

THE NAVAL BATTLE.

DESPATCHES FROM TOGO.

RODJEVITSKY A PRISONER.

ALL BATTLESHIPS LOST.

HOPES OF PEACE.

TOKIO, May 30.
Despatches from Admiral Togo show that immediately the news was received that the Russians had been sighted, early on Saturday morning, the combined Japanese squadrons started the attack. The weather was fine but a heavy sea was running. The enemy was encountered near Okoshima Island to the south-westward of Tsushima. The Russians were defeated and several ships were sunk, comprising, according to prisoners captured subsequently, the "Borodina," the "Imperator Nikolai I," the "Zemchug," and three others. The damage to the Japanese fleet is insignificant.

The destroyer and torpedo boats delivered the attack after sunset. The main Japanese force continued the pursuit and attacks on Sunday to the north-eastward of Okoshima, a group consisting of the "Imperator Nikolai I," the "Oron," "Admiral Suvorov," the "Admiral Apraksin," and "Imperator." The "Imperator" withdrew but the remaining ships of the force surrendered. The Japanese fleet was undamaged. Admiral Rodjevitsky and 2,000 men were taken. All other vessels which Admiral Togo reports as sunk or captured are from reports of commanders not yet confirmed. A date command, who captured over 1,000 prisoners. It is not clear whether the names given include three announced within the prisoners state to have been sunk on Saturday. Admiral Togo's last despatch, received on Monday morning, states that the engagement is still in progress.

WASHINGTON, May 30.
The Navy Department has received news from Tokyo that the flagship "Nyas Suvorov," has gone down, and Admiral Rodjevitsky is lost.

TOKIO, May 30.
All the Russian ironclads sank, with the exception of the "Ural" and the "Imperator Nikolai," which were captured.

Admirals Rodjevitsky and Foklerash are prisoners.

St. Petersburg, May 30.
The cruiser "Alma," the hospitalship "Oron," and a torpedo-boat have arrived at Vladivostok.

St. Petersburg, May 30.
General Khabal, commander of the fortress of Vladivostok, telegraphed to the Tsar yesterday of the news of the capture of the ships from this that some Russian ships or ships have escaped and arrived at Vladivostok.

The hospitalship "Oron" and a torpedo-boat have reached Vladivostok on board a torpedo-boat obtain evidence in very high quarters.

LONDON, May 30.

Renter's Agency learns from Vladivostok that the Russian cruiser "Alma" has arrived there, and confirms the news of the sinking of the "Krylov Suvorov" though it is not explicitly said that Admiral Rodjevitsky was on board. Until now the Russian Admiralty has not been informed of the escape of any other vessel.

The captured battleship "Imperator Nikolai I," "General Admiral Apraksin," and "Admiral Suvorov" were safely brought to Saebou. The battleship "Oron" was brought to Maizuru.

WASHINGTON, May 30.

The State Department says that it is officially announced at Tokyo that Admiral Rodjevitsky, Foklerash, and Nikolai were taken prisoners. All the battleships have been sunk with the exception of the "Oron" and "Imperator Nikolai I," which have been captured.

SHANGHAI, May 30.

Six Russian transports arrived at Wusung and surrendered to the Chinese authorities. They will be interned in the harbour.

A small Russian cruiser has arrived.

St. Petersburg, May 30.

The Russian public is being gradually informed of the full extent of the disaster. The afternoon papers were allowed to publish the first part of Admiral Togo's despatches, but without mentioning the names of the vessels captured or sunk.

LONDON, May 30.

Markets are buoyant. Japanese securities are still rising; they have gone up five since the battle. The hopes of peace are strengthened by the current advocacy of the French newspapers.

RUSSIANS SINK BRITISH SHIP.

TOKIO, May 30.
Intelligence has reached here that the Russians sank a British merchantman to the south of Formosa on the 20th inst.

KING ALFONSO IN PARIS.

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King Alfonso has arrived here. His Majesty was cordially received by M. Loubet.

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King Alfonso has arrived and was cheered by the populace. At the banquet the King and M. Loubet and the King exchanged cordial toasts.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE BRUSHING MAIL will be distributed at the G.P.O., Alexandria, at 9.30 p.m. to-day.

THE RAINS.—It is reported that the rainy season has begun early in the Upper Nile regions.

POSTA DE STATUTO.—The Italian consuls at Alexandria and Cairo will celebrate their national fete on Sunday next.

POSTAL NOTICE.—From 1st July the post office at Biala will be admitted to the specie and money order services.

CAPE TO CAIRO.—The railroad of the Cape to Cairo railway is now seventy-seven miles beyond Victoria Falls.

FOR CRETS.—Two non-commissioned officers and ten men of the 1st Army Medical Corps left Alexandria to-day for Candia, Crete, for duty on the island.

THE SINAI EXPEDITION.—Professor Plunders Paris returned at the Antioch Theatre, Oxford, last week on the results of his recent expedition to Sinai.

SIRAY AND OVERSEAS.—Dogs found in the Sayed Zagayr quarry of Cairo during Friday night and at daylight on Saturday will be poisoned by the police.

DROWNING FATALITY.—Yesterday a native boy, 15 years of age, while bathing near Dekhkhah and Max, was carried out to sea by the current and drowned.

COURTESY TO DEATH.—A boy, 10 years of age, while at work yesterday in a marble store at Saleh-el-Din street, Alexandria, was crushed to death by a block of marble falling on him.

POST OFFICE INSPECTION.—Borton Bay, Assistant Postmaster General, has left Alexandria on an inspection of the post-offices in Lower Egypt. He will be absent for about a week.

EQUINE DISSENT.—Has attached the horse of Signor Baki at Koubbeh. Three of his best horses have had to be killed. The Sanitary Administration is taking steps to prevent the spread of the disease, which is highly contagious.

EGYPTIAN OPTIONS.—The committee of the London Stock Exchange has appointed Wednesday, 1st June, as a special settling day for Egyptian Options—20,000 Old shares of £1 each, fully and partly paid, Nos. 1 to 20,000.

ALHAMBRA THEATRE.—To-morrow, on the occasion of the Feast of the Ascension, a matinee performance of *L'Eschottieri* at Alhambra will be given at the Alhambra. In the evening *Madama Angot* will be played. This evening, *Gilbert* *Narbonne* is being given.

THE WEATHER IN CAIRO.—The comparatively cool week-end, which was so welcome to Cairoites after the fortnight of excessive heat that they had been experiencing, made them hope that the weather had become normal again, but yesterday it was as hot as ever and during a considerable part of the day the thermometer registered 105° Fahr. in the shade.

"THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS," a young bride is reported to have answered when her husband made some reference to the fact that she had been out all night. This is the right attitude for a self-respecting young wife of decision of character. If husbands are to meddle with every little household matter like this, it may justly be asked what is to become of the happiness of home.

A RECORD MONTH.—The month, which ends to-day, has been the hottest May ever known in Cairo since climatic records were scientifically kept. 118° has been registered in the shade, while yesterday the thermometer at the Giza station rose from 99° to 105° in the shade. At Alexandria the weather has been by no means abnormally hot and on many days a delightful breeze has been blowing, while in the afternoon the heat has been insupportable.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—The continual increase in demand for house-to-house delivery of letters in Cairo and Alexandria renders it absolutely necessary that all persons in these towns desirous of such delivery shall have their name of the house and name of the street in which they live indicated on their correspondence. Should by any chance a street be unnamed, then the quarter of the town in which it is situated must be indicated. Attention to these instructions is imperative to avoid delay and errors in the delivery of correspondence.

A MUMMY SPECIALIST.—One of the greatest authorities on the Egyptian mode of embalming and one of the leading experts in embalming in the world was Dr. Gannal, who died in Paris last week in his seventy-eighth year. His father was the chemist who invented the modern method of embalming, and who died in 1852. Dr. Gannal improved upon his father's process of injection to a remarkable extent. He was the author of a notable volume on real and apparent death. The deceased also wrote a treatise on burial, cremation, and contained numerous papers on the subject of mummification on embalming as practised by the Egyptians and other ancient people, on premature burials and kindred subjects.

THE EGYPTIAN BOOM.

MORE NEW COMPANIES.

AN APPEAL TO LORD CROMER.

The recent unprecedented booming of Egypt continues. Among the new companies, whose names of action is to be in Egypt, are a number of gold storage companies. Some of the prospects of these companies are already out in London.

We may mention that Mr. Tilden-Smith, who is well-known in connection with West Australian companies, is promoting a trust company for Egyptian business.

We hear that the Rt. Hon. Sir James Ferguson, late Postmaster General, has joined the list of directors of a new company, which is being formed to acquire a large area of land in the neighbourhood of Alexandria, bringing in a total of £18,300,000 per annum. The capitalisation to this company will be £200,000, divided into 200,000 ordinary shares of £1 each and 20,000 founder's shares of one shilling each. A well-known firm of London brokers are guaranteeing £100,000 towards the underwriting of this company. Sir Wemyss Parnell will probably be one of the colleagues of the Rt. Hon. Sir James Ferguson.

In connection with the forthcoming flotation of the great industrial company to be known as "Egypt, Limited," we hear that the biggest New York case, which is one of the largest guarantors in connection with the two million pounds mortgage bank, which Egypt, Limited, intends floating.

The land of which Egypt, Limited, has the refusal estimated to yield ten per cent on the total capitalisation of the company for fifteen years. At the end of this period Egypt, Limited, will have assets worth over £750,000, or, in other words, three times the capital of the company.

Egyptian Options has a new Egyptian company on the cards, connected with the acquisition of land near Damietta. This company is taking office both in Alexandria and in Cairo. In October or November next, the British-Egyptian Syndicate, Limited, will appear on the scene. This syndicate will promote a company with a capitalisation of £300,000, to be called Egyptian Industries, Limited. The board will comprise at least two well-known names connected with banking in London. The larger portion of the capital of the Egyptian Industries Syndicate has already been subscribed in Egypt.

In order to compensate for the recent loss of Mr. Charles Connell, one of the directors of the Egyptian Trust and Investment, his son-in-law, Mr. H. W. Wilson, a nephew of Sir Alexander Wilson, has consented to join the board of Egypt, Limited. This gentleman is one of the directors of Messrs. Connell, Inglis and Company, who built one of Admiral Togo's battleships which contributed to the recent victory in the Korean Straits.

By way of diversion to the various land, sea, and bank companies, which are now being floated wholesale for the sake of developing Egypt, it is not out of the way to mention a great company, which is to find gold in the Mediterranean sea off Alexandria, and which is to be floated in London. This company will be the continuous gold-finding process, invented by Mr. Snell. This promotion is being made after careful investigation by such well-known scientific men as Professor Sir William Ramsay, F.R.S., Professor Livesey, Mr. N. D. Littlefield, and F. S. Rawson, C.M.I.E. It is estimated that every ton of sea water yields about half a grain of gold. The working expenses are only about 25 per cent of that. When this company starts at Alexandria, shareholders will always be able to inspect the working, which will be carried on night and day.

A correspondent writes—

It is not out of the way to say that the Egyptian investor will be careful in his selection of new companies to place his savings in. I cannot understand why the Egyptian Government and Lord Cromer do not stop the wild speculation. Lord Cromer paid so much attention to safe carrying the interests of both the Egyptian and foreign investors in connection with the promotion of mining companies in Egypt and the Sudan, that he is not likely to countenance the indiscriminate flotation of an enormous amount of limited liability companies connected with Egypt, when it is a notorious fact that in many cases these companies are being launched without any genuine, definite object. The name of Baring bears such a high reputation in the City of London that the mere word of caution from his lordship would be enough to guide the careless investor in regard to the prospects of many of the companies now being placed wholesale before the public.

ASSOCIATED COTTON GINNERS.

The members of the new board of the Associated Cotton Ginnings of Egypt have been elected, as follows: Messrs. C. W. Barker, president; E. A. Benachi and S. Carver, vice-presidents.

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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

The Council of Ministers met yesterday morning at the Ministry of the Interior under the presidency of the Regent, H. E. Mustafa Pasha Pasha, and approved the following:

A suspension of the capital of the National Bank of Egypt.

Approval of the statutes of the Land Building Company, Limited, the Bank of Abyssinia, and the Darbani Land Company.

The opening of necessary credits for the construction of a quay at the port of Alexandria and of a lighthouse, the enlargement of the Bacteriological Institute, the construction of an Anti-Rabies Institute, and the construction of barracks at Ras el Tin.

The delegation of Sir William Gassiot to act as Financial Adviser during the absence of Mr. Mitchell Innes, acting Financial Adviser.

The delegation of Mr. Clifton to act as Under Secretary of State for Public Works during the absence of Mr. Perry.

A decree declaring the construction of an agricultural railway in the province of Ghazal by the Egyptian Light Railway Company to be of public utility.

A decree modifying twelve articles of the tariff of coats in civil cases coming before the Mixed Tribunals.

Seven decrees authorising the construction of new cemeteries, the present number of cemeteries in Egypt being insufficient.

A decree approving a meeting of the provincial council of the Fayoum Moudiriah for the 10th June for the election of a new member to take the place of Mohamed Bey Eweis, deceased.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council will meet to-morrow when the following matters will come under discussion: Extension of the prohibition of the irrigation of shari land in Upper and Lower Egypt; draft regulations concerning railways; modification of the Recruiting Law in so far as concerns the examinations of fiks; draft laws for Marsa Matruh.

ASSIZE COURTS.

The sittings of the Assize Courts for the next six months will be held on the following dates:

Cairo, July 10, August 12, September 9, October 9, November 11, December 4.

Alexandria, July 1, August 1, September 2, October 1, November 1, December 4.

Tanta, July 5, August 5, September 6, October 7, November 13, December 4.

Zagazig, July 1, August 1, September 1, October 1, November 7, December 4.

FAYOUM BRIGANADE CASE.

The case of brigandage at Bialmo in the village of Bialmo, which occurred on the night of the 5th and 6th of which full reports have been given in the "Egyptian Gazette," is still the subject of official inquiry.

The latest reports which have been received by the Ministry of the Interior inform us that the evidence pointed to certain natives of Nawaiss village, Beni Soud Moudiriah, being guilty of the crime and to part of the stolen property being in their possession. The police officials therefore proceeded to this village and arrested the suspected men. On searching their houses and those of their relatives the police found some of the jewellery which had been stolen, and which was identified by the victim of the attack, as belonging to him.

During the inquiry one of Said Salim's (the victim's) women-servants identified one of the men who had been arrested, and declared that he had called her out when the theft was being committed. The wife of another of the accused persons, in whose possession some of the stolen goods had been found, confessed that these were her husband's share of the spoil, and also named seven of the arrested men (13 in all) and affirmed that they had been with her husband when the goods had been divided. Lord Cromer paid so much attention to safe carrying the interests of both the Egyptian and foreign investors in connection with the promotion of mining companies in Egypt and the Sudan, that he is not likely to countenance the indiscriminate flotation of an enormous amount of limited liability companies connected with Egypt, when it is a notorious fact that in many cases these companies are being launched without any genuine, definite object. The name of Baring bears such a high reputation in the City of London that the mere word of caution from his lordship would be enough to guide the careless investor in regard to the prospects of many of the companies now being placed wholesale before the public.

The charge is evidently well established against most of the accused men, and but little doubt of their guilt remains. The inquiry is being continued, and it is hoped that further evidence will reveal the guilt of the arrested band and furnish information which will lead to the rest of the stolen property being recovered.

STREAMER MOVEMENTS.

The S.S. "Assouan" will leave Alexandria on Saturday and Port Said Sunday for Jaffa, Caiffa, Beyrut, Tripoli, Messina and Alexandria.

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THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION.

PETTY OBSTRUCTION.

We hear that some of the important measures awaiting the sanction of the International Judicial Commission are being blocked by the representatives of Denmark and Spain. These countries have an infinitesimal interest and hardly any subjects here, the only Spanish subject known to us besides a few officials and monks being H. E. Chakour Pasha, late Director-General of the Alexandria Municipality, who is of course of Syrian origin. The interests of Denmark in Egypt are as unimportant as those of Spain. The constant, however, of the representatives of these Powers in blocking measures on which England, France, and other Great Powers are in accord is a striking and humorous commentary on Egypt's situation.

ANGLO-AMERICAN NILE STEAMERS AND HOTEL CO.

The ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of this company was held at the Continental Hotel, Cairo, yesterday afternoon when 8,706 shares were represented. The chair was taken by Sir John Rogers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., chairman of the board of directors.

The directors' report, which appeared in its entirety, was adopted unanimously.

After the adoption of the report Sir John Rogers said that he was exceedingly sorry to inform the meeting that Mr. Rowlett had resigned his position on the board on account of pressure of work. The meeting confirmed the appointment of Mr. Astley Friend in the place of Mr. Rowlett.

The firm of Messrs. Russell and Kerr was appointed to fill the place of Mr. Raphael Fint as auditors.

Sir John Rogers was re-appointed as chairman of the board of directors.

Before the conclusion of the meeting Sir John Rogers announced that the dividend would be paid on June 1st.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of yesterday "Humaniety" protests against the opening of a pigeon shooting club on the grounds of the Alexandria Sporting Club, urging that the sport is a cruel one, and one that is being abandoned in England chiefly owing to the disapprobation of Queen Alexandra.

Might I be allowed to point out, firstly, that we are not in England, and secondly, that there are many members of the Sporting Club who are not English, and who consequently have other views on the subject. In Spain and in Monte Carlo, for instance, the game is protected against the existence of the famous pigeon clubs there would scarcely obtain a hearing. Why, then, should the non-English members of Alexandria be prevented from the pleasure and enjoyment of a game in which they are so much interested? In what way is pigeon shooting more cruel than running a fox to death with a pack of hounds or setting two greyhounds after a miserable hare?—Yours obediently, Alexandria, May 30.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE.

Sir,—I should like to call your attention to one aspect of this question which has not been touched upon in your two letters, and which I have published. Putting aside the purely humanitarian point of view, let it be introduced, for the amusement of a small minority, a "sport" which cannot be carried on without destroying the pleasure and enjoyment of a game in which they are so much interested? In what way is pigeon shooting more cruel than running a fox to death with a pack of hounds or setting two greyhounds after a miserable hare?—Yours obediently, Alexandria, May 30.

CAUTION.

PETER KOHLER & NESTLÉ'S CHOCOLATES.

Messrs. HENRI NESTLÉ having heard that Mr. J. Vivante has been calling on certain houses and representing himself as their agent and traveller, they hereby inform all merchants and traders that this gentleman has no authority to represent them or use their name, and that the only agents for the sale of the Chocolates of Messrs. Peter Kohler & Nestlé is Mr. A. R. Gino, Alexandria and Cairo.

AVIS.

CHOCOLATS PETER-KOHLER et NESTLÉ.

LONDRES-VIENT-SEUSE.

M. Henri NESTLÉ averti informé que M. J. Vivante s'est présenté à diverses maisons de commerce en son nom comme agent voyageur, il a l'honneur d'informer le public que ces Messieurs, n'ont rien de commun avec les Chocolates de Messrs. Peter Kohler & Nestlé. L'Agent Général pour l'Egypte est M. A. R. Gino. Alexandria et le Caire. 26039-24-2

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