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Theodore Roosevelt in Egypt

To the Editor of the Manchester Guardian.—Sir: When the news reached us at Cairo that Mr. Roosevelt, ex-president of the great American republic, had agreed to give a lecture before the Egyptian University, our young university students were delighted at the idea. They looked forward to an opportunity of listening to the sage advice of a man who had been one of the successors of Washington, who freed the United States from the English yoke! They thought that whether or no he en-

couraged them to go on with their struggle for liberty, he would at least say an appreciative word of their effort towards light and their desire for education and for scientific knowledge.

His speech at Khartoum was a first disappointment, and cooled their interest in him. He exhorted the Soudanese to accept the English regime, which he represented to them as the most liberal and humanitarian any nation had imagined. He forgot that the Soudan was an Egyptian province and that the English had no more right there than in Egypt. Nevertheless it was hoped that at Cairo he would mend his manners. The result was a second, still greater, disappointment for his friends. He said everything at Cairo that he ought most carefully to have left unsaid. He rushed into the question of the assassination of Boutros Pasha. His speech gave us the impression that he had been primed by the English to advise us to abandon our claims and to accept English rule, resignedly, if not joyfully, all hope of a constitution being deferred for several generations! The speech when it was published at once caused general indignation, and protests were drawn up and sent to Mr. Roosevelt the same evening by our committee of the national party, by the students of the high schools, and by all the political associations. Next day a great indignation meeting was held under the chairmanship of our vice president, All Bey Kamel, at which several members of the legislative council were present, including our great orator Abaza Pasha; and after it those who had taken part in it went on, with flags flying, to make a manifestation against Roosevelt under his windows at Shepheard's hotel. He was greeted in the same way in Alexandria at the railway station and on the quays. We were not, therefore, surprised that he should have made another attack on us in London. We all expected it.

Nevertheless the ferocity of his latest attack on a whole nation has surprised us. The sin of our nation in his eyes has been that it seeks to free its territory and demands the natural right to self-government—and this from Mr. Roosevelt, who made war on Spain to oblige the Spaniards to evacuate Cuba and the Philippines! Mr. Roosevelt seems to be one of those who divide the human race into two sections, a superior and an inferior, and would have the one be slave to the other. We do not understand by what right he counts us among those whose function it is to serve. Is it because our nation was the earliest to civilize the world? Is it because we are the most ancient race known to history? We are quite sure that Mr. Roosevelt's opinion on this head is peculiar to himself and that his fellow-citizens will be less than pleased at a pronouncement so unworthy of a citizen of the greatest republic of the world.

How is it possible for one brought up in the tradition of liberty and democracy to reproach Englishmen with their "weakness, timidity, and sentimentality, qualities which may be far more disastrous than violence and injustice," and this after Den-shaw! What means does he propose should be put in practice against us? Is it to be lynch law for us? Are we to be exterminated like the Redskins of America or the blacks of Australia? Mr. Roosevelt allows himself the airs of a man superior to us all. He would teach each nation in turn what it is to do. His lecture at the Sorbonne was a fine example. And now in order to have his revenge on us Egyptians

he advises England to use violence to us, even injustice! This from a man who has spent a few hours only in Egypt and about a people differing from his own in language, manners, and religion!

However, we have one reason to thank Mr. Roosevelt, for in making the indictment against us he indicts at the same time the British occupation. He has shown it up for the failure it has been, and Englishmen can hardly be pleased at the heavy judgment pronounced upon their work, the work they used to boast of so vaingloriously as "the great work of Cromer." That noble lord ought to be even less satisfied with Mr. Roosevelt than ourselves. What, we wonder, does he think about it?

As for ourselves, we shall continue to fight on, sure of the sympathy of the liberals of all lands, and most of all of the Americans. Yours, etc.,
MOHAMMED FARID,
Chief of the Egyptian National Party.

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