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Direction of wind		East
Force		Very light
State of Sea		Smooth
Barom. at 8 hours	Max. Temp. in the shade	17.6
	Min. do. do.	9.0
Sunshine	Sunshine	77.6
Rainfall	Rainfall	

REMARKS.

Yesterday was an ideal day. It opened very fine, with the barometer rising. We had a large amount of sunshine, which was tempered by a cool breeze. During the night the wind died away to almost a calm, and the day opens fine again, with light showers. Barometer still rising and high.

OTHER STATIONS

For the 24 hours ending 8 a.m. Yesterday.

Stations.	Max. temp. in the shade.	Min. temp. in the shade.	Stations.	Max. temp. in the shade.	Min. temp. in the shade.
Port Said	17	10	Wady Halfa	24	11
Suez	18	6	Berber	31	10
Ismailia	17	8	Suakin	24	17
Zagazig	19	4	Khartoum	35	17
Benha Moshtohor	—	—	Wad Medani	16	18
Tanta	21	4	Dueim	34	17
Mansoura	9	8			

Stations.	Barom.	Wind.	Temp.	State of Sea
Alexandria	756.9	Moder.	8	Very Slight
Cairo	76.0	Moder.	13	Very Slight
Minieh	757.1	Light	14	Moder.
Assiut	54.2	Almost Calm	11	Very Slight
Assouan	745.5	Almost Calm	17	Calm

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THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION.

The North Sea Commissioners have completed their report, and we are informed in a telegram this morning that the report does not enter into any discussion as to the presence or absence of the torpedo boats, but declares that Admiral Rodjestvensky "might legitimately have believed that his squadron was endangered, and was entitled in those circumstances to act as he did." If this version of the gist of the report be correct it will not give much satisfaction in England. There was no question of arbitration involved. Either the Russian fleet had the right to open fire, or it had not. The functions of the Court were merely to ascertain the facts, and according to this morning's telegrams the Russian contention has been upheld and justified. The decision of the Court will be another nail in the coffin of the present Government, which has placed the vindication of the national rights and honor in the hands of aliens with the result that the finding of the Commission has left us with the satisfaction of knowing that we have vindicated, at our own expense, the beauties of international arbitration, but without any of that satisfaction of another kind which Lord Lansdowne's sense of the national dignity prompted him, at the very outset, to demand, and with the unpleasant consciousness that a world which worships success, and is not too tender towards failure, is laughing in its sleeve at our discomfiture.

The Prime Minister in his speech on the 28th October showed his audience and the nation that the fact of the commission of a gross outrage is not in doubt. In terms of scathing denunciation, he showed that the Russian Admiral's fairy-tale about the Japanese torpedo-boats was a monstrous fiction—that, to put it in plain English, Rodjestvensky was an exceptionally impudent liar. Although the question of the existence of those Japanese vessels has been discussed by the Court of Inquiry, the telegram states that it is not mentioned in the report, and the Court has in fact justified the Admiral's murder of the English fishermen. After such a finding the Tsar cannot be expected to inflict any punishment at all upon his officer for an unfortunate excess of zeal for the safety of the fleet committed to his charge. What are we going to do? If we bow to the decision of the Court, we become the laughing-stock of the world; if we protest against it, we shall alienate the sympathy of Continental Powers by refusing to accept the finding of a tribunal to which we ourselves have appealed. It is, however, useless to cry over spilt milk (or rather over spilt blood), so we must make the best of the situation and grimly ponder on the words of the "Times," that the whole case is "a striking example of the progress of arbitration."

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