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PHARAOH'S LAND

Britain's New Deal for a Free Hand in Egypt—Last French Pretension Is Now Extinguished.

Egypt has just entered a new phase of its long history. By the Anglo-French settlement the last French pretension over Egypt has been extinguished. Great Britain has now a free hand in the land of the buried Pharaohs, the eternal pyramids and the silent sphinxes. This means to Egypt property, and to British interests security.

There never was a country that occupied such an extraordinary position as Egypt has done for years. Its complications were almost bewildering. The country is a vassal State of the Sultan of Turkey. Its obligation to Turkey consists of an annual payment of about \$3,500,000. The Khedive of Egypt is hemmed in as is no other sovereign in the world. He cannot negotiate a loan without the consent of Turkey. He cannot negotiate a treaty that conflicts with Turkish interests. He is not allowed to build an ironclad, and his army is restricted to 18,000 in times of peace. His Majesty has a distinguished visitor, the British Agent, whose advice he must follow in all public matters. Lord Cromer sits at the right hand of the Khedive and tells him what to do. Failure to obey would mean prompt dethronement. Up till a few days ago Great Britain could not advise any public work, and could not add a new charge to the revenues without the consent of France. Thus the nominal ruler of Egypt is a nominal vassal of a sovereign, while Great Britain is the practical administrator of the country.

All this has come about in a gradual and natural manner. With the story of the financial embarrassment of Egypt the world has become familiar. There had been a carnival of extravagance under Ismail Pasha. In twelve or thirteen years a debt of \$16,000,000 had been increased to \$500,000,000. Much of the money had been recklessly squandered. A great deal of it had never found its way into the public treasury. Enormous rates of interest were paid. The burden of interest was greater than the country could bear. Interest on the bonds was not paid.

England and France were appointed receivers for the bankrupt country. They sent representatives, who endeavored to restore order in the financial chaos. But the work was not appreciated by the Egyptians. A rebellion was started by Arabi Pasha. When hostilities began France declined to take up arms and fight for the dual control. England then told France to stand aside while it cleared the decks for action. The bombardment of Alexandria and the capture of Tel-el-Kebir decided for British supremacy. After the rebellion was over the dual control was at an end, and England did not ask France to resume the position it had voluntarily surrendered.

France still retained, however, a financial veto. At the same time, such as the construction of a new canal, or an extension of the system of irrigation, must have the approval of France before it can be made a charge upon the revenues. This has proven the chief embarrassment of the British control. It took three years to get the consent of France to the abolition of forced labor by the Egyptian peasants on public works. An ancient law entitled the Khedive to compel the fellah to work on any public undertaking. This was nothing less than slavery. To abolish the system and substitute a tax for it meant an outlay of \$2,000,000 a year. But England insisted, and after much delay France consented. At every opportunity France has insisted upon the British evacuation of Egypt. It has been drilled into the Egyptians that if they were free France would be their all-sufficient ally. And the French people have been taught to believe that Egypt with its stupendous wealth has been siphoned from them by "Perfidious Albion." So Egypt has been a lasting grievance. Yet Great Britain shows no disposition to release her grip. When the country was passed under British control only a temporary occupation was contemplated. But responsibilities have grown up.

All the world concedes that British rule has worked wonders for Egypt. It has, in the first place, restored national credit. Egypt is no longer a defaulter. Its obligations are regularly met, and its Government possesses ample funds. Another effect of British rule has been the suppression of a very large extent of official corruption. Under previous regimes nothing was done without a bribe. Justice was bought and sold. Criminals purchased their acquittal. Government officials levied blackmail on merchants. Corruption was rampant. In twenty years Lord Cromer has given Egypt a condition of administration worthy of any European State, and superior to that of many. This has not been accomplished without great firmness and splendid executive ability. The master British Agent has had to compel the Khedive in spite of himself to dismiss unworthy Ministers. He has had to run the risk of assassination on the part of those whose perquisites he has abolished. Many have been the plots to kill Lord Cromer, but they have been so invariably frustrated that it is now currently believed that he bears a charmed life. To-day he can walk the streets of Cairo as safely as those of London.

But the greatest work of Great Britain has been the restoration of prosperity to the masses of the people. Freed from oppression, relieved of taxation, and assisted in their undertakings, the Egyptians are now contented. The Nile has been brought under control, so that there is a regular supply of water for the purpose of irrigation. Egypt has been won back from the encroaching desert. Even France has been convinced that British rule in Pharaoh's Land is a thing to be tolerated. And what does England gain by all this sacrifice? It has at best secured entrance to a market which it has now thrown open to all the world.



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IS THE RACE GOING BACK?

Are Canadians Not So Strong And Vigorous as Their Fathers?—Bad Stomachs to Blame—Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets the Remedy.

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