GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY.

ATHENS CELEBRATIONS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.).

ATHENS, APRIL 8. The celebration of the anniversary of the brilliant weather, the streets being filled from Roberti made a flight in an aeroplane over the brilliant weather, the streets being filled from Roberti made a flight in an aeroplane over the intents and purposes its nominees, but its Conference on Education, which has the lesson which the writer would find for the other forcing its way through a belt of purple atmospherical purposes. an early hour by a motley crowd of foreigners Turkish camp at Bengazi, and, having dropped success has been greatly enhanced by a series support of the Deminion Government. The European nations that have been groping sphere, and all thought of India, Yagistan, and the Cathedral, where the usual Tc Deum was CAPTURE BY AN ITALIAN MERCHANT sung in the presence of the Prime Minister and all the higher officials of the Kingdom, the Diplomatic Corps, and many officers of the foreign military and naval missions. A grand Italian subventioned merchant cruiser Duca Italians had landed at Tripoli, Homs, Bending unegates to the Conference. It is expected that the enter the desert. It was the Tripoli, Homs, Bending unegates to the Conference. It is expected that the enter the desert. It was the Tripoli, Homs, Bending unegates to the Conference. It is expected that the enter the desert. It was the Tripoli, Homs, Bending unegates to the Conference. It is expected that the enter the desert. It was the Tripoli, Homs, Bending unegates to the Conference. It is expected that the enter the desert. It was the Tripoli, Homs, Bending unegates to the Conference. It is expected that the enter the desert. It was the Tripoli, Homs, Bending unegates to the Conference. It is expected that the enter the desert. It was the Tripoli, Homs, Bending unegates the Conference of the Nile, and Cyrenaica. In mid-October, when the continuous tripolity and the conference of the Nile, and Cyrenaica of the Italian occupation the Conference of the Nile, and Cyrenaica of the Italian occupation the Conference of the Nile, and Cyrenaica of the Italian occupation the Conference of the Italian occupation the Conference of the Italian occupation the Cyrenaica of the Italian occupation occupation of the Italian occupation the Diplomatic Corps, and many officers of the review of troops—a new feature on this occa- di Genova has captured a Greek steamer gazi, Derna, and Tobruk without meeting vention this week will also arrange to send of the Tripolitaine. For the purpose of creating The town of Heluan, with its paltry domes and sion—was held after the close of the service in carrying contraband of war and is taking her with any really serious resistance, and when a representative delegation. the Cathedral, when the King and the Crown to Tobruk. Prince, wearing the uniform of Generals, proceeded on horseback to a spot near the statue of Byron in Zappeion Park, where a march past Genova is one of a large number of steamers with the Committee and its late Grand Vizier, took place. The Prime Minister, who is also the owners of which are in receipt of sub- Hakki Pasha, reached its height, and there Minister of War, was present, and was enthu- ventions from the Italian Government. She were grounds for supposing that some at least siastically received by the crowd as he pro- belongs to the Navigazione Generale Italiana of the National Volunteers, whom the Comwere under the command of General Eydoux, and she has a speed of 16 knots.

Company, her registered tonnage is 7,800, mittee of Union and Progress proposed to levy at the outset of the war were most to defend head of the French military mission, presented a very smart appearance, much in contrast with that of years past. They were preceded by cadets of the Military School and Boy Scoutsa recently organized body—who, together with a detachment of sailors from the Fleet, were greeted with loud acclamations by the crowd. Artillery followed, with Infantry and a few squadrons of Cavalry. The Artillery especially presented a very serviceable appearance.

In the afternoon a meeting of foreign delegates | ' Subsequently national songs were sung by residence. soldiers in Constitution-square in the presence of a great crowd. In the evening there was a torchlight procession of students of the University, and the Akropolis was illuminated. Among the large number of distinguished

Thomas, of the Royal Asiatic Society, and Pro- Vienna and in Berlin. fessor Driver (Oxford).

QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL AT NICE.

THE SCULPTOR'S DESIGN.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) NICE, APRIL 8.

I was fortunate to be taken to-day by M. Maubert, the talented young sculptor who is responsible for the statue of Queen Victoria, to see the workmen putting the finishing touches | to the monument to be unveiled on Friday. After viewing several studies and much interesting work in his studio, I watched the sculptor himself sign the monument at Cimiez, to which senting the Riviera towns, doubtless interprets cession to Sir Starr Jameson. the late Queen's feelings towards this beautiful country.

memory for one loved personality, determined to-day, with the sanction of the Préfecture, that Friday and Saturday shall be public FIRE IN AN AMERICAN STEAMER. holidays. It is impossible to remain unmoved by this demonstration of affection when one remembers that this is the first monument of a crowned head to be unveiled in the Republic, and that the ceremony of unveiling will see a guard of honour of the sailors of the two nations saluting together as alternate files. The British Squadron which is furnishing the British

CAREER OF M. MAUBERT.

M. Maubert, who was born at Paris in 1875, is the son of a musical composer. At 18 he was apprenticed to a carver in wood, and was subsequently employed by a decorator, who, whilst helping him in the art of modelling, prevented him by a three years' contract from carrying out any ideas of his own. After three years of conscientious work he obtained admission to the Ecole des Beaux Arts. Later he studied under Denys Puech, the sculptor of the statue to King Edward VII. which is to be unveiled at Cannes on the Legislature permitting New York City to Saturday. In 1900 Maubert exhibited his first work make contracts with the Interborough and non-Turks, Greeks, and Macedonian Bulgars, The British Government, it should be clearly of importance in the Salon des Artistes Français, Brooklyn Rapid Transit Companies for working the which was entitled "Nuit de Noël." His greatest the new subways. work hitherto is the monument to the memory of Gambetta which adorns Nice.

On being asked about his work on the statue of Queen Victoria that is to be unveiled on the 12th inst., M. Maubert replied:-"I have worked so as to place all the sympathy and respect with which the character of the great Queen has always inspired me in my work. At the foot of the throne on which her late Majesty sits is the kneeling figure of a girl representing the town of Grasse, and in her suppliant will not agree to Russia's stipulations for her to have understood that the time of the circular despatch at any time, it seems that the pose and her action of placing flowers on the arms of entering the international loan group. They now Great Britain I hope I have conveyed the expression that faith was not bent with the group. They now to all the Turk tells him) passed with Abdul preted only by the Royal Commission itself. Great Britain I hope I have conveyed the expression regret that faith was not kept with the group, Hamid. Greeks and Bulgars therefore decided of the homage that all true Frenchmen feel towards which they regard as alone able to safeguard to co-operate with one another and with the other figures on the right of the throne, which represent the towns of Nice, Cannes, and Mentone, are all tary for Communications. Mr. See, who is are also divided; the powerful Dashnaktzutiun offering as a tribute the flowers and fruits which are aged 32, is probably the most brilliant foreign Society has announced its intention of supportand sympathy on all sides that it has been the greatest pleasure of my life to execute this work. It was only the other day that Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) and Princess Henry of Battenberg came to visit the statue and to help me by their encouragement and kindly advice."

MONUMENT TO M. BERTEAUX. (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, APRIL 6.

by M. Aimond, Senator, and M. Emile Laurent, Deputy of the district, inaugurated to-day at have been the interests of British traders. Conflans-Sainte-Honorine a monument raised to the memory of M. Maurice Berteaux, late Minister of War, who was killed on May 25, 1911, in the disastrous accident at the start

of the Paris-Madrid aeroplane race at Issy-les-Moulineaux. The monument had been erected by a local subscription among M. Berteaux's former con-

ITALIANS IN TRIPOLI.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ROME, APRIL 8. The situation in Tripoli is unchanged, though 1,000 men are reported to have arrived before the third week in April it is now possible at Ghadames on their way to Suani. At to predict the complete victory of the Com-Gharian illness is reported to be rife, and the mittee of Union and Progress. Not only is

The report from Enver Bey that Lieutenant Government, the presence of some of its leaders declaration of Greek independence, which was postponed from yesterday, took place to-day in postponed from yesterday, took place to-day in and District Governors are to all provincial and District Governors are to all provincial and District Governors are to all training in its culminating phases. In the Shabkadr flats. Turn the eyes a little to the very simplicity of the tactical exercises lies the very simplicity of the tactical exercises lies the features upon the intents of the cast, however, where the blood-red sun is

CRUISER.

Reuter's Agency states that the Duca di to less than 9,000 effectives, popular indignation

BOAT ACCIDENT AT TANGIER.

ANOTHER DEATH.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

TANGIER, APRIL 8.

The little son of the French Chargé d'Affaires and Mme. de Beaumarchais, who was saved in brilliant style; the failures of the Turcoin the sinking of the French pinnace, died Arabs to recapture any of the positions seized during the night from shock. Their other by the enemy were sedulously concealed,

the Rector and representatives of various groups ing from the French warship Du Chayla, own Press and telegraphic agencies, over 40,000 of delegates, and addresses from foreign Uni- where she had been taken on being rescued Italian soldiers have already perished in Turkish versities and learned bodies were handed in. from the sea, and lies seriously ill at her Tangier Africa. By a strange irony of fate the Italian

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, APRIL 8. (Sheffield), Homolle (Paris), and Margoliouth vice since 1898, and, before going to Tangier, the results of a "khaki election." (Oxford), Sir Charles Lyall and Mr. F. W. was successively a Secretary of Embassy in

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO. A THIRTEEN HOURS' BATTLE.

SIR STARR JAMESON. THE SOUTH AFRICAN UNIONISTS. (FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAPE TOWN, APRIL 8.

THE PASSENGERS RESCUED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) NEW YORK, APRIL 8.

The fire is reported to be under control.

YORK UNDERGROUND RAILWAYS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) NEW YORK, APRIL 8.

Mayor Gaynor has signed the Bill passed by The Governor will doubtless approve the

AND THE LOAN TO CHINA.

Mr. Alfred See has been appointed Secre- Bulgar votes have been split. The Armenians

LAW COSTS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES. Sir,—Can any of your readers who are versed in tude. The Albanians of the Nationalist Party improvement of trade of the Empire. international law suggest any adequate reason have announced their intention of preserving India has a population which, if added to those of ticipating States are placed on the same footing won over by the Committee. The Arabs, from of its trade. as native litigants, while British subjects are compelled whom most was expected by the Opposition, Newfoundland, which has a special representative to deposit very much larger sums in respect of pending have modified their attitude of late; Tripoli of its own, has a population equal apparently to M. Autrand, Prefect of Seine et Oise, assisted lawsuits. In Germany it is approximately three is an Arab land, and no race would feel its under one quarter of the inhabitants of Bombay been in Great Britain's abstention, it could hardly Empire, while such events as the sinking of the India.

> MARIE LAWSON. 5, Westbourne-square, W., April 4. *Through Reuter's Agency.

Yours, &c.,

TURKISH ELECTIONS.

SWEEPING VICTORY OF THE

COMMITTEE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, APRIL 3. Although Parliament is unlikely to meet! English Red Cross is being transferred to the Committee making the fullest use of the advantages given it by its control of the Central

the Turkish people realized that the garrison of Turkish Africa had been allowed to fall at the outset of the war, were meant to defend' Mme. Beaumarchais was landed this morn- that, according to the computations of their and Progress, has by its hesitant military policy rendered the maximum of service to the Profound sympathy is felt with M. de Beau- Unionists. The impeachment of Hakki Pasha

THE TURKISH OPPOSITION.

Party) broken definitely away from the main fruits, and cocoa from the Islands will be covered body and joined hands with the Opposition by the arrangement.

Writer has seen nothing to equal the neat camel-traversed with gullies, ravines, fissures, and tanks used in Egypt.

The dry water-courses that a brigade of fighting the course of A telegram from Rabat announces that body and joined hands with the Opposition by the arrangement. General Ditte's column on the 5th inst. repulsed groups a year ago they might have been in a The agreement cannot take effect for a year, a strong attack by the natives near Machel. position to effect something; but, if they de- as it must be ratified by the Canadian Parlia- tions were made for the protection of the camp. distance of a few hundred yards they totally The enemy were driven off after a fight lasting tested Salonika, they mistrusted the non-ment and the Island Legislatures. Turks who formed the bulk of the Independents [** The Royal Commission, of which Lord and these outposts intrenched themselves with From the rear, of course, if you once strike the and Liberals, and were for the most part Balfour was chairman, was appointed on content to do nothing, till the Salonika Con-August 9, 1909, to inquire into the present force depended upon their labours. There was however, where there are no tracks to guide, gress, ably managed by committee leaders conditions and future prospects of trade between nothing of the great parallelogram of trenches it is most difficult to trace them. You may be such as Hadji Adil Bey, whom none could Canada and the West Indian Colonies and to accuse of impliety or of Zicnist leanings, rallied suggest measures for promoting closer trade their bivouacs. There was no intention that unless the noise of axle or a quick word of the more moderate round the committee relations between them. The Appendix to the the entire force should sacrifice its rest to the command arrests the ear it is quite possible banner and quietly forced the rest to leave the Report, which is dated August 19, 1910, in attentions of a few Arab snipers. While the to miss it. As for the country itself, it is most conorganization. The latter opened negotiations cludes two schedules, the first of which enumer- pickets were busy with their tools, the Cavalry fusing. When once you are within the embrace Sir Starr Jameson sails for England this with the Opposition groups, but some time ates the Canadian goods which are to enjoy the had sent out patrols to find the enemy and of the hills, it is almost impossible to find a he has given two years' work and which em- week. He will not definitely resign his elapsed before a new combination could be benefits of the Customs Preferential Tariff to collate information as to his strength, feature with sufficient characteristics by which bodies, in a happy design, not only the fond seat at Grahamstown for the present, but formed, owing to the difficulty of finding a when imported into the Colony and the second position, and the best means to approach him. to set a small scale map. It is a maze of confeeling which France entertains towards the probability is that unless his health is programme which would unite genuine Liberals the West Indian products which are to have a In the meantime the force in camp furnished fusing similarity. To show how remarkable Queen Victoria, but suggests the deeper international relationship which now so happily exists. In profile the sculptor has caught the gracious likeness we revere so much; and the gracious likeness ms neath is like Riza Tevfik Bey with Clericals, Turks with Greeks and Bulgars, and Socialists like Vlahoff gracious likeness we revere so much; and the gracious likeness ms neath is strong working parties to help the R.E. company in making a road by which all arms could more easily enter the dependence when imported into Canada.]

THE IMPERIAL ROYAL

THE IMPERIAL ROYAL the homage of four graceful maidens repre- Thomas Smartt will be chosen leader in suc- further difficulties to centend with. Funds were lacking for the purposes of propaganda,' All the South African newspapers, even a refused to identify themselves with the Liberty In the joyous abandon of their generous Ministerial organ like the South African News, and Union Organization, Damad Ferid Pasha natures, the people of Nice, who are preparing to publish articles deploring the necessity which resigned the presidency, according to some suggestions were made respecting the Royal Com- desert to the djebel bluffs was up the broken conning tower from which to direct his fire, make the coming festivities convey something of compels Sir Starr Jameson's retirement, and accounts on grounds of ill-health, according mission which has now been appointed under the edge of a rugged re-entrant. The plateau was while his guns lay snugly at the bottom of the to others in deference to the wishes of the resolution of the Imperial Conference. They were marked as 300ft. above the level of the bivoucc. ravine. It can confidently be said that this Sulten, and his successor, Marshal "Deli" (1) that the British Government should define the There was no road. All that existed was a foot battery could have continued its indirect Fuad Pasha, lacked his eloquence and prestige. terms of reference; (2) that the British Govern- track. In five hours working parties totalling fire upon the enemy from this position all day Dissensions and lack of organization did their ment should include the Crown Colonies and Depen- 200 men had made a graded road, up which without discovery. work at least as thoroughly as the "Govern-dencies in the scope of the Commission. mental interference" by which the Turks of These suggestions seem to overlook the fact that without effort. This faculty for rapid the Opposition explain their defeats in Anatolia the present Royal Commission is the first of a new road construction is one of the simple and elsewhere. There can be no doubt that order, being constituted by the self-governing States arts of war which is foreign to most the committee Ministers have "worked" the collectively instead of by any one Government Continental armies that have recently country. It would be impossible to do so With her cargo burning in the hold, the elections to the best of their ability, and that alone. "The King has been pleased to approve been operating in North Africa. The Spaniards unless the units were admirably trained; Bluejackets to alternate with the French arrived early to-day on the Long Island coast near | been promulgated with the object of bringing | the advice of six separate sets of advisers. to support a strong-handed Government, expressly restricted the scope of the Commission But neither these measures nor the imprison- to the countries "represented at this Conference," ment of ex-Deputies of the Opposition and the thus excluding the Crown Colonies and Dependencies. suppression of hostile newspapers explain away Had it been desired to include the latter the point the fact that, if the indications furnished by should have been raised by the British Government, the primary and by many of the secondary their trustee in the Imperial Conference, at

> THE NON-TURKS. The Opposition will be mainly composed of Conference.

no Turkish Opposition in the next Chamber.

Union and Liberty Party, but both Greek and ing the Government, while the Hintchakists are in favour of the Opposition and the Armenians

[Committee Party by a very large majority] amounting, according to some computations, to 75 per cent. of the new Chamber, the balance being composed of the representatives of the Christian "millets" with a few Albanians and Arabs, and Turkish observers are now discussing the question whether the Committee Moderates or the Extremists will be in the II.; SOME DESERT MANŒUVRES. saddle during the coming Session with far more interest than they display with regard to the results of the general elections.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION.

CANADIAN TEACHER DELEGATES. (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

the unexpectedly prolonged and stubborn Teachers' Association has affiliated with the camp was the rendezvous only. It was the teachers from that Province. The Saskatchewan basin, the brigade went under canvas. This this? Why, the story of a few hundred years, resistance of the Turco-Arab forces in Tripoli League of Empire and is sending delegates pushing-off point from which the column could

AMERICAN RAILROAD RATES. NEED FOR READJUSTMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

has adopted resolutions urging upon the Inter- Force in Occupation in Egypt as based upon creaking axle, groaning trunnion, and comstate Commerce Commission, the Arkansas Cairo was employed against this aggression plaining camel, one's eyes are riveted upon the mysterious evidences of a lost civilization. A Committee clubs from the violence of the mob.

But the check to the Italian advance caused business generally and shippers particularly of by the rising of the Arabs of Tripoli on Octo- effecting any necessary readjustment of freight distinct phases to the operation—namely, Yet what arts of war have not these silent ber 23, and by the rapid concentration in rates without curtailing the total revenue of reconnaissance of the enemy's position and the mocking monuments seen? What armies? Cyrenaica of an Arab force capable of giving railroads, upon which their borrowing credit country to be crossed, the ordering of the ap- Akhnotan warring against the aggressive

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

(Dublin), Diehl and Collignon (Paris), and those who perished in the deplorable boat seriously discussed; the murder of Zeki between Canada and the West Indies will break into the unknown desert, and under the that the Cavalry is already in touch with the

(London), De Gubernatis (Rome), Forster to Fez, has been in the French Diplomatic Ser- ment's difficulties and their acquiescence in such as office fittings and furniture. The and its ammunition column complete. The quivering sand and report the destruction of principal staples admitted to preference will first line Transport was mule, the second line the Libyan hosts? be accorded separate tariff treatment, and camel, and added to the impedimenta was a A curious thing has happened. While we there may be variation in the ratings of water-carrying column, a necessity to desert stood lost in admiration of this morning land-Another unexpected factor in the success of different Islands on imports from Canada. warfare of which the Italians primarily had not scape so pregnant of history, the Army has the committee has been the failure of the Turkish It has been found impossible to have thought, but of which the Spaniards in the Riff disappeared. It is true that the camels of the Opposition, composed of the members of the uniform classifications or a uniform tariff availed themselves mainly for the reason that it transport are still gurgling in the pass. The Union and Liberty Party, to create any efficient for all communities. It is definitely settled is customary in Spain to carry fluid in casks by fighting force, however, has completely disorganization for the elections. Had the com- that breadstuffs, lumber, fish, and certain mule pack. In the Spanish Army, however, the appeared. This is the peculiarity of this form mittee insurgents of the Hisb-i-Djedid (New manufactures from Canada, and sugar, molasses, method of water transport is clumsy, and the of desert. It is so scarred, intersected, and

COMMISSION.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE. TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

elections are correct, there will be practically time when the resolution was being framed. be effected constitutionally except with the unanimous assent of the six Governments composing the Imperial

. Œcumenical Patriarchate and at the in this matter, beyond that which it derives from Bulgar Exarchate, the possibility of an under-the material pre-eminence of the country it represtanding between the Committee Party and sents. It is true that two of its members, the Prime the Greek and Bulgar Party organizations | Minister and the Colonial Secretary, have a privileged was discussed, but the opposition of the Greek position, being respectively President and Chairman Constitutional League and the unfortunate of the Imperial Conference. But that position insistence of the Committee leaders that they gives them no authority for executive action except should themselves name the Greek and Bulgar such as has been authorized by past resolutions candidates for election, brought the negotiations of the Conference. Failing any further instruction The Chinese express the hope that the Powers to naught. The Young Turks do not appear from the Conference, which can be consulted by

RICHARD JEBB. Rhiwlas, Oswestry, April 5.

THE POSITION OF INDIA. TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,-Your contemporary the Advocate of India, of the "Centre Party," who have lately made of Bombay, does well to draw attention to the omis-

as to why Great Britain should have abstained from their political independence and seem likely the countries, including the United Kingdom, taking part in the International Agreement relating to concentrate their efforts on defeating or on lionoured with special Commissioners, forms some to law costs, as discussed at The Hague Conference? helping the Bulgars to defeat the Serbs in the five-sixths of the total thus obtained, and it easily By virtue of this agreement the citizens of par- Vilayet of Kossovo, who appear to have been stands next to the United Kingdom in the volume

times as much. Whatever object there may have loss more keenly than the Arabs of the Ottoman city, and its trade is about 2 per cent. of that of all Turkish coastguard vessels in Beirut Harbour Has not India large interests in the subjects to

> votes to the Government. All, therefore, I am yours faithfully, points to the practical disappearance of the ARTHUR LESLIE. Turkish Opposition and to the return of the 29, Bolton-gardens, S.W., April 5.

have been worth hundreds of Syrian Moslem | be inquired into, and is it outside the Empire?

BRITISH ARMY IN THE EGYPT.

HELUAN, MARCH 22.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

an object for manœuvre the general idea was stucco-fronted hotels, is obliterated in the

THE OPERATIONS.

the garrisons of Derna, Bengazi, and Tobruk depends, having in mind that "a reasonable proach, and the general determination to attack Ethiopians, Amenôthes and Menephtha quenchconsiderable trouble, gave the Unionists their secounting and responsible management will when the first two phases had been satisfactorily ing the Libyans. A wonderful line of Ptolemics. respite. The Committee Press, and especially attract the amount of investors' money needed Officer Commanding, after he had found and woven. What of the Children of Israel, of the accounting and responsible management will performed. It was the intention of the General All these before the cradle of our civilization was attacked the position, to repeat the last phase of Mamelukes, the Arabs, the Turks? What of The Board say that the present situation in the operation as a "field-firing" exercise. The Napoleon Bonaparte and his legions groping and members of the Congress of Orientalists two children, a girl of eight and a baby, were every outpost skirmish became a glorious the railroads in furnishing the necessary facilial although the orders roughly indicated the sand-grouse in its swift and covert movements, Arkansas threatens to produce a deficiency of position on the last day was "marked" for blindly for a road to India? And now just a victory, and the Turkish readers of the local ties. This is another indication of a decided place on the map where the enemy was ex- reviewed in its passage of mimic war, as thouchange on the part of the American people pected to be found, the terrain was absolutely sands of armies have been reviewed before, by towards railroads, and contrasts sharply with a new country alike to officers and men, and from the interminable, inscrutable mausolea of the the moment that the troops marched out of Pharaohs. A brilliant star of light pierces standing camp into bivouac nothing was the desert haze. It winks irresolutely and Government, which, in its penultimate Note CANADA AND THE WEST INDIES. of active service. The first bivouac was about the heliograph, which the red sun has changed four miles from the suspected position. As it to gold. At last it has challenged was obvious that any practical enemy would the purple haze, and the Pyramids stand out TORONTO, APRIL 7. have rendered his front secure along the strangely with light-flooded facets. The banks of the Nile and the approaches of the materialistic soldier has caught the first rays visitors may be mentioned Professors Mahaffy marchais, whose two children were among and his Cabinet has ceased to be I understand that the trade agreement Nile basin, General Maxwell determined to upon his mirror and is winking back the news Delbrück (Jena), the Archbishops of Sardis, Memphis, and Damascus, Professors Lüders (Berlin) and Bezold (Heidelberg), Prince Ahmed Fund, Rector of the University of Egypt, Professors Gulick (Harvard), Ernest Gardier of Line of the Excellent Turkish proverb, "Call the Professors Gulick (Harvard), Ernest Gardier of Line of the Excellent Turkish proverb, "Call the Excellent Turkis

the horse artillery and the R.E. wagons passed

CAVALRY WORK.

in Heluan about desert warfare. The information which the Cavalry brought | the following morning.

Sir John Maxwell was sufficient to confirm him in his intention to take the vigorous! offensive against the invaders from the south. With this object the force broke up its bivouse on the Thursday morning, and, under cover of the Cavalry and an advanced guard furnished by the 1st Scots Guards, moved into the broken' djebel country already described. The hard work day's date announces that an Austrian steamer first stages of this difficult country and all arms

I moved without a check on to the first stretch of desert plateaux. The order was as follows:—

CAVALRY.—21st Lancers (less two troops). ADVANCED GUARD.—One troop 21st Lancers, No. 3 M.B.R.G.A., section Field Company R.E., 1st Scots Guards.

MAIN Rody.—Communication Company 1st Suffolks, two sections R.E., "T" R.H.A., one troop 21st Lancers, 1st Welsh, section Field Ambulance. TRANSPORT.—2nd Line T in above order, with escort. The moment in the Egyptian season was perfect for outdoor work. The scene of the The operations in the desert beyond Heluan As one stood on the first of the foothills and were attended by General Sir Ian Hamilton watched the long line of Infantry toiling in in the capacity of Inspector-General of the snake-like column into the cover of the parched King's Overseas Forces. It is not pretended watercourses, and blending in the drab tint of that there was anything of transcendent strategical interest in the work that was undertaken.

It was just the simple development of field its dress with the browns and yellows of the wind-borne sand, one might have been upon the Indian frontier gazing from the underof events which neither its friends nor its enemies Manitoba Educational Department has issued in the deserts of North Africa to settle with the Shabkadr vanishes in a flash. What is a special circular describing the arrangements elusive Arab. The training camp was just out the history of Shubkadr's fights or the blood-First and most important of these has been which have been made for the attendance of side Heluan. Here, in full view of the Nile lusts of the Peshawar Vale in comparison with

established that a force was advancing north morning mirage of the splendour that reigns up the right bank of the Nile, using this peerless | behind it. The great scarlet sun is subdued waterway as its communication. An incon- before the majesty of the purple haze that venient storm had wrecked the fleet of river- shrouds the Valley of the Nile. It is the mornboats in which it was carrying its material. ing vestment of the Pyramids of Memphis, of This had caused delay and an advanced guard Dashur, of Giza, those monuments to the had been thrown out to cover the force while it history of man that seem to link it with the The Board of Trade of Little Rock, Arkansas, rehabilitated its impedimenta. The British stories of the Gods. Here, to the tune of civilization that knew nothing of the arts of war that are so exercising the brain of the

As soon as the bivouac was selected, disposi- men will disappear as if by magic. At the A battalion was responsible for the outposts, vanish, guns, obligatory transport, and all. were no roads in the country the force was deployment was taking place a mile away, about to enter, and, if the guns of the horse and to his astonishment the mountain battery, battery and the camel transport were to nego- without betraying its presence, came into tiate the plateaux and wadis, roads must be action from the bottom of a wadi within a few made for them. The road-making was right yards of where he was standing. A miniature

The instructed reader can judge the difficulty

of moving deployed Infantry over such a Merchants' and Miners' Line steamer Ontario, the new laws further restricting the freedom of the appointment of the following to be Commis- would now have been in undisputed possession especially was it difficult owing to the offices from Baltimore for Boston, was beached the Press and the right of public meeting have sioners," &c., but in so doing the King has accepted of the Riff if their army of occupation had of the umpires. A very careful system of known anything about road-making. The umpiring was arranged, and many an eager Wireless distress calls brought the maximum of pressure to bear on Opposition | The Imperial Conference, as Mr. Harcourt re- possession of the great Massif that separates officer, who thought that he had made ground, help, and all the passengers, who numbered over 30. were rescued.

journalists and propagandists and hinting to marked, has itself defined the terms of reference by its own resolution. And in that resolution it well-constructed military roads.

was ordered back to find a better and more concealed path for his advance. The stual position held by the skeleton enemy of considerable strength, and it is extremely The work of the patrols sent out by the doubtful if Lir John Maxwell's force could have 21st Lancers on this day proves that the solidity forced it in the time that was at his disposal of training is not exhausted in any one branch for the manœuvre. That does not matter for of the Service. The patrols located the enemy's the purposes of instruction and inspection. position accurately and well, and they supplied The question which concerned the writer was alteration in the scope of the Commission can now the commanding officers with three alternative the method of attack attempted. There was routes by which he could approach his objective. cover almost to the foot of the position, except Nor did the subaltern officers who furnished in one small plateau which the main attack had these road reports consider that their duties to cross, from 1,600 to 800 yards. The adwere finished when they had ascertained the vanced guard, which became the right in attack, Albanians, Armenians, and Arabs. Both at understood, has no exceptional status or authority enemy's position and explored the approaches had peculiar cover among rough hillocks for to it. Once found, an enemy must not be left, its advance. The 21st Lancers had similar even if he be in an intrenched position, and opportunities on the left. Telephonic com-, the patrols settled down and picketed the munication with each Infantry unit and visual invader's lines for the night. These are not communication with the Cavalry enabled great things; they are just a few of the many the commanding officer just before evening small things that collectively make for success to launch simultaneously the entire strength of or failure in war. In peace manœuvres they his attack. The main attack had to cross the are the small things that show us whother the open plateau. Topographically this piece of the training has been thorough and practical. It operation was similar to the advance of Tucker's must be remembered that the writer has been Division at Karee Siding. The advance would recently associated with a Cavalry which has have experienced much the same intensity advertised the efficiency of its philosophy in of fire, and from the excellent method of rushes the most startling series of photographic plates, employed would probably have had just as few Personally the writer can find no use for a casualties. Simultaneously the attacking batta-Cavalry, even though it may be able to climb lions arrived at the foot of the enemy's position church steeples, if it cannot furnish a road and formed their firing lines along the broken report, correct an inaccurate map, and carry features at its base. Here the casualty screens out the ordinary standards of protection. began to show, and the umpires agreed that no The 21st Lancers alone would have been of assault over the last 800 yards could be made in more value to the Italians than all the aero- daylight. It was not a question of up and back planes that were landed at Tripoli. At least to standing camp. The Infantry had to hold they would have prevented the desert enemy the advantage they had toiled for, and hold it their influence felt in the Armenian National sion of any representative for India on the Royal Assembly, have adopted an independent atti- Commission to inquire into the natural resources and half an hour's donkey-ride from the Tripoli transport animals when they went to water Konak, and which the Turks still attack, even were withdrawn under the watchful eyes of though it is six months since the Italians the umpires, and were rushed from cover to descended upon Tripoli. There was indeed cover. The General decided that his men had much for our little Bersaglieri colonel to learn done enough for the day, and consequently put off the assault until an hour before dawn on

WRECK AN AUSTRIAN STEAMER.

MADRID, APRIL 8.* An official telegram from Teneriffe of yester-

of the preceding day had rendered passable the has been wrecked in the harbour there. The authorities sent assistance, and 300 passenger; The previous article appeared on April 8. on board were all safely landed.