PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

The Sultan will attend the Friday midday prayer to-day at the Sidi Gaber Mosque.

The Sultan spent the last two days at his Ramleh Palace.

The Grand Master of Ceremonies officially announced yesterday the Sultan's thanks to those who congratulated His Highness on the Kourban Bairam.

The Dowager Sultana Melek is expected in Cairo from Mamura Palace on Friday next, attended by Ahmed Bey Sadek, Her Highness' Master of Ceremonies and Bimbashi Mahmud Effendi Khairi her A.D.C. in order to be present at the memorial service on the anniversary of the death of the late Sultan which will be held at the Rifaii Mosque on the night of September 27.

Sir William Willcocks is printing in book form with map, his fine lectures on the early chapters of the Bible, entitled "From the Garden of Eden to the Passage of the Jordan." The book is promised in five weeks from the printers. He is prepared to receive from army officers and soldiers, offers for the book, accompanied with P.T.20 and clear addresses. These offers will be registered, and, as soon as the copies arrive, they will be sent to the addresses received, in order of registration. The books will, later on, be for sale in book stalls for P.T.30 per copy. No profit will be made on the book as Sir William owes much of his information to the soldiers who went through the desert campaign.

Sir Ismail Sirry Pasha, who left on Wednesday evening for Upper Egypt on a tour of inspection is accompanied by Ibrahim Fahmy Bey, his Technical Secretary. His Excellency is expected back from this tour on Thursday next September 26.

The Hellenic Agency states that the Advocate General, Firmin van den Bosch, the Belgian delegate at the Egyptian Mixed Tribunals gave a lecture yesterday at the Barristers' Club in Athens before Messrs Venizelos, Politis, Negropontis and Raktivan on the resistance of Belgian magistrates to the oppression of the invaders. The lecture was cheered. On the initiative of the Foreign Press Association in Athens, Judge van den Bosch will give a lecture on the clandestine press of Belgium on Saturday at the Dionysia Theatre on Saturday.

Midhat Yeghen Pasha, Governor of Alexandria, has been confined to his house for the last two days owing to a slight illness.

Mohamed Fahmy Pasha, Director General of the Sultanie Wakfs and Daira Khiosa Administration, has been granted leave of absence on medical grounds.

Hassan Fathy Bey, Inspector Giza Circle of Irrigation, has been transferred to the Girga Circle of Irrigation vice Abdel Hamid Soliman Bey, Inspector Girga Circle transferred to the Fayoum Circle vice Mohamed Baligh Bey, Inspector Fayoum Circle transferred to the Gizeh Circle. These transfers will take effect from November 1 next.

RAMLEH TRAMS SUSPENDED.

Wednesday afternoon the traffic on the Alexandria-Ramleh tramway line was suspended owing to a tram breaking down through a defect in the axle-tree. The breakdown took place just at one of the busiest times of the day when everybody was trying to get back to town from the beaches. The result was that the road to Alexandria presented a most unwonted scene. All the cabs were soon engaged and the cabmen seized the opportunity to charge exorbitante fares, while hundreds and hundreds of people who were unable to get cabs, had to wend their way home on foot. Traffic was suspended for over an hour.

OMDEH ROBS FELLAHEEN.

The Mamour of Girga Markaz recently heard that the omdeh of Zalkom district had forced the inhabitants to give him overweight of dura by using an union measure, and was also taking four kelas of dura from every feddan for himself. An enquiry has been opened, and the omdeh has been suspended from duty.

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EGYPT'S FOOD.

ALEXANDRIA'S BREAD CRISIS.

WHEAT SHORTAGE IN CAIRO.

The wheat and flour crisis which has been developing seriously during the last few days at Alexandria has now led to a sensational result—a bread famine in different quarters of the town! Indeed there was such a great shortage of bread in several kisms of Alexandria yesterday that thousands of people experienced great difficulty in getting any bread at all. In the nature of things the price of bread—never mind the tariff)—rose suddenly to P.T.6 per oke the regular rate being P.T.3.5. In the district of Moharrem Bey, Egyptian bakehouses were closed yesterday and on the previous day, and had it not been for some Jewish breadsellers in the locality the inhabitants would have suffered considerably owing to the absence of the staple foodstuff. Yesterday bread was again available at Moharrem Bey but it was made of a mixture of different varieties of flour and other matter. It was all wet and looked very brown. As already reported in our columns, the local Supplies Commission has about 3,000 ardebs of grain in stock, reserved for "darker" days, and unless the authorities consider that that there are worse days in store, the above stock should be utilised for remedying the situation.

During the last four days the grain arrivals at Minet el Basal were as follows: 1,439 ardebs of beans, 56 ardebs of dura, 157 ardebs of barley, 667 ardebs of wheat.

We referred a few days ago to the measures which the Supplies Control Board, in conjunction with the Central Cereal Merchants' Association have decided to take in order to keep the capital and the adjoining towns fully supplied with wheat, and to the circular letter sent out to the governors of the different provinces asking them to seize any wheat supplies in the possession of hoarders and deliver them to the cereal merchants at the tariff prices. The effect of these measures has not yet been felt, and Cairo is greatly suffering from the shortage of wheat as the arrivals at Bab el Farag and Abar el Nabi markets are still practically nil. Some of the leading Cairo native bakeries are therefore very much upset by this shortage as they state that their stocks are being depleted and they are afraid that if the Supplies Control Board does not come at once to their rescue they will be compelled to close up very shortly. In fact a rumour is taking ground amongst the well-to-do native population that there is a great shortage of wheat in the country and that the price of bread is going to attain P.T. 10 an oke before long. There can be no doubt as to the fallacy of this rumour so, to the best of our knowledge, the cause of this shortage in the towns is due to the practices holding up their stocks in the hope of disposing of them at higher prices than the tariff and not wing to a general shortage of cereals in the country. When the measures recently decided upon by the Supply Control Board are completed (and it is expected that this will be done in a few days), there can be no doubt that the towns will begin to receive regular and sufficient supplies of cereals. Meanwhile, in order to allay the growing anxiety and uneasiness of mind amongst the population, it would not be unwise for the Supplies Control Board to issue a statement showing how the country stands with regard to wheat and other cereals. If this rumour is not proved false now when it is only beginning to spread, the result will undoubtedly be that a great rush on wheat supplies will follow for the purpose of obtaining the whole year's provision at all sets and great disorder, similar to that which took place last year when it was rumoured that a shortage of petroleum was forthcoming, will be the result.

RETURN OF THE PILGRIMAGE.

The latest reports from the Hedjaz state that two cases of plague have occurred among pilgrims. The news has been officially communicated to the Quarantine Board and the Ministry of the Interior and it is expected that the Mahmal escort and other Egyptian pilgrims will be considered as infected with plague this year, with the result that all pilgrims will be detained for 10 days at Tor instead of three days for disinfection.

A native merchant of Alexandria, Ismail Beltagi, appeared before the British Military Court at the Lebban kism for trial on the charge of having stolen some tin plates belonging to the British army here. The accused was defended by Maitre Mohamed Effendi Aragi who pleaded in English. The news has been officially communicated to the Quarantine Board and the Ministry of the Interior and it is expected that the Mahmal escort and other Egyptian pilgrims will be considered as infected with plague this year, with the result that all pilgrims will be detained for 10 days at Tor instead of three days for disinfection.

STOP PRESS

A BRILLIANT VICTORY IN PALESTINE.

(Official Communiqué)

CAIRO, September 19.

Last night Welsh and Indian troops attacked the enemy's defences east of the Bireh-Nablous road on a front of four miles, and advanced to a maximum depth of 5000 yards. Over 400 prisoners were taken.

At 4.30 this morning English, Scottish, Irish, Indian, and French troops attacked between Rafat and the sea on a front of 15 miles. The attack was made after a short bombardment.

The whole of the enemy's front system of defence in the foothills in the south-east of Jiljuliah and from Bir-Adas to the sea was captured at an early hour.

The enemy's second system from Etiun the mouth of the Nahr Falik and the strongly fortified Jiljuliah and Kalkilieh were in our hands by midday.

The cavalry is pursuing. The enemy is retreating in disorder and our troops occupy Tul Keram.

The Royal Air Force bombed the enemy's headquarters and railway stations last night and throughout the day, and have obtained many hits on columns of troops and transport.

Over three thousand prisoners have been reported, and many more are coming in.

Many guns and a considerable quantity of material have also been captured.

LONDEX, Sept. 18.

(7.50 p.m.) A wireless Italian message says: "We repulsed repeated thrusts against our defences at the head of the Seven Valley north of Grappa and we inflicted heavy losses on the enemy."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.

Mr. John W. Davis, Solicitor General West Virginia has been appointed by the American Government Ambassador in Great Britain. Reuter.

GREEKS IN EGYPT.

VOLUNTEERS FROM THE BALKANS.

The Press Bureau by an official dementi, published in the Greek papers, both in Alexandria and Cairo, contradicts the statement made by the Hellenic Agency, that an arrangement had been come to between the British and the Greek authorities in Egypt, concerning the volunteers to the Greek Army who originated from the territories annexed after the Balkan wars or from Turkey; according to the statement referred to, those volunteers were to be acknowledged by the authorities in Egypt as Greek subjects.

This contradiction has upset the Greek colony particularly as the announcement of the accord having been come to was made by the local Greek papers, some week before that of the Hellenic Agency, and it was thought that their information was official.

The "Ephimeris" asks with acrimony "who gave the information and who created the false news, only in order to provoke a dementi? The "Telegraphos" writes in the same manner, and, though blaming nobody for excess of patriotism, it also asks that at least, those who are responsible for this contradiction should profit by the lesson.

ALEXANDRIA AMUSEMENTS.

THE AMERICAN COSMOGRAPH.— The new programme at the American Cosmograph, beginning this evening, consists of the new episode of Judex, "The Ordinary Crime," which is every bit as interesting and exciting as its predecessors. Not to have seen Judex in Alexandria is being about as much out of fashion as not having heard of the last bathing scandal or tramway accident. "Two Little Sailors Lassies" in London is a clever drama, "Fatty's Mother-in-law" is naturally a very clever farce and there are at least two other films of considerable interest.

THE EMPIRE THEATRE.— Yesterday evening the Empire Theatre was and again to-night will be the centre of attraction in Alexandria. The occasion is the Italian September 20 festival, celebrated by Italians all over the world and celebrated this year in Alexandria in the best possible way imaginable—by combining amusement with charity and devoting the whole of the proceeds of the various entertainments to the fund for the families of Italian soldiers. The gardens are very prettily illuminated, the side shows are interesting and there is no doubt whatever that the fund will receive a bumper cheque as soon as all accounts have been made up.

THE SAN STEFANO CASINO.— There is always something to do and to see at the San Stefano. During the afternoon there are excellent tennis courts and bathing places to disport in, at five o'clock there is a concert, also during the dinner hour, while as soon as it grows dusk enough there is a cinema entertainment. Every Friday afternoon, in addition to the above attractions there is also a children's dance, and on Saturday's there is the usual and highly popular small dance. Dinners should always be ordered in advance and by later in order to avoid disappointment. Following is the programme for Sunday's morning's concert: Beethoven, Coriolan, ouverture ; Debussy, Children's corner (Le coin des enfants) suite, 1. Serenade for the Doll. 2. The little Shepherd. 3. Golliwogg's cake-walk. 4. Jumbo's Lullaby. 5. The snow is dancing. 6. Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum; Saint Saens, Danse Macabre, b) Gavotte en Ut min. op. 23; Van Westerhout, Ronde d'amour; Mancinelli, Cleopatra, overture.

ALHAMBRA THEATRE. — To-night is the first of the two special entertainments in aid of the Alexandria Military Entertainments Committee. It goes without saying that this laudable enterprise is deserving of the best support of Alexandria's citizens, it is rarely that an entertainment of such a unique type offers itself for the benefit of the locality. A combined effort on the part of the various concert parties that give delight to the military hospitals and camps may be relied on to provided entertainment of the finest description; and this galaxy of talent is supported by the voluntary assistance of several distinguished ladies, who desire to support this laudable enterprise not merely by the enthusiasm of applause, but that of practical assistance. The show will be given on two nights only.

EGYPT'S HEALTH.

INSANITARY CONDITION OF MOSQUES.

A correspondent of the "Gazette" writes:—

I wish to draw the attention of the Municipality to the insalubrious state of the Alexandria Mosques' lavatories specially those of Gameh El Sheikh. This mosque which is situated in one of the most crowded and busy parts of Alexandria—the Midan with its native markets—is certainly doing much in the way of offending against the laws of humanity and of sanitation. Any person who makes use of any of these lavatories, is exposing himself to something like the "black death." It is doubtful if Dr. Raafat of the Municipality or any of the inspectors could stand in such dreadful places for a full minute, without fainting—but one thing is certain, they will see for themselves and realises the gravity of this vital matter?

There is a marked difference between the sanitary arrangements of Gameh el Sheikh and those of Hosein Pasha Yacoub and Ramleh. The latter, with its perfectly clean lavatories and up-to-date plugs, deserve the name of "Model Mosque," when compared with the filthy state of the former and its pungent odours filling the immediate neighbourhood with odious smells and beastly little flies. Not only are those who use them subject to illness, but those who wash for the prayer from the taps near by are equally threatened. If those immediately responsible for the upkeep of this religious and educational Institute are not inclined to spend a small sum and make the place as healthy as it should be, then people may ask what the Municipality intends to do in this respect? The places in question are frequented by at least from 400 to 500 persons daily, and this is because there is not a public urinal close by. The nearest one is that at Mohamed Ali Square, a good six minutes' walk from the mosque.

To safeguard public health the Municipality should step in and see that this state of affairs is terminated by the proper and sanitary construction of lavatories, or else shut them down and provide this district with the necessary conveniences. I do not know whether the recent commission on Public Health investigated the sanitary condition of mosques, if not this was omission.

SUDAN TRADE.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

The following tables show the values of the principal articles of merchandise imported into the Sudan or exported from that country during the period January to July 31, 1918, compared with those for the corresponding period in 1917:—

IMPORTS.

	From January 1st to July 31st.	
Butter, fresh and salted	10,561	7,231
Boots and Shoes	15,225	5,791
Candles	14,016	2,817
Wheat	17,737	1,259
Rice	16,349	10,392
Flour	12,830	45,250
Sugar, refined	338,748	219,424
Coffee	28,930	32,427
Tea	80,408	34,623
Petroleum	17,723	15,479
Coal	226,689	128,484
Cement	19,108	6,712
Matches	19,690	1,484
Soap	45,227	23,291
Cotton fabrics	568,293	488,226
Sacks	127,506	66,864
Clothing	41,361	20,988
Machinery	36,925	16,682
Tobacco, Tombac, Cigars, and Cigarettes	58,712	41,512

EXPORTS.

Camels	10,003	14,992
Cattle	243,854	84,017
Sheep	269,048	88,055
Hides	72,545	40,325
Skins	30,157	47,905
Ivory	16,840	30,952
Maize	21,198	5,141
Dura	396,899	496,371
Dukhn	115,422	9,872
Peas	21,504	5,563
Beans (Dried)	92,812	9,297
Sesame	103,706	170,422
Dates	61,553	35,403
Ground Nuts	57,681	53,379
Gum	467,873	516,061
Charcoal	32,500	23,562
Senna	19,368	47,808
Cotton Ginned	226,440	429,318
Gold (Bullion)	30,204	40,658

FIRE IN COTTON WAGGON.

A few days ago, a fire broke out, near the Mazghouna Sattion, in a goods train waggon loaded with cotton travelling between Minieh and Alexandria at the risk of the sender. The waggon was soon separated from the other waggons of the train, and the conflagration was extinguished after three bales of cotton had been burnt. 62850-5.

CYCLING RECORDS.

A gentleman from up the line asks us to settle an argument with regard to cycling records. The information required is as follows: Guignard holds the world's record for the hour with 63 miles 255 yards at Munich on September 30, 1916.

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THE "YOUNG TURK" AND HIS DAD

Leave necessarily comes seldom to the men fighting in the East, and, consequently, not a few fathers are unknown to their children. Recently a sergeant returned to Kent after an absence of three years. He was grieved to note that Georgie was somewhat out-of-hand and troublesome to his mother, and he decided to apply a little "stern" correction.

"Mother," whimpered Georgie through his tears that evening," when is that man going back again?"

"That man is your father, Georgie," replied mother.

"Then he's forgotten he's home, 'cos when he whipped me he said I was a young Turk!" was the answer.

Captain Oswald Horsley, son of the late Sir Victor Horsley and Captain Hugh A. Renwick were killed through the fall of an aeroplane near Wokingham last month.

BOURSE DE MINET-EL-BASSAL.

PRIX DES CEREALES.

Blés:		
Qualité Beheri Cond. Saha	P.T.	306—312
Qualité Saidi	,,	316—322
Blé Hindi	,,	316—322
Mawani	,,	332—338
Fèves:—		
Qualités Saidi	,,	245—250
Nabate	,,	250—255
Lentilles	,,	253—268
Lentilles concassées	,,	268—283
Orge	,,	171—175
Halba	,,	302—308
Maïs	,,	203—207

Cotons.— Arrivages du 19 Septembre 1918: Balles 295 contre meme jour de l'annee precedente 1683.

Graines de coton.— Arrivages du19 Septembre 1918 ardebs 1216 contre meme jour en 1917 9440.

Oignons.— Arivarkes du 19 Septembre 1918 197 contre 365 sacs a la meme date l'annee precedente.

YESTERDAY'S EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

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,, 3m. bank	96 7/16	
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RACING IN CAIRO.

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418.324	482.722	584.896	646.952	657.238
430.462	492.141	596.493	621.359	670.025
430.893	506.577	589.927	626.206	674.460
454.372	524.673	596.674	644.191	788.521
455.765	531.410	606.655	647.639	797.072

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30.619	106.875	179.702	298.085	360.734
41.402	117.781	183.468	321.130	371.811
49.160	129.188	195.290	331.432	—

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A Amsterdam: à la Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas.
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WEATHER REPORT.

ALEXANDRIA.

From Observations taken at Kom-el-Nadura at 8 a.m. 19 September, 1918.

Barometer reduced to 0°C., Sea-level

		Inches
and Mean Gravity [mm]		755.1 to 30.052
Wind	Direction	North
	Velocity [in kms. p. hour]	05
	Force [0-10]	1
State of sky		Clouded
State of sea		Calm
Air temperature	Wet bulb thermometer	21.9
	Dry bulb ,,	25.3
	Max. for previous day	31.2
	Min. ,, ,, night	22.4
Black bulb therm. at 9 p.m. yesterday		74
Relative Humidity		74.6
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 8 a.m. [mm]		0.00
Evaporation	,, ,, [mm]	1.0
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