BIRTH

McKAY.—On the 9th inst. to the wife of Capt. McKay, a son.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Our Fayoum correspondent writes:—Sir W. Brunyate the Financial Adviser, visited the Fayoum Judicial Court on Tuesday and was received by Judge Mustafa Bey, Rifaat who is at present engaged at two courts, Atsa and Fayoum. The Adviser also saw the Fayoum Parquet and was received by the Chief of the Parquet and his three colleagues. Sir William and Lady Brunyate, left on Wednesday morning for Tamia district returning to Fayoum at noon; they were entertained to lunch by Abdul Hamed Bey Soliman, Inspector of Irrigation. They also visited the Fayoum State School and were received by Shoukry Bey, the headmaster, and took tea with Tulba Pasha.

On Sunday next Cardinal Bourne will preach at the Q.A.M. mass at the Catholic Garrison Church Mustapha Barracks. In the afternoon he will pronounce the Benediction at 4.30 p.m. at St. Catherine's Cathedral and again at 6.30 p.m. This service will be exclusively for the military.

We are desired to state that the Bishop of Jerusalem's engagements during January and February are as follows. Those who have business to discuss with the Bishop at each place are asked kindly to communicate at least a week beforehand with his Chaplain, the Rev. O.H. Thompson, St. Mary's Church House, Cairo:-

JANUARY, Saturday, 4th to Monday 6th, Port Said.

Tuesday 7th to Friday 24th at Jerusalem, with visits to the Anglican congregations at Nablous, Nazareth, Haifa, and Jaffa.

Saturday 25th to Monday 27th Suez.

Monday 27th to Saturday, February 1, in Cairo.

FEBRUARY:- Saturday 1st to Monday 3rd, Alexandria and Ramleh.

Wednesday 5th to Saturday 15th Upper Egypt, with visits to Esneh, Luxor, Keneh, Sohag, Assiout, Minia, and Beni Suef.

Saturday 15th to Saturday 22nd, in Cairo.

Saturday 22nd to Monday 24th, Mansourah, Tantah and Zagazig.

Tuesday 25th to March 7th, in Cairo.

Ahmed Zewar Pasha, Minister of Wakfs, who is now at Alexandria, is expected to return to Cairo tomorrow and will receive the Sultan during his visit to the Abul Dahab Mosque.

The engagement is announced between Mabel, daughter of the late Mr. John West and Mrs. West, of Cairo, and Lieut. Wilfrid Cotton, son of the late Rev. Henry Cotton and Mrs. Cotton of Wandsworth Common, London S.W.

A number of the leading Egyptian merchants in Alexandria will meet at the Governorate on Sunday next, upon the request of the Governor, with the object of electing Assessors for the Mixed Court for the present year.

The Brotherhood Federation for Egypt and Palestine informs us that, by the kindness of the Maccabeus Organisation, the proposed "treat" to the Cairo street waifs will be given on Saturday, on the ground of the club, at the corner of Sharia Manakh and Sharia Madabgh. It is expected that 500 children will be present. In addition to a generous "menu," an exciting programme of entertainments—games, conjuring, races, etc.—has been arranged. Any offers of help from soldiers or others, in the latter entertainment will be greatly appreciated and they should be addressed to the Secretary c/o 37 Sharia Manakh, Cairo. The proceedings will commence at 3.30. H.E. the High Commissioner, Sir Reginald Wingate has graciously shown his interest in this effort of the Federation by forwarding a donation to the fund.

We have received P.T.50 from an anonymous donor for the Cairo Brotherhood's treat for waifs and strays.

Gervaise Louis Edgeworth Somers, 60th Battalion A.I.F. youngest son of Dr. Edgeworth Somers of Victoria, Australia, has been killed in action in France at the age of nineteen. His eldest brother, Noel Travers Edgeworth Somers, who was educated at Stonyhurst College, fell at Gallipoli in 1915. Dr. Edgeworth Somers' only surviving son, Neville, is with the Army in Palestine. These young Australian soldiers are related to many well-known officers in the Army and the Navy. (copied from "The Tablet").

The management of the Bandman Companies will be pleased to hear from any professionals at present serving with H.M. Forces, who may be desirous of obtaining an engagement, in Egypt and the East after demobilisation. Please write giving full particulars regarding past experience, line of business, and past engagements to the Kursaal Theatre, Cairo.

A Red Cross Brassard No.4014 was recently lost in the Boulevard de Ramleh, the finder is kindly asked to return it to British Red Cross and Order of St. John, St. Mark's Buildings, Alexandria.

The Oriental Carpet and Rug Stores, o/o. Savoy Headquarters, Cairo, and 10 Rue Sultan Fouad, Alexandria, are now in receipt of 400 Persian and Turkish Carpets and Rugs which have been on order for many months. All are offered at very reasonable prices.

THE RAMLEH LAND FRAUD.

EFFECT OF THE CAPITULATIONS.

The Ramleh land case came up yesterday before the Assize Court, Alexandria, for trial. The accused men are Mohamed Hassan el-Gazairli, an Algeri an doctor; Nessim Effendi Fahmi, a Government official; and Sheikh Ahmed Zeitoun, a Sheri Mazoun of Alexandria. The charges are to the effect that they forged official documents of old dates of a nature to show that the first-named man is entitled to a vast property consisting of the land situated between Bab Sharki and the sea from south to north, and from the end of Boulevard Ramleh to Cesar's Camp, from west to east. The Algerian doctor was imprisoned for several months on account of the fraud, but he recently proved that he is a French subject from Algeria, and the case, so far as he is concerned had to be handed over to the French Consulate, with the result that he was set at liberty and ordered to await his trial. The two Egyptian accomplices have of course remained in Hadra prison and it was they only who appeared yesterday before the Assize Court for trial. Nessim Effendi Fahmi is charged with participation in and arranging the fraud, but the Mazoun is only slightly implicated in the affair. Maitre Abdul Hamid el-Biali and Maitre Kassit acted as Counsel for defence on behalf of the two men respectively. The case had to be adjourned until the next session upon the request of the former lawyer who said that he had no time to study the massive dossier of the case, having been only recently called to take up the matter. It is interesting to note that thanks to the Capitulations the principal wrong-doer is at large while his accomplices (one of whom is apparently not deeply involved in the affair) are in durance vile.

The other man—Gadalla Mubarak—who claims the prinstorship of a large part of the land of Mallaha, in the district of Alexandria, on similar grounds to those presented by the Algerian doctor in the above mentioned case, pretends to be an Italian subject and demands the transfer of the case, which is still in the hand o the Parquet, to the Italian Consulate. The matter is still being discussed by both the Egyptian Foreign Office and Italian Consulate. It obviously pays to be of foreign origin in Egypt.

PURIFICATION OF ALEXANDRIA.

"A NECESSARY EVIL."

TO THE EDITOR, "EGYPTIAN GAZETTE."

Sir,—I see in the report of the proceedings of the Municipal Commission on Wednesday last, when the debate on the Pensions in the Ramleh Boulevard took place, Mr. Eeman criticised the standpoint that the existence of prostitution must continue because it is a "necessary evil" and declared that there was no such thing as a "necessary evil" and that it was an illogical term.

Are not lawyers a "necessary evil" and is not the institution of the Mixed Courts which Mr. Eeman adorns, also a "necessary evil?" In a perfect world there will be no need of lawyers nor of such a class of ladies as those who dwell in the Pensions of the Ramleh Boulevard, nor even of the Mixed Courts. How, then, may I ask, is the term illogical?

Yours, etc.,
PERPLEXED.

Alexandria, January 9.

P.S. I may say that I base these observations on the report of the speech of Mr. Eeman in the "Bourse Egyptienne" of January 9 (your own being curtailed) which runs as follows: Mr. Eeman demande la parole: Je voudrais revenir, dit-il, sur la question des pensions.

Le point de départ à la séance où il avait été question des pensions du boulevard avait été une requête présentée par les habitants contre l'existence des maisons malfamées. Mr. Lian avait saisi cette occasion et déclaré au sein de la Commission que la législation était impuissante et incomplète à cet égard et qu'il fallait y remédier d'une facon ou d'une autre. Il y a les expressions que si on les interprète littéralement deviennent dangereuses et illogiques. Comme de dire: "C'est un mal nécessaire" auquel il faut se résigner fatalement. Il ne peut pas y avoir de mal necessaire. La logique reprouve une pareille assertion.

HOME MAILS.

A mail via Marseilles per British steamer will be made up at Alexandria this morning at 9 o'clock for registered and at 10 for ordinary correspondence.

A mail will also be made up on Saturday; closing time for money orders, Friday 6 p.m.; registered correspondence 9 a.m. and ordinary correspondence 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 11.

THE SULTAN'S INSPECTION OF THE HANDLEY-PAGE.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE).

Sir,—In your issue of the "Egyptian Gazette" dated as above you gave the name of the Officer Commanding 4th Battalion Egyptian Army as Kaimakam Wehmer Bey, and that he was present when H.H. the Sultan inspected the Handley Page aeroplane. Kaimakam Worthington Wilmer Bey gave up the command of the Battalion some months ago and the undersigned took his place.

There is one Colour in this Battalion and not Colours. The "Egyptian Mail" called it a sag.

Yours, etc.,
A. C. HEWITT, Kaimakam,
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CAIRO SWINDLING TRICKS.

NATIVE SCHOOL MISTRESS HOAXED.

A few days ago a man went to a native girls' school in Shubra, and told the headmistress that he was a clerk in the Dairat of the late Mourad Helmy Pasha in the Kanatir El Khairieh, and that he was sent to the school by order of his mistress, the Pasha's widow, to express her desire to pay a big sum of money as a gift to the School, and that this sum should be handed to the headmistress in person. He requested her to accompany him. The headmistress believing the story, followed the man to Cairo Station where he asked her to give him the price of her ticket to Kanater El Khairieh. She gave him a P.T. 50 note. After a short time he returned and asked her to give him P.T.1 so that as might be given a banknote of P.T. 5 as there was no change at the ticket office. The lady did as desired and the man went off ostensibly to get the tickets at the never returned. After waiting a very long time the school mistress in great chagrin departed and brought the matter before the police. It was found that the man was not a clerk in the Dairat in question, but was a professional swindler who had hoaxed several people in the same way.

A midwife named Shazan recently informed the Ezbekieh Police that a man, whom she did not know, called at her house and said that he had been sent by Aly Pasha Helmy at Helouan to call her in a professional capacity to the house. The midwife was very pleased, and asked the train on which she would leave from Bab El Luk Station. The man thereupon asked her for P.T.5 to send a telegram to the Pasha's house so that someone would be sent to the station to meet the midwife. She complied but afterwards discovered that the man was a fraud and only wanted the P.T.5. The Police are of the opinion that this swindler is the same one who is in the habit of going to Cairo Station to beg passengers to pay something towards the price of a ticket for a poor woman who had been robbed in the station, and was unable to get home; he then disappears with the few piastres he has gathered. The police are now searching for him.

TWENTY SIX EGYPTIANS MISSING.

The Ministry of the Interior has asked the police to search in Egypt for 26 persons, males and females, who left their homes during the months of November and December last, and have not returned. Among the missing males is an old man of 70 and a younger man of 70; the ages of the females vary between 12 and 30 years.

BRITISH RED CROSS.

The following is a list of subscriptions and donations received apart from "Our Day" Fund Appeal up to December 6, 1918, by the British Red Cross and Order of St. John, (Malta, Egypt and Near East Commission):-

	L.E.	L.E.
Amount previously acknowledged		28,496.828
ALEXANDRIA:-		
Criterion Bar, sub. for Nov.	2.000	
O. Rouchdy, sub. for Nov.	500	
D. Hamba, sub. for Nov.	1.000	
A. Halcoussis, sub. for Nov.	1.000	
J.C. Choghas, sub. for Nov.	500	
R.C. Abdy, sub. for Nov.	9.750	
J. Metzger, sub. for Oct.	2.000	
J. Metzger, sub. for Aug.	2.000	
G. Amagnanis, sub. for Nov.	3.000	
Lt. Godwin, sub. for Nov.	500	
A. Bassile, donation	1.000	
Cheremi Benachi & Co., sub. for November	24.375	
C.J. Cheremi, sub. for Nov.	4.875	
J. Price Jones	1.875	
Journal "La Reforme", don.	2.580	
J. Panerai, donation	1.000	
D. Hamos, sub. for Dec.	1.000	
N. Anagannis, sub. for Dec.	3.000	
		64.875
PORT SAID:-		
The Port Said Salt Assoc. sub. for November	10.000	
The British Coaling Depot, sub. for November	5.000	
		15.000
CAIRO:-		
P. Sarris & G. Mastrantonis, sub. for November	3.000	
Iskander Effendi Abdu, sub. for November	1.000	
Wm. Cartwright, sub. for Nov.	1.000	
Georges Kritiosa, sub. for Nov.	2.000	
Dr. Hume, sub. for Nov.	1.000	
Arab Gabriel, sub. for Nov.	5.000	
N. Ganios, sub. for Nov.	1.000	
N. Spathis, sub. for Nov.	2.000	
Christos Papademondis, sub. for November.	1.000	
		17.000
Received by Conv. Outings:-		
Palestine News	200	
		L.E. 28,593.903

OUR STORES IN FRANCE.

Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, said our national debt before the war was £700,000,000, but in France to-day we had property worth more than that. We had enough railway stock and material there to complete two of the biggest railways in this country, and we were also the largest owners of canal stock in the world.

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CAIRO AMUSEMENTS.

"A DOG'S LIFE."—The above is the title of the latest production, the fifty three reel film of the new series of Chaplin's Million Dollar Comedies which will be shown for the first time in Egypt at the Radium Picture Palace, Boulevard-Dine Street, Cairo, commencing from Monday, January 20, 1919.

Charley Chaplin is already well-known as "the greatest Comic in the World" and every comment on his capabilities is considered superfluous. Owing to the numerous complaints arising from the fact the "Full up" boards are noticed very frequently at the Radium and in order to avoid disappointment, patrons are kindly requested to take the precaution of booking their seats in advance.

CHARLES LE KLEZKE, Cairo.—The staggering triplets of Maciste, which have been drawing immense audiences to the Kleber during the past two weeks, are now being shown in the third and last episode, entitled "Maciste, Medium." Nothing on so huge or ambitious a scale has probably ever before been attempted by any film producer and it is certain that the enthusiasm of the large audience which filled the hall on Tuesday evening last, the patrons of the Kleber endorse this verdict. It is not too much to say that Maciste is almost worshipped by Cairo cinemagoers. Not only do they admire his chivalry and courage, but they like him for his good humour. Even when in the direst straits, that broad smile is never long absent, and it is this gift of cheerfulness which endears him to everyone. Genuine was the regret with which the spectators bid farewell for the time being to their hero, who in this particular episode, will continue to appear on the screen until and including Monday next.

Other features this week are Charlie Chaplin, in a one-reel comedy of exquisite funniness, a powerful record of topical events, known to habitues of the Kleber as the Topical Budget. This week's programme is one of the most varied and thrilling records ever, even at this time of sensational productions.

ANZAC HOSTEL MUSICAL RECITALS.—The first of a proposed series of short Musical Recitals was given at the Anzac Hostel on Thursday of last week under the arrangement of Capt. B. Dennis Jones, and the scheme is worthy of encouragement and encouragement from music lovers. Capt. Jones in his opening remarks sketched rapidly the differences between Absolute and Romantic music and prefaced each item by a few words of explanation on the composer, his aims and position in the musical world. The evening's programme consisted entirely of excerpts from the Romantic School by several accomplished musicians. In the course of his remarks Capt. Jones made an appeal for support and assistance from all music lovers and musicians and it was evident from the interest and enthusiasm displayed by the large social and khaki audience that there will be no lack of support from the former. It only remains therefore for all musicians in Cairo to give practical demonstration of their sympathy with the effort, and in such a cause as this, the appeal will surely not be made in vain.

ALEXANDRIA AMUSEMENTS.

CHANTECLER CINEMA. All Alexandria will be flocking this week to book seats for the wonderful historical film "Attila," which is being screened at the Chantecler Cinema. The film, which is produced by the celebrated Ambrosio Company of Turin, has been produced at great expense, no fewer than ten thousand performers and two thousand horses being employed in the reconstruction of one of the most tragic periods of the history of ancient Europe.

THE MAJESTIC HOTEL.— We are informed that the management of the popular and centrally situated Majestic Hotel have decided to give a fancy and masked ball on Saturday the 18th. There will be a refreshment and supper as well as a cold buffet. Entrance tickets which are purely personal and which are only sold to persons well known to the management are obtainable at P.T.40 for gentlemen and P.T.20 for ladies. Cards may be obtained only from the manager to Friday the 17th instant. Costumes and masks supplied by Messrs. Fosco are on view at the hotel.

AMERICAN COSMOGRAPH.—The new programme, which begins with a Pathe Gazette, and the pictures of the scene in London and Paris during the armistice celebrations are extraordinarily vivid. The dancing crowds in the English and French capitals and the widespread enthusiasm of all classes of the population, as depicted in these pictures, are alone worth a visit to the Cosmograph. There is a first-class comedy, "The Sacred Pearl," wherein Marie Doro is seen at her best. The seventh episode of "The Secret of the Submarine" is fully as exciting as any preceding episode of this most remarkable and stirring drama. The programme is excellent from start to finish.

Specially funny is "Bouboule's Christmas Merrymaking," while other pictures are remarkable, the views of the devastated cities and ruined countrysides being most tragically poignant.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S PAST.

THE EARLIEST ENGLISH REFERENCE.

When did President Wilson first become known to Englishmen? To most of us he was a new personality when he became so unexpectedly the democratic candidate for the Presidency of the United States. But to students of history and politics he had long been of the first rank as an authority. The late Sir John Seeley, the Regius Professor of Modern History at Cambridge, and the author of "Ecce Homo", among other notable books, quoted him in support of a favourite theory of his own, in a lecture delivered to his Cambridge students so long ago as 1886. He was illustrating the saying of Louis Philippe, that the French are more easy and polite than nations if they could learn the English habit of talking politics after dinner, and he said: "Mr. Woodrow Wilson, in his interesting volume on the American Constitution, remarks that in America people read the debates of Congress. Not a few there are, he says, in America who read the English debates, but none who read the debates of Congress." Sir John Seeley's explanation of this was not that the American is less political in his tastes than the Englishman, but that Congress does not make and unmake Governments. "The Session of Congress is not, like the session of our Parliament, a drama. There is no important action in it."

Mr. Henry Ford has announced his retirement from active participation in the management of the Ford Motor Company, complete control of the Ford interests to be taken over by his son Edsel. In making this announcement, Mr. Ford said he intended to undertake the publication of a national weekly newspaper, dividing his time between the publication and his tractor industry.

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NORTH POLE BY SUBMARINE.

STEFANSON'S NEW PLAN.

The explorer Vilhjahmur Stefanson purposes to attempt to reach the North Pole next summer by submarine. The latest model is understood to be capable of being navigated at a depth of 200 feet, with a cruising radius of 10,000 miles. The explorer is of opinion that to reach the North Pole by means of an aeroplane will be more difficult than to reach it by a submarine.

Stefanson recently returned from the Arctic Expedition, which began in 1913, when the Karluk, his chief boat, was crushed in the ice. The intervening years have been spent in exploring Banks Island and Prince Patrick Island, to the north of which Stefanson discovered some new land.

HINDENBURG'S FOREBODINGS.

GRIEVED 18 MONTHS AGO.

According to a Berlin telegram to Amsterdam the newspaper, "Die Republik" publishes a letter from Hindenburg to the Kaiser, dated June 22, 1917, in which the Field-Marshal pointed out that Baron von Bethmann Hollweg was the great obstacle to a peace with the Western Powers.

Hindenburg recommended the Kaiser to get into touch with the political leaders of the people. He regretted that the Government had missed the opportunity of securing the support of those Social Democrats who, at the beginning of the war, had forsaken their leaders.

Hindenburg was especially grieved at the growing discouragement of the people, who, he said, must be strengthened, "or otherwise the war was lost. "Our Allies, too," he concluded, "want backing up, otherwise dangers of their abandoning the alliance may arise."

FOUR REPUBLICS.

A PROPOSAL FROM THE RHINE.

In an interview with a representative of the "Koelnische Zeitung," Professor Hugo Preuss, Minister of the Interior, declared that he was in favour of the establishment of a German Constitution on the model of the United States Constitution, and said he expected that the centre of power in the German Empire would move from the North towards the South and West. Bavaria and Rhine Provinces, he added, must not by precipitate action deprive themselves of the fruits of later developments.

The "Koelnische Volkszeitung" propounds a plan for the division of Germany into four separate Republics instead of 26 Federal States as at present. The first would be a Rhenish-Westphalian Republic composed of the Rhine Province, Westphalia, Hesse-Nassau, the Grand Duchies of Hesse and Baden, and the Palatinate. The second would be a Danube Republic, comprising Wuerttemberg, Bavaria, and German Austria. The third—a North Baltic Republic—would consist of Oldenburg, Hanover Luebeck, Hamburg, Bremen, Schleswig-Holstein, Mecklenburg, Pomerania, West Prussia, and East Prussia. The fourth would be a Central German Republic comprising Saxony, Brandenburg, Silesia, and Posen.

The "Matin" states that a facsimile which has been seen of the ex-Kaiser's act of abdication reveals the fact that it was typewritten, a remarkable innovation in the case of a document of the kind.

WEATHER REPORT.

ALEXANDRIA.
From Observations taken at Kom-el-Nadura at 8 a.m. 9 January, 1919

Barometer reduced to 0°C., Sea-level		Inches
and Mean Gravity [mm]		762.7+ 39 035
Wind	Direction	N.W
	Velocity [in kms. p. hour	4
	Force [0-10]	1
State of sky		Clear
State of sea		Calm
Air temperature	Wet bulb thermometer	12.9
	Dry bulb	16.9
	Max. for previous day	20.7
	Min. " " night	12.2
Black bulb therm. at 2 p.m. yesterday		24
Relative Humidity		70
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 8 a.m. [mm]		Trace
Evaporation	[mm]	4.1
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9 JANVIER 1919.

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North Country	235 - 240
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Gas Coke	380 - 385
Anthracite	330 - 335

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