OUR PALESTINE LETTER.

REVIVAL OF SPORTS.

(By Moses Lorene).

Jerusalem, April 26.

The Jaffa Sporting Club was established some time before the war, but the Turks closed it on the supposition that as most of the members were Christians, it was instrumental in spreading political sympathies towards England and its allies. The club was revived soon after the British Occupation of Jaffa, and thanks to the efforts of the Military Governor and other British officers, the Tennis Courts in connection with the Club, have been restored so that the grounds have now become the principal attraction of the elite of Jaffa, who meet there daily. Two tennis matches were recently played, the first under the patronage of the Jaffa Military Governor Lieut. Colonel Hubbard, now Governor of Nablous, who kindly presented the prizes to the winners, Mr. Elias Bordcosh and Miss Beirutti, and the second, under the patronage of the new Governor Lieut. Colonel Postlewaite, who gave prizes to Mr. Elias Bordcosh, Miss Beirutti, Mr. Victor Beirutti and Mrs. Alfred Roch. The president of the Club is Mr. Alfred Roch and the Vice-Presidents are: Mr. N.H. Fiani, British ex-Consular Officer, and Mr. Massad Sayegh.

A Jewish Sporting Club has also been established at Jerusalem, under the presidency of Engineer Cantor, of the American Medical Zionist Unit. The principal objects of this club, is the introduction of outdoor games and sports among the Jewish intellectual youths. The Club is open to British and Native visitors. In connection with this club, a tennis lawn has been made in the garden of the Zionist Commission. The secretary and manager is Mr. Saphir.

NEW ZIONIST COMMISSIONER.

Dr. David de Sola Pool, who recently arrived from New York, has taken up his duties as Zionist Commissioner for Jerusalem. Dr. Pool was born in England, and for some years was assistant minister of the Spanish Congregation at New York. He has had some administration experience, having been a member of Mr. Hoover's Food Commission.

THE HOLIDAYS.

The holidays of the different communities have passed peacefully at Jerusalem no untoward events happening at the Holy Fire ceremony, as used to be the case under the former regime. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was packed, many worshippers having to content themselves by standing in the lobbies and niches. Among the congregation was the Chief Administrator, the Military Governor, and many other British officers.

COMMERCIAL DEADLOCK.

Business is at a standstill owing to the temporary interruption of regular mail communication between Egypt and Palestine. Most of the clothiers, drapers and hosiery dealers have disposed of their stocks during the holidays, and there is felt a great dearth in goods of all descriptions, at a time when usually stock is accumulating in Egyptian ports destined for Palestine. On the other hand merchants are afraid to order goods from abroad until they obtain more definite information as to the freights and other expenses incurred in transportation. The happy moment of the signing of the preliminary peace terms is impatiently awaited by all.

THE LATTER RAINS.

The anxious countenance of the farmer, now gives way to a smile on beholding the growing crope. Last week's rainfall has practically saved the fine crops that would otherwise have been scourged. As it is, the latter rains have been belated by about a fortnight. However, a year of plenty is looked forward to, as recent crops have not been so successful as this year's.

MORUM'S ROBBED.

A very unusual occurrence happened on Saturday night. When Morum's people opened the shop in the Jaffa Street on Sunday morning, they were surprised to find that the iron safe containing some hundred pound notes had been removed as well as a quantity of jewellery. The theft is considered to have been cleverly effected, as the safe is said to have weighed over half a kantar. This incident has created much comment among the merchants in the Jaffa Street, and had there been a Burglary Assurance Company at Jerusalem, it would have had to deal with many applicants

KHEDIVIAL MAIL WORKMEN.

The men of the Khedivial Mail Steamers' works at Alexandria, who are now on strike, are about 300 in number. They are still making efforts to get their claims satisfied.

CAIRO CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

The Cairo circulating library will be open to May 31, as follows: 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m.; 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Industrial unionism is the aim of Labour leaders in Jamaica, where a Bill to legalize unions has been introduced into the Legislative Council, and an association organized, under the auspices of the Jamaica League, for the introduction of labour reforms.

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A CAIRO TRAGEDY.

EUROPEAN'S MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

A mysterious murder was brought to light at Cairo at 13, Rue el-Antikhana el-Marreh, at the same house where Mr. Walter Davies was assassinated a few weeks ago while his wife was seriously injured. The victim in this case is a Frenchman, named Daniel Bresson, known popularly as "Dany." Formerly he kept a dressmaking establishment at Shareh el Manakh, afterwards removed to Rond Point Soliman Pasha, and he used to have a vogue as a hat designer for the demi-monde. He used to support himself by keeping an establishment for assignations, and occupied a four-roomed flat behind the French Institute with a private entrance from Rue Madrasseh el-Fransawi, opposite the Villa des Roses. Bresson was about forty years of age and was not considered to be wealthy.

On Wednesday morning the tragedy was discovered, when a coachman, formerly in the service of Madame Jeanne d'Arc, called at the residence of Bresson, and not getting any answer forced his way into the flat together with the bowab, when they found the corpse of Bresson and at once informed the police. It has been found that the man was killed while in bed and asleep, between 2 and 3 a.m. The murderer made use of a big kitchen knife and killed his victim by two blows on the temple. Bresson had just enough strength to crawl from his bed and fall enveloped in the mosquito net against the wardrobe. The knife was found in the room.

Complete mystery surrounds the crime, but the murdered man's servant has disappeared. The bowab states that he did not know the name of the servant and as yet his whereabouts have been undiscovered. It is on this bowab that grave suspicion rested after the murder of Mr. Walter Davies. An itinerand coffee-store keeper has been arrested, who used to take up his position by the door of the house, as his attitude was suspicious. This man and the bowab are the only arrests yet made.

A young lady, known by the name of Madame Rose, who lives in the Villa des Roses, has made an interesting statement to the police. She considers that the crime was committed by an organised band of malefactors and in proof of this theory has handed the police a document she receive two days before the tragedy.

Bresson's flat was luxuriously furnished. When the police entered they found some disorder in the house and on the table in the big bedroom were the remnants of a supper served from Shepheard's Hotel. The huge bed was not made and the pillows were scattered about. The couple who took supper there on the night of the tragedy have been discovered by the police, but they know nothing about the crime and were much annoyed at the exposure. There is not the slightest evidence that robbery was the motive of the crime, as there is no trace of anything having been stolen nor of any search having been made for valuables.

ALEXANDRIA AMUSEMENTS.

San Stefano Casino. — The first grand ball at the San Stefano Casino will take place on Saturday, May 10, and the first classical concert will be given at 10.45 on Sunday morning, May 11, under the baton of Sig. Bonomi. Season tickets will be issued for the Casino from to-day onwards at the following prices: Subscription for one person, P.T. 250; lady and gentleman, P.T. 350; families lady and gentleman, P.T. 300; children under seven, P.T. 50; from seven to eighteen, P.T. 75; over eighteen, P.T. 100; governess, P.T. 100; nurses, P.T. 50.

Following is the programme for the afternoon's concert:—

Gauns, Marche Tartare; Fall, Rizette, Valse; Mozart, Les Noces de Figaro, Ouverture; G. Pierné, Sérénade, Solo de Violon par Mo. B. Cojo; G. Verdi, Rigoletto, Fantaisie; Leoncavallo, Pagliacci, Fantaisie; Beethoven, Adagio de la Sonata Patetica; G. Valverde, Y Como Te Va, Tango.

The official re-opening of the Alexandria Swimming Club will take place this afternoon, May 3, when the committee will be at home to all members and their friends. The boat will leave No.6 gate at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. and will return to the quay again for early departures at five o'clock. The Club will be open for the use of members form to-morrow. A number of improvements have been made and the committee have been busy organising amusements for the coming season.

Owing to the severity of the influenza epidemic in Australia, the New Zealand Government have decided to prohibit all shipping from Australian ports.

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NEW EGYPTIAN COMPANIES.

IMPORTANT NEW REGISTRATIONS.

The following new Companies have been registered lately at the Mixed Tribunal Alexandria:—

S. Sachs and Co., with a capital of L.E.8,000. Société en Commandite. Object textile and general trade.

E. Lopez and Co., with a capital of L.E. 10,000, société en commandite divided shares. Object flax cultivation and flax industry.

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The Anglo-Belgian Commercial Company, Ghyselen and Mizrahi, with a capital of L.E.10,000. Object: general trade.

T. Mathias and Co., with a capital of L.E.2,000. Object: general trade.

Emilio Lifonti & oC., with a capital of L.E.1,330, Société en Commandite. Object: general trade.

Nadler Freres, société en commandite, with a capital of L.E.2,000. Object: general trade and confectionery factory at Alexandria.

J. Tounsi & frères Société en Nom Collectif, with a capital of L.E.2,500. Object: general trade.

Waterhouse and Co., Société en Nom Collectif, with a capital of L.E.1,400. Object motor car trade.

Emmanuele N. Cocchinaras and Co., Société en Commandite, with a capital of L.E.5,000. Object: general trade.

S. Spencer and Co., Société en Commandite, with a capital of L.E.750. Office: general trade.

ALEXANDRIA BOURSE.

The tone continued good in the market yesterday, the following being the official-ly quoted closing prices:—

Unified were at £89 1/4. 1/8 drop and Priv fell £1 to £76 1/2 while there was a drop of 2fr. in Lets Turcs which finished at fr.198.

Agricultural Bank rose 1/32 to £6 1/2; Banque d'Athènes advanced 1/2fr. to fr. 38; Comptoir Financier being 1/64 higher at £1 5/16.

Credit Foncier bonds issue 1886. 1909 and 1911 were quoted at fr.426, 308 and 282 3/4 respectively.

There was a rise of 9/32 in National Bank which were at £20 25/32; Cassa di Sconto being firmer in request at fr.97 1/2; Comptoir Hypothécaire which Chek Fadil closed in demand ex-coupon at fr.100.

Urbaines et Rurales were offered at £3 1/32. 1/32 drop and Union Foncière advanced 1/32 to £3 1/8.

Gabbari Lands were neglected at £-25/32 and Société Foncière d'Egypte were active at £6 29/32. 1/8 rise while there was a change in Société des Immeubles which closed at £6 1/16.

Priv. Trams were in demand at fr.110, France rise while deferred shares dropped 5fr. closing at fr.160.

There was a further rise of 9d. in Deli. Khedivial which finished at 118/3d.

Delta Light Rays, closed unchanged at £7, while Wanovich Hotel were more active advancing 1/4 £ to £7 1/8.

Salt and Soda were steady at 53/7 1/2. Brasseries d'Egypte were firmer at fr.250. Sfr. rise and Kafr el Zayat Salt advanced 1/2 to 82/3 while deferred Comptoir closed offered at £2 1/4.

New Egyptian Co. remained at 23/-. Egypt and Levant Co. being a good feature at 26/- 11/6d. rise while deferred bars advanced 20/- to 160s.

CONSIGNMENTS FROM SYRIA.

We have been informed that the Messageries s.s. Gundiana which arrived at Alexandria a few days ago from Beyrout and proceeded shortly afterwards to Europe returning to Marseilles has taken with her some consignments of goods and Syrian products destined for Egypt including olives and olive oil from the Lebanon. One of the merchants concerned has received only one barrel of a consignment of olives sent to him to Alexandria. Some of them have begun to take legal steps against the Messageries Company.

THE CAIRO BROTHERHOOD.

In the absence of Rev. L. H. Wood of Kantara on Wednesday last, Rev. E.S Winter, the secretary of this society (who is shortly taking up new work at Kantara), delighted the members by an exceptionally brilliant address on the life and Work of Oliver Goldsmith. The poet's wandering life was graphically described and his futile attempts at law medicine, and scholarship were well portrayed. In spite of constant domestic and financial distress, facial defects and halting speech the author's native Irish wit and humour saved him from disaster In discussing his chief works "The Vicar of Wakefield," "The Deserted Village," "The Traveller," "She Stoops to Conquer," the speaker emphasised the beauty the tenderness and the humanity which pervaded all his writing.

In thanking the lecturer, the Chairman Rev. F. J. Walkey also expressed his hearty appreciation of the Cairo Brotherhood, and all associated with St. Paul's Church, the valuable services rendered by Rev. E. S. Winter during his stay in Cairo, the excellent programmes of the Brotherhood and the future arrangements of the popular organ recitals.

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CLAIMS OF THE COPTS.

"Misr" from a leading article contributed by "Mohamed Hussein," criticising the "Egyptian Gazette" for having accepted the Copts' letter in regard to Coptic "claims" says:—It seems that our neighbours wish us to give them a book from Heaven or to produce a living example of the contents of our hearts to tell them in European languages that the Egyptian has ceased to be the fool whom they behold before; whereas they consider every word uttered by a foreigner about the transformation of things concerning his people as sensible proof of the change. The "Egyptian Gazette," as we see, is reviving dead thoughts, and using a forgotten language in stating that the "Copts have special claims." The meaning itself has rotted, and he who uses it may be charged with ignorance. The "Misr" took up the question on Saturday, when it published an article under the heading "The Copts have no claim," contradicting the above statement, as it feared that it might be used by some people on the part of some people; but I think that the best reply to such a statement is to take no notice of it at all..... Let the writer of the "Egyptian Gazette" regret and not blame for as the proverb says "Gindabek ya gerani ashkal ashkal!" (your anger my neighbour and not my loss); or let him be and if he fails to find joy except in this sort of things.

TELEGRAPH CHARGES.

The "Mokattam." — A correspondent writes to us as follows: "The Telegraph Department was obliged recently, as a result of the officials' strike in April, to raise its rates three times as much as they were before, and to accept messages only when written in a European language. Now official work has been resumed in the Telegraph offices and all officials have returned to their posts, yet the above preparation is still going on. What reasons just fy this state of things both with regard to the increased price and to the question of using foreign languages in telegraphic messages? People hope that the Telegraph Service will give attention to this matter and remove the recent restrictions imposed on telegraphing, especially as the postal service is still slow as a result of the present condition of railway communications.

THE KHEDIVIAL MAIL.

"Wady el Nil" (from an article commenting upon the sale of the Khedivial Mail Line Company to a London steamship company). — We have to review the past in order to know what we have lost since Egyptian navigation has gone out of our hands, and we must not forget it. The Egyptian Government, about 19 years ago, sold its steamers, docks, and quays consisting of 18 ships, two docks, the Sous dock and the floating dock; and a large strip of land extending for a long distance, on the sea-shore forming the quays. The price which was then accepted by the Government was L.E. 150,000. Three of the steamers in question—the s.s. Kiara, Prince Abbas, and Tewfik Rabbani—were built in England about six month before the sale, and the Government paid L.E. 200,000 for them. The Suez Dock is according to technical men one of the most remarkable works for their great strength, It is all built of hard stone, and is estimated as being worth L.E. 750,000 in the land. The other dock, the floating dock, which was used by the Company from the time of its organisation, was sold only four years ago for a high price. As for the wide quays which form part of the assets, these can be estimated by those who know the value of similar grounds which is sold by the metre at certain rates. Not only this was the enormous advantage won by the Khedivial Steamer Company from its purchase, but the Government had besides that undertaken to entrust the Company with the transport of everything belonging to it which it might send by sea—such as the mail, etc., the Company in a allowance of L.E. 10,000 per annum for that service. The Government also promised not to send pilgrims in the Hedjaz except on board the Khedivial Steamers. The latter arrangement not only gives big profits to the Company, but also forces people to pay fixed fares and deprives them of the right of profiting by reduced rates which might be changed by steamers belonging to other steamship companies. Besides all these benefits the Government allowed a great favour upon the company by exempting its imports from custom duties. This advantage, is now said to have been abolished in the budget of last month (April). In addition to all this, the Government did not receive more than L.E. 90,000 of the price of the whole concern, for it left the balance L.E. 60,000 in the hands of the Company as deposed freight of what would be transported for the Government. This shows that Egypt has given her ships, docks and quays almost as a gift without price. Reuter's telegram now states that 60,000 of the shareholders have decided to sell their shares at the rate of £6 per share, which brings the total amount to be realised by them to L.E. 360,000. Other shareholders have accepted the same price and must be wanting more....

MUSIC IN CAIRO.

A CRITIC CRITICISED.

(To the Editor, "Egyptian Gazette.")

Sir,—I have read some funny musical articles in the "letter" column of the Gazette, especially the 26th and final Symphony Concert at Cairo "takes the biscuit" with the greatest of ease and, in fact, equals, if not goes ahead of, the best effort of the screamers quoted from the "Daily Telegraph" the other day. The novelist who described a young lady finishing a work in a flat on "E in all" and a gentleman who "obliged" with the "Erotic" at a piano solo are certainly no worse than an alleged musician who writes that the first theme in the Andante of the Symphony is written in 4/4 time "tempo I" who suggests "thus the Andante follows on the first movement without a break (solemn ushering in the Andante" (solemn balderdash!), and who talks about the key in the Andante (written in A flat) "lifting from the Scherzo!" What about that for a howler? Why in Heaven's name indulge in technicities at all if the results are such horrible "bloomers" as the above? One does not mind a critic indulging in the usual fad talk about "impression of strife and struggle," "wild cries," "clamours of the inferno," etc.; it is in fact necessary for him to do so, but why if why? talk about keys and "tempos" without the necessary knowledge of what these things may be? Surely a musical critique or review should be educative, or try to be? Apparently, following the Egyptian custom, they only did two of the four movements, for we are spared a description of the Scherzo and Finale.

May I add for the benefit of those readers, who do not know the symphony, that there is not a single bar of 4-eight time in the entire work, the first movement being in two-four, the Andante in three-eight, the Scherzo in two-four and the Finale in "Common" time, and that the Andante in A-flat major, being in the form of an air and variations, (a form much favoured) has a very restricted key-range, the chief modulations being to G-major E, and the tonic minor, the keys of D and F sharp are, of course, never approached and would certainly "arrest the emotional current" of any musician!

"And everyone brightened up at the finish."

Is it the alone dear old "critic." It almost looks like his touch! I should just think they would brighten up if they had been subjected to D and F sharp in the Andante!

Yours, etc.,
[Composer.]

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CHURCH NOTICES.

CAIRO. All Saints' Church. To-morrow's services:- Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 6 p.m. The services during the week will be: Wednesday, Evensong 6 p.m.; Friday Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.

Presbyterian (Boulevard Ismail, next tram stop after the Palace Hotel). Morning Service, 10.30 a.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m.

St. Mary's Church, Kasr el Doubara. Holy Communion, 7 a.m. Evensong, 6 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church of Scotland (Presbyterian), Sharia Boulac. Services at 10.45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

St. Paul's Church, (Nonconformist, over footbridge from Sharia Abbas). Morning Service, 11 a.m. Preacher, Rev. H. D. Allen. C.F., U.B. Evening Service 6 p.m. Preacher Rev. F.J. Walkey, M.C., A.P.C. Communion at close of evening service.

Weleyan Methodist service will be held in the Church in Sharia Manakh, (opposite Davies Bryant's) at 11 a.m. and at 6.30 p.m.

American Mission, (near Shepheard's Hotel) Service will be held on Sunday evening at 6 p.m.

Welsh Services are held every Sunday evening in the American Mission Hall at 7.30 p.m. Conducted by Rev. E. Jones, C.F., (of Ibbyl).

Kasr el Nil Garrison Church. Sunday services: (C. of E.) Holy Communion, 6.15 and 7 a.m.; Matins and Sermon, 9 a.m. Daily, Holy Communion, 7 a.m.

R.C. Services. St. Joseph's, next to British Army Post Office. Sunday Masses: 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 a.m. Benediction: 6 p.m. Confessions; on application.

Holy Family (Jesuit Fathers) opposite Pont Limoun Station. Sunday Masses: 5, 5.30, 6, 6.30, 8 and 9 a.m. Benediction: 7.15 p.m.

Heliopolis Parish Church.—Sunday Masses: 7, 8.30, 9.30 (Parade). Benediction: 6.30 p.m. Confessions Saturdays, 4.30 to 7 p.m.

Salvation Army. Services are held on Sundays at 6.30 in the American Mission Hall, Heliopolis. On Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Citadel, Cairo.

American Mission Church, Cairo. An evening service, 6 p.m., will be conducted by Rev. P.C. Millar, C.F.

ALEXANDRIA. St. Mark's Church. The services on Sunday next will be, as follows: Holy Communion, 7 and 8 a.m. Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m. Preacher, Ven. B. Potter, Archdeacon in Cyprus. Evensong and Sermon at 6.15 p.m. Preacher, Rev. L. G. P. Fry. On week days, Evensong (choral) daily at 6.30.

All Saints Church, Ramleh. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and after morning service. Morning Service, 11 a.m. Evensong, 6.30 p.m.

St. George's Garrison Church, Mustapha Pasha Barracks. Matins and Sermon, 10 a.m.; Holy Communion, 11 a.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 6 p.m.; Holy Communion at Church Army Hut Chapel, at Camp, 6.45 a.m. (The Garrison Church is situated in the North Block of the Barracks next the Sea, under the Archway to the right).

St. Andrew's Church. Services at 10.30 a.m. and at 6.15 p.m. Chaplain in charge, Rev. Capt. G.L. Stewart C.F.; evening, Rev. Capt. Mitchell C.F., Sacred music half hour before evening service.

Weleyan Church Services (Military), Rue de la Poste. Service, 6.30 p.m. Rev. H.G. Roberts, C.F., Thursday, 7 p.m. Friday, Organ Recital, 6.45 p.m.

Service for Welsh Troops. Until further notice the services will be held every Sunday at 6.30 p.m. at the American Mission Hall (near Main Guard). Cresaw Calon i Bob Cymro.

Central Y.M.C.A. Service at 7 p.m. conducted by Rev. T. Anderson.

R.C. Services (Latin Rite) are held on Sundays and Feast Days as follows:- St. Catherine's Cathedral, Masses at 6, 7, 8, 8.30, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. Evening Prayers, Sermon and Benediction every Sunday evening for troops in the Cathedral, 6.30. Confessions are heard in English from 4 to 7.30 p.m. every Saturday evening in the Cathedral also on Sundays evening after Benediction and at other times on application. Church of St. Francis, Marine, Masses at 7 and 9a.m. Lazarists' Church, Rue des Soeurs, Masses at 6, 7, 8 and 9.30 a.m.

Salvation Army. Services are held in the Salvation Army Hut, on Sunday at 09.30 at the Monument; Sidi Gaber, at 16.00 at North Black; Mustapha; at 17.30 opposite Dock Gate 27, Gabbary; at 16.30 S.A. Hut, Sidi Gaber; on Tuesday at 19.00 in the S.A. Hut, Sidi Gaber; on Wednesday at 19.30, opposite Dock Gate, 27, Gabbary; on Friday at 19.00 in the S.A. Hut, Sidi Gaber.

The International Socialist Conference to be held on April 25 at Amsterdam, will consider the establishment of an International Socialist Press Bureau in London, according to "Het Volk," the organ of the Dutch Social-Democratic Labour Party.

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