

WHERE THE WEST AND EAST MEET

Cairo an International Congress of Nations—Its Cosmopolitanism Veils the Hatreds of Ages—Governmental Shams.

The Cairo of the "Arabian Nights" is not unlike the Cairo of today. The oriental in his myriad phases serenely fires forever the immemorial life of the east, his gorgeousness unshaded and his languor unrefreshed by contact with the prosaic and energetic occident.

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN. (Copyright 1909 by Frederic J. Haskin.) Washington, June 1.—Egypt is the gateway of the east. Entering it, the occidental is bewildered and delighted by its strange confusion of color and its nameless spell.

There the patriotic Egyptian nationalist is making a fight for the political reform of the Ottoman empire, and from there was directed, in part, the bloodless revolution which gave Turkey its constitutional government.

Everything is "nominal." There is a country nominally subject to the sultan of Turkey and nominally a part of the Ottoman empire. Under that power it is nominally autonomous and is nominally ruled by the khedive of Egypt.

In the Land of Paradox. The Occidental has always looked upon the Orient as a topography land where everything is done backwards. We know that the Orientals begin to read and write from the right side of the page instead of from the left.

Also the Land of Jumble. On every side one sees the evidences of the meeting of the east and the west. The Oriental in his red turban, corrupted by western Christian nations, sits in front of an imitation Parisian cafe and sips an alcoholic liquor, despite the prohibition of the Koran.

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entrance to the Suez canal and for 40 miles the winter lodges in Cairo have been built. The American girl stopping here is quite as much interested in the Peruvian post she meets at the hotel as she is in the mummified remains of the great pyramids in the museum.

The Infamously Barrier. In Cairo the oriental and the occidental people mingle with each other, take something from each other, study each other and sometimes delude themselves into thinking they understand each other. But after all, there is the barrier which is never broken down.

Slavery as Good as Liberty. The khedive lives in splendor, but it is the occidental and not the oriental splendor. His palace is European, there is but one wife in his harem and he speaks French or English with his most intimate associates.

BREWERS DISCUSS DRY MOVEMENT. Ministers and Statisticians Invited to Express Their Views.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 1.—Prohibition in all its phases is to be discussed by the United States Brewers' association, which assembled here today for its 49th annual session.

INCREASED WAGES TO IRON WORKERS. Pittsburgh, Pa., June 1.—The general upward movement in the wages of the iron and steel mills of the Pittsburgh district today affected about 35,000 employees of the Republic Iron & Steel company and other independent concerns.

Heavy Rains in Peru. Lima, Peru, June 1.—Heavy rains in the mountains of Peru are producing extraordinary floods in all the rivers that cross the coast desert to the sea.

ZEPPELIN SHIP LITTLE DAMAGED. Aviator Not Discouraged; Mishap Might Have Happened to a Boat.

Berlin, June 1.—Mechanics who are repairing Count Zeppelin's wrecked airship, Zeppelin II, near Goppingen, state that the damage to the craft is not so great as was at first believed.

Weds Naval Ensign. San Francisco, Cal., June 1.—A brilliant naval company witnessed the marriage of Miss Eleanor Phelps, daughter of Captain Thomas S. Phelps, commandant of the Mare Island navy yard and Ensign William A. Glassford Jr., U. S. N., which took place today in St. Peter's chapel at the navy yard.

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