TOGO'S FLEET UNDAMAGED.

TOKIO, May 29.

Admiral Nebogatoff has been captured, with 3,000 bluejackets. Admiral Rodjestvensky appears to have escaped.

The battle began on Saturday. The pursuit continues.

Admiral Togo states that he has sunk the following ships: — "Borodino," "Imperator Alexandre," "Admiral Nakhimoff," "Dimitri Donskoi," "Vladimir Monomakh," "Admiral Oushakoff," "Svietlana," "Jemchug," "Kamchatka," and "Irtessim."

He has captured the "Orel," "Imperator Nikolai I.," "Admiral Seniavin," "General Adm. Apraxine," and "Admiral Sissoi Veliky."

The Japanese Fleet sustained no damage. *(Havas.)*

TOKIO, May 29.

The battleships "Borodino," "Ushakoff," and "Alexander III.," the cruisers "Nakhimoff," "Dimitri Donskoi," "Vladimir Monomakh," "Svietlana," "Jemchug," "Kamchatka," and "Irtessim" have been sunk. The battleships "Orel," "Nicholai I.," "Admiral Seniavin," and "Admiral Apraxine" have been captured.

Admiral Niebogatoff and 3,000 officers and men have been captured. Admiral Rodjestvensky appears to have escaped. The pursuit continues.

Admiral Togo reports that three more destroyers have been sunk and one transport and one destroyer captured. The fighting lasted Saturday and Sunday. The Japanese fleet is undamaged. *(Reuter.)*

WASHINGTON, May 29.

The Admiralty learns that the battleship "Sisoi Veliki" has been captured, and the flagship "Knyaz Suvaroff" seriously damaged. *(R.)*

The following are the characteristics of the vessels sunk or captured by Admiral Togo :—

Name	Displacement.	Date of Completion.	Speed	Crew.
	Tons.		Knots	
Souvaroff	13,516	1904	18.0	740
Orel	13,516	1904	18.0	740
Imperator Alexander III. ...	13,516	1904	18.0	740
Borodino	13,516	1904	18.0	740
Sissoi Veliky	10,400	1897	16.0	550
Imperator Nicholai I.	9,672	1892	14.8	604
General Adm. Apraxine ...	4,126	1898	15.0	310
Admiral Seniavin	4,792	1895	16.0	318
Admiral Nakhimoff	8,524	1888	16.7	567
Dimitri Donskoi...	6,200	1885	16.5	510
Vladimir Monomakh	5,593	1885	15.2	550
Jemchug	3,106	1904	23.0	340
Svietlana	3,862	1897	20.2	360

RECEPTION OF NEWS IN LONDON.

LONDON, May 29.

There has been a sharp advance in Japanese securities. All markets are stronger. The news of the victory is received with general satisfaction here and is regarded as improving the prospect of peace. *(Reuter.)*

BARON HAYASHI INTERVIEWED.

LONDON, May 29.

Baron Hayashi, in an interview with Reuter's representative, said that he rejoices that Admiral Togo's victory is in the centenary year of the battle of Trafalgar. The Japanese have not been without anxiety; but their minds are easy now with regard to further operations. *(Reuter.)*

MR. BALFOUR INDISPOSED.

VOTE OF CENSURE POSTPONED.

LONDON, May 29.

Mr. Balfour is laid up with a severe chill. The vote of censure has been postponed. *(R.)*

CRETAN DISTURBANCES.

DESPATCH OF BRITISH TROOPS.

MALTA, May 29.

540 men of the 2nd Sussex Regiment have left for Crete, which continues to be much disturbed. *(Reuter.)*

ATLANTIC YACHT RACE.

WON BY AMERICAN BOAT.

PLYMOUTH, May 29.

The American yacht "Atlantic" has been signalled off the Lizard, thus winning the Emperor William's Cup for the Atlantic race. *(Reuter.)*

CRICKET.

LONDON, May 29.

England beat Australia by 196 runs. Tyldesley 56. Australia made 158 for 4 wickets, when the innings was declared closed. Noble 50, Hill 54. *(Reuter.)*

[We give this telegram as received, but the more probable reading should, we think, be that England made 196 runs in their *first innings*, and that Australia had scored 158 for 4 wickets, when the stumps were drawn at the end of the first day's play.—Ep. E. G.]

THE MINISTERS.—The Regent and the Ministers will remain in Cairo until June 12, when they will proceed to Alexandria for the summer.

STRAY AND OWNERLESS DOGS found in the Boulac district of Cairo during the night of Thursday and at daylight on Friday, will be poisoned by the police.

HORSE SHOW.—Persons attending the Horse Show at the Trotter Egyptien on Saturday next may have lunch on the grounds by ordering tables not later than Thursday.

QUARANTINE IN TURKEY.— A telegram from Constantinople states that arrivals from Port Said are subjected to a medical examination and disinfection, while rats on board are destroyed.

ENGLISH CHURCH SERVICES.—Since the June list of the Mansourah and Tantah services was published it has been thought advisable to alter the hour of the morning service from 11 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. until further notice.

DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE. — The Ernesto Rossi dramatic club are giving a mixed programme to-morrow evening at the Popular Conservatoire of Music, no theatre being available. The performance will begin at 9.15 p.m.

SUEZ CANAL.—12 vessels passed through the Canal on the 26th inst., 8 of which were British, 1 Austrian, 1 German, 2 Italian. The day's receipts were frs. 299,075.71, making the total amount received from 1st inst. frs. 8,015,643.61.

THE COTTON WORM.—The Ministry of the Interior has sent to each of the members of the Legislative Council a copy of the circular giving a description of the cotton worm which has made its appearance at Kafr Khadr, Gharbieh province.

KHEDIVIAL SCHOOL OF LAW.—Yacoub Pasha Artin, Under Secretary of State for the Ministry of Public Instruction, has informed Omar Bey Loutfy that in consequence of the decision of the medical commission on the 23rd inst. his resignation has been accepted.

OFFICIAL SALARIES. — The report on the salaries of officials in the service of the Egyptian Government, which Mr. Machell has recently drawn up, is now in the hands of the Financial Adviser. It is not as yet decided whether it will be given in full to the Press.

AN OUTBREAK OF FIRE occurred in a house in the native quarter of Cairo at Darb el-Hamr, on Sunday morning. The Fire Brigade, under the command of Captain Blake, promptly arrived on the scene and the fire was quickly extinguished, though not before three rooms had been destroyed.

HOTEL BEAU-RIVAGE.—On the occasion of the first ball of the season at the hotel, by kind permission of the Colonel and officers, the band of the Royal Berkshire Regiment will perform during dinner and for the dance. Tables for dinner on that evening should be retained by Wednesday night.

MURDER BY GHAFFIR.—Two days ago a native of Itlidim attempted to enter the precincts of the market there to sell his cattle, when he was stopped by a ghaffir, who told him that all such business was prohibited owing to the cattle plague. A row ensued, and the ghaffir ended the discussion by killing the fellah with his nabout.

DEATH FROM ALCOHOLIC POISONING.— A Sudanese was found by the police yesterday in Bab el Bahr street in a very advanced state of intoxication, and as he had entirely lost the power of speech he was taken to hospital, where he soon afterwards expired. The post-mortem examination showed that death was due to alcoholic poisoning.

ARMY OF OCCUPATION.—Colonel J. Magill, M.D., C.B., R.A.M.C., P.M.O. in Egypt, accompanied by Major F. W. Hardy, R.A.M.C., Sanitary Officer in Egypt, will go to Candia, Crete, on the 14th June, to make the annual inspection of barracks and hospitals in that station. During the absence of Colonel J. Magill, the duties of officiating Principal Medical Officer will be performed by Lieut.-Col. O. Todd, R.A.M.C.

WATER MAIN BURSTS.— On Sunday afternoon the water main leading from the Station-square, Cairo, to the Esbekieh burst and flooded the square and adjoining streets. The Water Company immediately stopped their pumps working in order to reduce the pressure, and sent workmen to repair the main, a task which lasted well into the night. A large number of men were also sent to clear the streets from the flood of water, which made them almost impassable, and very quickly effected a great improvement in their condition.

enormous and continuous increase in the size of modern vessels the present entry by way of the Boghaz pass is toosmall for the largest type of ships. For instance, when the White Star liner "Celtic" arrived here the season before last she had to lie outside the harbour.

The Boghaz pass is only 31 feet in depth and can only admit as a maximum vessels drawing from 29 to 30 feet of water, and then only in the smoothest sea. The new pass is to be dredged to the depth of 35 feet and will thus be able to admit the largest ships afloat.

The dredger, which arrives from Malta to-morrow, is convoyed by H. M. S. "Juno," a second-class cruiser under the command of Captain Christian, R.N. This dredger, the "St. Lawrence," belongs to the Admiralty and is of the type known as "Saints." She has very powerful machinery and it is expected that her dredging capacity is approximately six hundred tons per hour.

The construction of the new pass will begin at once. It will make the harbour most efficient, for the alternative entrance will be especially useful when one orother of the passes gets blocked. The new pass will be the same as the present pass from a navigator's point of view, with leading lights.

The Ports and Lighthouses Administration is also negotiating with the Admiralty for the hire of a second dredger for the same work. Another dredger is arriving from Cyprus in about ten days' time.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DISEASES.

Mr. Balls, the botanist of the Khedivial Agricultural Society, has been paying a visit to Alexandria in order to examine the cause of the strawberry disease in the gardens of the Mahmoudieh Canal. He found a worm, which he took to Cairo to be examined by the entomologist, Mr. Willcocks. He also collected worms that attack the sweet potato crop, and several specimens of diseased apricots, French beans, tomatoes, roses, etc.

LAND AND MORTGAGE OF EGYPT.

The report of the annual general meeting of the Land and Mortgage Company of Egypt should afford considerable encouragement to the various land and trust companies which have been lately started in Egypt, for if this company can find such scope for useful and extensive operations, there is no reason why the new ventures should not have equally pleasant prospects. That the making of loans on first mortgage can be made remunerative is evidenced by the satisfactory story which the chairman, Sir E. L. Pemberton, had to tell at the meeting in London on Saturday week. The dividend of 10 per cent. is the highest ever declared by the company. The chairman explained that although in consequence of increasing competition the rate of interest had been reduced, the loans were so well placed that no falling off in the business need be anticipated. Looking at the above results, it is evident that the company's prosperity is increasing with that of the country generally.

THE PIGMIES.

Colonel Harrison, who has been ill since his return home, has been engaged in making all arrangements before the pigmies' arrival in England. The directors of the London Hippodrome have engaged them to appear at the London Hippodrome immediately after their arrival at the Royal Albert Docks, probably on June 5.

There is a sort of disposition still prevalent to regard these little people as filling, more or less, the part of the "missing link," but low though they stand in the comparative social scale, they seem to present no marked features whatever to warrant their being placed outside the class of various other ill-developed peoples. Even the silence and apathy of which so much has been made are fully paralleled among the Indian forest races of South America. They are directly attributable to the oppressive gloom and monotony of the surroundings in which for generations they have passed their lives.

It is not generally known that several of these little people have been educated and baptised in connection with the C.M.S. Mission in the Uganda Protectorate. One of them is a teacher in a mission school in Toro, near the Ruwenzori Mountains. Writing of the school to children in England, a lady missionary says: "Listen to this; one class that is being taught by a pigmy from Stanley's Great Forest, who recently was baptised. His name is Bulasio, and he is very fond of dealing out whacks with that little cane, whenever a pupil slackens in his reading, or does not show him due respect."

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company, and to point to a steady increase in all branches of their business, the profits from all sources rising from L.E. 18,086 in 1903 to L.E. 19,471 in 1904, and L.E. 24,197 in 1905. These results have been achieved in the face of very severe competition in the freight service dating from the reduction of the Railway Administration's tariff, which involved a corresponding decrease in the rates charged by the company. The increase of river and canal traffic between Cairo and Alexandria had led to the issue of certain Government regulations which, if adhered to, are likely to have serious results upon the future of transport by steam barge in this country. Representations are, however, being made to the Public Works Department which it is hoped will lead to their modification.

MENZALEH CANAL & NAVIGATION Co.

Allusion was made in the last report to an arrangement by virtue of which an option on the unissued share capital of the company was given against £10,000 of debentures in the company taken firm by a local group and the New Egyptian Company. The results of this operation have been fully commensurate with the directors' expectations. A valuable holding has been secured in the Menzaleh Canal and Navigation Company shares; the order for the construction of their fleet is being carried out in the company's workshops; and the central management thereof is assured to this company for a period of two years at a remuneration of £500 per annum.

SAVOY HOTEL, ASSOUAN.

Apart from profits derived from the usual sources of business, a special profit has been made on the sale of the Savoy Hotel at Assouan, which has been transferred for a sum of £60,000 to the newly-formed Upper Egypt Hotels Co. The sale was made for cash, and the second instalment of £30,000 has been paid over since the accounts have been closed. The directors are of opinion that this profit should be considered as extraordinary and dealt with accordingly. They therefore propose that ten thousand pounds shall be placed to reserve and that the whole of the preliminary expenses, amounting to L.E. 2,983.202 m/m, be written off. The continued existence of this account, which has no realisable value, appears to them undesirable. The directors, although entitled by law and precedent to their percentage of this profit, are strongly of opinion that in cases where a profit is dealt with as extraordinary and not distributed by way of dividend, the Board should also forego their claim to a share in it. No deduction on this account has therefore been made.

REDEMPTION OF DEBENTURES.

The sale of the Savoy Hotel had allowed of the amortisation of the debenture debt of the company amounting to £35,000. The interest on these debentures at the rate of six per cent. constituted a heavy charge for the company, and the directors are confident, that should occasion to borrow arise in the future, they will be able to do so on more advantageous terms. As amortisation only commenced as from May 1, no change is shown in the balance-sheet in the total amount of debentures outstanding on 30th April, 1904.

RESERVE FUND.

Out of a total issue of £35,000, £1,500 had already been redeemed; this amount, being in the nature of a reserve, will now be definitely transferred to that fund which, with the proposed addition of L.E. 10,000 and the existing sum of L.E. 541.164 m/m, will then amount to over L.E. 12,000. The directors have decided that the reserve fund shall be invested outside the ordinary business of the company.

EMPLOYMENT OF CAPITAL.

A portion of the company's capital remaining at the present time unengaged, the means by which it can be profitably employed are having the careful consideration of the board.

Mr. THUBRON'S RETIREMENT.

Mr. E. B. Thubron having informed the board that his numerous engagements did not admit of his devoting as much time to the business of the company as seemed to him desirable, an arrangement was concluded, dating from September 1, 1904, by which Mr. Thubron, while retaining certain benefits of contract, retires from the service of the company as managing director.

DIVIDEND.

The directors propose to pay a dividend of 8 % and a bonus of 1 % and to carry forward a balance of L.E. 2,748.357 m/m. After making provision for depreciation and maintenance, interest on debentures and on the bank overdraft, and the writing off of the whole of the preliminary expenses, there remains to be distributed on this season's working alone.

a sum of	L.E.	20,207.457
from which the directors propose to pay a dividend of 5 %	"	4,956.250
Leaving a balance of ..	L.E.	15,251.207
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Brought forward from last year	"	1,987.270
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Supplementary dividend 3% L.E. 2,973.750		
Bonus of 1% 991.250	"	3,965.000
Carried forward to profit and loss account next year...	L.E.	2,748.857

The directors have to announce with great regret the retirement of Mr. F. T. Rowlatt from the board owing to pressure of work. Mr. Astley Friend, manager of the Cairo Water Works, has been elected to a seat on the board, and the general meeting will be asked to confirm his nomination.

Port-Said, Sunday.

Last night, one or two waggons filled with general merchandise, among which was a large quantity of petroleum, caught fire at the railway station. In a very short time a spare locomotive was brought along and the burning waggons were pulled away up a siding, where they were allowed to burn themselves out. No damage was done to the station itself.

CHERCHEZ LA FEMME.

About 10.30 p.m. yesterday the police were summoned to what is commonly known as the rue Babel, in a particularly disorderly house of which, called the Hotel d'Athènes, a fight was in progress, terminating in a Greek firing with a revolver at another, and severely wounding him in the head. The cause of the discussion is somewhat shrouded in mystery, but there is no doubt that it is a case "cherchez la femme," having due regard to the locality. The man was arrested and conveyed to the caracol, and his victim taken in an ambulance to the hospital, where, on enquiry, I learn he is progressing favorably.

GYMKHANA.

Yesterday afternoon, close to the tennis ground, there was held a Gymkhana, which, though in itself successful, was very sparsely attended owing to the fact of its taking place being so little known. It is said that several will be held this summer, at regular intervals.

NOTES FROM SUEZ.

RUSSIAN HOSPITAL SHIP.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

Suez, Monday.

The British India steamer "Jelunga," from Shanghai, chartered by the Russian Government as a hospital ship, arrived at Suez at 5 o'clock this morning, and entered the Cazal at 11 a.m. bound to Sebastopol. The "Jelunga" had on board 1,019 naval officers and men from the destroyed battleships and cruisers in Port Arthur, all of whom took an active part in the defence of the fortresses and were subsequently taken prisoners and released on "parole." Several of the men were in a pitiful state, having their legs, arms, and eyes missing. Amongst the prisoners there were eight ladies who had acted as nurses at Port Arthur during the siege.

COAL FOR RODJESTVENSKY.

The Hamburg-Amerika liners "Batavia" and "Badenia," chartered by the Russian Government, returned to Suez and entered the Canal last Saturday evening and this day respectively, in ballast, after having delivered their cargo of coal to Admiral Rodjestvensky's squadron near Madagascar.

FRENCH MISSION STARTING.

To-morrow morning a French mission, consisting of one naval and one military officer and five other Frenchmen, accompanied by a Syrian doctor and escorted by about 60 Bedouins, with about 40 camels laden with water and provisions, will start from Moses' Wells en route to Muscat, in the Persian Gulf. The mission will travel the whole way by camel, and its objects are said to be scientific and geographical.

CAIRO WATER SUPPLY.

It will be interesting to Cairo residents to learn that in a fortnight's time all possibility of shortage of water-supply will be removed as by that time the Water Company will have started pumping water from the artesian wells at Rod-el-Farag, which will enable them to pump an extra 25,000 cubic metres of water per day, should the necessity arise. This method of water supply will be continued for two years, when, if it is found satisfactory, the system will be entirely adopted, and the present system done away with. But in the meantime should the amount pumped from the artesian wells prove insufficient they will be able to pump from the plant at present in use, and thus prevent any shortage.

Regarding the insufficient supply, of which we have of late received complaints, we learn that the maximum amount which the company is compelled to pump per day, according to the contract with the Government, is 30,000 cubic metres, whereas they have pumped as much as 75,000 cubic metres in one day. It is also interesting to note that they have pumped 68,101,940 litres of water so far this year, whilst during the corresponding period last year they only pumped 44,835,880 litres, thus making an increase of 23,266,060 litres.

We have mentioned before that the price of ice as supplied by the company is P.T. 3·5 per block. The company informs us that they sell the whole of the ice produced to Messrs. Boehme and Anderer, who are under contract not to sell at any higher rate than P.T. 3·5, whatever the consumption may be, and it is only on account of people buying ice from other persons than the recognised agents that a higher rate is paid.

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