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on the other side of the river they preserve the orientation of the Barkal pyramids. My hopes of finding in the Nuri pyramids the tombs of Taharka, Espalut, Atlanersa etc. seem unlikely of fulfillment.

The mail came in a little late bringing "Times" of March 2 to 15. Gazette of [XXX?] ending Monday March 27. A company of camel corps under one English and two Egyptian officers arrived. This is a preparation against any action on the part of the Senussi⁶⁰ or Ali Dinar.⁶¹ I hear that more troops are coming.

Sunday April 2 61st day of work

Work on (1) 700 (2) 600 (3) front of 600 (4) 800 (5) 900 (6) Nuri.

(1) At 700, examined RU corner of pylon in vain for foundation deposit.

At GD corner found niche containing foundation deposit. This niche was filled with packed sandy dirt—packed by rain water. The objects were scattered in the earth as at the G.U. corner. After clearing about 1/8, the props had to be put in under the corner stone, causing an interruption of the clearing.

⁶⁰ A Sufi order.

⁶¹ Sultan of Darfur.