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A Flag of Truce Raised Over the City and Replied to by Seymour.

Description of the Harbor Defenses, the British Fleet and Egyptian Strength.

THE WAR. BRITISH TROOPS LANDED.

ALEXANDRIA, July 12.—The bombardment was not renewed at 7:10 a. m. There are as yet no signs of the renewal of the bombardment.

The British fleet has been in position and for some time a general fire upon the forts has been going on. Not an Alexandrian battery is now replying to the English fire.

12:35 p. m.—A picked party of marines from the Invincible has just been landed. They met with no opposition. They went directly to Fort Meks and there burst three guns and spiked three more.

12:20 p. m.—The marines are still on shore and are at work around Fort Meks. No signs of a land fight have yet been shown.

A FLAG OF TRUCE. A flag of truce has just been run up over Alexandria. It has been recognized by Admiral Seymour, and a flag has been hoisted in reply.

THE CANAL QUESTION. All flags of the fleet are at half mast. All English marines killed during the bombardment were buried ceremoniously in the sea.

THE SULTAN'S REQUEST. CONSTANTINOPLE, July 12.—The sultan informed Lord Dufferin to-day that Mustafa Pasha, Turkish ambassador to England, reports that when he presented the sultan's request that England stop the bombardment, Earl Granville replied that England could not now stop, and that England felt compelled to continue so long as the eastern question continued in its present serious state.

GLADSTONE'S STATEMENT. LONDON, July 12.—In the house of commons, Gladstone, replying to inquiries as to the exact attitude England is placed in towards other powers by Seymour's action, officially denied on behalf of the government that England had begun the war with Egypt; that the bombardment of Alexandria was undertaken solely for the protection of the British fleet within the harbor, and to suppress the military tyranny existing in Alexandria, and which not only was oppressing the people and menacing the fleet, but which existed in defiance of the sultan's wishes.

ALEXANDRIA, July 12.—6 p. m.—Several large fires are burning in various parts of the city, all of which started apparently simultaneously. A flag of truce can still be seen flying, but it is feared that Arabi Bey's followers mean to destroy the city by fire.

A BAZEIN IN PARIS. PARIS, July 12.—A terrible fire is raging, caused by a gas explosion, just now. Twelve houses are already being destroyed, and twenty persons killed have been found under the ruins. Scores of people have been wounded.

THE FLEET AND THE WHIPPED. LONDON, July 12.—The latest from Alexandria says that the gunboat sent from the forts with a flag of truce has returned from Seymour's flag ship. The fleet is under way, the consequence of rising wind and heavy swell. The queen telegraphed inquiries as to the condition of the wounded.

A DISPATCH FROM BERLIN says it is reported there that Arabi Bey is enlisting troops by the thousands.

THE BURNING CITY. ALEXANDRIA, July 13, 1 a. m.—The fires in the city are increasing in fierceness and extent. They are supposed to be incendiary and not due to the firing of the fleet. No shot was sent into the town to-day. If the truce fails, general cannonade will be resumed this morning. Anarchy prevails among the Egyptian soldiery.

The English gunboat sent to ascertain the meaning of the white flag has returned. The Egyptians refused to surrender. The European quarter is burned, hundreds have been killed in the streets and two thousand were killed in the forts during the bombardment. The fleet has entire suspension of action. There is evidently no government to deal with. The city is given over to anarchy and pillage.

WHAT REMAINS OF A CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. Chicago Tribune. Modern Alexandria occupies only part of the site of its predecessor, being chiefly built on the isthmus that connects what was once the classic island of Pharos with the mainland, on which the old city stood. Successive alluvial deposits have widened this mole—the ancient Heptastadion—into a broad neck of land, the seaward end of which is occupied by the palace of Ras-el-Teen, the arsenal, and several other government buildings, after which, mainward, comes the modern town East and west of this peninsula is the two harbors, called THE NEW AND OLD PORTS.

The former of these, being completely exposed to the north winds and incumbered with rocks and shoals, has long been disused except by small native craft, though it was not till the beginning of the present century that the much larger and safer western harbor was thrown open to Christian vessels. This latter is situated at the northeast end of the bay, adjoining the southern and western sides of the city in a nearly semi-circular form, and extending from the palace of Ras-el-Teen, by the arsenal dock, to the terminus of the Cairo railway at Gabari.

THE OLD LIGHTHOUSE still occupies the site of the ancient Pharos, on a rocky projection stretching northeast into the entrance of the new port, but in 1842, after the opening of the old harbor to Christian shipping, its distance from the latter and the looseness of its light induced Mehemet Ali to build a new tower on Bonastos (now called Ras-el-Teen) Point, at the southwest extremity of the new peninsula, which is a 20 second revolving light of the first class, since erected by the khedive, flashes its friendly warning twenty miles out at sea. Nearly a mile behind this stands THE VICE-REGAL PALACE, built by Mehemet Ali, to whose ambition is also due the fine arsenal that forms the next principal object of interest between the peninsula and the modern town. The development of this last has been mainly eastward, towards the Ramieh, a lowly suburb, which, on the other side of the city, but in no connected way, is by fine rows of boulevard like houses, let out in shops below and flats above, at rents little below the average of similar buildings in Paris. In this direction, too, an admirable road along the Mahmoudieh canal attracts on Fridays and other festive days crowds of private carriages, many of which might figure in the Bois de Hyde Park. Of the whole city, indeed, it may be said that, although STILL "FIERALD," as Eliot Warburton found it a quarter of a century ago—"one-half Europe, with its regular houses, tall and white, and stiff; the other half Oriental, with its mud-colored buildings and terraced roofs, varied with fat mosques and lean minarets"—the municipal improvements effected by the khedive have, in respect of lighting, paving, police, and cleanliness, done more for Frank quarter especially, to a level with most first-class French and English towns, and placed it half a century ahead of even the Christian faubourg of Constantinople.

DESCRIPTION OF THE THEATER OF WAR. The modern harbor of Alexandria, in which the trade of the port is now carried on, lies within the upper curve of a bay formed by the two projecting headlands of Ras-el-Teen on the northeast and Cape Adjemi and Marabout Island on the southwest, and measuring six miles in length by an average of two in breadth. It is landlocked on every side except one—the south-west. The wind, in this direction is, however, the prevailing one during eight or nine months of the year, and from time immemorial the "sea" thus occasioned has seriously impeded the loading and discharge of vessels in the roadstead by stone lighters, as the custom has hitherto been. The importance of remedying this great drawback on the convenience of his chief port has long been felt by the khedive, but it was not till the threatened rivalry of the Suez canal had emphasized the necessity that he finally decided on carrying out a work of such magnitude and cost. Accordingly, in 1870, a contract was entered into with Messrs. Greenleaf & Co., an eminent English firm, for the construction of A GREAT BREAKWATER, an inner harbor mole and a line of quays, which should together afford the requisite shelter and accommodation need by the growing trade of the port. After some months spent in the necessary preparations the work was begun in the spring of 1871, when the khedive in person laid the foundation stone. Since then the original plan has been considerably modified, but it will be sufficient to mention its ultimate lines as now in great part carried out. Commencing at a point fifty metres south-west of the Ras-el-Teen light-house, the outer breakwater extends first in this latter direction for nearly 1,000 metres, and then, curving to south-west, runs in a straight line 2,350 metres further, or in all above two miles across the south of the harbor, enclosing an area of more than 1,400 acres of still water deep enough for vessels of the largest class. The principal entrance to the port is now, therefore, round the south-western end of the breakwater, which is 1,500 metres from the shore, while the narrow passage off Ras-el-Teen affords ingress and egress only to small craft and shore boats. As in the case of THE GREAT MOLES AT PORT SAID, this outer sea wall has been constructed, up to the water level, of huge blocks of concrete, manufactured at the neighboring Mex quarries of said and Thell lime and deposited pell mell on the seashore, with an inner core of rubble. The upper portion of the work, which is of solid masonry, rises ten feet above the lowest, or seven feet above the highest, sea level, and is of uniform surface width of twenty feet. In all, about 25,000 concrete blocks, weighing ten tons each, and 130,000 tons of large and small rubble stones have been sunk in the foundations of this great work. Shorewards, the scheme comprises a broad mole, stretching out 900 metres from the mouth of the Mahmoudieh canal and the harbor terminus of the Cairo railroad towards Ras-el-Teen, and A LINE OF QUAYS 1,240 metres long, extending from the same point along the Marina to close up the Admiralty Dock. Like the inner mole, these quays are based upon a deep rubble foundation, with a superstructure of solid masonry, and when completed will have cutting iron jetties, alongside which ships may load and discharge in all weathers. A branch railway will connect the mole and quays with the Alexandria & Cairo line, and thus with the whole railway system of the interior.

THE BRITISH FLEET. THE ENGLISH MEN-OF-WAR AT ALEXANDRIA. The most important of the English vessels, with their armament—that is, their fighting gun batteries—are as follows:

Table with columns: Name, No. of guns, Weight in tons. Includes Hecator, Despatch, Lord Warden, Iris, Repulse, Warrior, Penelope, Montaur, Agincourt, Northampton, Hercules, Superb, Alexandria, Temeraire, Monarch, I. flexible.

tioned officers are as maintained that in five weeks the effective strength of the army could be increased to 45,000 men by calling in the first reserve. In case of invasion the Bedaween contingents, who furnish their own arms and horses, and the second reserve would enable Egypt to place in the field 120,000 fighting men.

THE CAMERONS ARE COMING, Not Only to Their Senes But to Their Knees, Begging for Terms.

Four Propositions for a Compromise Made to the Independents. Political Items from Other Sources.

Pennsylvania Republicans. National Associated Press. PHILADELPHIA, July 12.—The republican state committee is holding a session to consider plans for harmonizing the party.

The republican state central committee met to-day in pursuance of a resolution adopted at Harrisburg, to the effect that the committee should use all honorable means to effect harmony in the party. Candidates of the regular party were invited to be present, and responded by letter placing themselves in the hands of the committee and pledging themselves to abide by its decision.

Four plans of harmonizing were suggested and the chairman of the state committee was empowered to present these four propositions to the independents with the understanding that either would be acceptable to the regulars. The propositions are:

First—Both tickets to be submitted to the whole republican party at primary elections.

Second—To hold primaries for selection of a ticket by popular vote, to be open to the candidature of any republican, whether on either ticket or not.

Third—To hold a convention on the fourth Wednesday in August.

Fourth—To hold a new convention under the rules of the last regular convention.

POLITICAL ASSESSMENTS. The Reformers Reply to Hubbell.

National Associated Press. NEW YORK, July 12.—Council of the Civil Service Reform association have addressed a letter in reply to Jay A. Hubbell, charging Hubbell with a judicial investigation into his acts, and defining the position of the association. He says Hubbell, being a legislative officer of the government, any employe paying money to him is guilty of a misdemeanor under chap. 280, sec. 69, laws 1878.

Whether assessments are paid voluntarily or under duress is of no consequence. In either case payments are prohibited. The letter concludes, "We trust this will eventually become so clear to you, that you and your committee will either act accordingly or else that you will not seek to evade the demonstration of the fact that you are guilty of a misdemeanor."

The Deadly Toy Pistol. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. LOWELL, Mass., July 12.—A remarkable coincidence occurred in this city to-day in the death of three boys from lockjaw induced by toy pistols, the wounds being inflicted July 4th. Each was wounded in the left hand. All lost consciousness about the same time, and their deaths occurred within twelve hours. John Hays, 13 years old, son of Anna Hays, died this morning; John Benson, a French boy, 11 years old, died at about the same hour, and three-year-old Fred Jarvis, 15 years old, died in the most intense agony.

A Topic For Bankers. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. NEW YORK, July 12.—In view of the disturbance of foreign exchanges by the Egyptian war the American bankers association will discuss at the Saratoga convention the probable effects of closing the Suez upon our commerce and finance. Astar-Bey, Turkish minister at Washington, will contribute important information on Turkish finances.

Dead Heat. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. NEW YORK, July 12.—The thermometer is up in the nineties again to-day. Over fifty deaths from excessive heat are reported.

Another Victim. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 12.—One more body was found under the Scota, supposed to be Albert Snow, of East Liverpool.

The Theatrical Milium. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. NEW YORK, July 12.—Rev. Geo. C. Mills, who was requested to resign the pastorate of a Chicago church on account of agnosticism, is going on the stage. He will open at Grand opera house, Brooklyn, in October, playing Hamlet, Iago, Richeieu, and Macbeth.

Grievous Deaths. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. LOWELL, July 12.—William Campbell, 12 years old, was drowned in the Merrimack river to-day while bathing. The body was recovered.

Mrs. John Martin, mother of Peter Martin, killed on the Salem & Lowell railroad, four weeks ago, died to-day of grief. She was previous to the accident a robust, healthy woman.

Terrible Accident. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. LITTLE ROCK, July 12.—The Gazette's dispatch, received at 11 o'clock to-night, gives the following brief and horrifying particulars: TEARAKANIA, July 12.—A terrible affair occurred here to-day. One of our new three-story brick building was struck by light-

ning, and falling on Paragon's saloon, buried it, smashing everything to atoms. Thirty men are supposed to be buried in the ruins. Some bodies have already been taken out, and a large force are at work searching for more. Fire has broken out under the ruins.

SPORTING. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. THE TURF. LIVERPOOL, July 12.—The race for the Liverpool cup was won by Ismael, Gogoles second, Toast Master third.

BASE BALL. PHILADELPHIA, July 12.—Philadelphia 8, Athletics 3; Atlantics 3, Louisvilles 2.

PITTSBURGH, July 12.—Allegheny 6, St. Louis 1.

YACHT RACE. NEW YORK, July 12.—The schooner yacht Montauk will race against Rambler for the Cape May challenge cup. The date is not fixed. The course is from Sandy Hook to and around the Five Fa hom lighthouse.

PITTSBURGH RACES. PITTSBURGH, July 12.—Second day of the Pittsburg park trotting races: First race, 2:20 class, \$5,000, was won by Young Fullerton, Lagresse second, Oak Oregon third, Mercutio fourth, Effie fifth, Kate Taylor sixth, Fother seventh; time, 2:23, 2:25, 2:24.

Second event, pacing race, free to all, for \$1,500, was won by Lucy, Mattie Hunter second, Ben Hamilton third, Charlie H fourth; time, 2:17, 2:15, 2:22.

LONG BRANCH RACES. LONG BRANCH, July 12.—There was a large attendance at the first day's midsummer racing at Mammoth park to-day.

The opening race was for a purse of \$500, mile and three furlongs, between Pierre Lorillard's Parole and George Lorillard's Julia. It was won by Parole; time, 2:26.

Second race, Atlantic stakes, two year olds, three-quarters of a mile, Cazara first, Rosegale second, Duc third; time, 1:36.

Third race, Karitan stakes, three old, mile and three furlongs, Furco first, Macb third, Duplex third; time 2:10.

Fifth race, purse \$500, mile and furlong, Dan "K" first, Strathgry second, Babcock third; Itaska was in first but was disqualified for fouling; time 1:57.

Sixth race, one and three quarter mile, seven hurdles, Kitty Clark first, Ohio Boy second, Grand Short third; time 3:17.

MARINE. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. NEW YORK, July 12.—Sailed, Parthia for Liverpool, France for London, Amsterdam for Amsterdam, St. Lawrence for Havre. Arrived, France from Havre.

LIVERPOOL, July 12.—Arrived, Helvetia from New York.

THE EGYPTIAN LEGION. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. BUFFALO, July 12.—An organization called the Egyptian Legion, has been formed here, and a committee on foreign correspondence appointed. Apparently it has something to do with the England trouble with Egypt, although composed of Irishmen.

MEXICAN AMUSEMENT. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. EAGLE PASO, Texas, July 12.—A party of six Americans who recently crossed the line to get permits to hunt up stolen cattle, make all havillat that they were arrested, thrown into fifty cells without charges being preferred against them, whipped for the amusement of the jailor, and made to suffer other indignities. The attention of the government will be called to the case.

FATAL EXPLOSION. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. NORRISTOWN, Pa., July 12.—A quantity of chemicals in a drug store exploded this morning by a lighted candle. The store was entirely destroyed. Dr. Shipbig and Messrs. Donough and Dehaven were terribly burned.

IOWA LIVE STOCK. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. DES MOINES, July 12.—Official statistics on Iowa live stock show a decrease of 176,463 hogs in the state in the past year. The increase in cattle is 81,166. Hogs average ten pounds lighter weight. Cattle are also lighter, but of greater value.

ACCIDENTALLY HANGED. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. FRAKFORT, Ind., July 12.—Frank Campbell, aged 14, accidentally hanged himself in a trapze and was choked to death.

BANK ROBBERY. NEW YORK, July 12.—The Italian American bank in the Zeugung building was robbed early this morning by burglars who entered by means of false keys, opened the safe and abstracted \$6,500, of which \$5,000 were greenbacks and the rest foreign coin. No clue.

ROBBED IN THE PALMER HOUSE. CHICAGO, July 12.—E. M. Runnegan, a well known hotel man, was robbed of cash and jewelry valued at \$1,100 while sleeping in his room in the Palmer house. He suspects employes of the house.

WISCONSIN CORN. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. MADISON, Wis., July 12.—The prolonged cold, wet spell has seriously retarded the corn crop of Wisconsin. Unless frosts are kept back for two or three weeks beyond the usual time the yield will be slight.

VENNER PREDICTS. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. MONTREAL, July 12.—Venner predicts Saturday and Sunday sultry, with strong heat, hot wind and thunder storms.

IRISH FIRE EATERS. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. CHICAGO, July 12.—It is reported that Pat Crow of torpedo notoriety, has visited several points in the state, selecting delegates to the national dynamite convention to be held here next month. O'Donovan Russa is said to have sent instructions to select only disciples of his school.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL. The River and Harbor Appropriation Passed by the Senate.

he Probability of a Veto Discounted Among High Officials.

Sister Scoville's Bouquet Proves to Have Been Loaded with Poison.

Enough of a Deadly Drug to Kill a Horse Embedded in the Leaves.

Two Leading Democrats Threaten to Perforate Each Other.

A Paragraph of Peculiar and Pecuniary importance to Bondholders.

CAPITAL NOTES. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. A POSSIBLE VETO. WASHINGTON, July 12.—There is a growing fear the river and harbor bill will be vetoed by the president.

Several members of the cabinet are known to be opposed on account of the large sums appropriated.

EXCHANGING BONDS. WASHINGTON, July 12.—Secretary Folger has issued a circular relative to receiving in exchange 3 1/2 per cent bonds for 3 per cent bonds. The change will begin August 1st. Offers must be by letter accompanied by bonds. The envelopes must indicate they contain proposals for surrender of 3 1/2 per cent bonds. The date and minute in which the bonds come into the secretary's hands will determine their priority.

THE "OFFICIAL" REPORT of Drs. Sowers and Hartigan, of the Guatemal autopsy, will be given to the press to-morrow. It is understood to differ materially from Lamb's report, taking strong ground on the sanity side of the controversy.

THE BOUQUET which reached Guatemal from Mrs. Scoville the evening before the execution was taken to the army medical museum, where the suspicious white powder on the buds was analyzed and to-day declared to be arsenic enough to kill a horse. Beside the poisoned buds a sprig of deadly poisonous vine was found. The vine has been submitted to a botanist, whose report has not yet been made.

APPROPRIATIONS. The senate committee on appropriations concluded consideration of the bill to-night, and will report to the senate to-morrow. The river and harbor bill as passed by the senate will meet with strong opposition in the house. If passed in its present shape, efforts will be made to induce the president to veto it, but this not probable, as it is solely a matter of judgment of the few houses, which can not involve legislative precedent, and is not likely to embarrass the revenue.

CONGRESS SENATE PROCEEDINGS. WASHINGTON, July 11.—The senate resumed discussion of the river and harbor bill. After occurring in most of the amendments in bulk, the bill passed by a vote of 39 to 23, seventeen republicans voting aye and sixteen nay.

Adjourned at 5:25 p. m. HOUSE PROCEEDINGS. The house went into the committee of the whole on the sundry civil bill. The house spent the entire day on the bill. Mr. Blackburn moved to pay house employes an additional month's salary.

Mr. Holman said there was no law to do so, and it was an effort to take this sum of the treasury without rendering an equivalent. Mr. Blackburn took offense at this, and denounced the statement as untrue, and said the proposition was authorized by law.

Mr. Holman reiterated that Mr. Blackburn's statement was absolutely and unqualifiedly false.

Some further remarks on the matter being made by Mr. Blackburn a few minutes later, Mr. Holman remarked that he would adjust the difficulty at some other time, to which Mr. Blackburn replied that he might do so at any time and place.

The house, without action on the bill, adjourned at 7:30.

A Smuggler Who Peached. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. CHICAGO, July 12.—S. P. Clark, alias Thos. Jones, who was arrested by custom officers recently at Detroit, gave information which led to the seizure here of cassimer and cloths valued at \$2,700 which had been smuggled from Canada and sold to various merchants here. Portions of the goods were also found at Buffalo, Erie, Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Milwaukee.

Possible Murder. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. SYRACUSE, N. Y., July 12.—Charley Johnson, a boarder at the house of Mrs. Swasser, was found dead, with his neck broken. The woman claims he came home intoxicated when she locked him in the room and he jumped out of the window. It is supposed to have been a quarrel and murder by the woman.

Irish Fire Eaters. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS. CHICAGO, July 12.—It is reported that Pat Crow of torpedo notoriety, has visited several points in the state, selecting delegates to the national dynamite convention to be held here next month. O'Donovan Russa is said to have sent instructions to select only disciples of his school.