

BRITISH USE TACT IN EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS

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London, Jan. 28.—By mail to New York.—One of the cleverest moves made by the British war office in the present war was the landing of only Moslem soldiers from India for the defense of Egypt. Among the 10,000 old Indians drafted to different parts of the war area there are, perhaps, a hundred different religions, and a little less tact on the part of

the authorities might have meant much trouble for the British.

The Brahmins, Hindus, Parsees, worshippers of Vishnu, Kali, Siva and other creeds, however, were sent to France, East Africa, China, and in fact anywhere but Egypt. Only Mohammedan regiments put foot on Egyptian soil, and the effect on the population was immediate. The Australians, New Zealanders, and English Territorials which replaced the regular garrisons, were according to the Egyptian mind of all "Gaiours," and as such not to be distinguished from the regular army, but when the brown men arrived from India there was considerable speculation as to the kind of pagans the new arrivals were

When a body of Bengal lancers made for the principal mosque of Alexandria there was some alarm and indignation, but the dusky troopers had no difficulty in proving to the priests that they too were of the "Faithful" and there was much wonderment when it was learned that all the soldiers from India were "true believers." This made the Egyptians "furiously to think," for the Indians were quite satisfied that in fighting for the British Kaiser-Hind against med William of Berlin, they were in no way acting to the detriment of their religion. The Egyptians have never loved Turkish rule, and when good Moslems were ready to fight the Turks, for the British, the importance of the Sheikh-ul-Islam's holy war proclamation began to diminish.

The Indians made tremendous impression on the native soldiery, particularly the Maharaja of Bikanir's Camel Corps, which was reckoned as good as the camelry maintained by the British, only better mounted. The Bedouins from the desert were particularly struck by the beautiful animals brought by this corps, and their respect for "El Lord's," (Kitchener) country was considerably increased that the millionaire Maharaja himself had taken the field in person. The horses of the cavalry also impressed the Bedouins, who fancy themselves as judges of horsemanship.

There appears to be little danger of a serious invasion of Egypt particularly via Palestine, a road which has never been successfully negotiated by an army of any size. The coast route taken by Napoleon on the retirement of his invading forces, is commanded from the sea, and would prove a veritable death trap, while the British and French warships in the Suez canal could easily annihilate an attacking force from that direction. There are only two desert routes into Egypt, one is south from the sea coast to Ismalia, and the other via Akaba and across the Sinai Peninsula, but wells are few and far between, and the problem of transportation of supplies for an invading army by these two routes is practically insuperable.

Apart from the arrival of the Indians, the never-ending procession of troopships and warships through the

Suez canal, and the numbers of the troops sent to replace the old garrisons, have practically convinced the population that this is no time to rise against the British. Despite the activities of "Young Egyptian" and "Young Turk" revolutionaries, the great mass of the people are contented under British rule, and see no reason for changing it for the rule of Constantinople and the unknown Kaiser in Berlin.

SPORTING NEWS

By Hal Sheridan.

(Written for the United Press)

New York, Jan. 28.—Warned by what happened to the game in California fight promoters at New Orleans are reported to be maneuvering cautiously in billing future engagements. Some opposition to the fight game is reported to be in evidence in Louisiana but by discounting "rough stuff" the southern fight managers hope to keep contests going along smoothly without encountering legal obstacles.

Already they are talking about staging a bout for the lightweight championship of the world in the river city. Promoters would like to schedule such a match and also a mill between two bantams, preferably Kid Williams and Frankie Burns, for Mardi Gras week. No one would risk killing the game by bringing in a couple of heavies for a bout.

Notre Dame's game with West Point next fall, apparently will furnish the country with about the best

line of dope on the respective powers of the eastern and western elevens. Definite word some time ago that Harvard and Michigan would not get together this year made the engagement between the Catholics and West Point one of the leading intersectional battles of the year. The soldier's schedule, just out, calls for Notre Dame's appearance on Nov. 6.

England will bid actively for just one athletic title this year, according to best word relayed here from London. Participation in practically all sport branches is knocked out by the war but Harry Vardon will try to grab the national open golf championship and only Francis Onimet and Chick Evans are conceded chances of beating the Englishman.

If Vardon carries off honors he will give England a batting average of 1000 in the international contest series. There will be no international polo and no rowing contests this year and it is not at all certain that tennis enthusiasts will see competition for the Davis cup.

JESSIE COPE TO FACE BRIBERY CHARGE TODAY

(By United Press Association)
Chicago, Jan. 28.—Miss Jessie Cope, charged with attempting to bribe federal officials to gain their aid in her breach of promise suit against Col. Alexander, Providence, R. I., millionaire, today was to go to trial before Federal Judge Carpenter. Previous to the bribery indictment against Miss Cope, who is a California girl, Col. Alexander was indicted on a charge of violating the Mann White Slave Act. Miss Cope declared he paid her

transportation from a California city to the east. She said he promised to marry her then scorned her.

The sensation following Col. Alexander's indictment was shortly followed itself by Miss Cope's arrest. Federal white slaves investigators and members of the district attorney's staff said she had offered to give them half of the \$50,000 she expected to get

from Col. Alexander either through court action or settlement out of court. The woman is 34. Col. Alexander is some 15 years or more her senior.

O. L. Ellis left this morning for Buzzard on business.

Dr. Ross, of Lebanon, is an Albany visitor today.



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