

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE.

Disastrous Effects of the Battle of the Nile.

ON SYRIA'S FERTILE PLAINS.

Stoic of Jaffa and Massacre of the Garrison—Horror of the Plague—French Envoy Beheaded—Victory at Aboukir—Received in France With Wild Acclamations.

(Copyright, 1865, by John Clark Ridpath.)

XII.—SYRIAN CAMPAIGN.

A great disaster now suddenly clouded the fortunes of Napoleon. Lord Nelson, beating out with his fleet for a month toward Syria—discovering that the French had landed in Egypt—sailed for Alexandria. The fleet of Bruys was at anchor in the bay of Aboukir. Nelson quickly sighted his antagonist, blockaded him, and on the 1st of August, 1798, began that famous battle of the Nile, the memory of which is still fresh in history and tradition. The French fleet was virtually destroyed. The Admiral's ship Orient was burned. On the bloody deck, the son of Captain Louis Casabianca stood at his post, giving to the poetry of Hemans a flame-vision and voice to posterity. Only four or five of the French vessels escaped destruction. The rest, with nearly four thousand seamen, went into oblivion.

Napoleon had little genius for the sea. His ability to estimate the contingencies of naval warfare was small. De-



NAPOLEON BY CHATEAIGNIER.

fore his career was half expired, he conceded the dominion of the ocean to his great enemy. Ever after the Egyptian campaign, his endeavor looked more and more to the creation of a Continental power which should counteract British supremacy on the deep. The result to him of the battle of the Nile was in every way disastrous. The effect of it was calculated to inspire distrust in France, encourage the Coalition, and to reanimate the Mamelukes.

Complaints broke out in the French army. Though victory came, deprivation came also. The soldiers were scorched on the blistering plains, and had little to eat but watermelons. Nevertheless, Napoleon went steadily on with his scheme.

On the 22nd of October, at a preconcerted signal, Cairo broke into insurrection. For a while the French occupancy was endangered; but the revolt was suppressed, and a terrible vengeance was wreaked on its authors. Meanwhile, Napoleon conceived the project of making a campaign into Syria, and attacking the English strongholds of Jaffa and St. Jean d'Acre. The situation was this: France and Turkey were nominally at peace. Napoleon had overthrown the Sultan's rebellious beys in Egypt. Therefore he was a friend of the Sultan; and he of him. But the thick brain of the Porte at length cleared sufficiently to see that Murad and Ibrahim Beys were not half so dangerous as the foreign lion that now sat on his haunches at Cairo, hewing his mouth for more. The Sultan perceived that the French must be expelled. Napoleon had seen that this conclusion would be reached, and that a Turkish army might be expected to come against him out of Syria. Therefore he would better preoccupy Syria. Moreover, the hated English had got the coast of the Eastern Mediterranean. The Turkish army might not be expected during the winter; but the English were there already. Hence the Syrian expedition.

Napoleon divided his forces. He left about twelve thousand men to occupy Egypt, and with a like number set out, on the 11th of February, 1799, in the direction of Suez and Palestine. The march was accompanied with great hardships. At the wells of Messoudiah the French found water; and soon afterwards the green and fertile plains of Syria arose to view. El-Arish was taken on the 17th of February. On the 1st of March, Napoleon slept at the convent of Ramleh. He passed within a few miles of Jerusalem, and then made his way to Jaffa. A siege was immediately begun, and on the 6th of March the place was taken, with pillage and massacre. About four thousand of the prisoners were, after three days of deliberation, set in lines on the seashore and shot. This was done under the terrible necessity of the French to preserve themselves in the enemy's country.

Next came the horror of the plague. With the fall of Jaffa, the march was begun against St. Jean d'Acre. The Arabs now made common cause with the Turks. Lannes, pursuing the wild men into the passes of Nablous, was ambushed, and lost a considerable number of men. On the 18th of March the French arrived at Acre, and found that the Pasha Djézzar had cut off the head of Napoleon's envoy, and thrown his body into the sea. The English under Sir Sidney Smith, and the Turks, held the town.

Acre was besieged until the 4th of May, when the French ammunition began to fail. General Caffarelli, one of Napoleon's favorite officers, already one-legged from heroism, died from the amputation of an arm. On the 10th of the month the French made an assault, and gained the trenches. During the sixty

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Mrs. C. Geiger, Eagle drug store.

SCIENTIFIC HOUSE DECORATION.

A Young Woman of Observation Speaks of Color Schemes For Rooms.

"I have been helping an old school chum to refurbish her house," said a young woman of observation, "and I have learned more about color effects in one week than I ever knew before. You see, houses are not painted or papered as they used to be, on the old, simple plan of 'that will look well here,' and 'such a pattern will be all right there,' but according to settled laws, canons and rules. It's quite a scientific matter now, I assure you.

"Yellows, for instance, are all right for a hall or vestibule, but they must not be used in any room in which one rests or reads or works. Why? Because yellows do not absorb any light, but are strong reflectors, and the reflected rays of light are not only trying to the eyes, but positively affect the brain and the spirits, creating a distinct disturbance of the nervous centers. So the modern scientific decorator, at any rate, tells us, and we believe him.

"On the other hand, buffs and creams are recommended for the nursery and children's sleeping rooms because of their tonic qualities. They are better than white, which is apt to disturb the young optic nerves by its brilliancy, and are calculated to impart a cheerful but not too hoisterous temperament as well as a good complexion to the youngsters.

"For the library or workroom there is no color like coffee. Coffee, in fact, is the most soothing thing in the color world, it seems. It induces a pleasant nirvana feeling, such as nothing else does. It conduces to habits of speculative thought. It produces a philosophical calm, and it is eminently successful as a mild incentive to literary efforts. Indeed there seems to be some delicate and abstruse connection between coffee as a beverage and coffee as a color for domestic decoration. I suggested something of this sort to the handsome and interesting young artist who was superintending the decoration, and he condescended to agree with me.

"I have learned one really important fact about colors, however. I used to imagine that there was no color so cool as white, but I have been taught that, to the contrary, the coolest of all colors is red—not the flaring, glaring red, but the dull Pompeian red and terra cotta. These are cool because of their peculiarly absorbent qualities. It is almost impossible to light or warm them, and I had today a most convincing object lesson of this fact—that while the cool white room of the Wordsworthian poets is all very nice to read about, and does at first sight impress one as being such, it does not begin to compare in coolness with one in dull red. A visit to the two rooms had just the same cooling effect on me that is produced by passing from sunshine into shadow. Of course you know I am speaking all the time of interior decoration, although I am not sure whether a terra cotta town would not be considerably cooler than a whitewashed one.

"So you see the old Pompeians were right when they cooled off their atria and patios by painting the town red. The only other color which approaches Pompeian red for coolness, so the elegant and artistic young workman told me, is dark green, but it has been found to have so depressing a mental effect on most people that it is very sparingly used. Then I was told lots about mass effects, distance shadows and length lines, and I don't know what else, but quite enough to convince me that the decoration of our house interiors is conducted upon a plane so lofty that it is impossible to say whether it is an artistic science or a scientific art."—New York Sun.

A Historic Elm Shoot.

Says the Philadelphia Record: "A direct descendant of the old elm tree which cast its shadows over William Penn and the Indian chiefs during the famous session when the Penn treaty was drawn up has been planted by Chief Eisenhower of the bureau of city property directly on the spot which the old tree is supposed to have occupied. The old treaty elm stood on the Vandusen estate, which has since been formed into Penn Treaty park, and shoots from the tree have been carefully treasured by the Vandusen family. This particular shoot was donated by Paul A. Oliver of Oliver's mills, Luzerne county, who came into its possession through marriage into the Vandusen family. The shoot is healthy, and is expected to thrive in its appropriate situation."

Lincoln on His Re-election.

Commenting on the result of the election of the day before, Lincoln said, with great solemnity: "I should be the veriest shallow and self-conceited blockhead upon the footstool if, in my discharge of the duties that are put upon me in this place, I should hope to get along without the wisdom that comes from God and not from men."—Noah Brooks in Century.

DR. S. H. RUSHING,

ALEXANDRIA, LA. Residence on Fourth and Washington streets. Office and Hospital on Fourth and DeSoto streets. Surgeon for the Texas & Pacific and Houston, Central Arkansas and Northern Railroad Companies. All will be promptly cared for upon application.

THE DEMOCRAT

OFFICE

Has a First-Class

OUTLET FOR

JOB PRINTING

ALL ITS BRANCHES.

Parties wishing Printing done will consult their own interests, by calling upon us or writing for samples, prices, etc., before giving their orders elsewhere.

M. C. MOSELEY,

ATTORNEY - AT - LAW ALEXANDRIA, LA. Practices in all classes of cases in all the Courts of the parishes of Rapides, Grant, Natchitoches, Avoyelles, Sabine, St. Landry, in the Supreme Court of the State and in the Federal Courts. Office up stairs over A. Albert's store.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

U. S. Senators.

N C Blanchard term expiring on the 4th of March, 1897. Don Caffery, term expiring on the 4th of March, 1895.

Representatives in Congress.

First District.....Geo Adolph Meyer Second District.....M D Lagan Third District.....Andrew Price Fourth District.....H. W. Ogden Fifth District.....C J Boatner Sixth District.....S M Robertson

State Officers.

Murphy J Foster.....Governor Thos S Adams.....Lieut-Governor Milton J Cunningham.....Atty-General John Pickett.....State Treasurer W W Heard.....Auditor Public Accounts A D Lafargue.....Supt Public Education J G Hawks.....Commissioner Immigration H C Newsom.....Commissioner Agriculture J S Lanier.....Register State Land Office W G Burt.....Adjutant General F Seip.....Senator 18th Senatorial District Baton Rouge Advocate.....State Printer

Supreme Court.

Francis T Nicholls.....Chief Justice New Orleans. ASSOCIATES. G A Broussard.....Iberia Saul D McEnery.....Ouachita L B Watkins.....Red River H C Miller.....Orleans

Parish Officers.

Representatives. G W Bolton.....S F Meeker District Judges Tenth Judicial District: Jas Andrews.....A V Coco P P Brazale.....District Attorney C L Ransdell.....Clerk District Court C M Kilpatrick.....Deputy Clerk D T Stafford.....Sheriff and Tax Collector C J Harbort.....Assessor Dr R L Luckett, Jr.....Coroner R W Bringham.....Parish Surveyor R G Maddox.....Parish Treasurer

TERMS OF COURT FOR RAPIDES PARISH:

Civil Terms—First Mondays in January and May. Jury Terms—First Mondays in April and November. POLICE JURY. W P Flower, Alexandria.....President L C Sanford.....Clerk George L Wilson.....Lamourie W P Ford.....Cheneyville B H Randolph.....Spring Hill R M White.....Calcasieu J H Surelle.....Honeston L M Texada.....Cottle P H Davidson.....Rapides P O E J Hardtner.....Pineville T K Smith, Jr.....Rigolette

SCHOOL BOARD.

C A Schneck, Alexandria.....President G O Watts Alexandria.....Supt and Secty R W Bringham.....Alexandria Samuel Ham.....Cheneyville T Spence Smith.....Well P O Samuel Mallette.....Babb's Bridge H R Lawson.....Elmer N L Hartner.....Pineville W W Brineau.....Pineville Ben Lewis.....Waldron

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLES.

Alexandria Ward—Justices Peace—W W Whittington and A B Rachel. Constables—M W Baillio and Chas S Duke. Cottle Ward—Justices Peace—John Dawson, T D Cheneyville Ward—Justices Peace—James A Wylie and J R Moore. Constables—W S Roberts and N L Stewart. Rapides Ward—Justice Peace—L C Sanford. Constable—R H Murphy. Rigolette Ward—Justices Peace—E P Brown and B L Payne. Constables—Albert Brown and R G Teckel. Spring Hill Ward—Justices Peace—J B Dove (resigned) and John Evans. Constables—B P Phillips, J D Dunn. Honeston Ward—Justices Peace—J L Whitehurst and H C Lyles. Constables—A G Ward and A J Gray. Pineville Ward—Justices Peace—A A David and John A Newell. Constables—J J Duplissioy and Frazier Scott.

City Officers.

Thomas Crawley.....Mayor C U Swayze.....Secretary and Assessor Jas T Flint.....Treasurer John P. Grogan.....Collector John C Ryan.....City Attorney Dr R O Symons.....Pres't Board Health J J Sullivan.....Marshal C S Duke.....Night Marshal Henderson, T W Sorrelle and J D K Woodard.

COUNCILMEN.

Chas Goldenberg.....First Ward Sam Warshaw.....Second Ward E J Sullivan.....Third Ward Dennis Kelly.....Fourth Ward R W Bringham.....Fifth Ward Council meets first Monday in each month.

ALEXANDRIA POST OFFICE DIRECTORY.

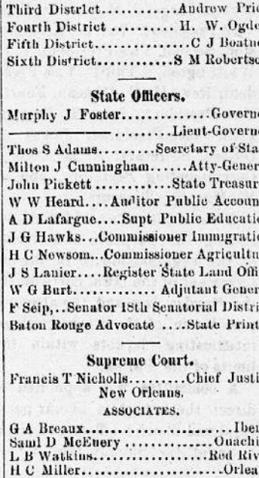
Jonas Rosenthal.....Post Master Wm Maddox.....Asst. Office hours from 9 o'clock a m to 7 p m. Money order business closes at 4 p m. Registered Letters close at 5 o'clock p m. DISTRICT MAILS. Honeston, six times a week. Leaves Alexandria at 11:30 a m; arrives at 6 p m. Pineville, fourteen times a week.—Leaves Alexandria at 11:30 a m and 4 p m. Poland, three times a week. Leaves Alexandria Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 a m; returns same days 7 p m. Laté, once a week. Leaves Alexandria on Fridays at 6 a m and returns same day at 8:30 p m. Kansas City, Watkins & Gulf Railway to Lake Charles and intermediate post offices, daily and return same day.

E. SCHMALINSKI & SON.

Manufacturers' - Agents - and - Dealers - In

Pianos, Organs and all kinds of

Musical Instruments.



SHEET MUSIC 10 CENTS PER COPY Pianos, Conover, Kingsbury, Schubert, Smith & Co., Wing & Son., Hamilton Gordon. ORGANS, CHICAGO COTTAGE. Old Pianos taken in exchange. Easy terms. Lowest Prices. Front street, Alexandria, La.

EAGLE DRUG STORE

Jacob Geiger, Proprietor. Is selling at New Orleans prices in the Jobbing trade and offering special inducements to re-buysers. The Stock consists in part as follows: DRUGS, CHEMICALS, PAINTS, Choice Books, Tobacco and Cigars, Liquors for Medicinal Purposes, Etc., LANDRETH'S FRESH GARDEN SEEDS.

THE ARLINGTON BAR,

JOHN CALLAHAN, Proprietor. FINEST WINES AND LIQUORS IN THE CITY. FIRST CLASS CONNOISSEURS. Comfortable Card Rooms, Accommodations At YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED.

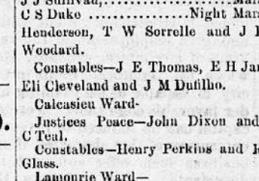
TRAVEL IN COMFORT

BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE Superior Train Service ELEGANT EQUIPMENT AND FAST TIME VIA THE TEXAS T&P ROUTE PACIFIC

THE SHORT LINE TO NEW ORLEANS, MEMPHIS,

AND POINTS IN THE SOUTH EAST THE DIRECT LINE TO North and West Texas, Arizona, Old and New Mexico, Oregon, Colorado and California. THE FASTEST TIME TO Hot Springs, Little Rock and St Louis. Pullman Tourist Sleepers TO CALIFORNIA. Pullman Palace Sleeping Cars TO ST. LOUIS, LITTLE ROCK, SHERBOURNE, NEW ORLEANS, DENVER, EL PASO, LOS ANGELES & SAN FRANCISCO. Lowest ticket rates, time table and all desired information will be furnished by any of the ticket agents of the Texas & Pacific R'y. or W. A. DASHIELL, Trav. Pass. Ag't. L. S. THORNE, Third Vice-Pres and Genl Manager. GASTON MESLIER, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, DALLAS, TEXAS.

BOSS Grocery!



—CORNER— Second and DeSoto Streets. Moses Rosenthal. Best Family Groceries ALWAYS ON HAND Specialty Made of Fine Cigars and Tobacco; Fine Wines and Liquors. Goods received by every train, making everything nice and fresh. Prices to Suit the Times.

ROBERTS HOTEL.

STRANGERS VISITING ALEXANDRIA, the traveling public generally, and especially those of MODERATE MEANS, should patronize the Roberts Hotel, A Neat, Commodious and Comfortable Hostelry, situated on the Plank Road, convenient to Passenger and Freight Depots, where they will be received with courteous treatment and their wants attended to by polite employees. Table supplied with the best that the market affords. Good, substantial and nicely prepared meals and clean beds at 25 cents each. Give me a trial. Satisfaction guaranteed. M. J. LITTLE, Proprietor. May 16, 1894.

DOCTOR

ICHENORS

ANTISEPTIC

JOB PRINTING JOB

NEATLY EXECUTED AT THIS OFFICE.