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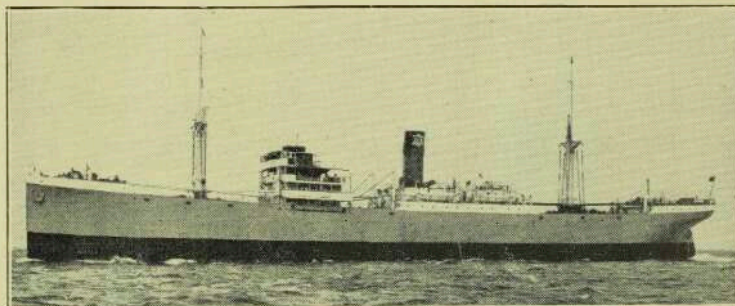
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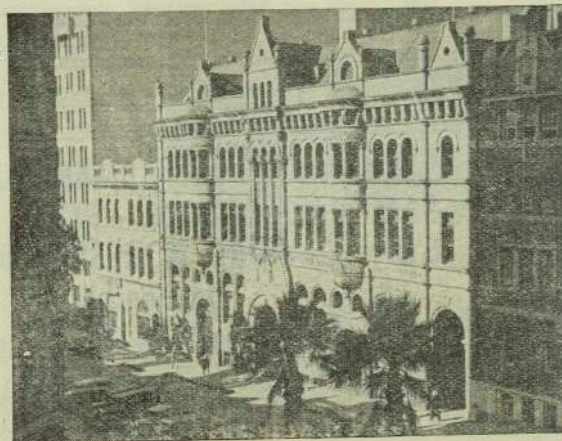
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Could Solomon Islands be Administered from Rabaul?

THE time may not be inopportune to state the proposition that the administration of the Solomon Islands should be taken over by Australia from the British Colonial Office. There are a dozen sound practical reasons for the change; while the chief arguments against it appear to be mostly of an academic or selfish character.

The Solomon Islands administration is part of the responsibility of the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, whose headquarters are at Suva, and who necessarily finds that communication with the Solomons is inconvenient and irregular. Trade and communication with the Solomons are almost an Australian monopoly—so much so that, although the Solomon Islands are part of the British Colonial Office administration, Australian exchange conditions rule in the group.

There is much discontent among the residents of the Solomons, and criticism of the Administration. Letters of complaint come to this office by every mail.

Some of the criticism is captious and irresponsible, but some seems to be soundly based. Careful inquiry suggests that the fundamental cause of the discontent is Suva control. There is nothing inherently wrong with what is done by Suva—it is only the appalling inconvenience caused by slow and broken communication. S.I. officials are sometimes charged with weakness and inefficiency—but investigation usually shows that the officials are the victims of circumstance. Practically all of these difficulties would be removed if they were more closely in touch with headquarters.

The British Colonial Office probably would be glad to get rid of the Solomons. Under the present system the territory is a heavy and continuing expense, while the domination of Australian commercial interests in the group must be a frequent embarrassment.

If the Solomons could be detached from Colonial Office administration and attached to the New Guinea administra-

tion, the territory could be administered very much more cheaply, probably for something between £30,000 and £40,000 per annum. Experienced administrative officials say that, with Bougainville and Buka, the group could be divided very conveniently into three administrative districts, with headquarters in Rabaul, with which there is quick and frequent communication. The administrative machinery of New Guinea would fit conveniently onto the Solomons, and would function easily and smoothly. The ethnological, agricultural, medical, educational, industrial, and commercial conditions are virtually the same in the Solomons as they are in New Guinea; whereas, with the possible exception of the New Hebrides, there is not the same similarity of conditions between the Solomons and any of the other groups and territories over which the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific has jurisdiction.

It is probable that the majority of the residents in the Solomon Islands would not object to Australian jurisdiction, as in nearly all cases their associations and connections are with Australia. The big trading firms with interests in the Solomons are almost wholly Australian.

Taxation is no heavier in New Guinea than in the Solomons. There is, however, tariff preferences for British goods in the Solomons, whereas in New Guinea there is only an *ad valorem* revenue duty.

It is probable that opposition to the idea would come from the Lever interests. Lever's Pacific Plantations Pty. Ltd. operate a chain of plantations in the Solomons, and copra from those plantations, of course, is shipped to Unilever interests in Europe and elsewhere. Copra production in the Solomon is not under the same strict supervision as it is in New Guinea, and, for that reason, the Lever plantations have followed a system which probably would be in conflict with regulations in force in New Guinea. It would be hoped, however, that Solomon Islands planters would not permit Lever opposition, based on this circumstance, to interfere with any plan to change to Australian control, because if New Guinea regulations governing the production of copra were to operate in the Solomon Islands in such a way that Solomon Islands copra were graded as New Guinea copra is graded, the S.I. producers would gain substantially. The world's market values N.G. copra at at least 20/- per ton more than S.I. copra.

It can be said in a general way that the Australian Administration in New Guinea has been more successful in handling the natives than the Solomons Administration. The natives in the two territories are generally of the same type; but whereas, in New Guinea, native labour works fairly well and under a proper sense of discipline, it is a notorious fact that in the Solomon Islands officialdom seems to be more or less embarrassed by the Malaita-men. The natives of Malaita are a war-like, aggressive people and they appear never to have accepted European control in the ordinary sense of the term. It is impossible here to examine the problem to the point where blame for this position could be laid; but the fact remains that the Malaita-men's defiance of white authority is something that embarrasses frequently the relationship between the Administration officials in their relation with the natives. Without over-rating the seriousness of the Malaita-men problem, we believe that if a couple of experienced district officers and a few well-trying patrol-leaders from the New Guinea territory were placed in charge of the troublesome districts in the Solomons, the difficulties to which we refer would presently disappear.

There are two substantial advantages which S.I. planters and traders would enjoy immediately if the change were made. Much better and cheaper labour would become available; and the Solomons would have the benefit of a first-class medical service. The Solomons, during recent years, have been almost deprived of an adequate service; while New Guinea, in this respect, has been very well equipped.

The success which has attended Australian administration in New Guinea entitles the Commonwealth Government to think seriously about this suggestion of taking over the Solomon Islands territory; and if the Federal Government has any vision—a matter concerning which there is argument!—it will make a move in this direction at an early date. We believe that the British Colonial Office would be glad to consider this solution of the Solomon Islands Administration problem.

The real obstacle would be provided by those academic politicians who would contend that it is not possible to link an administration carried on under a League of Nations mandate—which is the case in New Guinea—with the administration of a group which would become virtually a territory of Australia. As a matter of fact, such an objection is purely academic and could be solved simply enough, even if it were not a fact that the League of Nations difficulty is likely to end soon with the disintegration of the League of Nations.

It has been pointed out repeatedly in this journal that, for reasons of strategy, it is desirable that Australia should have control of as much as is possible of that fringe of islands which lie off the northern and north-eastern coast of the continent, and which include Papua, New Guinea, Solomon Islands, New Hebrides, and Norfolk Island. In other words, from the point of view of defence—a subject which is receiving much consideration in Australia at present—it is very desirable that Australia should exercise jurisdiction over the Solomon Islands, in the same way that it does in New Guinea.

Miss Beatrice Grimshaw, the well-known South Seas novelist, who came to Australia early this year from Papua, departed recently for Tonga, after spending several months at Bathurst, N.S.W. She will remain in the Tongan group for a couple of months gathering material for further books. Miss Grimshaw has just written an autobiography, "Thirty Years in the South Seas," which will be published shortly in America.

BAFFLING COPRA MARKET

Why Does Price Not Rise?

THE copra market was depressed in mid-June; and, in comment, we said that there seemed to be no good reason for the fall in rates, and that prices should rise soon.

It is now July 19; and prices not only have not recovered—they have fallen further. The position is extraordinary, and baffling.

We have interviewed, to-day, the principal copra merchants in Sydney, and they declare that they are completely at a loss. They do not know of one substantial reason why prices should have fallen by 40/- within a few weeks. They are inclined to blame the all-powerful Unilever Combine for the decline, basing their argument on the important fact that, although copra has fallen so sharply, the coconut oil quotation has been maintained.

Our information from London is to the same effect—the leading British traders in vegetable oil seeds have not retreated, in any particular, from the view they expressed early in 1935—namely, that the

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world statistical position (indicating a reduction of world supplies) justified the opinion that the copra price would improve during the year, and would hold, at least, into 1936.

Even in June, 1935, at the moment when the copra price took its first heavy tumble, Mr. H. M. F. Faure, head of Messrs. Faure, Blattman and Co., was addressing an important conference in Brussels, and reiterating his opinion that prices should maintain their level, and increase, if anything. And Mr. Faure is one of the most conservative market commentators in London.

It is possible that the market has been affected by the American position. America, last year, put heavy imposts on Philippine Islands copra, and thus diverted Philippine supplies to the European market. Then the new law was relaxed, the Philippines product resumed its flow to America, and the European market recovered. For many months now, the law courts of U.S.A. have been fighting about the legality of the "processing tax," which apparently affects the copra price; and it was announced in the news cablegrams on July 18 that the U.S.A. Court of Appeals had declared the tax unconstitutional. "The question now goes to the Supreme Court, and a decision is expected before Christmas." Meanwhile, the processing tax continues.

It is difficult to offer any advice to copra growers and dealers. The price is down, and without apparent reason. There are several good reasons why it should be up, and rising. The situation generally is complicated by the operations of the Unilever Combine, and by economic nationalism.

On all the known factors, the price should rise soon, and smartly.

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ISLANDS FOR SALE

Romantic Story of Fanning
and Washington

IT was announced in London on July 1 that Fanning Island and Washington Island, in the Central Pacific, are being offered for sale by a firm of city solicitors. Housing accommodation, motor-boats and other conveniences will go to the pur-



Father Rougier.

chaser. A company which has been working in the copra islands for 20 years is said to be the vendor.

This bare statement marks another stage in one of the Central Pacific's many romances. The strange story of Fanning and Washington Islands can be only very briefly outlined here.

Fanning Is. was discovered by Captain Fanning, of the whaler "Betsy" in 1798, and it was annexed by Britain in 1888. Washington, nearby, was similarly annexed in 1889. Both are beautiful and fertile places, densely covered with tropical vegetation. The Fanning atoll is 9½ miles long by 4 miles wide; but the land, surrounding a fine lagoon, is nowhere more than half a mile across. The Washington atoll is almost circular, and 10 miles around; but, instead of surrounding the usual lagoon, it encloses a freshwater lake.

About 1857, a whaling ship put ashore on uninhabited Fanning, an Ayrshire Scotsman, William Greig. He was alone for some time, and then was joined by another man, who brought a boat and some supplies. They succeeded in making contact with natives on other islands, and both married Polynesian women, and had large families. They induced communities of Gilbert Islanders to join them. They were industrious, and planted Fanning and Washington Islands with coconuts, and prospered. Both men died there. The younger Greigs carried on; but the son of the other man did not like the life, and went away. Later, he sold his interests there to a Suva man.

Meanwhile, a young French priest, Father Rougier, had settled as a missionary in North-west Fiji. To him there came one day, seeking help, a Frenchman,

an escapee from the convict prisons of New Caledonia. Father Rougier befriended and protected him; and, when he died, he bequeathed his property to the missionary. It was discovered that his estate was valuable—he had been left a considerable fortune.

The Suva man, who had secured a share in Fanning and Washington Islands, got into financial troubles—a law case with Messrs. Burns, Philp and Co., Ltd. had gone against him. He sold his share of the two islands to Father Rougier.

Father Rougier and the Greig family were associated for a time in the ownership of the two islands; and then the missionary sold his interests to Fanning Island Ltd. Subsequently, he acquired a 99 years' lease of Christmas Island, south-east of Fanning Island, where he established large plantations.

Fanning and Washington Islands have been owned and operated, for a score of years, by Fanning Island Ltd.

Father Rougier became a notable and highly respected figure in the Pacific. He devoted much of his time, in later years, to his successful commercial and financial interests, but he always remained primarily a missionary, and was noted for his benevolence and charity. He lived in Tahiti, where he was much loved, and where he died about 2½ years ago.

Messrs. M. and J. Leahy, who are well-known as prospectors and explorers in New Guinea, came South to Australia in the July Macdhui. They are going on to the United States where they have been engaged by an American organisation to give a series of illustrated lectures.

Mr. I. H. Grabowsky, general manager of Guinea Airways Ltd., arrived in Sydney by the Macdhui on July 17, and will return to New Guinea on the same steamer at the end of this month. In the meantime he will undergo a medical overhaul.

TAX REDUCED!

Papua Gives a Lead

From Our Own Correspondent
PORT MORESBY, July 3.

TO-DAY, by proclamation, the Government reduced the primage duty from 4 per cent. to 2½ per cent. *ad valorem* as from July 1, 1935.

The duty was imposed as an emergency measure in July, 1931, when the Territory's finances, as a result of the depression, were in a bad way.

The Territory's revenue had not improved very much up to June 30, 1934, but in the last 12 months there has been a considerable improvement and the Government has lost no time in removing the special taxation burden. In this respect, it is probably unique among the Governments of the world.

The following figures show the total of the Papuan revenue over recent years:

1927-28	£158,267
1928-29	£145,147
1929-30	£149,264
1930-31	£134,917
1931-32	£130,116
1932-33	£127,043
1933-34	£121,147

Death of Rev. J. H. Margetts

REV. JOHN HAROLD MARGETTS, a devout and energetic worker for the Methodist Missionary Society since 1913, died in Rabaul on July 14, aged 51.

The late Mr. Margetts acted as chairman of the Society's New Britain district for several years. He was an authority on local dialect.

All classes assembled at the graveside service in Rabaul, to pay their last respects to a man who was held in universal esteem.

THE PRE-WAR HISTORY OF THE MORTLOCKS



THE accompanying photograph represents a little bit of history of interest to "old-timers" in New Ireland and thereabouts. It is the old plantation bungalow on the Mortlock Islands, owned by Mr. Highley, long before the war.

Mr. Highley was an Englishman, and he owned the whole 13 islets of the Mortlocks. When he died, he left this valuable property to his wife and daughter, who was born in the bungalow. The daughter married a German, Herr Kroening, and took his nationality. In the post-war

settlement, the Mortlocks were seized by the Expropriation Board of Australia, and Mrs. Kroening, although British-born, lost everything.

"I found it hard at the time," says Mrs. Kroening, writing from Kieta, Bougainville, in the Northern Solomons, "but the years have softened all that."

Mrs. Kroening also has kindly sent along an early photograph of Kieta, which we shall publish when opportunity permits.

QUEEN SALOTE

A Visit to Australia

QUEEN SALOTE of Tonga will arrive in Sydney on July 31 on her way to attend the centenary of the Victorian Methodist Church.

Queen Salote will be accorded a civic reception by the Lady Mayoress of Sydney on July 31, and in the evening of August 1 in Sydney Town Hall she will be wel-

comed by a combined gathering of Methodist congregations. Speakers will include the State Premier, the President of the Methodist Conference (Rev. M. K. Gilmour), and the Rev. Roger C. Page (who is a resident of Nukualofa, Tonga, and who is a brother of the Acting Prime Minister of Australia).

During the ensuing few days Queen Salote will be entertained at various receptions and meetings. She is described by the Sydney papers as "highly educated—speaks English fluently—the Town Hall audiences will hear a gifted orator."

With elaborate and picturesque ceremony, the Tongan Parliament was opened in Nukualofa in June. The photograph (by Wm. Finau) shows the Queen of Tonga arriving to formally declare Parliament open.



TO MARK A LONELY GRAVE

Admiralty Sends Brass Plate To Solomons

WE have received from the Secretary of the Admiralty a letter dated May 20, 1935, wherein we are advised that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to give instructions for a suitable brass plate to be manufactured and forwarded to Mr. M. Harper, of Mandoliana Island, in the Solomons Group, to be placed over the grave of certain naval personnel who were buried there in 1880.

This is the interesting sequel to a correspondence that had been proceeding for over a year. Mr. Harper is an old navy man, and he has settled down as a planter, trader, and recruiter on Mandoliana Island. He discovered that in 1880 an officer and three seamen from H.M.S. Sandfly, who were ashore on the island, were treacherously murdered by natives, and that their bodies had been buried there. With the aid of some old natives, and after much patient investigation, Mr. Harper was able to find the grave, and he placed upon it a concrete slab to mark the place. He then communicated with the Editor of this journal and asked for assistance in obtaining the names of the men who had been massacred and some form of memorial which he might place over their grave.

We communicated with the Australian naval authorities and eventually were referred to the Admiralty. The Admiralty several months ago supplied Mr. Harper with the names of the murdered men, and, as indicated, we now are advised that a brass plate bearing the names of the men is on its way to Mr. Harper, who has undertaken to embed it firmly in the concrete which covers and identifies the lonely grave.

The interesting story of the massacre was told in the P.I.M. of June, 1934.

FIJI'S GOLD

Issuing New Licenses

IT is reported in Sydney that practically all of the numerous Australian companies which are operating or hold leases on the goldfield on the island of Viti Levu, Fiji, have been granted a renewal of their prospecting licenses.

The Fiji Mining Board has been busy since June 1, considering the reissue of prospecting permits to the various applicants.

The licenses entitle holders to prospect for gold in defined areas for a period of two years, which should give them ample time to prove the values of their properties. If payable gold is discovered license holders must take out a proper lease before actual gold recovery is commenced.

Recent developments in Fiji include the following:

Tavua Gold Developments Ltd., of Sydney, has been granted licenses over five different areas.

Mineral Developments (Fiji) Ltd., of Sydney, has been granted licenses over 14 areas.

Aloha Alluvials, N.L., has abandoned the area in which it was interested on the upper part of the Waimanu River.

There have been reports that the Emperor mine—Mr. Theodore's property where gold is now being produced—would amalgamate with Loloma and Koroere. But as that plan would involve considerable rearrangement of companies and capital, the report is not seriously regarded.

It is reported that Sir Charles Marr, a director of Tavua Gold Options Ltd. and Mineral Developments Ltd., is actively pursuing his inquiries with a view to promoting a hydro-electric scheme to cover the whole of Viti Levu.

BIGGER DREDGES

To Reach Deep Levels At Bulolo, N.G.

PLANS are being made by Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd. to commence deep dredging on the Bulolo flats in New Guinea early next year.

It was discovered last year that the bottom on which the present Bulolo dredges are working did not represent the full depth of gold bearing material, and that there were even richer levels at a greater depth. It was then decided that it would be necessary to construct dredges to reach the deeper levels; but this was a matter requiring very careful consideration because the bigger and heavier dredges required created a new problem of transport.

It is now believed that the larger dredges can be built in such a way that they can be carried in by the big aeroplanes now in use. A big dredge is now being designed, and it is hoped to place an order for its construction within the next few weeks. The work of construction and transport will occupy six to eight months. The new dredge will reach down 115ft. below water level.

The present dredging operations are being carried out in such a way that the new dredges when working the deeper levels can conveniently go over the same ground.

Mr. L. J. Joubert, who acted as general manager of Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., New Guinea, during the absence of Mr. T. D. Harris, is going on leave at the end of July, and will pay a visit to the United States.

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ISLANDS AS LANDING GROUNDS

Tiny Atolls Assume International Importance

CERTAIN islands in the central Pacific, which for 100 years have been dismissed simply as "low-lying," sandy atolls of no consequence, have suddenly assumed considerable importance, and some of the Powers are said to be inclined even to squabble concerning their ownership.

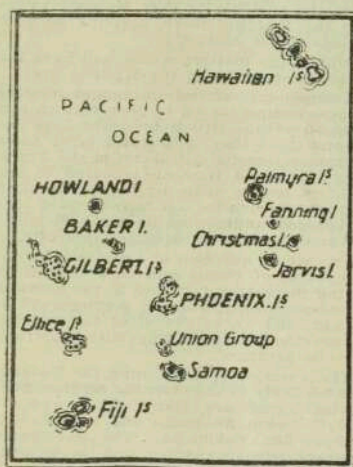
The explanation, of course, is the pending inauguration of trans-Pacific air services—and more particularly the establishment of a service between Hawaii and Fiji

The Union or Tokelau Group was handed over by Britain to New Zealand in 1926 for the purpose of more convenient administration, and it is now administered from Apia by the Administrator of Western Samoa. The Tokelau Islands were formerly part of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

In the June issue of the *Pacific Islands Monthly* it was reported that America had very formally taken possession of Swain's Island (otherwise Gente Hermosa, or Olesenga)—a tiny dot of land lying 200 miles north of Samoa. It was always regarded as a British Island, but in 1924, in view of the fact that it had been occupied for 70 years by an American family, Britain offered no objection to its annexation by the United States; and the American flag was formally hoisted there on May 13, 1935.

Now, however, when it is found that the place is on the direct route of the projected American air service between Hawaii and Samoa, Swain's Island has assumed considerable importance.

In similar fashion, Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands may become important. The present plan is to run an air-mail service direct from Sydney to New Zealand. That is a very long hop over stormy seas. An easier route, in short hops, might be via Northern New South Wales, Lord Howe, Norfolk, North Auckland.



or Samoa, so courageously pioneered by Sir Kingsford Smith in recent years.

On the direct course southward from Hawaii to Fiji (or Samoa) there lies, between Hawaii and the equator, a great stretch of empty ocean; and between the equator and Fiji there are only the small scattered islands of the Ellice, Phoenix and Union Groups—all of which are claimed by Britain. Those islands, of course, may be valuable landing places for aeroplanes.

A stir was caused early in July by the announcement that a small vessel of the U.S. navy had landed men on Baker and Howland Islands (in the northern Phoenix Group, eastward of the Gilberts) and had surveyed them as possible landing grounds for aeroplanes. Britain immediately pointed out that some error had been made, as those islands are part of the Phoenix Group, which is British. In the "Pacific Islands Yearbook," and in all other reference books, Howland and Baker Islands are included in the Phoenix Group, but they are described as lying "considerably to the northwards."

It is stated that Captain George Netcher, of New Bedford, U.S.A., first reported these islands in 1842; that Britain annexed them by Order-in-Council in 1883; and that Britain leased the islands to Messrs. Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd., in 1914, for a period of 87 years.

It is hardly likely that Britain and America will go to war concerning the ownership of those tiny pinpoints of land; but it is interesting to learn that the long neglected Phoenix and Union Groups, hitherto never regarded as having the slightest economic value, are likely to be coveted by great nations.

ON BOUGAINVILLE

Promising Gold Lode Being Opened Up

APPEARANCES suggest that a 'useful' gold industry may soon be established on the island of Bougainville (which is one of the northern Solomons, but which, for administrative purposes, is part of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea).

It is over two years since attention was first directed to attractive gold prospects in the hills at the back of Kieta; and investigations were then made by an Adelaide Syndicate.

Nothing much was done for some time; but, more recently, a Brisbane man sent two experts to the island, and as a result of their report the Bougainville Syndicate was formed in Brisbane. This Syndicate bought the existing mining rights and made arrangements to work a lode discovered in the hills eight miles back from Arawa, which is some 12 miles north of Kieta, on the east coast.

The Syndicate purchased about 300 tons of mining machinery, and this was shipped to Bougainville by the Malaita. In June, the Malaita landed it at Arawa, and it was man-handled through the jungle to the mine, eight miles away, and 3800ft. up in the ranges—a rather terrible bit of transport.

One man, who claims to know the country, declares that "there is as much gold in the ranges that form the backbone of Bougainville as there is on the mainland of New Guinea."

The Bougainville Syndicate is not on the Australian stock exchanges—it is described as a "one man show."

BUSY DUTCHMEN

Progress of Dr. Klein's Work

From Our Own Correspondent.

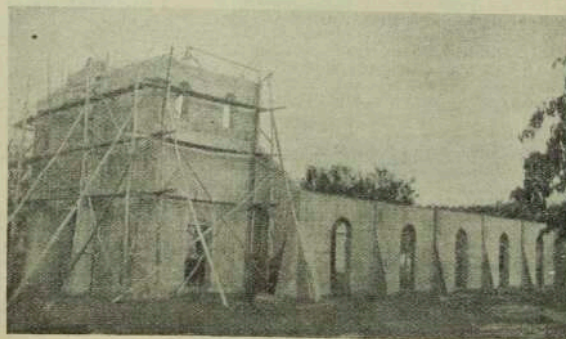
PORT MORESBY, July 9.

THE investigation that is being carried out by the Dutch party under the leadership of Dr. W. C. Klein is systematic, painstaking and indefatigable.

There is a general belief that as a result of the work being done by Dr. Klein's party the way will be opened for much developmental activity in British and Dutch New Guinea on lines permitting the co-operation of Dutch, British and Australian enterprise.

Mr. J. H. Curle, well-known mining engineer and author, returned from New Guinea to Australia by the July Macdhui.

Recent photograph of church which is being built at Dogura, north-east coast of Papua, for the Church of England. The foundation stone was laid on August 10, 1934, by Mrs. Samuel Tomlinson, who has been connected with the Mission for 44 years.



Administrator of Western Samoa

An Expert Or An Office-Holder?

LAATEST reports from New Zealand and Samoa are to the effect that a well known gentleman of New Zealand is to be rewarded for his political and party work for the reigning powers in New Zealand by being appointed to what officialdom regards as the remunerative and easy job of Administrator of Western Samoa.

Another correspondent says that Judge Ayson, Resident Commissioner of Rarotonga, who has made a success of his governorship there, and whose name was mentioned as a likely successor to Sir Herbert Hart, "is not sufficiently well in with the official crowd in Wellington," and therefore is not likely to be appointed.

If this should prove to be a correct forecast, every friend of New Zealand and of Samoa will feel deep regret. The Administratorship in Samoa, connected as it is with a curious problem in native psychology, is one of the most difficult jobs in the Pacific, yet New Zealand has filled it repeatedly with men who, while worthy and well meaning gentlemen, were most definitely unfitted for the responsibility. Samoa does not want a complacent and unimaginative office-holder—Samoa needs and must have a man with vision, and with positive qualities, who will put an end to conditions which have existed for more than a score of years, and which are a reflection upon British Colonial administration.

If another wrong appointment is made it is probable that an agitation will commence against New Zealand, which will not cease until the mandate is removed from that little country and placed with some other authority which can exercise it in a more creditable manner.

Pacific Islands Year Book

THE 1935 edition of the Pacific Islands Year Book, after much unforeseen delay in the work of compilation, is now being printed; and copies will be available almost immediately. This edition contains a great deal of additional matter—particularly late trade figures and lists of European residents in the various Territories.

Judge Coyle goes to Norfolk Island in August to adjudicate in an action brought by a former president of the Executive Council of Norfolk Island (Mr. C. C. R. Nobbs) against the Administrator (Captain C. R. Pinney), from whom Mr. Nobbs is claiming £3,000 damages in respect of action taken by the Executive Council for the Territory to remove him from the presidency.

Messrs. Dermott and Niall Lane, sons of the late Captain R. M. Lane, A.A.M.C., of Melbourne, and Mrs. Lane, of Manly, returned to Australia from Edie Creek, New Guinea, by the Macdhui on July 17.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Mant have arrived in Sydney from Salamaua, where Mr. Mant is chief pilot in the firm of W. R. Carpenter and Company. They will spend three months' furlough in Australia.

PAPUAN PATROL

Returns to Coast After Long Absence in Unknown Interior

THE Papuan official patrol, led by Mr. Jack Hides, Assistant Resident Magistrate, and Patrol Officer, J. O'Malley, which left the upper waters of the Strickland River in Western Papua in January last to explore the unknown country to the north-east, made its appearance on the Gulf of Papua at Kikori on July 17, and then proceeded immediately by coastal steamer to Port Moresby.

The appearance of the little expedition was greeted with relief. The return of the expedition had been looked for at the end of May, and its continued absence was causing a little anxiety—although there was no alarm. Messrs. Hides and O'Malley are experienced and clever patrol leaders, and it was felt that the chances were all in favour of their making a safe return.

Nothing is known, as we go to press, of the results of the expedition, beyond a brief radiogram from Mr. Hides to a friend in Sydney stating: "Crossed successfully—interesting discoveries."

This apparently means that Mr. Hides succeeded in crossing the barren and dangerous limestone belt that lies in unexplored Central Papua between the upper waters of the Strickland and the Upper Purari.

The last heard from Mr. Hides had been written early in February, just before the party disappeared into the unknown north-east. He said that they were then following a river which went off into the north-east, and ran through country that appeared to be densely populated.

It may be assumed that the discoveries that have been made will include the character of the country, the number and type of the native inhabitants, and the possible course that is followed by the upper tributaries of the Purari. There is nothing yet, however, to indicate how far east Mr. Hides' party penetrated. They may not have reached the Purari headwaters, and may have been compelled to swing south-east and southwards before reaching the Purari. In that event, of course, they would come down the Kikori River to the Gulf of Papua.

It is apparently a fine achievement which adds much additional lustre to the already well-known names of Messrs. Hides and O'Malley.

DESICCATED COCONUT

Thursday Is. Plan to Avoid Primage

IT is reported that a small local company is taking steps to establish in Thursday Island a factory for the manufacture of desiccated coconut.

Under the present ridiculous conditions imposed by the Australian Customs, desiccated coconut from Papua and New Guinea is forced to pay a primage duty.

The idea behind the Thursday Island plan is to manufacture desiccated coconut there, from material supplied by the Torres Strait Islands, and that this will enter the Australian market as an Australian product and consequently be free from primage. Thursday Island, of course, is a part of Australia proper.

Big Plans Afoot in New Guinea and Papua

Minister Goes North on July Macdhui

THE Minister in Charge of Australian Pacific Territories, Senator Sir George Pearce, will leave by the Macdhui on July 25 on a visit to Papua and New Guinea, where he will personally examine various matters connected with the administration. It is intended that the Minister shall spend as much time as possible on the Morobe goldfield; and he will fly over from the goldfield to Port Moresby to rejoin the Macdhui there, arriving back in Sydney about August 27.

Among the matters which will have the personal attention of the Minister are:

Amendments of the ordinances relating to prospecting for oil in New Guinea and Papua—certain strong interests have intimated that they will spend large sums in prospecting for petroleum in the Territories provided they are assured of the right to profits made by the exploitation of their discoveries. It is contended that the present ordinances do not sufficiently safeguard private prospecting interests.

The whole question of assisting the development of Papua and New Guinea by giving increasing facilities to the aviation services—co-ordination of services will be sought, and an extension of the services to provide an aerial link with Australia may be arranged.

The question of continuing the Government subsidy to the shipping services conducted by Messrs. Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd., between Australia and Papua, New Guinea and Solomons. The five years' contract between the firm and the Government expired in March, 1934, and has not yet been renewed—merely extended from half-year to half-year.

The Minister's visit to the Territory is to be a very short one, unfortunately, and he will have to display an extraordinary amount of industry if he is to deal adequately with even half of the problems which will be thrust upon him by hopeful planters and miners during his visit.

WINDFALL FOR APIA RESIDENT

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, July 5.

THE glad tidings were received yesterday that the fifth prize amounting to £1000, in an Australian Art Union has fallen to Apia, the lucky winner having given the *nom de plume* "The Four Just Men," c/o T. W. B., P.O. Apia. A resident of Apia, with such initials to his name was first suspected and had to answer numerous inquiries and congratulations, but later it was found that Mr. Theodore W. Brunt, storekeeper and baker, of Motootua, Apia, was the lucky winner.

As an elder of the Mormon Church of Latter Day Saints, Mr. Brunt intends to donate a portion of his winnings to the church, while with part of the balance, he will purchase the banana plantation he has leased from the N.Z. Reparation Estates. Only a few months ago, Mr. Brunt's small store was completely destroyed by fire, so his windfall is very acceptable.

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DAY DAWN

Dismay at Edie Creek, N.G.

From Our Own Correspondent.

EDIE CK., July 1.

DISMAY was caused here when Day Dawn mine ceased operations. The mine was regarded as a sound proposition, and when the staff was reduced in May it was anticipated that it was only a temporary measure.

Representatives of New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. at present are making a thorough test of the mine, and the sludge dams, and many people believe that this indicates that a proposal to purchase is under consideration.

Day Dawn is claimed to be the only deposit in New Guinea where the lode has been followed into the sulphide zone. N.G.G. are diamond-drilling to prove values at depth. The writer adheres to his opinion that Day Dawn mine will yet prove itself one of the best on the field.

Messrs. Campbell, Ashcroft, Crampton, and Brian Lane are the only members of Day Dawn staff retained. Some of the other employees have found employment locally. A number are still unfortunate, but it is expected that N.G.G. Ltd. will engage them shortly. The Day Dawn labour line have been taken over by the two big companies.

Day Dawn's Financial Troubles

THE new directorate of Day Dawn (New Guinea) Ltd. has been busy during July with its plan for issuing 10 per cent. debentures to the total value of £8000, redeemable in July, 1939, in order that it may provide funds for proceeding with operations at Edie Creek. It is hoped by this means to obtain sufficient capital to operate the cyanide plant and treat about 36,000 tons of tailings which are lying there.

If the new capital is secured, it is expected that cyaniding will commence immediately, and that the question of further mining operations will be reserved for consideration later on, after the results of cyaniding have been ascertained.

If, however, the capital required is not secured from the issue of debentures the directors may have to consider important alternative proposals—among which, of course, is that of selling the whole property. One report from Edie Creek indicates that the belief is held there that New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. may become interested in the property. There is no official justification for this report in Sydney, however.

The opinion of experts is that Day Dawn is a valuable property and that, if it can survive the present financial crisis, it may then return to the dividend-paying list.

PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION FOR PAPUA

AN attempt is being made to reconstitute the Planters' Association of Papua, so that Papuan planters may speak with a united voice on many matters affecting their welfare.

The moving spirits in the new organisation are Messrs. G. A. Loudon, of Port Moresby, and Walshe, of Domara.

DR. SCHULTZ DEAD

Last German Governor of Samoa

DR. ERICH SCHULTZ-WERTH, the last German Governor of Western Samoa, which was taken over by the New Zealand Administration from the Germans in 1914, died on June 25.

Dr. Schultz's last act as governor is described by N. A. Rowe in the book, "Samoa Under the Sailing Gods":

"Before the landing of the military forces, Dr. Schultz called the natives together, and told them that the quarrel was not theirs, but between Germany and Britain, and they were to take no part. Some of them had suggested opposing the occupation. There was no resistance by the Germans."

In 1899, at the age of 29, Dr. Schultz was appointed judge at Dar-es-Salaam, in German West Africa; then he spent a year in the German Colonial Office; and in 1901 he was sent as judge to Samoa to assist Dr. Solf, who at that time combined the office of Governor with that of Chief Justice. In 1904 Dr. Solf was relieved of the Chief Justiceship, and Dr. Schultz succeeded him. On Dr. Solf's retirement, Dr. Schultz was appointed Governor, and was in that position when the New Zealand Expeditionary Force took possession. He was interned in New Zealand during the war.

Dr. Schultz was well known in the Central Pacific, as the result of 10 years' residence in the South Seas, and he was esteemed by men of all nationalities.

Patrol Boats for North-West Pacific

THE Commonwealth Government proposes to build two fast motor boats or sloops for patrol work in the seas northward of Australia. One, to do patrol work in the Timor Sea, will be based at Darwin, North Australia, and the other will be stationed at Rabaul, to patrol the waters around New Guinea, and also to be used for the conveyance of Administration officials.

Orders for the boats have not yet been given, but it is expected that the work will be undertaken at Cockatoo Island, Sydney.

N. GUINEA COINS

To Be Specially Minted

THE Pacific Islands territories are becoming currency conscious. Fiji has just established its own coinage, and now New Guinea is following suit.

New Guinea native labourers will shortly be paid in special New Guinea coinage, which will be perforated, so that natives can string the coins together and carry them as beads on a necklace.

The new tokens, which will be the first perforated coins issued by the Royal Mint in Melbourne, will comprise a shilling in Australian silver, sixpenny and three-penny pieces in cupro-nickel, and bronze pennies. Designs embodying coconut palms and similar symbols will be adopted for the coins. It is expected that all the coins will be in circulation before the end of the year.

It is officially stated that Australian coinage, which has been in circulation since Australia assumed control of New Guinea, has only a limited circulation among the natives, and that the new coins are being minted with the object of educating the natives in the use of money.

When the new coins are available they will be the only ones circulated in the Territory. A date will be fixed after which a bank shall not, without the written consent of the Administrator, knowingly tender or pay in the Territory to any person British or Australian coins other than gold.

It is difficult to understand why New Guinea should have decided to exclude Australian coins, while (presumably) retaining Australian notes. The difficulty about native payments could have been overcome quite simply by issuing a special perforated coin, bearing a fixed relationship to the Australian coins.

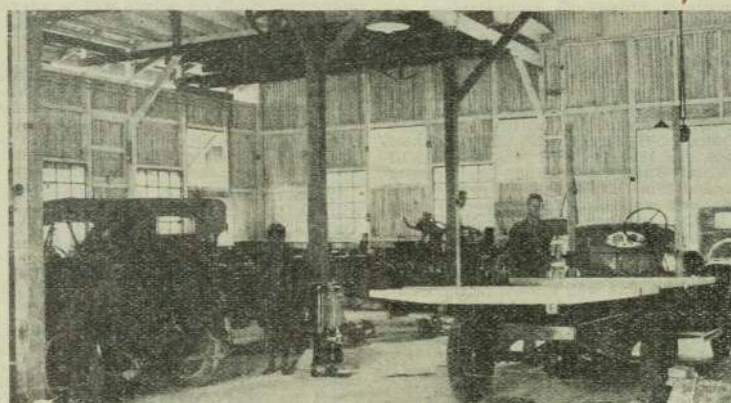
However, the matter no doubt has been well argued out in Rabaul, and we can only await with interest the results of the experiment.

Dr. G. H. Vernon, M.C., a well-known planter of Daru, Western Papua, returned to Thursday Island at the end of June, from an extended tour of Japan and Formosa. After a brief sojourn visiting old friends on T.I., where he was for many years Government Medical Officer, Dr. Vernon crossed over to Daru by launch early in July.

Three decorated youths of Papua, from a photograph in the "Methodist Mission Review" by A. Benson.



PROGRESS IN PAPUA



The new motor and engineering works of Steamships Trading Co., Ltd., which have just been established at Port Moresby, Papua. The motor engineering shop is a welcome innovation in the Territory, as it permits work to be done there which motor-owners formerly were obliged to send South. The shops, however, are principally occupied with the Company's own work. The Company owns and operates several coastal vessels, a fleet of motor cars and lorries, and a number of timber mills, etc., all of which run different kinds of motor engines, and require constant attention.

PAPUA'S GOLD

Activity on Lakekamu

From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT MORESBY, July 12.

MUCH mining activity continues in Papua.

Gold dredging claims covering 6343 acres were applied for in June and July on the Lakekamu field on behalf of Guinea Gold N.L. and Tiveri Gold Dredging Co., Ltd.—six applications covering 5766 acres came from Tiveri G.D. Co. One of these applications represented 4438 acres, covering what is known as Kuku-kuku No. 10.

Charles Nelson applied for extended alluvial claims on Quartz Creek.

There is keen local interest in the flotation of Mandated Gold Options N.L. in Sydney, to deal with an option over the "Moresby King" lease, near Sapphire Creek (18 miles outside Port Moresby), held in the name of A. Christie. Investigations have been made here by Mr. J. Spence and the lode is said to be extremely rich—one report says 20 ozs.

The Sunshine Gold Development Co.'s activity at Sunset Creek on the Lakekamu has been discontinued. Mr. Todd, geologist, has departed, and Mr. J. A. Boileau, boring engineer, is now working on the Golden Stream dredging claims on the Tauri River, which is associated with Guinea Gold's operations.

A landing ground for aeroplanes was cleared near the Tauri River (slightly westward of the Lakekamu) in June and the men there are now awaiting the inauguration of an aeroplane service. The prolonged local drought has reduced the flow in the Tauri, so that launches cannot get any distance up the river. The Tauri miners have been for several weeks compelled to obtain supplies by native carriers and by canoes. The commencement of aeroplane communication will make a great difference to this field.

Mr. Kienzie, who is in charge of the Yodda enterprise (taken over by Yodda Goldfields Ltd. in March, 1934), reports satisfactory progress. He left for Sydney by the Macdhui on July 11.

Mr. Ward Williams, who tested the Yodda dredging claims, is now in charge of the Oroville Co.'s prospecting operations, which are proceeding up the Fly River, in the vicinity of D'Albertis Junction, covering the 29,000 square miles concession granted by the Administration to this company in July, 1934.

SEAPLANE FOR DARU.

The seaplane which was brought out from England recently by Oroville Dredging Co., Ltd., to assist in making a survey of a large concession in Western Papua, left Sydney on July 12, piloted by Flight-Lieutenant Stuart Campbell. The seaplane was to fly up the east coast to Thursday Island and thence across Torres Strait to Daru, near the mouth of the Fly River.

SAMOAN ADMINISTRATION CHANGES

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, July 5.

APART from the announced resignation of the Administrator (Sir Herbert Hart) quite a number of Administration officials will leave for New Zealand during the next few months, having resigned their positions in Samoa. Amongst them are Commissioner Norrie, Dr. Mitford, Messrs. Williams (P.W.D.) and Boyd (Customs). The resignation of the general manager of the New Zealand Reparation Estates is also reported.

A large number of candidates have been mentioned in connection with the position as Administrator of Western Samoa. As the decision rests in the hands of the N.Z. Prime Minister (Mr. Forbes) the reports seem to be more or less idle speculations.

GOLD-STEALING CHARGE

From Our Own Correspondent.

EDIE CREEK, July 3.

WARRANT Officers Allen and Hicks recently arrested two Europeans—a store-manager and a man who had been employed by Day Dawn. It is alleged that they were improperly in possession of certain gold, believed to have been stolen. Later, they appeared in the District Court in Wau and were remanded for trial.

NORFOLK ADMINISTRATION

THE appointment of Captain C. R. Pinney, M.C., as Administrator of



Capt. C. R. Pinney

Norfolk Island, has been extended for one year from July 1, 1935.

The various reforms planned by the Minister in Charge of Islands Affairs (Sir George Pearce) as a result of his recent visit are being put into operation. The Executive Council of Norfolk Island has been reconstituted as an Advisory Council of eight elected members. The island has been divided into four wards each represented by two members.

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TROPICALITIES

"BLESSED are the meek, for they shall inherit the Kingdom of Heaven." I think of that, sometimes, when writing about the Chinese. As a nation, they are being thrashed and battered by the Japanese. As individuals, they are attacked and jeered at frequently. Every now and again, some writer in this journal says a few bitter words about their expanding activities in the Pacific Islands. But they never reply, never protest, never retaliate in a fashion that anyone may notice. Knocked back, in one place, they appear silently somewhere else, and carry on. Sometimes one wonders if they are human. But they are human—if the quality of hatred is any indication. They hate the Japanese; and, if one could see behind the scenes, one would be amazed at the thoroughness with which they boycott Japanese institutions—and, notably, Japanese goods. Japan, of course, is trying to control and mould China to her imperialistic will. On the extent to which she succeeds depends much of the future of the world. Is it possible to mould a people so unresistant and unimpressionable as the Chinese?

These reflections are induced by recent protests from the Solomons against the unchecked increase there of Chinese traders and Chinese trade. Various European traders there seem to have thrown everything except their copra driers at the Chinese. But the Chinese never reply, and go placidly on.

POLYNESIAN melodies die hard. At times they may be put aside in favour of something more modern, but again and again the Polynesian girl will turn to the repertoire of her mother.

Of late, all the Tahitian belles have been humming a little song known as "Manurere," or "The Flying Bird." One heard it in every village; it had seized the imagination of the young Polynesians of both sexes in much the way that a new jazz record does with juvenile European listeners. It was sung at a smart tempo, as is invariably the case in Tahiti, and the words, naturally, were in the Tahitian tongue.

Though its Tahitian singers were not aware of the fact, "Manurere" actually originated in New Zealand. It is an old Maori melody. During the war the former native Minister (Sir Apirana Ngata, M.P.) composed new and more appropriate words for an ancient theme, and that is how the modern "Manurere" came into existence. When the Rarotongans heard it at Waitangi last year, they were so intrigued with its lilting melody that they took it back with them to the Cook Islands. From Rarotonga to Tahiti is not far after all, and "Manurere" soon became the rage in French Oceania.—E.R.

HERE is a question for anthropologists. Is "Europeanisation" of native races necessarily "degeneration"?

An English water-colour artist, Mr. W. A. Macdonald, who passed through Sydney recently, after 14 years in Tahiti, told the newspapers that "Tahiti was a beautiful place, but had changed for the worse. This was not due to the French Administration, but to the degeneration of the natives. To-day there were too many half-castes. The old race was passing away."

The Polynesians of 100 years ago had a fine racial pride and spirit. Europeans admired them, and settled among them and cohabited with them, and proceeded to convert them to European customs, habits and outlook. They succeeded only

too well. And now they insist that the half-castes and the "Europeanised" community they created, are "degenerate."

Negro and Asiatic peoples have accepted European culture, and have not degenerated. Why should such a process be regarded as inevitable in the case of former virile and attractive races of the South Seas?

THE gentleman described in a recent issue of "Smith's Weekly" as having made a launch trip from Samarai to Darwin, afterwards "going on alone" from that point to Rabaul, whence he tramped to the Bulolo goldfield, has been awarded a Jubilee Medal, by unanimous vote of an hilarious Territories population.

COCONUT oil may be falling into some little disfavour as an ingredient of soap and margarine—but it has other uses. The "Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene" says: "Until recently the Ranchi European Mental Hospital was infested with bugs, in spite of the fact that disinfection was carried out once a month by means of the immersion of the iron beds and fittings into boiling water, and although mattresses, pillows, etc., were subjected to the effects of steam. A method which has brought about complete eradication of the bugs is by merely wiping down all bedsteads once a week with a rag dipped in coconut oil. The cost of the procedure is exceedingly small and does away with all the bother of moving the beds, boiling mattresses, etc."

THE centenary falls this year of the death of Mrs. Cook, the wife of the famous navigator of the Pacific. A lonely old woman, she lived until her ninety-second year—the last of her family. All six children of James Cook and his wife died before their mother. James, the eldest, a promising young officer in the Royal Navy, died in 1794. He was last seen being rowed to the sloop "Spitfire" on a winter evening, at Poole, in 1794. What happened to him has never been satisfactorily explained; the presumption

is, of course, that he was drowned. Nathaniel the next son, was drowned when the "Thunderer" sank in a hurricane off Jamaica in 1780. Hugh, the third son, died of scarlet fever in 1793, soon after his admittance to Christ's College, Cambridge. The three other children did not survive infancy. Mrs. Cook left £1000 to the Church of St. Andrew the Great in Cambridge for the preservation of her tomb and that of her son Hugh; also the maintenance of the memorial to her famous husband and other members of the Cook family.

THE Bishop of Melanesia has decided to follow the example set not long ago by his episcopal brother, the Bishop in Polynesia, and take unto himself a wife. Bishop Baddeley will arrive in Sydney towards the end of the year on his way to Western Australia where his marriage will take place with Miss K. Nutter Thomas, daughter of the Bishop of Adelaide, and Mrs. Nutter Thomas. After a honeymoon visit to England, they will make a stay in New Zealand on their way back to the Mission field. The young Bishop, who has made himself popular in his tropical diocese, had a distinguished war record. Since his appointment in 1932 he has extensively covered his widely scattered diocese.

TROPICAL MEDICINE

AT the present time many Islands folk are attending the course of tropical medicine and hygiene at the Sydney University.

These lectures are arranged not only for those already doing a University course, but also for missionaries, nurses, planters, parents, and anyone who lives or contemplates living in the tropics. Included in the present classes are several brides-to-be.

Dr. Baldwin, who is a noted authority on tropical health matters, has arranged the lectures in such a practical common-sense manner that any intelligent lay person can comprehend them. Dr. Harvey-Sutton will deliver a series of talks on tropical hygiene at the beginning of August.



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Mr. and Mrs. George Aumuller, who have been in Sydney for some months during Mr. Aumuller's extended leave, left by the Marella for Port Moresby on July 6. They will later go on to Samarai where Mr. Aumuller is manager of Messrs. Burns, Philp and Co.'s branch. The two young Aumuller girls are now at a boarding school in Moss Vale, N.S.W.

Pastor G. Peacock, who has been appointed Superintendent of S.D.A. missions in New Guinea in succession to Mr. G. McLaren, who resigned recently, left Sydney for Matupi (Rabaul) by the July Montoro. Mr. Peacock has had many years experience as a missionary in the Pacific Islands; he was first stationed in Papua, then the Solomon Islands, and before being appointed to his present position was in the New Hebrides for three and a half years, during the latter part of which he was Superintendent of S.D.A. work in the Condominium, with headquarters at Aoba, South Santo. "Working under Mr. S. H. Gander, S.D.A. native teachers are rapidly penetrating the Mount Hagen area," said Mr. Peacock.

"Recently, we doubled the native teaching staff at Ramu, our base for work in Central New Guinea, and another white missionary will shortly proceed to the Mandated Territory to assist Mr. Gander in his evangelistic work among the primitive tribes in that new region."

Mr. Lauriston Sharp, of Harvard University, U.S.A., arrived at Thursday Island early in June by the Francis Pitt. For several months he has been conducting anthropological investigations among the natives of the Gulf country, and is now engaged in systematising his valuable scientific data.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hug returned to the Solomon Islands by the July Malaita, after an extended holiday of 18 months spent in Tasmania and Queensland. Mr. Hug's plantation is at Maru Bay, San Cristoval.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Dixon returned to Papua recently by the Macdhuil from Brisbane, with their baby daughter who was born in May last. Mr. Dixon is Principal of the Methodist Mission's Training College at Salamo.

Lady Murray, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor of Papua, arrived in Australia from Port Moresby on July 17. She intends to leave shortly for New Zealand, and, after a brief visit to Christchurch, will continue on to England.

Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Brawn, who arrived in Sydney from the Methodist Mission's station at Nakanai, New Britain, by the March Montoro, have been advised by medical authorities against returning to the tropics. Mr. Brawn will do deputation service in the Australian States until he is appointed to a circuit in New South Wales.

Mr. Rajmal Singh, son of Sergeant-Major Singh, of the Fiji Constabulary, died after an operation at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital, Suva, on June 15. Joining the Fiji Public Works Department in 1924 as an engineering apprentice, he later qualified as a fitter and engineer in the Mechanical Engineer's Department at Walu Bay, Fiji. He was a prominent member of the Boy Scouts' Association of Fiji, and, as captain of the Indian Reform League football team for the last three years, was a keen sportsman.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Leck, who have been on furlough in Melbourne, returned to Papua by the Montoro on July 6. Mr. Leck is rector of St. Paul's Church at Samarai, and in addition is responsible for much of the business administration in Papua of the New Guinea Mission (Anglican).

Mr. Percy Jackson, of Buka Passage, New Guinea, died at Bonis on May 25. Arriving in New Guinea in 1915, he was for a time overseer of Teopasino plantation, and later was manager of the S.I.P. property at Lofung, Solomon Islands. Returning to New Guinea, he managed Banu estate for some years. At the time of his death, Mr. Jackson was engaged in trading on his own account.

Mr. D. J. McClelland, chairman of directors of Upper Watut Gold Alluvials N.L., left Sydney for the Mandated Territory by the Montoro on July 6. He will visit the company's areas in the Upper Watut district and supervise the erection of plant in connection with the hydro-electric power scheme on the company's property at Big Slate Creek.

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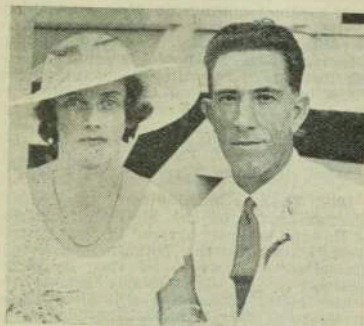
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ABOUT ISLANDS PEOPLE

Mr. Ted Nichterlein and Mr. George Pearce, who have been employed for a considerable time at the Day Dawn mine, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney by the Van Rees on July 10.

Mr. B. W. Sherman, late Assistant District Officer at Kokopo, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney by the Neptuna on June 20. He had been in the New Guinea Administration's service since 1922, but has now resigned.



Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Glenn, of Makambo, Solomon Islands, whose marriage is reported on page 61 of this issue. The bride was formerly Miss Ruth Roberts, sister at Tulagi Hospital.

Rev. J. D. Jory, a veteran Methodist missionary, who was for some years in Fiji, died in June at Birkenhead, Auckland, N.Z.

Mr. Frank Cutler, of Tobera plantation, Kokopo, New Britain, arrived in Sydney from Rabaul by the Neptuna on June 20, on business.

Mr. F. W. ("Dick") Heaps, a popular and respected resident of Norfolk Island, died at N.I. Hospital on June 23, from complications following a serious operation.

Mr. Jack Barrie, of the Rabaul and District Electric Light Supply Co., arrived in Sydney by the June Neptuna on holidays.

Mr. F. W. Jefferey, a graduate of the Faculty of Agriculture at the Sydney University, left for Rabaul, New Guinea, by the Montoro on July 6. He has been appointed Inspector and instructor with the N.G. Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Frederick Nottle, who has been manager of the Bank of New South Wales at Rabaul for some time, returned to Australia by the Montoro in July. Mr. J. M. David, of the Melbourne branch, has gone to New Britain to take charge at Rabaul.

Fathers Samuel Moreau and Jean Coicaud, Marist missionaries in the South Solomon Islands, arrived in Sydney from Tulagi by the Malaita on July 2.

Rev. R. E. Tempest arrived in Sydney early this month from Melanesia, where he has served in the diocese since 1917. He has lately been in charge of the training of native ordinands at Slotu, Solomon Is. Prior to retiring in England, he will perform deputation work in New Zealand.

Mr. Leslie Stibbard, of the Melanesian Mission's teaching staff at Maravovo, Guadalcanal, S.I., will arrive in Sydney in August on his way to England for final training before ordination.

Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Coad, arrived in Sydney by the Morinda on July 11 from the Melanesian Mission's station at Vureas, Banks Islands, to spend a short furlough with relatives in Australia.

Mrs. Caulton, wife of Rev. R. S. Caulton, of the Melanesian Mission staff at Gela, S.I., who has been on sick leave in New Zealand, hopes to return to the Solomons by the August Malaita.

Mr. D. F. M. Rutledge, who was formerly on the staff of the Bank of New South Wales at Samarai, has joined the Papuan Administration. He will be stationed at Kerema, in the Gulf Division, as a Patrol Officer.

Mr. Robert Barber, of Rewa, Fiji, and Miss Florence May Moxley, of Auckland, New Zealand, were married at Suva Presbyterian Church on June 29.

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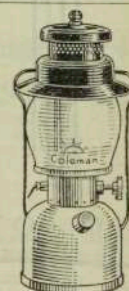
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Rev. Norman H. Wright, B.A., Methodist missionary among the Indians at Ba, Fiji, has been in Auckland, New Zealand, on sick leave. He will return to Suva at the end of July.

Mr. Vernon John Dolton, a recent arrival in the Mandated Territory, died suddenly at Wau aerodrome, New Guinea, on May 24.

Mrs. Sarah Annie Webb, widow of Rev. A. J. Webb (who was one of the first Methodist missionaries in Fiji), died at Chatswood, N.S.W., on July 5, aged 88. She accompanied her husband to Levuka in 1868, when he was appointed to replace Rev. Thomas Baker, who had been murdered by natives. Mr. Webb and his fellow missionaries helped to bring about the treaty under which the chiefs ceded their land to the Crown, thereby making Fiji a Crown Colony. Mrs. Webb had many interesting stories to tell of the early days in Fiji, when cannibals stalked

through the mission station and the evangelists thought that any moment might be their last.

Mr. J. F. Wilson, assistant manager and secretary of Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Ltd., returned to Sydney by the June Neptuna, after a business visit to the Mandated Territory.

Rev. Alfred Butchart, of North Mala, Solomon Islands, who came to Sydney in March to undergo treatment at St. Luke's hospital, having broken his leg in three places, has resigned from the Melanesian Mission owing to general ill-health. He has accepted a position on the staff of Archdeacon Chauvel, of Broken Hill, and will shortly take up his duties in the big N.S.W. mining town.

Engineer-Rear Admiral G. W. Bodell returned to Sydney from Rabaul, New Guinea, by the Montoro on July 2.

Mr. John Wilson, of Western Australia, who has just been appointed representative in New Zealand for the Melanesian Mission, left Sydney for the Solomon Islands by the Malaita on July 13. He will spend three months travelling throughout the group in order to obtain first-hand knowledge of the Melanesian Mission's work in the South Seas. Upon his return to Australia, he will depart for New Zealand to commence his duties there. Mr. Wilson is a son of the Bishop of Banbury (Western Australia), who was formerly a Bishop of Melanesia.

Rev. and Mrs. L. A. McArthur arrived in Sydney recently from New Guinea to seek medical opinion on Mrs. McArthur's health, following her recent breakdown at Vunairima, where her husband is principal of the Methodist Mission's training institute. According to latest advice, there is little hope of her returning to the territory.

Rev. W. Burvill, B.A., Th.L., of the Quetta Cathedral, Thursday Island, is at present ill in the Torres Strait hospital.

Mrs. Thomas Mow, wife of the Chinese teacher-pastor of the Methodist Mission at Rabaul, recently arrived in New Britain from China by the Nankin. She will assist in the work at the Methodist Chinese school, particularly among the senior girls. Mrs. Mow will also engage in pastoral work among the women of Rabaul's Chinatown.

Mr. W. A. Macdonald, an English artist, who has lived in Tahiti for 14 years, arrived in Australia early in July by the Maunganui. He said that he went to Tahiti shortly after the war to stay a few days; but the charm and beauty of the French islands so captured his imagination that he remained there for more than a decade. Mr. Macdonald is an impressionist painter in watercolours.

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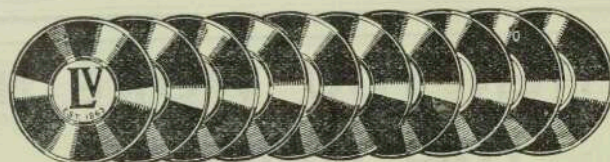
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Gold-seekers' Hardships in New Guinea

A WARNING of the hardships that awaited prospectors who entered New Guinea with less than £500 to support them, was sounded by Dr. J. R. Atcherley, an expert mining engineer, who returned to Melbourne in July after a visit to New Guinea.

Men were arriving at Rabaul, he said, with only £50, and their plight was hopeless. It was necessary for each to lodge £30 with the Administration before entry to the territory was allowed, and too often this money had to be used to repatriate gold seekers after their failure.

"There is no casual work available for unqualified mining men," Dr. Atcherley added; "most of the white men on the goldfields are experienced men who are working for the big companies, and all the labour is done by natives. A number of men went up seeking work last month, and they have had to return at the expense of the Administration."

"All the payable auriferous area known is taken up, although there is a good deal of prospecting going on. Exploration of this kind takes money, and a prospector needs to have at least £500 at his back before he can be considered to have any chance at all of finding good country."

"Unless a man applies for work from this end as a technician or engineer, or in another capacity which commends him to the companies, he has little chance."

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MUMMIES IN NEW GUINEA CAVE

Dr. J. R. Atcherley's Find
Near Salamaua

DURING the month Australian newspapers have given prominence to a discovery by Dr. J. R. Atcherley, of Melbourne, of mummies in a cave at Mapos, 30 miles inland from Salamaua, New Guinea.

Dr. Atcherley is not the first to report this discovery; the find was referred to by Mr. Hall Best about the middle of last year, and was reported, with description of mummified native remains, in the *Pacific Islands Monthly* of July, 1934.

"I was on a prospecting expedition for New Morobe Gold Options when we discovered the cave," said Dr. Atcherley, on his return to Australia by the Montoro on July 2. "It was about 40ft. from the ground, and was a tortuous winding labyrinth."

"Inside we found a shelved mausoleum, on which were hundreds of mummies, all sitting with their chins on their hands and their elbows on their knees. It appeared to me that they had been preserved by the dripping of limewater from the cave stalactites. Local scientists believe, however, that there was pre-mummification—that the bodies were preserved before burial in the cavern."

Dr. Atcherley added that the mummies' features were negroid, although apparent pigmentation was lighter than that of present day New Guinea natives. This colouration, however, might have been induced by the action of limewater. It would be impossible to give the exact ages of the mummies, he concluded; the general opinion was that their ages varied from between 1000 to 2000 years.

MELBOURNE PROFESSOR SCEPTICAL

Commenting on the discovery of human remains in New Guinea, Professor Wood Jones, of the Chair of Anatomy, Melbourne University, said that he was not satisfied, from the chat he had had with Dr. Atcherley and from the photographs he had seen, that they were mummies.

"If they are," the professor said, "it would be the first time that mummies have been found in New Guinea, and it would lead one to assume that the natives there had lived in a culture higher than hitherto believed possible."

"I understand that Dr. Atcherley will seek official authority to send one of the bodies to the National Museum in Melbourne for examination. After it arrives, and is proved to have been mummified, a new and important theory about the culture of the early New Guinea natives may be evolved."

Mr. C. E. Tait, director of Messrs. W. S. Tait and Co. Ltd., Islands merchants, of Sydney, returned to Australia recently by the *Laperouse*, after a business visit to New Caledonia. He said that N.C. chrome and nickel mines were working at full pressure in consequence of the rumour of an impending war between Italy and Abyssinia.

Mr. H. E. Annear, mining engineer, of Melbourne, sailed from Sydney at the end of June for Suva, Fiji, to inspect several leases on behalf of Victoria Development, N.L.

Death of Former Norfolk Is. Administrator

MR. M. V. MURPHY, a former Administrator and Chief Justice of Norfolk Island, died in Sydney on June 30 at the age of 78 years. He had been associated in various official capacities with Norfolk Island for 30 years, and did much to improve lease-holdings on the island.

He was attached to the Royal Commission which was sent to N.I. in 1896 to report on the Island's affairs and effect surveys. Subsequently, he carried out surveys on Lord Howe Island and adjusted land disputes. He made a survey of all the holdings, and he laid out the township of Kingston, N.I. In 1900 Mr. Murphy joined the British survey ship *Britannia*, which was engaged on that part of the All-Red cable route between New Zealand and Queensland, via Norfolk Island. Later, he supervised for 15 months the erection of the cable station at Anson Bay, and the building of a winding road down the steep coastal escarpment.

As secretary to the Royal Commission to Norfolk Island in 1903, he again spent some time on the island. In 1905 he was appointed officer-in-charge of N.I. affairs, under the direction of Mr. William Houston, Deputy Administrator, whom he succeeded on the latter's resignation in 1913. Later in the year, he became Chief Magistrate and Administrator, and guided Norfolk Island's destiny until his resignation in 1920. Six years later he returned to the island for six months to reorganise the administration.

THROUGH DANISH EYES

Writing New Book, Hakon
Mielche Will Visit N.G.
and Solomons

THAT clever young Danish artist, Mr. Hakon Mielche, who recently wrote a book describing his interesting experiences in the Pacific with the Monsunen scientific expedition, will be in Australia next year.

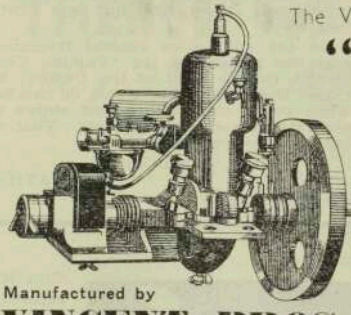
He has been commissioned by his publishers to go to Central Australia, New Guinea, and the Solomons to write and illustrate a series of articles and a book dealing with those Territories. It is to be hoped that English translations will be available. Mr. Mielche writes in Danish, of course, but he has an attractive literary touch and a light style, and his thumbnail illustrations are delightful.

Mr. Mielche has asked the *Pacific Islands Monthly* to inform all persons resident in the Pacific, who plan a tour in Europe, that if they will get into communication with him, he will assist them in planning a European trip. He has

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Letter to the Editor

FRIEND "Copra Bug" has had his say about monopolists. How have they a monopoly? Isn't it open to other firms to charter ships?

In Port Moresby and Samarai, the "monopolists" used to buy copra at plantation weights, less a few lbs. (the difference between spring balance and platform scales). The handling charges and loss of weight of copra in store and in transport overseas were all deducted from London price, and then local price was stated. In my case, at any rate, it was.

One of the firms started to pay a higher price for copra, but, instead of buying it as the "monopolists" did, they bought it after deducting 8 to 10 per cent. for loss of weight in transport, etc. It worked out at the same rate as the "monopolists" paid. I am sorry to say the "monopolists" now buy in the same way. It makes a mess of the copra book.

With regard to the "monopolists" and German and Japanese goods—does not "Copra Bug" realise that if we do not buy German goods, Germany cannot buy any of our copra—one factor in the low price that has been ruling? Japan has told Australia if she does not buy more Japanese goods Japan must buy less Australian wool.

On the subject of coastal freights—it was the owners of the "Papuan Chief" (which carries most of the freight) who raised the freight rate a year or two back when copra was falling and stores and plantations were cutting costs. That was not the "monopolists."

I am, etc.,

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Samarai, 1/5/35.

S.I. Planters Want Better Land Rights

From Our Own Correspondent.

TULAGI, June 14.

THOUGH the question of how best to assist planters comes up in successive meetings of the S.I. Advisory Council, ideas seem to centre round copra driers.

Perhaps if a better title to land were given, so that planters would know next year that the land occupied would remain theirs, there would be no difficulty about inducing them to put money and work into driers and other improvements.

As mentioned time after time in the "P.I.M.", small planters have been unable to carry on. If the land they are on were their own, they could live there in bad times, as they did for the greater part of the depression. But with the feeling that they can be evicted at any time, what incentive to effort and sacrifice is there?

The cancelled leases in the Native Lease section are incredible. The situation with regard to Crown leases is a good deal better, because the Administration has made rental concessions which, for some reason, they felt they could not do in the case of native leases.

If the Administration can induce Fiji and the Colonial Office to consider sensibly the question of those leaseholds, they will be doing more good than by subsidising the erection of driers that really do not seem very effective.

Rev. Father E. Meyer, senior priest at the Roman Catholic mission at Apia, Western Samoa, arrived in Sydney by the Monterey on July 15, on several months' furlough.



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A KING IS MADE!

How Royalty Was Established In Rarotonga

By JULIAN HILLAS

THE trouble started over a hundred years ago; and, of course, there was a woman at the bottom of it. Or more correctly, three women; for, according to the benighted heathenish sort of way things were then looked at, they were all queens, with equal rights both in and out of the communal royal bed.

Whether they got on well together, and which did this or that task about the Palace, does not come into this story.

The point is that in the year 1823 they were the genuine hall-marked tapa-clothed, flower-crowned wives of Tinomana, Ariki of Arorangi. Remember, in those days nobody thought much of monogamy, and a king with less than three wives simply wouldn't have cut any ice at all.

But nothing untoward rocked this matrimonial boat until the arrival of the first missionaries, who whispered in the Royal ear that having three wives was hardly the right thing to do. Christian decency pointed to a single course. Let the king choose one and dismiss the others.

Poor, plump Tinomana, harassed by the enormity of such a decision, found himself pulled in several directions. Three, to be exact. But with the aid, prompting and protection of his new advisers he eventually selected the youngest and most attractive of the trio; and, with her, came into the fold as respectfully married as any suburban church-sidesman.

The knotty question of succession was also settled at the same time. Offspring of the legitimate Queen had priority; but, on the death of Tinomana's immediate successor, the children or next-of-kin of the two rejected "wives" were to reign respectively. This arrangement sounded plain and straightforward enough then, especially as no one gave a thought to what sort of a tangle three separate families, all breeding prolifically, might make of such a plan in the course of a hundred odd years.

In the course of time, the original Tinomana died, and first one and then another of the three families reigned in his stead, until each had had its turn on the throne of Arorangi. For the sake of clarity, I give the names by which they are commonly known to-day. They are the Heathers, the Pirangis and the Napas; and, by marriage, the Heathers had identified themselves with the powerful clan of Makea, from which the Paramount Chiefs of Rarotonga are drawn.

The fun began last year, following the death of Tuoro Tinomana; and it has since galloped through all the stages of a Gilbert and Sullivan production.

Each family had had its turn; and each had stood pat for a second innings—eleven claimants, six from the Heathers, three from the Pirangis, and two from the Napas.

The late Tuoro—a Heather—had considerably complicated matters before his death by nominating his son Rangī, obtaining for this nomination the support of the Mataiapos (or district headmen). The three families, however, objected, on the dual grounds of Rangī's youth and the fact that that particular branch had just occupied the throne.

Rangī was bowled, middle stump.

Tinirau Makea, by virtue of his position as Paramount Chief of Rarotonga, as well as his being a member of the Heather

group, then proposed David Isiah, also of the same family. The district headmen countered with the objection that David Isiah had no wife to shoulder the queenly duties.

Faced by this fresh difficulty, the Paramount Chief made a further suggestion. Let Ngatae Vaine, sister of the deceased Tinomana, and a distant relation of David Isiah's, reign jointly with the latter. But Ngatae Vaine, a lady of some character, refused flatly to share the Palace with a king who was not her husband.

Not to be defeated the Paramount Chief rose brilliantly to the occasion. What, he asked, was a simpler or more obvious solution than that the two get married? The one was a widow and the other a widower.

For a moment the Heather dynasty seemed assured.

And then, baldly and brutally, but with no uncertain voice, David Isiah announced that nothing, not even a Crown, would induce him to marry again, either Ngatae Vaine or anybody else.

David Isiah went out l.b.w.

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own claims, and the Pirangis because they were so certain about theirs that it would have been undignified to thrust themselves forward.

At this juncture, Tinirau Makea himself went in to bat—more, I believe, with the object of bringing the rest of the team to their senses than with any serious intention of knocking up a high personal score. His action had the desired effect, and the Resident Commissioner convened a Native Land Court at which the claimants appeared with all the paraphernalia of ancestral records, land titles, and faded entries in Bibles handed down from one generation to another.

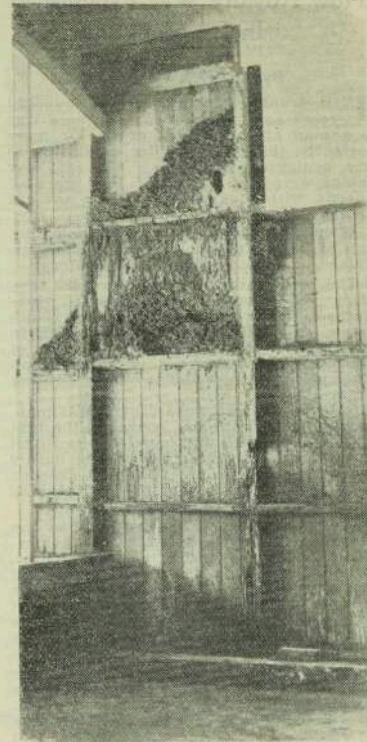
Through these, the Commissioner conscientiously waded, with the result that the Pirangi claim emerged triumphant.

Old Tuki Pirangi left the court, metaphorically carrying not only his bat but the entire cricket bag, in which it is hoped that some thoughtful official had packed the Royal crown.

For ever and a day, until a new form of democracy abolishes Island Royalty, the Pirangis will continue to sit, unchallenged, on the throne of Arorangi.

The grounds are empty, the last spectator gone home, and the pavilion closed.

WHAT TERMITES DO IN SUVA



Termite Nest in Suva Building

WHILE the premises of Sturt Ogilvie Ltd., Suva, were recently undergoing extensive alterations by A. H. Marlow a termite (white ants) nest of extraordinary dimensions was exposed. The wall was 6in. thick and the wall purlins and studs 4ft. apart.

As can be seen in the accompanying photograph the nest occupied about one and a half of these areas, or twelve cubic feet, over an area of twenty-four square feet.

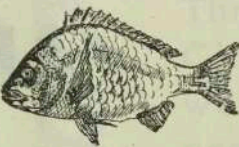
Also in the photograph, below the existing nest, can be seen the marks indicating where the old nest had been. This old nest fell away as workmen stripped off the lining boards. These boards, on both sides of the wall near the nest, consisted only of a layer of paint, all woodwork having been destroyed by the ants. In fact, all woodwork in the wall, studs, nogging, etc., was practically hollow, with just an outside shell through which it was easy to push one's finger.

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JUDGE AYSON

His Record in Cook Is.

From Our Own Correspondent.

RAROTONGA, June 16.

STRAWS showing the direction of public opinion have lately waved gently in the New Zealand press anent the forthcoming appointment of Administrator of Western Samoa.

The Christchurch "Times" pertinently points out that there are not in the Dominion many men with the necessary qualifications for this particular office. The outstanding record of Judge Ayson, C.M.G., as Resident Commissioner of the Cook Islands is quoted as an example of what can be effected by a sympathetic and kindly, yet withal a firm and impartial, man at the head of affairs.

The inference is obvious. Samoa is a more important post—and that post will shortly become vacant.

We in Rarotonga have often wondered at the good fortune which has repeatedly left Judge Ayson among us. And now, again, with this appointment filling the official horizon, speculation is once more rife and local sentiment on the lines of the old song "We don't want to lose you, but we think you ought to go!"

But whoever may ultimately become the new Administrator of Western Samoa does not detract from the interesting parallel provided by these two Administrations, both exercised over very similar peoples, but one having a history of continuous blundering, while the other is a chapter of beneficial rule and general contentment. Wherein did the former fail? The answer, I think, lies principally in the personal equation.

No one who has not spent some considerable time in a small, comparatively isolated Islands community can assess the importance or significance of the many tiny jealousies and infinitesimal clashing interests which make the path of an Administrator no easy road to travel.

For thirteen years Judge Ayson has successfully balanced the power of trader and planter, at the same time maintaining a frictionless relationship between the Administration and the native population. Those—and they represent a very small minority indeed—who dislike the present regime, are apt to complain that it owes its smooth working to the principle of "*après moi le déluge*." On the other hand, deluges do not usually appear out of clear skies, and the best evidence of clear human atmospherics in the Cook Islands are the smiling faces and general appearance of well-being seen everywhere in these Islands after thirteen years of Judge Ayson's uninterrupted authority.

FRESH WATER FOR SHIPS

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, June 25.

RECENTLY, work was undertaken to improve the watering facilities at Suva for vessels touching at the port. New pumping machinery was installed, not without some criticism as to the installation being in advance of the requirements.

It is interesting to note that when the "Franconia" was here, she was supplied with 1624 tons of water. On the same day, the "Mariposa" took 713 tons. The total amount paid was £106/10/-.

Apparently Suva's rainfall is not altogether wasted these days.

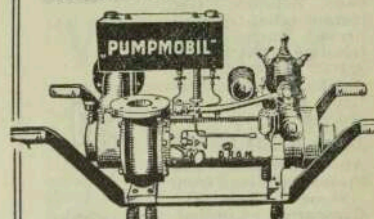
Interesting Agricultural Experiment

AN interesting experiment is being carried out on Pamua Island, near San Cristoval, in the Solomons Group, by the Melanesian Mission. On that island, Mr. Herbert L. Freshwater is conducting an agricultural experimental farm with crops and plants obtained from the New Guinea Administration's demonstration plantation at Keravat.

The Melanesian Mission is encouraging village headmen on every island in the group to send young men to Pamua to study new methods of agriculture which, in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, have proved to the natives their superiority over the old ways.

In writing of the scheme recently, the Bishop of Melanesia said that if the Solomon Islanders learned only of the value of the rotation of crops then the experiment would not have been in vain. Crop rotation, he wrote, not only enables the natives to retain gardens at comparatively short distances from their villages instead of pushing further and further away into the bush, but at the same time provides natural manuring for the ground, which does much to improve native agriculture and enable the cultivators to get full value from what is grown.

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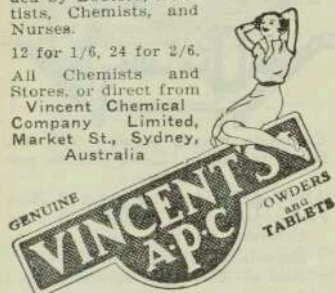
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**AWAY FROM WORLDLY
CARES****Three New Zealanders Seek
Isolation on Sunday Is.**

EARLY in June the N.Z. yacht "Ngataki" hove to off a thickly wooded cove on uninhabited Sunday Island, in the Kermadec Group, 600 miles north-east of Auckland and 600 miles south from Tonga. A boat manned by three young men and loaded with supplies, corrugated iron, and a pair of Alsatis, put off from the vessel and slowly headed for the beach.

As the small boat grounded on the shingle, the "Ngataki's" pennant dipped twice and the white yacht gracefully spread her wings and turned into the wake of the sun. Shading their eyes, Alfred Bacon and his two companions followed her until the sea-rim claimed the "Ngataki" as its own.

These three men intend to spend the rest of their lives in complete isolation on the 72,000 acres island. After building a house with the iron, they will clear

plantations and cultivate foodstuffs and fruit in the rich volcanic soil. Their Alsatian dogs will help to exterminate the myriads of rats which abound on the island.

Bacon was one of three New Zealanders concerned in the last tragic attempt to settle on the island in 1926. On that occasion, one of his companions, as a result of a minor cut on the hand, developed tetanus, and died. The others returned to New Zealand on the Government steamer.

Ever since his return, Bacon has cherished a wish to go back to the island to end his days there.

The triangular island was discovered in 1793 by D'Entrecasteaux and named Raoul. Three years later Captain Rawson, of the Britannia, named it Sunday Island. Since then many attempts have been made to colonise this lonely speck in the Pacific.

Baker and Reid, with their families, arrived in 1837 and lived there for six years. Henry Cook and an American, Halstead, were there for two years before being driven away by an eruption of the island's volcano. In 1878, Mr. Bell and a party of Niue natives sailed from Samoa to grow vegetables on the island. The Bell family remained for many years, eventually withdrawing to New Zealand in 1914, leaving Sunday Island uninhabited save for a colony of wild goats.

The island itself is the top of an extinct volcano, the crater of which is about a mile in diameter. It is the only inhabitable island in the Kermadec Group, and is covered with dense bush, palms, and tree ferns. It is an attractive place, but is handicapped by lack of a sheltered anchorage.

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When the freighter Cornwallis arrived in Melbourne from America recently the crew told of their experience when they called at Pitcairn on their way to Australia. Manning three large whaleboats given them by the New Zealand Government, the islanders rowed out to the vessel with baskets of limes, mangoes, oranges, and bananas. The fruit was hoisted aboard and the crew prepared to lower a bag of flour. But the Pitcairners flatly refused to have it, saying that they would not leave the Cornwallis without receiving money for their produce.

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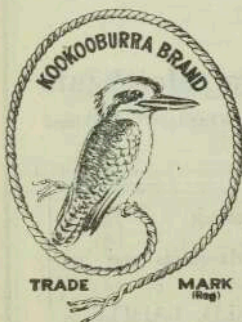
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Agricultural Committee For Cook Islands

From Our Own Correspondent.

RAROTONGA, June 15.

AN Agricultural Advisory Committee was formed recently with the object of co-operating with the Administration in all matters relating to the fruit trade. The Committee, which is representative of all interests, consists of the Resident Commissioner, the Director of Agriculture, a representative of the European planters (Mr. Wigmore), a representative of the local exporters (Mr. McKegg), and two representatives of the native planters (Makea Ariki-Nui and Mr. C. Cowan).

Although the Committee's powers are purely advisory, it is hoped that so representative a body will by discussion and mutual agreement be able to further the interests of a trade with which all are vitally concerned.

BETEL-NUT CHEWERS

A WORD from Henry Dexter:

I'm inclined to agree with "Salamaua" on the betel-chewing question. Our Eastern Papuan natives were about the most intelligent of the many races of which I have had experience. This does not go to show that the chewing made them so, but that it did not affect the brain adversely.

I shall always give betel one testimonial. When the dreadful epidemic of mouth-disease broke out in the division then known as the S. Eastern, in 1915, the betel-chewers were not affected. The non-chewers gave us an anxious time.

LITTLE GEORGE

HE knew New Guinea up and down,
In mountain, swamp and gorge,
This hardy miner, tough and brown,
We know as "Little George."
He tried his luck on every field,
Back in a former day:
At times they'd give a decent yield,
At others barely pay.

Among the early pioneers
In Guinea's fevered land
He battled round for many years
One of a restless band.
Quite often all alone he'd go
O'er river, creek and range
Where flooded mountain torrents flow,
Through jungle weird and strange.

When still a youth he roved around
In cheery, casual way;
Some useful patches thus he found
Inland from Cloudy Bay.
Many stories he would tell
In dry and humorous style.
Many times he suffered hell,
And bore it with a smile.

We know this gallant little man,
A comrade tried and true;
We always found him in the van
When testing country new.
Grim danger never troubled him,
All hardship was a joke;
When flush he'd satisfy each whim,
Nor squeal when he went broke.

When luck was in he'd freely spend—
He was no slave to pelf—
He'd oftentimes his money lend,
And then go short himself.
Best wishes to our good old mate!
And, now, for old time's sake,
We hope that he will soon or late
A tidy fortune make.

—FRANK PRYKE.

Rev. H. A. Scriven, Foreign Missions general secretary of the New Zealand Methodist Church, arrived in Sydney recently by the Monowai on his way to the Solomon Islands. He left for Tulagi by the Malaita on July 13.

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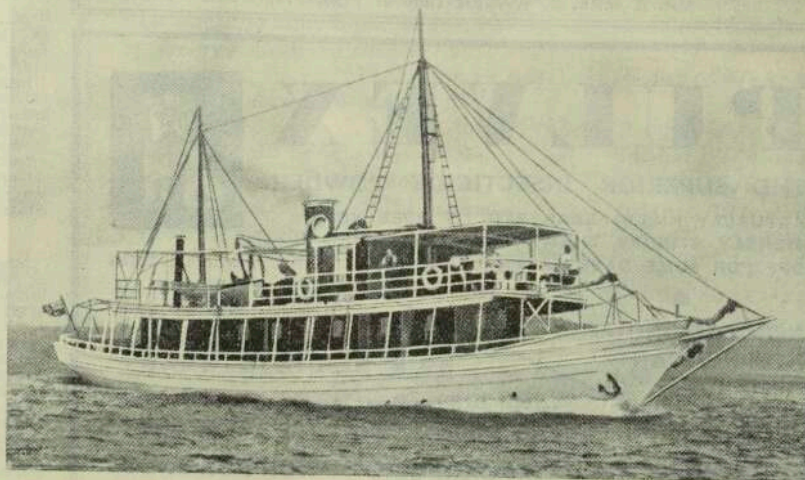
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**Rubber Planters Menaced
by Synthetic Productions**

THE outlook for rubber-growers is not good. Despite international organisation, there is much over-production, and the market rates are consistently depressed. Meanwhile, the use of synthetic rubber is increasing very rapidly. Fortunately, this development does not greatly affect the Pacific Territories—in only one of them, Papua, is rubber grown in large quantities.

The following paragraphs have appeared in various journals:—

The last month of the first year of the export regulation scheme for rubber finds the position less favourable for the grower than it was a year ago, says a London trade report. Producing costs in the countries of production have increased by over 100 per cent, owing to the necessary reduction in outputs, and now show hardly any margin of profit on production with the selling price below 6d. A year ago the spot quotation was 7d, and estates were on full production. The percentage of the exportable maximum will be further reduced by 5 per cent. to 65 per cent. of standard production, from July 1, and will remain in force to the end of the year unless again revised by the International Rubber Committee.

METHYL RUBBER

In the course of an article on synthetic rubber in Germany the "Uberssee Post" says: "Synthetic rubber was first employed on a large scale during the war. What was known as 'methyl rubber' was produced by the German chemists, more particularly as a substitute for vulcanite. The industry was closed down after the war because the substitute could not compete with the natural product either in quality or price. In the meantime, German chemists have achieved remarkable progress in this direction. The experiments made with motor car tyres of synthetic rubber are stated to have been satisfactory. The question of wholesale production is largely influenced by consideration of cost. As long as it was necessary to employ carbide of calcium as the base of the new product, the price for the first materials was sometimes as much as 50 per cent. higher than that of the natural rubber. On the other hand, it is quite possible that butadiene will be obtained as a by-product in the hydrogenation of coal at a price which will make the manufacture of synthetic rubber a practical proposition.

FROM LIMESTONE AND COAL

A report from an official Soviet source recently received in London states that the construction of a large artificial rubber manufacturing plant in Erivan, Armenia, is nearing completion. The product known as Sovpren will be produced from limestone and coal by means of a new process discovered about two years ago. The chief advantages of the new method, as compared with the production of synthetic rubber from alcohol, are the low cost of the finished product, and the elimination of the necessity of high pressure and high temperatures in the manufacturing process. The new rubber is reported to have excellent wearing qualities, can be worked easily, and is practically free from deterioration as a result of ageing. In addition to its acid-resisting quality it is also insoluble in petrol. Besides synthetic rubber, the plant will manufacture as by-products lacquers, paints, and various materials used in building.

THREAT TO BRITISH INDUSTRY

Mr. O. A. Mendelsohn, Public Analyst of Victoria, who reached Sydney recently from San Francisco, said that synthetic rubber was being increasingly used in the United States. The substance had been taken up by the Du Pont group, and was used for all small articles for which rubber hitherto had been required. In time it would be used for motor tyres. The effect on British rubber supplies would become serious, as the synthetic material was being manufactured in the United States.

RUSSIA'S RUBBER

The value of Soviet Russia's purchases of rubber in Great Britain during April last amounted only to £1001, compared with £117,141 in the corresponding month a year ago. This sharp fall in the Soviet's foreign purchases of a raw material essential to the implementing of the second Five-Year-Plan is accounted for by the rapid increase in internal sources of production. As long ago as 1932 it was announced that a rubber productive plant called Tau-sagis had been discovered. It flourished in a temperate climate at altitudes between 3000 and 4000 feet. The roots weighed between 2lb. and 4lb., and gave a 40 per cent. lactic yield, from which about 15 per cent. of pure rubber could be obtained. Beyond this source of supply, there is the development of synthetic methods of manufacture to be taken into account.—S.M. Herald.

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Catching Flying-Fish

Ingenious Method In Papua

THE method used in catching flying fish on the N.E. coast of Papua is said to be unique in the Pacific.

The natives there use a small bell-shaped net, inside of which they place a strong-smelling leaf. Then they tie the dried flower of the coconut inside the net.

When several of these nets are ready, they are tied in bundles of three or four,



Top: Nets used when catching flying fish. Lower: Native, on one of the floats, or rafts, with his nets.

and then attached to lines.

They paddle far out to sea, on floats made raftwise by lashing three pieces of timber together, taking the nets with them.

They float about all day on these frail craft, trailing the nets behind them. The flying fish enter the nets to eat the leaf and their wings are caught in the coconut flower.

About 5 p.m. they return with their catch, and all the village people line up on the beach to receive their share.

This season, I have known them to have from 300 to 500 in a catch.

These flying fish, baked in the oven with plenty of butter, are delicious, and make a welcome change in the menu.

—F.N.I.

Australian Squadron's Pacific Cruise

WHEN the Australian Naval Squadron returns to Sydney shortly, after Spring cruise manoeuvres, it will embark on a Pacific cruise, embracing Papua, New Guinea, Solomon Islands, New Hebrides and New Caledonia.

The cruisers Canberra and Sussex will leave Sydney on August 12 for Queensland ports. The Canberra will then proceed as follows:—

Port Moresby, Sept. 12-20.

Rabaul, Sept. 23-30.

Samarai, Oct. 2-5.

She will return to Queensland on October 8.

After leaving Dunk Island (Barrier Reef), the Sussex will visit:

Faisi, Sept. 6-10.

Tulagi, Sept. 11-14.

Hog Harbour, N. Hebrides, Sept. 16-17.

Vila, Sept. 18-22.

Tanna Is., Sept. 22-24.

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"CHINESE" SOLOMONS ISLANDS

Letter to the Editor.

I AM glad to see that the Chinese trading question has been taken up so seriously by some of our local people.

I can never understand the attitude of the Government in allowing Chinese to rank equally on matters of licenses and trading with European settlers.

As long as the Chinese remained in Tulagi, and carried on with gardening, laundry work, and a few stores, the situa-

tion did not seem very serious; but now they are gradually creeping into every trade and on to every island in the group, upsetting the morale of the native (if any), ruining trade, and generally undermining discipline and respect.

On the island of Ysabel, we have hitherto happily escaped this trouble—although several times the question of a Chinese store has been brought forward. Petitions have been signed by the traders and planters of Ysabel, the Melanesian Mission, and certain natives themselves praying that the Chinese be prevented from settling here.

In spite of all these protests, Chang

Cheong, trader and boat-builder, has erected a large store, of European construction, at Mindoru, only 7 miles from a European store, and intends to start business almost immediately.

There are five good European stores already on Ysabel, as well as numbers of native stores and native hawkers.

When copra was down in price, Chinese traders did not buy. European stores never refused to purchase. The same thing applies to ivory nuts and shell.

When times are good, the Chinese are everywhere. When prices drop, or cash is required for tax-paying, the Chinese refuse to buy.

One writer in your columns complains of the term "British" being attached to Solomon Islands. I object, also, but not for the same reason as he gives. Under present conditions, "British" should be left out and "Chinese" Solomon Islands substituted.

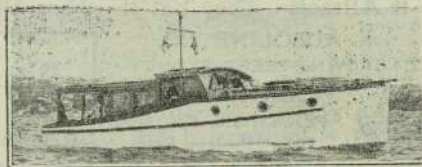
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COST OF TRANSPORTING PRODUCE

How Aeroplanes Could Be Used

THE need for cheaper transport in Papua and New Guinea, if planters there are to make an adequate livelihood, is illustrated by figures submitted by a Papuan coffee-grower.

The solution seems to lie in the development of aerial transport.

Dutch coffee, from Java, is being dumped in Sydney at from 2d. to 3d. per lb., c.i.f., Sydney. The actual cost of production in Java is said to be not less than 3½d. per lb.

The Papuan coffee-grower, whose figures we have at hand, shows that the costs of sending his coffee from his plantation to the Australian market were:—
Papuan transport and

handling		876 per lb.
Australian charges		598 per lb.

This is equal to practically 1½d. per lb.—not far short of what Dutch coffee has been sold for in Sydney.

When this Papuan planter sent his coffee crop to the Australian market in 1934, he was charged £164 by the Australian Customs, for the portion landed in Sydney, and £75 for the portion landed in Melbourne—all on account of that monstrous imposition called "primage duty" (10 per cent.).

The Dutch-grown coffee pays a duty of 4d. per lb. in addition to primage; but the foregoing figures show that the Papuan industry requires all the protection it can get, if it is to meet the competition from "dumped" products.

This is another argument against the maintenance of the primage duty against Australian territory products.

Probably it will be only a little while before aeroplanes will call, at pre-arranged times, at plantations in the interior of Papua and New Guinea, to pick up produce for transportation to the ports. It could be done at any time, by arrangement between the planters, the Administrations and the aviation companies—mostly, a matter of providing suitable landing-grounds.

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NEXT MOVE IN WESTERN SAMOA

Will New Administrator be Given More Power ?

(CONTRIBUTED)

WESTERN SAMOA is anxiously awaiting an announcement from Wellington, N.Z. The retiring Administrator departs in July. Who is to be his successor?

A wrong appointment, now, might easily set in train events which will mean the withdrawal of the Mandate from New Zealand.

The Administration of Western Samoa has ever proved a thorny problem for New Zealand.

The hectic post-war period created political, economic, social, and legal difficulties, which the inexperienced N.Z. officials sent to the Territory often found hard to cope with. The natives, elated and happy amid the post-war high prices of produce and liberal wages, willingly co-operated with the Government, as they were used to do under the pre-war German rule; but the European residents, planters, and traders were less pleased with the changes brought about, when the New Zealand Government deemed it necessary to introduce many new measures.

Severe criticism was levelled at the Administration which, among other things, was blamed with extravagance and lack of co-operation with the settlers, who wanted more representation and a voice in the councils of the Administration. The land question, the unwarranted introduction of prohibition for Europeans, and other arbitrary measures, were the main sources of dissatisfaction.

But the New Zealand Government remained adamant and aloof, granting only small and unimportant concessions to the Europeans. A more conciliatory attitude was adopted when General Richardson became Administrator. He partly appeased the Europeans and brought about better understanding with the European planters.

Of strong individuality, and taking much interest in the Samoans, General Richardson tried to promote the political and economic welfare of the natives by measures which involved radical and important changes in their inherited traditions, customs, and the social system. He chose the wrong advisers in his native policy. The rapid changes aroused the resentment of the most influential chiefs and their active or passive resistance. Punitive measures, deportations, imprisonment, and fines followed, to suppress opposition—and as a result the Samoan "Mau" was born in 1926 as a powerful anti-Administration movement. With its birth, the previous opposition to the Administration, which came from the European element, was relegated to the background.

The history of the Mau movement, and the failure of the Administration during many years to suppress the "Mau" and conciliate the Samoans are well known. The crisis was reached under the administration of General Richardson's successor, Colonel Allen, when in 1929 High Chief Tamasese at the head of a Mau procession, was killed in an affray with the police on Apia's main road.

General Hart, succeeding Colonel Allen, found the Administration faced with a stubborn wall of native resentment and sullen non-co-operation. His administration has been peaceful, but it has not been notable for any great improvement in the Mau situation. These natives like an energetic, bustling forceful man. But General Hart has pursued "a policy of masterly inactivity." Perhaps it was a good policy. He made few new friends

for the Administration; but he made no further enemies.

As the local paper put it, the only good one could say of his term as Administrator was that he took a keen interest in sport and actively participated in bowling and golf. Personally quite a likable man, he thought it best, in order to avoid the pitfalls into which his predecessors had fallen, to remain inactive and aloof; the only event of importance during his term of office being the trial and deportation of the Samoa-born Mau leader, O. F. Nelson—and in this event he took only a small part.

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A feature of General Hart's Administration was the exchanges of State visits with the Governor of the neighbouring American Samoa, which occurred with regularity several times a year—accompanied by much firing of salutes, guards of honour, visits to plantations, and official balls at Vailima—where Samoa officialdom was brilliantly represented, with practically the total exclusion of European residents of Apia. This latter practice was in vivid contrast to General Richardson's time when, on important official occasions, every respectable European resident of Samoa was invited to Vailima.

Of course, the strange inactivity of General Hart may be due to the fact that he had to obey strict orders from Wellington, where the External Affairs Office wished to reserve all important and even unimportant decisions to themselves and refused to let the Administrator have a free hand in any matters of policy.

The question of a successor looms large in the public interest. There is complete agreement that in the interests of finance, economy, and efficiency, no decorative figurehead or placid office-holder is wanted here.

The name of Judge Ayson, at present Resident Commissioner of the Cook Islands, is mentioned as a possible choice. This would be warmly welcomed here, for several reasons. Judge Ayson, when appointed, would be able to occupy the combined positions of Judge and Administra-

tor, and so save the trouble and expense of the present method of sending to Apia from New Zealand a judge on circuit. But the chief reasons are that Judge Ayson has a wide knowledge of native affairs, that he has a reputation for the successful handling of difficult political situations, and that he is a man of tact and common sense.

Doubtless, the Samoan Mandate and the policy of New Zealand has been discussed in London between the British Government and Prime Minister Forbes. It is hoped that, as a result, greater co-operation between the Samoan Administration, the inhabitants of the Mandated Territory, Europeans, and Samoans alike will be secured.

Plea for Another Mandatory

Letter to the Editor

SMALL though Samoa is, its tragic post-war history is known in every civilised country. Yet, year after year, the Mandates Commission have complacently listened to a tissue of obvious absurdities from New Zealand's representative. Each year he has stated the same thing, that the Mau is dead or dying, and that all is well in the Territory. Yet the years roll by, and still the Mau exists without any apparent diminution in the numbers of its followers. Does this inspire confidence in the League of Nations, that body you once referred to as a "fantastic creation"?

I think very few people to-day question the advisability of transferring the Samoan mandate to some other power more capable of governing than New Zealand. But, as you once suggested, officialdom will try to prevent the politicians from doing what is obviously the right thing. This we must expect from people who, even to-day, blather about their prestige in Samoa. People whose efforts to govern this little Territory have made them a laughing-stock, and who still talk of prestige, are obviously incapable of realising what outside opinion really is. They appear to be protected by an armour of self-satisfaction and personal egotism, which precludes the possibility of their ever realising their ignorance of Samoan psychology.

The one hope left for this Territory is that a change of Government will take place at the coming elections in New Zealand, which may result in the transfer of the mandate. I, for one, sincerely hope so, for we have already suffered much from the experiment of placing this Territory under the control of New Zealand.

I am, etc.,
DIRIGO.

Apia, 29/3/35.

DEATH OF MR. A. R. DETTE, OF PAPUA

From Our Own Correspondent.

PT. MORESBY, June 12.
THE death occurred suddenly, at the European Hospital, Port Moresby, on June 7, of Mr. A. Richard Dette, only son of Mrs. M. A. Dette, of Port Moresby, who had been in ill health for some time past.

The late Richard Dette was a well-known and respected resident of the Territory who, though only a very young man, had been a member of the Papuan Public Service since 1924. Educated at St. Joseph's College, Sydney, he first came to the Territory with his mother in 1917, when quite a lad.

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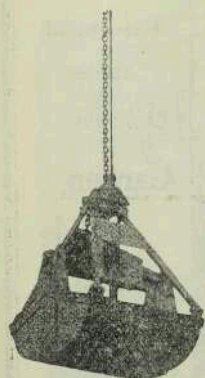
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BIG BEN IN CENTRAL PAPUA

TWO people in one corner of Papua drew up to the wireless cabinet.

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"What's that? 'Gales and snowstorms are raging in many parts of the British Isles.' And here we are, sweltering in 93 degrees in the shade!"

"Parliament having special sittings on the Indian question." That will take a bit of settling, too!"

"Now, here's music. My word! Doesn't it remind you of last long leave? Do you remember the band at the Corner House Restaurant, and the fair-haired conductor, who walked amongst the diners playing his violin?"

"That's a nice item they are playing—new to us, of course, in this outlandish corner of the globe."

"Listen! The chimes from Big Ben! Can't you fancy yourself hurrying over Westminster Bridge, or along the Embankment, or up Whitehall, or across Parliament Square, while overhead the sonorous notes boom out on the nippy March air? They say there is now a bigger clock than Big Ben in London—a product of the country that mostly worships bigness in everything. Well, they may make their Big Toms, and their Big Sams, but there will never be another Big Ben. His chimes always bring vision of the Homeland."

Empire Broadcast! To some, it spells a whole heap of experimentation in coils and waves and transmission and reception and what not. To dwellers at the heart of things it may mean only news that is stale.

But to those of us who live in the outer outposts of Empire, it is a breath of home, an inspiration. We remember our race, and the homes from which we come, the high traditions of fair play and just dealing which are the pride of all the sorts and conditions of men that belong under the British flag.

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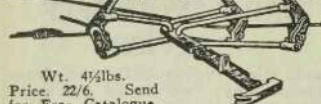
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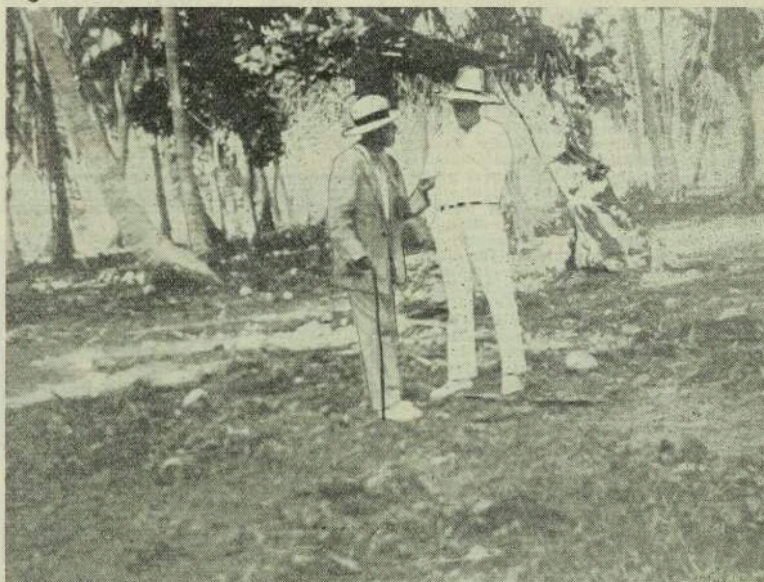
From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, June 12.

DEVOTING his talents during the last few years to the unremitting labour of digging out authentic material connected with Islands history, Mr. W. W. Bolton, M.A., a scholarly Englishman who has been a resident of Tahiti for a long time, has collected an enormous mass of material, all of which must find a place in the complete account of events which will one day be written. Possessed by an insatiable lust for details, the curiosity of a true searcher after knowledge, and a remarkable faculty for observation which permits very little to escape his attention, Mr. Bolton has gathered together and recorded in his voluminous notebooks a wealth of data which will be of great value to the historian.

Of more immediate interest, however, especially to English people, is the re-discovery by Mr. Bolton of the graves of several of the pioneer English missionaries who died and were buried in Tahiti and Moorea. The locations of all of these, with the exception of Rev. Henry Nott, the former bricklayer, whose grave at Arue was restored a few years ago by a group of local admirers, had become lost owing to the neglect brought about by political changes, to the final withdrawal from the scene of the English missionaries in 1886, and to the decay and obliteration wrought by an overwhelming growth of tropical jungle.

One of the most important events in Tahiti's early history was the arrival of the ship *Duff*, sent out by the London



Mr. W. W. Bolton, M.A. (left), the discoverer of the hitherto lost graves of early missionaries in Tahiti, with Mr. Charles B. Nordhoff (right), the American author, at the site, at Matavai, of the burial place of the *Duff* arrivals (Messrs. Jefferson and Lewis). The first Christian church in Tahiti was erected in the immediate vicinity, which is not far from Point Venus, where Captain Cook took his historic observations.

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toms, by the opposition of renegade foreigners, and by the prevalence of European diseases brought by whalers and others for which the missionaries got the blame. One or two missionaries died of sickness, others fled to New South Wales, and some deserted the cause to marry native women.

As time went on political upheavals and tribal wars disturbed the island to such an extent that the mission establishment at Matavai was destroyed—one of the missionaries was murdered and the rest departed, with the exception of Nott (who remained in Moorea with Pomare II.) and Hayward (who went to Huahine Island in the Leeward Group). Most of the evangelists returned to Moorea in 1811 and 1812, but work was not resumed in Tahiti till 1817, King Pomare having in the meantime accepted Christianity and thus opened the way.

The graves located by Mr. Bolton are those of Rev. T. Lewis (who was murdered by natives in 1799 and buried at Matavai Bay), Rev. J. Jefferson (who died in 1807 and was also buried at Matavai Bay), the wheelwright, H. Bicknell (who was buried in Moorea in 1820) and two other missionaries who arrived later than the Duff company and who were buried in the Papara district of Tahiti. The present day directors of the London Missionary Society are much interested in these discoveries and arrangements are now being made to have the graves restored and suitable commemorative stones erected thereon.

According to the records of the London Missionary Society the original inscription on Rev. Henry Nott's gravestone at Arue was as follows:

"Sacred to the memory of Rev. Henry Nott, missionary, who departed from this life of sin and sorrow and entered into his rest on the 2nd day of May, 1844, after having endured a great fight of afflictions. He had been for 48 years

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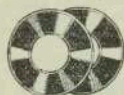
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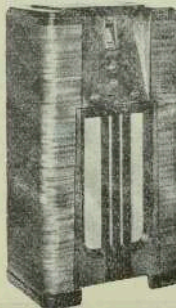
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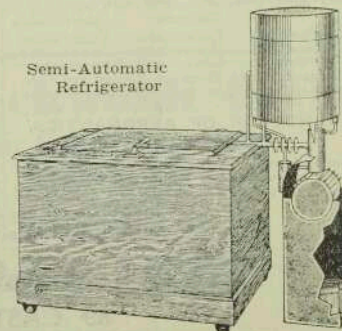
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AEROPLANE SERVICES IN PAPUA

Sir Hubert Murray Sees a Danger

From Our Own Correspondent.
PT. MORESBY, June 15.

IN the annual report for the Territory of Papua for the year 1933-34, just published, the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir Hubert Murray) deals with aeroplane services in Papua.

"When prosperity return to Papua," he writes, "aeroplane services will certainly be established. Apart from their value to planters and others, they are obviously of great assistance in the pacification of outlying districts and in the maintenance of order."

Sir Hubert Murray, however, points out a danger to this advance that cannot be overlooked from an administrative point of view. That is the comparative neglect of the native populations between stations, and the loss of contact that would follow as a result, if patrols were conducted by air instead of on foot.

The introduction of the motor car in India, he indicates, had similar effects to that which the aeroplane might cause in Papua. Contact with the bulk of the people in India was lost to a great extent by the introduction of motor cars.

The old civil servants formerly travelled slowly through the villages, biding their time, listening to all and sundry complaints. This condition has changed; to-day they flash by along splendid roads and stop only for a short time at the larger centres.

The possible loss of contact with village people is a matter the Administration should bear in mind, considers Sir Hubert, if aeroplane communication ever becomes established in the Territory. He makes reference to Mr. Wyndham, who, in his book "Native Education," makes much the same objection to the substitution of motor for horse transport, which he says, "has diminished the personal and intimate relations between European officials and natives, which in the past has been one of the most admirable features of many colonial administrations."

Official American Visit to Apia

From Our Own Correspondent.
APIA, June 1

THE station ship, Ontario, of the American Administration at Pago Pago, American Samoa, arrived at Apia on May 21 on one of her frequent visits. The present occasion was an official or "state" visit, which took place amongst much salute firing, guards of honour, visits to plantations and an official visit to Government plantations.

The elaborate ceremony adopted seemed a trifle unwarranted when compared with the scant arrangements made on the occasion of the King's Jubilee, when a display of official ceremony would have been more in order.

A letter sent to the local paper by "Old Timer" very properly reminds the public of the splendid way the present King's coronation was celebrated by the British residents of Apia in 1910 under German Administration, and which vividly contrasts with the very poor showing made by the New Zealand Administration in 1935.

Easter Island Mystery

A CLAIM to have solved the mystery of the gigantic statues on Easter Island, in the Pacific, is made by M. Henri Lavachery, curator of the Museum of Art and History at Brussels, says the London "Daily Telegraph." He was a member of the Franco-Belgian expedition which went out to study them last year.

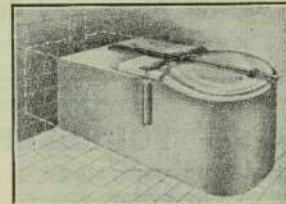
These extraordinary monuments, which vary in height from 15ft. to 30ft., and number some hundreds, are not, he says, the vestiges of an extinct civilisation, but the work of the Maori ancestors of the present population who settled on the island between the years 1000 and 1200 of our era. The statues, he holds, are the memorial stones of mass graves measuring about 250ft. by 30ft.

The expedition located 15 of these graves, each of which apparently belonged to a separate village.

M. Lavachery says that, in consequence of the ravages of the weather and of the natives, who use the statues as quarries, it is to be feared that after the lapse of two or three centuries nothing will remain of these curious monuments but formless blocks of stone.

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**SAMOA-N.Z. FRUIT
SHIPMENTS****Shortage of Bananas**

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, June 4.

OUT of the last five banana shipments sent to New Zealand, it is officially stated that three resulted in a loss to the Administration. In no case was it possible to obtain sufficient quantity of good sound fruit, for full shipments to be forwarded.

Undoubtedly there has been during the past few months a natural shortage of bananas, resulting from adverse weather conditions at the beginning of the year. But this natural shortage does not wholly explain the small quantity of fruit delivered for export to N. Zealand. When the Administration arranged early in 1935 for intermediate steamers of the Union Co. to call at Apia on their return from Vancouver to N.Z. and take shipments direct to the Auckland market, banana growers did not receive sufficient notice of the

arrangement, in time to plant additional areas.

When General Richardson initiated and encouraged the banana industry in Samoa, he, as well as his successors, wanted to create a new source of revenue mainly for native Samoans. European planters and their participation in the banana scheme were only a second consideration and of minor importance. When the political trouble started and the Mau movement was launched, the Administration used the banana monopoly to reward Government adherents and punish Mau men by excluding the latter from banana shipments.

It proved necessary, however, to admit Europeans into the scheme to a much larger degree than was intended at first, owing to the natives supplying insufficient quantities of fruit. The Administration had to sell or lease land to a number of European planters specially for banana growing; these banana plantations have now come into bearing and are at the present time the mainstay of the banana export industry.

In spite of the low copra price ruling, Samoan natives prefer to cut copra and do not bother with bananas, which require considerable care in spraying, weeding, packing, etc. The Administration therefore, have had to rely on European planters, who depend solely on the proceeds from their banana shipments and consequently endeavour to supply good quality and well packed fruit.

During the months June to September, 1935, banana shipments will be limited to the Maui Pomare and it is hoped that there will be sufficient fruit for full shipments. The intermittent shipments by Union Co. steamers may be resumed in October next.

**LAE BIDS FAREWELL TO
PILOT WILTSHIRE**

From a Special Correspondent.

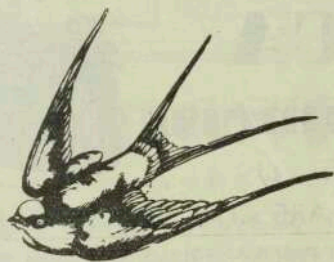
LAE (N.G.), June 9.

THURSDAY, June 6, was a gala day for Lae. In the evening practically all Guinea Airways employees and their wives assembled at the Hotel Cecil to bid farewell to Mr. "Bill" Wiltshire, one of New Guinea's best known pilots, who is leaving the Territory shortly to return to England, after spending some years in New Guinea.

Mr. Wiltshire is so well-known personally or by repute in the Territory that it is needless to enumerate his many good qualities and the sterling service he has rendered to residents on the goldfields. It was with great regret that practically the whole of the Lae population said farewell to him. However, the actual process of saying farewell was most enjoyable and everyone had a really pleasant night.

The evening was spent very pleasantly and everyone enjoyed the dancing, but the til bit came when Mr. Wiltshire was presented with a *puk puk* (crocodile) as a memento of New Guinea.

The ladies excelled themselves in providing the good things for supper, and Mrs. Chater, in mauve satin, was here, there and everywhere. Mrs. Ross, in flowered morocain, was noticed, as was also Mrs. Gething, in royal blue sand crepe. Others present were Mrs. Baldie, in tomato red lace, Mrs. Johnson, in blue organdi, Mrs. Priebe, in figured morocain with cowl neck, Mrs. Bal-four, in pink organdi, Mrs. Martin, in flowered pique voile, Mrs. Gurney, in black satin, Miss Sewell, looking very nice in a cream net frock, Mrs. Phillips, in flowered pique voile, Mrs. Collins, in black velvet with fur trimmings, Mrs. Eekhoff, in pink flowered voile, Mrs. Edwards, in a frock of black lace and Mrs. Conwell looked perfect in a frock of pink satin trimmed with silver lame.

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Conspiracy Exposed in New Guinea

Demand for Reform of Judicial System

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A CASE of great local and general interest was heard recently in the District Court, Salamaua.

On June 5, a man whom we shall call "Smith," a highly respected resident of Lae, was charged with a very serious offence against a small kanaka girl.

It proved to be an ingenious conspiracy by a native house-boy and three native accomplices (one a native police-sergeant) at the Salamaua Hotel. For a while, the case looked very black against Smith.

After three days and a half of careful cross-examination and argument by Mr. V. A. Florance, of Wau, (counsel for the accused) the Police Prosecutor, Mr. W. J. Livingstone, became convinced that Smith was the victim of a conspiracy and discussed the case with the District Officer, Mr. R. Melrose. During the week-end adjournment the "boys" were tricked into a full confession, and on Monday morning their confessions were read and the case against Smith was dismissed.

Mr. Downing, A.D.O., who heard the case, and Mr. Florance, both complimented Mr. Livingstone on the fair manner in which he had conducted the prosecution, and assisted in unravelling

the tangled net in which Smith had been trapped.

The story is interesting from many points of view, and suggests the need for an overhaul of the judicial system in New Guinea.

Briefly, the facts are these: Smith is a successful recruiter and part of his policy is to be very generous to the native children and the old (lapun) men and women of the villages. Children constantly come to him to beg for "marks" (shillings) which he invariably gives. On Tuesday, 28th May, in the afternoon, he was resting in a small room on the beach, at the back of the Salamaua Hotel, when a "monkey" (small boy) and a piccanniny "mary," about six years old, with one of the hotel boys, came to his room, woke him up, and asked for a mark to buy "kai-kai." The hotel boy, Una, then went away.

Smith sat up on the side of the bed, and told them they must not come to his room, as plenty of boys about there were thieves, and if anything were stolen from his room he would wonder whether they (the children) had stolen it. He also reminded them that he had given the "monkey" some money that morning. While talking to them in Pidgin he was playfully pulling the piccanniny's hair and ears and patting her cheek. She tried to climb on to the bed, but he put her down, gave them a shilling, and sent them away. There were a lot of "boys" just outside the door, which was wide open, and the children were only in the room about two minutes.

In an adjoining room was Temba a "wash boy," ironing clothes. He heard the voices and looked through a hole in the wall—saw everything that happened. Temba had a "cross" against Smith—i.e., nursed a private grudge because Smith had frequently sworn at him for making

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too much noise. So he invented a particularly revolting story, replete with disgusting details, and told it to a police boy. The "monkey" he schooled to corroborate the tale, and a third boy, who had looked into Smith's room when the children were there, also gave evidence of what he had seen—and added a lot more to fit in with Temba's story.

Under cross-examination, the natives contradicted themselves and each other, without knowing it. Soon it became perfectly obvious that not one of their stories could possibly be correct. But they "stuck to their guns," and the magistrate at mid-day on Saturday said it was a matter for the Supreme Court in Rabaul, 600 miles away, and that he had practically made up his mind to commit Smith for trial.

However, during the week-end, the "boys" admitted that the whole story was invented. They, no doubt, will be punished in due course, but that is poor consolation for Smith, for his distress of mind and loss of time and money. If the magistrate had committed him for trial it is unlikely that Smith would have been found guilty—although it is believed that certain men who were innocent have been "framed" by natives and sent in gaol in New Guinea. To have cleared himself in Rabaul would have cost hundreds of pounds, and weeks away from his business. Also, Mr. Melrose, Dr. Sinclair, Mr. Livingstone, and at least seven natives would have had to go to Rabaul, and a relief for Mr. Livingstone sent to Salamaua.

Clearly, there should be some means of protecting white residents—every possible care is taken that a native has a fair trial. The law in this respect, as administered in New Guinea, is not what it might be. Some of the magistrates apparently cannot bring themselves to believe that a kanaka will tell a lie—or, maybe, they have no confidence in their own discrimination, and will whenever possible commit for trial, and damn the expense.

The Criminal Code of Queensland has been adopted in the Territory and applies equally to white and black people. A

white witness is sworn in the usual manner, but a native is merely cautioned to tell the truth in these illuminating (but not very binding) words:—

"Now you must talk true—das all—S'pose you gammon along court big fella trouble e come up behind (later)"; and he is asked "You savee?" He replies "Yessir," and then proceeds with his evidence—or perjury.

But the worst feature of our system is that we do not have a Circuit Court. Every indictable offence has to go to Rabaul. And why, in the name of justice and common sense, should this be? Think of the waste of time and money when all witnesses have to go to Rabaul! Magistrates are in nearly every case obliged to send indictable cases—however flimsy the evidence may be—to Rabaul.

Will the Administrator or one of the judges or the Crown Law Officer deign to answer the question "Why is there no Circuit Court in New Guinea?"

It has been promised for years; and now the Goldfields population is growing at a terrific rate, and the Morobe district is the money spinner for the Territory.

For many years Sir Hubert Murray himself went on circuit in Papua, for in that Territory they do try and keep up with the march of civilization.

The law is the embodiment of everything that's excellent, but why should they keep it all to themselves in Rabaul—at our expense?

Rev. Frank Lewis, chairman of the New Britain district of the Methodist Mission, left Sydney with his wife and young son by the Neptuna on June 29, after six months' furlough in Australia. Mr. Lewis' two elder sons are remaining in Australia as boarding-students at Wesley College, Melbourne.

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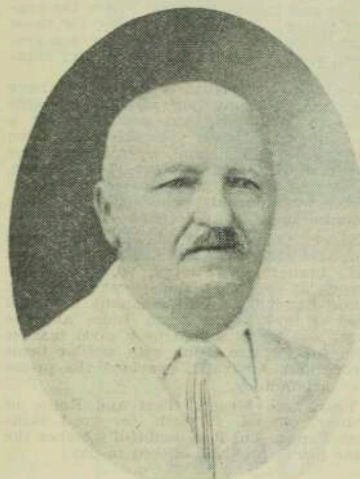
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Death of Mr. G. W. Partsch, of Western Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, June 6.

IN the evening of June 3, Mr. George W. Partsch, one of the oldest and most respected settlers of Western Samoa, died suddenly of heart failure at his home at Valloa, Apia.



Late Mr. G. W. Partsch

With his death departed one of the few remaining old identities of Samoa, who form a tie with the old times and the days of the hardy South Sea pioneers. During the last 46 years, Mr. Partsch had been one of the best known and respected identities on Apia beach, endearing himself to the European community by his genial and straightforward manner, and gaining the respect of the Samoans.

Mr. Partsch, who had reached the age of 85 years, was born in Hamburg, Germany, the descendent of an Austrian army officer of Vienna. Driven by his adventurous spirit, he left his home at an early age to try his luck in the glamorous South Seas. He went first to Tahiti as a seaman on a trading schooner and later visited Samoa (then under German administration) as mate of a sailing vessel. After the adventurous sea-faring life he decided to settle in Vavau, Tonga, as a trader for the big German firm, D.H. and P.G.

Three years later he joined the firm of McArthur & Co., in those days the principal competitor of the German company. For a time he traded for McArthur's on Haapai Island in the Tongan Group. However, the sea called; and so in 1884 he left Tonga as supercargo for Grevsmuhl, Crawford & Co., of San Francisco and Samoa. For five years he journeyed among the Gilbert and Ellice Group and the Marshall Islands.

In 1889, shortly after the unfortunate hurricane the ravages of which were still visible everywhere, Mr. Partsch arrived in Apia and decided to stay there permanently. He purchased a hotel and for 10 years conducted the business successfully. At the end of that period he became an auctioneer and general commission agent. Finally, when the group was taken over by New Zealand, he joined Messrs. Burns,

Philp (S.S.) Co.'s staff and had been a trader at their Valloa station for many years.

Mr. Partsch's death was mourned by a son and daughter, who lived with him, also by several grandchildren, and a son living in America. He lost his wife and one daughter many years ago. Mr. Partsch, who was a devoted son of his country, was a President of Honour of the Apia German Club Concordia. His funeral was attended by a large and representative gathering of mourners, who, at the cemetery, were impressively addressed by Pastor R. Reye, of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission.

N. G. Mining Warden Warns Share Investors

PEOPLE connected with the gold industry of New Guinea and particularly those of the investing public, who from time to time speculate in goldmining shares, will be interested in the warning sounded by the Warden of the Morobe goldfield, New Guinea, in May.

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"During the past few months options have been taken over large areas held under mining tenure on the Morobe Goldfield," wrote the Warden in his report for April, 1935.

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"It is thought that legislation, along the lines of the 'Professional Engineer's Act' of Queensland could, with advantage, be introduced in New Guinea."

STONES IN COPRA: SAMOAN TRADER FINED

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, June 4.

A TRADER on Savaii Is., Western Samoa, was recently fined at the Apia Court, for buying copra from natives in which a large quantity of shell and stones was detected.

This practice, due mostly to negligence of the trader when inspecting the copra, has led to heavy losses and damages suffered by Apia merchants in the past, as stones in the copra seriously damaged the machinery of the crushing mills.

Lately, owing to heavy fines for the offenders, the practice has been almost abolished.



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Hunters at Work in Papua

From Our Own Correspondent.

PT. MORESBY, June 13.

MESSRS. BURCHETT and Contempre arrived in Papua from Sydney by the Montoro on June 2, and left on June 5, for Viliropu, 100 miles east of Port Moresby, to collect alligator skins in the shallow creeks and mangrove flats, where the reptiles thrive. There is a market for these skins in Australia, provided they are prepared and marketed in a satisfactory manner.

Early in 1932, what is believed to have been the first auction sale of crocodile skins in Melbourne was conducted by a wool house. About 180 skins, all from Townsville, Queensland, were offered, and prices ranged from 6/- to 27/- a dozen, which was hardly remunerative to the collectors. Imported skins at the time brought about 15 a dozen.

Ninety per cent. of the offerings were bought by Messrs. Geo. Pizzey and Son, Ltd., tanners, of Fitzroy, who are large buyers of crocodile skins for shoes and ladies' handbags. This company imported most of their skins from India and the East, and there should be a good market open for Papuan skins with similar firms throughout Australia, provided the prices are satisfactory.

Years ago Messrs. Tost and Rohu, of Sydney, offered £5 each for good skins from Papua; but it is doubtful whether the same price would be offered to-day.

HIGHER MEAT CHARGES AT RABAU

From Our Own Correspondent.

RABAU, June 6.

FOR some six months Rabaul housewives have felt the benefit of competition in the ranks of the butchers. Now, however, there seems to have arisen what might be termed "a butchers' agreement," for prices have been stabilised on a higher basis, much to the regret of the careful housewife.

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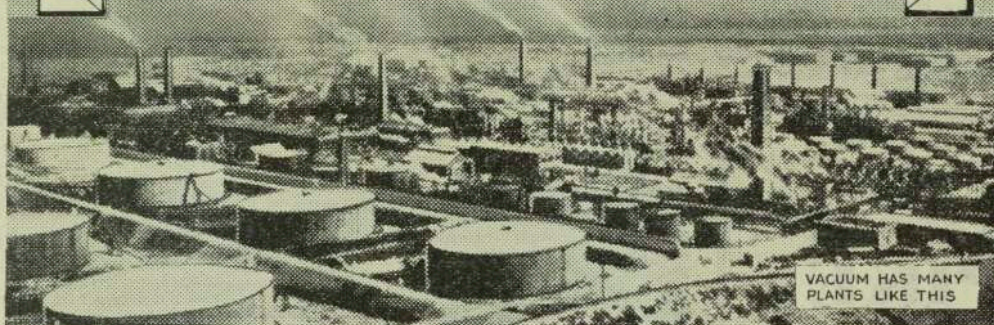
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School at Tahiti Leper Station

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, June 12.

ONE of the last public ceremonies performed by His Excellency Governor Montagne before his departure for France was the inauguration on May 4, of a new school house at Orafara leper station, which occupies a beautiful valley on the north coast of Tahiti, about 8 miles from Papeete. The patients interned at the station total about 122 persons, who have been brought together from all the scat-

tered islands comprising the Colony of French Oceania.

A large number of Papeete residents made the journey to Orafara to be present at this important function, which marked a red letter day in the lives of the unfortunate inmates of the settlement. Speeches appropriate to the occasion were delivered by Monseigneur Amedee Nouailles (Vicaire Apostolique de Tahiti), Mlle. Cadoustow (school mistress of the leper colony), Monsieur Robert Teai, and Monsieur Henri Grand (President of the local branch of the Red Cross Association).

In his address, Monsieur Grand gave a resume of the work accomplished by the devoted French ladies who have enthusiastically attached themselves to the Red Cross Organisation. Initiated some two years ago, the society has since been instrumental in bringing about many beneficial changes at Orafara. The committee has instituted an anti-tuberculosis campaign and raised funds, by means of the sale of special stamps, for the free distribution of cod liver oil and other preventives.

Monsieur Grand also paid a warm tribute to Governor Montagne and his wife who, ever since their arrival in the Colony, have taken a very keen personal interest in all questions affecting the public health, and have shown a special solicitude for the welfare of the inmates of Orafara.

Rev. John W. Burton, General Secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society of Australasia, sailed from Sydney for Western Samoa by the *Mariposa* on June 26. He will make an official inspection of the mission stations there and attend the centenary celebrations of the arrival of the first European Methodist missionary at Manono Island in 1835. Mr. Burton will return to Australia in August.

More Strange Rock Carvings in Fiji

FURTHER interesting archaeological discoveries are reported by Mr. A. J. Vogan who has been engaged in the self-imposed task of scientific investigation in the Pacific for many years.

Mr. Vogan in 1933 discovered and made plaster casts of very strange rock carvings in a cave in the Yasawas, north-west Fiji; and experts who examined copies of the queer script declared that they were Chinese characters pre-dating the Christian era.

Mr. Vogan early this year received further information, and left Sydney in April and proceeded direct to Daku-Niba, Wai-kara, Vanua Levu, in Fiji, where he discovered further carvings of a similar character, on what appeared to be the remains of ancient fortifications.

Writing from Suva, on June 6, Mr. Vogan said he was about to return to Vanua Levu, but that he had already found evidence that the ancient folk who made the deep groovings in the very hard volcanic rock were the same as those who made the carvings he found in the Yasawa cave. The native name of the new find is "Daku-Niba" which means "Behind the fence or wall."

"A steep climb brings one to a step or stone that is still in its original position across the jungle path," says Mr. Vogan. "On this stone is a strange castellated device which is not in any language, apparently."

"Further up the hill, a chain or so, two great stones, about 16 feet high, once stood on either side of the entrance to the Fort, or Holy Place. Earthquakes prob-

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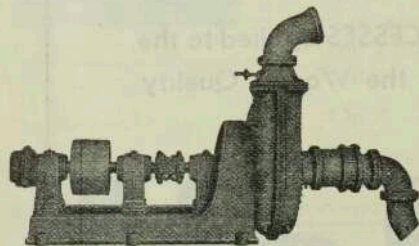
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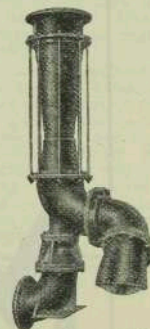
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ably (once very common here) brought these to earth—happily, face upwards (unless they are inscribed on both sides, which I have reason for thinking they are not).

"The photo. shows these portals, which contain the well known Pacific Diamond symbol, which occurs in Easter Island glyphic inscriptions and is said to represent 'Heaven.' The swastika, which is, of course, derived from the ancient Chinese word meaning 'Ten-thousand,' also appears. A steep glacis is formed on one side of entrance by the hard rock having been cut away until it has a slope about the same as that of a common slate-roof, and on the other hand is the deep river gorge.

"I have discovered many other interesting matters concerning this old settlement of early Chinese navigators, and I leave again shortly for another place where I

have heard of still more valuable remains of ancient culture and enterprise."

Mr. Vogan found the place at Wai-Kara almost inaccessible and covered with dense jungle, and the weather was very wet. To cap it all, he was nearly stung to death by bees. "I was not in my best form," he says.

Captain and Mrs. McClymont returned to Western Samoa by the Maui Pomare early in June after furlough in New Zealand. Mr. Clymont is Harbour-master at Apia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Curtis, proprietors of Mahina estate at Haapape, Tahiti, returned to Papeete by the Makura on June 22, after a year's holiday in America.



Photograph of strange rock carvings referred to in accompanying article.



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The Odyssey of Jimmy Marsters, of Palmerston Is.

By Julian Hillas

MUTINY on the Bounty" and "Men Against the Sea" recently have familiarised many people with Bligh's epic voyage over 3000 miles of practically unknown water. Bligh carried a sextant and other instruments and as captain of a man of war he was an experienced navigator.

It remains for someone to picture the almost equally epic feat of "Jimmy" Marsters, quarter-caste Palmerston Islander, who, with a single companion, traversed in 1919 the thousand odd miles which separate Penrhyn Island from the Phoenix Group in the north.

Marsters' knowledge of navigation was confined to a rudimentary acquaintance with the stars and a belief that if a boat left Penrhyn and followed in the wake of the setting sun she would eventually, plus a little luck, reach Samoa.

Sixteen years ago Jimmy was a husky young man in the early twenties, the possessor of a soft winning way with the ladies of Penrhyn, where life was dull and fathers notoriously more hard-hearted

than on any other island of the Cook Group.

Time hung heavily and adventure called. A tin of "bush-beer," two friends, a lonely spot on the warm moon-washed sands—and Marsters took up the challenge. They were all tired of Penrhyn. Somewhere in the west lay islands where living was easier and parents more compliant; where the plums of life had a rare bloom and could be taken for the asking.

And so it was decided that these three, together with their respective young women, should sail away from unlovely Penrhyn. The beer filled them with a fine new sense of courage and, as they stole back to the sleeping village, romance danced before them along the shores of the lagoon.

To Marsters was assigned the task of procuring a suitable boat, and he selected the best of the small pearling craft, a twenty-foot carvel-built cutter half-decked and freshly painted. The work of provisioning her was left to the other two.

One night, a week or so later, six people crept quietly through the settlement and, wading out into the shallow lagoon, boarded the cutter where she lay at anchor. Paddling silently into the channel, they steered for the great passage in the reef. A few lights still shone from the houses ashore and, away on the left, a cock crowed in the darkness. For a moment the spirit of adventure flickered and, during that second, one of the couples slipped overboard and swam for the beach.

In silence, the other four paddled on, through the crescent horns of the passage and, sweeping out on the tide, bore away to starboard. The sounds of the village were now smothered by the boom of the surf, and the island itself only showed as a low bank on their right.

Again, the spirit of adventure sank almost to zero, and another couple took the water, striking out for the nearby reef.

Jimmy Marsters and the girl Topou were now alone in the cutter. With them were fifty or sixty mature coconuts and a four-gallon tin of drinking water.

Marsters tightened his belt, cursed his erstwhile companions and set a course which he believed would bring them to Samoa. Then he lashed the tiller and went to sleep with Topou in his arms.

He kept on doing this—with slight variations—for the next twenty-eight days.

Once he managed to catch a booby-bird which had foolishly taken a nap on the masthead; but otherwise they lived on coconuts, *ad infinitum* and *ad nauseum*.

Now, it is only in fiction that the hero feeds his wench on such unvarying diet and she marries him in the last chapter—presumably to live happily ever after on the same fare. In real life, things work out differently; and, if you do not believe me, you can ask Topou. She is a middle-aged woman; but she still has quite a lot to say about coconuts in general and Jimmy Marsters in particular.

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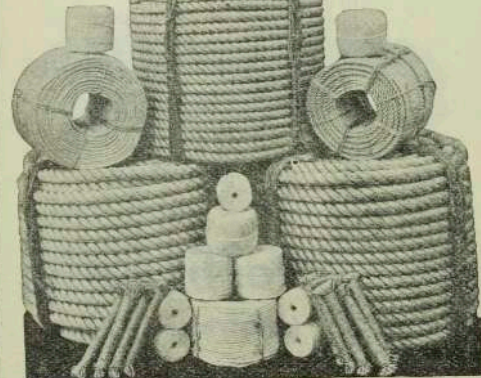
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The hospital staff which did such excellent work during the recent hurricane in the Cook Islands. Dr. Ellison, Medical Superintendent, and Matron Butler, of the Avarua Hospital, Rarotonga, are standing in the back row. All their assistants are of Polynesian descent.

Day after day, the sun rose and flamed only know that she went in for a complete change of diet.

The second half of this Odyssey was conducted under the auspices of the Government, who duly transported the two wanderers back to the Cook Islands by way of Samoa and New Zealand. On arrival at Rarotonga, the matter of the stolen cutter was gone into and Jimmy received a sentence of seven months "hard," besides being ordered to pay for the boat.

Topou? Topou married a man from the island of Manihiki and went north with him. Jimmy made no protest.

But, if you should happen to go on board the schooner "Tiare Taporo," and enquire for the bo'sun, you will meet a mahogany-faced man with whiplcord muscles, and perhaps he will tell you in the course of conversation that it is only a couple of years since he finished paying for a — cutter which is still somewhere in the Phoenix Group.

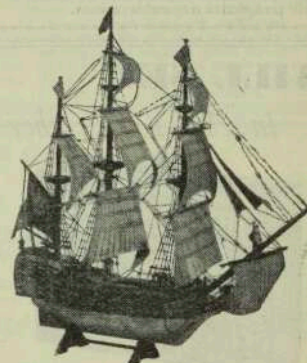
"Samoa," said Marsters, triumphantly; and a few hours later beached the cutter on Hull Island, in the Phoenix Group.

Here, he found himself somewhat of a hero. There were feasting and junketings of one kind or another; but I prefer to pass over these quickly, because the unpalatable truth must be told. Within three days Topou had gotten herself a new lover. Perhaps Jimmy's presence had become inextricably associated with coconuts. We

Right Rev. Stephen Harris Davies (Bishop of Carpentaria) returned to Thursday Island from Sydney by the Merkur on June 6. He made a quick trip to Australia to visit Mrs. Davies, who has been convalescent in hospital since April last.

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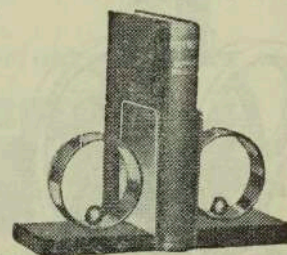
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The introduction of a white policeman was looked upon with great disfavour by Charlie. Such a thing could not be tolerated; and he voiced his opinion on the shortcomings of those on the Hill in no uncertain manner. Why should they wish to curtail a man's liberty? etc., etc.

However, the first policeman did not stay long. He fell off the end of the pier, and was heckled so much that he returned to Australia on the same boat he came by. The next cop was a "bboy," and

he played all the games of chance, with all the players—although he always remembered his duties.

One night, Charlie was so warmed up that he became a nuisance, and the policeman had to put him in the lock-up for his own safety.

Having fully slept off the effects of the night-before, Charlie yelled out:

"Boy, bring me my coffee rano, and carraburiga."

A voice replied: "You'll not get any coffee here, your old blighter."

Charlie said, "What the — do you mean?"

The same voice replied: "Because you are in jail—and you deserve all you are getting."

Charlie arose and rubbed his eyes, and found that he was cell-mates with a Swiss, known as Handsome Harry, or Harry Baker.

Charlie kept well away from Tom's for a few weeks.

Handsome Harry was a Swiss, and had lived in Darwin, where he fell foul of the authorities, and was brought before Judge Herbert—the same Judge who was later promoted to Port Moresby. Consequently, when Harry reached P.M., he was ready to be a wellbehaved citizen and did all sorts of odd jobs. He was a good sparring partner, and only once met his match—and this was an old ship-mate of his, Charles ("Yorkie") Booth, later well known on the Morobe goldfield. The exhibition of the noble art took place at the "lamp" area, and poor Harry was soon counted out.

Harry was a most irresponsible person, always looking for—and finding—trouble; until a badly aimed bullet found his heart and, like many other hard-bitten globe wanderers, he was laid to rest at that cemetery beyond Hanuabada.

His death was the result of his inter-

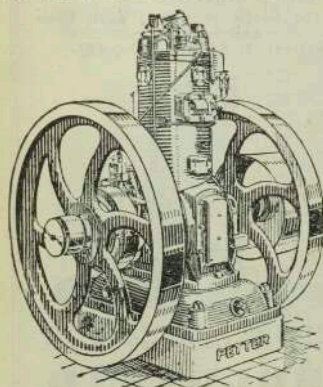
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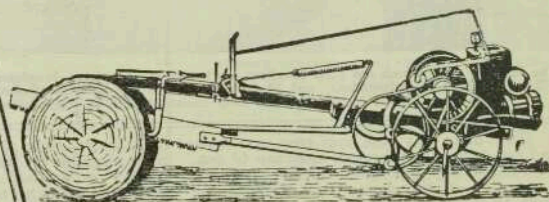
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fering with the woman of a Frenchman and, when it happened, he was, I think, playing poker in Tom McCrann's little parlour. Two of his player friends were Louie Jones, of Hula, and Alf Greenaway, of Dedele.

The Frenchman, on returning from the Lalaki, was informed by his woman that Harry had been visiting her again; and this news so incensed the Frenchman that he set out to give Harry the biggest scare of his life. On learning where he was, he made his way to the parlour, and told Harry what he was going to do.

The Frenchman aimed at the floor; but Alf Greenaway became alarmed and jumped up, knocking the revolver, which at that moment exploded, and poor Handsome was no more. He sagged in his chair, and the poker players finished their hand.

Tom McCrann's stepson ran into the street yelling "Murder! Murder!" but he was so excited that he was unable to say where or when.

Thus ended the life of another of New Guinea's mysterious residents. He came from no one knew where, and the manner of his death seemed to be entirely in keeping with his life.

Another Version

Harry Baker landed at Port Moresby in 1910; he was looking for a job, and interviewed the late Charles Baldwin. Mr. Baldwin told him to look in the next day. When leaving, Baker mentioned that, should a reference be needed, he was well known to Judge Herbert. Baldwin told him that such things as references were not asked for in Port Moresby.

As it happened, Judge Herbert passed later in the day, and Baldwin mentioned the incident of the morning.

"Harry Baker?" said the Judge. "I know him well. I sentenced him to a term of imprisonment in the Northern Territory for being concerned in the murder of a Chinaman."

I don't think this counted as a recommendation, but Baker was employed by Baldwin for some years—in fact, until his death—in driving the old steam launch "Ruby."

While I was in Abau, a man named Freese applied to me for a permit to allow his native "wife" to travel with him to Port Moresby, on the steamer "Wakefield." Tooani, the woman in question, was a good-looking girl who had been brought up in the mission on Mallu Island.

When the couple arrived in Port Moresby they became associated with Baker. The almost inevitable happened. In Freese's absence, Baker forced his attentions on Tooani.

Immediately on his return, Freese heard from Tooani what had happened. Freese found Baker and Tom McCrann's playing cards. He drew a revolver and shot Baker dead. Freese was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

—HENRY DEXTER.

Mr. David Lees, formerly of Suva, died in Victoria at the end of May at the age of 50. He entered the Immigration Department of the Fiji Government Service as a clerk in 1909. After serving in the Audit and Treasury Departments, he was appointed in 1931 as Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Lees retired in 1932.

Japanese Squadron Visits Western Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, June 7.

THE visit of the Japanese squadron, the training ships Asama and Yakumo, expected on the forenoon of King's Birthday, was postponed until the next day on account of the sudden death of an officer, Paymaster Captain Hamano, who died on May 31, during the squadron's visit to Suva, Fiji. He was cremated on board and accorded a funeral with full naval honours. This incident delayed the departure of the squadron from Fiji by a day.

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mano was the only officer on board the squadron who had previously visited Samoa in 1915, when serving on the cruiser Nisshin during the war.

After the official calls, the ships were thrown open to visitors, while the crews and officers were granted shore leave in turns. Soon the beach and the roads in and around Apia were crowded with groups of neatly uniformed, smiling and well-behaved little sailors of Japan, dignified and often bespectacled officers and youthful cadets, who inspected native life and especially the flora of Samoa with great interest. Occasionally they tried coconuts, oranges or bananas hospitably offered by friendly Samoan natives. The sailors seemed somewhat disappointed to find none of their countrymen in Samoa, while Chinese coolies did not seem amicably disposed towards the Japanese.

Officers of the squadron were taken for drives into the country and witnessed songs and dances given in their honour by boys of the Government school at Avele. Their scant naval pay did not allow the visitors to spend much money in Samoa, though souvenirs were bought by officers and large numbers of photographs and view cards were purchased.

The cruisers left on the afternoon of June 4 for Honolulu, from whence they will return homewards, calling at several of the Japanese mandated islands.

Mrs. J. Arnold, a native of Belgium, who had resided in Fiji for over 30 years, died at Suva in May.

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PT. MORESBY, June 20

DR. F. W. CLEMENTS, who is on the staff of the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine at the Sydney University arrived in Port Moresby early in June, accompanied by an assistant, Mr. K. Clinton, to make a survey of health conditions in Papua. He will study in particular the effect of diet on the different tribes of the country in the treatment of ulcers, a subject on which Dr. Clements has done a considerable amount of research work.

Dr. Clements and Mr. Clinton left on June 12 for Yule Island, from whence they will travel to the Mekeo district, on the mainland. There they will have an excellent opportunity of studying in the one district the different health conditions affected by the various altitudes. The country in from Yule Island rises gradually from the sea-board over large plains to high mountain ranges and supports a thick population.

After two months in the Territory, Dr. Clements will leave by the mail steamer late in August for Sydney. He will be accompanied by Dr. Walter Strong who will have charge of the third group of native medical assistants to undertake a course of elementary training in medicine at the Sydney University.

Dr. Clements who acted as tutor under Professor Harvey Sutton to the previous groups of native medical students from Papua, is watching with interest their field work following on their training in Sydney. It is reported that their standard of work has shown marked improvement since their return to the Territory.

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KKNOWN widely as the "library navigator," on account of his book-acquired maritime knowledge, Captain Harry Pidgeon, arrived in Port Moresby in his small yacht *Islander*, on June 4, direct from Honolulu after a voyage lasting 12 days.

In 1923, Capt. Pidgeon called in at Port Moresby on a previous tour around the world, during which he wrote a book, called "Around the World Single-Handed." His enterprise of four years' duration was acclaimed at the time to be one of the greatest of modern adventures.

His vessel, the *Islander*, was built by Capt. Pidgeon himself, from information contained in a yachting magazine. The yawl is a 34-ft. vessel having a 10-ft. 9-in. beam and drawing unloaded 5-ft. of water.

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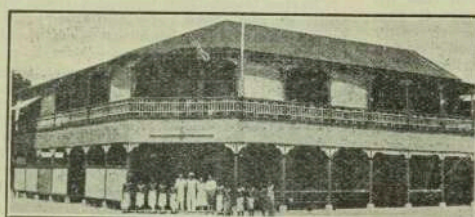
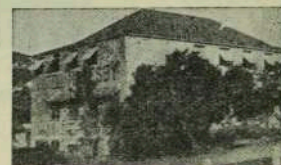
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WHETHER pre-historic man ever had a track from Wau to Edie Creek, in Central New Guinea, we shall never know.

That the stone-age man did is a certainty; for at one time, during the "rush," the miners (or would-be miners) were pleased to use this old hunting and fighting track of the Biengi tribe. I suppose this also was the track used by one or two Bird of Paradise shooters who scaled Kilendi Mountain.

"Kar-Kar" Smith was one of these. He actually camped on Darby's Flat—thinking in terms of plumes and not of ounces—as he did on his second visit.

In 1927, a piece of pottery was dug up on Midas Creek; and many said it was Chinese. But I think it was probably Siassi pottery, that had been traded through the Tami and Kawai tribes. The Biengis had a camping ground on the Midas, which they used when raiding the Upper Watut natives. So I think we can abandon the suggestion that the Chinese ever had a road in.

Travelling the new motor road from Wau to Edie Creek, I thought of the five previous tracks that have been used by the miners since 1926, and I remembered the praise lavished on each at its opening—"Jove, the new road is wonderful!"

One cannot, unfortunately, look into the future; but a macadamized or rubber-surfaced road or boulevard from Wau to Edie Creek, I suppose, are within the bounds of the wild possibilities of the

future—perhaps congested with buses or trackless trolleys. Certainly, this appears no more unlikely than the present motor road did to those prospectors who struggled up Bill Royal's Waterfall track, which was the Europeans' first road to Edie Creek. This climb took the best part of twelve hours, and one arrived more dead than alive.

Anderson's Track was the second one used. This led from Anderson's Creek, a tributary of the Namie, to Bond's Camp, below the "George Lease." This was described as a wonderful track after Royal's Road, only about 9½ hours being taken.

Charles Booth then located a track up a spur, at the back of "Cliffside." This joined the Edie at Eichhorn's Creek, after nine hours' good going.

These three tracks were through thick bush; but Booth cut a "look-out," about half-way down, that gave a superb panorama of the glorious Bulolo Valley. This "look-out" was known as "Booth's Window," and the ashes of many camp fires showed that most miners found the view too good to leave hurriedly and had lunched there.

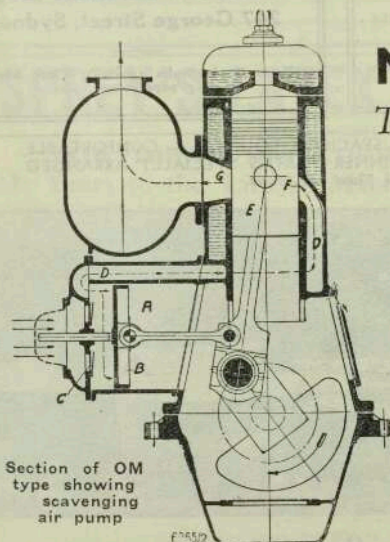
Then the old Biengi kanaka road came into its own. Known as Dover's Track (for it was Ernie Dover who first induced the natives to show him this track) it was the most direct route that ever led from Wau to Edie, and it is still occasionally used by indentured labourers, and the Biengis will use no other.

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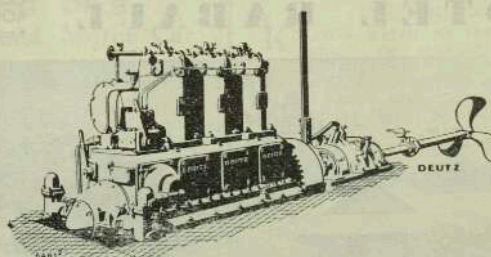
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Ascending the precipitous mountainside at the back of what is now the N.G.G. Ltd. office at Wau, 7½ hours' climb (about 4,000 feet) brought one to the divide; and another hour's descent by way of Snake and Merri Creeks landed one at Darby's Flat.

As a heart-breaking climb, this track has no equal, in my opinion—except, perhaps, Mt. Everest. I haven't tried that!

Walking in from Salamaua in six days, and facing Dover's track on the seventh, produced many a groan. It was the limit of human endurance, especially if several of your boys had "cracked up" on the track, and you had carried a 50-lbs. pack most of the way from Salamaua. This mountain is sometimes shown on old plans as Corpse Hill, owing to a number of dysentery-weakened carriers dying there.

I remember a great argument on the "beach" about what methods of transport could be used on the road in. This was before anyone, except perhaps Leven, had seen the possibilities of aerial transport. Many fantastic suggestions were made; but one new-comer, who had not then faced the track, declared elephants were what we wanted. He had "seen what they could do in Burma and ought to know." When it was pointed out that he had not seen the track he stated "he'd heard enough about it."

One day, some weeks later, I found our elephant-champion three parts of the way up Corpse Hill, lying stretched on his back, absolutely done. I could not help asking:

"What about elephants now?"

His "Ye Gods, no! Anything not sired by a mountain goat is impossible here!" caused a smile all round.

The fifth track was first called "Lyall's Road." It was in advance of the other track, in that it was constructed for mules—but not for the lorry traffic, for which it has been used for the last year. The idea of this track emanated from someone (I think Mr. Cutler, now a planter at Kokopo) at a meeting of the now defunct Morobe District Miners' Association and was taken up immediately.

The miners joined with the "Big Six"

in the construction; and nearly everyone not "broke" contributed tools, tents, flies, or boys. The late Mr. David Lyall was placed in charge, being then in the employ of the "Big Six."

This road was improved, patched up and "jiggered up" for six years, by many parties—but mostly by Ellyou Co., N.G.G. Ltd., Day Dawn, Wally Corden and other mule-owners, and Fred Deckert and other lorry-owners.

Until 1933-4 the Administration seems to have contributed little to the enormous expense of improving and maintaining this track. N.G.G. Ltd. probably contributed half of the total expenditure.

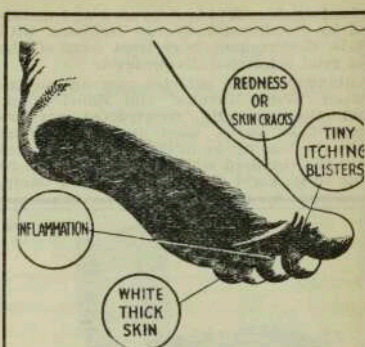
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The view from many points on the road is magnificent; and, on a clear day, or in the early morning, when the mists are rising from the valleys, I doubt if it can be excelled anywhere.

I should mention that what is known as the New Road is actually only part of the way to Edie; for, leaving Wau by the new road, one joins the N.G.G. road at Kunai Creek, and follows this until the new road is picked up again at the power house. This new section then carries one to "Water Karuka," where the old road is



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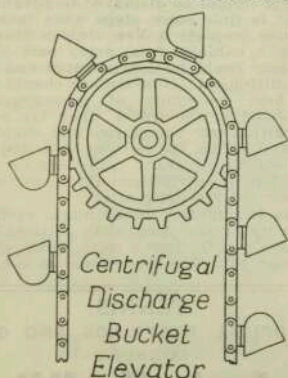
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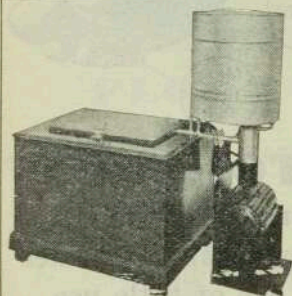
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Upper Edie Creek, by the end of July, and that the close of 1935 will see every detail of the heavy motor traffic road from Wau to Upper Edie Creek completed.

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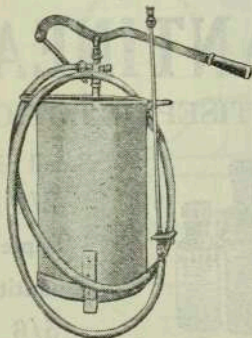
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SAMOA'S TROUBLES

THE man who really could have helped the New Zealand Government in its task of governing Western Samoa was Mr. Griffin," says a London correspondent, who knows the South Seas well. "He died ten years too soon.

"Some of the old hands, such as H. J. Moors, were in a position to act as advisers, but the autocratic set at the Government buildings were too thick-headed to realise how really 'new-chummy' they were, and they would not accept the proffered help.

"Western Samoa is a really wonderful group, and is peopled by folk who are as far ahead of the average native as the British think they are ahead of backward Europeans. The Samoans have an outlook on life which is not understood by Europeans; and, further, the average man who is in the Civil Service of Samoa does not consider that he should understand them.

"Mr. Griffin, being an expert Samoan language translator, was able to understand what they said to him and, with one or two possible exceptions, he was the only white man who could without effort follow them in any discussion. Mr. Williams, late of Savai'i, was another, but as they are now both with their forefathers, all that can be said is that their efforts did not apparently meet with the success they deserved.

"If the people of New Zealand and those of Western Samoa could only agree on and have the B class mandate instead of the C mandate, 95 per cent. of these troubles would entirely disappear, and Samoa would become that 'Pearl of the Pacific' we all knew it to be in our younger days."

THE RABAU MUSEUM

From Our Own Correspondent.

RABAU, June 7.

THE Rabau Museum, in which are housed many valuable exhibits of an ethnographical, ornithological and historical nature, is now open to the public on the first Sunday each month. Hitherto residents have been unable to visit this interesting building owing to the fact that the doors have been closed after the ordinary Public Service hours, i.e., 8 to 12 a.m. and 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

There are so many exhibits that many of them cannot be displayed to advantage, and it is time some steps were taken to organise properly a New Guinea Museum in which exhibits from every part of the Territory could be concentrated and properly displayed. New Guinea should have the best collection of ethnographical specimens in the world; they are available within our boundaries and should be obtained before the natives have disposed of them to itinerant collectors or have forgotten the art of manufacturing many of their interesting crafts.

This is a matter which might easily be taken up by the Australian National Research Council. It is a work which should be done with the least possible delay.

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Mrs. Bowring.

AFTER several months in Wau hospital, Mrs. Bowring has recovered from the serious injuries sustained in a recent accident and has now returned to Edie Creek where she has charge of the guest-house near Day Dawn mine.

Mrs. Bowring owes her life to a faithful native servant who immediately went to her rescue when she was thrown 90 ft. down the mountain side from a motor lorry travelling along the old Wau-Edie Creek track.

When attempting to round a sharp turn on the rain-soaked track near Maori Creek, the truck's engine spluttered and died out. The lorry began to slither backwards and the driver applied the brakes, only to hear them grind and then fail to check the machine. To avoid sliding over the cliff, he jerked the rear wheel into the bank. The impact as the truck struck the rocky bank threw Mrs. Bowring off the seat and she fell on to the road, tumbling down the steep precipice to the bottom.

Seeing his "missile" rolling down the slope, the lady's native servant sprang from the lorry and climbed down the grade, reaching the bottom only a few seconds after Mrs. Bowring. He found her lying unconscious in the cold stream, where most probably she would have

drowned had not help been immediately at hand.

The native held her head above water until a gang of native labourers who were employed in patching up the road came to their assistance. With great difficulty Mrs. Bowring was carried up the cliff and, after receiving attention, was taken to the hospital at Wau.

IN THE MARSHALLS

Japan's South Seas Policies

"ALL is quiet here in the Marshall Islands (Japanese mandate)" says a Jaluit correspondent, writing on April 25. "It is as though perfect peace and harmony reigned throughout the wide world. Japan's withdrawal from the League of Nations, which is now effective, does not appear to have resulted in any changes in her South Seas policies. Conditions in these mandated islands remain just the same as hitherto. Progressive policies for the development of the Territories and the welfare of the natives continue unchanged, and without a manifest addition of anything a bellicose League of Nations—if such there be!—could cavil at; and with much that an impartial League would heartily commend."

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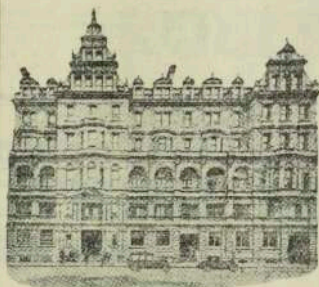
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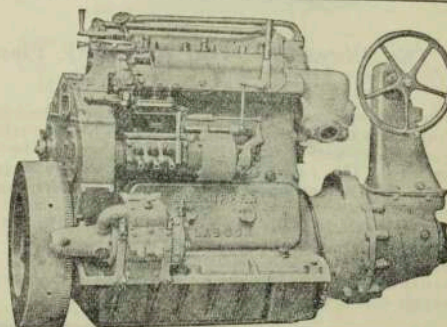
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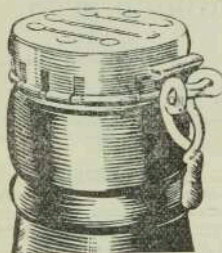


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KWATO'S REPLY TO CRITICISM

Letter to the Editor.

WE feel compelled to reply to the increasing number of letters that are being published in your columns with reference to the Kwato Mission and Trading.

In the first place, Mr. Fletcher's statement in your November issue, that these criticisms express the "views of the population of the Eastern end of the Territory," is both misleading and quite untrue.

There certainly is, to use your own words, "a very strong feeling in Eastern Papua regarding Kwato's trading activities," but it applies to a very small minority who happen to be directly affected. They have every right to voice their point of view in the press, but should not convey the impression that this is the feeling of the majority.

You add that the Samarai Chamber of Commerce should prepare a case for submission to the Lieutenant Governor. The Samarai Chamber of Commerce is a representative body of keen business men who certainly would have no hesitation in preparing a case—if there were a case to prepare, or if they considered such action necessary. The fact that these grievances receive no support from a body of prominent Samarai residents is a fair indication of the relative strength of this feeling.

The large number of business firms and local residents who have employed or bought the products of Papuan craftsmen at Kwato include:

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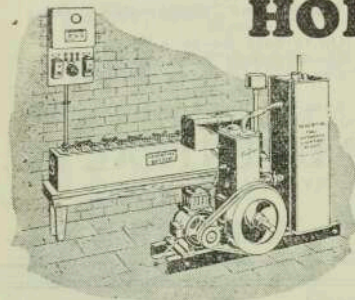
These firms and individuals are benefiting by the service that is being rendered to progressive business enterprise in this part of the country. The Papuan is making his contribution towards recovery in the very departments for which the Government technical training has fitted him. The demand for skilled Papuan workers is greater than it ever has been, and appears to be increasing. Every white tradesman in this locality seems to be fully occupied, and some have more work than they can cope with. There is room for all just at present, and plenty of room for a little healthy competition.

The above facts will serve to show that a real cross-section of local public opinion would undoubtedly reveal some "strong feeling" in quite the opposite direction.

By far the most serious charge made in the letters you have published is that the Kwato Mission is misusing and mishandling public funds—e.g., the Government Subsidy—and donations from supporters overseas. In your issue of November 22, Mr. Fletcher states that, with the help of this grant, "given OSTENSIBLY for the purpose of conducting technical schools for natives at Kwato, this Company can underquote any traders or tradesmen in the Territory . . . If they (the Government) give a subsidy for technical purposes it is up to them to see that the WHOLE of that amount is spent on the business for which it is given. If it is, neither Mr. Harrison nor myself can complain." (The capitals are mine.)

We take this opportunity of reassuring your readers and the many friends of this Mission throughout the Territory and elsewhere, that every penny of the Government subsidy for Technical Education is used for Technical Education. Moreover, our figures show that more is spent on this department than the amount granted to us by the Government. We hope Mr. Fletcher will be satisfied with this statement, but we feel obliged to

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point out the extreme seriousness of making an absolutely groundless charge of misappropriation against a philanthropic body without first taking the trouble to investigate the facts. It should also be made clear by those who complain that facts are hard to obtain, that these facts have never been asked for, nor have we ever refused to give information about the administration of public monies.

In his letter published in your February issue, Mr. Izod states that "the donors of the generous gifts" we receive, "only hear one side of the story," and implies that they are not aware that their gifts are being misused for commercial purposes or to undercut white tradesmen. We have no hesitation in saying that these fantastic statements are absolutely untrue. The fact is that every gift—whether money or kind—that is given for Mission purposes, be this educational, medical, or evangelistic, is devoted entirely to this object, and to this only.

Finally, we feel it is necessary to state very briefly:

That the Incorporated Kwato Extension Association, a non-dividend paying Company, was incorporated in London in 1919, and that all profits are devoted to the objects of the Mission.

That we do comply with all Government regulations affecting registered boats, and we do not claim immunity from the Native Labour Ordinances and Regulations.

That the total amount of gold taken out of Milne Bay by anyone connected with the Association amounted to 1½ ounces! (And that was on a claim more than ten miles from where Mr. Fletcher was working.)

That so-called "Kwato natives" are free agents, and are at liberty to leave Kwato when they choose, and peg claims in Milne Bay, Normanby Island, or wherever they like. They work as private individuals for themselves, often trading with, and sometimes buying gold from other natives.

That the reply "Kwato," in response to a question "Where do you come from?" does not necessarily mean that that native is in the employ of Kwato. The term "Kwato native" is often used very loosely of anyone living in the Kwato district, and sometimes by unscrupulous natives who have no connection with us whatsoever.

That Mr. Henry Dexter, our erstwhile neighbour, during the whole time he lived and traded in Milne Bay, never found any cause to complain of Kwato undercutting or competition, and specifically said so in a letter to the "Pacific Islands Monthly."

That we hope all who have a grievance against us—real or imaginary—will communicate with us or come and see us. We are reasonable people who are concerned about the happiness and welfare of every section of the community, white as well as brown.

I am, etc.,

CECIL C. G. ABEL,

Managing Director,

Inc. Kwato Extension Association,
Samarai, Papua, 10/5/35.

Inconsistent Native Evidence

From Our Own Correspondent.

RABAUL, May 27

IN March, three indentured labourers, two men and a woman, arrived at Kokopo from a Bainings plantation and laid a complaint to the Government officer that the European plantation manager had committed rape on the woman. It was stated that the offence had been witnessed by the manager's cook-boy looking through a hole in the floor.

To verify the statements the A.D.O. (Mr. B. W. Sherman) made a visit to the plantation and there reconstructed the alleged offence, but found that it was impossible through the hole in the floor to make the observation alleged by the cook-boy. Becoming suspicious the A.D.O. warned the complainants of the gravity of making false statements and insisted on the truth being given.

At this juncture the woman made a statement that there had been no rape, and that the whole story was concocted by the cook-boy who had been assaulted by the master. As revenge, he had sug-

gested that she should go to her husband and complain of being raped by the master. The cook-boy would then corroborate the evidence, reporting that he had seen the offence committed, through a hole in the floor.

A similar signed statement was made by the cook-boy who admitted the charge was "trumped up" for the purpose of obtaining revenge on the plantation manager.

On May 7, the two natives (Ningmi, the woman and Isaash, the cook-boy) appeared before His Honour Judge Phillips in the Supreme Court on a charge of conspiracy. To the surprise of everyone present the pair pleaded not guilty eventually maintaining that their original story, as told at Kokopo on the first occasion, was true.

After summing up the evidence Judge Phillips acquitted both the defendants.

Mr. J. A. Todd field anthropologist of the Australian National Research Council, will return to New Guinea shortly. He spent over 12 months in 1933-34 at New Britain, and many of his observations and conclusions have been published in the Council's quarterly journal, "Oceania."

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From Our Owa Correspondent.

SUVA, July 1.

THE Legislative Council met at Suva recently, when the Acting-Governor, Hon. A. A. Wright, presented a survey of the Colony's activities to date. His report read rather like the review by a managing director of the progress of his company to his shareholders and the business-like manner in which facts and figures were stated is to be commended.

The ordinary revenue of the Government exceeded the ordinary expenditure by £5600 odd, an especially satisfactory state of affairs, having regard to the trying circumstances of 1934. Ordinary revenue was £601,000—about £4000 less than for 1933—whilst expenditure totalled £595,400—about £25,500 more than 1933.

It had been anticipated in the Budget of 1933 that there would be a deficit in the 1934 accounts of no less than £24,000. Most of the improvement is due to increased collections at the Customs House.

On the statement of capital assets and liabilities the Colony shows a remarkable increase of £60,000. Direct assets exceed liabilities by £261,000, by far the largest surplus in the history of Fiji. In addition there are reserves totalling £25,000, so that the surplus plus reserves is almost sufficient to redeem half the Colony's debt.

In ten years, from 1924 to 1934, a deficit of £155,000 in the accounts of Fiji has been turned into a handsome surplus.

As to the export and import trade, imports declined about 7½ per cent. in value, whilst exports were down nearly 20 per cent. Of the exports, copra, although in tonnage greater than 1934, was valued at much less. The picture changes however for the first five months of 1935, when the value of exports, although largely the same in volume, increased by about 5 per cent.

Sugar produced in 1934 amounted to 105,000 tons, but in 1935 should reach 123,000 tons. Copra will probably remain steady at about 25,000 tons, but the rise in price from £8 London to £12 means an additional £100,000 at least coming into the Colony. New Zealand will probably take much the same quantity of bananas from us, whilst Canada and Australia are potential markets not to be ignored. As to gold, ask Collins Street!

One could almost hear the subdued cheering of the shareholders in Fiji (unlimited) as the acting managing director summed up the position:

"The prospects of the sugar crop are exceptionally promising; the increase in the price of copra is being maintained; there is again a limited market for bananas in Australia; it is hoped that a footing has been obtained in the banana market of Western Canada; and the benefits of the tourist traffic, and the indirect, and before long, the direct benefits of gold mining should be reflected in the revenues of the Colony for 1935. I feel that we can look forward with confidence to the future."

SAMOAN ADMINISTRATOR'S LAST MALAGA

THE Administrator's last official *malaga* or inspection trip round the islands was undertaken on June 6. The trip round the island of Upolu was terminated on June 15, and the trip round Savaii on June 23.

On July 3 His Excellency travelled to Pago Pago (American Samoa) on the U.S.S. Ontario to return the last official visit of the Governor of American Samoa. He attended the Fourth of July celebrations at Pago Pago and returned to Apia on July 5.

The Administrator will depart for New Zealand on July 25 by the Maui Pomare. Mr. Turnbull, Secretary to the Administrator, will act as Administrator until the arrival of a successor.

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THE FRANCHISE IN FIJI

Rapid Growth of Indian Population Creates a Problem

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, July 3.
DURING the May session of the Legislative Council, an ordinance was passed altering the system of municipal government in Suva.

As previously explained in these columns, the civic affairs of Suva are administered now by a mayor and council of nine, elected by the ratepayers. The Legislative Council has decided that from the beginning of next year the elective principle is to be abolished and that in future the municipality is to be administered by a municipal commission of thirteen.

The chairman and six members will be nominated by the Governor of Fiji from amongst the government officials, whilst two Europeans, two Fijians, and two Indians will be selected—by the Governor—from amongst the ratepayers of Suva.

The ordinance passed the Council with only a small minority of dissent, as it was clear that the change in the constitution of the municipal council was a method of gratifying the aspirations of the Indians to political equality and preserving the rights of the two communities who are likely to find themselves much in the minority before long—the Europeans and Fijians.

It was therefore expected that the question of political equality in the Fiji Legislative Council should be raised once more. The precedent of the Suva Municipal

Council seemed worth following in the case of the superior body (the Legislative Council) and the principle of each community having an equal number of representatives nominated by the Governor appeared a rational means of burying the old bogey of the common roll.

The Hon. K. B. Singh introduced a motion expressing a desire to revert to the principle of nomination in the case of the non-official members of the Legislative Council, each community to have its own representation. The resolution was supported by Sir Maynard Hedstrom and Sir Henry Scott, amongst others, but opposed by Hon. Alport Barker and two others. It read as follows:

"That, in the opinion of this Council, it would be in the best interests of the colony and the various races resident therein if the European and Indian members, as well as the Fijian members, were nominated and not elected—an equal number of seats to be reserved for each of the three communities."

The motion was agreed to by five votes to three, neither the officials nor the Fijians voting.

Subsequently, a public meeting was called in the Suva Town Hall where Hon. Alport Barker and others spoke in condemnation of the motion.

Sir Henry Scott and Sir Maynard Hedstrom spoke in favour of making this rather unpalatable change. Both their arguments and their presence carried

more weight than their opponents with the somewhat motley assemblage.

The vote taken was distinctly farcical, it being alleged that 65 voted for the Barker views, and that 35 opposed.

As the European electors of the southern division number over seven hundred, it will be appreciated that the community is not really stirred over the prospective loss of the franchise.

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A Gilbertian Situation

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, June 17.

A TRULY Gilbertian situation has arisen in Fiji.

Last year the Chief Justice (His Honour Sir Maxwell Maxwell-Anderson) uttered from the Bench a condemnation in no uncertain terms of the conduct of certain Indian clerks to solicitors—this, as a result of the trial for perjury of one Jaimal, an Indian money-lender. He then issued instructions that no documents, etc., interpreted by these clerks were to be accepted at the Supreme Court Registries and consequently no solicitor would employ them.

Some of the clerks resented strongly the imputations put upon them, and it is reported that they have actually prepared for issue against Sir Maxwell Maxwell-Anderson writs for libel claiming £5000 damages. The only place in which such actions could be brought would be the Supreme Court of Fiji—His Honour's own court.

Mr. A. H. Buckland, who was recently accepted by the Australian Board of Missions for work in Papua, sailed for Port Moresby by the Montoro on July 6. He will be stationed on the north-east coast of Papua, and will be engaged in teaching and other missionary work. Mr. Buckland has had missionary experience in New Hebrides, having been stationed for some years at Tanna Island.

Garden Magic — or a Valuable Horticultural Discovery ?

We are indebted for the following interesting article to Mr. Charles Reed, a well-known horticulturist, of Western Samoa.

A PLANT of the lily family which may prove of value and importance in the prevention and eradication of the various forms of plant-diseases which are caused by "fungi" has been investigated by the writer at Apia, Western Samoa.

For many years past, the Samoans have made it a practice to plant at the base of all their bread-fruit trees and other food-trees two small bulbs of a species of lily called in Samoan "Lau Talo-Talo." These bulbs, the natives assert, will effectively prevent attack by the common fungoid disease Limu-mea (*Fomes semitostus*), a deadly parasitic fungus, which attacks and rapidly kills many of the tropical economic trees and plants, such as the breadfruit tree, hovea-rubber trees, cocoa and coffee trees. Jungle trees and garden vegetables are equally liable to attack by this fungus.

When the root, or mycelium, of the fungus comes into contact with the root of any living tree, the tree is usually doomed, for, in a short space of time, the white, cotton-like medium or root will envelop the living roots of its victim, work up through the cambium (or bark) and form ring-worm-like concentric rings around the base of the tree, which destroy the sap and kill the tree, giving off the characteristic evil odour of the toadstool.



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Eventually the fungus may fruit, and produce spores.

The usual method is to dig a trench around the affected tree and treat by burning or liming. In Samoa, however, the natives simply plant their prophylactic bulb, the Lau Talo-Talo, and so ward off attack.

WHAT IS "LAU TALO-TALO"?

Originally, it was a Samoan discovery. The idea of a lily bulb being efficacious against deadly fungoid plant diseases was ridiculed by the two or three whites who had heard of the native practice. The bulb, so the writer was informed, was the common caladium of our gardens.

At the Government Agricultural Experimental Station the writer permitted his cadets to plant 50 breadfruit trees. Each tree had planted at its base two Lau Talo-Talo bulbs, one on either side of the tree.

On a nearby section, another fifty breadfruit saplings were planted, with no protecting bulbs.

Both sections were cultivated in the same manner. One year later, those areas were examined for disease by the writer. He found that there was no sign of fungus disease among the breadfruit trees planted with the Lau Talo-Talo, while in the case of the other section 27 trees had been lost by Limu-mea, or fungus.

The result was encouraging, and led to further experiments, which were carried out among cocoa trees and tomato plants, and with the same result. In no instance did I find trees or plants attacked or destroyed by the parasitic fungus, where the prophylactic bulb had been planted.

I later found the Lau Talo-Talo bulb in flower, and was able to identify the plant as a native of Asia (*C. Asiaticum*), an exotic to Samoa.

The writer has also examined a large number of breadfruit trees planted in the ordinary course of things by the natives themselves (always with this "protecting" bulb) but never so far has he found a tree killed by fungus disease.

Hence, witchcraft or superstition, or garden-magic, or whatever it may be termed, becomes at least a subject of interest.

Short-Sighted Architects

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, June 25.

THE necessary lands at Naiqai have been acquired upon which are to be erected the new government offices in Suva. Naiqai means literally "the mill" and is the locality where was erected in 1871 the first sugar mill in Fiji by Messrs. Brewer and Joske.

It was hoped that competitive designs would be called for in Australia and New Zealand from leading architects, but it is understood that the respective architects' institutes demanded the right to award the prizes to the designs they themselves considered to be the best. Academically such designs might have been the more merit-worthy, but the client's wishes were to take second place. Hence, a government architect probably will be appointed, and Australian and New Zealand architects will lose a large, fat plum.

Mr. P. H. Edmunds, who has been for 25 years the manager on Easter Island for the English syndicate which holds the ranching concession from the Chilean Government, left Tahiti recently for a short holiday in England. On his return to French Oceania, Mr. Edmunds will take up residence in the Paea district of Tahiti.

FIJI'S NEW COINAGE

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, June 25.

THE total face value of the new Fiji coinage minted in London and now in Fiji is £44,200.

Following on the issue of this coinage, a notice was published in April that United Kingdom coinage was no longer legal tender in the Colony! The value of the pound sterling has not, however, suffered any appreciable decline on the money exchanges of New York and Paris.

Is It Farewell To "Beach Wireless"?

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, June 17.

NEGOTIATIONS are in progress with A.W.A. for improving the wireless service in the Colony.

Rumour has it that a Fiji broadcasting company is to be formed and that we shall no longer be restricted to Australian and New Zealand programmes.

For many years, of course, there has been a species of broadcasting in Suva from certain stations which is very receptive to "beach wireless."

Mr. R. M. Brain, who has been appointed constructional engineer of Upper Watut Gold Alluvials, N.L., left Sydney for Salamaua, New Guinea, by the Nepetuna on June 29.

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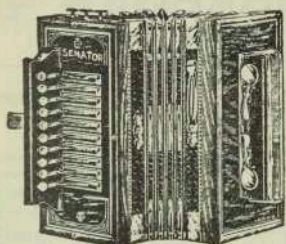
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The chairman, Mr. S. D'Arcy Cooper, said that the sharp reaction in the prices of oils and oil seeds in early 1935 was due to world shortage following the disastrous drought in the United States and parts of the Eastern Hemisphere which seriously affected the production of oil seeds, and, amongst others, ground nuts.

The higher cost of raw material would not be seriously felt on soap, but the position as regards margarine would be different, as the price of butter and lard represents a maximum beyond which margarine cannot well be advanced. The butter imports into the United Kingdom had been steadily increasing since 1927 and the quantity imported in 1934 showed an expansion of 72 per cent. over 1927. The margarine turnover had not suffered to the same extent as the sale of butter had increased. The combined consumption of butter and margarine per head of population in the United Kingdom amounted to 33.3 lbs. in 1934 as against 29.9 lbs. in 1928.

Compared with 1933, Unilever's total sales of margarine and edible fats in all countries decreased by only 1½ per cent. The total sales of cattle cake and cattle food by Unilever companies amounted to approximately 1½ millions—an increase of almost 4 per cent. over 1933. The combined turnover of soap of the entire

Unilever organisation amounted to 3½ millions—an increase of 3.5 per cent. over 1933, which itself was a record year. The average profits for the two companies worked out at 9½ per cent. as against 8.9 per cent. for the corresponding period last year. Of this amount, the dividend distributed on the ordinary shares worked out at about 4.8 per cent., so that 4.7 per cent. is retained in the business.

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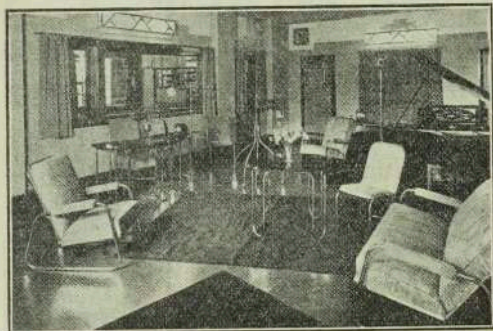
The power required for transmission is supplied by a pedal apparatus, operated by one man.

Sets already are being successfully used by district and patrol officers in New Guinea, and they can communicate with their own stations, or with the regular radio stations, at set times, from the most isolated situations. A knowledge of Morse is essential—although it is believed to be only a matter of a little time before telephones will take the place of the Morse instruments.

Most of the mission organisations in the Islands are expected to adopt the system. The Methodist Foreign Missions Board, in February, allocated £200 for the purchase of sets for outlying mission stations in Papua.

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Sacred Heart Mission Celebrates 50 Years of Work in Papua

From Our Own Correspondent.

PT. MORESBY, July 7.

ON July 4th, the Sacred Heart Mission commemorated the 50th anniversary of the commencement of its mission work in the Territory of Papua, at its head station on Yule Island, 60 miles west of Port Moresby, off the mainland of the Central Division.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Papua (Sir Hubert Murray) journeyed from Port Moresby on July 3 on the Government vessel *Laurabada* to be present at the ceremonies, which continued until the evening of July 5. His Excellency was accompanied by the Hon. J. T. O'Malley (Commissioner for Native Affairs), Right Rev. Joseph Bach (formerly Bishop of the Gilbert Is.), Rev. Father M. McEnroe, Rev. F. Lyons, and several prominent residents of Port Moresby.

Before a large gathering of priests, sisters and mission members, Bishop de Bois-menu conducted Mass on the spot where Mass was first celebrated on July 4, 1885 by Bishop Verjus, when he crossed over from Thursday Is. to Yule Is. with two Fathers of the Sacred Heart Order. Those three missionaries laid the foundations of mission work which was to extend eventually far into the mountainous interior of the mainland and along the coastline of Papua.

RAROTONGA'S NEW BRIDGES

From Our Own Correspondent.

RAROTONGA, June 16.

POST-HURRICANE activity has resulted in two new bridges being built to replace those damaged by the heavy seas which swept over Avarua's waterfront. Wider, and of considerably greater strength, the new bridges are not only far more suitable to the increased traffic of the island, but are also workmanlike constructions which reflect very creditably on those responsible for their planning.

Whether users are equally satisfied with the new road repairs on the Titikaveka side of the island is doubtful. Formerly sand and loose coral had been applied as top-dressings and these, after comparatively little usage, settle down and are crushed underfoot. No-one, however, can complain on this score of the miniature boulders which have lately been spread by the Public Works Department. There is very little likelihood of anything ever crushing these, short of a steam-roller, which we have not got.

On an island where horses are unshod and the majority of work is done by light wagons, the suitability rather than the durability of road surfaces is of major importance.

CAKOBABU—BATSMAN

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, June 25.

THE highest batting average in the Suva Cricket Club during the 1934-35 season was gained by a Fijian chief, Ratu Edward Cakobau, who thereby won the cup donated by Slazengers. Ratu Edward is a forceful bat with a clean style and wonderful timing. He learned his cricket in New Zealand and was very much in the running for the N.Z. team which toured England some five years ago.

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Enters Pacific Phosphate Trade

AFTER being delayed by heavy weather along the eastern coast of Australia, the British Phosphate Commissioners' new motor ship *Triaster*, on her maiden voyage from Ocean Island to Melbourne, arrived at Bay anchorage in the middle of June.

The vessel, which embodies the latest ideas in marine construction, was built by Lithgow's, Greenock, and is 400 feet in length, 58 feet in breadth, 37 feet in depth, and of 6,300 tons gross register. Motive power is supplied by Kincaid-Burmeister and Wain engines developing 3,600 horse-power at 115 revolutions per minute, with a resultant service speed of 12 knots.

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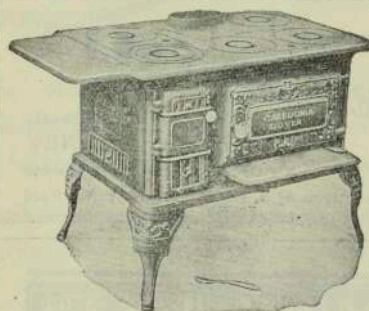
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MITIARO ON A JAUNT

From Our Own Correspondent.

TULAGI, June 18.

THE s.s. Mitiaro, now the residence of the author of "Jock of the Islands," must have become infected with the spirit of adventure, emanating from the pages that were written aboard. Recently, after lying for months at her moorings, she got skittish and broke away, making a quite obviously hopeless attempt to get out of Tulagi unobserved by way of the too-shallow back passage.

For a while she rested on the sands there, but as the passage is used by many small vessels, and she was blocking the fairway, the s.s. Durour, now almost as much a feature of Tulagi as the Mitiaro, was prevailed upon to come to her assistance, and towed her over to Makambo. In view of the Mitiaro's tendency to roam, quite elaborate precautions have been taken to check her.

The Durour has been held up by a repetition of her previous difficulty in getting a native crew. Some of her European crew fell sick, and now she cannot continue her voyage to Sydney until the copra steamer arrives on June 24 with two new engineers.

Papua Legislative Council

Mr. Tom Nevitt Appointed Non-official Member

From Our Own Correspondent.

PT. MORESBY, June 22.

BY a notice in the Commonwealth Gazette of June 5 it is notified that the Governor-General has accepted the resignation of Mr. G. W. Guttridge as non-official member of the Legislative Council of Papua, to take effect as from February 9, 1935.

Notice was also given that the Governor-General had approved of the appointment of Mr. Tom Nevitt to be a non-official member of the Legislative Council of Papua as from July 1. Everyone in Papua will heartily congratulate the Government and Mr. Nevitt on his appointment to the Council.

Mr. Nevitt has had a very long experience of commercial and planting life in the Territory, and during all stages of the country's development he has shown considerable commercial and financial ability. An expert on agriculture and possessing a sound knowledge of mining, Mr. Nevitt's advice to the Government on all matters relating to the general welfare of the Territory should carry some weight.

COUNCIL'S ANNUAL SESSION

The annual session of the Legislative Council of Papua will be held in July after the arrival of the Macdhui from Samarai on July 10. The first meeting will probably be held on July 15.

The list of bills to be brought forward is quite formal and needs little comment, except an unusual one to amend the Marriage Ordinance. The existing Ordinance provides that no marriage is valid unless celebrated between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. This provision is to be repealed.

Amazons to the Rescue On Shortland Is., S.I.

From Our Own Correspondent.

TULAGI, June 15.

THE Jubilee celebrations at an outstation in the Solomons group were enlivened by a promising "scrap" between local natives and plantation Malaitamen, fired with excitement and misdirected loyalty.

The situation was beginning to worry European sticklers for law and order, and the Shortland Is. men were getting the worst of it. Seeing their men folk yielding, the women of Shortland, daughters of a warrior race, charged to the help of their better halves.

The Malaitamen, unaccustomed to this form of attack, and fearful of their treatment at the hands of the reinforcements—or perhaps because they were gentlemen—accepted defeat.

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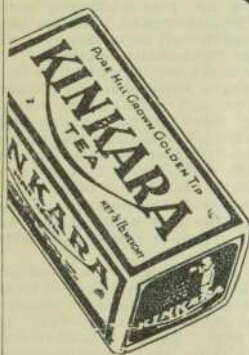
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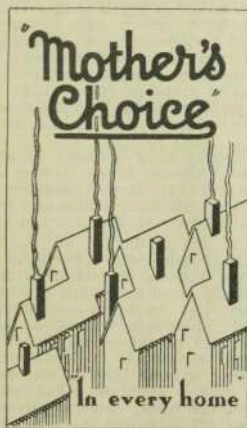
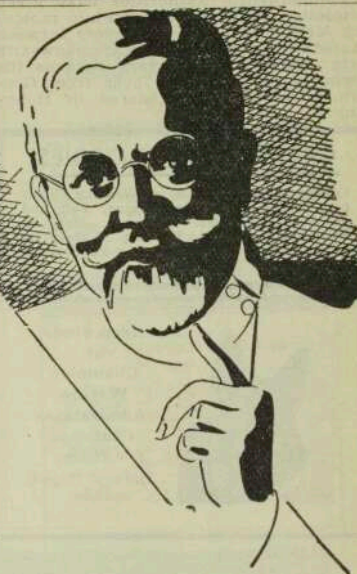
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Fashion Hints for Islands Women

By Therese

VARIETY in dress is the "sauce piquante" of woman's existence. Her penchant for change coupled with a complete knowledge of self enables a woman to go disguised as several lovely beings—to-day the demure early Victorian, to-morrow the Grecian goddess and so on *ad infinitum*.

Sports kit must be comfortable, well cut and tailored. For tennis, skirts are short and full and a little dash of colour is per-

missible. One-piece sports frocks are of extreme simplicity, depending on cut and quality of material, such as crease resisting linens and heavy crepes de chene for their chic. For sunlit days sporting attire is cool and appealing.

Knitted jumpers of cotton are ideal for tropical wear and possess infinite variety and charm. With their coming, gone is the fear of the old adage, "Satan finds mischief for idle hands to do," since merely to regard one of these is to be seized with the ardent desire to busy one's fingers in like accomplishment.

Beach wear is delightful: shorts in plaid, spotted, striped or plain materials sport gay, sun tan tops. Towelling wraps in colours as varied as Joseph's coat cover wickedly brief and audacious bathing suits of satin—the perfect cover for the perfect figure. A new and attractive beach wrap is evolved from a six-foot square of towelling and makes an ideal sun-baking rug also. Sandals for beach wear are in linen or string with clippety-clop wooden heels. Bags match and sport wooden clips and are extremely attractive.

We all come up from Somerset in our smocks for afternoon wear. We wear them in gorgeously patterned materials over slim skirts and face the world undaunted.

Troubadour capes are delightful on linen suits. They swing with dash and abandon from shoulders and have much appeal. Three-quarter coats of taffeta are worn over summer frocks—a leather taffeta with marvellous wearing propensities. The collars and cuffs are stitched, corded or quilted and reach the heights of fashion.

Diagonal stripes are as popular as ever; so a frock of blue and white stripes ties its waist with stripes of red—very dashing indeed.

Little Eton collars stiffly starched give a delightful air of sweet simplicity to frocks of linen. The collars are in any contrasting shade the wayward fancy wills, and two or three gardenias are substituted for the ubiquitous bow that usually accompanies collars of this type.

A grey chiffon afternoon gown adds colour with a flower of green at its shoulder and wide belt of green and silver—an attractive and gorgeously cool combination. Yellow and red make an unusual but charming contrast. An amber frock of voile organza or crepe de chene tucks into its waist a huge red flower which repeats itself on the brim of the shining amber straw hat.

Brilliant blouses scoff lovingly at sober skirts—bright yellows, blues, greens and scarlets lend a gaiety that is exhilarating. Skirts are slim with more fullness in front and back and slightly shorter than of yore.

Dramatic in effect, daring in line and with a naughty Directoire charm is the gown of black taffeta, tip tilted in front and held aloft by shoulder straps of almost negligible quantity. In direct contradiction it swatches its shoulders with bluish pink taffeta which ties in an enormous bow on the shoulder. A shirred bodice guiltless of back, carries a huge bow at the waist, and has a quaint Puritan collar which extends down the back, cleverly covering its nakedness. The collar is detachable, so you may choose modesty or sophistication.

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Grecian knot, and a crescent headdress completes the illusion.

Chiffons—light and lovely things—are a delightful interpretation of gaiety. Chiffon, shirred from neck to hip, boasts a multi-coloured ribband at the waist. A jewelled clip gleams in its dusky folds. A loose airy coat with voluminous sleeves shirred into the arm holes accompanies it and floats its way to success.

A gown of black crepe lace goes over a foundation of taffeta and enormous cart-wheel frills of stiffened organdie surround the armholes which are garlanded with flowers. Flowers are of paramount importance; whenever possible they must be worn. Huge posies or garlands; or the merest field flower posies; single flowers; or flowers in groups of three, are yours for divers occasions and add beauty to your toilette.

There are many intriguing gadgets to wear with clothes. Buckles, clips, belts, buttons, of glass, crystal, wood, brilliants or metal make a simple frock look "haute couture." Clothes are exciting and exacting, loudly demanding attention to detail. Gloves for all occasions are simple, the smartest glove of the moment being loose fitting at the wrist. Fabric gloves with stitched fingers are also very smart. For evening wear gloves of taffeta and organdie take their place in the scheme of things. They are rucked at the wrist and flower banded.

Hats offer keen interest. Veils are worn but no longer are they mere suggestions. They float gaily from the hats, and are of chiffon, lace or tulle. Stiffened veils are added to the chapeaux of tiny brim, and can be twisted at any angle to suit your mood.

Shoes are of grave importance and must be carefully chosen with due regard to suitability and occasion. The ubiquitous court shoe is always a happy choice. Oxfords are ideal for tweeds and such like and the new monk shoe is suitable for sporting occasions.

Coloured hosiery loom large on the sporting horizon, while stockings of gauzy sheeriness reign supreme for evening wear.

There is flattering softness about the new lingerie which is more feminine than ever. Darling little jackets for negligee wear are frilled and ruffled and breathtaking in their loveliness. Voile of unbelievable fineness evolves the sweetest of nighties in shades of white, peach and pale rose, and are edged with lovely lace. Foundation garments are of satin and net, and mould the figure in alluring curves.

HYMEN AT TULAGI

From a Special Correspondent.

TULAGI, July 1.

ON June 22 at Tulagi, Solomon Islands, Miss R. Roberts, late Sister at Tulagi Hospital, was married to Mr. A. W. Glenn, book-keeper at Messrs. Burns Philp (S.S.) Co.'s branch at Makambo. The ceremony was conducted at the local courthouse by Rev. S. G. Caulton, of the Melanesian Mission.

After the wedding, 60 guests were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. C. Knibbs, where the bride and groom received the felicitations of local residents. The happy couple left Tulagi to spend a week's honeymoon at Berande Estate, and will later reside in their new home at Makambo.

Mr. Eric Bieske, a well-known miner of Wau, New Guinea, died in Wau hospital after a severe attack of dysentery on June 2. For several years he had been prospecting for gold in the Edie Creek district.

THURSDAY IS. NOTES

From Our Own Correspondent

THURSDAY IS., July 3.

ALDERMAN ALEX. CORRAN and Mrs. Corran, Mayor and Mayoress of Thursday Is., recently celebrated their golden wedding. For the occasion they acted as the host and hostess to 150 guests in the Town Hall, which was prettily decorated with flags and zamia palms. Mr. J. Adams presented them with a substantial wallet of notes on behalf of the assembled company. He pointed out that this was the first golden wedding that has occurred on T.I. Dancing, singing, and music filled a most enjoyable and pleasant evening. Aldermen of the Town Council at the last meeting presented the Mayor with a gold-mounted walking-stick of Queensland satinwood.

Miss Hawthorne, Girl Guide commissioner, has left for Australia after a tour of the Torres Strait Islands.

Mrs. Zahel, of Badu Island, has been the guest for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sullivan. Mrs. Sullivan has now gone to Badu to stay with Mrs. Zahel.

Mr. W. Ewart, of Thursday Is., and Miss Mavis Mundell, of Brisbane, were married on June 15 in the Quetta Cathedral by the Bishop of Carpentaria. The bride was given away by Dr. Nimmo. A short honeymoon was spent at the C.W.A. House on Prince of Wales Island, Torres Strait.

Alderman Corran, the Mayor, has been presented with a gavel made of Queensland timber to mark the golden jubilee of the establishment of the Town Council as a local authority.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Corran have returned to their home in Roma, Queensland. Mrs. Vowels has gone South with them for a holiday.

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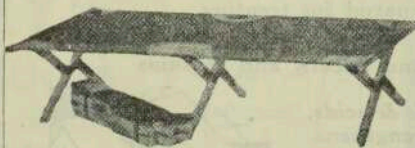
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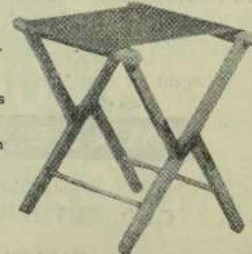
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Mr. W. J. Woods was married to Mrs. Dodd at the District Registrar's Office, early in June.

Mr. D. Farquhar, of Messrs. Farquhar's Pty., has returned to T.L. after a business trip to Brisbane.

News has been received of the death in Brisbane of Mr. John Quinn, who had been ailing for a long period. Some years ago, he was in charge of the quarantine station at Thursday Is.

Mr. Frank Hockings, of the Wanetta Pearling Co., has left for a holiday in Western Queensland. The local branch of the Country Women's Association has elected Mrs. Norman Hockings as president, and Mrs. John Partridge as secretary, for the ensuing year.

Mr. E. J. Hennessey has made a good recovery from his recent illness, and has now gone away for a long period of convalescence. Accompanied by his wife, he will spend the first two months of his holiday at Southport.

Mr. E. K. Thorpe, of Thursday Is., and Nurse Allison, late matron of the Cooktown Hospital, were married recently in Brisbane.

The Hon. John Mullan, Attorney-General for Queensland, and Mr. D. Riordan, M.H.R., are expected to arrive by the next Taiping. The former will make an official visit to the Torres Strait Islands on the Melhidir.

To dispose of the surplus of the silver jubilee celebrations fund, it has been decided to present T.L. schoolchildren with a small jubilee medal. The balance of the collection will be handed over to the Jubilee Museum Fund for the purchase of show cases.

COCOA GRADES**Some Criticism for Samoa**

"LONDONER" writes: "I do not like the squeal from the cocoa planters of Samoa (P.I.M., March). They were able, like all other tropical planters, to get big prices for their crops; but even cocoa does not run to 3 or 4 automobiles on an acreage of 160; neither can the profit, even at the best of times, run to extended trips around the world, etc. No single commodity can keep at the artificial prices enjoyed after the war, and it was up to the planters to save and look ahead for the rainy days.

"In Samoa, though every cocoa planter knew so much more than the other fellow; and instead of pulling together and having one first grade standard of bean each man followed his own bent. Thus, at times, one saw in a shipment of 200 bags no less than 20 different standards of what 20 planters thought was first grade. Consequently, instead of building up a definite market in Britain, the Samoan planters were compelled to sell piecemeal and take what was offered. Anyway, there it is, and until Samoan No. 1 grade can be marketed as a 'bulk grade,' I am afraid the buyers will still keep them down in price.

"That does not alter my opinion that cocoa for New Guinea, on a proper basis, would be an excellent thing for that Territory.

"Australian manufacturers would buy if they knew the beans were O.K."

Fertiliser for Cook Is. Crops

From Our Own Correspondent.

RAROTONGA, June 14.

AS the result of the native fruit-growers' decision last year, to allow the freight reduction of 3d a case to accrue, there arrived by the last mail-steamer 60 tons of fertiliser, bought by the Administration out of the accumulated funds.

The fertiliser will be distributed among growers proportionally to the size of last season's shipments. It is intended for use on orange trees, but as some speculation is already rife regarding its effect on tomatoes we may yet live to see Rarotonga produce the world's super fruit—or is it vegetable?

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THE MELANESIAN MAID

"This doggerel," as he called it, is sent by Mr. E. W. Harrison, of Sebulugomwa, Eastern Papua, "with apologies to the gentleman who wrote 'The Polynesian Maid'."

"I hope," says Mr. Harrison, "that it will be read by those bald-headed gentlemen who labour under the delusion that romance may be found in Melanesia, among nut-brown maidens languishing on golden beaches."

Fortunately, the devastating Mr. Harrison says nothing about Polynesia, so that we can keep some of our illusions.

O MELANESIAN maiden!
O nut-brown "tart"—
To live a life of love with thee
Would break my blinking heart.

O Melanesian mind—
Sans love, and black as night:
Ne'er touched by true affection—
Nor plagued by introspection.

O Melanesian smell,
That cannot be mistaken;
Oil, sweat, and grease as well—
And cleanliness forsaken.

O Melanesian jaw's harp,
Torturing the night,
Calling to lovers darksome,
Setting their hearts alight.

O Melanesian girls—
O nut-brown maids!
Small insects roam their greasy curls
And bite the dusky jades.

Alas! Poor Melanesian,
No Romance dwells with thee—
No long-drawn sigh, nor clinging kiss,
Nor other signs of lovers' bliss.

So, Farewell! "Bamahuta!"
(Whichever you like best)—
We'll search for sweethearts cleaner
In a land where smells are sweeter.
You make, of Love, a jest.

S.I. LABOURERS' TRICK

Paid Recruits Refuse To
"Make Paper"

From Our Own Correspondent.

TULAGI, June 17.

RECRUITERS in the Solomons Islands are finding themselves up against a rather hard problem that only prompt and sensible alteration of the Labour Regulation can solve.

Natives have recruited tolerably well since the reduced wage has been in force, but naturally prefer more if they can get it. Now they have inaugurated a system of joining the ship, taking six months' wages on the strength of recruiting, and then flatly refusing to have their agreement ratified.

The recruiter has to stand the loss in the first place, but of course will pass it on to the planter, for recruiting fees are now at an unprecedented and irreducible minimum. As the practice becomes known to be successful, it will mean an impossible situation. Local officials realize the urgent need for a prompt alteration of the Regulation, and it is to be hoped that Fiji authorities can grasp the situation.

The first case of natives refusing to fulfil their moral obligations happened at an out-station. Since then it has happened more than once before the Inspector of Labour at Tulagi, where the best legal advice in the Group is procurable. Recruiters feel sure that there is no remedy, short of an amendment of the Regulation.

Madame P. Vois, wife of the manager of the Caledon Nickel Co.'s mines in New Caledonia, arrived in Sydney recently from Noumea. She will be joined by her husband late this month and together they will sail for France. Mr. and Mrs. Vois will return to Noumea in February next year.

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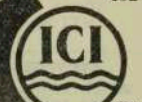
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Rev. H. T. Shotton, M.A., who arrived in Sydney from Kiriwina, Papua, by the April Macdhui on furlough, has applied for extended leave on account of illness.

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CRUISE OF LEPER SHIP

Dr. Ellison's Round Trip

From Our Own Correspondent.

RAROTONGA, June 20.

HAVING just completed a tour of the Group for the purpose of collecting and transporting lepers to the Government station in Fiji, Dr. Ellison returned by the last mail-steamer to resume his duties as Resident Medical Officer.

Even the Olympian calm with which the doctor describes his experiences does not prevent parts of this voyage from sounding like the more macabre imaginings of some novelist with a penchant for horrors.

Starting with a crew who were unaware of the task before them, and the overcoming of whose objections called for no small display of tact, Dr. Ellison went on to tell of inspection after inspection at each island, of a slowly mounting human cargo, of insanity aboard, and of his own unarmed entry into one of the "cages" to quieten the would-be homicide.

Dr. Ellison has made a special study of leprosy, and it is largely due to his unrelenting surveillance that the disease is decreasing in this Group. Ignorance and carelessness on the part of native communities present one of the major difficulties, contact rather than heredity being responsible for its appearance and continuation in certain families.

In the remote atolls, carelessness has often been carried to dangerous extremes, as was the case not so very long ago in Rakahanga, where some seven or eight young bucks, segregated on a small motu, made a nightly practice of crossing to the settlement and there visiting their erstwhile lady-friends. These excursions only ended with the destruction of a large canoe which they had secretly built and kept concealed among the undergrowth of the motu.

Thirty-five lepers were collected in all, including five from Samoa and one from

Niue. The worst cases were placed in the ship's hold, the remainder being accommodated on deck in specially constructed "cages."

Commenting on the general condition of the northern islanders, Dr. Ellison, whose last visit was in 1927, said that he had been struck by their present lack of prosperity, due to the heavy fall of copra and pearl-shell prices, upon which these islands are wholly dependent for their income. On the other hand, he was of the opinion that despite the depression these people were actually better off without many of the luxuries to which they were formerly accustomed, their health to-day being distinctly better than in 1927 and on the whole superior to that of the Rarotongans, whose greater contact with the outside world rendered them more prone to diseases and epidemics.

Also, Dr. Ellison added, they were by far the happiest and most contented-looking folk in the Cook Group. In these isolated but self-supporting islands, "depression" really means little more than a shortage of tobacco or one less pair of pants for Sunday.

Handing over his duties to Dr. Ellison, Lieut.-Colonel Dawson left for Wellington on the last boat. Col. Dawson, who proved as generous as he was popular during his short stay, returned the hospitality which he had received from local residents by a number of very jolly little theatre parties to his new friends.

A photograph of Dr. Ellison and some of his assistants is published on page 41.

Dr. W. C. Klein, who has been studying economic and developmental conditions in New Guinea and Papua for the Dutch New Guinea Committee, returned to Port Moresby from the Mandated Territory in mid-June by plane from Wau. On June 25, Dr. Klein and his secretary, Mr. S. van Oosten, sailed from Pt. Moresby on the Laurabada for the Eastern and South-Eastern Divisions of Papua, as guests of His Excellency Sir Hubert Murray. The party returned to the capital on July 3, and it was Dr. Klein's intention to sail for the Dutch East Indies by the Van Rees on July 19.

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LIFE ON ISOLATED PUKA PUKA

Dr. E. Beaglehole Studies Conditions on Lonely Island in Northern Cooks

From Our Own Correspondent.

ARRIVING in Apia on June 17 by the Makoa, Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Beaglehole have returned from Puka Puka (or Danger Island) in the Northern Cook Group, after eight months' investigation, mainly anthropological research work, undertaken on behalf of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum, of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dr. Beaglehole is a noted scientist and anthropologist, and the research work just completed at Puka Puka forms part of a general survey of the Polynesian islands, stretching from Hawaii to New Zealand and far away Easter Island. By this general survey, material is gathered referring to all branches of the Polynesian race, which will serve for comparative study for the fixation of their common and original characteristics. This study may lead later on to more definite conclusions regarding the origin of the Polynesians, on which there has been much speculation ever since the discovery and exploration of the South Sea Islands.

Dr. Beaglehole has brought back ample material referring to all sides of the life and culture of the Puka Puka natives, of whom there are at present 626 on the island. Owing to the remoteness of the island and the scant communication with the outside world (only 3 or 4 times a year), the island people form an excellent object for study, as they have kept their racial characteristics comparatively pure, no intermarrying having taken place and very little immigration of other islanders.

Of foreigners, only one white man (Mr. R. D. Frisbie) lives permanently on the island, besides the Resident Commissioner, Mr. Geoffrey Henry and his wife, who themselves are of part Rarotongan blood. A trading station, kept by Messrs. Burns Philip (S.S.) Co. Ltd., has been closed for several years and the island's copra is taken and goods provided by occasional visits of B.P.'s trading schooner.

The island was called Danger Island by Commodore Byron, the submerged tail of the surrounding reef making it dangerous for ships. The place is covered with luxuriant coconut groves; there are also a few *tamanu* trees and an extensive growth of the pandanus or screw palm. The only food crop, however, besides the coconut palms, is taro, grown in the numerous excavations on the island. Another article of food for the natives, besides coconuts and taro, is fish, though the fishing round the island is not exactly abundant. The natives, however, are expert fishermen, and manage to catch sufficient for their needs. Pigs and fowls are killed only at ceremonial functions and feasts.

The population of the island was much larger in ancient times, probably reaching 1000 or more. Slaving ships from Peru carried off a great number, and about 200 years ago a tidal wave wiped out most of the inhabitants, only 14 families surviving. In 1914 the taro patches on the island were destroyed by a seismic wave, and a serious shortage of food resulted; the Cook Is. Administration eventually had to transport part of the population to Rarotonga. Owing to a deficiency of iron in the soil, only

limited cultivation of foodstuffs is possible and the island cannot support much more than its present population.

The natives of Puka Puka are and always have been a people of primitive habits, contented, honest and industrious. They are skilful in the manufacturing of mats, hats and basketware from pandanus leaves, though owing to a lack of demand this industry is stagnant. The

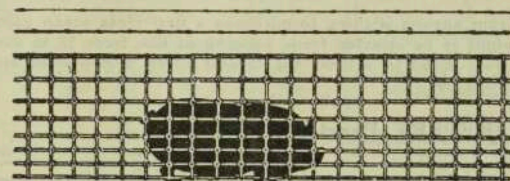
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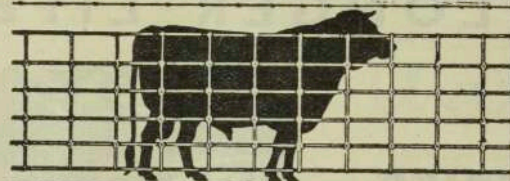
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houses of the natives are mostly roofed with pandanus, too.

Puka Puka is governed by the Resident Commissioner with an advisory council of native representatives (two members of every village), who have the power of *ariki*. The supreme chief at the present time is 90 years old. All the natives are Christians, having been converted originally by the London Missionary Society; at present the Seventh Day Adventist and the Catholic Missions have many adherents on the islands.

A Government school for all children on the island is conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Henry, who, in addition to many

other activities, also keep a dispensary and treat cases of sickness. The islanders are generally healthy and strong, and sanitary conditions are good. In contrast to other Polynesian islands, yaws, apart from some after effects, have practically disappeared, owing to inoculation by a medically trained Samoan some years ago. There are, however, cases of fever, filaria (probably introduced from Samoa), ulcers (owing to the unvaried diet of nuts and taro and a scarcity of fresh water for washing), also venereal disease and, in consequence, cases of blindness or eye disease among children.

Though the Commissioner and his wife

do their best to alleviate suffering being unqualified they cannot in many cases correctly diagnose the diseases. Many natives therefore consult native "doctors" first and, these failing, later seek Mr. Henry's aid. The Cook Islands Administration, spends very little on the administration of Puka Puka, but there is a pressing need for the Government to send a properly trained medical man there to attend to the medical needs of the islanders.

An interesting feature of native life is that there are no less than four different dialects spoken on the island. There is first of all the old original Puka Puka language, nowadays in use only by some of the old people, then the modern language of Puka Puka in common use. Further, there is a mixed Puka Puka and Rarotongan language, gaining preponderance at present, and lastly the Rarotongan language, used officially in court, church and school. The pure Puka Puka language is being abandoned gradually and Dr. Beaglehole intends to compose a grammar and dictionary of the language for preservation.

According to Dr. Beaglehole, the advent of the depression with low prices for copra, and the difficulty of obtaining clothing and the small luxuries the natives have been used to previously, have had a bewildering effect on the Puka Puka islanders. Of European foodstuffs, they mainly used rice in supplementing their own native food, but now they get along quite well without it. Taught by the missionaries that their ancient ways of dressing were sinful and immoral, the natives became immensely embarrassed when their European singlets, dresses and loinclothes became tattered rags and they were unable to buy new ones to replace them. But gradually on Puka Puka the old fibre skirts are appearing and in place of the lime-walled house of modern times the open air hut of former years is again constructed, probably to the physical benefit of the islanders.

In gathering the voluminous and comprehensive material on the islanders, which is contained in a stack of notebooks, and the sifting and preparing of which requires an immense amount of work, Mrs. Beaglehole, the attractive young wife of the scientist has been of great help and assistance to her husband. Especially, as she has compiled a great deal of valuable data regarding the children and women, in the latter's outside and domestic work, their fashions, talk and beliefs, thus materially assisting in the general survey of Islands culture.

Dr. Beaglehole will submit his reports, when written up in proper form, to the Bishop museum, which will probably publish them in the Museum's Bulletins and thus make them available to the interested public and the scientific world.

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N.G. GOLDFIELDS NEWS

From Our Own Correspondent.

EDIE CREEK, June 24.

THE new road between Wau and Edie Creek is proving a boon. Already no less than six lorries are operating regularly and several cars have climbed up the grade. The point of change over from the standard-wheel-base lorries to the narrow gauge lorries has shifted to a spot between Maori Creek and Blue Point, showing the excellent progress made by Mr. Geo. Hoffman in widening the road. Fares between Wau and Edie Creek have been reduced from £1 each way to 12/6 single and £1 return and freights from 7/6d. to 3/6d. lb.

Steady rain for the first week in May caused a number of landslides on the road and culminated in a flood in the creeks on the 7th.

A mild, but nevertheless distressing form of 'flu affected most of the local Europeans and natives during May.

A visitor of Kaindi, Miss E. Protheroe, the guest of Mrs. Cresswell, at Stower's Creek, had a little excitement a few days after arrival recently, when a landslide struck the room she was sleeping in. The fall of rock crashed into her room and completely buried her bed a second after she had jumped clear. Her only injuries were a few abrasions. Miss Protheroe has now taken the position of relieving sister at the Salamaua Hospital.

Our lone woman miner, Mrs. E. Rex, has ceased work on her tribute on Schrater's lease and intends to try her luck on Whitburne's Creek.

Mr. A. E. Silburne has acquired the "D. and W." claim from Mr. A. G. Villiers, who has taken up residence in Wau. In the past, the "D. and W." has produced some very rich returns and Mr. Silburne is very satisfied.

Mr. Russ. Wild has returned after a short stay in Rabaul and it seems that he has now recovered from his recent ailment. His April "clean-up" was said to be in the vicinity of 325 ozs. and the May production promises to approach that figure.

Mr. R. G. (Dick) Courtney has been "bush"—another of those secret expeditions so prevalent among the miners since the pegging boom. Mr. Courtney is still winning good gold from the Midas Extended tribute.

Apparently Mr. A. H. ("Cressy") Cresswell is also suffering from the pegging mania, for he has gone "bush" several times lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell-Smith, who, until recently, were residents of Kaindi, have a son and heir. They have now settled down at Bulolo.

N.G.G. Ltd., are preparing for the removal of their head office to Edie Creek. The tender for erection of new offices has been let to Mr. G. Anderson. Mr. Van Burgh, a very well-known N.G. identity has joined the N.G.G. staff.

Wau Notes

From Our Own Correspondent.

WAU, July 2.

THE amazing growth of this part of the world in two years literally takes one's breath away. By the last Montoro five new motor cars arrived for the following: Mr. Tommy Thompson, a new Ford sedan; Mr. Bill Kennedy, an Erskine sedan; the Manager of N.G. Goldfields Ltd., a Ford tourer; Fred Deckert, another sedan (making his fleet two trucks and two closed cars); and the medical officer at Wau also has a new sedan.

Now that the new road to the Creek is open, week-end excursions to Edie are a delight. Whereas a few months ago it took two to three hours by car from Wau to Edie, now, if you care to flirt with Death and Deckert, you can get there and back in a little over an hour.

A syndicate of influential men has been formed here with a view to holding whippet races, now that the horse racing fever has died down.

After five years of more or less a "free go," the police in Morobe, like the police down South, started raiding the hotels, with the result that the Hotel Bulolo was recently fined £25 and the new Wau Hotel £10, for selling liquor after the prescribed hours.

Guinea Airways planes have been working overtime carrying in passengers to Wau. About 37 new residents for the goldfields arrived by the last Montoro. All recent boats for New Guinea, especially for the goldfields, have been filled to capacity.

The new District Office at Wau is almost completed. The building comprises new Post Office and Warden's Office, both of which were badly needed.

Mr. T. G. V. Blakey, General Manager of Day Dawn (New Guinea) Ltd., had the misfortune to break his leg on King's Birthday.

The Bachelors' Ball held recently was a huge success, over 200 dancers being on the floor.

A popular resident of Wau, Mr. J. Hoile, has written a song entitled "Farewell New Guinea," and set it to music himself. It is rather good. Quite a lot here would like to say "Farewell New Guinea," but no matter how long they stay, once they leave they are all eager to return.

Mr. N. P. H. Neal, M.L.C. and local director of Day Dawn (New Guinea) Ltd., paid a hurried visit to the goldfields during the first week in June.

Mr. E. Hitchcock returned by the Montoro to his mining interests on the Watut. At one time he was W.O. at Edie Creek; now he is one of New Guinea's mining magnates.

Mr. Bob Anstey arrived from Sydney by the last Montoro to assist Fred Deckert to keep the flag of the Wau Carrying Co. flying.

Dr. V. W. T. McGusty, Fiji Government Inspecting Medical Officer, left Suva with his wife by the Niagara on June 28, for furlough in England.

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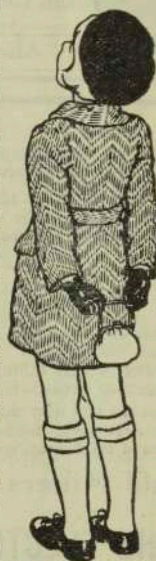
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ALOHA CENTRAL G.M.

A detailed report by Dr. Loftus Hills on Costello's block of 30 acres, under option to Aloha Central G.M.N.L. has been received by the management in Victoria. Dr. Hills states there are at least four lodes on the block corresponding to the four lines of shear. The eastern lode extends from the northern boundary south-eastwards and passes out of the area in the south-eastern corner. It is 1500 feet in length, and the indicated width is from 10 to 20 feet. The western group of lodes is controlled by the three lines of shear, which are spaced within a width of 250 feet. The width of the individual lodes is obscured by their intermittent coalescence into a composite lode, which in places will

probably prove to be up to 250 feet in width. This lode system also extends 1500 feet, and in direction parallels the eastern lode. The work in progress must be regarded merely as the initial steps in exploring and testing what is really an extensive system of lode formations. It can be expected that development will prove large tonnages of ore reserves. What the gold content or grade of this ore will be, only the development work and systematic sampling will disclose. But the geological evidence justifies him in expecting the recognition of tellurides at any time. High-grade ore undoubtedly occurs and can be expected to recur throughout the lodes both in length and depth. If efficiently handled the lodes should show a profit on large-scale ore averaging 3 dwt. of gold a ton.

Following is a progress report recently issued by the mine manager: No. 1 shaft, sunk 3ft., to 19ft., in solid lode. Present width, 5ft. No sign of foot-wall. Present width of lode payable. No. 2 shaft, 10ft., to 26ft., in dark andesite. No. 3 shaft, 10ft., to 27ft., in dark andesite. Xcut towards No. 2 shaft, to 4ft. No. 1 tunnel, 17ft., to 35ft., dark andesite. No. 2 tunnel, 20ft., in 43ft. Present width of lode formation, 23ft. Traces of gold. Cut out road from Emperor-road to mine. Lorry can now get

to mine. Eastern lode: Excavating approach to tunnel.

KOROERE GOLD N.L.

The last report received in Australian from the representative in Fiji of Koroere Gold N.L. stated: Tunnels advanced to 165ft., 9ft., 134ft., 82ft. respectively. No. 1 tunnel from 145 to 155ft., 3dwt.; No. 3 tunnel from 114 to 124ft., 3dwt.; lode channels not yet reached. Cardigan lode section extending 250ft. N. No. 3 shafts 3 costeons show width lode 18ft. Values varying between 2 and 12dwt., with average 4dwt. Shaft 30ft. deep; same average values. Ten trenches W. lode disclose length 270ft., width 7ft. Average value, 7dwt. N. lode across creek length, 160ft., width 15ft., assaying 2dwt.

VITI LEVU GOLD N.L.

In a report on the property of Viti Levu Gold N.L., despatched from Lautoka, Fiji, Mr. Earl Scott states that although the first assays were mostly disappointing, the general outlook has improved since, as there is now 3ft. of ore, giving good dish samples, and a further width, as yet insufficiently tested, but showing a little free gold in the dish. Sinking is proceeding on the best values, as well as trenching at other places along the line of lode. Other portions of the area are being opened up for sampling. Sixteen native boys are being employed.

LOLOMA WEST LTD.

Advice has been received by the management of Loloma West Ltd., Fiji, that the Loloma West block has been granted as a prospecting licence. The issue of the Hot Springs and Drumasi areas has been deferred pending a survey to eliminate the sugar cane areas and to determine the boundaries.

GRANITES DEVELOPMENT N.L.

Granites Development N.L. has been advised by its agent in Fiji that he has secured a six months' free option over an application for a proposed lease on the headwaters of the Waimanu River, and that he is forwarding samples for assay. The purchase consideration is £3,000 in cash and a 10 per cent. fully paid share interest in the capital of a company formed to develop the property. A further extension of six months can be obtained on payment of £100. The representative in Fiji has also obtained free sampling options over two properties on the Tavua field, and options over two areas in the Nandi district. Arrangements are being made to test these areas.

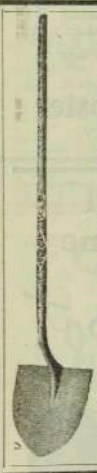
ALOHA ALLUVIALS N.L.

Further testing by Mr. E. T. Lewis in the Waidamu River region, Fiji, on behalf of Aloha Alluvials N.L., has given disappointing results. Mr. Lewis advised the management that three bores put down about the middle of the Lower Waidamu River area to 30 feet, 49 feet and 47 feet respectively, showed no sign of gold, except in a few of the finest possible float colours on the surface. Most of the material was gravel and hill rubbish, confirming his previous advice that the denuding of this country was not old enough to deposit alluvial gold. Mr. Lewis added that he did not expect any improvement. The Waidamu River area appeared to be distinctly worse. He considered the whole of the properties of the company worthless. The directors have instructed Mr. Lewis to put down five more bores on the Lower Waidamu area and five bores on the Waidamu area. The company's options and reservations in the Waimanu River region collectively comprise an unbroken tract of territory extending continuously for a distance of 25 miles, starting from the junction of the Waimanu and Rewa rivers, and proceeding along the bed of the Waimanu River to the junction of that river with the Waiturua River. Mr. R. M. Boyd, mining engineer, who recently inspected the areas on behalf of the company, reported that, as was the case with the lower areas on the Waimanu River, the depths of the Waidamu River areas were unknown, and must be determined by boring. His sampling was confined to the upper washes, and the samples from both areas were from the river banks and adjacent flats. A small sampling dish was used, and the results could only be regarded as approximate. Mr. Boyd reported his sampling produced exceedingly gratifying results, and proved the existence of payable values in the upper wash over a wide extent of country.

At a special meeting in July of the directors of Aloha Alluvials N.L., Fiji, it was decided to accept the recommendation of Mr. E. T. Lewis to abandon the alluvial areas on the Upper Waimanu River, Viti Levu. Mr. Lewis will now concentrate upon testing the alluvial flats on the lower Waimanu River and on the Waidamu River.

LOLOMA GOLD MINES, N.L.

Reports issued by the management of Loloma Gold Mines N.L. have been as follows:
June 24: Mr. Doran, the company's engineer, reports a 63 to 68 feet, 16½ oz. per ton; 68 to 72 feet, 2oz. per ton; 72 to 76 feet, 6½oz. per ton;



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all bulk assays. Face 7ft. wide, most of value contained in two feet footwall side of lode. Separate sample there gave unusually high assay, therefore will check sampling. Bulk sample, No. 2 shaft, 38 to 44 feet, 5oz. per ton; 44 to 47 feet, 1½oz. per ton; 47 to 50 feet, 1½oz. per ton; 50 to 52 feet, 2½oz. per ton. Lode 8ft. wide.

June 29: Adit extended to 80ft.; bore at 72ft. in footwall for 4ft. assayed 3½oz. per ton. Prior to this point lode split and turned into footwall side. At 80ft. new make appeared in face about 1ft. wide, remainder of face low grade. Bulk sample from 76 to 80ft., assayed 2oz., excluding rich footwall ore. No. 1 shaft at 34ft. lode 6ft. wide assayed 2oz. 12 dwt. No. 2 shaft bulk sample from 52 to 55 feet assayed 7oz. No. 3 shaft in ore 38 to 50ft.; no sign of footwall. Average assay, 1½dwt. No. 5 shaft at 16ft. assayed 2oz. 2dwt.; at 20ft. 5oz. Gold shoot extends north at least 300ft. and south 280ft. to present adit face.

July 3: No. 3 shaft, bulk sample, 50 to 54ft., 24dwt per ton, full width of shaft. No. 2 shaft, bulk 55 to 57ft., 6oz. 7dwt., full width of shaft.

GOLD MINES OF FIJI.

Gold Mines of Fiji N.L. reports receipt of a cable from the company's engineer (Mr. H. V. Francis) stating he and Mr. A. Bowler have been informed by Mr. Harry Morton, prospector and shareholder in the Emperor mine, that he had traced the Emperor lode to the boundary of Flemons block, which is under option to the company, by a series of trenches, showing good values. Advices received from the company's solicitors in Fiji state that prospecting licences had been approved to the company for six months for 377 acres of the Goodsir area; 261 acres of Flemons area, 350 acres of Hall's area; 237 acres of the Chalmers area; 240 acres of the Fyle area; and 300 acres of Nasivi area. The Ali area has been deferred, pending an investigation of the apparent overlapping of boundaries. Nominal capital is £30,000, in 3000 shares of £10 each, of which 2000 shares were subscribed for at £5 a share; 250 are held under option to the promoters for nine months, and 750, fully paid, have been allotted to the vendor. The directors are Messrs. A. Bowler, G. R. Clarke, D. Reid, F. Voss Smith and S. Wright-Smith. Mr. J. D. Morrison, Bank-place, Melbourne, is the legal manager.

NASIVI (FIJI) GOLD SYNDICATE.

Having abandoned the areas on the Tavua field, Nasivi (Fiji) Gold Syndicate N.L. is now directing attention to a new field at Riki Riki, 30 miles further east. At an extraordinary meeting held in July, Mr. P. J. Maloney, a director, informed shareholders that the syndicate's geologist deemed the prospects of sufficient importance to apply for an area of 1000 acres. Three lodes exposed were respectively 20 feet, 15 feet and 4 feet in width, and contained seams giving free gold in pan sampling up to 1oz. a ton. The lodes contained mineralised seams and quartz leaders. The creek sands and loams over the whole area contained fine gold. The geological series are similar to the Tavua country rock structure. Assays of samples across the face of each lode will be forwarded shortly. Nominal capital of the syndicate is £10,000, in 2000 shares of £5 each. The directors are Messrs. G. G. Dunstan, D. C. G. Hill, P. J. Maloney and J. B. Laing.

EAST REEFS CONSOLIDATED N.L.

East Reefs Consolidated N.L., having been registered in Fiji, the Mining Board has granted the licences in the title of the company. These licences cover applications for two areas of 500 acres each on the Yanawai gold field, Vanua Levu, pegged on behalf of the company by Mr. T. J. Rogers and party. A cablegram received in Melbourne on July 11 advised that a new lode has been discovered. It is assumed that this lode was found by the company's prospector. Details of locality and value are not yet to hand. Mr. G. H. McMeeking has resigned his position of underground manager of Mt. Kasi Mines Ltd., and has consented to take charge of East Reefs operations at Yanawai. His appointment dates from August 4. Mining equipment requisitioned by him left Melbourne for Fiji early in July.

From New Guinea

NEW MOROBE GOLD, N.L.

Dr. J. R. Atcherley, representative of New Morobe Gold N.L., who recently returned to Melbourne, has reported to the directors on the progress made by the expedition and the interests secured on behalf of the company. Dr. Atcherley reports as follows—Oznapinka and Yonka Dredging Properties: These areas are hydraulic sluicing propositions that can be worked conjointly at a

low cost, and comprise a series of river flats and terraces. The average values are 2/7 a cubic yard, based on gold at £4 an oz. Messrs. Spence and Smith, mining engineers, of Wau, New Guinea, have checked pitted the areas, and have reported values of from 1/4 to 4/2 a cubic yard at the old price of gold. They are now estimating the total yardage available. Wewak: The gold-dredging area of 1000 acres at Wewak, at the junction of the Selling and Nardum rivers, on the north coastal region of New Guinea, which is held under a twelve months' free working option, is being bored, and first results should be to hand at an early date. Upper Watut: A free option has been obtained over a large area on the Upper Watut, embracing 13 miles of the river by 15 chains wide. Mr. J. M. Spence, who has inspected the area on behalf of the company, has posted his preliminary report. Lower Watut: Dr. Atcherley's staff pegged approximately 2000 acres of ground, comprising a deep bucket dredging area, which, in the opinion of Messrs. Spence and Smith, is worthy of being tested for gold values. Kela: Approximately two miles of auriferous country has been pegged on the line of reef and adjacent flats. A recent land slide disclosed a large gold-bearing formation. After a preliminary test was made and values determined the available portion of the ridge and adjacent flats were pegged. A portion of this area had already been pegged by another company, and the average assay of six samples taken from the adjoining property by Messrs. Spence and Smith gave a result which indicates that the company's property there are many hundreds of thousands of tons partially exposed, which can be worked economically by means of an open cut into the hill. This gold-bearing formation, as exposed, is approximately 600 feet high, one mile and a half long, and 500 feet wide. Mr. Beecham, the company's engineer, is tunnelling and costeering the area to discover the extent of the gold-bearing formation. Mr. J. M. Spence, of Messrs. Spence and Smith,

has been instructed to inspect and report on the property on behalf of the company.

EQUATORIAL GOLD SYNDICATE.

Mr. J. W. McComas, chairman of directors of Equatorial Gold Exploration (New Guinea and New Britain) Syndicate N.L., who has returned from New Guinea, reports that he visited the com-

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pany's areas on the Ramu with Mr. J. M. Spence, who made numerous tests. From these results Mr. Spence considers the property is a valuable one; that over an area of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles of the leases the values are so satisfactory that a plan to work this portion should be proceeded with as soon as possible, and in the meantime testing of the balance of the area be undertaken by boring on account of the depth of wash. Mr. McComas has arranged for Mr. Spence and Mr. Smith to give a full report and advise as to the future of the property. Mr. McComas also investigated the sulphur deposit on Lolobau Island, off New Britain, and reported that the sulphur he was able to inspect on the surface was of excellent quality.

UPPER SEPIK GOLD SYNDICATE.

To confer with the directors of Upper Sepik Gold Syndicate N.L., regarding the development of a lode formation at Bainings, New Britain, Mr. H. Williams, the mining engineer, recently made a hurried trip from New Guinea. This lode, the management reports, is of large dimensions, and dish samples prove gold over a large area. The samples justify the carrying out of the development work recommended. While this development work is being carried out an alluvial proposition over which the company has an option will be tested. An option on 3000 acres of alluvial ground in the Salamaua district, New Guinea, has been secured on reasonable terms. The ground is reputed to carry values averaging 6/- a yard. It will be tested immediately after No. 1 alluvial proposition on the Upper Watut River is tested.

PLATINUM GUINEA GOLD

Directors of Platinum Guinea Gold N.L. regret, in their half-yearly report, that the original object of the company—to investigate New Guinea areas

—failed, but a dredging property in Victoria, which they hope will prove payable, is under consideration. Half of the company's capital has been invested in Gold Mines of Fiji N.L., representing 20 shares.

SANDY CREEK GOLD SLUICING

In a circular to shareholders of Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing Ltd. on June 25, Mr. H. Grey (secretary) reported that the directors have approved of a hydraulic sluicing scheme (to be known as No. 1 Scheme) which is primarily intended for treating gold bearing gravels on a portion of the bed of Sandy Creek. A water race to fit in with this and probable future proposals has been surveyed and the work of construction is well on the way. This race bringing water from a position much higher up Sandy Creek to a suitable position above the hydraulic sluicing, and elevating plant for No. 1 Scheme will skirt the hillsides for a considerable distance and will be a kind of costeen traversing from the outset and for the major portion of its length the solid country rock and towards the end a small portion of the alluvial deposits of the Middlethian Breccia Deposits. The construction of this race will, therefore, afford an opportunity to examine for their gold values, reefs which occur in this portion of the country, and the small portion of the alluvial deposits. An area adjoining Poverty Creek has been chosen for close examination and test in the immediate future as the Directors are of the opinion that good values and extensive deposits will be proved there. This portion of the property may prove to be a valuable and fairly extensive dredging area. It is expected that No. 1 Scheme will be in operation before the end of the present calendar year. Gold recovery will be carried on in the meantime by box sluicing. Messrs. H. B. Jamieson, H. G. Hyde and J. W. Hinks, the company's directors who recently returned from an inspection of the property in New Guinea are impressed with the potential value of the areas.

DAY DAWN (N.G.) LTD.

To provide funds to continue development operations at the Day Dawn mine, commence cyaniding operations and discharge certain liabilities, the directors of Day Dawn (New Guinea) Ltd., New Guinea, have decided to make available to shareholders an issue of £3000 10 per cent. debentures, secured by a charge over the assets, to be issued in denominations of £5 each, or multiples thereof, and redeemable in July, 1939, or earlier, at the option of the directors. The company was formed in November, 1929, and has since paid £29,000 in dividends. It is estimated there are available for treatment by cyaniding 36,000 tons of tailings of an assay value of 4 dwts. of gold and 12 oz. of silver a ton. A cyanide plant has been erected at a cost of over £15,000. It is believed the tailings will return a net profit of 20/- a ton, and a net profit of at least £1000 a month is expected when cyanide operations are started and the plant is properly run in. Liabilities are set down at £6000, of which £3000 is payable at present.

ENTERPRISE OF N. GUINEA

The management of Enterprise of New Guinea N.L. received the following radio message early in July:—Forwarded to Melbourne Mint bullion 48½ oz., being production to June 22. This is from approximately 600 yards, equivalent to 8/9 a cubic yard. Bullion value estimated at £5/10/- an oz. Serious delay being experienced by influenza epidemic. Machinery arrived at Salamaua. Being transported to Surprise Creek leases.

UPPER WATUT GOLD ALLUVIALS

Upper Watut Gold Alluvials Co. has commenced construction of the water race, a vital part of the hydro-electric scheme, which is being installed, to develop 1800 h.p. about the centre of its properties on the Upper Watut River. About 400 natives are employed on this work under the supervision of 12 white men. The saw mill is at work cutting timber for staff houses and other structures, and tenders are to be invited for the power plant. It is expected that the scheme of treatment will now be in operation inside 12 months. The source of water supply is Big Slate Creek, a tributary of the Watut River, and observations of the flow on this creek show the minimum flow as 150 cusecs. There is a large catchment area. The scheme provides for the diversion of about 80 cusecs from the creek about three miles upstream from the power station. The water is to be conveyed to the power station through a concrete lined race, Armco iron fluming on elevated trestles, and four tunnels. The fall of the race is three feet a mile. The tunnels are to be lined with reinforced concrete pipes, to be manufactured on the site, and a gully is to be traversed by a steel pipe. Safety escape weirs are to be constructed at entrances to tunnels to allow automatically the safe escape of water in the event of a blockage along the race. The water will be delivered to a steel surge tank

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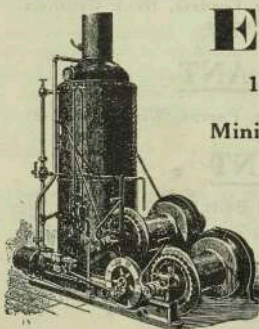
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The Upper Watut property contains about 30,000,000 cubic yards of wash of an average estimated value of 3/7 a cubic yard, based on gold at £8 an ounce. The cost of treatment has been estimated as not to exceed 1/3 a cubic yard.

NEW GUINEA GOLDFIELDS LTD.

The monthly returns of production and estimated profits of New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. are as follows:—

Alluvial—	April	May	June
Fine gold, oz.	1,308	1,525	1,561
Fine silver, oz.	1,013	1,208	1,180
Mill (Golden Ridge), tons ..	4,094	3,717	3,541
Fine gold, oz.	1,525	1,455	1,331
Fine silver, oz.	803	776	885
Estimated profit—	March	April	May
Alluvial	£8,194	£6,871	£8,012
Mill	10,944	8,090	7,214

The new tailings plant began operations at the end of April. Construction work on the Edie Creek mill is proceeding.

Development: Total 288ft., of which the Edie No. 1 vein, No. 2 level, west drive, was advanced 108ft. in ore, average width being 33 inches, and assay .34oz. gold and 11.6oz. silver.

Diamond drilling: Karuka vein, borehole No. 2 completed. The vein was cut at vertical depth of 245ft. True width of vein being 6ft. 5in., assaying .36oz. gold and 8.5oz. silver. Drill being set up at a new site to drill No. 3 borehole, and is calculated to cut the Karuka vein at vertical depth of 500ft.

DAY DAWN SOUTH (N.G.) N.L.

The directors of the Day Dawn South (New Guinea) N.L., in their annual report, state that, though development work shows a fair quantity of rich ore in the upper levels, the values at depth have been disappointing. Good values, however, were met with from 50 to 65 feet on the lowest level, 340ft. on the No. 1 vein east crosscut, which assayed 10dwt. The last 5ft. assayed 17dwt. over a width of 42in. Messrs. J. Ward Williams and D. Smith, mining engineers, estimate that there is about 4500 tons of payable ore which will average 156oz. gold and 100oz. silver per ton. Mr. N. H. Fisher, Government geologist, reported recently that he would recommend further exploration, but he was of opinion that the installation of a plant was not warranted until considerably more ore was developed. He estimated that the payable ore developed was only 3300 tons, averaging considerably more than 1oz. fine gold per ton, and 100oz. silver. At the date of the balance-sheet, December 31, actual cash expended was £12,182, including plant £831 and development £6906. Preliminary expenses were £2445. Vendors' consideration was £10,000 in fully-paid shares and £2000 cash. Since balancing date, £2647 has been received in calls and present cash balance is £1324. Working expenses are about £250 per month, the report adds, so there is sufficient cash to carry on at the present rate of development for another five months.

MALINAR (N.G.) GOLD LTD.

Mr. M. Chambers, representative in New Guinea of Malinar (New Guinea) Gold Ltd., reports having pegged and applied for an area of about one mile in length by 500 feet wide, consisting of a large ironstone and quartz formation disclosed by a recent landslide near Kela. The ridges in which the formation occurs are 600 feet in height, and the lode has been picked up on both sides of the hill. Mr. Chambers estimates that a considerable body of ore is available, and preliminary tests consistently gave satisfactory values. The ore does not disclose visible gold, but about half a cwt. of stone was sent to Melbourne and various assays and check assays made by Mr. C. W. Nash gave an average value of 12 dwt. 14 gr. a ton. Assays made by Messrs. Spence and Smith, mining engineers of Wau, New Guinea, taken from various places in the hillside where the landslide took place, gave an average value of 7 dwt. 6 gr. a ton. In addition to this property, Mr. Chambers has pegged and applied for two dredging areas of approximately 500 acres each on the flats in the same locality. These areas, the management reports, can be worked at a low cost, as there is an ample supply of water from a nearby waterfall, and they are easily accessible to the sea coast. Plant and machinery can be delivered by road to the field, thus saving heavy cost of air transport. Preliminary pitting disclosed values of 2/6 a yard with gold at 85/ an oz. Mr. J. M. Spence has been engaged to estimate the average depth and total yardage available. The water rights of the only waterfall in the district have been secured by the company, and the fall is capable of generat-

ing sufficient electric power to provide for the company's operations, and would also enable the company to generate power for sale to other interests. The consideration of cheap power and no freight will, therefore, place the company in a position to work the areas economically.

WATUT DREDGING N.L.

An unsatisfactory report has been received by the directors of Watut Dredging N.L. on the property over which an option is held, and it has been decided to abandon the option. A shareholders' meeting will be called shortly to decide the future policy. Mr. H. S. Archdall, legal manager, advised the Stock Exchange of Melbourne in July that from a preliminary statement of the company's financial position, he estimates that the funds in hand are equivalent to approximately £9 for each £10 share.

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Production of the four dredges of the Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd. for June, compared with that of the previous two periods as follows:—

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Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 dredges—			
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Bullion, oz.	15,357	15,059	13,021
Gold, fine, oz.	10,540	10,377	9,061
VALUE—			
Aust. currency ..	*£93,542	*£92,096	†£79,263
Per cubic yard ...	/25.17	/24.83	/20.46
Working profit ...	£65,257	£63,882	£52,045
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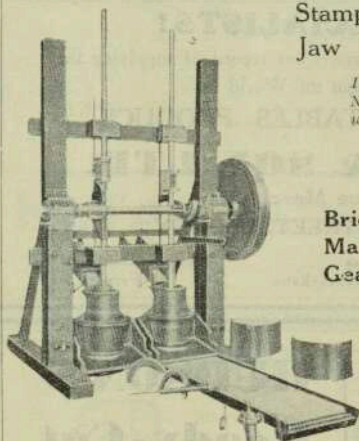


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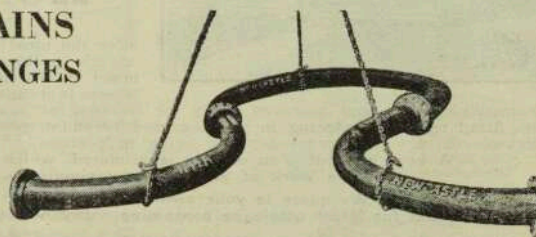


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From Papua

LAKEKAMU GOLDFIELDS DEVELOPMENT

Mr. R. A. Clinton, superintending engineer to Lakekamu Goldfields (Papua) Development N.L., has reported on additional bores on the Tiveri leases. Four bores gave values up to 6d a yard. The average value of the four bores was 4d, and the average depth 19 ft. The plant has been shifted to the main creek (Tiveri main leases). Four bores on bore line No. 1 gave values up to 6/6, and the average value of the four bores was approximately 5/ over an average depth of 25 ft.

JULY 3.—Twisty areas, three scout bores put down on bore line No. 1, on Camp Creek, half a mile east of previous bores. Depth 40ft., values 7/5 per cubic yard; 39ft., 7/8; 43ft., 1/10. Length of this line of bores is six chains.

JULY 8.—Advice from prospecting party which left Port Moresby in May states that the prospectors had reached one of the areas which they had set out to locate, and that scout boring had begun on a large area.

MISIMA CENTRAL GOLD N.L.

In their half-yearly report the directors of Misima Central Gold N.L. advise that on the registration of the company four leases—three of 24 acres and one of 14 acres—were held under option from the vendors. Six additional leases have since been pegged and applied for by the company, making a total area of 214½ acres. Four leases, of 96 acres, are at Ginisea, about a mile east of the leases of New Misima Gold Mines

Ltd., and six leases are at Tomiera, north of the New Misima leases, and is on the same line of lode with similar characteristics. Developmental work is in progress on the areas. Expenditure for the period was £1839, and at the close of the half-year the company had a surplus of liquid assets of £1512.

A report issued recently by the company's engineer at work on one of the Louisiade leases, states that he expected shortly to cut the lode, which he anticipates will carry good values and be over 12 feet in width. The assay plant is being installed, and work which had been delayed through sickness and want of building material is now progressing rapidly. It is definitely established that both the Mt. Sisa lodes run into the Misima North leases, and are practically vertical at the point of entry.

A report from the Ginisea leases said that lodes are proving to be of great width and carrying good values. No. 1 tunnel in 110ft. entirely in lode. Crosscut at 20ft. put in at 30ft., and still in lode. Crosscut at 70ft. put in at 125ft., still in lode. Crosscut at 95ft. put in at 41ft., where porphyry footwall struck. Lode principally black manganese rubbly quartz and fine and coarse gold is showing in dish washing. No. 3 tunnel in 103ft. Lode 12ft. wide has been cut. Expect cut main lode farther in. No. 4 tunnel in 95ft. Lode is 4ft. wide at present, but hanging wall not yet been reached. No. 5 tunnel in 59ft. Cut 18ft. lode, comprising 2ft. brown, 12ft. black, manganese, and 4ft. red rubbly quartz, followed by 17ft. black lode, and still in lode. Total width without hanging wall reached is 65ft. No. 6 tunnel in 65ft. Lode over 60ft. wide, hanging wall not reached. From this adit assays of 14dwt. obtained. Two other adits commenced. Lode should be cut at 200ft., giving 250ft. of workable backs.

GOLD MINES OF PAPUA

After providing £778 for depreciation, expenditure

account of Gold Mines of Papua Ltd. since its inception to March 31, shows a debit balance of £12,928. At the close of the period there was a surplus of liquid assets of £7868. Exploration work on Misima Island, the directors report, has been carried on continuously with encouraging results. The extent of work in the various drives amounts to 3300 feet, of which 1000 feet has been in ore. The average width is 7 feet, of an average value at the present price of gold of 46/ a ton. The property is being developed from 14 adits at five separate horizons between the bed of the creek and the crown of the ridge, a vertical height of 8000 feet. In several of the workings the value of the ore is of much higher grade than the general average. Values appear to be increasing, and the directors believe a sufficiently large tonnage is indicated to eventually warrant equipment. Consideration is being given to the installation of a pilot plant with a view to determining the most economical method of treatment. The erection of plant to treat the sands and slimes on Woodlark Island has almost been completed, and it is expected that production will commence next month. The company has taken an option over an alluvial area of approximately 600 acres of dredgable land on Woodlark Island, said to contain payable values. Arrangements have been made to scout bore the area. During the period the option over the Kulumadai lode was exercised, to comply with the terms of which a development company, Woodlark Gold Mines Ltd., with a nominal capital of £10,000, was registered at Port Moresby in December last. The work of prospecting this lode is progressing, and although results are encouraging, no forecast of results or values can be estimated at this stage.

YODDA GOLDFIELDS LTD.

Though production of Yodda Goldfields Ltd., Papua, for the first five months was less than anticipated, being 230oz. bullion to the end of January, the directors report that the yields increased in the next five months, being February 53oz., March 66oz., April 59oz., May 60oz., and June 70oz. The average of more than 60oz. per month for this period would show a profit over the expenses, which average about £350 per month.

NEW MISIMA GOLD MINES

Mr. F. W. Cuthbert, managing director of New Misima Gold Mines Ltd. reported as follows on June 8:

About 1259 tons of ore were put through the mill in May, yielding 954 tons of sand and 305 of slime for gold bullion of approximate value in Australian currency of £2601/15/3. Mine work has been carried on as usual, main levels have been extended 90 feet, rises 108 feet, cross-cuts 57 feet. Repairs to main levels 108 feet. Owing to Co.'s good financial position the monthly dividend has now been increased from 1/6 to 2/-.

Gurias at Rabaul

RABAUL, July 12.

PROBABLY the severest gurias (earth tremors) ever felt at Rabaul, New Guinea, were experienced on the afternoon of July 8. Tremors were reported to have been felt over a radius of 30 miles.

Preceded by a rumbling noise, similar to thunder, five separate shocks disturbed the capital. Each lasted for a few seconds and was followed by sustained swaying movement.

No material damage was done, except for shattered crockery and broken household effects. Motor cars parked outside commercial buildings moved backwards and forwards. In one of the clubs members ceased playing billiards and watched the balls careering up and down the tables, rebounding queerly off the cushions.

Mr. R. D. Frisbie, who has lived for 15 years as the only white man on the lonely island of Puka Puka, in the Cook Group, arrived at Apia, Western Samoa by the Makoa on June 17. After a short stay on Samoa, he departed for America via Vancouver by the Sheafholme. Mr. Frisbie is the author of a book on the South Seas and of numerous magazine and newspaper articles dealing with Polynesia.

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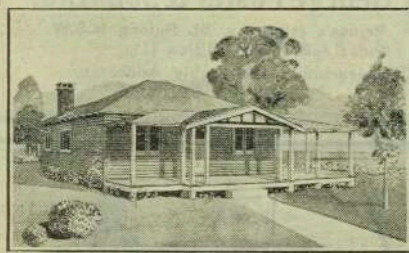
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Housekeeping in the Tropics

Conducted by "Dorothea"

SEVERAL correspondents have drawn attention to "flu" epidemics in the Pacific. Medical men strongly advise all sufferers to continue their daily dose of quinine without fail—that is one of the salient points to remember with coughs and colds in the tropics. Never omit your quinine.

Medical men say also that 'flu attacks are often confused with malaria attacks, and vice versa.

Influenza, in its very infectious epidemic form, usually takes from one to four days to develop, and, when once established, may last for ten days. Its onset is sudden. There is a general aching, the temperature is raised, and there may be alternating feverish and shivering attacks, sore throat, cough, and maybe general symptoms of a cold in the head. The temperature usually remains high for a few days, and then returns to normal, leaving the patient feeling extremely weak. Influenza may attack the respiratory, alimentary, or nervous system, but the above may be taken as the common variety. The chief complications to be guarded against are heart affections, pneumonia, and occasionally ear troubles. Heart complications should be emphasised. Patients are often over-anxious to resume their work too soon after an attack of influenza, with the result that undue strain is put upon an already weakened heart muscle.

In all cases of colds or influenza it is advisable to administer 5 to 10 grains of quinine three times daily for two days, as so many cases of illness in the tropics are due to a weakened resisting power,

caused by the malarial germs. If this is done, and the cold, dysentery, or illness then treated in the ordinary way, a more rapid recovery is assured.

If you should contract the disease, do not fight against it. Go to bed at once, and undergo proper treatment.

Hints for Islands Housekeepers

ON PINS AND NEEDLES

Put a small quantity of talcum powder in a tin which has a tightly-fitting lid, and in this keep your pins and needles. They will not rust if the tin is shaken occasionally, and will also be smoother to use on materials.

Needles and pins which are already rusty should be pierced into a cake of sand soap several times, then rubbed on emery paper.

Needles not to be used for some time may be kept in a small bottle (an empty junket tablet bottle is good) filled with oil.

If a needle feels sticky when in use, pass it through a thick strand of your hair.—Prize to "Judy S.," Samarai, Papua.

RECIPE FOR COCONUT PIE

With so many fresh coconuts available perhaps the housekeeper would like to try this one on her menu.

Coconut Pie.—Two eggs, two cups of sugar, one cup of grated coconut, one cup milk, one teaspoon vanilla and a pinch of salt. Add coconut to milk and let stand for one hour. Beat the sugar and eggs and salt together, until very light. Add vanilla and milk with coconut. Turn into a pie-dish lined with pastry and bake forty minutes in a moderate oven.—Prize to Mrs. Harvey, Bainings, Rabaul.

BANANA CREAM

Take ½oz. gelatine, 3 bananas, 1 pint of canned milk, 2 eggs, vanilla essence. Soak the gelatine in with the milk for two or three hours, then stir over the fire until thoroughly dissolved. Pour the milk on to the beaten yolks of two eggs; return to the pan and stir until the mixture thickens, but do not let boil. Let it cool, then add the vanilla essence (to taste) the peeled and thinly-sliced bananas, and the whites of the eggs, beaten to a stiff froth. Stir gently until the mixture shows signs of setting, then pour into a wetted mould, and put in iceball. I find 4 tablespoonsful of canned milk to ¼ pint of water (good measure) is about right for all cooking, etc.—Acknowledgment to Mrs. R. Hill, Fera, Ysabel, Solomon Islands.

PICKLE FOR PIG OR GOAT

This useful recipe may be welcome for pickling in the Tropics.

Put two gallons of water into a clean kerosene tin, then add two pounds of salt, one-and-a-half cups of sugar, half tablespoon bi-carbonate of soda, half tablespoon saltpetre.

Stir till partly dissolved, then put in the meat and put on the fire, bring to boil and boil for five minutes. Take away and store in a cool place; see all meat is below the brine; cover with wet bag. When the meat is required for use, boil as usual, according to the size of joint.—Acknowledgment to Mrs. Harvey, Bainings, Rabaul.

It Happened One Day

(Prize to "Bukit Bahrum," Wau, N.G.)

WE were expecting important guests for dinner, and my husband suggested we include in our menu our famous rum omelette.

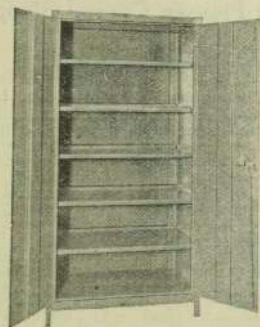
I duly gave instructions to my cook boy. The first part of the dinner proceeded amid much jollity, then Beisa, resplendent in a milk-white lap-lap, with our initials embroidered in red on one corner, arrived with the omelette.

"Ah!" exclaimed our guests, "we heard

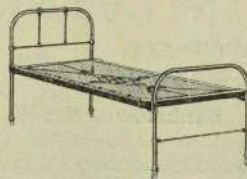
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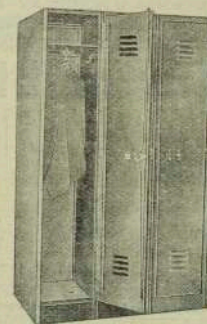
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of your omelette many miles before we landed here!"

Hubby duly served the omelette, and we proceeded. Then—discreet laying aside of forks. I looked, then tasted. Imagine my horror when I discovered it was saturated with methylated spirits!

I called Beisa: "What fella name you burn on this kai-kai?"

"E alla same one fella rum, e burn alla same; me no find d'key kai-kai house (store room); me pour one fella lamp—alloe same!"

Mercifully, my guests had a sense of humour!

Rev. Father J. M. Oreve, S.M., of the Marist Mission at Suva, arrived in Sydney from Fiji by the Monterey on July 15. He was accompanied by Rev. L. Lejeune, of Cawaci, Ovalau Island, and Rev. D. Des-table, of Bemana, Viti Levu.

Mr. Roy Field, a well-known resident of Papua, who has been for many years on the staff of Burns, Philp and Co., Ltd., at Port Moresby, left on July 2 for the Lake-kamu goldfield to take up a position with Guinea Gold, N.L.

N.G. PUBLIC SERVICE

STAFF appointments, transfers, etc., notified in Bulletin No. 40, issued by the N.G. Administration, on June 30, were:—

APPOINTMENTS

F. H. Moy, Cadet; R. S. McPherson, Assistant Teacher; R. J. McConnell, Clerk, Govt. Secretary's Dept.; K. M. Chambers, Customs Clerk; G. E. Ballam, Surveyor; E. W. Oakley, Acting District Officer.

TRANSFERS

Customs Dept.: J. D. Marshall, Clerk, Rabaul to Salamaua; F. G. Palfreyman, Clerk, Salamaua to Rabaul; H. P. Seale, Clerk, Rabaul to Lae.

District Services Dept.: T. L. McAdam, D.O., Rabaul to Kavieng; H. A. Gregory, A.D.O., Kavieng to Rabaul; F. H. Moy, Cadet, Rabaul to Kieta; E. T. Fulton, Clerk, Madang to Rabaul; S. H. Filan, Clerk, Rabaul to Wewak; A. C. Koskey, Clerk, Rabaul to Kokopo; K. C. McMullen, A.D.O., Rabaul to Kokopo; M. B. Pickering, Clerk, Kavieng to Rabaul; C. D. Bates, P.O., Salamaua to Wau.

Govt. Secretary's Dept.: R. S. McPherson, Assistant Teacher, Rabaul to Kavieng. Lands Dept.: H. J. Badger, Chairman, Wau to Salamaua; A. W. Ardlie, Surveyor, Rabaul to Kavieng; H. T aylour, Warden, Wau to Salamaua; E. R. Hale, Chairman, Rabaul to Kavieng; G. D. Cowdery, Chairman, Rabaul to Wau; G. E.

Ballam, Surveyor, Wau to Salamaua.

Public Health Dept.: A. V. G. Price, Rabaul to Kieta; A. E. Ewing, Madang to Rabaul; A. E. Wilkinson, Gasmata to Rabaul; W. N. S. Couzens, Rabaul to Madang; C. B. Walsh, Wau to Salamaua.

Public Works Dept.: E. F. Donovan, Carpenter, Rabaul to Kavieng.

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS

Miss A. G. Evans, Typiste, Dept. of Agriculture; J. Lyall, Carpenter, District Services Dept.; Miss E. Protheroe, Nurse, Health Dept.; C. Darbyshire, Draftsman, Titles Dept.

N.G. POLICE FORCE

D. Crawley appointed Warrant Officer, 2nd class; H. C. Gridley promoted from 1st class Warrant Officer to Inspector; H. G. McFarlane, promoted from 2nd class Warrant Officer to 1st class Officer; E. Steeples, Inspector, transferred from Rabaul to Wau.

MAKOA VISITS WALLIS IS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, July 6.

MESSRS. BURNS PHILP'S auxiliary schooner Makoa (Captain Doughty) returned to Apia from a trip to Swain's Island and the Tokelau Islands on July 1, carrying a full load of copra. The vessel left again on July 4 for Wallis Island, a French possession to the north east of Fiji which has been without communication with the outside world for some considerable time and where Messrs. Burns Philp maintain a trading station.

Passengers on the Makoa to Wallis Island were Rev. Father Schwer, of the Roman Catholic Mission, and three Samoan catechists who will complete their training at the Central Training School and Seminary of the mission at Wallis Island. Another passenger was Mrs. May, whose husband is taking over the management of Messrs. Burns, Philp's branch at Wallis from Mr. Jones.

For Papuan Coastal Shipping

From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT MORESBY, July 3.

THE Steamships Trading Co. Ltd., of Papua, in July, purchased the "Maira," a 35-ton boat with a new 4-cylinder 5 h.p. Diesel engine, made by Petters. The vessel is about a year old, and should be very handy on the Papuan coast.

The Company is also fitting a Diesel Petter engine (85 h.p., 4-cylinder) to the old "Veimaui," which has given much valuable service on the coast.

The same Company has just placed a contract with the Kwato shipyards for three shelling luggers, which are to be delivered within the next three or four months.

COCOA IN NEW GUINEA

WRITING from London, Mr. J. E. Nixon Westwood makes some interesting comments on the attempt to establish the cocoa growing industry in New Guinea. The writer emphasises the need for proper training of planters who undertake this particular crop. "Cocoa is an entirely different production to copra or rubber," he says. "Temperatures, altitudes, winds and soil sanitation take a far greater toll than in either of the two above mentioned. Diseases and how to treat them, pruning, cutting back and picking are all jobs for practical men, which take years to learn."

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CAPTAIN DYOTT

Expedition is Postponed

CAPT. DYOTT, who was to have led an exploring and scientific expedition into New Guinea and Papua, has postponed his enterprise for a time.

In a letter from London to the Editor of the P.I.M., Capt. Dyott says that he has been informed by the Commonwealth Government that the Sepik-Mt. Hagen area of New Guinea has been closed against all Europeans and in those circumstances he felt it would be no use bringing his expedition to Australia. They had intended to leave at the end of May for Sydney, but they cancelled all arrangements. Capt. Dyott expresses surprise that the New Guinea Administration should regard the area as dangerous; "but," he adds, "I presume they know their business—although I think a well organised expedition would have been useful in re-establishing friendly relations."

In the interim, Captain Dyott is leading a short expedition to Ecuador, but he hopes to carry out his New Guinea project on his return.

Early History of Fiji Gold

WE have received from a correspondent at Tavua, Fiji, a correction of an article which appeared in the June issue entitled "Fiji Gold—Description of Tavua Field." The writer of the article refers to "the 30 acres which Messrs. Costello reserved for themselves when they sold the Emperor and Koroere to the Theodore Group."

Our correspondent remarks: "This is quite wrong. The Emperor mine was originally owned by the Lolololu Private Prospecting Syndicate—the first syndicate to be formed in connection with the Tavua fields. It was comprised of three local men, i.e., Messrs. G. C. Foulis, H. L. Morton, and H. J. Stevens, who pegged it out in the very earliest days of the field. Subsequently this syndicate sold the Emperor to the Theodore group, retaining an interest which they still hold."

LAKA'S LETTER

DOES anyone in Papua know Francis Emanuel Laka?

A man unpacking bales of rubber in a Melbourne factory found a letter, addressed simply "Working man," and dated January 13.

"Dear Sir," it ran, "on Sunday morning we got 13 bales. We got plenty rubber trees here in Papua. We got plenty stations in Papua. Some B.P.'s and some stations far away from bush. Some white men live in the bush. That's all.—Francis Emanuel Laka."

"I am working in Hikinumu."

Mr. Charles J. Thompson, assistant engineer in the Fiji Works Department, died at Lautoka in June, from heart seizure following influenza. Joining the department in 1914, he served at Lautoka, Ra, and Suva, where he was in charge of the construction of the Colonial War Memorial Hospital. He was appointed assistant engineer in 1927; but recently had been acting as assistant to Mr. A. A. Ragg (Assistant Director of Works).

"DREADFUL PEOPLE"

A PORT MORESBY correspondent is caustic.

"The Australian coastal liner Katoomba, which has extended her North Queensland pleasure cruise to Port Moresby, came in early in July with 400 or more tourists—some of them most dreadful people, about whom the less said the better. We entertained two of them—and we haven't recovered yet."

"If this Papuan town is going to be subjected to this sort of thing I think some official notice should be taken of it. It is bad enough for us Europeans, but the really serious aspect is the effect upon the natives of these irresponsible people from down-under."

CROWN LANDS IN SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, July 5.

LATELY a number of bush land plots, belonging to the New Zealand Reparation Estates, have been leased on reasonable terms and conditions to local residents. The land is suitable for banana cultivation and is to be used mainly for that purpose.

Commencing next April, two steamers monthly are to load bananas here for the New Zealand market, so that there is plenty of scope for banana growers. The policy of the Reparation Estates in making Crown lands available in small plots and on liberal terms to local people is welcomed.



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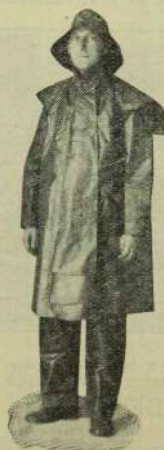
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Market Quotations

Range of Prices

The Pacific Islands Monthly makes a close check of the prices quoted for Islands produce; and it regularly publishes the range of prices during each month, including the last available quotation before going to press.

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London. Price on—	Plantation, Sun-Dried, Per ton c.i.f.	Plantation, Hot-air Dried, Per ton c.i.f.	Plantation, Rabaul, Per ton c.i.f.
January 16, 1931	£14 12 6	£14 12 6	£14 12 6
February 27	£14 12 6	£14 12 6	£14 12 6
March 27	£14 10 0	£14 12 6	£14 12 6
April 24	£13 15 0	£13 17 6	£13 17 6
May 29	£10 17 6	£11 0 0	£11 0 0
June 26	£11 15 0	£11 17 6	£11 17 6
July 31	£11 5 0	£11 7 6	£11 7 6
August 28	£12 15 0	£12 15 0	£12 15 0
September 25	£13 10 0	£13 15 0	£13 15 0
October 30	£13 10 0	£13 15 0	£13 15 0
November 27	£13 10 0	£13 15 0	£13 15 0
December 18	£14 5 0	£14 10 0	£14 10 0
January 1, 1932	£14 10 0	£14 15 0	£14 15 0
February 12	£16 7 6	£16 10 0	£16 10 0
March 25	£14 17 6	£15 0 0	£15 0 0
April 29	£14 15 0	£14 17 6	£14 17 6
May 20	£13 17 6	£14 0 0	£14 0 0
June 3	£12 17 6	£13 0 0	£13 0 0
July 1	£13 5 0	£13 7 6	£13 7 6
August 12	£13 17 6	£14 0 0	£14 0 0
September 2	£13 17 6	£14 0 0	£14 0 0
October 7	£14 5 0	£14 7 6	£14 7 6
November 11	£14 2 6	£14 5 0	£14 5 0
December 16	£13 10 0	£13 12 6	£13 12 6
January 6, 1933	£12 5 0	£12 7 6	£12 7 6
February 3	£11 7 6	£11 10 0	£11 10 0
March 3	£10 10 0	£10 12 6	£10 12 6
April 28	£11 2 6	£11 5 0	£11 5 0
May 26	£10 17 6	£11 0 0	£11 0 0
June 30	£11 2 6	£11 5 0	£11 5 0
July 21	£10 10 0	£10 12 6	£10 12 6
August 4	£9 7 6	£9 10 0	£9 10 0
September 29	£8 15 0	£9 0 0	£9 0 0
October 20	£8 10 0	£8 12 6	£8 12 6
November 3	£8 12 6	£8 15 0	£8 15 0
December 1	£8 0 0	£8 2 6	£8 2 6
January 5, 1934	£7 17 6	£8 0 0	£8 0 0
February 16	£7 7 6	£8 0 0	£8 0 0
March 30	£7 15 0	£8 12 6	£8 12 6
April 27	£7 17 6	£8 12 6	£8 12 6
May 18	£8 0 0	£8 12 6	£8 12 6
June 15	£7 17 6	£8 15 0	£8 15 0
July 6	£8 0 0	£8 17 6	£8 17 6
July 13	£8 0 0	£8 17 6	£8 17 6

London. Price on—	Plantation, Sun-Dried, Per ton c.i.f.	Plantation, Hot-air Dried, Per ton c.i.f.	Plantation, Rabaul, Per ton c.i.f.
August 3	£8 0 0	£8 17 6	£8 17 6
August 24	£7 17 6	£8 17 6	£8 17 6
September 7	£7 12 6	£8 15 0	£8 15 0
September 28	£8 5 0	£9 5 0	£9 5 0
October 5	£8 0 0	£9 0 0	£9 0 0
October 26	£7 15 0	£8 12 6	£8 12 6
November 2	£7 15 0	£8 15 0	£8 15 0
November 16	£7 17 6	£8 15 0	£8 15 0
November 30	£8 7 6	£9 2 6	£9 2 6
December 7	£8 15 0	£9 12 6	£9 12 6
December 21	£8 15 0	£9 7 6	£9 7 6
December 28	£9 0 0	£9 12 6	£9 12 6
January 4, 1935	£9 5 0	£10 5 0	£10 5 0
January 11	£10 10 0	£11 0 0	£11 0 0
January 18	£12 0 0	£12 15 0	£12 15 0
January 25	£11 10 0	£12 5 0	£12 5 0
February 1	£11 12 6	£12 2 6	£12 2 6
February 8	£12 0 0	£12 15 0	£12 15 0
February 15	£12 0 0	£12 15 0	£12 15 0
February 22	£12 2 6	£12 17 6	£12 17 6
March 1	£12 2 6	£12 15 0	£12 15 0
March 8	£12 2 6	£12 15 0	£12 15 0
March 15	£10 15 0	£11 5 0	£11 5 0
March 22	£10 15 0	£11 10 0	£11 10 0
March 29	£11 0 0	£11 17 6	£11 17 6
April 5	£10 15 0	£11 15 0	£11 15 0
April 12	£10 15 0	£11 17 6	£11 17 6
April 19	£10 15 0	£11 17 6	£11 17 6
April 26	£11 5 0	£12 7 6	£12 7 6
May 3	£11 17 6	£12 12 6	£12 12 6
May 10	£12 2 6	£12 17 6	£12 17 6
May 17	£12 0 0	£12 12 6	£12 12 6
May 24	£12 0 0	£12 12 6	£12 12 6
May 31	£11 10 0	£12 2 6	£12 2 6
June 7	£11 15 0	£12 7 6	£12 7 6
June 14	£11 10 0	£12 2 6	£12 2 6
June 21	£10 15 0	£11 5 0	£11 5 0
June 28	£10 10 0	£10 10 0	£10 10 0
July 5	£9 15 0	£10 5 0	£10 5 0
July 12	£9 12 6	£10 5 0	£10 5 0
July 19	£9 17 6	£10 17 6	£10 17 6

Rubber

London. Price on—	Para per lb.	Plantation Smoked per lb.
January 1, 1932	4½d.	3 5/16d.
February 5	3½d.	2½d.
March 4	3½d.	2 5/16d.
April 1	3½d.	1½d.
May 13	3½d.	1 13/16d.
June 10	3½d.	1 11/16d.
July 22	3½d.	1 15/16d.
August 5	4d.	2½d.
September 2	5½d.	2½d.
October 14	5d.	2.40½d.
November 11	5d.	2.65½d.
December 2	5d.	2.59d.
January 6, 1933	4½d.	2.43d.

London. Price on—	Para per lb.	Plantation Smoked per lb.
February 10	4½d.	2½d.
March 10	4½d.	2½d.
April 14	4½d.	2.34d.
May 5	4½d.	2.81d.
June 2	5½d.	3.56d.
July 7	5½d.	3.71d.
August 4	5½d.	4d.
September 1	5½d.	3.78d.
October 13	4½d.	4d.
November 10	4½d.	4.09d.
December 8	4½d.	4.08½d.
January 5, 1934	4½d.	4.28d.
February 2	4½d.	4.84d.
March 6	5d.	5.15d.
April 6	5d.	5.43d.
May 4	5½d.	7d.
June 1	5½d.	6½d.
July 6	5½d.	7.06d.
August 3	5½d.	7.18d.
September 7	5½d.	7.8d.
October 5	5½d.	6½d.
October 12	5½d.	7d.
November 16	4½d.	6½d.
November 30	5½d.	6½d.
December 7	5d.	6½d.
December 28	5d.	6½d.
January 4, 1935	5d.	6½d.
January 11	5d.	6½d.
January 18	4½d.	6.44½d.
January 25	4½d.	6½d.
February 1	4½d.	6½d.
February 8	4½d.	6½d.
February 15	4½d.	6½d.
February 22	4½d.	6½d.
March 1	4½d.	6.17½d.
March 8	4½d.	6½d.
March 15	4½d.	5½d.
March 22	4½d.	5½d.
March 29	4½d.	5.67½d.
April 5	4½d.	5.44½d.
April 12	4½d.	5½d.
April 19	4½d.	5 11/16d.
April 26	4½d.	5½d.
May 3	4½d.	5 9/16d.
May 10	4½d.	5 11/16d.
May 17	4½d.	6d.
May 24	4½d.	6d.
May 31	4½d.	5 5/7d.
June 7	5d.	6d.
June 14	5d.	6 1/16d.
June 21	5d.	6 1/16d.
June 28	5d.	6d.
July 5	5d.	5½d.
July 12	5d.	5½d.
July 19	4½d.	5 13/16d.

Gold Royalty and New Guinea Development

Letter to the Editor.

I THINK that you were in error when you suggested, in your principal article in the June issue, that the New Guinea Administration is not using the gold royalty to help the New Guinea planters.

My observations—and I know the country thoroughly—are that the Administration is doing an enormous amount in a wide variety of ways to encourage the extension of the planting industry and to help the men already established. The splendid work that has been done in supervising copra production and establishing a profitable grade; in carrying out all sorts of experiments in practical planting; in organising the highly efficient medical service which has made life in those tropics endurable—all this has been done to directly help the planter.

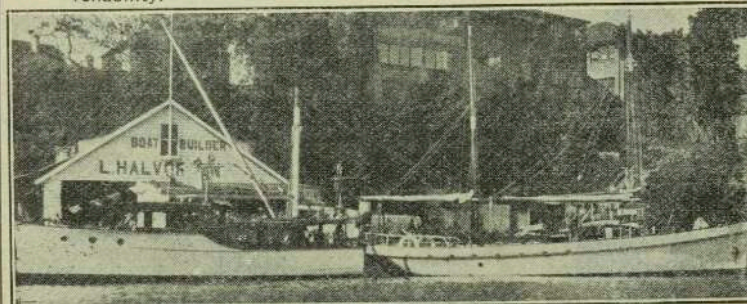
So far as actual finance is concerned—is it not a fact that, except for a 10 per cent. *ad valorem* customs duty, N.G. planters are practically tax-free? Would the planters have continued to enjoy that immunity from taxation during the whole period of the depression if the gold royalty had not been used to their advantage? In other words, the gold royalty has been used during the last three or four years to ease the taxation burden of the planters.

I am, etc.,
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Sydney, July 16.

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Islands Produce

Coffee

The following quotations were obtained on July 22:—
 Robusta, f.a.q., imported from Java on firm conversion of exchange, c.i.f., prompt shipment, Sydney: Quote No. 1, 16/9 per cwt.; quote No. 2, 19/6, based on 12 guilders.
 Kenya, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt. No. 1 quotation: Grade "A," 53/-; grade "B," 49/-; grade "C," 43/-; Triage, 39/-; No. 2 quotation: Grade "B," 47/-; grade "C," 42/-; Triage, 37/-.
 Mysore, f.a.q., prompt shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt. Quote No. 1: Grade "A," 64/-; grade "B," 64/-; grade "C," 60/-; Triage, 56/-.
 Arabian (Aden), Hodeidah, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney. Quote (a): No. 1, pure, 67/- per cwt. Quote (b): 54/- per cwt.

Kapok

Based on an exchange conversion of 12 gulden to the Australian £, the Australian c.i.f. prices current during July were: Prime Samarang, 5½d. per lb.; prime Japara, 5½d. per lb.

Cocoa

Quote No. 1: Cocoa beans, £36 per ton.
 Quote No. 2: Accra, good fermented, 25/- per cwt., c.i.f., Sydney.

Ivory Nuts

No. 1 Quotation: £9 per ton, f.o.b., Sydney.
 No. 2 Quotation: £9 per ton, f.o.b., Sydney.

Trocas Shell

Quotations for trocas shell obtained in Sydney from two different sources were:
 (a) Trocas shell, No. 1 grade £93
 Trocas shell, No. 2 grade £82
 Trocas shell, No. 3 grade £71
 (b) Trocas shell, No. 1 grade £93
 Trocas shell, No. 2 grade £83
 Trocas shell, No. 3 grade £71
 All quotes are f.o.b., and on the Australian £.

Green Snail Shell

Good quality green snail shell was quoted in Sydney in mid-July at £33-£35 per ton.

Cotton

London, c.i.f. prices for cotton, as quoted in Sydney Morning Herald, during the past month were: June 21, 6.35d. lb., July shipment; June 28, 6.29d. lb., Aug. shipment; July 5, 6.43d. lb., Aug. shipment; July 12, 6.48d. lb., Aug. shipment; July 19, 6.57d. lb., Aug. shipment.

Rice

Rangoon rice, packed in 100lb. or 200lb. bags, £12/10/- per ton, f.o.b., Sydney.
 Australian table rice, packed in 56lb. bags, £16/10/- per ton.

Exchange Rates

The following exchange quotations, gathered in Sydney, show the rates existing in Sydney on July 22:—

FIJI—THROUGH BANK OF N.S.W. AND BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

Australia on Fiji on basis of £100 Fiji: Buying £A111, selling £A113/10/-.
 Fiji-London on basis £100 London:
 Buying Selling
 Telegraphic transfer .. £111 2 6 .. £113 0 0
 On demand £110 12 6 .. £117 16 6

WESTERN SAMOA—THROUGH BANK OF N.Z.

Exchange, Australia on Western Samoa, basis £100 Samoa—buying £A100, selling £A100/10/-.
 Exchange, Samoa on London, basis £100 in London:—

Buying Selling
 Telegraphic transfer .. £123 0 0 .. £125 0 0
 On demand £123 0 0 .. £124 17 6
 30 days £122 15 0 .. £124 15 0
 60 days £122 10 0 .. £124 12 6
 90 days £122 5 0 .. £124 10 0
 120 days £122 0 0 .. £124 7 6

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SELLING RATES

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Australia on Papeete

Francs to £
 Australian
 Average for week ended 24/6/35 58.53
 Average for week ended 1/7/35 58.45
 Average for week ended 8/7/35 58.50
 Average for week ended 15/7/35 58.73
 Average for week ended 22/7/35 58.64

Australia on Noumea

Francs to £
 Australian
 Average for week ended 24/6/35 58.33
 Average for week ended 1/7/35 58.25
 Average for week ended 8/7/35 58.30
 Average for week ended 15/7/35 58.53
 Average for week ended 22/7/35 58.44

NEW CALEDONIA—THROUGH FRENCH BANK.

Drafts, Sydney-Noumea and Noumea-Sydney, are on the basis of current rate of exchange on Paris, less 1 per cent. either way. As quoted by the Comptoir National, in Sydney, and the Bank of Indo-Chine, Noumea: On July 22, when the Australian £ was nominally worth 58.5 francs, £100 Australian would purchase a credit in Noumea of 5,880 francs.

NEW GUINEA AND PAPUA—THROUGH COMMONWEALTH BANK.

From Australia, Pt. Moresby, £1 per cent., on Rabaul 10/- per cent.—other N. Guinea districts £1 per cent.
 From Rabaul on London, same as Australia on London:—
 Buying: T.T. £A125 equals £stg. 100.
 Selling: T.T. £A125/10/- equals £stg. 100.

THROUGH BANK OF N.S.W.

Australia, on Papua, £1 per cent. premium each way, equivalent to commission of £1 per cent.; Australia, on Rabaul, 10/- per cent. premium.
 Papua and New Guinea on London: Same as Australia on London, and vice versa.

Rev. R. Lister Turner, of the London Missionary Society, and a non-official member of the Legislative Council of Papua, arrived in Sydney in July after a visit to Europe.

PERSONAL NOTES FROM EDIE CREEK

From Our Own Correspondent.

EDIE CK., July 1.

ANOTHER sporting body has been added to our civic activities: "The N.G.G. Athletic Club," with Mr. D. E. Thomas as secretary. Their first outing was to celebrate the King's Birthday, the usual sports programme being completed. A dance was held on June 29, as a send-off to the popular Larry Knightly, Labour Supt. for N.G.G. Ltd., who is going South on leave for the first time in 11 years. Mr. S. Fitzgerald, supported by Mr. H. A. Cresswell, expressed the good wishes of the residents to Mr. Knightly and presented him with a travelling rug and suit case.
 Mr. Col. Budden, of N.G.G., Ltd. hydraulic staff, was given a send-off prior to his transfer to Wau, where he will take charge of the testing of the large leases recently pegged by N.G.G. in that vicinity.

Mr. Len Smith has returned from Southern holidays and has rejoined N.G.G. staff.

Mrs. R. Franklin has left for South, and Miss Leslie, from Wau, is now hostess at the Edie Creek Hotel.

Cyril Eldred has returned from five months' holiday in Australia, and is mining again near the Coppatra Lease.

On June 9, cars and lorries brought a number of Diggers from Wau to swell the general meeting of the R.S.S.I.L.A., called to elect a president in the stead of Mr. A. H. Cresswell, resigned. Mr. C. C. Judd, of Wau, was elected, and it was then decided to shift the headquarters of the Sub-branch, which covers the whole mainland, to Wau. Mr. Leslie Farmer was elected secretary and treasurer, and Major F. C. James, D.C.M., senior vice-president.

Dr. Brennan, Director of Public Health, paid us a visit this month in company with Dr. Sinclair, Government Medical Officer, Salamaua. It is hoped as a result of this visit a European Hospital will be erected at Kaimdi shortly, being greatly needed.

Mr. S. A. P. Clarke, Government Medical Assistant, has resigned and has joined the N.G.G. staff in the stead of Mr. Cyril Lamber, who is proceeding South on leave. Dame Rumour has it that Mr. Vic. Horseley, an old-timer, was to relieve Mr. Clarke, but he has not yet materialised. Mr. Clarke, we think, will be kept very busy as the N.G.G. now employs at Edie Creek a staff of about 90 Europeans and 1000 natives.

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Brisbane .. .	Aug 16	Sept 7	Sept 27
Townsville ..	Aug 19	Sept 10	Sept 30
Cairns	Aug 20	Sept 10	Oct 1
Pt. Moresby ..	Aug 22	Sept 12	Oct 3
Yule Is. .. .	Aug 24	Sept 14	Oct 5
Samarai .. .	Aug 26-27	Sept 16-17	Oct 7-8
Kavieng .. .	Aug 28	Sept 18	Oct 9
Lindenhafen ..	Aug 30-31	Sept 19-20	Oct 11-12
Salamaua .. .	Sept 1	Sept 21	Oct 13
Lae	Sept 2	Sept 22	Oct 14
Minschafen ..	Sept 3-4	Sept 23	Oct 15-16
Murua .. .	Sept 6	Sept 26-27	Oct 18
Madang .. .	Sept 7	Sept 28	Oct 19
Alexishafen ..	Sept 9	Sept 30	Oct 21
Salamaua .. .	Sept 12	Oct 1	Oct 23
Kavieng .. .	Sept 14	Oct 2	Oct 24
Pondo .. .	Sept 17	Oct 6	Oct 29
Borani .. .	Sept 19	Oct 8	Oct 31

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	Tanda.	Nankin.	Nellore.
Yokohama ..	Aug 19	Sept 21	Oct 21
Nagoya .. .	Aug 20	Sept 22	Oct 22
Kobe	Aug 23	Sept 25	Oct 25
Moji	Aug 24	Sept 26	Oct 26
Hongkong ..	Aug 31	Oct 4	Nov 2
Manila .. .	Sept 3	Oct 7	Nov 5
Rabaul .. .	Sept 11	Oct 15	Nov 13
Brisbane ..	Sept 17	Oct 21	Nov 19
Sydney .. .	Sept 19	Oct 23	Nov 21
Melbourne ..	S. 23-O. 2	O. 28-N. 2	N. 25-D. 4
Hobart .. .	Oct 4	Nov 4	Dec 6
Newcastle ..	Oct 7	Nov 7	Dec 9
Sydney, dep.	Oct 12	Nov 13	Dec 14
Brisbane ..	Oct 14	Nov 15	Dec 16
Townsville ..	Oct 17	Nov 18	Dec 19
Rabaul .. .	Oct 22	Nov 23	Dec 24
Manila .. .	Oct 30	Dec 1	Jan 1
Hongkong ..	Nov 2	Dec 4	Jan 4
Shanghai ..	Nov 7	Dec 9	Jan 9
Moji	Nov 10	Dec 12	Jan 12
Kobe	Nov 11	Dec 13	Jan 13
Osaka .. .	Nov 13	Dec 15	Jan 15
Nagoya .. .	Nov 14	Dec 16	Jan 16
Yokohama ..	Nov 16	Dec 18	Jan 18

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The Union Co.'s steamer Wairuna (5832 tons) will leave Sydney with cargo for Fiji and Western Samoa on August 2. She will call at Suva on August 8 and Apia on August 10.

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Solomon Islands—N.G. Service

Subject to Alteration Without Notice.

M.V. Malaita.		
Sydney .. .	Aug 24	Oct 5
Brisbane ..	Aug 26	Oct 7
Townsville ..	Aug 29	Oct 10
Tulagi .. .	Sept 2-3	Oct 14-15
Makambo ..	Sept 4	Oct 16
Gavutu .. .	Sept 5	Oct 17
Salu .. .	Sept 6	Oct 18
Mamara .. .	Sept 7	Oct 19
Domma .. .	Sept 8	Oct 20
Aruligo .. .	Sept 9	Oct 21
Lavoro .. .	Sept 10	Oct 22
Yandina .. .	Sept 11	Oct 23
Banika .. .	Sept 12	Oct 24
Ufa	Sept 13	Oct 25
Lingatu .. .	Sept 14	Oct 26
Faiani .. .	Sept 15	Oct 27
Younger .. .	Sept 16	Oct 28
Pepesala ..	Sept 17	Oct 29
Kaylan .. .	Sept 18	Oct 30
Meringe .. .	Sept 19	Oct 31
West Bay ..	Sept 20	Nov 1
Somata .. .	Sept 21	Nov 2
Rendova (opt.)	Sept 22	Nov 3
Gizo	Sept 23	Nov 4
Faisi .. .	Sept 24	Nov 5
Kieta .. .	Sept 25	Nov 6
Arigua .. .	Sept 26	Nov 7
Teopasino ..	Sept 27	Nov 8
Numa .. .	Sept 28	Nov 9
Rabaul .. .	Sept 29	Nov 10
Sarakeni ..	Sept 30	Nov 11
Kieta .. .	Sept 31	Nov 12
Faisi .. .	Oct 1	Nov 13
Gizo .. .	Oct 2	Nov 14
Tetipari ..	Oct 3	Nov 15
Russell Group	Oct 4	Nov 16
Gavutu .. .	Oct 5	Nov 17
Tulagi .. .	Oct 6	Nov 18
Brisbane ..	Oct 7	Nov 19
Sydney .. .	Oct 8	Nov 20

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Sydney-N. Guinea-Hongkong

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M.V. Neptuna.		
Sydney .. .	Sept 2-6	Nov 11-15
Salamaua ..	Sept 13	Nov 22
Rabaul .. .	Sept 15	Nov 24
Sandakan ..	Sept 24	Dec 3
Manila .. .	Sept 27	Dec 6
Hongkong ..	S. 30-Oct 4	Dec 9-13
Saigon .. .	Oct 8	Dec 17
Manila .. .	Oct 12	Dec 21
Sandakan ..	Oct 15	Dec 24
Salamaua ..	Oct 22	Dec 31
Rabaul .. .	Oct 25	Jan 3
Sydney .. .	Nov 1	Jan 10
Melbourne ..	Nov 4-8	Jan 13

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Sydney—N.Z.—Fiji—Samoa—Hawaii

	Mariposa.	Monterey.	Mariposa.
Honolulu ..	July 29	Aug 26	Sept 23
Pago Pago ..	Aug 3	Aug 31	Sept 28
Suva .. .	Aug 6	Sept 3	Oct 1
Auckland ..	Aug 9	Sept 6	Oct 4
Sydney, arr.	Aug 12	Sept 9	Oct 7
Melbourne ..	Aug 16-17	Sept 13-14	Oct 11-12
Sydney, dep.	Aug 21	Sept 18	Oct 16
Auckland ..	Aug 24	Sept 21	Oct 19
Suva .. .	Aug 27	Sept 24	Oct 22
Pago Pago ..	Aug 28	Sept 25	Oct 23
Honolulu ..	Sept 2	Sept 30	Oct 28

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	Rabaul.	Salamaua.
London .. .	July 31	Aug 8
Teneriffe ..	Aug 3	Aug 10
Sydney .. .	July 23	Sept 1
Gladstone ..	July 29	Sept 7
Rabaul .. .	Aug 3	Sept 21
Teneriffe ..	Oct 9	Nov 23
London .. .	Oct 14	Nov 28

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Sydney .. .	Aug 1	Aug 31	Sept 12
Lord Howe Is.	Aug 3	Sept 2	Sept 14
Norfolk Island	Aug 5	Sept 4	Sept 16
Vila .. .	Aug 8-9	Sept 7	Sept 19-20
Bushman's Bay	Aug 10	Sept 9	Sept 21
Malo .. .	Aug 10	Sept 9	Sept 21
Tangoa .. .	Aug 10	Sept 9	Sept 21
Segond .. .	Aug 10	Sept 9	Sept 21
Aoba (opt.) ..	Aug 11	Sept 10	Sept 22
Vila .. .	Aug 12	Sept 11	Sept 23
Norfolk Is. ..	Aug 15	Sept 14	Sept 26
Lord Howe Is.	Aug 17	Sept 16	Sept 28
Sydney .. .	Aug 19	Sept 18	Sept 30

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Saigon—Java—Noumea Line

	S.S. Van Rees	
Saigon	Aug 6	Oct 8
Batavia	Aug 10-12	Oct 12-14
Samarang	Aug 13	Oct 15
Pt. Moresby	Aug 22	Oct 24
Samarai	Aug 24	Oct 26
Rabaul	Aug 26-27	Oct 28-29
Vila	Sept 2	Nov 4
Noumea	Sept 4-6	Nov 6-8
Sydney	Sept 11-13	Nov 13-15
Pt. Moresby	Sept 20	Nov 22
Batavia	Oct 1-3	Dec. 3-J.1
Saigon	Oct 7	Jan 6

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Sydney—N.Z.—Cook Is.—**Tahiti**

	Maunganui.	Makura.	Maunganui.
Papeete	Aug 10	Sept 7	Oct 5
Rarotonga	Aug 13	Sept 10	Oct 8
Wellington	Aug 19-20	Sept 16-17	Oct 14-15
Sydney	Aug 24	Sept 21	Oct 19
Sydney, dep.	Aug 29	Sept 26	Oct 24
Wellington	Sept 2-3	S. 30-O. 1	Oct 28-29
Rarotonga	Sept 7	Oct 5	Nov 2
Papeete	Sept 9	Oct 7	Nov 4

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Papeete	July 26-28	Sept 24-26	Nov 12-14
Raiatea	July 29	Sept 27	Nov 15
Vila	Aug 8	Oct 7	Nov 25
Noumea, arr.	Aug 9	Oct 8	Nov 26
To Panama—			
Noumea, dep.	Aug 18	Oct 16	Dec 4
Vila	Aug 19-21	Oct 17-19	Dec 5-7
Raiatea (opt.)	Aug 29	Oct 27	Dec 15
Papeete	Ag. 30-S. 1	Oct 28-30	Dec 16-18

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**Sydney—New Hebrides—
Noumea—Indochine**

	S.S. Laperouse.	
Sydney	Aug 1	Aug 27
Noumea	Aug 5-6	A. 31-S. 1
Lifou	Aug 7	Sept 2
Tanna	Aug 8	—
Vila	Aug 9	Sept 3
Luganville	Aug 10	Sept 4
Le Dart	Aug 11	Sept 5
Hog Harbour	Aug 12	Sept 6
Pt. Sandwich	Aug 12	—
Tommam	Aug 13	Sept 7
Vila	Aug 14	Sept 8
Lifou	Aug 15-16	Sept 9-10
Noumea	Aug 20	Sept 14
Sydney	Aug 20	Sept 14

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Sydney—N.Z.—Fiji—Hawaii

	Niagara.	Aorangi.	Niagara.
Honolulu	July 24	Aug 21	Sept 18
Suva	Aug 2	Aug 30	Sept 27
Auckland	Aug 5-6	Sept 2-3	S. 30-Oct. 1
Sydney	Aug 10	Sept 7	Oct 5
Sydney, dep.	Aug 15	Sept 12	Oct 10
Auckland	Aug 19-20	Sept 16-17	Oct 14-15
Suva	Aug 23	Sept 20	Oct 18
Honolulu	Aug 30	Sept 27	Oct 25

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**Hongkong—New Guinea—
Solomon Islands Service**

	Friderun	Bremerhaven
Hongkong	Aug 1	Aug 26
Kavieng	—	Sept 10
Madang	Aug 13	—
Salamaua	Aug 15	—
Rabaul	Aug 17	Sept 11
Manus	Aug 23	—
Tulagi	—	Sept 15
Kieta	—	Sept 18
Madang	Sept 1	—
Rabaul	Sept 9	Sept 30
Hongkong	Sept 22	Oct 14

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Mr. J. M. Wilson, Comptroller of the Fiji Customs Department, departed from Suva by the M.V. Birchbank in June. He will be away from the Colony for six months.

Dr. B. D. Vaughan arrived in Sydney early in July, with his wife and three children, on his way to take charge of the mission hospital at Kwato, Samarai, Eastern Papua. Dr. Vaughan is a young Englishman of attractive personality, who is looking forward with keen interest to his five years' sojourn at Kwato.

Mr. James Clark, a well-known planter of Sarava estate, in the Ba district, Fiji, died on June 23. Arriving in Fiji some 35 years ago, he was for a time an engineer with the C.S.R. Co. Later he took up land and engaged in sugar planting. Mr. Clark was keenly interested in horse-racing in Fiji.

Mr. "Nobby" Clark, who has considerable business interests at Edlie Creek, arrived in Sydney by the Macdhuil in July.

Dr. S. Lambert, of the Rockefeller Foundation Institute, left Suva for San Francisco by the Mariposa on July 2.

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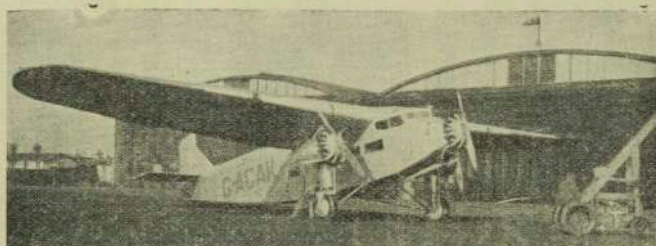
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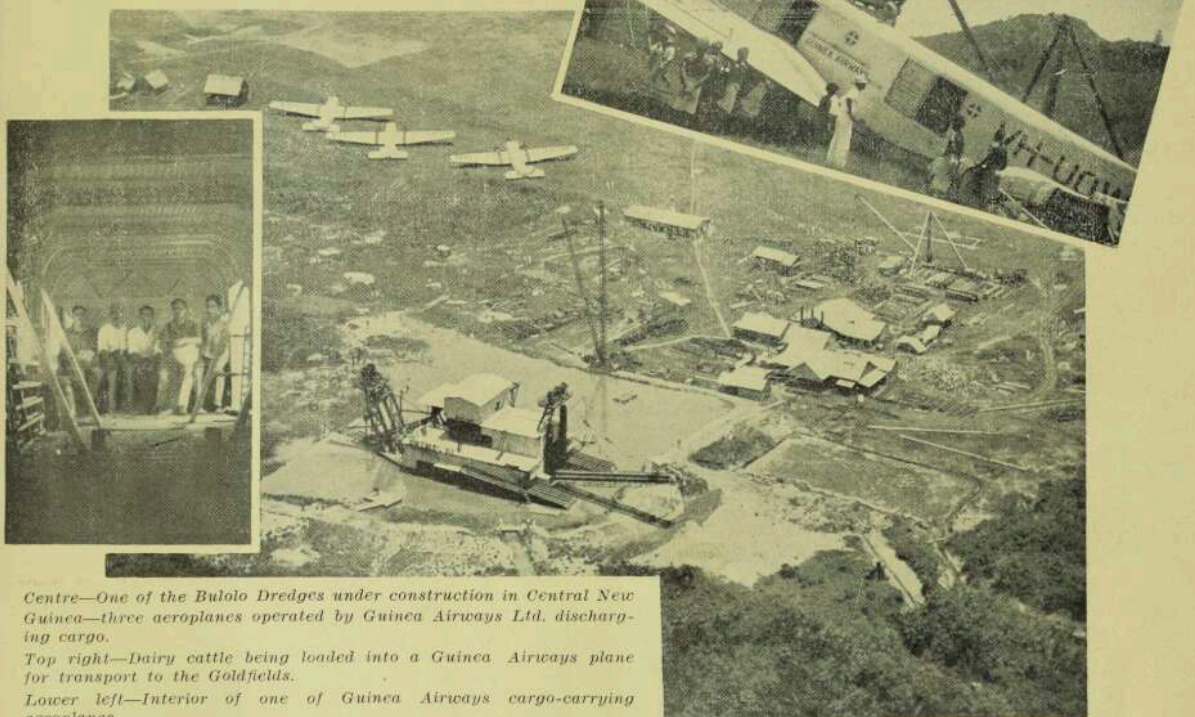
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