CAIRO'S FAMISHED WAIFS.

THE BROTHERHOOD'S FEAST.

FIVE HUNDRED LITTLE ONES FED

The scenes witnessed on Saturday afternoon last at the athletic grounds of the Macabeus Club, when over five hundred of Cairo's outcast children were given the best meal of their lives, were in every way remarkable. Up till the very eve of the occasion, some fear was entertained by the promoters of the feast, lest the response to the invitations should prove a meagre one, owing to the difficulty of convincing the poor derelicts that no harm was meant towards them. That this apprehension was not altogether baseless is clear from the reports of the helpers whose duty it was to search the noisome cul-de-sacs and dark alleys for urchins of both sexes, sufficiently ill-clad and hungry to be eligible as guests. These all agree that when they first appeared among these needy lads, arrest for some unknown offence was their immediate expectation. And even when they at length drew near and had it explained that the Brotherhood Federation wanted to give them a feast for nothing, incredulity and suspicion were evident. However, the good will of the emissaries at last dispelled all fear, and the invitation cards were accepted with alacrity. In some quarters, so great was the press of applicants, that the tickets were not without difficulty doled out one by one. A British soldier relates that a crowd of lads tried to seize the whole of his stock of cards!

This distribution of admission tickets took place the night before the dinner, and three helpers worked in each of a selected number of districts. So well was the work done, that the denizens of the Mousky, Clot Bey Street ,Boulac, and the Citadel, assembled in hundreds as early as six o'clock on the day of the feast outside the gates of the recreation ground, in spite of the fact that the hour fixed for it, was half past three in the afternoon!

The feast itself was probably the most satisfying and delicious ever enjoyed by the poor little things, and consisted of soup, bread, rice ,stewed with tomatoes garlic, spices, onions and butter, hard-boiled eggs, meat, and oranges. Squatted on the bare earth, little groups of children sat and devoured the good things handed to them by the helpers, who estimated that there were over five hundred present.

Two calves from Kalioubi were consumed, as well as five hundred and fifty native loaves, to say nothing of hundred of eggs, oranges, tomatoes, etc., the appearance of each successive dish being hailed with deafening cheers, and insistent clamours from the less timorous to be served forthwith.

The meal at an end, an excellent conjuring entertainment was given by a native exponent of the art from the Barrage Gardens, where tourists have for years past paid monetary tribute to his skill. Private Chandler also mightily amused the young folk with his marionettes. Before dispersing, the thoroughly happy youngsters had a great time with a football, which they fell over and hugged and chased for the remaining moments of day light.

This great gathering of homeless boys and girls, whose lives are spent in the gutter and who seek their food from refuse heaps, was a living demonstration of the pressing need for some remedial means of combating an evil which Cairo should hasten to eliminate for its credit's sake. It has laid bare a state of things for which we must go back to the middle ages to find a parallel in Europe, and also made it imperative that the sporadic generosity of a single charitable organisation shall be replaced by a broadly conceived scheme of rescue.

The success of the entertainment, which will no doubt be discussed for a long time to come in many a dingy haunt, is largely due to the hard work put in by the band of Egyptian students and British soldiers. Credit is also due to the Egyptian members of the Council of the Brotherhood, who undertook the whole responsibility for the catering. Mr. H.J. Weaver, Chairman of the Federation, Mr. V.E. Wakefield, Secretary to the British Side, and Mr. Khalil Rizk, Secretary to the Arabic Side, as well as many others interested in the unique experiment, were present during the festivities, and took a large part in directing the proceedings.

The "Matin" says that Admiral Amet French High Commissioner in Constantinople, has requisitioned all German ships in Ottoman ports. On board these vessels will be placed a number of Austrian and Germans who have been a source of mischief in both European and Asiatic Turkey. They will be conveyed to France, and will be kept there under strict surveillance until the conclusion of peace.

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ALEXANDRIA BOURSE

The market was active yesterday. The following were the officially quoted closing prices.

Unified dropped 3/8 to £91 while there was a drop of 1/32 in Agricultural Bank which closed at £6 21/32.

Credit Foncier bonds issue 1903 were quoted at fr.369 1/2 while issue 1911 were offered at fr.286 3/4.

Comptoir Financier rose 1/32 to £1 13/32 and National Bank advanced 1/16 more to £21 9/16 while there was a rise of 1/32 and 3/32 in Wadi Kom Ombo which closed at £5 7/16 and £5 5/32 respectively.

Société du Behera were neglected at £13, 5/16 drop while there was no change in Chek Fadl which closed at fr.104; Urbaines et Rurales remained at £3 9/32; Union Fonciere dropped 3/4 closing at £3 9/16 1/64; Gabbari Lands closed unchanged at £- 13/16.

There was a rise of 1/16 in Société Foncière d'Egypte which finished at £8 9/32; Ordinary Khedivieh being weaker at 78/3 10 1/2d. drop and Bonded Warehouses being firmer at £11 21/32, 5/32 rise.

Egyptian Salt and Soda dropped 6d. to 47/1 1/2d. while Tabacs Nationales were quiet at £11 17/32, 7/32 drop.

Cotton Ginners remained unchanged at £- 13/16 1/64.

New Egyptian Co. were steady at 21/6 a three pence drop; Egypt and Levant s.s. Co. being neglected at 30s. showing a drop of 4 1/2d.

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The London papers evidently expect a boom in Egyptian securities. For example, the "World" says:—

Now that the war is over it is fully expected that Egyptian securities will show a considerable appreciation in value, and special attention should be paid to the good land companies such as New Egyptians, Delta Lands, Sidi Salem, etc. At the present time cable communication with Egypt is difficult, but as matters become more normal in this respect the Egyptians themselves will probably become active buyers in this market of their own securities. If this does materialise, a very considerable rise may be expected, for when the Egyptian does go in for a gamble, there are no half-and-half measures about him. In any case, however, Egypt undoubtedly stands to benefit materially from the recent developments in Palestine and Mesopotamia. We have reason to believe that a very important new Company dealing with Egyptian land and Financial undertakings, is under consideration, and when matters are more advanced, we expect to be able to give our readers further information regarding it.

INFLUENZA IN EGYPT.

THE SCOURGE ABATING.

The Influenza epidemic has shewn a very considerable diminution in the first week of January 1919. In Cairo the total death rate is now little above normal and the epidemic may be considered as practically finished in the mean time. In the provinces the diminution is not so marked but all indication point to an early termination of the epidemic.

As previously announced the Department at the commencement of the epidemic at once ordered by cable from England a stock of vaccine for use in combating the disease. A small amount of this has now arrived and supplies as available can be obtained against payment by any medical practitioner who may wish to use it and by any pharmacien. It is made up in rubber capped bottles each containing 10 c.c. It can be obtained in Cairo by applying to the Medical Officer of Health, Cairo City No.21 Sharia Kantaret el Dikka, elsewhere by written application to the Director of Stores, Public Health Department, Cairo. The price is P.T.37 per 10 c.c.

EGYPT'S HEALTH.

NOTIFICATION OF DEATHS.

The Department of Public Health, Cairo, wishes to bring to the notice of all private medical practitioners throughout the country that it has printed a small book entitled "International Nomenclature List of Diseases" with the object of attaining greater uniformity in the medical terms used when filling in death certificates. For convenience, the names of the various diseases are given side by side in English, French and Arabic. Arrangements are being made by which it is hoped to supply each doctor in the country with a copy by post, but any duly authorised medical practitioner who fails to receive a copy may obtain one from the Public Health Inspector in whose circumscription he desides. The Department trusts that all members of the medical profession will invariably make use of the nomenclature given in this publication when filling in death certificates in future.

The Tasmanian House of Assembly has rejected by 15 votes against 10 the Government's proposal to submit the question of prohibition to the people at the next election.

KEATING'S
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EGYPT'S CEREAL MERCHANTS.

NEW ASSOCIATION FORMED.

As previously announced the Central Association of the Cereals Merchants held a meeting at Cairo on Thursday morning under the presidency of Mr. Ross Taylor which was attended by all the members of the Control Committee as well as by Mohamed Assan Abdel Kerim Bey, the Secretary. The object of the meeting was to consider the replies of the members of the different branch associations regarding the advisability of continuing the Association in its present form or dissolving it. Ninety per cent of the members having expressed their desire for the association and to refund to the members their subscription fees, after deducting the expenses incurred, Mr. Ross Taylor submitted to the meeting the necessity of giving effect to this decision and the appointment of Mr. Russell as liquidator. The association agreed to the dissolution but suggested that Mr. Ross Taylor should take up himself the work of liquidation assisted by five members of the Association and to have full discretionary power to select some one to carry out the liquidation on his behalf. Mr. Ross Taylor agreed to this whereupon Hifini El Tarazi Pasha, Ismail Barakat Bey, Sheikh Sayed Isa, Sheikh Mohamed El Attar and Mohamed Abdel Kerim Asran Bey were selected to assist him. It was then decided to sell all the property of the Association and distribute the amount realised together with the cash the association has in hand amongst the members proportionate to the fees paid. The proceedings of the meeting were signed by the members and telegrams were sent to the different branch associations notifying them of the decision and informing them that the Association will be considered as dissolved from January 10, 1919.

After the departure of Mr. Ross Taylor a number of the members of the central association met together and decided to form a new association for their trade having no official connection with the Supplies Control Board and appointed Mohamed Hifini El Tarazi Pasha as their President. The members of the new association will prepare fresh regulations to govern their association, based on the principle of free trade and have already contributed L.E.10 each for the enterprise.

FUTURE OF SYRIA.

THE EMIR FEISUL'S VIEWS.

Prince Feisul, the Arab Emir, was interbiewed recently in his hotel, in London by a representative of Reuter's Agency for his opinion of the statement made by M. Clemeuceau to the Central Syrian Committee with regard to Syrian questions which we published yesterday. The Arab Prince said: "I am delighted at the utterances of the French Prime Minister, as published by the "Matin." Every Arabspeaking person will be grateful for the intention of the French Government therein expressed and for the further assurance of M. Clemeceau that the problems of Asia Minor and Syria will be brought before the Peace Conference as an open issue for settlement as a whole by all the parties concerned. This is in accordance with the dearest wishes of every inhabitant of these countries."

With regard to an appeal from Shekri Ganem to the British authorities complaining of stringent regulations as a result of which he asserts, Syria is shut off from the world. Prince Feisul expressed his regret that prominence had been given by the "Matin" to this declaration. "Shekri Ganem," he added, "has for nearly forty years been away from Syria and is evidently not aware that the administration of the civil and military authorities does not in any way restrict the liberty of the people in Syria to-day."

Invited to say something on the subject of Zionist aspirations in regard to Palestine, the Emir said: "The two main branches of the Semitic family, Arabs and Jews, understand one another, and I hope that as a result of interchange of ideas at the Peace Conference which will be guided by ideals of self-determination and nationality, each nation will make definite progress towards the realisation of its aspirations. Arabs are not jealous of Zionist Jews and intend to give them fair play, and the Zionist Jews have assured the Nationalist Arabs of their intention to see that they too have just treatment in their respective areas. Turkish intrigue in Palestine has raised jealousy between the Jewish colonists and the local peasants, but the mutual understanding of the aims of Arabs and Jews will at once clear away the last trace of this former bitterness, which indeed had already practically disappeared, even before the war, thanks to the work of the Arab Secret Revolutionary Committee, which in Syria and elsewhere laid the foundation of the Arab military successes of the past two years."

An illustration of the damage caused by the war and the revolution is afforded by the announcement that in 1919 the German railways are expected to show a loss of 300,000,000 marks (£15,000,000) on account of the high rates of wages. In 1913 the railways showed a profit of over £53,000,000.

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EGYPT'S FOREIGN TRADE.

FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER.

The monthly Summary of the Foreign Trade of Egypt for November has just ben issued by the Customs Administration. The imports again show an increase over the figures for the same period last year, though the exports show a falling-off, as follows:- Imports (including tobacco- L.E.3,279,261 as against L.E.3,272,514 for November 1917, an increase of L.E.6,747. The figures for the period January 1, to November 30, were L.E.44,315,469 as against L.E. 28,296,924 for 1917, an increase of L.E.16,018, 545.

The exports were L.E.2,269,454 as against L.E.4,720,099, a decrease of L.E.2,450,654. For the period January 1, to November 30, the exports were L.E.41,212,421 as against L.E.34, 556,948, an increase of L.E.6,656,173 over 1917.

Trade during November with the United Kingdom was as follows:- Imports L.E. 1,378,512 and exports L.E.19,791 for November 1918 the figures for 1917 being L.E. 1,636,323 and L.E.3,349,549 respectively, showing a considerable falling off on the export side. During the period January 1 to November 30 the imports were L.E.24,951,643 as against L.E.12,619,829 for 1917, and the exports L.E. 27,295,713 as against L.E.18,984,162 for 1917.

Imports to India during November were L.E. 291,170 and L.E.203,812 in November 1917; the exports were L.E.85,515 as against L.E.27,140 for November 1917. From Australia goods to the value of L.E.572,495 were imported as against L.E.153,113 in 1917; the exports to those countries being L.E.747 and L.E.1,532 in November 1917. The imports from the United States amounted to L.E.22,145 as against L.E. 36,364 in November 1917 but the exports were only L.E.36 as against L.E.777,359. Trade with Spain was the same regards exports both in November 1917 and 1918, but the imports were L.E. 29,394 as against L.E.21,961 in 1917. France sent goods to the value of L.E.64,144 and received L.E.165,605, the figures for 1917 being L.E.130,262 and L.E.87,583 respectively. The imports from Italy were L.E.197,136 as against L.E.187,530 in November 1917; the exports were L.E.99,574 as against L.E.49,250 in 1917. The imports from Italy were L.E. 186,942 as against L.E.249,992 for the same month in 1917, and the exports L.E.4,911 as against L.E.286,058 for November 1917.

Trade with China and Japan has increased in both directions. The imports from China being 114,575 as against L.E.87,069 in November 1917, and the exports L.E.2,308 as against L.E.1,219 in November 1917. The figures relating to Japan are: imports L.E.151,244 as against L.E.109,386 for November 1917, and exports L.E.12,771 as against L.E.6,587 in 1917.

TOBACCO.

The total tobacco imports during November amounted to L.E.278,356 as against L.E. 257,566 in November 1917, an increase of L.E. 20,790. For the period January 1 to November 30 the figures were L.E.2,837,769 as against L.E.2,762,003 in November 1917, an increase of L.E.65,766. The imports of leaf tobacco during November amounted to L.E.270,052, an increase of L.E.25,098 over November 1917, Tombac L.E.985, a decrease of L.E.2,930; cigars, L.E.2,376 as compared with L.E.6,100 for November 1917—a decrease of L.E.3,725; manufactured tobacco L.E.2,344, an increase of L.E.2,377. The imports for the period January 1 to November 30 amounted to L.E.2,837,769 as against L.E.2,762,003, an increase of L.E. 65,766 over the same period in 1917.

The total value of cigarettes exported during November was L.E.94,151 as against L.E. 31,684 in November 1917, an increase of L.E. 62,467. The exports from January 1 to November 30 amounted to L.E.635,090 as against L.E.367,450 an increase of L.E.267,640.

The following table gives the value of imports and exports classified by categories, during the period January 1 to November 30, 1918, shewing the increase or decrease:-

IMPORTS.

	1918.	1917.	In. or Dec.
Animals and animal food products	2,061,636	1,508,893	+ 552,743
Hides, skins and leather goods	428,446	252,147	+ 176,299
Other animal products	126,509	97,835	+ 28,674
Cereals, vegetables and flour	1,061,418	1,449,913	— 388,495
Colonial produce	2,062,122	1,320,837	+ 741,285
Spirits, beverages and oils	1,925,488	1,746,863	+ 178,625
Rags, paper and printed matter	1,480,676	497,393	+ 983,283
Wood and coal	4,880,681	3,370,624	+ 1,510,057
Stone, earthenware and glassware	691,200	304,008	+ 387,192
Dyestuffs and colours	531,666	373,877	+ 157,789
Chemical and medicinal products and perfumery	1,735,939	1,161,413	+ 574,526
Textiles and yarns	20,646,596	10,292,119	+10,354,477
Metals and metalware	2,431,579	1,447,262	+ 984,317
Miscellaneous	1,423,744	1,711,737	— 287,993
Total value of Merchandise	41,487,760	25,534,921	+15,952,779
Total value of Tobacco	2,827,769	2,762,003	+ 65,766
Total value of imports	44,315,469	28,296,924	+16,018,545

EXPORTS.

	1918.	1917.	In. or Dec
Animals and animal food products	334,149	406,485	— 72,336
Hides, skins and leather goods	587,736	600,673	— 12,937
Other animal products	39,627	30,836	+ 8,791
Cereals, vegetables and flour	2,961,847	3,201,078	— 249,731
Colonial produce	1,165,157	1,218,344	— 53,187
Spirits, beverages and oils	211,093	175,389	+ 35,704
Rags, paper and printed matter	61,599	55,838	+ 5,761
Wood and coal	48,719	23,016	+ 25,703
Stone, earthenware and glassware	2,025	366	+ 1,659
Dyestuffs and colours	6,092	15,907	— 9,815
Chemical and medicinal products and perfumery	177,159	203,533	— 26,374
Textiles and yarns	34,914,367	28,034,157	+ 6,880,210
Metals and metalware	56,718	106,576	— 49,858
Miscellaneous	21,543	116,600	— 95,057
Total value of Merchandise	40,577,831	34,188,798	+ 6,388,533
Total value of Cigarettes	635,090	367,450	— 267,640
Total value of exports	41,212,421	34,556,248	+ 6,656,173

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HELIOPOLIS RACES.

RESULTS OF LAST SATURDAY'S MEETING.

PEEP O' DAWN WINS.

A big meeting was held at Heliopolis on Saturday and good racing was witnessed. The big show of the day was won rather easily by Peep O' Dawn but the price was short. Owing to an unfortunate error the running of the various events could not be reported yesterday. As, however, all punters like to know why they lost—or win—we think it of interest to insert it to-day. Space however does not allow of the publication of the full table:

BEGINNERS PLATE, Value L.E.80, distance 6 furlongs:- Sehiam was drawn on the inside, and got well away, but Malik soon took the lead whilst the others were slightly strung out. Malek still had the lead turning into the straight when the field closed up and half way up the straight, Dalal came to win her race, but she swerved badly under the whip, and Malik held the lead to win by two and a half lengths.

Totalisator: P.T.20: 190-60-25-190.
Time: 1.24.

KANTARA HANDICAP, value L.E.200, distance 6 furlongs:- Paddy took the lead followed by Agadir and Kamboula with Ghazi last. Paddy led into the straight, with Agadir second and Kamboula still third. This order was maintained until the small stands were reached, when Mesnik came through with a rush and robbed Kamboula of second place, Agadir continuing his lead to the end after having once passed Paddy.

Totalisator: P.T.20: 85-55-70-25.
Time: 1.23 1/5.

SULTANA PASHA HANDICAP, value L.E.200, distance 5 furlongs:- When they crossed the cutting, Grayling was leading, whilst the others were fairly close together. Grayling continued to lead till the small stands, where K.I., vigorously ridden by Bellhouse, shot ahead and won comfortably by half a length, two lengths between second and third.

Totalisator: P.T.20: 110-35-25-75.
Time: 1.4 4/5.

JANUARY HANDICAP, value L.E.200, distance 1 mile:- Peep of Dawn soon took the lead followed by Holland and Sweetheart in the order mentioned. Although there were several changes between the remainder, Holland was always following at a respectful distance behind Peep O' Dawn. Near home Forest Queen made her effort and easily beat Holland for third place, but Peep O' Dawn won by two lengths, never being headed.

Totalisator: P.T.20: 50-25-65-30.
Time: 1.45.

TURF CLUB HANDICAP, value L.E.150; distance 1 1/4 miles:- Shahraman went to the front followed by Bandar with Fellah and Fath el Bab the last two. After passing the mile post, Shahraman was still in front, but whilst Bahir had dropped back with Fath el Bab, Bandar maintaining his position as second, Shahraman continued to lead by about four lengths into the straight when Bandar dropped away beaten. The field closed up and Abu Khevsha made his effort, but he could make no impression on Shahraman who won with the toy up looking round, whilst Garraf just beat Fath el Bab for third position.

Totalisator: P.T.20: 210-50-70-110.
Time: 2.4 2/5.

ALEXANDRIA HANDICAP, value L.E.150, distance, 7 furlongs:- After going a short distance, Sambo took the lead from Tankee with Maamoul last. Sambo still led into the straight but Araka soon ranged up alongside and ran him out of it, henceforth it was Arak's race, Crusader and Maamoul running on into second and third places respectively.

Totalisator: P.T.20: 75-30-30-60.
Time: 2.24 2/5.

KANTARA NOTES.

BOXING AT R.O.D. R.E.

(By SCORER.)

KANTARA, Jan. 11.

An interesting boxing tournament was held in the vicinity of the R.O.D., R.E., Camp on Sunday.

A good crowd was present and some excellent contests were witnessed, Captain Hopkins, R.E., referred; Captain Smith, R.E., and 2nd/Cpl. Garretty, R.E., judged; the gong was in the capable hands of Captain Barnard, R.E., and Major Sharp, R.O.D., R.E., performed the duties of M.C.

Of the eight contests everyone was worth watching and all went the distance with the exception of one.

The results of the contests are as follows:—

4 ROUNDS (9 Stone).—Private Hume (—Rgt.) v. Sapper Tompkins (R.E.) Hume declared the winner on points.

4 ROUNDS (10 Stone).—Gunner Hoy (R.G.A.) v. Sapper Leek (R.E.). Hoy declared the winner on points.

4 ROUNDS (10 Stones).—Sapper Juder (R.E.) v. Sapper Thompson (R.E.). The latter had no possible chance, his opponent being too good for him, his seconds threw in the sponge in the second round.

6 ROUNDS (10 Stone).—Driver Duckworth (B.H.T.D.) v. Sapper Parkes (R.E.). An excellent contest; the referee's decision a draw.

10 ROUNDS (Catchweights).—Sapper Rider (R.E.) v. 2nd/Cpl. Ware (R.E.). Another first class contest which went the full distance, Rider men being out to win. Referee's decision, Rider the winner on points.

6 ROUNDS (9 Stone).—Cpl. Tullett (B.H. T.D.) v. Private Douglas (—Rgt.). Results, Tullett the winner on points.

6 ROUNDS (10 Stone).—A. M. Hunt (R.A.F.) v. Private Hunter (—Rgt.). Referee's decision a draw.

6 ROUNDS (9 Stone). — Driver Kelly (B.H. T.O.) v. Trooper Jordan (Yeo.). Another good fight the decision being a draw.

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Football is going as great as ever, although numerous Clubs in the League are losing players. The No. 1 Base who put the Cobblers out of mess in the Sultan Cup competition at Cairo last week, are still unbeaten in the competition.

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The M.S.D. gave the league leaders a good run for their money on Wednesday last. At half time the Infantry were one down, but they managed to gain the odd goal in the second part of the game! Result, No. 1 Base, 2; M.S.D., 1.

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The R.A.F. gave the B.H.T.D. a good game, on the formers' ground. Had the airmens forwards been as nippy as the horsemen, a great game would have been witnessed. Result, B.H. T.D., 2; R.A.F., 1.

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The G.B.D. met the R.B. for the second time this season, the game resulting as the previous one in a draw. The play on both sides was poor, and it was a waste of time to stay and watch the play when so many good games were being played in the area. Result, G.B.D., 0; R.B., 0.

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OTHER RESULTS.

R.O.D., R.E., 6; R.T.S., 0.
M.T., A.S.C., 0; R.A.O.C., 3.

RACING ENTHUSIASTS.

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