday as the Municipality was closed on the occasion of the Sultan's birthday.

The Cairo Society of Economics notifies that the delay in presenting the memorandum and observations on the proposed Egyptian Penal Code fixed for last Tuesday, has been prorogued until April 30 next.

Mahmoud Bey Sidki, Governor of Galioubieh Province, was on a visit to Cairo on Monday where he had an interview with the authorities of the Ministry of Interior.

HOME MAIL TO-DAY.

The latest times for posting at Alexandria for the next British mail, via Taranto, are:- Ordinary correspondence, Thursday, March 27, 9 a.m.; registered correspondence and insured articles, Thursday, March 27, 8 a.m.

RACING IN CAIRO.

At the moment of going to Press we learn that the Heliopolis races which should have taken place next Saturday have been postponed. If any coupons are received they will be held at the disposal of competitors in case they should like to change them before the Allenby Cup is run.

CAIRO VITAL STATISTICS.

During the week-ending March 18 there were 661 births and 572 deaths registered in Cairo. The total number of cases of infectious diseases notified was 247, of which 27 were typhoid, 109 typhus, 11 diphtheria, 48 small-pox, 8 chicken-pox, 1 scarlet fever, 15 relapsing fever, 3 measles, 2 enteric spinal fever, 2 whooping cough, and 21 influenza.

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THE CIGARETTE OF DISTINCTION

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pected that the remainder will follow suit very shortly.

We also understand that a number of the lawyers signed the petition under the impression that the Judges and Parquet officials were to join them in their movement but having now found out that this is not the case, they are most desirous to resume their practice without the least delay.

On Monday, the Chancellor of the Azhar University accompanied by the sub-Governor of Cairo and the Mudir of Galioubieh visited the authorities at the Ministry of the Interior.

LOSSES SUSTAINED BY GREEKS.

Al Greek correspondent writes:—

Information comes in from different villages to the effect that besides the damage already sustained by Greeks during the recent troubles, damages has also been sustained by the Greeks in Lower Egypt. At the Barrage, Greek shops were pillaged several being totally destroyed. At Facous, the elements of disorder attacked the Greek Church, which was destroyed. Different Greek shops were damaged, but no verified list is yet to hand. The conden of Facous intervened in time and has been able to protect the other shops. He has, too, by energetic measures protected the lives of the Greeks. Owing to the interruption of the communications, no verified lists have been received of the damages sustained by the Greeks in the other villages of Lower Egypt. Greek refugees in Alexandria and Cairo nevertheless announce that a great number of Greek shops have been damaged in the villages.

The "Ephimeris" announces that a gang of looters attacked the school of Mr. Van Lennep, brother of the Dutch Diplomatic Agent, near Damanhour.

The same paper is informed that the order has not been disturbed at Helwan.

SOME SANEH ELEMENTS.

It is stated that all notables and merchants of Kafr-El-Zayat, Samanoudieh are endeavouring to keep order and quiet among the inhabitants. They have organised guards for natives and foreigners and have formed a committee to discuss the necessary action to be taken with the help of the Government for their interests. They are also doing their best to supply the inhabitants with sufficient food.

THE FOOD QUESTION.

The "Afkar" learns that meat will be absent from the Cairo markets, as it has been finally decided to kill camels and horses in that town as has been the case in Alexandria. Mr. Littlewood, chief of the Veterinary Section in the Ministry of Agriculture, will supervise the slaughtering of the animals.

The Supplies Control Board is importing daily large quantities of Australian rice, but in spite of this fact the price is increasing. The price of sugar is also excessively increasing.

The following notice has been issued by the Supplies Control Board:—

The public of Cairo are hereby informed that the Supplies Control Board hold large stocks of Government flour. This flour is being supplied to all bakers who are authorised to sell the native bread made therefrom at not more than 33 1/3 milliemes per oke. Flour is also being distributed in large quantities among flour dealers in all parts of the town and such dealers are authorised to sell, in quantities not exceeding five okes, at 36 milliemes per oke.

Any charge made in excess of those above-mentioned should immediately notified to the Police. Any flour dealer or baker found selling above the authorised prices will receive no more flour and his licence will be cancelled.

(Signed) F. Ross Taylor.

On behalf of the Supplies Control Board.
Cairo, March 25, 1919.

TRAVELLING REGULATIONS.

The following notice has been issued regarding travelling:—

From March 26 1919, tickets will only be issued for travel by railway from Cairo on presentation of a permit. Applications for permits should be addressed to the Permits and Passports Office. A similar permit will be required by season ticket holders desiring to travel by railway. Applicants must in all cases provide a photograph to be affixed to the permit.

Railway travel will only be permitted to the following stations:— Alexandria, Port Said, Kantara, Ismailia, Suez, Benha, Zagazig, Mansura, Tanta-el-Kouba, Kafr-el-Zayat, Tanta, Damanhour. If other stations are opened to traffic notice thereof will be given.

RAILWAY SERVICE IMPROVING.

Communications between Alexandria and Upper Egypt are still interrupted, but the Eastern Telegraph Company accepts messages to Upper Egypt, via Suez, charging P.T. 15 per word. Some telegrams have been received at Alexandria from Luxor via Eastern.

The Railway communications between Alexandria and Cairo are improving. The Cairo morning train now arrives at Alexandria shortly after 1 p.m. on the same day, bringing with it the Cairo papers.

The Permits Department in the Alexandria Governorate gives scarcely any permits to civilians to leave for the provinces, exceptions only being made in the case of officials and Europeans returning either to their posts or to their work. On Tuesday last about a hundred permits were given for persons travelling to the Delta provinces and they left by yesterday morning's train. Those who get permission on one day usually leave on the next day.

AT ALEXANDRIA.

We understand that the men wounded on March 17 in the Moueferkhana incident when the would-be processionists refused to retire and the military were obliged to fire upon them, are progressing satisfactorily. Two have had to have their limbs amputated as they were very close to the soldiers and one had his arm and the other his leg shattered. They have appreciated the attention they have received in hospital and yesterday, a student who was among the demonstrators but was unharmed handed us the following which it is intended to send to the Sister concerned:—

"The wounded and convalescents at the Government Hospital, Alexandria, who were injured in the incident which took place on Monday, March 17, at the Musiefkhana, beg to offer to Sister Lily their warmest thanks for the kind treatment they have received at her hands and their admiration for her kindness to them."

DANGER TO EGYPTIAN CROPS.

THE NEW WHEAT DISEASE.

The Ministry of Agriculture has issued the following timely warning:—

It has been brought to the knowledge of the Ministry that a new wheat disease has appeared in Menufia, Beheira and Sharkia Provinces. Examination of specimens of the infected plant showed a great resemblance to a disease occasionally found in India, and known by the Latin name of Pseudomonas tritici. The disease is due to a bacteria. Its characteristics are the inflorescence and part of the stems just below the ear are covered with a bright primrose yellow slime or gum forming adherent sticky layers between the glumes. The outer exposed portions of this slime become dried up and hard and at the same time take on a deeper yellow one. The stem immediately below the ear is generally twisted.

In order to save the wheat crop from this disease and to stop its progress, it must be combatted with the strongest possible means. The Ministry of Agriculture therefore advises the cultivators that in cases where fields are found to be only slightly infected, the diseased ears should be pulled up and burnt in the field. If crop is found to be very badly attacked all the plants in the infected field must be pulled up and burnt, with the concurrence of the owner. The Ministry should in this case be informed.

This advice must be given every possible publicity among cultivators, who should be exhorted to adopt same, in order to prevent any damage to the crop resulting from the spread of the disease. Cultivators should also be requested to report immediately the names of villages where the disease appears, to enable the Moawens of the Ministry to take specimens thereof and send them to the Botanical Section of the Ministry for examination.

STORAGE OF COTTON SEED.

The Ministry of Agriculture has issued the following notice under date March 16:—

The attention of cultivators, ginners and others interested in the cotton trade is drawn to the fact that Article 1 of law No. 29 of 1916, of which the operation was suspended during 1918, will come into operation on May 1 next. All those therefore who intend to retain unginned cotton and cotton seed in the Interior between May 1, and October 1, 1919, should take the necessary steps to insure that the premises wherein such unginned cotton or cotton seed is intended to be stored shall be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture under the terms of the aforesaid article. Applications for permits should be submitted to the Ministry before the end of March 1919. Permits are not to be accorded unless the following requirements of the Arrete of January 17, 1917, issued under the aforesaid Law are satisfied namely: (1) that windows, ventilators and all other apertures in such premises, doors excepted, shall be either completely shut, or entirely covered with wire or gauze netting; (2) that doors shall close closely; (3) that all other measures prescribed by the Ministry shall be observed.

STOP PRESS

LONDON, March 24.

(10.55 p.m.) Lord Curzon, speaking in the House of Lords said the news from Egypt was a little less anxious. Recent manifestations had been predatory rather than political in character. One gratifying feature of the deplorable occurrences in Egypt had been the behaviour of many Egyptian officials and of the Army and Police. These had acted especially well. There are growing signs that better-instructed native opinion deplores these outbreaks and that some of the notables who owe so much and proved our friends hitherto are doing their best to calm agitation. I should like to make clear one point on which there would appear to be some misconception. His Majesty's Government have not the slightest disinclination or reluctance to two Egyptian Ministers, Roushdi Pasha and Adly Pasha coming to this country. On the contrary their presence in London would be most welcome. I have a high regard for both these statesmen, who have rendered signal service to Egypt and to the Empire during the war. The request to them at the end of last year to postpone their visit for a short period was solely prompted by the consideration that during the initial phases of the Peace Conference sufficient time and attention could not be afforded to discuss the important questions of our future relations with Egypt and Egyptian constitutional reform. I can only repeat that the visit of these or other responsible Egyptian statesmen would have been welcome and would now be welcome and that I have spoken with them of the exact form which the British Protectorate is to assume in future has always been regarded by us as of capital importance. The Egyptian National Zaghloul Pasha and the persons who have organised this present movement is a different matter. They are the self-appointed and irresponsible leaders of agitation for the avowed purpose of expelling the British from Egypt and it is this agitation timed as it would seem to coincide with the opening of the Peace Conference at Paris which has led to the present deplorable outbreak. With its authors and abettors there is no common ground for discussion. Their presence here would have been generally misunderstood in Egypt, where it would have been interpreted as evidence that we were willing to consider the complete abandonment of our responsibilities for that country. Further it would only have served to embarrass and render abortive these discussions with representative and responsible Egyptian opinion, to which we looked and still look as soon as a favourable opportunity presents itself for the conclusion of a settlement that will be equally satisfactory to Egypt and to the Protecting Power. Reuter.

WAYS & COMMUNICATIONS BILL.

SIR E. GEDDES'S APPEAL.

LONDON, March 18.

In the House of Commons Sir Eric Geddes, in concluding his speech on Ways and Communications, urged the House to rise above petty jealousy and refused to entertain the suggestion to omit docks from the scope of the Bill. Dockworkers were approaching Government with a view of obtaining permission to advance rates. The Minister of Transport must be given to understand that the necessary improvements in the docks, otherwise the transport system would not escape disorder. Reuter.

THE TRANSPORT BILL

LONDON March 19.

The House of Commons has unanimously adopted the Transport Bill, in the second reading. Reuter's Special Service.

THE TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT

U.S. PREPARATIONS.

(From the American Agency.)

PHILADELPHIA March 19.

Two of the four aeroplanes from which the Navy Department will select for attempting the trans-Atlantic flight are entered at Langley Island Navy Yard and found to be completely satisfactory. They are now being fitted to air boats for which they were designed. Admiral Charles Taylor, in charge of the air programme, said the flight will be attempted within a month. The seaplanes are now at Far Rockaway. If the four aeroplanes have the same perfection in tests the entire squadron may be allowed to make the flight which will start from Far Rockaway and end on the coast of Ireland.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

IRELAND TO CANADA

(From the American Agency).

WASHINGTON March 21.

A cable from London saying that the wireless telephone had been established between Ireland and Canada produced the announcement that the Navy Department that the U.S. Navy had been able to communicate from Honolulu to Paris by wireless for some time although responses thus far had failed to come. Radio experts doubt whether the new mode of communication will have large commercial use because cabling can be fuller and less difficult.

Apropos of the above it is of interest to recall that a new law of nature, which has a most important bearing upon the ultimate position of wireless telephony and telegraphy, was recently revealed by a meeting of electrical experts. Dr. Weagant announces his discovery that the "atmospherics" move at right angles to such waves as are used by Navy Department signal is radiated, and always adopt a vertical direction from their source.

Dr. Weagant, it appears, has followed up his important discovery by the invention of means for eliminating these and other atmospheric disturbances. The "static", said Dr. Weagant, "has stood more in the way of practical long distance radio-telephony than radio-telegraphy."

CONCRETE RAILWAY CARS.

(From the American Agency.)

CHICAGO, March 19.

The first reinforced concrete freight car built was delivered to the Illinois Central Railroad for operation in the coal service. The car was designed when war demands made steel unobtainable. It is lightly built, but when loaded may have a carrying capacity of 100,000 pounds.

FRENCH ENVOY TO VIENNA.

PARIS, March 24.

Mr. Allize, former French Minister at Munich, is about to leave for Vienna as envoy extraordinary. Havas.

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THE EMPIRE.

WHAT THE DOMINIONS AND INDIA HAVE DONE.

LONDON, March 18.

In the House of Commons replying to Major O'Neill, Lt.-Col. Amery said that any permanent scheme securing to Dominions a larger participation in the government of the Empire must be the outcome of a common agreement between the Governments concerned and could not be set up simply on the initiative of his Majesty's Government. He referred to the first paragraph of the resolution of the War Conference in 1917 favouring the calling of a special Imperial Conference as soon as possible after the war in order to deal with inter-Imperial constitutional relationship. He pointed out that under the Imperial War Cabinet system as developed during the last two years and carried on in the deliberations of the British Empire delegation in Paris the Dominions and India have actually enjoyed most effective participation both in the conduct of the war and in framing the peace terms. Reuter's Special Service.

NEW GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

LONDON, March 17.

Lord Willingdon was entertained at a farewell reception by the Indian Social Club in London Sir M. M. Bhownagree, President of the Club, eulogised the services of Lord and Lady Willingdon in Bombay and said all their friends were confident that their tenure in Madras would be no less successful. Lord Willingdon said that in Bombay he had confirmed his view that the qualities necessary for Englishmen and Indians were co-operation and trust. In Western India he found trust begot trust, confidence begot confidence and co-operation begot co-operation. We should rejoice to see the day when India is everywhere be the equal sister of the self-governing Dominions. To that end all suspicion between Indians and Englishmen should be put aside and they should go hand in hand in working out India's destiny. He was determined in going to Madras to keep steadily before him the two qualities to which he had referred in working sinceerely and honestly towards the ideal of co-operation and trust. He felt he had a wonderful helpmate in Lady Willingdon (cheers). Reuter's Special Service.

CAIRO AMUSEMENTS.

THE EMPIRE CINEMA. — Another interesting and varied programme is to be seen in this first class cinema. "The Veiled Woman" is still one of the chief items of the bill, the 4th and last part being shown this week under the title of "The Revenge of Za-la-Mort." Other films include "The Lion's Retreat," an American Drama in two parts, and views of the Chase of the Wild Red Deer, while humour is provided under the title of "A Brazilian's Boots," the first part of which will be screened this week.

CAIRO Y.W.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING

The Y.W.C.A., Cairo, will hold its annual meeting today, Thursday, March 27, at 5 p.m. at the French Archeological Institute, Mounira, (by kind permission of Monsieur Foucart, Director) the Bishop in Jerusalem will be the chair. Tea will be served at 4.30 p.m.

The "Field," the "Queen," and the "Law Times," which were founded by the late Sejerant Cox, and have been in the possession of his family for over half a century, have been purchased by the proprietors of "Land and Water."

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ALEXANDRIA.
From Observations taken at Kom el Nadara at 8 a.m. 2 th March 1919

Barometer reduced to 0°C., Sea-level		765.9 = 30.164
and Mean Gravity [mm]		10 m/s
Wind	Direction	E.N.E.
	Velocity [in kms. p. hour]	3
	F. c. o [0-10]	1
Shade of sky		1 Cloud
State of sea		Very slight
Air temperature	Wet bulb thermometer	15.1
	Dry bulb	17.4
	Max. for preceding day	21.0
	Min. " " night	12.2
Black bulb therm. at 5 p.m. yesterday		45
Relative Humidity		77
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 8 a.m. [mm]		0.00
Evaporation	[mm]	14
		Observer
		H. SERRIN.

GREEKS IN THE TURKISH ARMY.

PRISONERS TO BE LIBERATED.

The military authorities notified to the Greek Diplomatic Agency that they are ready to liberate the Greek prisoners, taken with Turks during the recent operations, and now interned in different parts of Egypt. The measure is justified by the fact that the prisoners have served in the Turkish army against their will and have always profited by the first occasion to give themselves up to British troops. Their number amounts to more than 2,500.

The Greek Diplomatic Agency asked for orders from Athens for the repatriation of the prisoners, and it is believed that, until the arrival of a ship from Greece, they are to remain in their encampments, with the exception of eighty officials and ten civilians who will leave for Greece by the first available ship. It is understood that Greece from Asia Minor, in Cairo and in Alexandria will provide the liberated prisoners with all necessaries, clothes, money and food for their voyage.

EGYPTIAN STATE RAILWAYS.

The public are hereby informed that Foodstuffs, Kerosene, and Liquid fuel in complete loads will be accepted for booking at Cabbary Station, Gabbary Quays and Customs to the following stations.—

Damanhour, Kafr-el-Zayat, Tanta, Benha, Cairo, Zagazig, Ismailia, Suez and Port-Said.

Booking must be effected before 4.0. p.m.

The above is subject to daily alteration.

RAILWAY NOTICE.

The public are hereby informed that a train for the transport of foodstuffs and perishables will be run each morning from Cabbary Station to all stations up to and including Tantah, Benha and Cairo until further notice. Booking must be effected before 4 p.m.

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