

Egypt Holds Grievance Against President Wilson

Accuses Executive of Working Hand in Glove With England for Oppression of People—British Rule Heavier Than Turk, Claims Peace Delegate.

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(Written for Universal Service.)
Paris, Nov. 30.—Egypt has two profound grievances. The first and greatest is against England. The second is against President Wilson, who, by his attitude toward our nation, has laid himself open to the suspicion that he is working hand in glove with England for the oppression of our people and the dashing of our national hopes.

No less than 63 times England, since her "peaceful penetration" of Egypt, has officially pledged her word to us that she should have our liberty, so far as she was concerned, whenever we were ready to shake off the nominal sovereignty of Turkey.

In 1914 England declared her protectorate over Egypt in the face of our promises. We refused to recognize her act officially, but offered no resistance, seeing in England's action an opportunity to throw off the Turkish yoke and trusting to England's probity to keep her word in the hour of victory and declare her recognition of Egypt as an autonomous and independent state.

Hopes of Freedom.
Our hopes of freedom were encouraged to the point of veritable certainty when America entered the war under the principles enunciated in Mr. Wilson's 14 points. "We felt assured that under no circumstances could England continue her oppression of Egypt in defiance of her American ally's stand on the question of self-determination," for the weaker nations. We counted, as a matter of course, upon President Wilson's firm backing of the principles for which he himself stood sponsor before the world.

Today, our hopes dashed, our country enslaved, we know the truth. England stands revealed as her deliberate oppressor, President Wilson as her aider and abettor. By the terms of the treaties of Versailles and St. Germain, England forced Germany to recognize her protectorate over Egypt, and President Wilson, without an official word of protest, sanctioned those treaties, signing the first with his own hand.

England's hand in Egypt has proven heavier than the Turks. Half a century ago, under the tyrannic rule of Ismail, Egypt, a population of 13,000,000, had 130,000 children in her schools. Under British oppression the proportion has dwindled until, with a population of 13,000,000, less than half the former number of children are permitted to obtain an education. England knows that there is no better way to enslave a race than to condemn it to ignorance and illiteracy.

Now Totally Disarmed.
In the days of Turkish sovereignty the Egyptians at least had recourse to the last resort of armed revolt. Under England all arms have disappeared from the hands of the Egyptians. We are totally dis-

Abducted by Girl, Young Groom Suicide From Frigid

Vienna, Nov. 30.—Katherine Hohenstein was sentenced to two months' imprisonment at Reid for eloping with an army aviator, Jacob Hartl, without the sanction of the man's parents.

Hartl, a youth of feeble intellect, was constantly ill-treated by his parents, and the girl Katherine, who was employed by the family as a housemaid, finally decided to marry Jacob to protect him against further maltreatment.

Removing a donkey from her master's stable she bound Hartl securely to the saddle with cords, and seating herself in front of him, rode at midnight to the neighboring town Eberschwang. There she and the unwilling, but unsuspecting bridegroom were married in the early hours of the morning.

Two days later six armed gendarmes, dispatched at the request of Hartl's parents, arrived at the inn at which the couple were staying, and ordered Katherine, in the name of the law, to restore her husband to his parental home.

When the girl refused she and Jakob were handcuffed together and marched to the court at Reid, where the judge declaring the marriage illegal and void, sent the woman to prison.

Two hours later Jakob, who was evidently in fear of his parents' anger, was found dead. He had hanged himself in his bedroom.

Omaha Girl of Twelve Writes Roosevelt Poem

Little Elizabeth Randall, 12 years old, a pupil of Comenius school of Omaha, has written a pretty poem about Theodore Roosevelt, which is forwarded by the Roosevelt Memorial association as follows:

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
Who went to Panama to build a canal,
Who built it stone and planned it well,
Who did many more things that I can't tell?
Theodore Roosevelt.

armed. Not even to help it in its fight against the Turks would England put weapons in our hands for fear they might later be turned against it when we knew the truth about its ambitions in Egypt. Instead it called on us for laborers and we gladly furnished 1,200,000 men to help its engineers on the battlefields.

When the peace conference met in Paris we organized a delegation to present our claims to the "big five." It was when this delegation set out for Paris that England first showed its hand. It forbade the delegates to leave Egypt and succeeded in holding up their departure until the riots of last spring called the world's attention to this manifestation of British tyranny and, to save its face, England was forced to let us go. Up to this time we still retained our misplaced confidence in Mr. Wilson's promises of international justice. Four days of Paris sufficed to disillusion us.

On April 19 we arrived in Paris. On April 24 we requested an audience of President Wilson. Our request was completely ignored and on April 22 we were stupefied to receive a telegram from Cairo informing us that the American charge affairs there had published an official statement announcing that President Wilson had recognized the British protectorate over Egypt.

From that time until the president's departure from France we bombarded him with requests for a personal hearing. Shortly before he sailed we received the only communication he deigned to address to us, a note from his secretary regretting that the pressure of affairs would not permit Mr. Wilson to receive our representative.

Enslaved, But Not Pacified.
England, to justify its tyrannical seizure of Egypt, claims that the Egyptian question is one of interior domestic policy. But it knows how difficult it will be to prove this contention in the eyes of the world and particularly the eyes of the American people; so, in order to pull the wool over the eyes of the free nations, it has constituted a British commission of inquiry to report on the Egyptian claims after a study of the situation on the ground.

That commission, as recently named, is headed by Lord Milner, a dyed-in-the-wool British imperialist, who has written at length in favor of the annexation of Egypt to Great Britain. Everyone of Lord Milner's assistants is noted for his imperialistic opinions. Thus England plans to seal Egypt's fate with a verdict rendered by a packed jury. But Egypt has refused to submit. Every Egyptian of note has announced that he will refuse to receive or communicate with any member or agent of the Milner commission. A complete boycott has been declared against Britain's jury. If Lord Milner comes to Egypt he will not find a single native of any rank ready to hold two minutes' conversation with him. England knows this. She has adjourned the investigation of the Milner investigation to a later date. That "later date" will be never for Egypt, although she cannot resist, will never submit to British or any other foreign tyrannization. She is enslaved, but not pacified.

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Who was a man who loved fellow men,
Who tried a thing again and again,
Who never his money did too loosely spend?
Theodore Roosevelt.

Who sacrificed his son in the great world's war,
Who hid to the right we were fighting for,
Who trimmed his apple to the core?
Theodore Roosevelt.

Who was the leader of the "Rough Riders" gang,
Who loved the taste of politics tang,
Who hated pro-Germans as a poisonous fang?
Theodore Roosevelt.

Who was a hunter in the early manhood,
Who trapped the deer in the old backwood,
Who wrote the good books which we understand?
Theodore Roosevelt.

Who was a man of many hours,
Who had no salutes nor any flowers,
Who was laid to rest among trees and bowers,
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These are the weather, and the expectation, as predicted by Senator Lodge, that the peace treaty and league will be saved for injection into the next campaign.

Will there never be surcease? Is business to have a chance? Selfishness may be at the root of it, and President Wilson may class the rest of the country as inhumanitarians for not subordinating all other considerations to the happiness of future generations of the world, but the fact remains that to the average man the biggest political question of the day is how to get business back to normal, and coax the wary dollar back into sight once more out of the far off skies of hazy speculation, and world dreams.

Present conditions are an outrage upon every citizen of the country who is not in a position to "profiteer." The producer is not profiteering, because half or more of the increased price never reaches him, and what he does get is dissipated in paying the higher prices for the productions of the other fellow.

Not all the wage earners are in a position through labor organizations to "profiteer," and those who are not, make up the majority of the citizenship of the country.

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