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railway will bring down supplies before the Kitchener, Relief Expedifrom the north, for the advance tion arrived. across the desert, should the attack The last time Fr. Albert visited

on Egypt ever be carried out as it the Holy Land he was in company has been loudly heralded. So that with Lord Bute, and as they passed Beersheba to-day is performing the this so-called Gordon Calvary, Lord same function as in biblical days- Bute stated that Lord Kitchener had the last outpost before entering the told him he supported the claim of desert, 150 miles across, with an General Gordon as to the Gordon ocean of white sand and almost no Calvary. This was a curious circumwater holes-none adequate for the stance-Gordon, the victim of Kharwatering of a great army. The only tum, locating a new Calvary, and cavalry here must be such as is then Kitchener of Khartum, supportmounted on camels, with the dazz- ing the theory of the explorer whose

LONDON, Mar. 13-(Correspondence attention to the German-Turkish ling white sand as deadly to the eyes fame was so closely lined with his of The Associated Press) .- The care military operations in Syria has been and throats of beasts and riders as own at Khartum.

of the Holy Places brought on the absorbed in the slow approach south-poison gas is to the men on the fir- The reports reaching Fr. Albert in-Crimean War, with the siege of Se- ward toward Egypt and the Suez ing line. dicated that the Italian and French

bastopol, the battle of Inkerman and Canal, that rich prize supposed to be Cardinal Bourne, in the course of a custodians of the different Holy the Charge of the Light Brigade, just the link between Europe and the talk with the Associated Press men-Places had been interned by the mili-Herring Neck - Messrs. Darius as the care of those Holy Places, so Orient. But while this main military tioned the solicitude felt for these tary authorities, Austrians or some called, had before that convulsed all object has been going on, it has in-sacred shrines and the gradual way of the Eastern sects replacing them. Europe with the three Crusades, and volved at the same time the steady their care was changing hands. He There are many of their sects-Peter's Arm-Messrs. Elkannah yet the care of these same Holy occupation of the entire Holy Land pointed out, however, that the Sul-Capts, Greeks, Armenians and even Sheppard, Willis Simmons, John Evil- Places-(the Holy Sepulcher at Jer- as part of the field of preparation tan of Turkey had in past years giv- Abyssinians-though little is known usalem, the place of the Nativity at and advance, with military forces in en guarantees for the continued of who is in charge, except that most Wight, Charles Elsworth, and Robert Betwood-Messrs. James Juder, Jas Bethlehem, and the countless other control at Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Christian protection to the shrines, of the Latin custodians are interned. landmarks of the birth of Christian- Nazareth and throughout the region to that while the nationality of this While changes do not constitute a ity-are changing hands as an incid- of the Holy Places, and the French, care might change, the Cardinal felt loss of Christian control yet they ent of the present war, and almost Italian, British and other custodian; that it would still be Christian. For show the shifting of the nationality imperceptibly because of the noise of of these sites, expelled or interned. specific inquiries on the Holy Places, of that control, which has been a frethe conflict in so many other thea- Seven of the Italian custodians at the Cardinal's entourage referred to quet cause of international complitres of warfare. .

Bethlehem-the site of the Nativity- the Commissioner for the Holy Land cation in the past. One report is that a military have recently been interned by the a member of the Franciscan commun- Besides the main points of military shooting range has been set up on military authorities, and their place ity located in the outskirts of Lon- operation in this locality, like Beer-Mount Calvary, the site above all is to be taken by Austrian custod- don. sheba and Jerusalem, the whole range others venerated by the Christian lians. Seen at the Franciscan monastery, of this biblical country is affected by world as the place of the crucifixion. The sweep of this German-Turkish the Commissioner, Fr. Albert, gave interest is at Bethlehem, Nazareth the military activity. But the chief But inquiry establishes that if this movement through the Holy Land is rifle-range exists it is at the Gordon shown by the fact that the military such information as had filtered and Jerusalem. At Bethlehem is the Calvary, so-called, after General Gor- railway, on which the approach to through. As to the report of a sanctuary of the Nativity, a subterdon of Khartum fame, who designat- Egypt depends, is believed to be con- shooting range at Calvary he point- ranean chamber 32 feet long, encas-

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Northern Arm, Expoits River- Joseph Hann;

ed it as what he believed to be the structed to the desert outskirts of ed out that this did not refer to the ed in rare marbles and constantly real site, though it is not the Cal- Beersheba. This is the same town re- sacred spot accepted for centuries as guarded and lighted, with a marble vary commonly accepted by tradition ferred to in holy writ, and which Calvary, but to the so-called Gordon slab marking the place of the Nativvenerated and guarded by Pilgrims created the Biblical phrase "from Calvary first located by General ity. At Jerusalem is the basilica over and the Church, and contended for by Dan to Beersheba," as it is the ut- Gordon a few years ago. After Gor- the Holy Sepulcher, first built by European nations. This Gordon Cal- termost limit of the Holy Land, don's services in China, where he be- Constantine, often swept away and vary is in the outskirts of Jerusalem where it merger into the desert lead- came famous as "Chinese" Gordon. built again, and now a vast monusome distance from the traditional ing to Egypt. It is this biblical he spent some time in the Holy Land ment, embracing within its walls and site of the Holy Sepulcher. point, Beersheba, which is expected and then in the Soudan where he was beneath its dome the sacred tomb

From a military standpoint, all to be the military base, to which the a victim of the Mahdi at Khartum, which had been guarded for ages.



