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## OFFICE OF COLONIAL AFFAIRS.

PIONEERING citizens are being sought by the new Office of Colonial Affairs to settle two areas recently claimed by Egypt.

THIS new government department was set up on 28<sup>th</sup> October 1841 with a mission to exploit new lands beyond our current borders.

THE southern borders of Egypt were previously expanded eight years ago when the area of Sudan was conquered by our Khedive, Muhamad Ali, but it seems he has eyes for further expansion towards the south.

ALREADY, the first batch of colonists have been sent into the Zanj region to settle a new state known as Equatoria. These lands are currently occupied primarily by the Nuer and Dinka tribes, though little is known about them as they appear to have no central government.

CONSTRUCTION has also begun on a port for Egypt's second colony, which has been established on the East African coast in the state of Kenya. Here the town of Mombasa has already been established and relations with the nearby tribe known as Kikuyu are currently said to be calm.



APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF THE NEW COLONY

## APPOINTMENTS.

NURETTIN al-Maraghi has been appointed as Vizier to replace Halil Abd Al-Rahman; who has stepped-down to spend more time with his family.

## INDUSTRY REPORT.

INVESTORS were celebrating recently as new saw mills were put in to production in the logging areas of the Blue Nile state. A report estimates that these new saw mills will increase logging production by as much as 300% once new staff have been hired and trained.

SOURCES close to the Khedive praised this new investment in Egyptian business, saying this is

exactly what the country needs in order to modernize.

## GRUESOME MURDERS.

A series of horrific murders in Lower Egypt. The police are powerless to stop the murdered who they dub the Cairo Ripper.

CROWDS gathered near the old Cairo Bazaar on an early Saturday morning as the first corpse was found in a pool of blood.

SINCE then, at least two more victims have been discovered, both butchered in a similar method, leading police to believe it was the same attacker across the three crimes.



ARTISTS IMPRESSION OF THE ATTACK

POLICE gave assurances to the public that the killer will be brought to justice, however the streets seem quieter than usual since the murders as people fear going out alone.

## DEATHS.

Sharif Muhammad Al-Hashimi of Hedjaz has passed away at the age of 74. His 3-year-old grandson, Nur al-Din al-Hashimi has taken his place as the new Sharif. The Citadel in Cairo has sent officials to Hedjaz to act as regents before the young boy comes of age, and to ensure continuing loyalty to the Khedive.

## NEW TAX ANNOUNCED.

TODAY the Citadel announced a new consumption tax on luxury furniture. This is in addition to the existing taxes on tobacco and services.

CRITICS to this new tax have pointed out that it will barely make a dent in the governments £21,000 weekly deficit. The new tax is expected to raise a mere ten percent of the deficit with no further plans announced for how the rest of the financial hole will be fixed.

MEANWHILE, the deficit is only expected to increase as the Khedive's wars continue, and more men are drafted into the army.

## WAR WITH JABAL SHAMMAR.

### RUSSIA STANDS AGAINST EGYPT

"WE do not fear the Tsar, just as we do not fear the Sultan. Neither will get in the way of Egypt exercising its sovereign claims over territory that rightfully belongs to Egypt" read the statement issued by the Citadel, earlier.

DESPITE taking Egypt's side just two years ago, Russia has now sided with the Emirate of Jabal Shammar after Egypt announced its intention to vassalize the tribal lands of Arabia. This is not entirely unexpected as diplomats from Russia have previously indicated their desire to maintain the status quo within the middle east. EMIR Abdullah Al-Rashid of Jabal Shammar had refused to recognize Egypt as their rightful overlord, despite the territory having previously been ruled from Cairo.

MAJOR General Ahmad Pasha Abu Widan is currently leading the armies of Egypt as they sweep across the desert towards the Jabal Shammar capital of Buraydah. He is also being backed up by troops from Hedjaz and reports suggest he is currently meeting very little resistance with no signs of Russian troops on the frontlines.

COMMENTATORS believe the war will be short and that this move against the Rashidi dynasty of Jabal Shammar is likely to be the first move in a greater play against the Saud dynasty further to the south.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Editor, -I ask the good people of Egypt, is it right for us to exploit the tribal people to our south? Our new office of colonial affairs would like to put a positive perspective to this, but we are merely stealing land from innocent people and then forcing those people to work on the land we stole.

All this will do is drive down prices and force the honest and hard-working peasants of Egypt into further hardship as they struggle to compete with the new colonies.

And should we not fear history repeating itself? Just as in America where the colonies rose up against their Masters, will the same not happen against Egypt in future? Let us be happy with the lands we already have. -Yours, &c.,

Enver Al-Nahhas

Dear Editor, -The Tsar should mind his own business and should perhaps attain a better lesson in geography.

Does he not see how futile it is to involve Russia in the affairs of Jabal Shammar. Russia cannot reach the oases of central Arabia without violating the territory of other nations.

Our mighty armies will capture Buraydah without Russia ever presenting a fight. Let the Tsar worry when Egypt one day marches towards St. Petersburg! -Yours, &c.,

An Egyptian Patriot