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THE REAL SITUATION IN EGYPT.

Full three weeks ago or more it was announced as a settled fact that the crisis in the Egyptian situation had come. England's reputedly greatest commander had arrived on the scene and was making active preparations for such a vigorous onslaught that in a day or two A'sh's little game was to be brought to a final conclusion.

Two or three days elapsed but the conclusion did not come; a week passed by and the British were still fumbling on the ruses of the delta without a blow struck and with the rebel forces playing hide and seek in their front.

Almost every day since, the public were assured that in a few hours a great conflict would take place which would decide the fate of Egypt; but with the exception of a few skirmishes, in which the Egyptians were mainly the aggressors, no event of vital interest has occurred up to date.

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A TERRIBLE INFILTRATION.

For the one or two good brass bands in the city there are fifty poor ones. Every order, society and crowd appears to have a band that makes execrable noises and murders the queen's music, so to speak.

They haunt the town, in daytime in wagons; they parade the streets at night in squads; they go on the boats; they sit in the zoo; they attend picnics; they are seen in the cars; wherever one goes he is sure to have his nerves and his ears racked by mangled music.

And everyone of these horn-blowers is a household or boarder, who disturbs the peace of his neighbors or fellow lodgers by ceaseless tooting and trumpeting.

There are a lot of fellows in town who can blow four notes on a horn and who have some kind of a trade; they will drop their trade or work any day to play in any scratch band that some cheap sensation or penny guffaw show may be in need of.

The delay, however, is serious to British prestige in Egypt. A month ago it was urged that the delay after the bombardment of Alexandria would neutralize its effect as well as postpone the termination indefinitely.

But Wolseley's army have now been face to face with the rebels almost ever since and if any success has been achieved it has been very indifferent.

THE RECOGNITION OF HOMOEOPATHIC PRACTITIONERS.

The question whether it shall be allowable to meet homoeopathic physicians and surgeons in consultation still continues to disturb practitioners of the so-called regular school in Great Britain. The revision of the medical code of ethics in the state of New York, by which consultations are sanctioned with any legally qualified practitioners—and the law recognizes homoeopaths—has met with very little favor outside of New York; and in England the British Medical Association has lately assumed an attitude of fresh hostility to homoeopathy.

This association, which is a sort of medical parliament, was founded half a century ago at the old English cathedral town of Worcester, where it held its jubilee meeting in August. At each annual gathering there are three important speeches—the president's address, the address in medicine, and the address in surgery.

Last year it happened that Dr. Bristowe, who delivered the address in medicine, and Mr. Hutchinson, who delivered the address in surgery, both referred to homoeopathy, and advocated freedom of intercourse and consultation with practitioners of that school. The speakers were prominent men, and their language on this subject not only attracted much attention, but provoked emphatic dissent. It was known that they must have obtained leave from the governing body of the association to express their views. An outcry arose at this undue tolerance of a pestiferous heresy in medicine. The council were accused of sympathizing with homoeopathy, notwithstanding the determined opposition of a large majority of the members. To set themselves right they have this year gone far enough in the other direction.

In their report presented at the Worcester meeting the council declare that they have arranged for the right exclusion of homoeopaths from membership in the association, no matter how they try to get in. So long as a man professes homoeopathy, the doors of the regular medical societies are to be kept closed against his admission.

But what shall be done with those members who turn to the false light and follow it after they have been allowed to enter the fold of superior wisdom and illumination? The council recommended a policy of inaction under such circumstances.

Against perversion to homoeopathy after admission they are, at present, powerless, except by the expulsion of the offender; and this, under present circumstances, they consider undesirable; first, because they hold that such a course would be a less dignified than that of the great liberal profession, and secondly, because it would confer an amount of notoriety which is undesirable upon those who are expelled.

They are probably right in thinking that any effort to expel a member who has become a homoeopathist would help him more than hurt him; but the other reason that they give for their recommendation is absurd. It is not beneath the dignity of the members of a great liberal profession to keep homoeopathic doctors out of their ranks, why, it beneath their dignity to turn them out!

THE SKIRMISHING FUND.

At a recent meeting in New York of persons purporting to be subscribers to the skirmishing fund Mr. John Gleason, of county Limerick, who claimed to have been an Irishman "ever since he was a boy," denounced the trustees of the fund as "scoundrels, scoundrels and traitors."

The chairman, Mr. Edward J. Rowe, declared that no abuse of any Irishman, no matter who he was, should be tolerated while he sat in the chair. This is as it should be.

If professional Irish patriots waste abuse upon each other, the supply necessary for the extermination of the Saxon oppressor is likely to fall short.

O'Donovan Rossa gave a lengthy history of the origin of the skirmishing fund and his personal connection with it. He claimed that certain evil disposed persons had contrived to oust him from the management of the fund that they might control it for their own purposes.

Whatever the meeting may have thought of this statement, it failed to pass a resolution which was offered to the effect that the subscribers to the Irish skirmishing fund had the fullest confidence in the honesty and integrity of O'Donovan Rossa.

There are two reasons why O'Donovan Rossa and his retainers assiduously kept up their sanguinary hulla-balloo. They love notoriety and they live on the contributions of a simple-minded following. Something tremendous is always just ready to happen.

It never does happen, but the confiding sons and daughters of toil, are, nevertheless, induced to drop a few shillings into the hat which is forever passing around.

Nobody but the man who live on the credulity of their fellow countrymen and women can tell how much was added to the scenic skirmishing fund, a year or so ago, by the story that O'Donovan Rossa had paid out \$80,000 for a beautiful brand-new marine torpedo boat, which was designed to destroy the British navy.

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THE FAVORED FEW.

(To the Editor of The World.)

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As a turnpike road here, while the ordinary wagon roads can have no claim to any of so pleasant to travel as the leading roads are in Ontario, owing to the nature of the soil consequently, railways will be much more numerous, and railway travel will be more generally adopted than it ever can be here. To give some idea of the case with which roads can be built, we may say that there is not a cutting nearly a sitting between Kingston and Portage la Prairie, a distance of about 300 miles. Railways, therefore, will become so numerous and so convenient to every one that people will naturally go by them to the largest cities to do their low trading, instead of by private conveyances to the small towns, as they do here, and the same kind of business that is done in our local towns will be done there in the cities. This is the case in the western states. There is not a single town of any importance between Chicago and St. Paul. There will be, in the course of a few years, a network of railways permeating the whole of the Northwest. This is assured by the ease with which they can be built, and the extreme productivity of the soil. As a result of this, the cities will be larger and more populous, while the towns and villages will be in numbers and number in importance. The success of Winnipeg is now assured, but if I owned property in any of the other wayide towns between that and the great cities, I should not wonder if I would want to sell it as soon as possible.

LOCAL OPTIONS AND LIQUOR LICENSING.

(To the Editor of The World.)

Sir: The following mild statement of facts was sent to the editor of the Globe, and by him to the publication. Let us remember men ponder these things. "Do not deceived," the "tried" friend is better than the merely "professed" or "adoption" friend.

(To the Editor of The Globe.)

Sir: It is conceded on all sides that the multiplication of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors is an evil of the greatest magnitude, which in the interest of public morality and well-being, should be sternly repressed.

The irrepressible conflict between the opponents and the advocates of license has here in Toronto taken the form of a protest against the opening of places for the sale of liquor where no public requirement is served by such opening.

To hotels which give accommodation to guests transient or permanent, to farmer's houses which give stable accommodation, to taverns which supply neither of these requirements but which have been long established and are well conducted we offer no opposition; but to the opening of new taverns; mere tipping shops, and more gorgeously furnished and belittled the more dangerous on (for very account) in localities where there is already an abundant supply of such we do most earnestly and vigorously protest.

Sometimes these protests are successful and sometimes they are not. In a recent case where a very strong protest had been ventured and a deputation waited on the license commissioners to explain and enforce that protest; it nevertheless was ineffectual although the proposed tavern within 50 yards of the one protested against. This was at the corner of William and Car-Howell streets, the other being at the corner of Simcoe and Car-Howell streets.

On Yonge street between Gould and Walton streets there have been two attempts to open an additional tavern although there is an old established tavern there quite capable of supplying all the drink that the thirty men demand. Twice have the residents in the neighborhood protested against this proposed innovation, with what result is yet uncertain. Both of these applications were warned that their application for license and transfer would be strenuously opposed. One of them in the face of such warnings persisted in laying out large sums, expressing his assent as contented getting his license in spite of all the opposition that could be brought to bear; and certain indications seemed to point to the correctness of his belief. A good deal of money was expended in this, causing it to be looked upon as a test case. Should this license be granted it will be a precedent, and the commissioners are controlled by the brewers; that the public interest is disregarded, and the respectful protest of the residents set at naught, will be a belief in the efficiency of the "Crocked Act" to control the liquor traffic will be seriously weakened.

The police of a growing number of temperance men are-temperance men, who are afterwards. We want the law amended so that a veto may be put on this forcing of taverns or unwilling neighbors; that the gross abuses in connection with the transactions should be made clear to the public and be served thereby. If reasonable requests cannot be granted we shall know the reason why.

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