

EGYPT STILL IS UNTROUBLED

Great Strip of Country alone the Nile Untouched by War Says Soldier.

London, July 5.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A Reuter correspondent with the Egyptian expeditionary force writes: "Certain it is that this country remains marvelously untroubled in the midst of the universal uproar, though its peace is constantly threatened for there can be no doubt that it was long ago marked down by our enemies as one of the prizes of successful war. But the British line in the desert keeps the active and watchful enemy on our eastern frontier in check. The fanatical hordes of the western desert and Darfour have received a lesson which will probably last them at least until the end of the war, and in the interim the real Egypt, the great strip of the Nile valley and the Delta, the Egypt of the peasant cultivator, of the teeming green fields and the mud-built villages have not been touched by war. It has not heard a shot fired or paid a penny of extra taxation."

The European element in the country has felt the neighborhood of war. The shortage of tonnage has affected businesses in many cases although in others business men in spite of high freights and high prices, are doing better than they ever did before. Many Frenchmen and Italians have been called to the colors in Europe. The Germans, Austrians and Turks have been removed or interned. But the natives are hardly affected at all. They are not asked to leave—the merest handful of Egyptian reservists have been called up to serve as camel drivers. They have no interests in the casualty lists. All that the war means for them is higher prices for their produce and their labor, and a much larger amount of money in circulation among the poorer classes than was ever the case before. In these times of short tonnage and high prices everywhere, it is naturally the policy of the army authorities in Egypt to utilize, as far as possible, the produce of the country and to import only what Egypt does not supply or can only supply at excessive prices.

There is a military local resources board at Cairo, which, with the aid of civilian advisers familiar with the country, systematically collects, transports and utilizes all Egyptian produce, wherever obtainable that can serve the turn of the army. Naturally, foodstuffs and especially grain are the first need. The wheat, maize and barley required is bought in Egypt and at prices which invariably show a substantial increase on the pre-war prices. Purchases are made in a wholesale fashion. The army for instance, took the whole of the last maize crop at an abnormal price, and has seen to it that this year there is a larger acreage under cereals than ever before.

Egypt does not supply the troops with meat—it cannot rival the frozen meat from Australia and New Zealand, but all the fresh vegetables for the army are bought in Egypt and enormous quantities of fruit are bought by the soldiers on their own account. Oranges, of which this country is a large producer, fetched unprecedented prices last season. The cultivator is not slow to observe these things and is growing much more garden stuff than

FISHERMAN GETS ONE OF THE SHARKS THAT ARE TERRORIZING JERSEY SHORE



E. F. Warner and man-eating shark he caught on Jersey shore.

For the first time in the history of the Jersey coast, man-eating sharks are terrorizing the people there who are in the habit of bathing in the ocean. Several persons have been killed by these big fish, and an effort is being made to exterminate them. Photo shows E. K. Warner and a shark he shot to death at Beach Haven, N. J., a few days ago.

ever before. In particular, the very high prices of potatoes last winter has encouraged him to devote more land to growing this indispensable vegetable. There is, in fact, nothing that he can grow that does not pay him better than in ordinary times. The army is a mighty purchaser of camels and needs vast quantities of fodder, which it buys from the Egyptian farmer. The army has resuscitated the moribund salt industry at Damiet. It has created a timber industry which never existed before in Egypt. The country is not rich in timber, but large quantities are needed, and the army buyers have looked around till they found supplies in various parts of the country.

Alleged Theft Of Rare Violin Cause of Arrest

Chicago, July 17.—Victor Vitromill, aged 23 years, said to be the heir to the wealth of a prominent family at Buenos Aires, will be arraigned in police court here today in the charge of larceny, all for the love of a rare violin. The instrument, the alleged theft of which landed the young Spaniard in a cell at the Hyde Park station, is the property of Edward F. Morgan, a noted miniature painter, and is said to be a very valuable European importation.

The average man spends a lot of money for experience, and then gives it to other people the benefit of it free of charge.

IMMENSE GUNS FOR BIG BOAT

Great Superdreadnought will Have 15-inch Guns Mounted on It.

Tokio, July 5. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—It is reported that guns of 15-inch calibre may be mounted on a superdreadnought which has been ordered by the navy department and will be laid down in the Japanese naval yard at Kure. This ship was authorized at the last session of the diet and she will be the largest battleship in the Japanese navy. She will be called the Nagato after one of the provinces of southern Japan.

Although the official figures have not been announced, it is said the warship will have a displacement of 25,000 tons and a speed of 24 knots. The displacement exceeds by 1,400 tons that of the dreadnought Yamashiro which was launched at Yokosuka last November. The Yamashiro is about the same size as the United States superdreadnought Pennsylvania.

If the announced figures prove exact, the Nagato will be bigger than the celebrated Queen Elizabeth of the British navy, more speedy than the Yamashiro by two knots and faster than the Pennsylvania by three knots although she could be outdistanced by the Queen Elizabeth. A feature of the proposed ship will be improved equipment for defense against torpedoes.

The question of main armament seems not yet decided. It is understood that the navy favors 15-inch guns, but guns of this size never have been made in Japan, and it is likely that they would have to be imported from England. It is doubtful if England could turn them out during the war.

The department has likewise arranged for the construction of two second class cruisers, each of 3,500 tons to be called Tenryu and Tatsuta. One will be laid down at Yokosuka and the other at Saseho. A large type destroyer of 1,100 tons will be built at Maizuru.

The latest addition to the Japanese navy is a new and powerful submarine boat which was built in France and which recently arrived at the Kure naval station. Submerged, the boat can reach a speed of over 18 knots. Her displacement is 600 tons, and she is the largest submarine in the Japanese navy.

The order, placed with the French navy yard in 1914, called for two boats of the same type and dimensions but one of them was sold to France at the outbreak of the war in compliance with the special request of the French navy. The submarine was brought here on board a French steamer.

YACHT ARRIVES SAFELY AT PORT

Mana has Successful Voyage of One Hundred Thousand Miles.

London, July 5. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—The little 23-ton yacht "Mana" has arrived safely in an English port after a voyage of a hundred thousand miles. Belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Scoreby Routledge, the vessel left England over two years ago on a scientific mission to Easter Island, in the South Pacific. The last stage of the little vessel's voyage was from San Francisco which she left five months ago. Altogether there were eleven persons on board including two men from Pitcairn Island. Mr. Routledge had some interesting details of the voyage.

"After leaving San Francisco," he said, "we came down the Mexican coast. Two hundred miles from land we came upon the islands marked as uninhabited and I decided to land to try and get some meat. But our landing we found a rough shanty to the cove was occupied by two whales who were feeding and who refused to move until the following day. On landing I found a rough shanty together with a derelict boat and alongside a rough cross evidently marking a grave. In a rift in a cliff we found a sort of cave strewn with old bottles and odds and ends of a camp. Nearby was a piece of wood bearing the name Annie Larsen which I learnt from a shipwrecked sailor who was on the yacht was the name of a vessel engaged in blockade running or contraband. There is no doubt that the remote island had been a dumping ground for Mexican revolutionists."

"There were so many turtles that we got tired of feeding on them. It was curious to see these creatures being regarded by the birds as a kind of floating island, and to see gulls preening themselves on the turtles' backs."

"The 'Mana' visited one small island in the Gulf of Panama where elephants was rampant among the people. The currents in this region were very difficult and there was one sailing ship that had been drifting in circles for thirteen months and had been unable to get out. The Panama canal was closed to traffic but the American government kindly allowed the 'Mana' as the vessel of a scientific expedition, to go through."

"Some fifty miles from Jamaica we saw what appeared to be a first burning ship and afterwards looked like smoke from a naval action. We found it to be a submarine volcano blowing off. The sea flow had been broken and we saw seas breaking in places where the chart showed no land. Under the circumstances no investigation was possible."

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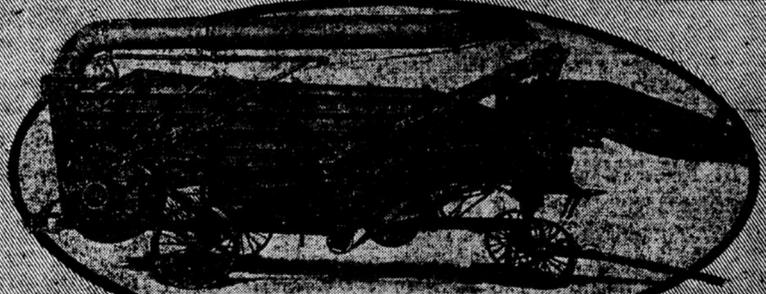
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