THE NATIVE PRESS.

HOW NAPOLEON MANAGED.

The "Ahaly" (from a leading article under the heading "History Repeats Itself"). — Ulemas, religious men, and the élite are in all times the guides and leaders of the nation. If they err the nation enters into error with them, and if they adopt a straightforward attitude and attain success, the nation succeeds and profits. Whenever disquieting incidents take place in a country the leading men who start to quell disturbances usually resort to moral persuasion to cool down the agitated spirits of people. It is worth noting, while we see our ulemas, ministers and leading notables calling the community to be calm, to avoid doing mischief, and not to hinder the work of those who make legitimate efforts for the welfare of the country, that a similar event took place in 1798 when Napoleon Bonaparte occupied Egypt. A great riot occurred in the country at that time which overwhelmed the whole land, and Napoleon took many strict steps to restore order. He then found it proper to remedy the situation through ulemas and important men, who accordingly issued the following circular: "Advice from the Ulemas of Islam in Cairo:—God save us from riots—both seen and unseen, and we denounce those who attempt to stir up evil in the world. We make it known to the inhabitants of Cairo that a party of the rabble have stirred up evil among the community and among the French troops who were quite friendly, with the result that a number of Moslems have been killed, and some houses have been looted by the mercy of Allah has been bestowed upon the country, and the riot has subsided as a result of our appeal to the Commander-in-Chief of the Bonaparte forces, and the misfortune is over. The Commander is a man of perfect wisdom, having pity and mercy for Moslems and sympathy with the poor and the needy. Had it not been for him the troops would have burned all the town, looted all and killed all the population of Cairo. Now You ought not to stir riots, you ought to turn a deaf ear to agitators and to mischiefs, Do not follow the wicked, and do not act like indiscreet and rash persons who cannot foresee results, if you want to safeguard your home land and protect your families and religion. Allah the Almighty gives rule to whomsoever He likes and judges as He pleases. We may tell you that those who caused the riots were killed to the last man, and Allah has freed the country from them. Our advice to you is not to throw yourselves into destruction. Do your worldly work and your religious duties. Pay the taxes required from you; "Religion is Advice," and Salaam." The history book from which we take this statement, states that the author of the circular was Sheikh el Mahdi, the then Chancellor for the Azhar University. The inhabitants, it adds, listened to the advice of their ulemas and as the riots subsided, the situation was fully controlled by Bonaparte and his staff and men, who then began to organise gardens, promenades, and theatres according to the fashions which were prevailing in France at that time, so that they might enjoy their stay in Egypt, and that Cairo might be for them a second Paris....

THE RAILWAY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

The "Mokattam." — The Goods Traffic Department has consulted the Director General regarding the packages to be used. He looked recently in the course of demonstrations from goods trains and railway stores. These packages had been handed over numbered to the Railway service which is responsible for keeping them safe. As a rule authorisation for consignments of goods for which the Railway charges fixed fees, are forwarded at the risk of their senders. The question is still under consideration. The Railway Administration has added the following stations to the number of stations to or from which food stuffs can now be forwarded or imported. Mansoura, Mahalla, Samannoud, Tel el-Barood, Kafr el-Dawar, Gabbary, Damanhour, Kafr el-Zayat, Tanta, Zagazig, Benha, Ismailia, Suez, Port Said, and Cairo and its suburbs. The Goods Department has decided to refund the difference of the cost of transport already received on account of consignments destined to certain stations, but which could not be taken as far as those stations.

PRICES UNDER MOHAMED ALI.

The "Express." — A French writer visited Egypt in 1820, in the time of Mohamed Aly, founder of the Sultanic dynasty, and wrote a book about the country which contains many interesting things. We have seen a copy of it, and the first thing that attracted our attention in its contents was a passage dealing with the economic situation at that time. The price of wheat was then P.T. 27 per ardeb. Mohamed Aly used to receive products from the fellahin in settlement of their taxes, and to sell the same subsequently at the rate of P.T. 56 per ardeb (wheat) making a profit of P.T. 29 an ardeb. He received dura at the rate of P.T. 16 per ardeb and sold it at P.T. 27. He took beans at the rate of P.T. 18 and sold it at P.T. 32. He paid P.T. 90 for rice per ardeb, and sold the same at P.T. 270. The cotton crop in 1823 A.D., amounted to 250,000 kantars, and the population of Egypt was only 2,000,000....

SYRIAN RELIEF.

The Syrian Relief Fund has delegated Bulk Bey el Azm, Michel Bey Lutfallah, and Gabriel Bey Takla, proprietor of the "Ahram," to discuss the question of distributing donations among the poor in Syria. The delegation left on Saturday for Port Said and will sail to Beyrout and then visit Lebanon, Damascus, Aleppo and other Syrian districts for the purpose. They will organise Industrial Institutions for the orphans in Beyrout and Damascus.

STEALING GOVERNMENT SUGAR.

The E.S. R.'s Council of Discipline has dismissed Ismail Sedek Sidky, Inspector of the eastern line, and Sayed Effendi Yousef, of the Port Said railway stores, on a charge of stealing sugar belonging to the Military authorities.

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MUSIC IN ALEXANDRIA.

REPLY TO "COMPOSER."

On Sunday morning the 23rd Symphony Concert was given at the Alhambra under the direction of Mr. Jacques Coerlesne. There was a good attendance and the programme was well arranged. The first item, Beethoven's 7th Symphony, is not heard very often and is also so popular as many of his works chiefly because the first movement, Poco Sostenuto, is not particularly interesting. Here the strings were good and the progressive repetition of the theme very well worked out. The Allegretto was very beautifully interpreted. The announcement on the 'cells contained with violin obligato is exceedingly fine, the theme is repeated by the violins until the whole is developed into a masterpiece of work of perfect harmony. The wood winds were excellent and the delicate finish of the movement and perfect balance of the orchestra were quite outstanding. The brisk opening of the Presto with the 'handing on' of the theme comes in good contrast to the Allegretto. The Allegro Con Brio was excellent, the interpretation being full of warmth and colour. Considering the small amount of time devoted to working up this composition Mr. Eckersley is to be congratulated upon a very fine rendering. The "Legende" —"The Swan of Tomnela" by Sibelius, a Solo for Cor Anglais, is full of beauty, and Professor Onesti, soloist, did it full justice. The cello passage is exquisite and full of human sympathy and colour. The strings did their work very well indeed and formed a lovely background for the wood wind.

The "Italian Capriccio" was composed by Tchaikowsky in 1880. The work opens with a fanfare for two trumpets copied exactly from one used by Italian cavalry, which Tchaikowsky heard calling when living in Florence opposite one of the barracks. A series of chords in the wood wind, variously scored on each repetition, ushers in the rhythm of the accompaniment of the first theme. This is given out by strings like guitars and is an Italian folk-song. The melody is subsequently transferred to oboe and flute in imitation, and full treatment culminates in a climax, in which the fanfare is repeated. The first theme then returns on for Anglais and bassoon, and this gradually leads to another section where a theme of pastoral character is given out by the oboes (in duiple). The wood-wind and strings subsequently change places and after a lengthy and elaborate treatment of this and a sonorous climax, the time changes to Allegro moderato, and a new theme is given out by flutes and violins, with a counter-melody for horns. After a repetition of this its continuation appears on the strings. This too is exhaustively treated, and leads to a brilliant climax which gives way to a peaceful section succeeded in turn by a repetition of the opening. This finally merges into a Tarantella, which occupies the final section, one of considerable length and displaying great vigour. At the end, the pastoral second subject—now marked grandioso—returns fully scored, and after this interruption the Tarantella resumes its course in the Coda (Prestissimo). The rendering of this item was splendid, and the balance very good.

The Overture to "Tannhauser" brought the performance to an end. It is a very popular item and needs little comment. The brasses were much better than usual and here again the 'cells were fine. The final repetition of the theme on the brasses was excellent and did not, as so often is the case, spoil the beauty of the strings. Altogether it was a splendid performance and we congratulate Mr. Eckersley.

Next Sunday Miss Isabel Giudici will sing by kind permission of Mr. Maurice E. Bandman.

"COMPOSER'S CRITICISMS."

Some of our remarks on the twenty second Symphony Concert were unfortunately misunderstood by a correspondent signing himself "Composer." With reference to the Concerto in question it is only necessary to say that Joachim, when sixty said if he could only begin where he was leaving off he might be able to express some of the beauty of the work. The greatest violinists of the day have, in many cases, completely revised the original expression marks in works by the greatest composers. For an example of the manner in which the actual harmonising in the original score has been very considerably changed we need not look beyond Handel's Oratorios. When the great prima donna sang "Goodbye" for Testi he is said to have kissed her and called her interpretation perfect; and yet she had absolutely ignored his notes on the method of production. The Prelude in C-sharp minor is a very well known example of the artist's interpretation replacing that of the composer. Originally the Prelude was intended to represent the chiming of the bells in the Mosque of Omar, not infrequently however the piece is played to represent a storm gradually rising until it breaks upon the audience. As a matter of fact the idea has long ago been exploded amongst musicians that the old masters left nothing but perfect records in which there is no room for improvement. Mark Hamburg is not a great musician to-day because his technique is perfect, but because he has such a tremendous amount of "personality" and is able to infuse it into the works of the great kings of music. Rubenstein was said to be the greatest expounder of Beethoven because he not only gave Beethoven, but combined his own poetic expression. Probably from the point of actual technique Paderewski is unsurpassed yet nobody would suggest that Valdimer de Pachman was not a greater artist because of his intense personality. Incidentally he has been said to be the only man who could play Chopin.

There is little doubt that a great many people are prepared to shout indiscriminate praise simply because a piece of music happens to have been written by a famous composer. It is considered fashionable to prefer Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" to the "Bridal March" from "Lohengrin" or an indifferent rendering of the Pathétique Sonata to a really good interpretation of one of Herman Finck's dances. As to the difficulty of the music of Beethoven it might be suggested that the famous Sonatas are relatively simple, yet about seventy five per cent of the public performances all over the world they are absolutely "murdered."

The leading musicians of the present day never tire of pointing out that the greatest pitfall for the young musician is perfect technique at the expense of the finer qualities which carry those who cultivate them to the top of the tree.

"Composer" probably has sufficient intelligence to see that we did not suggest the renlaying of Beethoven by D'Vorak. Also to know that not more than about one per thousand of the world's greatest musicians come anywhere near the composers' conception in their interpretation.

ALEXANDRIA SWIMMING CLUB.

In connection with the reopening of the Alexandria Swimming Club we learn that Mr. L. R. Richards has made a donation to the Club of L.E.25. All communications in connection with the Club should be addressed to the Secretary, Mr. J. Wallace, Rue Stagni, Gabbary.

TURKISH MONEY IN ALEXANDRIA

Turkish paper money in Alexandria, we are informed, is now quoted at P.T.30 to P.T.40 for a Turkish pound, the latter being the outside amount obtainable.

James Baney, of Kansas City, Missouri, must marry within ninety days, in order to secure £18,000 willed him on this condition by his aunt.

FUTURE OF EGYPT.

BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA.

By Sir Walter F. Melville, K.C.M.G.

Since 1874, the author of the following article has been intimately associated with Egypt either as a British or Anglo-Egyptian official, and worked with or under Sir Edward Stanton, Sir Edward Malet, Lord Dufferin, Lord Cromer, Sir Eldon Gorst, and Lord Kitchener. He is one of the greatest living authorities on Egypt.

It is not at any time wise to try to forecast the future, and in the case of Egypt the task just now seems well nigh hopeless, for many of the old landmarks, such as the Capitulations and the Mixed Courts, are in process of being shifted if not removed altogether.

However, Egypt starts fair now that the malign influence of Abdul Sussoinity has for ever disappeared.

The Capitulations under present conditions are anomalous. Still, to abolish them politic action is indicated, for while Egypt remained part of the Ottoman Empire the unanimous consent of some sixteen Powers was necessary. Under these Capitulations the State and Law were hampered, as foreigners enjoyed total exemption from taxation, partial exemption from the jurisdiction of the Native Tribunals, plus invidiously of civile.

Their primary object was to make trade with the Porte possible for Christians, but in Egypt the Capitulations have received a wider, and even an abusive extension to what was never originally contemplated. As regards exemption from taxation, the result has been that foreigners for thirty years enjoyed the benefits of the Anglo-Egyptian Government without bearing any share of the necessary expenditure.

MIXED TRIBUNALS.

In Egypt extra-territoriality must in future only exist to the limited extent recognised in other civilised countries. On the other hand, the Mixed Courts and Mixed European Colonies in Egypt must henceforth be treated liberally and frankly as part and parcel of the new State, and not as alien residents. Mutual toleration in matters of race and religion must be extended and justice be made for all, while the protecting power must show to all that honest sympathy which is so mighty a bond of Empire.

The Mixed Tribunals an international body instituted in 1876, were in the first instance established only for five years, but were renewed for successive periods, sometimes of one year and sometimes of five, and I believe that as lately as February 1, 1918, the Sultan of Egypt prolonged their existence for a further year. Besides facilitating justice and benefiting litigants of many classes and nationalities, it is interesting to remember to-day that when these Mixed Tribunals were first instituted, there were outstanding foreign claims against the Government involving, according to the claimants, a sum totalling no less than £40,000,000, and to cite but one case, there the claim was over a million sterling, the Mixed Ochta awarded the plaintiff £1,000. So the Government likewise benefited.

The whole question of the Mixed Tribunals and the Consular Courts is, I understand, actually under review, and it is not for me to suggest whether the best solution can be found in the amalgamation of the several judicial systems or in the extension of the jurisdiction of the Native Tribunals, but whatever the remedy decided upon the very extensive jurisdiction of the Mixed Courts must be gradually restricted and ultimately withdrawn and all other mixed and quasi-international administrations, e.g., the Egyptian Sanitary and Maritime Quarantine Board, of which international body I was president from 1884 to 1897, must go.

IMPORTANCE OF EGYPT.

The vast drainage schemes already begun must be carried through, as good water supply and correspondingly adequate means for draining the irrigated areas are the chief desiderata cultivated in cotton must be regulated or dire results will follow, the fertile Delta soil will as surely result as night follows day.

Egypt's population may be taken, roughly, as composed of Egyptians 88 1/2 per cent and foreigners 1 1/2 per cent; of the total, 92 per cent of the people are Moslems, 7 1/2 per cent Christians, and 1/2 per cent Jews. Of the Christians, 83 per cent are Copts.

The geographical position and physical features of Egypt are unique. Without all-begetting Father Nile Egypt would be a desert.

The Suez Canal is the highway for international trading between East and West, while the final destiny of Egypt is dependent on sea-power. This it is in Egypt's best interest to remain under the aegis of the Mistress of the Seas. "Pall Mall Gazette."

CRICKET IN EGYPT.

(To the Editor, "Egyptian Gazette.")

Sir,—I cut the following paragraph from an article in your contemporary's issue of the 29th ult., under the above heading.

"Various other sides could help us in the selection of a team to represent the Force, notably the A.I.F. headquarters and the B.W.I. from whom we could select. Rouse."

One is tempted almost to ask whether the writer of the article has ever taken the trouble of looking up the records of cricket in Egypt. Without wishing to make boast of the fact that those records hold indisputable proof that the B.W.I. is facile princeps the premier cricket XI. in Egypt, and that any representative team picked without prejudice and in the best interest of sport must perforce include Small, Clairmonte, and Williams, the holders of the batting and bowling records of Egypt during the past 2 years. It may be news to the writer of the article referred to but it is a fact nevertheless that the B.W.I. Regt. are in the fortunate position of being able to pick up a team that would thrash any team representative of all the other units in the E.E.F. His selection "Rouse" is not known in the Regiment.

Yours, &c.,
A. C.

Alexandria, April 1.

THE A.S.C. NEW GRAND STAND.

To the Editor, "Egyptian Gazette."

Sir,— Firstly, to state that I a country like this wood easily catches fire is merely uttering an obvious fact, and secondly in my family circle I am not considered a fault finder or a grumbler, hence I think I am justified in venturing to trespass on your space.

Very fortunately for the Alexandria Sporting Club there is no Excess Profits Tax in Egypt, consequently I cannot imagine why the Club does not make a decent staircase, while it is about it. The present one is apparently a mere ramshackle wooden construction not worthy of all those who support that wonderful organisation of social life.

Yours, &c.,
A member.

Alexandria, March 31.

THE INTERNATIONAL FIRST AID ASSOCIATION.

During the week March 24 to March 30, 38 sick and 15 injured persons were removed in ambulances, 20 persons were attended to at the ambulances while 78 were treated at the Caracols thus making a total of 151 services rendered.

ALEXANDRIA UNITED SERVICES FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH.

To-day's Game. — 3rd Echelon v. R.A.O.C., at the Sea front. Kick off 4 p.m.

X.A.W. & S.P. v. REVETS.

The winners of the Eastern and Western Divisions of the League met on Monday afternoon to decide who would be, probably the last champions of the League. Both sides were strongly represented, and the Re-Vets winning the toss decided to face the sun and take advantage of the slight wind, and starting off with a rush forced a corner in the first minute. This was cleared and the Park, taking up the running, Houghton was called upon to save a hot shot from Crabtree, shortly afterwards bringing off another fine clearance from a well-placed corner. The A.W. and S.P. were showing fine footwork against the more pushful methods of the Re-Vets, who were swinging the ball about in a very businesslike manner, End to end play was the order, both goalkeepers being called upon. The Park centre forward missed one glorious chance, putting the ball yards wide when with an open goal just in front. A bit of fine tackling by Proudfoot enabled him to give a nice forward pass to P. Jones who fastened on to the ball and dribbled his back succeeded in giving the Re-Vets the lead. The Re-Vets were now showing better combination and P. Jones spoiled a good chance of centring his side further ahead by kicking high over the bar. The Park goalie was loudly applauded for a very smart clearance going full length to a ball which he just managed to tip outside. There was not much to choose between teams when the whistle went for half time with the score: Re-Vets, 1; A.W. & S.P., 0.

On resuming the Re-Vets soon called upon the Park goalie but he was quite at home and although he was not overpowered by his backs. Several times the Re-Vets failed to take advantage of weak tackling. By degrees the Park were becoming masters of the situation and after some very clever footwork they were rewarded, Smith heading the Re-Vets made a bad miskick, a slip which the Park made the most of, Wright giving Houghton no chance with a first-time shot. Shortly after into the Re-Vets who played up strongly, but Crabtree and his men had no difficulty in keeping control of the game. Both goals were visited in turn but no further scoring took place, the game ending in a win for the X.A.W. & S.P. 2, Re-Vets, 1. For the winners, Crabtree played a great game, and the backs should be thankful for having a last line capable of covering up weak clearances. The forwards do some very clever things but they should shoot more often. The outstanding man for the Re-Vets was Bates at the fullback, and apart from his one mistake, his kicking and tackling was great to watch. Cunningham was a very hard worker while P. Jones led his forwards well. Like their opponents the Re-Vets have a sound goalkeeper in Houghton, and both sides are to be congratulated on giving such a skilled game, again with honours to the better side. Sergt. Jones presiding official, controlled the game in a most capable manner.

CRICKET IN ALEXANDRIA.

The B.W.I's. in a friendly cricket match against the —nd London Regiment easily managed to defeat their visitors on the Park ground on Monday. The visitors batted first and were all out for 27 runs, their highest score being Bundy 8. For the B.W. I's. Clairmonte took 6 wickets for 10 runs while Small took 4 for 17. The B.W.I's. responded with 120 for 10 wkts. Morales top score with 49, Small 32 not out. Clairmonte 23. The —nd Londoners were again sent in and at the end of the game had lost 8 for 8 wickets. For the B.W.I's. Johnson 4 wickets for 13, and Dopson 3 for 12. Appended are the scores.

—nd LONDON REGIMENT.

Koppenhagen, l.b.w. Small	4
Austin, b. Small	0
Child, c. Gerair b. Clairmonte	0
Eastman, b. Small	0
Bundy, b. Clairmonte	8
Hill, b. Clairmonte	0
Alexander, b. Small	5
Drew, b. Clairmonte	3
Chaney, b. Clairmonte	0
Cornell, not out	1
Blakey, b. Clairmonte	1
No-balls	1
Total	27

B.W.I. REGIMENT.

	O.	M.	W.	R.	Av.
Welsh, c. W.K. Child	2				
Clairmonte, c. Austin b. Child	9				
Morales, l.b.w. Drew	49				
Small, not out	32				
Charles, b. Blakey	0				
Byes	8				
Leg byes	1				
No-Balls	1				
Total (for four wickets)	120				

Dopson, Cozair, Edwards, Fernandes, Johnson, and Baptiste, did not bat.

	O.	M.	W.	R.	Avl
Cornell	3	—	0	11	
Child	8	—	2	48	24
Eastman	3	—	—	11	
Alexander	3	—	—	20	
Drew	2	—	1	15	15
Blakey	1	—	1	1	1

—nd LONDON REGIMENT.

2ND INNINGS.

Bundy, b. Johnson	7
Koppenhagen, b. Dopson	0
Austin, b. Johnson	2
Hill, c. Johnson	0
Drew, b. Johnson	0
Alexander, b. Dopson	4
Blakey, b. Dopson	4
Cornell, run out	1
Chelev, not out	1
Child and Eastman did not bat.	
Total (for eight wickets)	29

	O.	M.	W.	R.	Av.
Johnson	5½	1	4	13	3.25
Dopson	5	1	3	12	4

ALEXANDRIA RACES.

The races have been postponed and will not take place as announced. The date will be announced as soon as it has been decided when the season is to be opened. For the chief races horses must be nominated on the General Entry day for the season, but later entries are included. Subscriptions (L.E.2) for the Sultan's Cup for all horses, close on Saturday, April 5.

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