

news that the advance up the Nile will be continued to Abu Hamed, about 100 beyond the present frontier post of Merawi, with the anticipations that have been issued from time to time. This addition of territory recovered from the Dervishes would have been made last year but for the fourth of presenting a very serious if not insurmountable obstacle after the Nile had begun to rise. There is no other way of reaching Abu Hamed at present than by water, it being impossible to march any substantial force across the desert. But all is in readiness at Merawi and ahead the moment there is a sufficient quantity of water to admit of the steamers passing a cataract, and a week should suffice to bring the expedition into contact with the Dervishes at Abu Hamed. It would not be surprising, however, if they were to evacuate the post after slight resistance; with no support other than Berber, this detached outpost is practically untenable. A situation for which Dervishes have little relish. The immediate object of continuing the advance to Abu Hamed is to allow of the quick completion of the railway from Wady Halfa to Khartoum.

Some 30 miles are already finished, but the main line to be constructed before the steamers enter Abu Hamed. When that becomes an accomplished fact, the way will be smoothed for a final sloop on Khartoum against which the Khalifa is already making strenuous preparations.

Above Abu Hamed the river route presents serious difficulties, while by conveying the line straight to that forward base from Wady Halfa by rail, instead of round the great bend of the Nile, the saving of time and trouble will be considerable. As the desert track is perpetual throughout, while a large quantity of material is at hand at Wady Halfa, the completion of the line ought to be both an easy and a quick business.

**PORTUGAL AND DELAGOA BAY.**

reports lately current of supposed British success on Delagoa Bay, and the articles in the London and Transvaal press on the subject have been without effect at Lisbon, says Reuter's correspondent. In Government circles the main object of the German campaign against Great Britain is assumed to be simply the discrediting of the British in the eyes of Portugal, but, nevertheless, it is doing a good deal of harm. The tenor of some of the articles in the London papers on the Delagoa Bay question is also depreciated, and the republican party have not been slow to take advantage of the agitation in order to advance their policy, and a resolution was passed yesterday at a plenary meeting protesting against any negotiation which involved the loss of territory or diminution of sovereignty.

men have been injured by lightning at Carrigrohane.

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**A CHESHIRE LOVE TRAGEDY.**

The bodies of William Williams, nineteen, and Martha Schofield, eighteen, lovers, were found in Peak forest canal, near Hyde, Cheshire, to-day. After parting with some friends last evening they proceeded for a walk along the toe-path, and how they got into the water is a mystery.

**SUICIDE OF A DOCTOR.**

Dr Ambrose, surgeon, of Sheffield, was found dead in his surgery this morning, having apparently committed suicide by taking poison.

**OBTAINING MONEY BY FALSE PRETENCES.**

At Marlboro'-street, London, to-day, Gerald Radcliffe and Ella Price were committed for trial charged with conspiring to obtain money by fraud. The allegations were that Radcliffe represented he had a system by which he could make large profits for those who entrusted him with money to speculate on the turf. It is stated Price assisted Radcliffe. The woman was released on her own recognisances to appear, and Radcliffe had to find £500 bail.

**TRAFFICS.**

Great North of Scotland increase, £494.

Lancashire and Yorkshire—increase, £11,381.

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**BIRTHS.**

Hall—April 16th, at 62 George street, the wife of J P Hall, Solicitor, of a son.

Reeves—April 18 (Easter Sunday), at 48 Morehampton road, Donnybrook, Dublin, the wife of Willie J Reeves, Kilgarvan House, Borriskane, Co Tipperary, of a son.

**MARRIAGE.**

Black and Robinson—April 7, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, by the Rev C W O'Hara Mease, M A, Vicar, assisted by the Rev Precentor Clarke, M D, LL.D, Rector of Boyle, R Robinson Black, of Rockingham, Kenilworth square, and College green, Dublin, Solicitor, to Lillian Robinson, elder daughter of William Robinson, Esq, Wasdale, Terenure, Co Dublin.

**DEATHS.**

Ledger—At Weston Cottage, Ballinacurry, Limerick, on the 19th instant, Susanna Tuthill (Susan), the wife of Thomas P Ledger. Funeral at 9.30 on Wednesday for St Munchin's.

Winter—April 18, at his residence, 5 Upper Leeson street, Dublin, Richard Winter, late of the Registrar-General's Office.

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