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## OTTOMANS BACK DOWN.

### TREATY OF ADANA SIGNED.

WITH the help of Tsar Nikolai of Russia war has been avoided. Sultan Mahmut II has backed down from his demands. On April 3, 1838 the Sultan signed the Treaty of Adana; ceding the remaining lands of Adana that rightly belong to Egypt.

WHILE some were keen for another war against the Ottomans, many people have praised the Khedive's cautious moves in the face of Ottoman aggression.

DESPITE the praise, the prevailing opinion at the Citadel is that the feud with the Sultan is far from over and further conflict is still unavoidable.

## HEDJAZ PACIFIED.

THE Sharifate of Hedjaz has been placed under greater control following a diplomatic move from Cairo.

MUHAMMAD Ali captured Hedjaz from the House of Saud in 1805 but since then the region has been considered a Tributary with a certain degree of self-rule. In recent years the relationship between the Sharif in Mecca and the Khedive have remained poor.

MAJOR-GENERAL Ahmad Pasha Abu Widan began to march 35,000 troops towards Hedjaz to ensure they acquiesced to new terms.

FACED with this overwhelming threat, Sharif Muhammad al-Hashimi, the elderly ruler of Hedjaz, was forced to recognize the Khedive as their overlord in a full vassal relationship. This would also erase any loyalty the Sharif had towards the Sultan and ensure the Sharifate provides troops in any future wars.

ON May 8, 1838 the Citadel released a statement confirming that relations with Hedjaz are stronger than ever and said Egypt would continue to protect the region from any further

incursions from the Saud's or other tribes in the peninsula.

## ARMY MODERNISATION.

ALL the investments into modernizing the armed forces have begun to pay off. A new General Staff has been implemented based on French models and Major-General Charles-Marie-Napoleon de Beaufort d'Hautpoul has been appointed Chief-of-Staff.

HAVING a set of officers to act as a conduit between the high command and the troops themselves, allows for greater communication and effectiveness.

TRAINING continues to be led by Brigadier-General Soliman al-Faransawi who has now reorganised the foot soldiers into the new style of Skirmish Infantry, based on his experiences gained in the Napoleonic wars.

FURTHER developments suggest not everything is going smoothly. Vizier Kemal Pasha has been insisting that de Beaufort d'Hautpoul should receive a higher rank for his loyal work modernizing the army but this has been met with firm refusals from the Citadel.



NEW INFANTRY REGIMENT ON PARADE

## DIPLOMATIC UPDATE.

RELATIONS with Russia continue to be neutral, even after siding with Egypt in the recent diplomatic event against the Sultan.

DIPLOMATS from Russia have stated that the Tsar wishes for a sustained peace in the Middle East and welcomes friendship with all nations of the region. But they also stated that Russia would ensure the balance of power in the region remains as it is. Experts have considered this a warning against any further expansion from Egypt.

## BUREAUCRACY REFORMS END.

SOME efforts had been made recently to replace the hereditary governors with appointed bureaucrats. Vizier Halil Abd al-Rahman, who supported this move, failed to get enough support for the required legislation.

BLAME was placed on the existing civil service for creating an exorbitant amount of paper-work around the matter. Sources close to al-Rahman also blamed Vizier Kemal Pasha for driving the resistance against the reform as the landowners would have much to lose from their hereditary positions within current bureaucracy.

ALL further attempts to reform the bureaucracy were dropped on September 10, 1838.

## MINING ACCIDENT.

A lead mine in Sinai collapsed today, killing hundreds with many more left trapped in the dark shafts below.

THOUGH rescue efforts are under way there has been little concern from the Citadel, with one source - remaining anonymous - saying: "This is a small price to pay for the march of industry."

THE conditions in the mine are treacherous at the best of times. Described as hot, dark and hell-like with many young children employed for long hours in these labyrinthine shafts.

POLICE Constables are on site to help with the rescue efforts and to maintain order from distressed relatives. But one observer noted the police were also ensuring that other miners continued their 'essential' work at other sites so as not to disrupt the supply of lead to the Egyptian markets.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Editor, -There are now regular Salons held in esteemed houses of Alexandria. They are awash with opposition to the government's policies.

Support is growing for greater reforms across all areas of society. If the Khedive wishes to see the Ottoman Empire condemned to the history books, then so must the laws and principles of the Sultan be condemned. It is time to end slavery and give women the right to own property.

So, I write to you again to invite all like-minded citizens to join me in Alexandria and support our growing cause. -Yours, &c.,

Yusuf Al-Nahhas

Dear Editor, -There is much talk of reforming and modernizing the army but I must speak my mind on the matter.

The Generals give us new rifles but no ammunition to use with them. There is a great shortage of ammo that no one has an answer to. I am told that efforts are being made to import ammunition from France and Austria but still we do not have enough.

I can only hope there will not be a war soon, for how can we fight with empty rifles? -Yours, &c.,

Anonymous



SHARIF MUHAMMAD AL-HASHIMI OF HEDJAZ