BIRTH

READING.—On November 28, at Miss Keeling's Nursing Home, Ibrahimieh, Alexandria, to the wife of Mr. C. F. Reading, O.E.T.A., Jaffa, a son.

MARRIAGE

KILNER-PETERS.—On the 4th inst. at the Garrison Church, Abbassia, by the Rev. Hall, Capt. Kilner to Cecil E. M. Peters, V.A.D., 71st General Hospital, Cairo.

DEATH.

SAUNDERS.—Died of shock from burns on December 1, Reginald, age 13, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Saunders, The Refinery, Suez.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

The Sultan spent Wednesday at the Boustan Palace where he received H.E. the High Commissioner.

His Highness will say his midday prayers on Friday at the Keyoum Mosque.

General Allenby has sent the following reply to Lord Esher, President of the Territorial Force Association of the Country of London in answer to the association's messages of congratulation:—"My sincere thanks for your welcome message and that of the London Territorial Force Association conveying warm congratulations. I take pride in having had under me the gallant London troops.—E. Allenby."

On Wednesday Hussein Roushdy Pasha, the Prime Minister received Hassan Hassib Pasha, Governor of Gharbieh, Mohammed Allam Pasha, Governor of Assiut, Rashwan Bey Mahfouz, Governor of Beni Suef, Mahmoud Rashad Bey, Governor of Assuan, M. Paola Caselli, Sultanic Adviser to the Ministry of Interior, Henri Naus Bey, General Manager of the Sugar Company, Mr. Charles Rocca Serra, Sultanic Adviser to the Council of Ministers, Ali Sharawi Pasha, Member of the Legislative Assembly and Ahmed Louti Bey el Sayed.

His Excellency also received a deputation of the sugar cane cultivators of Upper Egypt who complained to him of the inadequacy of the recent price paid by the Sugar Company for their cane.

The Grand Duke Dimitri arrived at Alexandria from Cairo on Wednesday afternoon in a special saloon attached to the train that left Cairo at 9.15 a.m. His Imperial Highness will embark for England very shortly.

The Greek Diplomatic Agent at Cairo, Mr. Sachtouris, now in Athens, has been received by King Alexander. He has been awarded the Grand Commandership of the order of King George.

An official despatch to the Greek Consulate of Alexandria announces that the late Consul General, Mr. Canellopoulos, who left for Athens last week is now at Constantinople, on an official mission.

On Sunday the election took place, in the French colonies at Cairo and Alexandria, of two deputies of the nation. M. Dubosq was elected at Cairo and Demirgian Bey in Alexandria.

The Ministry of Wakfs has sent to the Mosque Imams in Alexandria printed copies of the new sermon written by the Chancellorship of the Azhar regarding the use of horseflesh by Moslems. The statement gives clear views of the four sects of Islam on the subject. The sermon will be preached today at the Friday midday prayer.

Mr. McKillop, Chief Inspector Ministry of Agriculture is expected to return from England very shortly.

Major F.W.L. Edwards, King's Royal Rifle Corps, Assistant Adjutant General, Egyptian Army, has been granted the temporary rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

Captain Y.C. Bond, D.S.O., M.C., Royal Field Artillery and Lieut. C.H. Ramsay-Hill, M.C., 11th Hussars, have been taken on the strength of the Egyptian Army as special service officers, with the temporary rank of Bimbashi and posted the first to the Department of Ordnance and the second to the Cavalry and Mounted Infantry for duty.

The Oriental Carpet and Rug Stores, opp. Savoy Headquarters, Cairo, and 10 The 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.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders desire to thank their friends for their kindly help, sympathy and floral tributes tendered on their sad bereavement.

Bimbashi J.T. Simson, M.B., Medical Corps, and Bimbashi S.E. Gregory, have been transferred to the Sudan Government and Bimbashi A. Grant, 10th Sudanese has been transferred to the 13th Sudanese.

The Curator of the Museum of Arab Art, Ali Bey Bahgat, who was to have delivered a lecture on Ceramics at the Egyptian Institute on Monday last, was prevented from doing so by the death from Spanish influenza on the previous evening, of his only son Mahmoud. This talented young man, who was only twenty seven, possessed considerable scientific attainments, and a command of several languages. He had, moreover, rendered his distinguished father great assistance in the classification and tabulation of the valuable and historic relics which have, during recent years, been excavated at Fostat under Ali Bey Bahgat's supervision.

Mr. Raymond Ammar, of Cairo, now serving in France, has been mentioned in despatches, his commanding officer saying that he had carried out his duties in the line of communications with great energy and quite regardless of danger during the attacks of October 25 and 27. He was wounded during this battle and received the Croix de Guerre.

A mass will be celebrated to-morrow, Saturday, December 7, at 8 a.m. in St. Catherine's Cathedral, Alexandria, for the repose of the soul of the late Mr. Joseph Borg, Law Procurator, the beloved father of Mr. Ant. J. Borg, G.P.O. and Mr. Alex. Ph. Borg, Navy and Army Canteen Board.

The Alexandria Municipal Delegation did not hold its regular meeting this week on Tuesday last on account of the ceremonial receptions held in honour of General Allenby.

A list is now being prepared of superannuated employees of the Alexandria Municipality, who will shortly retire on pension.

INFLUENZA AND CROWDED CARS.

A COMPLAINT FROM HELIOPOLIS.

(To the Editor of the Egyptian Gazette.)

Sir,—At this time when the epidemic of Spanish Influenza is raging with its full strength in all parts of Cairo and the authorities are putting to effort to put a check to the further spread of the disease, I consider it a pressing duty to call attention in the columns of your paper to the congested condition of the trams on both on the city lines and the Heliopolis-Cairo Electric Railway and particularly on the latter. The compartmental accommodation on this line is limited and the number of cars few compared with the great prosperity of the Heliopolis town where not a single flat or villa is vacant at present.

I had the misfortune of travelling yesterday from Heliopolis to Cairo at an early morning hour when people usually proceed to their work and actually counted 45 persons, gentlemen and ladies, in the first class compartment where accommodation exists only for 24 persons namely 12 sitting and 6 standing. Comments on this are unnecessary.

It is noticed on the other hand that on the days of the Heliopolis races the Company put a number of additional cars so as to facilitate for the inhabitants of Cairo the journey to Heliopolis to attend the races. Could not the same arrangement be made between 8 and 9 a.m., 12.30 and 1.30 p.m.; 2.30—3.30 p.m. and 8—9 p.m. when the inhabitants of that town proceed to their work and return home?

Surely if the arrangement is practicable on the racing days it should be practicable every day.

Yours, etc.,

AN OCCASIONAL TRAVELLER.

Heliopolis, Dec. 3.

A WOMAN'S RELIGION.

AN ALEXANDRIA CASE.

Some days ago we reported a story to the following effect: A native woman of Alexandria had married a Copt and adopted his religion by joining the Coptic Church as she was told that if she did so her children would not die. She changed her Moslem name "Hanem" for a Christian name—"Hilana"; and after living for a long time with the man she returned to her former faith, Islam, and managed to marry a Moslem. The Copt then brought the matter officially before the Parquet charging his wife with having committed adultery. We now learn that the enquiry which has been going on since then has resulted in the Parquet's siding with the Coptic husband in the case. The dossier of the case was sent in this week to the Libian Parquet substitute with instructions to take the necessary proceedings against Hilana.

TOMBAC FROM PERSIA.

A consignment of tombac arrived at Alexandria this week from Persia.

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EGYPT'S CROPS.

REPORT FOR NOVEMBER.

The Ministry of Agriculture has issued the following Bulletin concerning the condition of certain crops in Egypt during the month of November: The Irrigation report relating to the period from October 25 to November 24, is as follows:—

Lower Egypt.—During the period under review the supply has been distributed on rotations of five days high and ten days low level in the cotton zone and four days high level and four days low level in the rice zone, except in the third circle, where the five and ten days' rotation has been applied to the whole of Beheira Province. The supply has been adequate for all requirements.

Upper Egypt (Perennial Irrigation).—The only alteration in rotations has been in Giza circle, where they now consist of five days' supply in every fifteen. The supply entering the Fayoum has been reduced so as to check the rise of Lake Qarun. Drainage has been good. (Basin Irrigation): The Sarf of the Basins has been completed, with the exception of Hod Magrur Qosbesha, which has begun, and the Giza basins, which will be finished before the end of this month.

STATE AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS.

The following is summarised from reports received from Inspectors of the Ministry of Agriculture:—

Rice (Sefi).—The weather has been on the whole favourable, though occasional storms of wind and rain did some damage to the crop in Dakahlia Province. Water supply ample. No enemies are reported. Harvesting is well forward. Much difficulty is experienced in finding adequate labour for carrying on the harvest.

Rice (Nili).—Harvesting is in progress and the yield is generally satisfactory.

Maize (Nili). — The wind and rainstorms at the beginning of the month laid down stalks of maize in most provinces, but the prevailing warm weather helped the crop to recover rapidly from this setback and hastened the ripening of late maize. Water supply plentiful. Slight attacks of stalk borer and rust are reported in some provinces. Harvesting of early-sown maize is general, while late-maize is still being watered. Notwithstanding the shortage of manures, the yield is generally satisfactory.

Millet (Nili). — Weather favourable and water supply ample. The crop is free from pests and is progressing well. Harvesting of early crop has begun in Fayum.

Sugar Cane.—Weather favourable but rather too hot. Water supply sufficient. The attack from stalk borer is general but no serious damage is reported. The crop is in good condition.

Earth Nuts.—Harvesting is proceeding. The early crop has been somewhat damaged by the rainstorms in the early part of the month, but a satisfactory yield is expected.

Wheat, Barley and Beans. — A general endeavour among farmers to prepare the land for early sowing was noticeable, but the heavy rains which have fallen at intervals during the month have considerably impeded the progress of this preparation, with the consequence that sowing generally is rather late. The bulk of the seed in the perennially-irrigated lands is now however in the ground, and in Upper Egypt, where the discharging of basins has just taken place, sowing on a small scale has directly followed. Germination appears to be very satisfactory and the plants look healthy, but the wheat continues to be much too thickly sown.

Onions. — The weather has been congenial for the growth of the crop, but water supply insufficient owing to this year's low flood. Large areas in Sahels and Geziras, where this crop is usually grown, have had to be artificially watered. Transplanting is being carried on and planting is timed to begin soon. The general impression in all onion-growing districts is that the area under the crop this year will be a good deal smaller than last year.

Berseem.—Weather on the whole favourable, but the occasional rains which occurred during the month did some damage to the crop in the northern parts of the Delta. Water supply adequate. Sowing under the standing crops is almost completed. Cut-worm is reported in some provinces but no damage is recorded. Cotton-worm is also prevalent, and has necessitated some considerable resowing in certain districts of Sharkia and Qalubia. The crop is in good condition. The first cutting of the early-sown berseem has been taken in all provinces and the second is in progress in Beheira Province. An average crop is expected.

EGYPTIAN AND THE FRENCH LOAN.

The sum subscribed in Egypt to the French Liberty and Victory loan is said to be forty two million francs.

A correspondent of the "Stockholm Tidningen" reports from Helsingfors that the Red Guards have committed wholesale murders at Kulmaniemi, in Karelia, where 19 peasants were killed. Numerous fugitives are trying to escape into Finland.

In May last it was estimated that over 20,000 teachers had been released for military and naval service from elementary schools, said Mr. H.A.L. Fisher in Parliament last month.

"Regarding the end of the war, an American writes home from France that it will take one year to whip the Huns and thirty-nine more to wind up the barbed wire."—"Kansas City Star."

EGYPT'S FOOD.

CATTLE FROM KORDOFAN.

The greater part of the cattle and sheep exported from Kordofan has come to Egypt lately and the following figures for 1917 are of interest, the former being the number of cattle, the latter the number of sheep:—

January, 491, 507; February, 880, 168; March, 899, 164; April 324, none; May, 49, none; June, none, none; July, 20, none; August, 2,274, 978; September, 2,187, 1,302.

Totals 7,126; 3,719.

The figures for 1918 show a big increase, and are as follows:—

January, 1,920; 2,840; February, 1,480, 3,839; March, 1,465, 3,031; April, 1,388, 1,224; May, 1,101, 2,154; June, 760, 970; July, 780, 725; August, 2,666, 2,455; September, 2,238, 3,468.

Totals, 13,798; 20,706.

The highest price during September was bullock, L.E.20,600 and sheep L.E.4,330.

CEREAL MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.

We referred last week to the proposed dissolution of the Cereal Merchants' Syndicate and the decision of the Government to sever its official connections with it. A meeting of the Central Committee of that Syndicate which was to be held on November 24, but which was postponed owing to the illness of Mr. Ross Taylor, President of the Syndicate, was eventually held on Sunday last, December 1. Mr. Ross Taylor notified the members officially at the meeting that he decided to withdraw from the presidency of their syndicate. The committee asked him to be good enough to keep that post until a general meeting of the branch syndicates is held and the question submitted to them for their consideration. A general meeting was therefore arranged for Sunday December 15. Meanwhile the question of refunding the fees for licenses already collected from the merchants by the syndicate will be gone into carefully, and the matter will also be referred to the general meeting for their confirmation.

ALEXANDRIA'S FOOD.

The Local Supplies Commission met yesterday morning at the Governorate and discussed the present food situation.

ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY.

During November there have been 787 readers in the Library of whom 442 were Europeans and 345 Egyptians; 1040 works were consulted in 1388 volumes, 864 being European works in 755 volumes and 476 Arabic in 633 volumes. Of the European works 464 were in French, 65 in English 10 in Italian, 5 in German, 10 in Greek and 10 in Latin.

ALEXANDRIA'S SIGHTS.

During October the following number of visits were paid to the various sights of Alexandria: The Museum, 274 paying and 1777 free visits; Pompey's Pillar, 19 paying and 922 free visits; Kom el Shougafa, 770 paying and 14 free visits; Anfoushy, 24 free visits.

FRENCH CONSULATE.

NOTICE.

On Tuesday, December 10, at 10.30 a.m. will be sold at Port Said through the office of the Transit Maritime and for the account of the French Government

(1) About 2,500 tons of rice damaged by sea-water.

(2) About 200 sacks of wheat (charanconné).

The conditions for the sale may be known by the buyer at the French Consulate, the French Chamber of Commerce at Cairo and Alexandria or at the Transit Maritime, 26 Rue el Nil, Port Said.

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COBONA TYPEWRITER wanted, new or second-hand. State price. Write, Major Blake, Shepheard's Hotel, Cairo. 63453—1.

ENGLISH NURSE required for Cyprus. — 1 child, aged 3, and baby; experience not necessary. Passage paid, also passage home in about 18 months' time. Salary £30. "D" "Egyptian Gazette," Cairo. 63456—3.

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LOST.—Officer's belt in 6.15 p.m. train, Dec. 1, Cairo to Kantara. Gold cap Abu Sueir two R.A.M.C. officers left in carriage. Reply "Flying Officer," "Egyptian Gazette," Cairo. 63455—1.

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The business to be transacted comprises the following: 1. Reading the report of the Directors and Auditors including accounts for the twelve months ended September 30, 1918, approving the same and declaring a dividend. 2. Appointment of two Directors to replace retiring Directors. 3 Electing auditors for the year 1919.

Bank certificates for shares held must be produced at the meeting; shares must be deposited 3 days before the meeting.

Cairo, December 2, 1918.

By order of the Board,
Henri Heyer,
Manager.

63457-1.

YESTERDAY'S EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

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WEATHER REPORT.

ALEXANDRIA.

From Observations taken at Kom-el-Nadura at 8 a.m. 5 December, 1918.

Barometer reduced to 0°C., Sea-level and Mean Gravity [mm]		Inches 760.8 = 29.9·0
Wind	Direction	S.W.
	Velocity [in kms. p. hour	10
	Force (0-10)	3
State of sky		¼ Clouded
State of sea		Moderate
Air temperature	Wet bulb thermometer	11.0
	Dry bulb	14.1
	Max for previous day	19.3
	Min. ,, ,, night	10.5
Black bulb therm. at 2 p.m. yesterday		41
Relative Humidity		76
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 8 a.m. [mm]		0.0
Evaporation ,, ,, [mm]		3.4

Observer
H. Sheair.

MARCHE DE MINET-EL-BASSAL.

5 DECEMBRE 1918.

PRIX DES CEREALES.

Blés:		
Qualité Beheri Cond. Saha	P. T.	306—312
Qualité Saidi ,,	,,	322—327
Blés Hindi ,,	,,	316—322
Mawani ,,	,,	332—338
Fèves:—		
Qualité Saidi ,,	,,	245—250
Nabate ,,	,,	250—255
Lentilles ,,	,,	253—268
Lentilles concassées ,,	,,	268—283
Orges ,,	,,	171—175
Helba ,,	,,	302—308
Maïs ,,	,,	203—207

Cotons:— Arrivages:

Balles 3592 contre même jour de l'année précédente 5733.

Graines de coton.—ardebe 19633 contre même jour en 1918: 2247.

Oignons:— 672 contre même jour en 1918: —.

ARRIVAGES.

Depuis le 1er Sept. au 29 Novembre 1918:—

	1918/19	1917/18
Le 30 Novembre	15.853	2.370
1 Decembre	21,415	1,510
2 ,,	25,195	2,175
3 ,,	23,608	970
4 ,,	14,183	2,217
5 ,,	18,407	1,750
6 ,,	—	1,816
Arr. de la semaine	—	12,898
Total du 1er Septembre a 29 Nov 9.118	1.104.582	1.348.542
Total des arrivages au 6 Decembre 1918	—	1.361.440

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