PURIFICATION OF ALEXANDRIA.

FRESH REFORM.

The local newspapers of Alexandria have been much exercised about the recent case of an Egyptian dancing girl, who executed the "Danse du Ventre" to the accompaniment of three or four native musicians in a tram-car in the presence of the ordinary passengers, while it was proceeding down Misealla Street, as reported in our last issue. This scandal has been the subject of an enquiry by the Alexandria Tramway Company and it has been ascertained from the careful investigation which the Management of that Company has made that the scandal unfortunately did take place in the tram-car as announced in the Press.

It has been found that the dancing girl, who was guilty of such improper conduct, and the male musicians who played trombone while she danced had been attending a native wedding in order to enliven the proceedings and on their way home in the tram they thought they would please their fellow-passengers by a performance.

Henceforth there will be no such exhibitions of the "Danse du Ventre" in the trams of Alexandria as the Management has informed us that the conductor of the tram-car in question did was perpetrated, has been seriously cautioned against ever permitting such things to be done in his tram, and the Company has given orders to all its Inspectors to report immediately any cases of a "Danse du Ventre" in a tram-car to the Police Authorities, who, it is to be hoped, will deal severely with such offence against public morals, since suggestive dances must be stopped.

THE LESSONS OF THE AGES.

To the Editor, "Egyptian Gazette."

Sir,—I have for years past been endeavouring to account for the extraordinary way the Alexandria Municipality and the Police Authorities of your city, together with the Press, the Consuls, and the public generally appear to be always engaged on the self-imposed task of the moral purification of Egypt's commercial capital; yet after years and years of time, trouble, and money expended, Alexandria still stands, according to all accounts, obstinately recalcitrant to all attempts at purification. Here is an interesting social problem. On the one hand we see all the great forces, Municipal, official, police, consular, journalistic, and public opinion, struggling in vain to elevate the standard of sexual purity in Alexandria and nevertheless the ancient city still clings to its old traditions and remains the city of the "Thais" of Anatole France and of the "Aphrodite" of Pierre Louys, and countless others.

The late Robert Hugh Benson in one of his works evolved a theory that in places where Christianity was old-established the land was, as it were, "soaked in Grace," and that by reason of this heavenly restraint the manifestations of the Powers of evil were less malignant there than in those areas which have more recently become part of Christendom. Now, mutatis mutandis, it has occurred, to me that this theory, if we regard it in its erotic instead of its theologic aspect, may well account for the failure that has hitherto attended all the efforts of the Municipality and Police to effect any moral improvement. It is remarkable that from its earliest days, Alexandria was always notorious for its conduct even among the pagan cities of the East, and it is possible that it caught the infection from Canopus. The proofs of this are that the Alexandria bore in ancient times can be found scattered everywhere among classic authors, and as early as the 2nd century B.C. that worthy Greek historian, Polybius, testifies to the need for a purification campaign. He cites only one passage where he shows how shocked he was: "Many statues of Cleino, the girl who acted as orphan-bearer to Ptolemy Philopatos, were set up at Alexandria, draped only in a single chemise, and holding a cup in the hands! And are not the most splendid houses in Alexandria those which go by the names of Mortium, Mimos, and Poiine? And yet Aluesia was a flute-girl, as was Poiine, and Murtium was a public prostitute. And was not Agathoclsia, the mistress of King Ptolemy Philopator, an influential personage,—she who was the ruin of the whole Kingdom?

From Polybius onwards Alexandria persisted in maintaining its original character, until it evolved the supreme type of courtesan, the Queen Cleopatra. And now, more than two thousand years after, we find Hopkinson Pasha, Dr. Granville, and all the Municipal Councillors still worrying helplessly over the same old scandal, as that which shocked Polybius when he visited this country. The only reason for this persistence of impurity in Alexandria must be admitted, as I opine, from the reversal of the "soaked in Grace" theory, and since apparently the foundation of the city Alexandria has been devoted to phallic worship, the inhabitants in the course of centuries have adapted satyriasis and nymphomania as permanently inherited features of their character, which are now too ingrown ever to be eradicated.

I advance this theory as an impartial observer, and since I live at Cairo and only visit Alexandria during the summer season I do not claim to have any profound acquaintance of the social conditions prevailing there. But Egypt is, more than any other country in the world, "a land where all things seem the same, the same," and Alexandria is no exception to the rule.

Yours, &c.,
R. B.

Cairo, January 29.

It is announced in the New York that the Franco-American Board of Commerce and Industry has been organised to develop American markets for French products. Headquarters will be established in Paris and New York, with branches throughout France. It is planned to inaugurate an energetic campaign to replace German goods with French products in the United States.

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CRIME IN THE PROVINCES.

MURDERS AND THEFTS.

The authorities of Beni Mazar are alarmed at the recent increase of crime. During the last few weeks the following crimes have occurred: (1) a woman has been murdered in El Gurabi district and the criminal has not been traced; (2) a man has been murdered in Massaret Hagagi; (3) another man has been murdered in Saida El Gharbieh, and two persons arrested and charged with the crime but released as the evidence against them was not strong enough to convict them; (4) a raid has been made on camels in the vicinity of El Behnisa, and 4 stolen. The inhabitants attacked the thieves and succeeded in recapturing the stolen camels, but the thieves escaped. The Parquet Agent and the Mamour of Beni Mazar have held an enquiry and the Mulahez of Sokola Police have proved that the ghaffir of El Mannsha district near El Behnessa was absent from his duties on the day of the crime. The ghaffir said that the thieves attacked him and fired at him but te Parquet have found that his statement was untrue and arrested him together with another ghaffir.

On Wednesday night last the ghaffirs of Nahiet Kharsit encountered a band of natives passing the outskirts of the village. As the latter were strangers, the ghaffirs challenged them but they replied with a couple of revolver shots and dispersed in various directions. The ghaffirs opened fire and after a long chase succeeded in arresting one of the band while another was found dead. An inquiry is proceeding.

ANOTHER MURDER.

News comes from Deirout that the local Parquet has received a denunciation from an unknown person stating that a woman named Badrah bint Omar, of Esmo El Arous district was murdered by members of her family with the knowledge of the omdeh, and then buried secretly. The Parquet substitute, the Mamour of the Markaz and the doctor proceeded to the cemetery where, when examining the body, they found it headless. The enquiry shows that her relatives put an end to her life in consequence of her behaviour. They were arrested for trial.

NOTORIOUS BRIGAND ARRESTED.

The Mulahez of the Reda Outpost has arrested a notorious bedouin brigand named Mahmoud Batron. This brigand was a member of the gang which recently raided the Maasret Doudah district. He has been handed over to the Parquet Substitute for investigation. When questioned as regard to the recent raid he denied all knowledge of it, but his wife has given information against him to the effect that he participated in the raid.

OMDEHS IN TROUBLE.

It is reported from Behera that the Shiakhat Commission, under the presidency of the Mudir of Behera and heard several charges against the omdehs and Sheikhs of the districts. The Committee dismissed the omdeh of Abou Mangoug district in Shoubra Khit Markaz and fined him P.T.2,000 for having sheltered several crimes including a crime of murder.

MURDERED AND BURIED.

On Wednesday last, the Cairo Parquet received a denunciation from a native of El Baragil district, in Amba Markaz, Ahmed Aly Abd Rabbouh, in which he accused a number of natives of his district of having murdered his sister and then buried her in the Imam El Shafi cemetery. The Parquet has requested to the legal doctor to exhume the woman's body for medical examination.

ANOTHER SAFE ROBBERY.

It is reported from Suez that a gang of robbers a few days ago raided the premises of Sheikh Mohamed Abdel Aal and Negib Effendi Ahmed, and succeeded in escaping with an iron safe containing money and drafts to the value of L.E.2,000. The safe was carried from the premises on a cart and neither the cart nor the safe have been found. The police are now searching for the thieves.

RAILWAY STATION BURGLED.

The Wasta Stationmaster has informed the Railway Department that he found the station safe opened by a false key and the sum of L.E.332 missing. The Railway Department sent Mohamed Bey Safwat, sub-Director of the Idara of Wasta for investigation and to draw up a report.

The matter has also been brought before the police and an enquiry is still proceeding.

A NEW TRICK.

Two Cairo swindlers are reported to have met, in Sharia Nasrieh, an Egyptian lady Nabiha Hassan, from whom they succeeded in stealing her gold bracelets valued at L.E.24. The following method was used. One of the men dropped a money bag on the ground beside the lady, his accomplice then stepped forward and claimed that the bag was his and accused the lady with participation in the alleged theft, then profiting by the lady's alarm the two succeeded in taking the bracelets from her hands and disappeared.

The Chinese Maritime Customs revenue for 1918 amounted to £9,600,000, a decrease of £350,000 compared with 1917. All foreign obligations secured on the Customs have been fully met up to the end of 1918. The revenue of the native Customs under the maritime control amounted to upwards of £1,000,000, this being an increase of nearly £200,000 over 1917.

HELIOPOLIS RACES.

LAST SATURDAY'S MEETING.

SHAALAN WINS OMNIUM.

A crowded attendance once more gathered at Heliopolis and a good day's racing was witnessed. Some of the horses had also been tipped, should have had a good day. Full notes on Wednesday.

MAIDEN PLATE.

Value L.E.100, Distance, 6 furlongs.

Happy, 8.0 (Ryan) 1
Red Robin, 8.0 (Leek) 2
Gaber, 9.2 (Hafez) 3
Fayoum, 10.0 (Yusef Daoud) 0
Kisk Kish, 10.0 (Ali Selim) 0
The Marne, 9.2 (Said Farag) 0
File, 9.2 (Ilman) 0
Armistice, 8.0 (Joliffe) 0
Adamas, 8.0 (Galley) 0
Abou Newass, 8.0 (Scott) 0
Fyff, 8.0 (Carrell) 0

It was a good start, and several got away together. Happy was the first to shew in front, followed by Red Robin and Fayoum. Happy was first into the straight, and although Red Robin took a feeler at him, the verdict was never in danger, Happy winning fairly comfortably at the finish by two lengths. Four lengths between second and third.

Totalisator P.T.20: 35-30-30-35.
Time: 1.21 4/5.

BEGINNERS PLATE.

Value £100. Distance: 6 furlongs.

Zagora, 8.12 (Bellhouse) 1
Anna, 7.11 (L. Daoud) 2
Brueur, 8.0 (Joliffe) 3
Baalbec, 9.11 (Cole) 0
Soumar, 7.12 (Said Farag) 0
Abu Zed, 9.7 (Galley) 0
Brandy, 9.5 (Damaino) 0
Jalna, 9.4 (Sickdale) 0
Kohelan, 9.3 (Ilman) 0
Fahed, 9.3 (Ali helim) 0
Fatiec, 9.2 (Jackin) 0
Arlequin, 9.1 (Leek) 0
Abou Asm, 9.1 (Dainty) 0
Garran, 9.1 (Lahy) 0
Hayeg, 8.4 (Carr) 0
Jester, 8.0 (Ryan) 0
Mahmoun, 7.13 (Haffez) 0

Zagora was first away, and was never headed making all the running to win pilling up.

Totalisator P.T.20: 60-30-30-240-25.
Time: 1.24 3/5.

MONS HANDICAP (1st Division).

Value £ 200, Distance: 7 furlongs.

Obeyan, 8.6 (Bellhouse) 1
Sirdar, 8.3 (Haffez) 2
Salhieh, 8.9 (Ali Daoud) 3
Veinard, 10.10 (Whiteman) 0
Sarhan, 9.4 (Leek) 0
Titan, 8.4 (Ilman) 0
Magued, 7.13 (Lambro) 0
Meteor, 7.12 (Ali Selim) 0
Judex, 7.12 (Ryan) 0
Predicateur, 7.10 (Joliefe) 0
Vath El Bab, 7.8 (Galley) 0
Patey, 7.5 (Walls) 0

Veinard took the lead for a short distance but he was speedily robbed of it by Meteor, whilst Magued was a long way away last. After two furlongs, Patey was with Meteor. Turning into the straight there was not much in it whilst half-way up the straight nearly half the horses were almost in a straight line. First Meteor and Judex other shewed but riding a very fine race, Bellhouse just got home on Obeyan to win by a head.

Totalisator P.T.20: 70-30-185-45.
Time: 1.37 1/5.

THE OMNIUM.

Value L.E.350. Distance: 1 mile.

Shaalan, 8.7 (Ryan) 1
Said, 8.6 (Leek) 2
Asfour, 7.13 (Walls) 3
Marzouk, 10.0 (Said Farag) 0
Agadir, 9.6 (Mr. McCormick) 0
Ghazi, 9.8 (Lambro) 0
Kantara, 9.0 (Bellhouse) 0
Kalabi, 8.8 (Capt. Fisher) 0
Kamboula, 8.9 (Joliefe) 0
Shukry, 8.6 (Ali Selim) 0
Boulos Neiles, 8.4 (Mr. Michaelides) 0
Marouf, 8.2 (Leek) 0
Gazelle, 8.0 (Walker) 0
Rizk, 7.3 (J. Daoud) 0
Menlik, 6.12 (Luby) 0

There was a long delay at the post but they eventually got away to a fairly good start. Asfour was very prominent for the first furlong, but Marouf and Agadir robbed him of the lead, whilst Ghazi dropped back last. Turning into the straight Shaalan raced to the front, and although he got one time were several in a straight line immediately behind him he held his own.

Totalisator P.T.20: 65-35-55-40.
Time: 1.53.

NEW YEAR HANDICAP.

Value £200. Distance: 7 furlongs.

Peep of Dawn, 9.2 (Bellhouse) 1
Holland, 8.6 (Ryan) 2
Parker, 9.0 (Mr. Michaelides) 3
Golden Grass, 9.10 (Whiteman) 0
Barkis, 8.11 (Leek) 0
Speedwell, 8.7 (Walker) 0
Lady Hetty, 7.8 (Galley) 0
Button, 7.7 (Joliffe) 0
Golden Spur, 7.4 (Turner) 0

It was a good start. Peep of Dawn made all the running, and was never headed. He won by half a length, half a length between second and third.

Totalisator P.T.20: 35-25-40-60.
Time: 1.30 2/5.

AERODROME HANDICAP.

Value L.E.150, Distance 1 mile.

Sameer, 9.7 (Ilman) 1
Araks, 8.12 (Ryan) 2
Crusader, 8.8 (Leek) 3
Satinette, 8.10 (Bellhouse) 0
Hamza, 8.9 (Hafez) 0
Marco, 8.7 (Walls) 0
Buona Vista, 8.0 (J. Daoud) 0

Crusader made the running from Buona Vista and Marco with Araks last. After going three furlongs, Sameer took fourth position and Araks closed up slightly. Turning into the straight Sameer took the lead with Hamza trying hard to keep with him. A furlong further Araks raced up and it was a good race all up the straight, Sameer just lasting out to win by a head, with two lengths between second and third.

Totalisator P.T.20: 45-25-25-35.
Time: 1.50.

MONS HANDICAP, (2nd Division).

Value L.E.150, Distance: 7 furlongs.

Malek, 8.9 (Ryan) 1
Shark, 8.11 (Bellhouse) 2
Sultan, 9.4 (Galley) 3
Bashgar, 9.7 (Ilman) 0
Sheeman, 9.4 (Lambro) 0
Sofar, 9.2 (Hafez) 0
Abu Kouboubia, 9.4 (Ali Selim) 0
Cheibeub, 8.11 (Leek) 0
Ibnit, 8.8 (Joliffe) 0
Pierrot, 8.5 (Luby) 0
Abu Khersha, 8.4 (Karr) 0
Lula, 7.13 (Coles) 0
Radium, 7.12 (Walker) 0
Garraf, 7.11 (Walls) 0
Mesgil, 7.7 (J. Daoud) 0

Sultan was first away with Asfour left standing still. Sultan established four or five lengths lead and had quite that in hand when turning into the straight. Half way up he looked to be a winner, but Malek came along full of running and eventually won quite easily.

Totalisator P.T.20: 65-30-85-200.
Time: 1.38 2/5.

ALEXANDRIA LEAGUE.

WIND SPOILS PLAY.

Saturday's boisterous wind played havoc with the matches in the Alexandria United Services Football League. Good play was impossible, but in only one case was there a surprise result. This was the draw between the Royal Naval Depot and the "Emtees." So far as the Eastern Division was concerned the programme was very thin, only one of the four games down for decision being played. The 19th General Hospital fixture with the Fusiliers has had to be cancelled as the latter have been compelled to withdraw from the League owing to the impossibility of raising a team. All the six games in the Western Division were played and the results with the exception of the one mentioned, were much as were anticipated.

RE-VETS STILL UNBEATEN.

The Balloon Base were at home on Saturday to the Re-Vets. The wind made good play out of the question, but all the same the Re-Vets had little difficulty in winning handsomely. In the first half they had to face both the sun and the strong wind. The Balloon Base made little use of their advantage and twice in the opening half did they invade their opponents' territory. Houghton, the Re-Vets' goalkeeper, had only one soft shot to stop. The Re-Vets were, however unable to score thanks to the good defence put up by Clipstone and his partner and, it might be added, by the wind.

From the re-start the Re-Vets quickly asserted themselves and P. Jones being tripped in the penalty area he made no mistake with the kick. A second goal was obtained by Cunningham with a long shot which went just under the cross bar. For a time the Balloon Base seemed to find their feet but the effort was short lived. A clearance by McKinley was snapped up by Bennett (left half) who went away and slung over a nice centre which Bennett (inside right) easily turned to account. From now to the end the Re-Vets had practically their own way, and P. Jones scored the fourth goal with a hot first time shot.

Final Score: Re-Vets, 4; Balloon Base, 0.

M.S.D. GET ANOTHER WIN.

The B.W.I's. were at home to the M.S.B. on Saturday, and failed to get a good against the three registered by their rivals. A very strong wind handicapped the players and the M.S.D. playing with the wind in their favour were unlucky in failing to score in the first half; a very stubborn defence defeating all efforts to get through. The B.W.I's. were very seldom over the half way line but in one breakaway which offered a possible chance the ball was sent high over the bar.

On crossing over the M.S.D. playing against the wind and sun were quickly in the region of the B.W.I. goal, and after a good attempt by Gadd had been beaten down, Howitt fastened on to the ball and working his way in to beat the goalie with a fast cross shot. Shortly after McEwan failed to convert a penalty for hands; the goalkeeper tipping the shot over the bar and the corner kick was cleared with difficulty. The M.S.D. had the game well in hand and Taylor succeeded in adding to the score with a lovely drive. Play monotonous playing a strong defensive game, and plenty of vigour was introduced into the game, fouls being very frequent, both sides being at fault. However further pressure being put on the B.W.I. goal, a very fine concerted movement by the M.S.D. forwards ended in McEwan putting through from a partial clearance by the home goalie. Shortly before time, riding the M.S.D. right back was ordered off. Nothing further exciting happened and the game ended with the score M.S.D. 3, B.W.I. 0.

A POOR GAME.

The ground at Ras el-Tin was not in good condition for the match between the R.N.D. and the Emtees. The game was a poor one and apart from the wind many of the referees decisions were loudly challenged by the spectators. It was claimed that the Emtees scored at least two goals which were not allowed. In the end the official decision was R.N.D. 1, Emtees 1.

ALEXANDRIA UNITED SERVICES FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

RESULTS FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1.

EASTERN DIVISION.

Wednesday (January 29). — A.W. & S.P., 5; 3rd Echelon, 0.

The Wing, 1; Command Depot, 1.

Saturday (February 1). — 17th Gen. Hospital, 0; A.W. & S.P., 6.

E.A.F. v. Command Depot (postponed).

19th General Hospital v. Fusiliers (cancelled).

3rd Echelon v. Aircraft (postponed).

LEAGUE TABLE.

Name of Clubs.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
A.W. & S.P.	14	13	0	1	51	11	26
19th Gen. Hospital	13	12	1	0	40	15	25
Cleopatra	13	8	1	4	49	20	17
3rd Echelon	16	7	1	8	42	36	15
The Wing	14	6	2	6	30	27	14
Command Depot	14	4	4	6	28	27	12
E.A.F.	12	5	0	7	15	22	10
Fusiliers	12	4	2	6	19	26	10
Aircraft	12	2	1	9	15	42	5
17th Gen. Hospital	13	1	0	12	9	57	2

WESTERN DIVISION.

Saturday (February 1). — Royal Scots, 2; Seaplanes Base, 3.

Balloon Base, 0; Re-Vets, 4.

B.W.I., 0; M.S.D., 3.

Royal Naval Depot, 1; Emtees, 1.

Amria, 2; D.A.C., 0.

R.A.O.C., 3; Base Park R.E., 0.

LEAGUE TABLE.

Name of Clubs.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Re-Vets	17	15	2	0	51	11	32
Emtees	17	11	3	3	45	15	25
Main Supply Depot	17	9	3	5	42	29	21
Royal Naval Depot	17	8	3	6	32	26	19
A.O.C.	16	6	3	7	28	24	15
Base Park R.E.	17	6	3	8	35	47	15
Royal Scots	16	7	2	7	34	31	14
Amria	16	7	0	9	25	32	14
Balloon Base	16	6	0	10	15	28	12
D.A.C.	12	4	2	6	15	22	10
Seaplanes Base	17	4	2	11	17	36	10
B.W.I.	17	2	1	14	14	47	5

Two points deducted for playing ineligible players.

It is reported from Copenhagen that all the Danish mines have now been reopened and that only the German minefields in the Langelands belt, north of Laesoe, and south of Orogden remain. In all over six thousand mines have been taken up round the Danish coast.

RACING ENTHUSIASTS.

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KHARTOUM RACES.

Following are the results of the second Khartoum race meeting, which took place last Friday, January 25:—

Open Polo Handicap of L.E.13, 2nd to receive L.E.2 and 3rd L.E.1. (2 1/2 furlongs): 1. Lt. Col. Tapley's Alexander, 10.12, owner; 2. Mrs. More's Dreadnought, 10.5 Capt. Fisher; 3. Major Bally's Abelard, 11.5, Col. Spinks. Also ran: Mecca and Overdraft. The winner made all the running and won by about two lengths. Same distance separated second and third.

The Farmer's Cup Value L.E.10 with L.E.3 added of which 2nd to receive L.E.2 and 3rd L.E.1 (5 furlongs): 1. Mr. Atterbury's Kardoe, 10.8, Major Barker; 2. Capt. Grant's Fagir, 10.12, owner; 3. H. Davies' Sonnie, 11.2, Col. Tapley. Nine ran. Fagir led all the way till about the last hundred yards, when Kardoe came to the front and hardly pace after got home about half a length in front of Fagir.

The Governor-General's Cup. With L.E. 20 added of which 2nd to receive L.E.2 and 3rd L.E.1 (About 1 1/4 miles): 1. Mrs. More's Monitor, 10.1, Capt. Fisher; 2. Mr. Barker and Winter's Dahroug, 9.9, Mr. Newlove. Two ran. Monitor took the lead from the start and never once looked like being caught, and making his own pace throughout won an easy race by about ten lengths.

Sudan Handicap of L.E.13 of which 2nd to receive L.E.2 and 3rd L.E.1 (5 furlongs): 1. Mr. R.E. Taylor's Rachid, 11.12, Capt. Fisher; 2. Col. Tapley's Okab, 11.2, owner; 3. Capt. Fisher's Shabaan, 10.12, Capt. Going. Seven ran. Shabaan took up the running and led till about two furlongs from the post when he was beaten into third place after a hard race.

New Year Plate of L.E.13 of which 2nd to receive L.E.2 and 3rd L.E.1 (5 furlongs): 1. Lt. Col. Smith's Battlefield, 12.0, Col. Spinks; 2. Capt. Chester-Master's The Mast, 10.6, Major Barker; 3. Major Gibbon's Mameluke, 11.4, Capt. Fisher. Six ran. This was the only false start during the afternoon but they were eventually got away well together and a good race ensued, Battlefield only getting home by about half a length the remainder following in a bunch.

The Sportsmen Plate with L.E.15 added, of which winner receives L.E.10, 2nd L.E.3, and 3rd L.E.2 (1 mile): 1. Capt. Macartney's Jorrocks, 11.7, Col. Tapley; 2. Mr. Atterbury's Kardoe, 10.1, Mr. Newlove; 3. Mr. Burgess' Peter, 11.7, Col. Spinks. Four ran. Peter made the pace till about three furlongs from home, when Jorrocks and Kardoe came with a rush and a neck and neck race resulted in a win for the former.

CRICKET.

N.S.W. DEFEATS VICTORIA.

Melbourne, Jan. 29.

In the Interstate cricket match, Victoria v. New South Wales, victory rested with the last-named State's eleven by six wickets. In their first innings Victoria compiled 125, to which New South Wales replied with only 86. In their second essay Victoria knocked up 345, but when New South Wales went again to the wickets there was a big change wrought. The required number of runs were secured at a cost of only four wickets, the score reading 4 for 387, the New South Welshmen thus winning by six wickets.

(At the previous Interstate match between these eleven a month ago, the Victorians won, Victoria, with 22 and 229, accounted for New South Wales, whose scores were 123 and 22).

I.W.W. METHODS.

Melbourne, Jan. 25.

Hon. W. G. Higgs, M.H.R., Deputy Leader of the Federal Official Labour Party, ha denounced the methods of the body known as the Independent Workers of the World. He said that the majority of the working class wanted to live decent lives but a few cunning extremists, lacking responsibility, thought to bring the millenium by force. Mr. Higgs warned them that if they could not get reforms by medium of the ballot box they could not get them by bullets or destructive machinery.

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"CIVIL, COLD, AND CONTEMPTUOUS."

GERMAN OFFICER ON TREATMENT BY BRITISH FLEET.

Reuter's Cologne correspondent gives extracts from an article by a German naval commander in a Cologne newspaper on the surrender of the German fleet.

The writer was specially impressed by caution with which the British fleet received the German ships, all of the British warships being cleared for immediate action if necessary, with torpedoes ready in their tubes.

"Great Britain," he says, "could hardly realise that German officers and sailors were really going to hand over their fleet in full light of day and without a struggle.

"The British could not yet grasp the unmeasurable state to which the revolution had brought German naval power, how all its discipline had been undermined, all its lofty ideals choked by mere selfish egoism, and the once powerful fleet reduced to the weakness of a little child.

"Civil, cold, and rather carelessly contemptuous was the behaviour of the British officers," he says. "Only a slight trace of respectfulness was still visible among the men."

He complains that no intercourse was allowed between the various ships. They were treated more like prisoners than interned sailors. "At sunset we hauled down for ever our flag, that hitherto had never struck to British guns."

The officer adds some highly doubtful anecdotes of conversations held with various British officers.

One of the first questions asked by them, he says, was why Germany had not held the Western front at all cost a little longer. "Germany must then," he declares, "have obtained better terms, as Great Britain had absolutely set her heart on peace before the end of the year."

This candid admission on the part of a British naval officer does great credit to the writer's imaginative power.

The somewhat cool attitude of his hosts was explained by another officer's remark to the effect that the German commanders were thought to be Bolshevists in disguise.

WAR MARRIAGES.

The Recorder at the Old Bailey said lately that the number of bigamy charges was becoming appalling. It showed a great amount of carelessness on the part of women, who picked up with English, Australian and New Zealand soldiers, going through a form of marriage with them without making any inquiries as to their antecedents. The result was that any number of foolish young women found themselves ruined for life.

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