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A NEW WEATHER BUREAU

The British Meteorological Office in London announces the establishment of a new weather service for Egypt and Palestine, with headquarters at Heliopolis, Egypt. Apparently this service has not supplanted the long-standing meteorological service maintained by the Egyptian Government under the Physical Department of the Ministry of Public Works, so that Egypt is now blessed with two weather bureaus.

The new service is directly under the control of the British Meteorological Office and Mr. J. Durward, late of the Calshot Observatory, in England has been placed in charge. Meteorological reports broadcast by the countries of Europe, North Africa and Iraq are collected at Heliopolis and weather maps are drawn. From these are prepared a daily forecast for Egypt and Palestine, which is distributed by radio.

Pilot-balloon ascents are made and ordinary meteorological observations are taken four times a day at Heliopolis, Aboukir, Abu-Sueir, Ramleh and Amman. Additional reports are made on flying days for the information of pilots on the Cairo-Baghdad air route. Warnings of dangerous phenomena and notices of improvements in weather are issued for the same airway.

A temporary station has been established at Khartoum for the purpose of supplying upper-wind data to the local Royal Air Force units and reports of general weather conditions for the Cairo-Kisumu air route.

Here we have another example of the way practical meteorology is spreading its beneficent operations over the surface of the globe.

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