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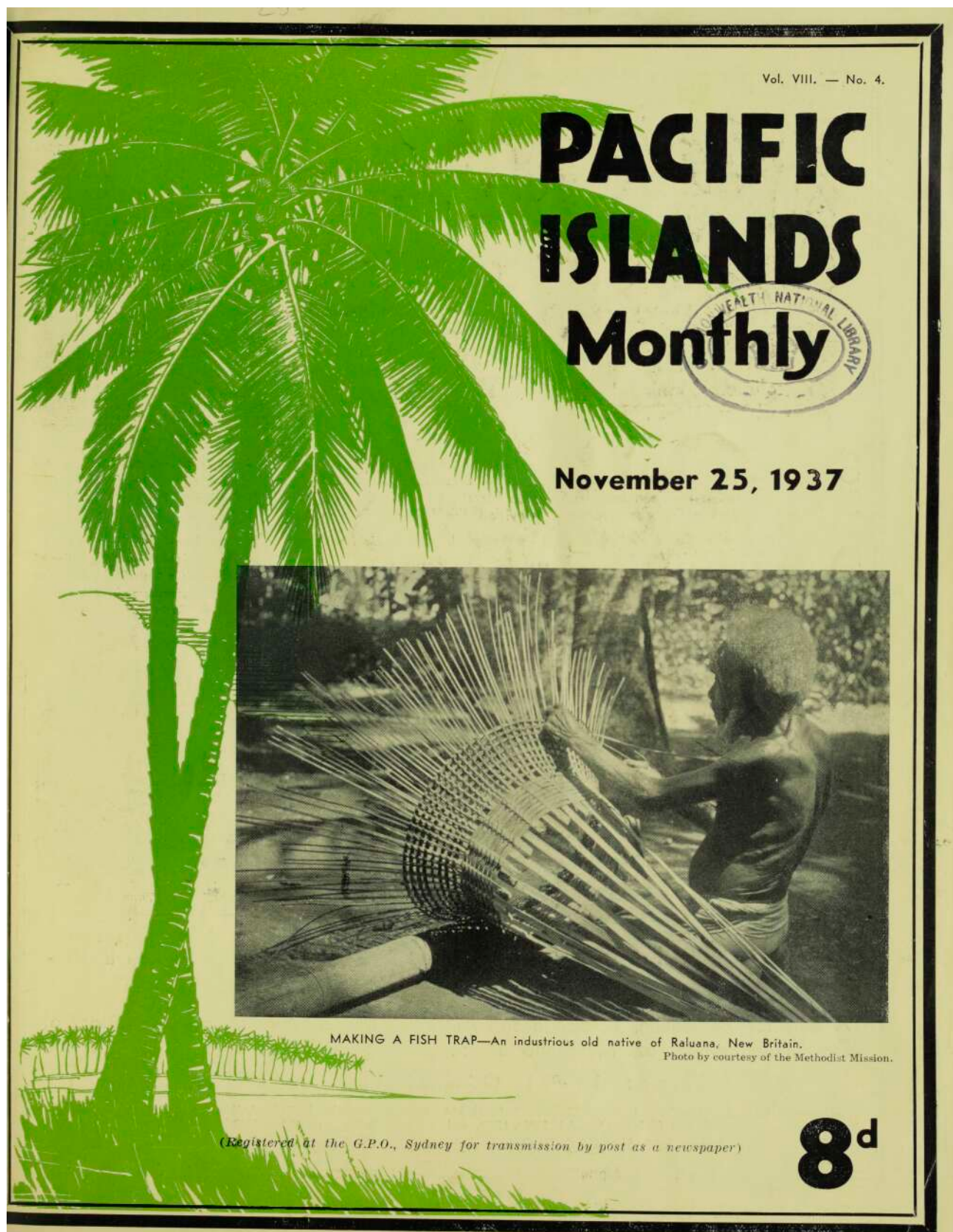
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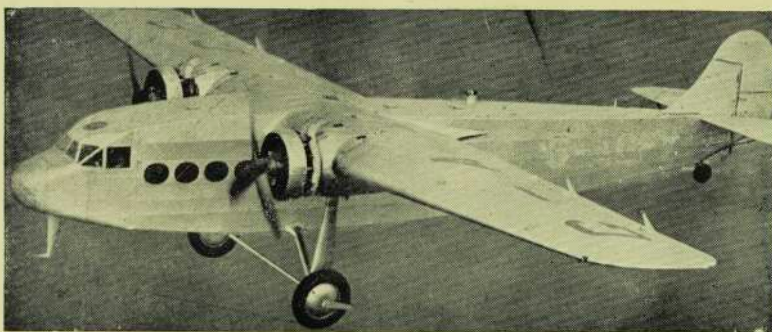
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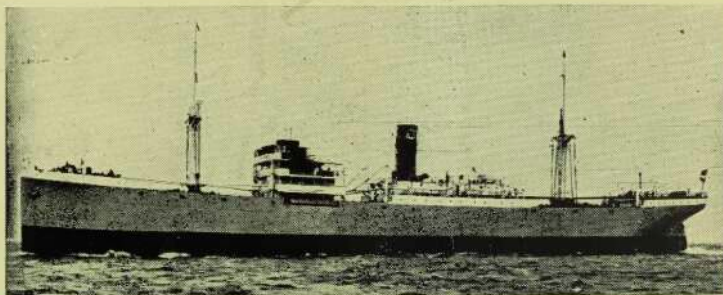
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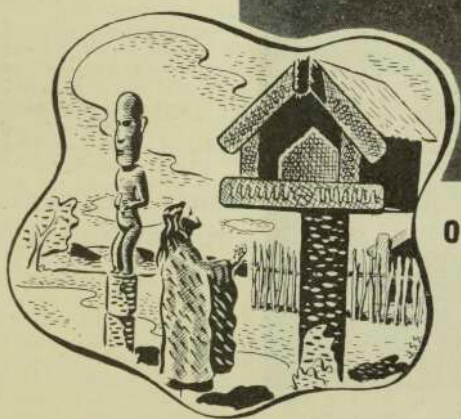
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Quick International Changes Affect Pacific Territories

SINCE, eight weeks ago, we explained
the probable effect upon the Pacific
of Japan's attack on China, international
events have moved with extraordinary
rapidity. To-day, we face a world situa-
tion that, compared with a year ago, is
greatly changed.

Japan, breaking the Nine-Power Treaty
and openly defying Britain, U.S.A. and
France, has thrown her whole strength
against China, and now is quickly over-
running that country.

Military and naval influences—practi-
cally Fascist—have gained control in
Japan; with the result that a Pact has
been signed between Germany, Italy and
Japan. The Pact is intended to guard
Japan against Britain, France and Amer-
ica (whose Far Eastern interests are pro-
foundly affected), while she is "cleaning
up" China.

Germany, with the clearly-stated ap-
proval and support of Japan, has renewed
her demand for the return of her
"colonies." This directly affects New
Guinea and Samoa. Formerly, while
Japan maintained the attitude that she
would in no circumstances allow the
Marshall and Caroline Islands to go back
to Germany, Australia and New Zealand
could not contemplate any change in the

status of New Guinea and Samoa. But if
Japan is prepared to abandon her man-
date, Australia and N.Z. may be asked to
do likewise.

The break in the ancient friendship
and alliance between Britain and Japan,
and the control of China by Japan, pro-
foundly alters the *status quo* in the Paci-
fic; while the Germany-Japan-Italy Pact
tends more definitely to isolate Britain
and France in Europe. Obviously, this
has caused much anxiety among British
statesmen.

Fortunately for Britain, the China-
Pacific development has brought in the
United States, which would not have been
interested in European affairs alone.
Britain, America, France, and Holland
have been acting in close co-operation in
dealing with the China situation. Hol-
land, because of the threat to the East
Indies, is deeply concerned. Although not
a major Power, Holland is a strong, well-
governed nation, and her co-operation at
this time is valuable.

Italy, psychologically and financially,
is the weakest of the Powers, and Ger-
many is not very happy in her new
alliance. She would rather be with
Britain. Britain is not quite happy in
her alliance with France. There recently

have been very disturbing signs of poli-
tical decadence in France, and Britain
does not like France's alliance with Com-
munist Russia—at present, the quiet and
silent enigma of the European-Asiatic
situation. Britain dislikes both German
Fascism and Russian Communism; but,
of the two, naturally would prefer the
German association.

Britain will not abandon France; but
if she can bring Germany in with Britain
and America, while maintaining good
relations with France, thus guarantee-
ing European peace, she will draw the
teeth out of the Germany-Italy-Japan
Pact, and so gain freedom to deal with
the dangerous China-Pacific situation.
To-day, the German demand for colonies
must be a matter for bargaining be-
tween Britain and France on one side,
and Germany, Italy and Japan on the
other. But if Germany can be detached
from that Fascist group, the situation
would be more easily handled.

On the day that this is written, the
newspapers contain announcements of
much importance. Lord Halifax, on Nov-
ember 19, on behalf of the British Cab-
inet, flew from London for a day-long
private conference with the Dictator of
Germany; and plans are being made in
London and Washington for a new treaty
of reciprocal trade between the United
States and the British Empire. The two
things are connected, of course. What is
planned is a readjustment of tariffs to
allow freer trade between Britain, Amer-

ica and France, and probably Holland and Scandinavia. Germany can come in and enjoy new trade opportunities and, possibly, acquire a new colonial empire; or she can stay out and do the best she can in an alliance with Italy and Japan.

On the one hand, we should have a combination of Western European Powers with the United States, strong enough to keep a check upon an aggressive and (in China) victorious Japan. On the other hand, if Germany, Italy and Japan are to march together in alliance, Britain, America, France and Holland will have to go fully armed every hour of the day and night, so that they may protect their vital interests in Asia and the Pacific—India, Ceylon, Burma, Malaya, Cochín-China, East Indies, Hongkong, Philippines, New Guinea and all the British and French territories in the South Seas, and Hawaii.

All the foregoing are facts—there is no supposition among them. And the logic of these facts, as they exist at the moment, is inescapable. If Britain and France give Germany the colonial territory and the trade opportunities for which she clamours, she will join a Western European alliance, and thus we may have some guarantee of world peace and freer international trade. Japan then, will be virtually isolated and can be "held."

Whether accidentally or by design, the issue apparently hinges on the colonial territorial concessions to be made to Germany. We hold still to the belief that German needs will be satisfied, for the present with some slices of Africa, and that the Pacific territories will not be disturbed. But that merely is an opinion. The international developments of the next few weeks will be very interesting to Pacific residents.

RABAU AIR-MAIL PLANS

SCHEDULES for the Sydney-Rabaul air service, which may begin in March, are being discussed by the Civil Aviation Board (says *Sydney Telegraph*).

A suggestion that the service leave Sydney on Mondays, arriving Rabaul Wednesday mornings (thus arriving back in Sydney on Friday evenings) is being opposed.

It would give Sydney business houses only Saturday mornings to deal with New Guinea mail, and would just miss the English air-mail.

It is hoped to arrange for the plane to leave Sydney on Tuesday and Rabaul Friday afternoon, arriving back in Sydney Sunday evening. Opposition to this plan is based on overtime charges which would be incurred by the Customs Department on Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

Another example of the manner in which the needs of the general public are subordinated to the convenience of petty bureaucracy!

Mr. A. S. Boyer, who had lived for 47 years in Tonga, where he was a store-keeper and planter, died recently in Auckland at the age of 65.

FOR RAROTONGA Refrigeration and Electric Light

PLANs were almost finalised for the establishment of a combined central packing shed, precooling store for citrus fruits and other products, and a domestic refrigerating plant at Avarua, the port of Rarotonga, said Mr. R. Sutherland, of the N.Z. Department of Agriculture, who returned to Auckland from the Cook Islands early in November.

The proposed establishment (which also would supply electric light) would replace the existing seven native packing sheds, which would, however, be retained purely as receiving houses. The new plant would be under the control of a highly trained officer, while a long range policy of organisation for the Islands fruit industry would be incorporated in the scheme. The importation of expensive machinery from abroad would take months, and it was unlikely the proposed scheme would be in operation before 1939.

MR. JACK HIDES

A GENERAL meeting of shareholders in Investors Ltd. was held in Sydney early in November, and it was unanimously decided to increase the capital of the company so as to enable it to continue its search for gold in Papua.

Mr. Jack Hides who led the company's recent expedition up the Strickland River, is living at Katoomba, N.S.W., at present. He still is in poor health, not having recovered from the effects of beri beri, which attacked his party in Central New Guinea and caused the death of his companion, David Lyall.

ERRORS IN GILBERT ISLANDS CHART

SEVERAL errors on the chart of the Gilbert Islands have been announced, and a warning to mariners has been issued.

The island of Arorae, or Hurd Island, lies three miles west of the position given on chart 731. Nukupau or Byron Island lies about two miles to the eastward of the charted position. The south-east point of Abaiang is apparently three miles farther to the east than the position given on the chart. Other minor discrepancies are also noted.

DEATH OF LADY MARKS

From Our Own Correspondent
SUA, Nov. 20.

THE death occurred at Suva on November 17 of Lady Marks, wife of Sir Henry Marks, a former Victorian, who established himself in business in Fiji in 1881, and has held prominent ministerial and commercial offices over a long period of years. Sir Henry received his knighthood in 1933.

NEW LIGHT ON HOWLAND ISLAND

From Our Own Correspondent
HONOLULU, Nov. 3.

IT is announced that a light-tower, 20ft. high, is being erected on the west side of Howland Island, where the permanent landing and settlement are situated. It will have 10 miles normal visibility, and will be in the "unwatched" category—which means that mariners wishing to use it must radio the Howland Island settlement and request that it be turned on. The settlement is controlled by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, which could furnish full details of the light and radio calls.

A granite block bearing the inscription, "Earhart Flight 1937," is to be placed at the foot of the light tower. This was purchased by a few friends of the missing pilot. A public appeal in Hawaii for funds for an Earhart memorial on Howland lapsed for want of public interest. There is local comment that Mr. Noonan's name does not appear in the granite block.

Mrs. Jack Young, who was Captain of the Nauruan Girl Guides and well known in Fiji, died in September at Nauru, from cerebral haemorrhage.

PLANTATIONS FOR SAMOAN LOCAL-BORN COMMUNITY



The Administration of Western Samoa is providing small plantations and financial help for the large European-Samoan community—attractive, clever people, who, it is hoped, will become successful settlers. Photos show: Top—A young planter's house in course of construction. Bottom: A party of young men at work.

DWIGHT LONG IN THE THAMES

THAT world-wandering American yachtsman, Dwight Long, who crossed the Pacific, and then went to Europe via Torres Strait and the Red Sea, in his



tiny craft *Idle Hour*, was moored 100ft. from Tower Bridge, in the Thames, London, early in October.

Writing to the editor, he says that he will remain in London during the winter, will completely outfit his boat, and then will set out to cross the Atlantic to New York.

The photograph shows the *Idle Hour* moored in the Thames, off Westminster.

CHINESE COOLIES

Being Sent Out of Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Oct. 25.

THE Administration has announced that the steamer *Aagres* will arrive during the first half of December to repatriate time-expired Chinese coolies.

Coolies on cocoa plantations, however, will be allowed, if willing to do so, to sign on for another period. All other coolies—e.g., those employed on coconut plantations, rubber plantations, and as artisans, cooks, etc.—will not be allowed to remain.

As a number of coolies from the cocoa plantations have expressed their wish to return to China, the replacement of these men is under discussion. They will be replaced either from coolies employed at present who are not on cocoa plantations, or by new recruits from China if possible.

British Naval Strength in the Pacific

THE famous naval writer, Sir Archibald Hurd, in an article in *Sydney Morning Herald* of November 10, says that Britain's huge ship-building programme, plus the construction of the Singapore base, will allow the re-establishment of British naval strength in the Pacific at a very early date.

Early in this century, owing to the growth of the German and Russian navies in Europe, the powerful British Pacific squadrons were called home, and naval dominance in the Pacific, for over 30 years, passed to the fleets of the United States and Japan.

NATIVES DRYING COPRA

Interesting Development in N.G.

SOMETHING of a stir has been caused among traders in the Rabaul district of New Guinea by the development of the copra-drying industry in native villages.

The movement started a year ago, when certain Europeans introduced a small hot-air drier to the natives of one village, and showed them how to use it. The natives quickly learned how to produce first quality copra, and the industry spread quickly.

The drier pictured here puts through half a ton of No. 1 grade in a day, and was designed for the natives by Mr. T. V. Wallace, of Walaaur, Rabaul. Since then, driers of the same design, capable of drying from one to three tons per day, have been erected in several places.

At first, traders resisted the move, as



Top: Wife of the drier's owner arranging the cut copra on the beds, ready for sliding into the drier.

Bottom: Hot-air drier designed for natives by Mr. T. V. Wallace.

it threatened very seriously to dislocate normal business. But now it appears that it is of some general benefit, as it has added considerably to the natives' purchasing power. Within the past year, for instance, they have bought seven or eight lorries, each costing £300, for carrying in loads of coconuts to the driers, and carting the bagged copra to Rabaul and Kokopo.

NO NEW LINERS FOR TRANS-PACIFIC

May Be Factor in Anglo-American Co-operation

IT appears now that two years of highly-coloured talk about the provision by the Empire Governments of two 22,000-tonners, to run from Australia to North America, in competition with the American Matson Line, has come to nothing.

An apparently inspired article in the *Sydney Sun* on November 16 said that nothing more had been heard and "high ship-building costs may have caused a temporary delay."

It is further indicated that instead of the two 22,000-tonners carrying on the trans-Pacific service, the *Aorangi* and *Niagara* will slightly alter their itinerary. On the outward voyage from Sydney to North America they will run as at present, but on the return voyage they will run from Vancouver to San Francisco, and thence to Honolulu and Australia.

This is not a very impressive plan after all the references to the need for maintaining the prestige of British shipping in the Pacific: and it is not yet the basis of an official announcement. However, there appears to be something in it.

It is possible that there is some connection between this development and the announcement late in November that discussions of a very serious character are proceeding between Britain and the United States, with a view to the completion of a trade agreement of a closer character than has ever before been known.

FLOOD OF WHALE OIL

Huge Fleet Gone To Antarctic

LAST month, the whaling ships of six nations left for the Antarctic. By now, they are "on the job." The "season" officially opens on November 30.

A special correspondent of London *Daily Telegraph*, in September, said the fleet would comprise:

33 factory ships, varying from 6,000 to 22,000 tons gross, and of the following nationalities:

British	12	Norwegian	9
German	6	Japanese	4
United States	1	Panama	1

232 "catchers"—small, swift vessels of from 350 to 550 tons; and 11,000 men.

It is expected that this huge fleet will kill 30,000 whales, and obtain 120,000,000 gallons of whale-oil. Attempts to save the Antarctic whales from extinction, by limitation of catches under international agreement, appear to have failed.

A Sydney merchant who makes a close study of world conditions said to the editor of the *P.I.M.*, early this month:—"I am sure that the knowledge that all these vessels have gone to the Antarctic already has weakened the copra market."

DUKE OF WINDSOR MAY VISIT PACIFIC

THE belief is held in Honolulu that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor will visit Hawaii at an early date—probably at the conclusion of the American tour, early in 1938.

If Britain's late King and his Duchess go to Hawaii, it is probable that they will spend some months in a leisurely cruise among the Pacific Islands, in a private yacht.

18 MONTHS' GAOL FOR PAPUAN POISONER

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Nov. 3.

IN the Central Court, Port Moresby, during October, a native of Kamali was charged with attempting to poison his brother. Found guilty, he was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.

GUINEA AIRWAYS

3-Engined Ford Returns To N.G.

IN charge of Pilot "Tommy" O'Dea, a Guinea Airways Ford tri-motored aeroplane left Sydney on November 17 for New Guinea.

The machine has been in Adelaide for some months, held as a reserve machine for the Adelaide-Darwin air route, pending the arrival of the full equipment of Lockheed Electra machines.

Two other Lockheed Electra aeroplanes recently have been added to the Australian services of Guinea Airways Ltd., and that company, with three Lockheed Electras, is now carrying on a weekly service between Adelaide and Darwin and a daily service between Adelaide and Sydney.

Mrs. Russell Smith, of Bulolo, N.G., arrived in Sydney by the Macdhui on November 7.

New Minister For the Territories

ALTHOUGH the Federal general election in Australia, as forecast in our issue of October, resulted in the return of the Lyons Government to office, Cabinet changes are pending which are of direct interest to the Pacific territories.

Senator Sir George Pearce, who has been Minister in Charge of Pacific Territories for some years, was defeated, and a new minister will take charge of Islands affairs. Sir Archdale Parkhill, Minister for Defence, also was defeated, and this is of interest to Pacific residents because many matters connected with aviation, aerial transport, and defence organisation in the Islands were under his direct supervision.

Sir George Pearce was always a courteous and conscientious minister, and thereby gained many friends and admirers; but he was sometimes criticised because he appeared to leave important matters of Pacific Islands administration entirely in the hands of the Administrators, when some Ministerial interference seemed to be called for; and he appeared to interfere in administrative matters at other times when interference caused only confusion and delay.

Sir Archdale Parkhill was a minister of great energy and activity, and had a reputation for getting things done. If Pacific residents in the future have cause to complain of exasperating delays in the development of aviation schemes, they can lay the blame on the untimely removal from office of this minister.

Pays Dividend At Last!

NEW Guinea Goldfields Ltd. announced on November 24 that it would pay a dividend of 5 per cent. in December. As shares were quoted on that day at 2/2, this is equal to nearly 12 per cent. n.a.

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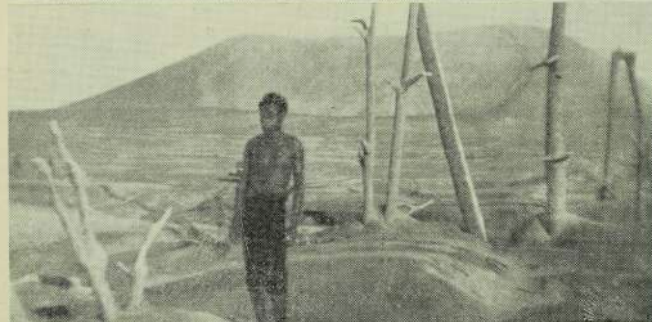
AFTERMATH OF RABAU ERUPTIONS



All that was left of the Baden-Jones' beautiful home on the Kokopo Road, outside Rabaul. In the background is the new crater of Vulcan, with dust blowing off the top.



Mr. Syd. Costelloe's house, Kokopo Road, after much excavating had been done.



A desolate view where once grew luxuriant tropic foliage, showing Vulcan crater in the background.

Photos
G. Thomas.

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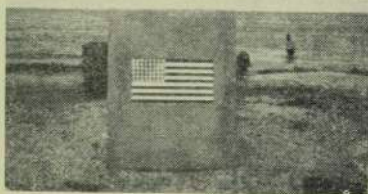
Final Reply From N.G.
Administration
To Enterprise N.L.

AFTER the application by Enterprise of N.G. Gold and Petroleum N.L. for a permit to search for oil in Central N.G. had been refused, in August, because the area affected was "uncontrolled," Messrs. S. E. Watkin and Harold Taylour (director and manager respectively) proceeded personally to Rabaul and made urgent representations to the Administrator.

At the end of October, the Co. was informed by the Administrator that nothing could be done. The area which the Co. wished to prospect was in the "uncontrolled" region, which no prospecting concern was allowed to enter; and it probably would remain "uncontrolled" for some years to come.

The Co.'s shares on the Stock Exchange thereupon fell from 42/6 to 20/-.

Enterprise is a genuine Australian company, which deserves encouragement, rather than the series of "kicks in the teeth" which it has received from Canberra and Rabaul during the last six months. We understand and sympathise with the principles behind the "uncontrolled area" system; but, in many quarters, there is a strong suspicion that this system is being used to cloak official inertia and a lack of any developmental policy worthy of the name. Australian men and money are eager to get into this country and develop it, and it is unfortunate that they get so little encouragement from the gentlemen in authority. In the circumstances sooner or later it seems inevitable that that authority will be challenged.



The memorial stones, left by the British and American scientific (solar eclipse) expeditions on Canton Island, which started the silly report that both countries were trying to "grab" the territory. The United States Government has never questioned Britain's ownership of Canton Island. (Photo by courtesy of Chas. Reed, Apia.)

PACIFIC AIR-MAIL
SERVICES

Series of Exasperating Delays

THERE has been little said during the month about preparing for the inauguration of Pan-American Airways air-mail service between Hawaii and New Zealand, across the Central Pacific.

According to the reports last published, this service should come into operation next month. But statements which have come from American sources suggest that all is not well between the U.S. Government and P.A.A., and that it is possible that the contemplated Central Pacific service will not commence for some time.

A somewhat similar delay is apparent in connection with the inauguration of the trans-Tasman service between Australia and New Zealand. According to newspaper reports, an agreement had been reached between Britain, Australia, and New Zealand to inaugurate this service at an early date. There is no sign of it, however, and probably it will not come into operation for another year. It seems to be dependent upon the inauguration of Imperial Airways' seaplane service between England and Sydney; and that, in its turn, is being delayed by political developments. Imperial Airways, in November, was the subject of a very strong attack in the British House of Commons on the grounds of muddling and inefficiency, and one of the principals has resigned.

Nothing has been heard about the inauguration of the Sydney—New Guinea weekly air-mail service. Messrs. Carpenter and Co. state that their De Havilland machines will be ready at the end of the year, but the Australian authorities definitely have not hurried along with their aerodrome preparations; and Papua and New Guinea will be lucky if they see the service inaugurated in March next.

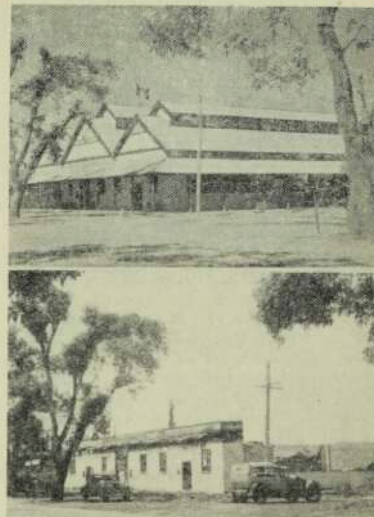
DEFINITELY "GUMMED UP"

Private advices from San Francisco and Hawaii are that "the proposed Pan-American air service to New Zealand is gummed up." A broadcast from Washington on November 3 said that U.S.A. definitely will not subsidise the Auckland service.

Mr. J. M. Johnson (U.S. Bureau of Air Commerce) stated publicly, early in November, that the whole plan for the American-N.Z. service should have been worked out between the governments concerned; and that the present scheme does not carry official approval.

PREPARING AN AIRPORT

It was announced in Auckland on November 3 that Pan-American Airways had let a contract for the erection of an airport building at Mechanics Bay, on the harbour foreshore—the building to be finished early in December. It was said also that "other arrangements necessary for the preparation of the site as a flyingboat base are in hand. A floating gang-way is being made . . . and a landing float will be purchased in Auckland for use in connection with a 50ft. jetty."

Destruction of Burns, Philp
Store in Rabaul, N.G.

A view of the store, as it was before the fire; and a photograph from about the same position, taken the morning after the fire on October 13.

SEARCH FOR AMELIA
EARHART GOES ON

From Our Own Correspondent

HONOLULU, Nov. 3.

E. H. DIMITY, a friend of Mr. Putnam, husband of the American pilot, Amelia Earhart, who disappeared near Howland Island on July 2, is equipping a three-master schooner at Seattle for the purpose of conducting a prolonged search among the equatorial islands for the aviatrix Amelia and her companion, Fred Noonan.

The schooner is Diesel-powered and has a range of 10,000 miles. It will carry a small seaplane, power launches, small boats, radio and diving equipment. The expedition will start within a few weeks.

There is a \$2,000 reward offered by Mr. Putnam for the discovery of any material thing which will give a definite clue to the fate of the missing American aviators.

Four skilled men, led by Mr. F. McKenzie, Pacific division airport engineer for Pan-American Airways, arrived in Auckland on October 29, to superintend preparations for the flying base. Mr. McKenzie spent a month in Pago Pago, supervising the construction of a base there; and he also was at Kingman Reef, where P.A.A. have installed the ship *Margaret Sterling* as a floating base.

NEW JAPANESE AIR SERVICE

A regular passenger air service is to be inaugurated in January by the Japanese Ministry of Communications between Japan and her Mandated Islands in North-West Pacific. The route will be from Haneda airport to Saipan (Mariana Group) and Palau (Carolines).

A test flight will be made in December.

COPRA PRICE

Review of World-wide Conditions

THE copra market continues sickly, in comparison with the conditions of a year ago.

In this connection, copra is sharing, with many other commodities, conditions which are a puzzle to students of world markets. Cocoa prices, for example, have tumbled in the most startling fashion—and yet there appears to be no adequate reason for the sudden change in the market. If the price of base metals which existed six months ago was only half justified, the price to which these metals have fallen in the past month is ridiculous. Take gold, for example. It is still worth in Britain and America precisely what it was worth in March last. Yet the quotations for the shares of the really solid gold-producing companies have fallen in most extraordinary fashion.

So if there seems to be a kind of madness over the copra market, it is well to remember that a similar madness is playing ducks and drakes with the rates quoted in other important markets.

Mr. H. M. F. Faure, in his report issued in London on October 14 (sent to us by air mail), says that developments during the past four weeks have been disturbing, because it was becoming clear that world supplies of oils and fats over the next 12 months would be considerably in excess of those of the past year. The American cotton crop estimates had enormously increased, representing a correspondingly huge increase in the production of cotton-seed oil. There was also a very large increase in the Egyptian cotton crop. The Indian crop of ground-nuts apparently would provide an exportable surplus of over 20 per cent. increase. The Niger ground-nut crop was up 20 per cent. All the reports from the Mediterranean centres indicate an increase in the production of olive oil. The production of Manchurian soya beans was likely to be about the same as last year. There were indications that the production of Antarctic whale oil would be largely increased owing to the activities of Japan and Germany.

Mr. Faure concludes that "on the basis of supply and demand, the outlook is for lower levels over next year." At the same time, he issues an emphatic warning against undue pessimism, and sets out a number of reasons for his belief that the situation will quickly cure itself. He points to increased consuming power—such as the great activity all over the world in armaments and shipping, high freight rates, and the fact that consumers now are buying from hand to mouth—all being factors likely to prevent any calamitous slump in prices.

Mr. G. Wade, 54, who retired a year ago from the managership of B.P. and Co.'s branch at Tavua, Fiji, died at Ba early in November.

Frost Not Guilty of Manslaughter

Sentenced to Six Months' Gaol for Assault

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, Nov. 12.

IN the Supreme Court on November 5, G. M. C. Frost, who recently was extradited from Australia, was found not guilty of unlawfully killing a native labourer, Mulmul.

Judge F. B. Phillips declared that the evidence clearly established the fact that Frost assaulted the native, doing him bodily harm. He sentenced Frost to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Mr. R. C. Ollerenshaw and Mr. J. Irwin appeared for Frost, and Mr. Woodhill for the Crown.

The case caused a great deal of interest and comment both in New Guinea and Australia, owing to the appeal to the High Court.

TIMBER FROM NEW GUINEA

THE prospectus of New Guinea Timber and Trading Co. Ltd. was issued early in November. It has a nominal capital of £50,000, and it is proposed to issue 25,000 ordinary £1 shares to the public, and 4,800 fully paid shares to New Guinea Development and Trading Co. Ltd., in return for a timber permit covering 3,000 acres on the Marai River, Adler Bay, New Britain; while 20,200 shares will be in reserve.

This enterprise was organised by Mr. John Downs, a practical sawmiller with experience in Queensland, Papua, and New Guinea, and it is proposed to establish a sawmill at an early date and sell timber to both the Territories and Australian ports. Sir John Butters, well-known Australian engineer, is chairman of the board.

This enterprise, if carried on by practical men, should do very well. There is plenty of timber in New Guinea, and the prices to which timber has risen in recent months in Australia are described by builders as "appalling." Mr. Downs, in his report, says that the Marai District (which is on the coast of the Gazelle Peninsula, south of Kokopo) produces both soft-woods and hard-woods.

JUDGE WANLISS

JUDGE D. WANLISS, who retired from the position of Chief Judge in New Guinea recently, is a passenger on the *Neptuna*, due in Sydney on December 3.

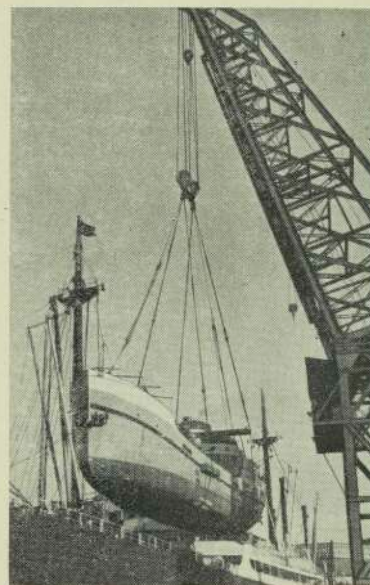
Prior to leaving Rabaul, Judge Wanliss received many tokens of public goodwill and esteem. The members of the Rabaul Club (of which he was president for 10 years) presented him with a solid gold cigar case.

AS DECK CARGO FROM HOLLAND

New 200-Tons Coastal Vessel for New Caledonia

A NEW 200-tons motor vessel, *Le Phoque*, specially built for the New Caledonian coastal services of the Societe des Iles Loyaute, arrived in Sydney on October 28 from Rotterdam (Holland) as deck cargo on board the German steamer *Stassfurt*.

The huge floating crane, *Titan*, lifted



The new coaster *Le Phoque* being unloaded from the deck of the *Stassfurt* in Sydney Harbour.

her bodily from the deck and lowered her into the waters of Walsh Bay. After being fitted out, she sailed for Noumea on November 13, arriving safely a week later.

Designed by Mr. N. ("Tibby") Hagen, *Le Phoque* is 110ft. long with a breadth of 21ft., and is equipped with 200 h.p. Deutz diesel engines, giving her a speed of 10 knots. Luxurious accommodation is provided for eight passengers, and she is fitted with a crane capable of lifting 10 tons. She has a flat bottom to enable her to navigate shallow rivers.

The name *Le Phoque* (The Seal) is in memory of the man-o-war of the same name that conveyed Admiral Febvrier-Despointes to Balade when he took possession of New Caledonia for France in September, 1853. The new coaster is commanded by Captain V. Gap, until recently master of the N.C. inter-island steamer *Neo Hebridais*.

Miss Gwen Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bielby Evans, of Rabaul, New Guinea, was married in Sydney recently to Mr. W. J. Allman, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Allman, of Cremorne, Sydney.

A MONEY - SPINNER

Activities of Bulolo Co.,
T.N.G.

THE first of the deep-digging dredges installed on the Morobe goldfield, New Guinea, by Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., commenced operations this month. It is called Number 5 dredge and it digs to a depth of 85ft. below the water-line, and carries a bank of 40ft.—thus making a total dredging depth of 125ft. This represents the first of the B.G.D. operations on the lately discovered deep level of gold-bearing gravel.

This successful company soon will have seven dredges in operation. They are as follows:

Dredges Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are dredges constructed to deal with the gold-bearing gravels lying at comparatively shallow depths, on the Bulolo and Bulwa flats.

Nos. 5 and 7 are constructed to deal, not only with gold on the 30-40ft. level, but also with the gold on the newly-found level at 80ft. and beyond. No. 5 has just been completed, and No. 7 is now being fabricated, and its erection should be completed about December, 1938.

No. 6, like the earlier dredges, has a total working depth of only 40ft. The erection of this dredge is nearly completed, and it will commence operations early in 1938.

During the first half of 1938, a new steel hull for No. 1 dredge will be erected at the junction of the Bulolo and Bulwat streams; and about October, 1938, No. 1 dredge will be dismantled and transported to the new location.

During the year ended May 31, 1937, Bulolo Gold Dredging Co. Ltd. made increased profits—namely £896,500 (Aust.) compared with £802,200 (Aust.) in the previous year—and has paid an increased dividend of two dollars 90 cents per five dollar share for the year.

The history of the company during recent years is best shown in the following table:

Year	Gold Oz.	Silver Oz.	Cubic Yds.	Grains of Fine Gold a yd.*
1932	6,891	3,541	558,800	5.96
1933	65,355	32,287	4,551,800	6.34
1934	89,737	44,351	6,674,300	6.50
1935	127,901	56,652	9,920,700	6.24
1936	121,353	52,453	10,915,500	5.37
1937	137,325	59,039	11,197,000	5.92
Totals	548,562	248,523	43,818,100	6.04

*Includes silver values converted into gold.

The directors state that when their three new dredges (Nos. 5, 6, and 7) are in operation, the rate of gold production will increase, and the working costs per unit will probably be reduced.

This company already is returning 60 per cent. per annum on its subscribed capital. Indications are that it will pay even better in the future. Yet its ordinary five dollar shares, quoted at s£7/10/- nine months ago, and to-day quoted at s£6/15/-, were down to £5 only a few weeks ago. One could have no clearer indication of the curious uncertainty and unhappiness that fall periodically upon the stock markets of the world.

NATIVE POLITICS IN SAMOA

Old Mau Influence Apparently Waning — Grievances and Requests By New Mau

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Oct. 28.

THE new Samoan party, which has been formed as an opposition to the Mau, and which stands staunchly behind the Malietoa group and the British flag, continues to grow in size and in activity.

Its strength is now estimated to be about 10,000, and several more districts are joining up, so that it is expected that before long the anti-Mau party will represent the majority of the Samoan people. In recent weeks, for instance, more uniforms of the 'New Mau' were seen in the streets of Apia than the uniforms of the 'Old Mau.'

An interesting development occurred in mid-October, when about 80 representatives of the 'New Mau' met the Acting Administrator (Mr. A. C. Turnbull) at the Fono house at Mulinu'u.

The party spokesman declared that they wished to work for peace and harmony in Samoa. They resented certain things done by the Mau and the Fono of Faipule, which was dominated by the Mau. For example, they resented the fact that the district of Vaimauga East (6,000 people) had only one representative in the Fono, while Faasaleleaga, in Savaii, (4,000 people) had four representatives. They also objected to the way in which the Mau leaders at Vaimoso had practically ordered them to come to Vaimoso for discussion. They would not do that—they recognised only one Government. They, as Malietoa's adherents, had always loyally supported the official Government, whether it was under the German or the British flag. They resented the manner

in which High Chief Malietoa Tanu, O.B.E., had been driven out of the Legislative Council by the Mau, and they demanded his re-instatement.

The Acting Administrator expressed sympathy with the request for a readjustment of representatives in the Fono of Faipule. The people were free to join any party they pleased, but they were not compelled to join the Mau or any other party, or to pay Mau taxes. The N.Z. Government had been opposed to Malietoa's resignation—those present knew what influences caused that development.

His Honour said that the uniforms of the new party were similar to the police uniforms and this might cause confusion and trouble. He could not forbid the wearing of uniforms, but he advised them to choose a different *lava lava* from that which they were now wearing.

The spokesman said that if the Mau would abandon the wearing of uniforms, the new party would follow suit. They would consider the Acting Administrator's request in regard to the character of the uniform.

His Honour suggested that they place their requests and grievances before the Fono of Faipule. He said that, as Acting Administrator, he recognised no party—his duty was to look after the interests of the Samoan people as a whole. They were one people, with one language, and one religion, and it would be sad if their party differences could not be reconciled.

The following day the Acting Administrator met the Faipule, but the latter adopted an uncompromising attitude and declined to meet the new party for a discussion.

It is reported that, owing to strong opposition and criticism of Mau interference, the plan of the Mau to control and direct the banana export scheme has been abandoned.

STATUS OF AMERICAN SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent

HONOLULU, Nov. 3.

DR. ERNEST GRUENING, head of the division in the U.S. Department of the Interior which controls the U.S. equatorial islands, is visiting Jarvis, Baker, and Howland in the cutter *Roger B. Taney*.

Mr. Gruening is going on to Pago Pago, American Samoa. In Washington lately there have been reports that American Samoa is to be transferred from the administration of the U.S. Navy to the Department of the Interior.

Before leaving Honolulu, Dr. Gruening stated that "there is a possibility that there may ultimately be a change in status of American Samoa and even Guam, but added it was not to occur immediately.



Hon. H. B. Gibson, European Member for the Eastern Division, who defeated Major the Hon. Willoughby Tottenham at the recent Fiji elections.

Time For a Siesta in Fiji

A NEW law in Fiji provides that public offices will be closed from noon until 2.30 p.m., instead of from 1 to 2 p.m., as at present.

It is expected that all commercial houses will follow suit, and that the extra 1½ hours will be used generally for a siesta. Doctors say that "the longer spell will combat *malua*—a form of ennui peculiar to Fiji."

It is stated that the innovation was introduced by the new governor, Sir Arthur Richards.

MISSION CENTENARY IN WALLIS ISLAND

GOVERNOR MARCHESSON, High Commissioner-General for France in the Pacific, accompanied by M. Courtout, Administrator of Wallis Island, travelled from Noumea to Wallis and Futuna Islands by the French sloop *Rigault de Genouilly* in October. They attended the celebrations organised to mark the centenary of the introduction of French missionary effort to Wallis Island.

NEW GUINEA ADMINISTRATOR IN SYDNEY

THE Administrator of New Guinea (Brig.-General W. Ramsay McNicoll) arrived in Sydney by the *Nellere* on November 19, on his way to Canberra, to discuss with the Federal Government the future of Rabaul, and allied subjects.

The Administrator, while in Australia, is being assisted by Mr. S. Loneragan, a prominent official of the Administration, who has been in Sydney on furlough.

During the absence of General McNicoll from the Territory, Mr. Harold Page (Government Secretary) is acting as Administrator.

CRUISE BY "BREMEN" CANCELLED

QUITE a stir was caused in Pacific Islands and Australian ports recently when it was announced that the huge German liner *Bremen* (51,731 tons) would visit Australia and South Sea ports in March and April next. Port Moresby, Sydney, Melbourne, Wellington, Auckland, Suva, and Apia were especially mentioned.

Tourists for this round-the-world cruise were to be booked mostly in the United States. But when the American stock markets fell to dismal levels early in November it was found that many *Bremen* bookings were cancelled, and the shipping company thereupon decided to cancel the cruise altogether.

The German liner *Reliance* (19,821) will make a world cruise early in 1938 and will follow the same itinerary. She will not create the same interest, however, because she actually is smaller than the P. and O. and Orient liners which are sent on South Seas cruises from Australian ports.

RABAU'S FUTURE CANNOT BE HASTILY DECIDED

Australian Press Ignores Important Factors

ALTHOUGH no official announcement has been made, it is generally known that the report of the expert vulcanologists, engaged by the Commonwealth Government after the Rabaul eruption, is unfavourable to the retention of Rabaul as the administrative headquarters of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea. The report has given the Commonwealth Government a shock, and the Administrator (Brigadier-General McNicoll) has been summoned to Canberra to advise the Government.

Presumably, the experts were asked to say whether there was any risk of Rabaul being overruined in the future by a volcanic outburst; and, as Rabaul clearly is on the well-known line of volcanic weakness, there can be only one answer. The risk is there. There may be another eruption tomorrow. On the other hand, it may not occur for another hundred years.

It would be foolish to say, at this stage, however, that Rabaul will be abandoned as the Administrative centre. There are several important considerations to be dealt with first. Briefly stated, they are as follows:

(1) To an increasing degree, and supported now by Italy and Japan, Germany is demanding the return of her colonies. These colonies, of course, include New Guinea and Western Samoa, as well as the Caroline and Marshall Islands, now under mandate to Japan. It would be unwise to commit New Guinea and Australia to heavy expenditure for the removal of the administrative headquarters so long as there is any possibility of Australia having to hand over the New Guinea mandate to another country.

(2) If New Guinea is to be Australia's responsibility in the future, Australia, and not New Guinea, must face most of the heavy cost involved in the removal of the capital from Rabaul. It is impossible to make an estimate, but it may safely be said that the cost will be not less than £200,000. Australia will seek to place as much of the burden upon New Guinea as is possible. What have New Guinea interests to say to that? The N.G. Administration, thanks to the active gold industry, had an accumulated surplus of at least £50,000 when the eruption occurred in May. Practically the whole of that sum has been spent upon costs connected with the eruption. Therefore, the cost of any removal must be financed by Australia.

(3) No decision can be made until the authorities have consulted the main interests in New Guinea, which may be roughly classified as: (a) The big trading firms; (b) the planting interests; (c) the transport companies; (d) the goldmining interests; (e) the missionary organisations.

It probably will be found that, among these various interests, very definite opinions are held concerning the future administrative centre.

(4) In the ultimate analysis, Australia's main reason for holding New Guinea is based on defence. It is important that the chain of land represented by Papua, New Guinea, Solomon Islands, New Hebrides and Norfolk Islands, shall be held either by Australia herself, or by powers friendly to Australia. In that connection it is to be remembered that, although Rabaul is surrounded by volcanoes, Rabaul Harbour, nevertheless, is the best and apparently the most easily defended port anywhere in that part of the Western Pacific.

(5) The Australian newspapers apparently have decided that the administrative headquarters, if they are to be removed, will be removed to Madang—because it has a good port, because it is on the mainland near the gold industry, and because it would be readily accessible by the new aeroplane service to Australia. Another strong reason in favour of Madang is that its development would assist in the opening up of that huge area of tablelands—"white man's country"—which recently has been found in the centre of New Guinea. There are two serious objections to Madang, however. One is strategical—it is situated in that part of New Guinea which is nearest to the Japanese mandated islands and clearly is vulnerable to attack from that quarter. The other objection is that there appears to be a shortage of free land in and about Madang. Our Madang correspondent says emphatically that if the administration were moved to that town, there would be serious trouble, because all the land apparently available is actually held by interests which would not open it up to private people.

(6) The newspapers have freely used the term "abandonment of Rabaul," and that has conveyed an entirely wrong impression. Even if the administrative establishment is moved to more stable country, there always will be in Rabaul an important centre for the export of produce and the distribution of imported goods; and it also will remain an important Pacific port.

A meeting of landowners, held in Rabaul on November 17, sent by radio to the Prime Minister a protest against any proposal to remove the Administrative establishment.

(7) There is a well-supported suggestion to keep the administrative establishment at Rabaul, but to transfer the residential section, and perhaps some of the offices, to the Toma-Tililigap area (in the hills, 12-14 miles west of Rabaul), which is off the line of volcanic weakness.

TROPICALITIES

NOT undeserved were your eulogies on Captain S. Mortimer (*P.I.M.*, July 23, 1937), writes a Papuan correspondent. "China Strait." He was always the ideal, dapper skipper. One remembers, as yesterday, a trip with him through the Solomons, in the lop-sided *Makambo*. He was taking part in a deck game when appeared two greasers, who, like the rest of the crew, had to traverse the "promenade" deck en route from the engine room to forward. Talking "freely" one to the other, every adjective was audible to the passengers. Leaving the game, our genial captain stood "athwart their course" and, with arms akimbo (as in his photograph), looked up at one of the huge fellows and said quietly: "Listen to me, I am able to do all the necessary swearing on this ship!" He proved this very soon. The mooring of a vessel at the Samarai jetty, past which a six to eight knot current sweeps, except at slack tide, is a ticklish business. On this occasion something "went wrong." We below, leaning over the rail, felt it would be excusable if the Captain were dancing on the bridge. Evidently the strain became too great for him and, to the consternation of the ladies, who had come to vote the gallant captain as being "so nice," there came from above the violent rasping order: "Hang on to that — — — spring!"

WE seldom publish the very many kind letters of appreciation we receive; but an exception is made in the case of this one, from a former Islands resident now living in Brisbane:—

"I would like to let you know how much I appreciate the *P.I.M.* Now that we are no longer in the Territory, it is nice to get so much news from there, each month. Here's a pat on the back for the editor, who is always ready to stand up for our General Griffiths, who was as much the man for the Territory as Sir Hubert Murray is for Papua; and for your correspondents, who are not too inert to put their pens to useful purpose; and to 'Mauri,' of Rabaul, for so ably ventilating the Chinese question, which I heartily endorse; and likewise, the letters of 'Redrabit,' and 'Rabaultite,' who voice real grievances. I say, more power to the pens that are an asset to the *P.I.M.*!"

Thank you, madame.

A WRITER in *The Argus*, Melbourne, a Mr. Gordon Williams, revives the silly story that "a British company" has a plan for linking, by trans-ocean air services, the Pacific groups of Tonga, Solomons, Gilbert, Ellice, with Norfolk Island and New Guinea. He writes enthusiastically about the future economic importance of Norfolk Island.

The groups mentioned have not enough European population to justify air services. Fiji and Samoa are on the proposed Central Pacific air-line, and they are big enough to justify the creation of air-ports. New Guinea and Papua, in a few months, will have a direct air-mail service with Sydney. But that will be the end of the trans-Pacific services, for a long time to come. There may be

a link, from Australia direct to Fiji, cutting out New Zealand, but that almost certainly would go from Brisbane via New Caledonia.

Defence, of course, is a different thing. That eventually may involve the creation of outer Australian air-squadrons, based on New Guinea, Solomons, New Hebrides and Norfolk Island.

WHEN Sid Marshall, of Lae, New Guinea, decided to return to Sydney not long ago, he pulled his little vest-pocket aeroplane out of a *Kunai* shack, where it had been parked for a year, and refurbished it up. The air-minded Morobe people clustered around the machine, in wonder at the man who proposed to fly in it to Sydney; but they were quite friendly. When Mr. Marshall returned to the Wau 'drome, after saying good-bye to some friends, he bellowed in wrath to find, on his newly-cleaned fuselage, the signatures of half the lads of the village, surrounding a bold legend of "Good luck, Sid!" He said it would put a "hoodoo" on his flight; but the decoration was still there when he reached Mascot, after endless adventures along the Gulf of Papua, Torres Strait, and Cape York Peninsula.

Rev. H. and Mrs. Robinson, of Bwaidoga, Papua, received many congratulations during October on the birth of a daughter, Marilyn Frances, at the War Memorial Hospital, Waverley, N.S.W., on October 16.

Mr. J. R. Coath, who has been on the Suva staff of the Bank of New Zealand for the last 3½ years, left for New Zealand by the *Mariposa* on October 26 on leave, prior to transfer.



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ABOUT ISLANDS PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brien and their family arrived in Sydney during November from Port Moresby. Mr. Brien has been in the Papuan Public Service for over 20 years as Chief Clerk and Inspector of the Native Affairs Dept., and he is now on furlough prior to retirement on superannuation.

Mr. C. T. Lonergan, a New Guinea pilot, who has been engaged in mining for four years, arrived in Sydney by the November Macdhui to join Australian National Airways.

Captain A. McIntyre, for many years wharfinger and stevedore for Burns, Philp & Co's steamers and overseas vessels at Port Moresby, Papua, died in the European Hospital on November 14. He underwent an operation for appendicitis the previous day. Capt. McIntyre is survived by his wife and son, who are at present in Sydney on holidays.

Mr. J. H. L. Waterhouse, well known in many South Seas groups, who is at present in charge of the Nodup Native School in New Guinea, married Miss Dorothy Dowling at Rabaul on October 24.

Mr. R. D. Blandy, Assistant British Resident Commissioner in the New Hebrides, arrived in Sydney from England with his wife by the Strathmore early in November. They sailed for Vila by the Morinda on November 11.

Mr. R. Sutherland, of the Dept. of Agriculture, Wellington, returned to New Zealand by the Matua on November 1, after a visit to the Cook Islands.

Mr. R. M. Farlow, A.D.O. at Buka Passage, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney with his wife and baby, Jan, by the November Malaita, on three months' leave.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Bundle, of the Norfolk Island Cable Station, who were highly esteemed by residents of N.I., arrived in Australia by the November Morinda. As a member of the N.I. Executive Council, Mr. Bundle played a prominent and useful part in public affairs.

Mrs. Margaret Quintal, a direct descendant of one of the Bounty mutineers, died at Waihi, New Zealand, on November 1 in her 63rd year. With her husband, Mr. James Robert Quintal, she went to N.Z. from Norfolk Island in 1901 on the Melanesian Mission's boat Southern Cross. In 1932, she went back to Norfolk, returning to Waihi only three months ago.

Mr. Peter Euchtritz, of Sum Sum Plantation, Kokopo, New Guinea, married Miss Rita Brain, of Bondi, N.S.W., in Rabaul on October 18.

Mr. J. F. Williams, of Western Samoa, married Miss Katherine Nora Turner, who arrived by the October Matua from N.Z., at Apia Protestant Church on October 25.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Aitchison arrived in Sydney on furlough by the November Macdhui. Mr. Aitchison is in the N.G. Administration and has been stationed in the Ramu District.

Mr. L. A. Maguire, well-known in New Guinea, who recently has been at Port Moresby as acting accountant at the office of Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd., has been appointed B.P. manager at Misima Island, Eastern Papua.

Mr. T. Robson, District Commissioner at Tuasivi, Savaii, left Western Samoa in October for furlough in New Zealand and England. During his absence, Mr. J. Bower, D.O. at Aleipata, will act as D.C. at Tuasivi.

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Monsieur Yves Martin, son of M. Emil Martin, proprietor of the electric light and power station at Papeete, Tahiti, married Mademoiselle Antonina Bambridge, eldest daughter of M. Georges Bambridge, mayor of Papeete, at the Bethel Chapel, Papeete, on October 23.

Mr. Adolph Brewster, eldest son of the late Mr. Paul Joske, of Suva, Fiji, who was born in Melbourne in 1854, died in London in October. He entered the Fijian Colonial Service in 1884, and after acting as Stipendiary Magistrate and Resident Commissioner, he was appointed as an official member of the Fiji Legislative Council in 1908. He retired in 1910, and assumed by deed poll the name of Brewster (his mother's maiden name). Mr. Brewster was the author of "The Hill Tribes of Fiji" and other books.

Mr. C. A. Banks (managing director of Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd.), accompanied by Mrs. Banks, will arrive in Sydney from U.S.A. on November 29. On December 22, Mr. and Mrs. Banks and Mr. L. V. Waterhouse will leave Sydney for New Guinea, on a general inspection of properties there.

Mr. F. J. Berne, well-known throughout the Islands after having spent 16 years in various Pacific groups, is eagerly awaiting the completion of his new guest house, "Bernly," at Potts Point, Sydney. January 1 is named as the opening date, and Mr. Berne will be glad to welcome and accommodate any of his Islands friends who visit Sydney.

Mr. G. O. Higgins, manager in Papua of Papua Oil Development Ltd. (which has a staff of over 50 Europeans and several hundred natives engaged in the search for oil in Papua) arrived in Townsville, Nth. Queensland, on November 14, in his Co.'s Sikorsky amphibian. He had flown from Papua in order to connect with the airmail services to Victoria, for a consultation at the head office of his organisation (Shell Co.) in Melbourne.

Mr. Thomas L. Slatter, of Vavau, Tonga, died in Suva, Fiji, on September 28. He arrived at Suva by the Matua and was on his way to the War Memorial Hospital when he collapsed and died. Born in Australia 48 years ago, he went to Fiji, and for 20 years was associated with Messrs. Robbie Kaad & Co., Levuka, and Messrs. Burns Philp (S.S.) Co. Ltd. Later he went to Tonga as B.P. manager at Haapai. Then, after a term at Vavau, he began trading on his own account and since 1926 had conducted his own business.

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Mr. W. C. Abbie, who successfully appealed to the High Court of Australia in connection with a conviction recorded against him in New Guinea, returned to the Morobe goldfield in October and was very heartily welcomed at a social function organised by the miners of Edie Creek on October 23.

Mr. George F. Gee, of Keravat, New Guinea, married Miss Jean Robson, of Woolbrook, N.S.W., at St. George's Church, Rabaul, on October 16.

Mr. R. Hicks, Warrant Officer at Wau, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney in November on eight months' furlough.

Mr. Justice Gore, of Port Moresby, Papua, was in Sydney during November on long leave.

Mr. Jack W. E. Lomax, of Lever's Pacific Plantations Pty. Ltd., B.S.I., arrived in Sydney in November en route to England on furlough. At the completion of his leave, he will be transferred to the west coast of Africa to manage one of Lever's palm-seed oil producing plantations.

It was stated in the "N.Z. Herald" of November 2 that the following officials of the Administration service had resigned and would return to N.Z.:—Mr. Malone, treasurer; Matron Roberts, general hospital; Mr. Paramore, Police Department; Mr. Duff, Native Office.



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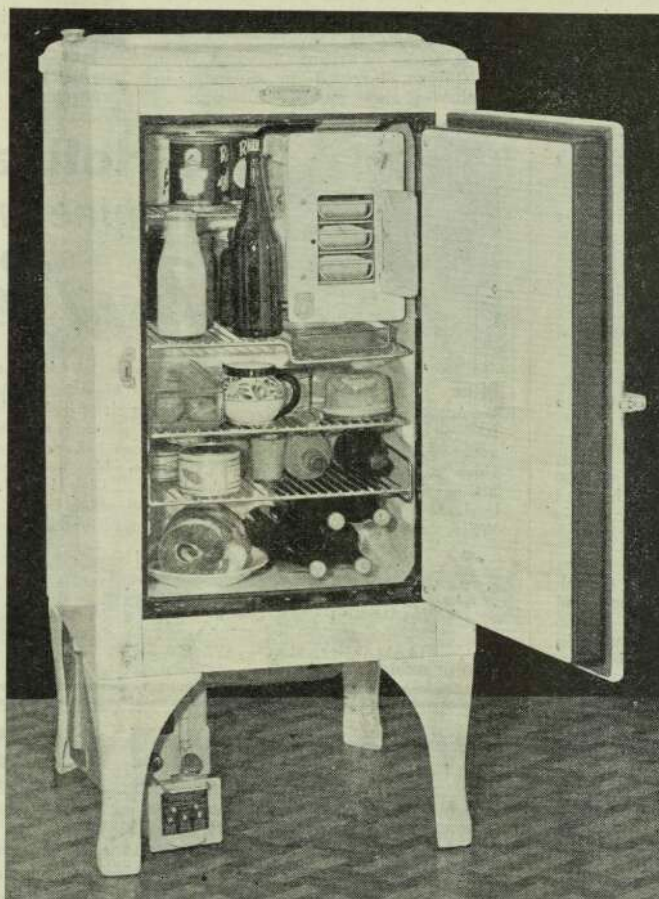
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STEVENSON'S TOMB IN SAMOA

Report of Neglect By the New Zealand Authorities

A REPORT has gained currency, in Europe and America, that the tomb of Robert Louis Stevenson, on Mount Vaea, behind Apia, in Western Samoa, has been neglected by the New Zealand Government.

Many years ago, when there was a similar complaint, the responsibility for caring for the tomb was accepted by the German Governor, and, thence forward, until 1914, the great Scottish writer's resting-place was carefully protected. But another story now is told.

Early in 1937 Captain Arvid Rignell, master of the Swedish ship *Tolken*, wrote to the Robert Louis Stevenson Club, of 2 Hill Street, Edinburgh, and described a visit he had made to the tomb on March 16 in company with Mr. Harry Moors, of Apia.

Captain Rignell said: "The resting place is fully worthy of this great man. I am sorry to say, though, that the tomb

"The seat that is placed in front of the tomb is full of names cut in to the wood, as is the board telling people to show respect. It is a sacrilege to see things spoiled as they are now. The path up to the tomb could also be in a better condition. In places it leaves a lot wanting."

The Club, on July 9, wrote to the Administration of Western Samoa, and also sent a copy of the captain's letter to Mrs. Isobel Field, of Serena, Carpinteria, California, who is the step-daughter of R.L.S. The Club, writing to Mrs. Field, said that the Administrator had reported that it was "extremely difficult" to stop vandalism, and that the path to the tomb, from time to time, was cleared of the quick tropical growth.

Mrs. Field, on August 15, 1937, wrote to the Club in Edinburgh as follows:—

"All these years I have been under the impression that the New Zealand Govern-

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is vandalized by people cutting their names or initials by hammers and cold chisels into the concrete.

"The bronze tablet, on the right-hand side, is bent out about half-an-inch, in the upper further corner. This has apparently been done by a steel bar. . . . In my opinion, some clearing might be done to give a better view of the sea, but this is all a matter of taste. Some shrubbery could at least be cleared and make the appearance more attractive, also more flowers planted.

ment was responsible for the preservation of the tomb.

"When I went to Samoa in February, 1914, at my mother's request, to find out why there was such an insistent demand for a road up to the summit, I dined at Vailima with the Governor. The islands were then owned by Germany, and the Governor asked me if my mother would let the German Government take over the property, as it would give him a better right to protect and care for the tomb. I said I was sure Mrs. Stevenson

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mother's ashes in the tomb). I found the islands were under a mandate to New Zealand. The tomb, which had been immaculate under the rule of the German Government, was scribbled all over with the pencilled names of Colonial soldiers, each giving their rank and regiment.

"I complained to Governor Logan, the Administrator, and asked him if the property were mine. He said no, the New Zealand Government had taken it over from the Germans. He considered himself responsible for the care of the tomb, and he sent workmen to wash off the names and clear the path. When I left, he assured me the place would be looked after by the New Zealand Government, as it was considered a great attraction to travellers.

"That the present Government is aware of this fact is shown by the recent issue of Samoan stamps, one being a picture of Vailima; another of the tomb.

"It is almost unbelievable that vandals could have done such terrible damage. Pencilled names were bad enough, but cutting into the cement and even trying to gouge out one of the bronze tablets is appalling.

"As for the road, there is none. It is a wandering zig-zag path under forest trees, steep but very beautiful. The only obstructions are ferns and large-leaved weeds, easily cut away with a cane knife. The reason for a road would be to make the way easier for tourists to climb. The damage already done to the tomb is a very good argument against cutting a road to the summit.

"The man who originally built the tomb is a half-Samoan, Mr. Stowers. My husband engaged him to put the urn in the head of the tomb, and place Mrs. Stevenson's tablet over it, which he did, and made an excellent job of it. That was in 1916, and if he is still living in Apia he would be a good man to engage for restoring the damage to the tomb.

"I am perfectly willing to bear the entire cost of the restoration, but that is not the point. With many other Stevensons, all over the world, there is anxiety about the future. What guarantee have we that the tomb will be cared for in perpetuity? Would the Stevenson Club, as an organization, take this matter up with the Premier of New Zealand, for it would be a great relief to know that Stevenson's tomb would be assured of preservation under the British flag—the flag of his country."

Mrs. Field, very courteously, has sent a copy of her letter to the editor of the *Pacific Islands Monthly*, and it has been published in the hope that New Zealand-Samoa interests may be encouraged to make a better and permanent and more creditable arrangement for the care and preservation of the tomb.

Editorial Note

THE grave of Stevenson is not as neglected as the foregoing would suggest; on the other hand, it by no means resembles a memorial in a carefully-tended cemetery. When this writer saw it, last year, it appeared—as the photograph indicates—just a rectangular, very battered and discoloured block of concrete, dwarfed amid the luxuriant and encroaching growth of the tropical jungle. There is a track, of a sort, leading up the steep mountainside; and, as the Swedish captain says, pin-headed fools of people have scribbled their names about, and tried to souvenir bits of the tomb.

One can understand the world-wide anger with which this complaint will be received. The better one knows the works of Stevenson, King of Stylists, the more one learns to love Stevenson the man; and hundreds of thousands of people would like to show that love by keeping his grave tended and inviolate.

All travellers in Samoa visit the tomb, and all are stirred to read there, on the bronze tablet in the front of the tomb, the words of the famous epitaph which Stevenson wrote for himself:—

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In one corner of this bronze tablet there is engraved a hibiscus flower, and in the other a lily. There is another tablet, with an inscription in Samoan, on the other side of the tomb.

At one end, there is the bronze tablet in memory of Mrs. Stevenson, placed there, as Mrs. Field says, in 1914. It bears the words of the great writer's tribute to his wife:—

F.V.De G.S. "O Alolele" (the name the Samoans gave her).

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NEW TONGAN GOVERNMENT STORES

From Our Own Correspondent

NUKUALOFA, Nov. 3.

A NEW building for the Government Stores at Nukualofa is under construction on the site formerly occupied by the Customs shed. The old Government Stores building was demolished by the hurricane last February. Mr. C. E. Dalton, who formerly was employed with O. B. Krause and Co. as accountant, has been appointed Government Storekeeper and Relieving Officer. He will have his office in the new building.

N.G. PLANE WRECKED

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Nov. 3.

A MANDATED Airlines plane piloted by Mr. Norman Spence, recently crashed near the coast. Three days elapsed before the wreckage was located from the air. Spence was seen making his way on foot towards Salamaua, and he eventually arrived there in a weakened condition, but not seriously injured.

FRANK PRYKE'S ASHES

Buried at Samarai

From a Special Correspondent

SAMARAI, Nov. 7.

THE ashes of the late Frank Pryke, one of Papua's best-loved "old-timers," were brought to the Territory in October and on the 20th were buried on the hill near the Samarai Residency, just at the foot of the flagstaff. He died in Sydney in August last, at the age of 66, after a lifetime of adventure seeking gold with the pioneers in Papua and New Guinea.

When the ashes were laid to rest, a simple service was conducted by Rev. Robert Leck, of the Anglican Mission, and all those Samarai residents who knew Frank Pryke during his many years in and about Papua paid their last respects. A memorial tablet has been made, and it is hoped that Sir Hubert Murray will consent to unveil it later, when a suitable location is decided upon.

A FAMILY CRUISE

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Nov. 2.

THE yacht *Zita II.*, with its owner, Dr. Halcombe (an eminent surgeon of California) and his family on board, arrived at Papeete early in October after a leisurely voyage from Oakland, U.S.A. They came by way of Panama, Pitcairn Island, Gambier Islands, and the Marquesas.

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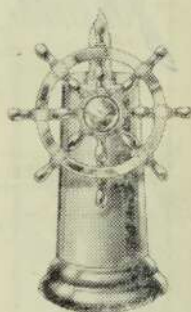


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GROWTH OF WAU BAKERY

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Nov. 6.
ADDITIONS and alterations are under way at the premises of the Morobe Bakery at Wau. Two new rotary oil burning ovens are being installed, together with other new plant. The concern intends to manufacture "boys" biscuits, a staple item of the indentured natives' diet. Working normally, the bakery will produce about 10,000 biscuits per week.

Captain C. R. and Mrs. Pinney, accompanied by their daughter Maura, arrived in Sydney from Norfolk Island early in November by the Morinda.

WRITER-YACHTSMAN —
WITH ACCENT ON WRITER!

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Nov. 9.
ATINY YACHT, the *Walrus*, owned by the U.S.A. writer Mr. Robert Mills (whose pen-name is Spencer Stowall), arrived at Papeete in October.

Mr. Mills started out alone from Los Angeles on a voyage around the world. At Honolulu, at the request of the French Consul, he took on board a Tahitian named Tina, who was one of the emergency crew signed on the yacht *Cressida* at Tahiti. He had been stranded in the Hawaiian Islands, and Mr. Mills transported him to his native country.

During his voyage Mr. Mills found time to write 700 letters which he mailed on his arrival at the post office at Papeete. Awaiting him, at Papeete, were 1,000 letters!

After a short sojourn in the Society Islands he will continue his solitary voyage to the westward. The *Walrus* is reputed to be the smallest sea-going yacht in the world.

U.S. Scientists' Pacific
Flight DelayedMr. Archbold to Fly to Papua in
New Airboat

From Our Own Correspondent

HONOLULU, Nov. 4.
THE loss of the Russian flyers near the North Pole recently, has caused some delay in the plans of young Richard Archbold, American Museum of Natural History representative, who hoped to fly across the North Pacific and reach Papua during December.

Soon after Mr. Archbold's party made the first airboat non-stop crossing from California to New York, the Pole flyers became missing. Forthwith the Russian Government bought Mr. Archbold's 250,000 dollar airboat and engaged Sir Hubert Wilkins (famed Australian explorer), Herbert Hollick-Kenyon (pilot of the Lincoln Ellsworth Antarctic expedition), Al Cheeseman (ace pilot), and a mechanic and a radioman, to go in search of the missing Russians. Their search was unsuccessful.

Mr. Archbold then went back to the Consolidated Aircraft Co.'s great factory in San Diego, California, where a sister airboat, with Government permission, was built. There will now be prolonged test flights before the scientists hop-off for Wake and Midway Islands, then on to Guam, and directly south to Port Moresby.

The expedition, which includes Dr. A. L. Rand and three other U.S. scientists, will spend some time in Dutch New Guinea.

Hawaii Governor To Visit
Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, Oct. 27.
THE Governor of Hawaii (Hon. Joseph B. Poindexter) and an official party are expected at Pago Pago, American Samoa, on November 1 on the American coastguard cutter *George B. Taney*, for a five days' visit.

The party will probably visit Western Samoa to pay a courtesy call on the Acting Administrator, Mr. A. C. Turnbull.

The visitors will comprise a number of high officials, among whom will be the Hon. Samuel W. King, Delegate to the U.S. Congress for Hawaii.

It is expected that the delegation will deal with various matters in connection with the proposed P.A.A. airline from Honolulu to New Zealand, via American Samoa.

Miss Giess, of Kalbar, Queensland, who after six years' missionary service spent the past year on furlough at her home, has returned to New Guinea for further work at the Lutheran Mission, Madang.

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B.S.I. COUNCIL

Non-Official Protest at £2,762 Item
For Unexplained Scheme

From a Special Correspondent

TULAGI, Oct. 27.

THE bi-annual session of the B.S.I. Advisory Council opened at Tulagi on October 4. His Honour the Resident Commissioner (Mr. F. N. Ashley, C.M.G.) presiding. Members present were: Official, Messrs. F. E. Johnston, I.S.O., S. G. C. Knibbs, and A. E. Osborne; Non-official, Messrs. D. MacKinnon, J. C. M. Scott, C. E. Hart and Rt. Rev. W. H. Baddeley (Bishop of Melanesia).

His Honour the President, in his opening address and Non-official members in their address in reply, paid eloquent tribute to the memory of their late colleague, Mr. G. E. Clift, whose death since the last meeting deprived the Protectorate of a public-spirited citizen, and the Administration of a valued counselor.

It was disclosed that for the year ended March 31 last, revenue exceeded expenditure by £5,109. For the current year, considerable extraordinary expenditure is provided for. This item, over £2,000, covers new buildings and the cost of the recently erected harbour-lights.

The financial Estimates for 1937-38 were adopted after a close scrutiny in committee. Non-official members, however, placed on record a strong unanimous protest in respect of an allocation of £2,762 for a scheme regarding which no particulars were divulged.

A new ration scale for native labourers was approved. It will become effective as from April 1, 1938.

The proposed Coastal Shipping Regulation, which was withdrawn at the May session, was re-drafted in the interim, and again submitted. After close examination in committee, in the course of which various amendments were effected, the Regulation was adopted.

A motion brought down by a Non-official member relating to certain amendments of the Customs tariff, including a reduction in the duty chargeable on twist tobacco (a compulsory ration issue to labourers) was debated. Recommendations were made to which consideration will be given by the Administration.

The question of exempting visiting yachts from the payment of light and harbour dues was resolved in the negative, and that of providing navigation beacons for Gizo harbour in the affirmative.

A proposal to set up a committee to inquire into the manner in which native taxes are assessed was withdrawn by Non-official members after hearing a full and comprehensive statement on the subject delivered by the President.

The Council, after considering various routine matters, adjourned *sine die* on October 8.

Mr. Leonard Graham Bartley, 40, an engineer on the staff of the Eastern Extension Cable Company, died in Sydney on October 28. He had been stationed at Suva, Norfolk Island, and Fanning Island cable stations. He left a widow and two children.

Papuan Rubber-Growers May Lose Bounty

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Nov. 5.

IT is reported that Papuan rubber planters will not continue to receive the Australian bounty.

It is stated that Mr. Fletcher, a Federal officer, who was up here recently to go into the question of bounties, considered the inclusion of rubber, but reported adversely on the question. We hear that some of the planters showed reluctance in giving their lowest costs; and, comparing the cost of production on the Government Rubber Plantation at the Kemp Welch River (east of Port Moresby) with the figures submitted by the planters, the officials came to the conclusion that extravagance might be a cause in some cases of an unsatisfactory condition. The net result of it all was that the bounty was not recommended.

Hon. R. S. Thacker, Attorney General in Fiji, has been appointed a King's Counsel.

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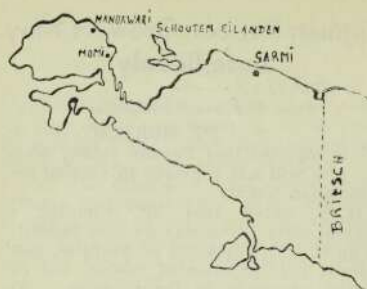
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Rough sketch of Dutch New Guinea, made by Mr Maryn, to show location of Japanese concessions.

COTTON-GROWING BY JAPANESE IN DUTCH NEW GUINEA

Small Group Have Proved Possibilities of Industry

MANY fantastic reports about Japanese penetration of Dutch New Guinea have been published, especially in reference to cotton-growing there by a Japanese company. Therefore, we are glad to publish the following article by Mr. F. T. Maryn, written by him in Utrecht, Holland, for this journal, on September 27. Mr. Maryn, as an official of the Netherlands Government, recently visited Papua and the Mandated Territory, and he then walked right along the north coast of New Guinea and inspected the territories to which he refers.

PUBLIC interest in cotton-growing on the north coast of Dutch New Guinea is increasing, both in Holland and in the Dutch East Indies. People begin to realise that there may be good investments there, and the Dutch Government recently sent out a commission to study possibilities.

In the meantime, a Japanese company has been for several years growing cotton in this area. Dutch New Guinea has many attractions for Japan in this respect. Cotton is the most important of all Japanese imports (400 million yen per year) and if it should prove possible to get part of the yearly needs from Dutch New Guinea, this, especially as regards buying and transport, should be more advantageous and easier than the pur-

chasing of the necessary quantity in India, Egypt, or North and South America, countries all much farther away from Japan.

A Japanese trader, living near the village of Sarmi, on the north coast of Dutch New Guinea, some time ago made, with very good results, a small test garden of cotton. This probably is the reason why the Nanyo Kohatsu Kaisha (South Sea Development Co.—this is the name of the company interested in D.N.G.) at first tried to start a cotton plantation near this village. They therefore applied to the Dutch East Indian Government to get a lease of 3,500 hectares in this district; at the same time they applied for a second lease of 2,000 hectares in the Momi district (50 miles south of Manokwari). Added to these requests was a memorandum in which the company gave a further explanation of future plans and asked for various facilities.

According to this memorandum, the Nanyo Kohatsu intended to divide their leases into small areas of five hectares each, and every such part would be handed over to a Japanese farmer who, with the assistance of four or five native families, would open up these grounds for cotton growing. In the long run, the company said, the number of Japanese settlers might be less than one family

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per five hectares, but in the first period, until the natives understood the culture, this number was deemed necessary.

It is easy to see that if the concession had been granted in this form, and if the Dutch East Indian Government had agreed with the suggested way of exploitation, a very important—and in comparison to the number of Dutch residents, an overwhelming—immigration of Japanese subjects would have taken place.

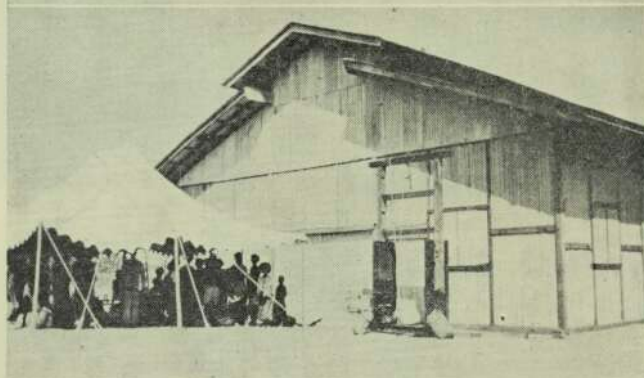
WELL, the concession has not been granted in this form. The leading

thought of the Dutch East Indies Government apparently has been that the Japanese company, before being regarded as serious applicants for such a large area, had to prove and put into practice some of their plans, the design of which, as explained in the memorandum, was somewhat idealistic.

So, for the present, the Nanyo Kohatsu has been given two leases, one in the Sarmi district and one in the Momi district, each of 300 hectares, with the prospect of possible extensions as soon as



Top: The houses built by the Japanese for the native labour at Momi.
Bottom: The cotton-cleaning factory.



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areas allotted to them have been brought into culture.

It was proved, very soon, that the restrictions made by the Government were justified. In clearing the Sarimi lease, the condition of the soil proved absolutely

unsuitable for cotton growing. In the middle of the concession was a large sago-swamp and the ground water was at various places not more than one foot below the surface. So all work was stopped and the native labour—at first 120 coolies—was dismissed. That concession is now deserted.

AT Momi, the Japanese company had better luck. The quality of the soil was very satisfactory, which is shown by an average crop of 2,500lbs. of cotton per hectare. The grade of the produce is estimated, both in Japan and in Holland, as to be of first quality.

These results induced the company to extend their interests, and at the present moment 700 hectares is cleared, 200 of which were planted with cotton in May of this year.

The possibilities of Dutch New Guinea are not yet sufficiently known to say that the Japanese, by taking up the Momi

valley, have taken possession of the best part of the country. But in visiting the estate it is easy to ascertain that they have assured themselves of an area extremely suitable for cotton growing. For there are, in this respect, many other facts that play a part.

The most important of these facts are rainfall and labour. As to the first, it is necessary that during the picking of the cotton (that is, in November) little or no rain is falling. And this is the case in the Momi valley.

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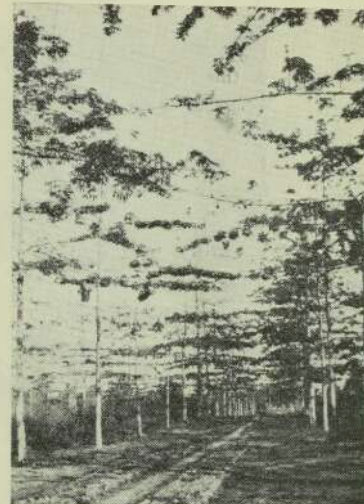
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Top: The experimental garden at Momi. Bottom: Drying and sorting the cotton at Momi.

The possibility of obtaining sufficient labour is of great importance. In the planting period, but especially in the picking-time, it is desirable to have, for about one month, a numerous labour-force. In this respect the Japanese estate is situated very favourably, being only on one day's distance from the Schouten Islands, the population of which is willing to work and is generally employed on the estate. This labour is

available without any costs of recruiting worth mentioning. Every planter will understand how great an advantage this means; all the more, as recruiting in Java would probably amount to about £15 per head.

However, not everything is going smooth and easy for the Japanese planters. Together with the first cotton crop, one of the most dreaded pests has made its appearance—viz., the pink boll-weevil. This weevil attacks cotton plants and cotton seed, and causes great damage. The destroying of these insects has been taken in hand scientifically, and with great energy, and no costs have been spared to assure a total extermination.

Considering the results the Japanese obtained with cotton growing in Dutch New Guinea, the conclusion must be that they succeeded in proving the possibility of it and that, in doing so, the Nanyo Kohatsu founded the first large agricultural enterprise in this part of the Dutch Colonies.

FINALLY, a few words about the number of Japanese settlers residing in Dutch New Guinea. In some periodicals, this number is estimated to be many thousands. This is not correct. At present, there are on the north coast of Dutch New Guinea 26 Japanese subjects, six of whom are women. Moreover, it is not likely that this number will increase considerably, as Dutch East Indian law does not allow foreigners to fill any situation unless there is no Hollander available for the place. This applies to the Japanese.

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RIDDLE OF EASTER IS.

DISCUSSING the Easter Island statues in a lecture in Sydney on October 26, Mr. Karl Kaepfel said that they all would have disappeared by erosion in another 1000 years. He added that at present only four museums in the world housed Easter Island statues. He said that the hieroglyphic script tablets found on the island had never been deciphered, but good work had been done by German research workers, and it was probable that they would solve the mystery, if anyone did.

Pastor W. T. Hooper, formerly Home Mission Secretary of the Western Australian Seventh Day Adventists' Conference, left Sydney by the Niagara on October 29 for Suva where he has been appointed Superintendent of the S.D.A. Fiji Mission. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hooper.

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WHEN AN AERODROME IS NOT AN AERODROME

THIS photograph of the aerodrome at Salamaua, New Guinea, was taken in August, after very heavy rain. The Francisco River overflowed, and the whole region became sodden. Water covered the aerodrome, and air-traffic there

was held up for some days. The Administration has spent a considerable sum in laying down this aerodrome, and making a metalled runway; but, as this picture shows, it is impossible, owing to the location, to avoid a sodden field and even a flood, in very wet weather. The only way to make an all-weather 'drome at Salamaua would be to straighten the Fran-

cisco River, and the cost of that would be enormous. There is a first-class all-weather 'drome at Lae, only 18 miles away.

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Progress of "Control" Plan In Cook Islands

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, Oct. 25.

A BRIEF summary of the result of the season's fruit shipments under Government control of the industry was made recently by the Resident Commissioner (Mr. S. J. Smith).

His Honour admitted substantial losses, in some cases as high as 50 per cent., on oranges shipped by the *S.S. Limerick* in May, but attributed these to faulty methods of stowing the fruit. But in succeeding shipments, by the *Matua*, the fruit had arrived in first-class condition.

On 14,000 cases despatched late in May, the Government had now paid growers a total of 3/6 per case. Growers might also expect a further 1/- (additional to the 2/6 already paid) on 9,000 cases shipped in June. There was no information yet about the fruit shipped in July and August.

Forty-two selling agents in New Zealand acted on commission for the Government, and some of these were slow in sending in account sales, so that it was impossible for the local authorities to make supplementary payments to growers as quickly as they would have liked. But the Government had definitely taken over control of the industry and would not relinquish it. Mr. Smith regarded the first year's progress, all things considered, as satisfactory. With the last shipment, in November, 70,000 cases of oranges would have left the Group this season.

Attempts to introduce the Rarotonga packing system, and the presence of native fruit inspectors were so strenuously opposed in Aitutaki that the Director of Agriculture, who accompanied the Resident Commissioner to that island, dropped the proposals. There, as in the other outer islands of the Group, the work and responsibility of handling the fruit lies with the Resident Agent. In this respect, Aitutaki is fortunate in possessing the services and experience of Captain A. A. Luckham, C.B.E., to whose initiative the present satisfactory condition of the controlled banana trade in Niue is largely due.

In Aitutaki, the Government, possessing no plant of its own, has taken over the sheds, grading machines, etc., formerly used by the traders, and are employing these latter as fruit inspectors during shipments. This method has produced better results than elsewhere in the Group, the average loss on arrival in New Zealand being under three per cent.—a position which goes a long way

to discredit a current absurdity that the traders seek to injure the fruit.

MUCH CONTROVERSY

"Fruit Control" is still the focal point of local interest, and the question of its application to the banana industry continues to stir both white and brown demagogues. At the present moment a deadlock seems to have been reached, with the Government offering a 2/6 guarantee, similar to that already made in the case of oranges, and growers demanding a flat payment of 5/- a box.

That "Control" has so far operated disadvantageously for large growers, and for the minority who have expended big sums upon plantation improvement, must be admitted by all parties. Nor would

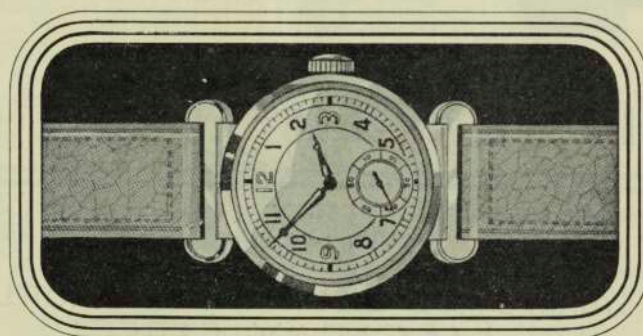
it be anything but human nature for these elements not to oppose, criticise and condemn the scheme. Plans for the betterment of the poorer classes can hardly be expected to find endorsement from persons obliged to watch their own interests being injured.

But, for the majority of native growers, and especially those in the outer islands, "Control" possibly has resulted in slightly better prices; although, in the case of several islands, these have been offset by inability to handle more than a portion of the whole crop. Nevertheless, it must be remembered that the scheme is still in its infancy, and credit should be given to those in charge for their enthusiasm and their disinterested efforts to make it a success.

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WATER RATIONED**Pt. Moresby Gets 4 Gallons
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From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Nov. 4.

WATER shortage in Port Moresby is serious. No rain has fallen for many months, and the reservoir supplied by a catchment on the hill facing the town has become so depleted that the Public Works Department, for the last month, has issued only a fortnightly ration of 500 gallons per household.

On Nov. 1, the Dept. announced that deliveries from the reservoir would cease, and only four gallons per adult person (two children to count as one adult), and $\frac{1}{2}$ -gallon each per native servant, would be distributed from tanks stationed at four points in the town.

Supplies at this rate will be continued only until November 15, when, if no rain falls in the meantime, issues will be reduced by half. "Water tickets" have been made available to all residents of the town, free of charge.

Threatening clouds gather daily and sweep over the township, only to break out over the sea. There have been heavy rainfalls in the hills, 10 miles behind Port Moresby—but still we get no relief.

There is, however, a possibility that within a few days, with the coming of winds, the question will be solved by a torrential downpour. Never since a number of years has Port Moresby presented so dry and barren an appearance.

In view of the ever pressing question of water the Administration in July last approached Canberra whether they would again consider the question of a loan for the water scheme which was proposed and considered some years ago.

Meanwhile, there is keen public interest in the subject of providing Port Moresby with a water-system. A plan, involving a loan from the Federal Government, and abandoned in the depression years, has been revived. Canberra has indicated readiness to give a loan, and an engineer is expected from Australia to investigate and advise.

A sum of £27,000 is mentioned. The supply system probably will cost more than that. The extent to which residents will contribute to the cost, by a yearly rate of levy, is under consideration.

Water may be pumped from the Laloki River, at a point 12 miles away; or brought by gravity from Rona Falls, 25 miles away.

It is believed that the naval authorities wish to see an adequate supply of water made available in this port.

WATER RATION DOUBLED

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Nov. 15

THE Government has increased the water ration to double the present issue and also is supplying a water ration free of charge from tanks brought from Laloki River. A heavy shower on Saturday afternoon (November 13) cooled the air, but there was not enough rain to be beneficial.

**RECORD RAINS ON N.G.
GOLDFIELDS**

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Nov. 10.

RECORD rains have been experienced in the Morobe district.

At some places the Bulolo River has overflowed, the water at times rising 8ft. above the banks. Numerous wash-aways have occurred on the Wau-Edie Ck. road and transport has been held up. The Wau-Bulolo road has also suffered and work on the new bridge near Bulolo power house, which when finished will complete this road, has been at a standstill.

Mr. M. Hassan, B.A., LL.B., arrived in Melbourne early in November en route to Fiji. Mr. Hassan, who, together with his brother, Mr. S. Hassan, conducts the legal firm of Hassan & Hassan in Suva, has been on a long holiday in India.



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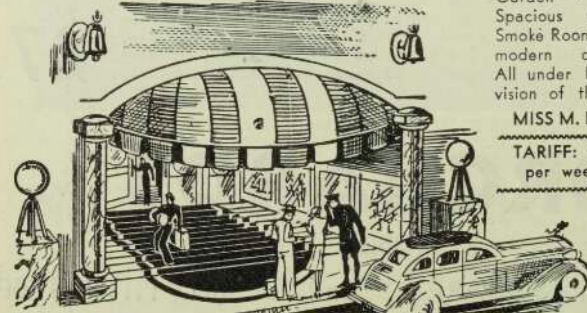
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THE FUTURE OF THE PHILIPPINES

"Nation Which Controls This Group, Controls Asia"

From Our Own Correspondent

HONOLULU, Oct. 25.

THERE is plenty of food for thought for Australasians in the new book, *Colonial Policies of the United States*, by Col. Theodore Roosevelt, former Governor General of the Philippines.

He analyses the effect of independence on the Filipino peoples and America's forthcoming abandonment of the islands. He writes: "... I believe the Philippine Islands are a necessary adjunct to the

Japanese scheme. The nation which controls these islands controls Asia, for they lie across all ocean trade routes and Asia's foreign commerce is largely water-borne. . . . Japan must either own or control this claim of islands. . . ."

Col. Roosevelt points out that 80 per cent of the Philippine export trade is with the United States, and that the overwhelming portion of export material is sugar. When tariff walls provide a barrier to free entry of sugar to the United States, revenues of the Government will fall, taxes will increase, defence will be a problem of the Filipinos and the standard of living will drop to meet a lowered national income.

He does not believe that the Philippine Government will be able to maintain itself in an independent status.



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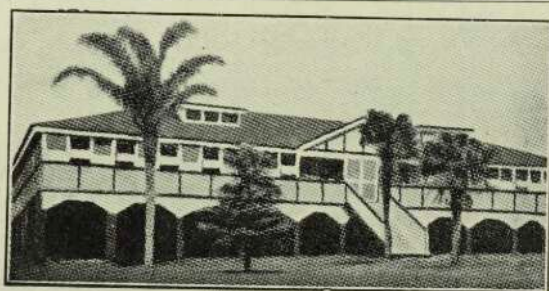
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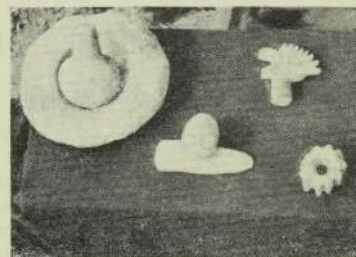
Curious Stone Objects Found on Morobe Goldfield, T.N.G.

WE are indebted to Rev. V. H. Sherwin, of the Melanesian Mission, Wau, for the accompanying photograph showing ancient artifacts recently unearthed on the Morobe goldfield in New Guinea. They were found on the gold claim of Mr. Russell Wild at Surprise Creek on the Watut River, when he was sluicing.

Mr. Sherwin says that nearby, where these objects were discovered, a number of bones and teeth of abnormal structure were also found, under 14ft. of earth, gravel, and sand.

"The stone mortar with pestle is a good find," writes Mr. Sherwin, "since often a mortar is found without a pestle. The curious figure resembling a cranium with eye sockets is particularly interesting, but the most unique specimen is the bird's head, which is probably carved in schist or andesite."

"These artifacts, in conjunction with a remarkably fine specimen of a stone pine-



Mortar and pestle, carved bird's head, and two other strange stone objects, unearthed at Surprise Creek, Watut River.

apple club (which I possess, and which was dug from under 6ft. of earth at Namie Creek, when a road was being made), all point to a previous stone culture used by a people far superior to the present natives, who possess little or no stone, artistic, or utilitarian ability. I hope to collect sufficient evidence in bone and stone to piece together a theory. I have long held that the present people are not the original inhabitants, but that a race of high stone-culture of probably Papuan origin covered this Watut-Bulolo area originally, in the age when the present Bulolo and Watut Rivers formed one huge lake, and game with other foods was abundant.

"The teeth and bones found embedded in the sandstone at Surprise are estimated by the Government Geologist (Mr. N. K. Fisher) to be in the vicinity of 15,000 years old. According to him, they belonged to some extinct mammal. Other teeth and jawbones found on the goldfield have been identified as being from a giant wombat."

"I have written a scientific paper on these discoveries for the English journal *Man*, the organ of the Royal Anthropological Society and I hope Professor Haddon, the eminent research worker, will collaborate and add further views on the subject."

PAGE OF TONGAN HISTORY

Decision In Lengthy Land Litigation

From Our Own Correspondent

NUKUALOFA, Oct. 12.

THE dispute between the Noble, Kalaniuvalu of Labaha, one of the prominent chiefs of the Kingdom, plaintiff (represented by Moulton Finau), and the Crown, defendant (represented by the Minister for Lands—the Hon. Ata), over the ownership of the villages of Hoi, Makauga and Nukuleka, in Tongatabu, was decided in the Land Court to-day. The decision was in favour of the defendant.

Noble Kalaniuvalu claimed that these villages belonged to the Tu'itoga, whose headquarters were at Labaha, having been originally occupied by his retainers, mostly fishermen, for centuries; and, being the direct descendant and head of the Tu'itoga family, he was entitled to hold them by right of heredity as part of his estate, Labaha.

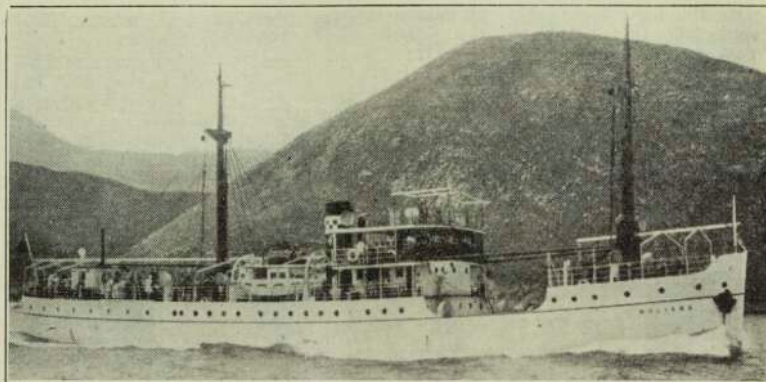
In delivering judgment, the Court held that it was not disputed that King George Tubou I. dispossessed the Tu'itoga of both title and land. Therefore, the first Kalaniuvalu (son of the last Tu'itoga, Lauflitoga) had, at the time the Constitution was granted in 1875, no title or estate which could be confirmed to him, like other chiefs. King George

Tubou I. accordingly conferred a title as noble on Kalaniuvalu, and made him a grant of land for an estate. This was a new title with a new grant of land. The court, therefore, was of the opinion that the plaintiff was not entitled to the land claimed.

The case had occupied some time and the evidence brought forth some interest-

ing facts on the history, customs and traditions of the Tongans. Much light was thrown on the relative positions of the Tu'itoga, Tu'ihā'atakalaua and Tu'ikanokubolu dynasties, and their rules, as well as on the old system of communal ownership of property, and the extraordinary power the chiefs had over commoners and their possessions.

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INLAND TAHITI

Wild Cattle Now Roam Fertile
Uninhabited Papenoo Valley

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Nov. 5.

THE island of Tahiti was originally a great volcano. What is now the valley of Papenoo—a vast amphitheatre in the centre of the island—was the main crater. Ages of erosion have worn away all the softer material, leaving only the hard rocks. So the Papenoo valley is surrounded by picturesque peaks which tower from 5,000 to 7,000 ft. into the sky. Through the centre flows the Papenoo River, which drains the area and reaches the sea through a deep, winding gorge.

In ancient times Papenoo valley was thickly populated. The place is full of old house-platforms and there many marae (temples) of a more primitive form than those found on the coast of

Tahiti. No one lives in the valley now, though occasionally a party of natives will go there to gather *Fei* (mountain plantain), or to hunt wild pigs.

Years ago someone took a herd of cattle into Papenoo and then left them to become wild. This herd of wild cattle has increased in numbers, and Papeete butchers have taken a concession to hunt in Papenoo for beef.

It is no light undertaking. The valley is difficult of access: It is necessary to ford the river many times and, if the water is high, the gorge is impassable. The hunting, which must be carried on with packs of dogs, is through very rough country. Even after the quarry has been taken it is no easy task to get the carcass down to the coast where trucks are waiting to transport it to cold storage at Papeete.

All about the Papenoo—and in the other valleys of Tahiti, as well—are beautiful waterfalls. The old native poets named the island *Tahiti Vai Uri Rau* (Tahiti of the Waters of Many Colours), because the morning sun shining into the valleys causes the waterfalls to shimmer with the colours of the rainbow.

There have been two or three attempts to "develop" the Papenoo valley.

The last was shortly after the close of the Great War. An oily-tongued promoter went to Czecho-slovakia and "made medicine" which conjured mirages of lotus-blooming gardens of flowery ease on the islands of Polynesia. A number of families entrusted their lives and savings to his hands and he conducted them out to Tahiti and settled them in the wilderness of Papenoo. There was nearly a tragedy; but the

Czecho-slovaks are of sturdy fibre. They abandoned the wilderness, made places for themselves, and have become most valued settlers in the Colony.

The early native inhabitants of Papenoo valley were probably the descendants of the primitive Polynesians who were driven inland from the coast by a later immigration of warriors of the same race. The valley is a natural fortress—protracted as it is by mountain barriers and lofty precipices with only two narrow paths of entrance: The gorge of the river and a steep ridge overlooking Lake Vahiria. The soil is fertile and these refugees were, doubtless, able to maintain themselves for many generations against the conquerors of the coastal lands.

Since the abandonment of the interior valleys and plateaux of the island, Nature has clothed these fertile regions with tropical jungles. The cost of clearing and of blasting roadways along cliffs above the level of the raging torrents, which the steeply bedded mountain streams become in heavy, rainy weather, is prohibitive.

In addition, the natives, good churchmen though they are, still are convinced that the mountains and lonely valleys are the resort of ghosts, man-destroying spectres, and malignant demons of the Night World—after the sun goes down. Only those of hardiest spirit will venture inland after nightfall, and even they consider themselves fortunate to return unscathed.

Because of all these things, the rugged interior of Tahiti is likely to remain in the undisturbed possession of Nature, of ghosts, and of hobgoblins for many years to come.

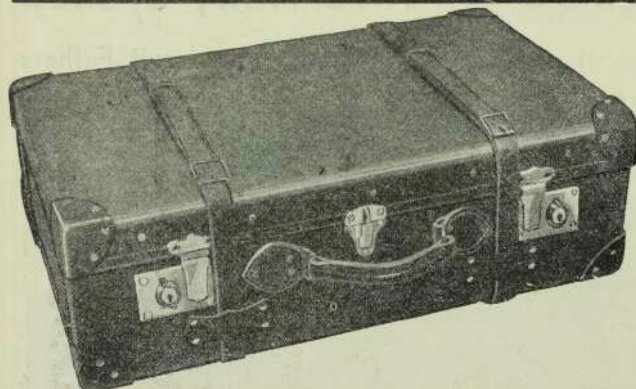
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NEW CONDITIONS FOR FIJI SERVICE

Division Between Overseas and Local Men Causes Active Discussion

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, October 29.

THE much-discussed report of the Public Service Reorganisation Committee was approved at the last session of the Legislative Council, despite spirited opposition to many clauses by the unofficial members. Concessions were granted in minor cases.

Exception was taken to the proposed division of the Service into the "Overseas" and "Fiji" divisions, and particularly to the title "Fiji," so it was decided to call the divisions Senior and Junior. But, as disgruntled members of the junior service remark, "a rose by any other name. . ."

The result is that now the Senior division, which practically means those who are members of the British Unified Colonial Service, draw salaries that are much higher than any in the junior service, though the anomaly arises of there being junior officers of the junior service. Members of the senior service have much better leave and passage-grant privileges than the others, and—perhaps the sorest point of all with the juniors—they hold pensionable posts, drawing a pension on retirement without having contributed anything toward it.

Those in the junior service, on the smaller salaries, have to pay into a provident fund and, on retirement, will draw a lump sum, with which, it is Government view, they can purchase an annuity. Those juniors who are at present holding pensionable posts can retain their pension rights, but by so doing they remain on the same conditions in the service as they are at present, which virtually means that if a man is on the maximum of his present grade he forfeits his chances of promotion. In order to be eligible for promotion he must, to all intents and purposes, give up his pension rights and accept the provident fund scheme, to which he will contribute out of his salary.

The committee suggested increased salaries for practically all departmental heads, but the Governor (Sir Arthur Richards) evidently did not think these increases sufficient, for when the salaries section came before the Council he put in special recommendations of his own—which, of course, went through—and most of the heads will receive further increases in salary.

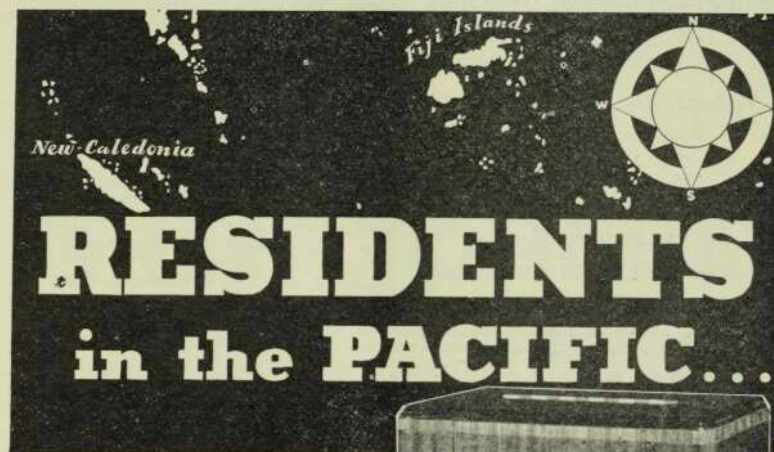
The committee recommended a higher salary for the Attorney General than for the Chief Justice. This raised a protest from two legal members on the unofficial side, as well as others. His Excellency recommended that the salaries be the same; but, again, there was a protest, and eventually a compromise was reached, the Attorney General being placed £50 below the Chief Justice.

Since the report was issued there have been a number of resignations by junior members of the service, especially young men in the clerical division, who believe that there are greater opportunities outside the service.

Throughout the debate, the Indian members cried out against what they alleged was racial discrimination, holding that Indian Civil Servants were not

being treated as they should be. His Excellency pointed out that conditions for Indians in the Fiji Service compared more than favourably with conditions in the service in India.

When the motion was finally put to the Council for approval the only ones to vote against it were four of the Indian members, the fifth Indian, Mr. K. B. Singh, declining to vote at all.



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RECORDS of the volcanic activity in what is now the Territory of New Guinea date back as far as 1643 A.D. Volcanic activity in that region was reported in 1699, and major eruptions occurred between 1838 and 1848, and again in 1878. The years 1916 and 1926 were marked by marine disturbances. The latest eruption, which played havoc in Rabaul, took place in May of the present year.

Descriptions of the effects of the eruption in May last were prepared by Sir Raphael Clinto in a paper read at the monthly meeting of the Historical Society of Queensland recently.

Mr. T. B. D. Edwards arrived in Suva by the Niagara on October 14 from Fanning Island, to take over the management of the Suva branch of Cable and Wireless Ltd., in succession to Mr. C. T. Halstead, who left by the same liner on leave, prior to transfer to another of the Company's stations.

"INSULT" TO FIJI INDIANS

Community Protests Against P. & O. Circular

From a Special Correspondent

SUVA, Oct. 20.

THE Indian community has been stirred by an incident connected with the running of tourist ships from Australia to Fiji. Anything up to 1000 persons make these trips and mingle freely with the people of Suva. All three communities—European, Indian and Fijian—do their utmost to entertain the visitors.

Recently, when a P. & O. liner was approaching Suva, the following was circulated aboard:—

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

"The Fiji Government has lately been concerned by a tendency on the part of some tourists to fraternise unduly with native Fijians and Indians.

"It is, of course, recognised that this has generally been the result of thoughtlessness and a spirit of natural friendliness on the part of a few tourists.

"The authorities point out, however, that anything in the nature of social intercourse between Europeans and natives is to be deprecated, as the latter have not been accustomed to it and, therefore, do not understand it, and it might even lead to unpleasantness."

The Hon. Said Hasan, M.L.C., a leading barrister, thereupon wrote to the Fijian Government in the following terms:—

"I can hardly believe that the Fiji Government will be a party to the circulation of a notice which is, to say the very least, most insulting to the Indian community.

"Either the notice in question is issued without the knowledge and authority of the Government, or it is issued under its authority or with its connivance. In the former case, the Government should at the earliest opportunity make it expressly clear to the Indian public that it had nothing to do, either directly or indirectly, with the circulation of the offending notice.

"If, however, the latter is the case, then all I can say is that the Government has been very ill-advised to hurl an un-called-for insult on the Indians, and the sooner it withdraws the offending notice, and assures the Indian community that it has no intention of being a party to such insulting notices in future, the better for all concerned.

"Needless to say, I am not only giving expression to my own personal opinion, but am also voicing the opinion of the Indian community as a whole, whose responsible members approached me and brought this matter to my notice. I am sure you will appreciate that no self-respecting Indian can tolerate such actions on the part of the Government or any one else.

"If the tourists who visit Fiji do not behave in a decent manner, it is the tourists who are to blame, and not the residents of Fiji. No community, European or non-European, can claim to be without any social evils prevailing among its members. There are European 'undesirables,' just as there are Indian and Fijian 'undesirables,' and for the

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sake of a few one cannot drag down the whole community. Instead of circulating such notices, a ban should be put on the tourists who cannot behave decently and, as such, are not fit to be associated with any respectable citizen, be he European or Indian.

"The responsibility of the Government is, in the first instance, towards its own citizens, and not towards the tourists, even if the latter were to be a source of revenue to the Colony. Let me hope that you will be good enough to press this matter on the authorities concerned, and see that some suitable action is taken to allay the feeling of resentment which is at present prevalent amongst the Indian community."

In reply to Mr. Hasan's letter, the Secretary for the Indian Affairs said that the notice was issued by the Shipping Company, and the Government was informed that the notice was not intended to cast any reflection upon the conduct of Indians in Fiji, and that the Shipping Company had agreed not to issue any further copies of the notice as worded.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Mr. Hasan appeared to read more into the "notice" than obviously was intended. Nevertheless, in view of the well-known sensitiveness of the Indians in matters of this kind, the "notice" might have been more happily phrased.

Mr. Hasan's point about "undesirable" Europeans cannot be challenged. Some extraordinary fools visit the Islands ports on tourist ships, and their costumes and behaviour when ashore make local residents enraged and ashamed. They conduct themselves in the presence of residents, both white and brown, in a way that would quickly earn them, in their own country, a hearty kick in the stern.

Anyone who has been in Suva during the visit of a passenger liner will agree that the Indian and Fijian taxi-drivers, waiters, salesmen, etc., who attend the visitors, are always courteous, and proper in their behaviour. If there has been unseemliness, it is the fault of the visitors. The Indians or Fijians will react to foolishness and familiarity much in the same way that Europeans of similar station will react in the same circumstances in Sydney, or Trieste, or London.

NEW VESSEL FOR SAMOA

AN order has been placed with the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd. by Messrs. Burns Philp (S.S.) Co. Ltd. for a 250-ton vessel to replace the A.S. *Makoa*, which was wrecked on a reef at Hull Is. last May. She will be 110ft. in length, with 11½ft. beam. Two full Diesels, with twin-screws, will give her a speed of nine knots. Accommodation for eight passengers is to be provided, and she will have a carrying capacity of 120 tons.

It is anticipated that the vessel will arrive at Apia about the middle of 1938 to take up the service previously operated by the *Makoa*, i.e., to the Tokelaus, Swain's Is., Puka Puka, and Phoenix Group. She will also carry on the Apia-Pago Pago run.

Mr. A. L. Armstrong, Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary, Mr. E. L. Baker, Senior District Commissioner, and Mr. N. B. Casey, M.B.E., Superintendent of Prisons, were recently appointed official members of the Fiji Legislative Council.

LEPROSY INTRODUCED TO COOK IS. FROM HAWAII

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, Oct. 19.

WITH the recent opening of the Leprosy Isolation Station on Penrhyn, a further batch of six lepers left Aitutaki on the recent north-bound *Tagua*. The Penrhyn station, which is in charge of a Native Medical Practitioner, will act as a central depot for the Group and from which cases may be periodically removed to Makogai, Fiji.

Leprosy, which appears to be more prevalent on certain of the Cook Islands than others, is attributed to early and unsupervised contact with Hawaii. On Manihiki, the first authentic case was that of a man who left there in 1868 for

Honolulu and on his return developed the disease. The next case was also of a man who had visited Hawaii and lived with a leper family.

Both in Penrhyn and Palmerston the origin of leprosy is attributed to contact with Hawaii, and it is certainly a fact that on these islands the disease has been more prevalent than elsewhere in the Group.

Mr. H. S. Wynne, manager at Rabaul, New Guinea, for the Vacuum Oil Company, and his wife, were in Melbourne on furlough during October and early November.

Mr. Philip Burge, who has been a clerk at Makogai Island, Fiji, since February of last year, was seriously injured in October in a motor accident.

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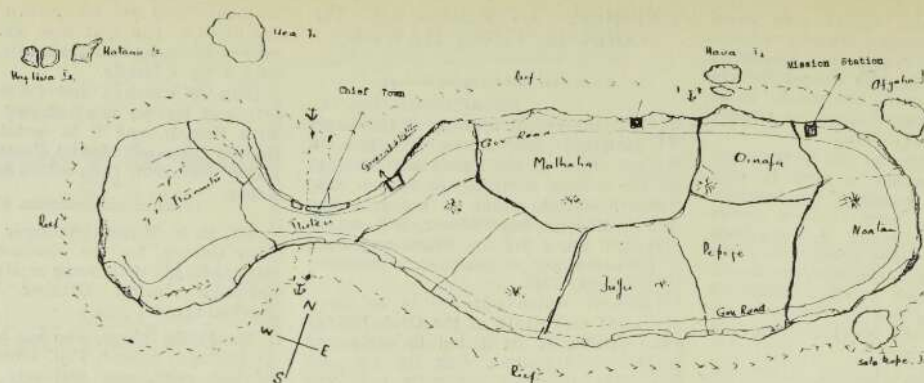
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ROTUMA

I NOTICED your article in the August issue on "Isolated Rotuma"—that little island north of Fiji.

You may be interested to know that I correspond with a Rotuman, who was educated in Fiji, and is now a teacher in a native school there. He writes in warm praise of his home-land, which he seldom is able to visit, owing to its isolation. He drew the attached map for me, from memory, and he sent me the following details:—

"It is a little island, nine miles long, with eight islands surrounding the main island. The islands are surrounded by coral reefs. There are seven districts only. There are more than 30 motor cars. The chief food is yams and dalo, and the chief product is copra. There are only a few Europeans there. It is a very beautiful little island with white sand round the beaches. There are towns all round the island, and only a few mountains are in the centre. There are many beautiful flowers, ferns and trees in Rotuma. A Native Medical Practitioner is there—no European doctor."

—CROTON.

ALLEGED MURDER IN FIJI

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Oct. 20.

A CASE of alleged murder, interesting because the parties concerned are Fijians, has occurred at Naidrodro, a native settlement controlled by the C.S.R. Co. near Rarawai. Two Fijians, a man named Antonio Leka, and a woman, Ula-mila, have been charged with the murder of Enosi Radio, the husband of Ula-mila.

It is stated that Ula-mila and Radio were married only a few days when, with the connivance of Leka, she lured her husband into the bush where Leka killed him with a cane knife. Enosi's body bore wounds indicative of an extraordinarily savage attack.

Such crimes are rare among Fijians.

Mr. H. R. Craigie, who has been acting as Government Printer in Fiji since the retirement of Mr. J. J. McHugh some time ago, has been appointed permanently to the position.

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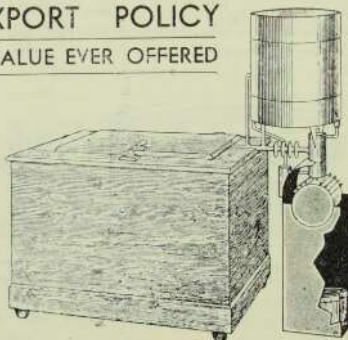
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ISLANDS "LITERATURE"

Its Disturbing Effect Upon Tahiti

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Oct. 25.
PERHAPS there is no island in all the world that has inspired so much miscellaneous literature as has Tahiti. Particularly during the past 25 years the harvest of books about this small entity on the vast bosom of the Pacific has been amazing. So that we might see ourselves as others see us, we have tried to read these volumes.

At the expense of much midnight oil we have dragged our eyes over endless successions of printed pages. The vast majority make very dismal reading. The monotony is abysmal. We marvelled why people bought and read them until it dawned upon us that they contain an element which impels portly blonde ladies of uncertain age to devour the latest ultra-modern novels. It is extraordinary how this sort of unwholesome literature appeals particularly to women of that complexion and maturity. None of our brunette acquaintances has ever exhibited any such tendency.

Whatever the explanation of this curious phenomenon may be, the mystery of the presence of regiments of fat blondes, walking about in costumes which made us blush, is now revealed. These dismal books have represented our island as a community of unbridled license and these seekers after the Utopia of Unrestraint were actually becoming a problem for our authorities when the discontinuance of passenger steamers from the U.S. Pacific Coast fortunately stopped the flood.

The whole matter has, however, filled us with alarm. It has awakened to us the necessity of searching our souls, examining our conduct, and comparing ourselves with other communities to find out, if possible, the foundations on which these egregious authors have erected their fabrications.

To our consternation, we discover that our South Sea Island metropolis is — in proportion to its size — quite as wicked as Honolulu, Seattle, Manila, Boston, or any other seaport in the world where ships find haven after long voyages. But with this disquieting discovery comes a measure of consolation.

Wicked as we may be, our iniquity does not hide behind a rococo facade of smug respectability — there to flourish for the nourishment of pious landlords, corrupt politicians, and miscellaneous racketeers. On the contrary, it serves us as a sort of national defense: a frontier guard to engage the time and attention of invading Huns, Goths and Vandals; enabling us to enjoy in peace and security, the quiet felicity of our Islands life.

We can see now that the writers of these works of art never penetrated within our outermost defenses. And so we are comforted and return again to our philosophic plane of life.

We do wish, however, that for their own sake and enlightenment people

would read the really good and authoritative books written by men who actually know the Islands and who paint true pictures of the little world we inhabit in the South Pacific Ocean.

Mr. C. G. Rutledge, general manager and managing director of Cuthbert's Misima Goldmine Limited, Eastern Papua, paid a quick business trip to Australia during October.

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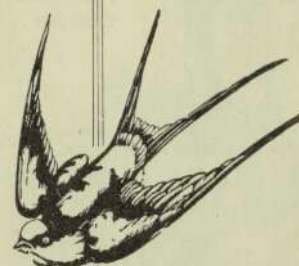
MADANG, Oct. 19.

A REPRESENTATIVE gathering of Madang citizens recently met at the "Recruiters' Rest" and it was decided to form a branch of the Citizens' Association of New Guinea. Officers elected were: C. Rouse, president; W. Cahill, vice-president; and B. G. Hall, secretary.

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MISIMA GOLD

Progress of Companies On Rich Little Island In South Eastern Papua

From Our Own Correspondent

MISIMA, Oct. 28.

THE gold mining activities on Misima, Eastern Papua, besides putting the island on the investors' map, have done



A group of well-known residents of Misima Island, Eastern Papua, photographed at a surprise farewell party given to Mr. and Mrs. Strang and Miss Horton on the eve of their recent departure from Misima.

—Photo: G. E. Miller.

a great deal to bring its small community into closer contact with the outside world.

Nowadays a regular mail and cargo steamer service is carried on by Messrs. Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd.'s vessel *Matoma* (65 tons) which makes two trips from Samarai after the arrival of each *Macdhui* and *Montoro*. Other vessels call at irregular intervals.

A small radio station at the port, keeps direct communication with Port Moresby and Samarai. This is of great assistance, as breakages for the mines can be ordered to catch the first boat from Australia.

A motor road of a sort links the port with the mines. In most places this is just wide enough for one truck—driving over it being regarded as an act of heroism. The country is so undulating that it has been said that if it was rolled flat to a foot above sea level, it would be larger than Australia! Consequently road-making proves one of the greatest problems of the companies, and one of the heaviest expenses is keeping trucks in good order.

At present four companies are in operation.

Cuthbert's Misima Gold Mine Ltd. is the only one producing. It employs about 30 white men and about 500 natives, mainly recruited from Goodenough, Normanby, and Fergusson Islands. About 2,000 tons of ore a month is treated in a 20-head mill. This monthly tonnage is gradually being increased until, it is estimated, eventually 3,000 will be reached. The ore is novel in the fact that there is no coarse gold, obviating the necessity for amalgamation, and no base metals, alleviating the troubles of the cyanider.

The lode itself runs in a north and south direction and Cuthbert's have picked the centre. As the hills are so steep, no shaft sinking is thought of and the tunnel on the level of the mill site gives about 500 feet of backs. As the lode ranges from 12 to 40ft. wide mining is rather a problem in the soft country, and necessitates ample supplies of timber—all of which is procured locally, being hauled by motor trucks of the six-wheel type.

Adjoining the northern end of Cuthbert's leases are those of Gold Mines of Papua Ltd. This Company has done a great deal of development work, and has, according to all accounts, the same values as in Cuthbert's. A 20-head mill is being erected there with a cyanide plant. All the machinery is on the job and the Company should be crushing within six months. Employed there are about 30 whites and 400 natives.

On the Southern end of the leases are those held at one time by Misima Gold Reefs (N.G.) N.L. The Oroville Dredging Company held an option over these, and

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Part of the plant and dwellings of Cuthbert's Misima Goldmine Ltd., Misima Island. The photograph gives a good idea of the undulating country surrounding the rich mine.

after about 18 months' prospecting work, exercised it. However, since that time they seem to have gone more or less into oblivion and for the past 12 months or so have employed only one man and a dozen natives. There have been many wild surmises as to what will be its ultimate end, but it certainly seems a shame to have it hanging fire with the present high price of gold.

The other company, Quartz Mountain (Papua) Ltd., is off the beaten path of leases and is situated close to the southern coast. This company was formed in New Zealand in May, 1934. An expensive plant was erected, comprising stone crushers, tube mill, cyanide plant, and Merrill Crowe precipitation process. However, the mill was situated about a mile away from the mine and an aerial ropeway was installed to bring the ore across.

They were employing about 200 local natives and a dozen white men, and put

through a few small crushings, but reports on their values could not be obtained locally. Then two directors arrived a few months ago to inspect the property. Something happened, and all but two men and a few natives were paid off. The directors returned to New Zealand and nothing has been heard of their plans.

Messrs. Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd. have enlarged their store here, and now employ three men where only one used to have easy work.

Steamships Trading Co. Ltd. also have a branch just across the road from B.P. A telephone line between the mines and Bwagaola provides handy communication with the two stores.

A doctor is to be stationed here shortly. Up to now, Mr. E. Whitehouse, Travelling Government Medical Officer, has proved himself invaluable to both the white and black population. His visits, per boot, often take him on a trek of 20 miles in a day.

Misima's total white population is about 100, and over 1,000 natives are employed by the mining companies.

Dr. F. J. Williams, Government Medical Officer at Samarai, Eastern Papua, who attended the International Jubilee Esperanto Congress, held at Warsaw in August, arrived in Sydney with Mrs. Williams by the Van Rees in Mid-October. They sailed for Papua by the same vessel on October 20.

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NEW CALEDONIA'S PRODUCE ON SHOW

From Our Own Correspondent.

NOUMEA, Sept. 20.

THE Chamber of Agriculture of New Caledonia has organised a show again this year. It will be held in Noumea shortly and promises to be a great success as many entries have been received.

In the bloodstock and cattle classes, there are quite a number of imported animals from Australia. In the produce section coffee, cotton, copra, fruit and vegetables will be on show. The great mineral wealth of the colony will also be displayed.

LESE - MAJESTY !

Papeete and the Honour of an Actor

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Oct. 29.

AMONG the many roles which have given international renown to our island—as Captain Cook's astronomical observatory; as Nouvelle Cythere; as Gauguin's paint shop; as weary scientists' haven of refreshment; as refuge for the oppressed from the tyranny of prohibition; as the Pearl of the Pacific—Tahiti has been the studio for the recording on imperishable celluloid the drama of many a South Sea romance.

Most of the film expeditions have been composed of serious competent actors directed by men endowed with a ripe knowledge of artistic values, and they have given to the world pictures that have truthfully represented the life of the Islands, such as *Tabu*, *Pagan*, *Mutiny on the Bounty*, and many others.

There have been, however, visitations of quite another type which have brought a sparkle of gaiety into our drab lives.

During the hectic decade (1920-1930) a wave of hysteria—closely resembling the ecstatic mysticism of the Middle Ages—swept over the United States and spread thence to other countries. It manifested itself in the apotheosis of certain cinema actors by the adoring populace. A discerning citizen of China, travelling at the time through the United States, bestowed on these extraordinary exhibitions the very apt name of "clown worship!"

One of the most eminent of these darlings of the mob has honoured twice our little island with the splendour of his presence. He came the first time to make Tahiti immortal as the site and background of a drama in which he was the leading actor. His second advent was a noisy affair.

The steam yacht he had chartered to sail the South Seas had a big brass cannon on the forward deck. As the ship entered Papeete harbour this piece of ordnance belched smoke and thunder in a national salute of 21 guns. Expectantly standing beside his howitzer, the actor awaited an answering salute from the French gunboat lying at anchor before the quay. It did not come.

The actor, fresh from ovations compared with which the acclaim accorded to kings, emperors, and victorious field-marshal was the mere chirping of crickets, was purple with indignation. Here was *lese-majesty* in its most contumacious aspect.

"What!" he shouted, "This island will not answer my salute? Very well, I shall give them the kind of salute they will answer."

The yacht glided to the wharf. Messengers were despatched. A crowd gathered. Presently volleys of reports echoed along the water front—the detonations from foaming champagne bottles as the corks flew on high. From the shore sounded 21 loud, rousing cheers. Although none of these cheers came from the warship but from parched, expectant throats on the beach, the actor smiled again.

The island had answered his salute. Honour was satisfied.

Mr. H. W. Adrian, accountant at the Seventh Day Adventist Mission headquarters at Wairoa, N.S.W., departed from Sydney by the Wanganella on October 23 for N.Z., en route to Suva, where he will be treasurer and secretary of the society's Fiji activities.

Mr. Peter Edwards, of Messrs. Burns Philip (S.S.) Co. Ltd., Lautoka, Fiji, arrived in Papua recently to take up duties with Burns Philip & Co.'s branch at Port Moresby.

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Aitutaki Diver's Narrow Escape

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, Oct. 17. SO rarely do sharks attack C.I. swimmers that native fishermen pay them scant attention. In Aitutaki the more daring youths frequently dive down on the inner side of the reef to the holes where sharks snooze during the heat of the day, their heads thrust far into the coral fissures. In this vulnerable position a rope is quickly slipped over their tails, the diver bobs back to the surface and with a tremendous heave his companions yank the shark up after him.

After such familiarities, it was a painful surprise which greeted Terongo, aged 21, and two companions recently whilst fishing with spears and diving goggles beyond the reef at Aitutaki.

An 8-ft. shark, cruising close, had just been gently pushed off with a spear point when, apparently annoyed, he turned and circled inshore towards Terongo. Passing in front of the youth he took a savage lunge, removing at one bite a portion of the boy's upper arm. Meanwhile, the other two having come to his assistance, all three managed to scramble on to the reef. The water in their wake was deeply stained, and excited by the blood the shark pursued them to the edge of the coral.

Three miles from the village, Terongo lost consciousness long before his companions, paddling furiously, could reach the settlement. There one of the Suva trained Native Medical Practitioners was able not only to save his life, but to make such a good job that there is every possibility of Terongo regaining the partial use of his arm.

PACIFIC ISLANDS CLUB

FRENCH Oceania has been the subject of two recent lectures at the Pacific Islands Club, Sydney. Mr. Harold Nossiter, round-the-world yachtsman, on September 22, told of his visit to the Marquesas, and, on October 20, Professor G. Henderson, a noted Pacific historian, spoke on the "Establishment of the French Provisional Government in Tahiti, 1842." At the latter gathering, a film, "Spanning Space," was displayed by courtesy of Amalgamated Wireless (A/sia) Ltd., showing the progress of A.W.A.'s Islands services.

The Pacific Islands Club now has over 100 members.

Mr. C. Crane, of the Crane Steel Company, Chicago, U.S.A., arrived in Sydney by the Wanganella on October 19 en route to New Guinea to study anthropology. In Rabaul, he will join Dr. W. L. Moss and Dr. D. L. Oliver, and the three Americans will carry out investigations, probably on the N.G. mainland, under the auspices of the Peabody Museum, Harvard University.

FOUR MILLION DOLLARS RISE IN HAWAII REVENUE

From Our Own Correspondent

HONOLULU, Oct. 26.

THEY are only mere dots on the map but some idea of the wealth of the Hawaiian Islands is gleaned from Washington where the U.S. Treasury Department announces that there was a total of 11,634,000 dollars (£A2,908,500) federal tax collections made in Hawaii during the 1936-37 fiscal year, a rise of 4,000,000 dollars on the previous year.

Hawaii's contribution exceeds that paid by each of 18 American States. The basic industries, sugar and pineapple, and their by-products which are being intensively developed, are booming. In step with the times, the U.S. Government is developing plans for the construction forthwith of a new customs house, costing more than 500,000 dollars, which will be part of a huge new pier in Honolulu harbour.

Mr. F. A. Roberg, Victorian mining engineer, has joined the board of directors of Developments (New Guinea) N.L.

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Miss Doris Jaques, of Petersham, N.S.W., sailed from Sydney for New Guinea by the Montoro on October 30 to be married to Mr. Theo. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thomas, of Rabaul. The couple will make their home at Bitapaka.

Mr. M. M. Brodie, manager of Union Soaps Ltd. and the Pacific Biscuit Co., Suva, Fiji, paid a short business visit to New Zealand during October.

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scope and possibilities of mining that next year we intend to forego the Melbourne Cup and put our ten bob into mining shares. The only difference is that occasionally in a mine every horse runs last.

Mark Twain once said, in all good faith, "A mine is a hole in the ground owned by a liar." Our hole is not one like that. No, we don't own it!

It's one of those mines that are worked by big companies with so much money they don't know what to do with it, and decide to excavate some gold to send to America or one of those countries where they make gold teeth. It is a very interesting business. We have even known men who lost all their interest—and sometimes all their capital—in it.

We intend some day to become one of the many prominent mining engineers of the world. Nothing like being one of the mob!

If we ever succeed in getting the low down on cube roots and algebraic expressions we will enter the employ of one of these Islands companies, and write out reports. We will speak at length on varicose veins running through obnoxious country probably belonging to the lower strata. This report will be read out in secret to the blokes with all the dough. Not having the slightest idea what it all means, they will say it sounds a good thing and "ante" up.

We will then be sent to open up a mine, at a salary of a hundred a month. After a while we'll dig some holes in the ground and make ourselves comfortable for life. That is, until the blokes with the dough come along to see what we're doing. That will be hard to explain.

Anyhow, who said they wanted gold teeth?

Another thing. Suppose we dig up the mainspring. Why, the dashed old world might stop revolving, gravity would so overcome centrifugal force that we'd only be a blot on the landscape. Here's hoping!

HIS HEAD IN SHARK'S MOUTH!

From Our Own Correspondent

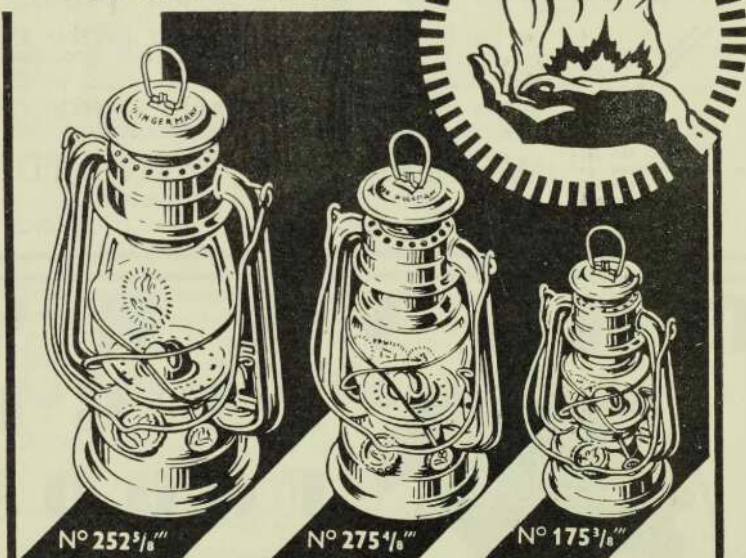
THURSDAY IS., Oct. 24.

A SAIBAI Islander named Iona recently had the terrifying experience of having his head in a shark's mouth, while diving off Orman Reef in Torres Strait.

Iona had the presence of mind to force his thumbs into the shark's eyes, causing it to loose its hold. He then managed to swim back to the lugger. First aid was rendered on Mabulag Island, and Iona was hurried in to T.I. hospital, where it was found necessary to insert nearly 200 stitches in the wounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec C. Rentoul, and their small son Larry, arrived in Sydney by the Montoro on October 25 on long furlough. Mr. Rentoul is a Resident Magistrate in the Papuan Service, and is stationed at Bwagaia, Misima Island.

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New Stamps for N.H. Condominium

TWO new sets of postage stamps for the Condominium of the New Hebrides are at present in course of preparation in London, according to a recent issue of the *Australian Stamp Journal*.

In these the use of the British monetary system has been dropped and in its place has been substituted a currency of gold centimes. Thus, in the French issues the value of the 30c. will be given at the left as "30 cmes." and at the right as "30 cmes-or". On the British stamps these will appear as "30 cmes-gold" and "30 cmes."

The main design of both sets is a local landscape with the monograms "G.R." and "R.F." in the upper corners, the word "Condominium" appearing between the value figures at the bottom.

The present Condominium postage stamps have a panel on each side of the central design (usually depicting examples of native art and craftsmanship) in which "R.F." and the value in centimes appears on one and "G.R." and the value in pence on the other. Across the top is printed "New Hebrides," with the word "Condominium" in smaller letters in each top corner.

WAU PERSONAL NOTES

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Oct. 27.

MR. COL. MACLEAN, Post Master at Wau, has received notice of his transfer to Kavieng. Mr. Maclean will be greatly missed from Wau where he has been one of the foundation members of the golf club.

Mr. C. K. Norris, and his popular wife, returned from leave by the last *Montoro* to resume his duties with the District Services. Both are looking extremely well and report having spent a wonderful time "South."

Mrs. Zimmer, of Sydney, who has been spending a holiday with Mrs. W. E. Giblin at Wau, sailed for Sydney by the *Montoro*. Both on the trip up and down, Mrs. Zimmer renewed old friendships, for she spent many years in Papua, mainly at Port Moresby and Samarai.

Mrs. W. E. Giblin sailed for Sydney on the last *Montoro* for a short trip South to meet her two sons and return with them to Wau where they will spend school holidays. Mrs. Giblin was closely connected with Errol Flynn during his sojourn in New Guinea, and has a happy store of anecdotes connected with this now-famous actor. Errol is still in contact with his New Guinea friends and corresponds with them regularly.

Mr. C. Kennedy-Duffy, of Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd., has returned to the Co.'s Wau branch after 10 months' leave. Mr. Kennedy-Duffy was previously at Salamaua and later at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands.

Dr. and Mrs. N. V. McKenna are at

present in Sydney on leave. Dr. Schroeder is relieving him at Wau.

Pilot and Mrs. G. A. Cannon, of Guinea Airways Ltd., have sailed for Sydney on leave, which they intend to spend in touring Australia by car.

Wau residents were sorry to hear that the health of **Mr. W. V. Quinn**, of Mandated Airlines Ltd., necessitated his leaving for Sydney on the *Montoro*. Mrs. Quinn accompanied him. Mr. and Mrs. Quinn had just returned from leave spent in touring China and Japan.

FIJI GOVERNOR ATTENDS BA RACE MEETING

From a Special Correspondent

SUVA, Oct. 23.

RACES were held at Ba on Saturday, October 9, and Sir Arthur and Lady Richards were in attendance, as well as a few other Suva visitors. The Defence Force Band, between races, was playing on the course and a large crowd gathered to watch several good races which paid fair dividends.

During their stay at Ba, Sir Arthur and Lady Richards were entertained by Hon. Hugh and Mrs. Ragg.



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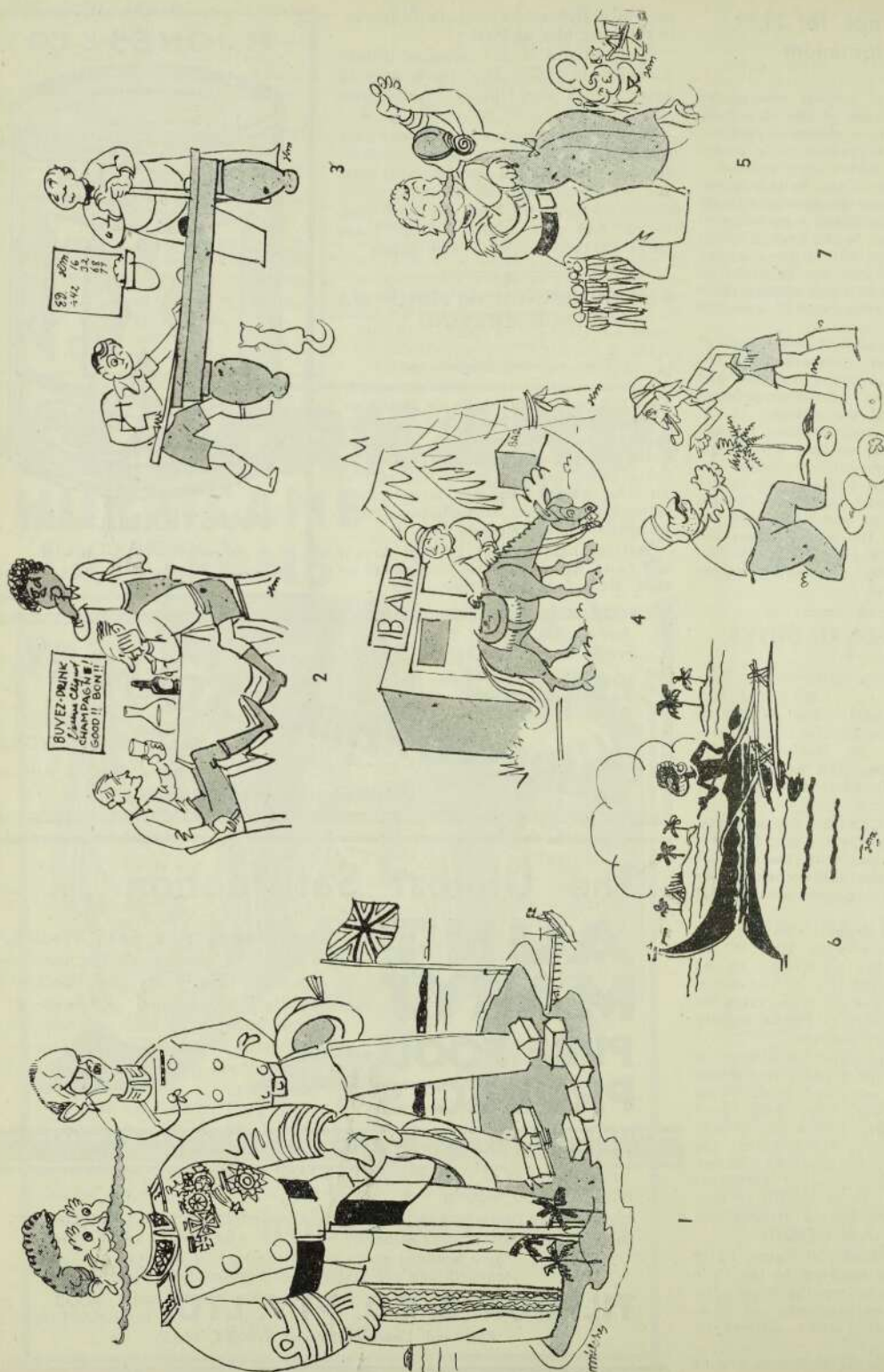
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A DANISH CARTOONIST LOOKS OVER THE NEW HEBRIDES



In 1934, the Danish yacht Monsunen, carrying a scientific expedition, made a voyage through the South Seas. Before she was wrecked at Vankoro Island in the British Solomons, the party visited most of the Eastern and Central Pacific groups. Those who recall the expedition will certainly remember the year's Danish journalist and artist, Mr. Hak Mielche, who was a member of the party. On his return to Europe

he wrote extensively about the Monsunen's wanderings and adventures in the Pacific and his clever articles were always illustrated with his own amusing sketches. A resident of the New Hebrides, who is at present visiting Sydney, showed us the above cartoon by Mr. Mielche which appeared in the Danish journal "Jyllands-Posten" and we have endeavored to show how New Hebrides people and places appear through the eyes of

a Danish artist. On one corner of the drawing, Mr. Mielche had scribbled, "All these cartoons were made in the Solomons, so the likenesses will not be very exact—it is all the work of my not too good remembrance." Mr. Mielche's titles for the sketches were: 1. The French and British residents—M. Sautot (left) and Mr. G. A. Joy, Club Neo-Hebrides.

2. Myself (left) and M. Dupertus in a billiards tussle at the Club N.H. 3. Street scene in Vila, the capital of the Condominium. 4. At the ball in honour of H.M.S. Dioneide —M. Sautot at work! 5. A native from Nalakula in his canoe. 6. French-English dispute about the two prices of copra.

TIURAI'S MANA

A Tahitian Who Worked Miracles

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Oct. 26.

NOTWITHSTANDING the veneer of civilisation which overlays Polynesia, ancestral voices still echo in the deep recesses of the native mind. The old gods are not dead, but sleeping. Sometimes they awaken for a season because some man is moved by destiny to disturb their slumbers that they may endow him with *mana* to perform miracles.

Such is the secret native belief to account for men like Tiurai.

Tiurai's powers were expended in healing the sick. He was reputed to be gifted with prophecy and to have made a number of extraordinary predictions—which came to pass. But his chief fame rested on his amazing powers to mend ailing bodies, and his renown spread throughout the Eastern Pacific.

People came to him from the most remote islands and, it is said, even from Australasia and the United States. Certain it is that many Europeans living in French Oceania—although they professed to doubt and even went so far as to ridicule—secretly went to Tiurai by night and were healed.

Tiurai was an elderly man when the writer knew him. His finely modelled features, snow white hair, and air of quiet dignity made him a very impressive personage. He lived on a jungly piece of land in Punaania, adjacent to the most *tapu* spot on Tahiti—a place of strange and grisly history. One entered by a narrow, winding path which led presently to a clearing where was a huge cauldron—which seemed a fitting receptacle for the witches' broth of the Three Weird Sisters but probably never contained anything more noxious than whale blubber—and, nearby, the thatched hut and outbuildings where Tiurai dwelt.

In his treatment of the sick, Tiurai did not use medicines, except such simple things as the milk of the wild coconut, a gargle of brown sugar dissolved in water, or the inhalation of the fragrance of a flower. These were merely adjuvants to the extraordinary psychic power by which he achieved his miracles of cure. There is no question as to the reality of these cures by whatsoever means they may have been brought to pass. Maladies beyond the power of medical science to overcome—in its present state of knowledge—and so diagnosed by competent physicians, yielded to the mysterious *mana* of Tiurai in the presence of our critical and even cynical observation. Like many another we went to scoff, but remained to marvel.

Tiurai died in 1918 of exhaustion while battling with a great epidemic. He had no successor. The gods slumber again and all efforts to re-awaken them by those ambitious to inherit Tiurai's powers, have proven unavailing. The Islands are full of pretenders each of whom

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DEATH OF FORMER GOVERNOR OF FR. OCEANIA

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Oct. 19.

THE death occurred recently at Nice, France of M. Eduard E. Charlier, Officer of the Legion of Honour, who was a former Governor of French Oceania.

M. Charlier belonged to a distinguished family. He was a brother of the late Vice-Admiral Chailier of the French Navy, and a near relative of the renowned writer, Pierre Loti. His long service and intimate knowledge of the Islands and their people constituted him an Elder Statesman in the councils of the Colonial Administration.

TARO RECIPES

ONE of the most useful indigenous plants known throughout the South Seas is the Taro, which is a staple article of native diet. It is easily cultivated and rapidly produces immense, bluish-coloured roots which, to quote one writer, "looks like mottled soap when cooked and served." It is extremely dense and heavy, however, but is pleasant to taste.

Taro grows best in shallow, swampy ground through which streams run, or in swampy areas where water lies. Compared with the large water-grown roots, the dry-ground Taro is small and inferior. It is particularly valuable to natives in the hurricane belt, for when their other foods are destroyed the Taro lies uninjured below the water.

Europeans in the Pacific often vary their rather monotonous average bill of fare by serving the starchy roots boiled or baked. The following recipes, taken from the *Hawaiian Planters' Monthly*, may stimulate its consumption:—

Poi.—Take the desired amount of Taro flour and mix very thin with cold water, being sure there are no lumps; confine this in a bag or cloth and place in a kettle of cold water and bring the same to boil. Continue for 1½ to 2 hours or until cooked. When done (while warm) beat or stir with a potato masher or stout spoon, adding a little water until the whole is well mixed. Let this stand from 6 to 10 hours, then add water in small quantities, mixing thoroughly until the desired consistency is obtained.

Taro Cakes.—As the cooked flour, as above, is removed from the bag or cloth or after first mixing, shape into cakes and fry or bake as desired.

Poi Cocktails.—After the Poi becomes acid, take two or more tablespoonfuls and stir into a glass of water. This is a desirable form for seasickness, and usually the stomach will retain it when nothing else will remain.

Muffins.—Two cups Taro flour, one egg, well beaten, add the egg to a cup of milk and sufficient yeast to make thick, stir in the flour over night. In the morning add a little soda, place the batter in muffin rings and cook until done.

Rolls.—Add two eggs well beaten to two cups boiled milk, a little yeast, adding a little salt, stir in Taro flour over night. In the morning add soda to sweeten, stir well, then bake in a slow oven till done.

Bread.—This can be made the same as wheat flour, care being taken not to make the batter too thick. Bake in a slow oven.

Pudding.—Two cups of milk, four large spoonfuls of Taro flour, stir well and boil until done. Add one or two well-beaten eggs, stir thoroughly together and bake from 10 to 15 minutes. Eat with milk and sugar or flavoured dressing.

Griddle Cakes.—Take one cup of wheat flour and two cups Taro flour. Mix with sour milk to the consistency of ordinary batter cakes. Add a little soda to counteract acidity of the milk, and fry in plenty of hot fat.

Gems.—Mix same as above, and bake in a hot gem pan.

Captain John Turner, of Lae, New Guinea, who was one of Guinea Airways' pilots, has resigned to join the new Australian aviation company, Ansett Airways Limited.

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From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Nov. 4.

TAHITI once had repute as a refuge of peace for the man harassed by the clatter and din of teacups and galled by the gyves of decorum. There was, indeed, a time when this was true.

In those happy and spacious days, we foregathered about heavily-laden tables at each others houses or we went on picnics to some shadowy valley where the music of brawling water and the roar of a distant waterfall, echoing and re-echoing among the high cliffs of the mountains, made an orchestral background for the strange harmonies of Polynesian voices. There we bathed, and sang, and feasted until the sun was low in the west. And when we came home it was to sleep dreamlessly, to awaken in time to see *Taurua-e-Hiti-Matawai* (the morning star) a flaming jewel in the eastern sky and breathe the wine-like air of *aahita* (before the dawn). It was like living in that golden age, when the world was young.

All that is changed now.

Instead of the chuckling laughter of water among the boulders of its riverbed, our ears are assailed by the bray of saxophones and the bellow of trombones at dances which last until morning. We are deafened by the clatter of tongues and spoons at afternoon teas. We are flogged with scorpions in post-mortems over our errors at the bridge table. And, what is worse, the cool, airy comfort of our customary apparel has been interdicted and we are compelled to suffocate in the grim black of formal dress.

We have battled valiantly for our liberties, but the forces against us are overwhelming. Mrs. Grundy has moved in with all her baggage!

One by one, the weapons to reduce rebellious husbands to the state of quaking jelly-fish have been placed in the hands of our womenfolk. The shackles from which we escaped when we fled our native Suburbia are again riveted on our limbs.

We are told that we ought to be heartily ashamed of our atavistic yearnings, but we are not. It is fear only which keeps us in the paths of rectitude and progress. For we know that if we look back too often, the fate of Lot's wife will overtake us, and we shall end as melancholy pillars of salt in the bleak desert of non-conformity.

Mr. M. M. Brodie, manager in Suva of the Pacific Biscuit Co., and Union Soaps, Ltd., returned to Suva from a business trip to Australia by the *Matua* on October 26.

Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Eastman, London Mission Society workers in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands recently arrived at Beru from Suva, Fiji, by the *John Williams V*, after furlough in England.

DOCTOR FOR SAVU SAVU

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Oct. 22.

FOR some time there has not been a doctor in the Savu Savu district, Fiji, and this has been the subject of many complaints by residents. There was a further outcry recently when the report of the Civil Service Reorganisation Committee announced that it was proposed not to station a doctor there.

Urgent representations were made, however, and the Governor announced at the recent opening of the Leg. Council that a doctor would be stationed shortly in this district, which is a most isolated

Mr. R. G. Whitehead, who recently has been flying in the Mandated Territory with Guinea Airways Ltd., has joined the Chinese Government Air Force. Mr. Whitehead, who is a New Zealander, made a spectacular flight across the Tasman in 1934 in a Puss Moth which had been declared unworthy by the Civil Aviation Board.

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PEARL-DIVING

A Vanished Industry In French Oceania

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Oct. 18.

IN the days when public taste favoured pearl-handled knives, pearl-backed hair brushes, pearl-inlaid pistols, pearl-veneered boxes, and long rows of pearl-buttons on clothing of every description, the lagoons of the Tuamotu atolls in French Oceania were golcondas of wealth.

The diving season opened in July and continued until December. At only one island was diving permitted in any particular year. The Government rigidly conserved the fishing grounds, opening each island lagoon in rotation, from season to season, thereby giving the others time for recovery. No diving machines were allowed—the whole procedure of winning the shell was in the hands of native divers. All shell was the property of the diver who won it, as were any pearls discovered in the pearl oysters.

Before the diving season a pearl island was a lonely ring of coral sand inhabited by, perhaps, 100 or 200 natives. When the season actually opened, a city sprang up. Merchants from Papeete established warehouses filled with every sort of mer-

chandise that appeals to native fancy; pearl-buyers from Europe were at hand to chaffer for any gems of value; there was a cinema theatre there; and most important of all, were the divers, gathered from every island in the Tuamotus. With them were their wives, their children, their sisters, their cousins, and their aunts!

The coming and going of many schooners gave to the lagoon the appearance of a metropolitan harbour.

As diving proceeded very little actual money ever saw the light. The universal currency was pearl-shell; so many mother-of-pearl shells for a meter of dress goods, a tin of salmon, a pair of gold earrings or an admission to the picture show. The wives, sisters, cousins, and aunts of a good diver lived sumptuously and dressed like peacocks. Purple and fine linen were beneath their dignity as social leaders. Silk was the only weave worthy of their patrician eminence, and they had to display a new confection every day to maintain their position.

The end of the season usually found even the most successful diver in debt to the company to which he had engaged himself. This pleased the latter since it bound him to its service for the next diving year. The companies gathered a bounteous harvest. They had received excessively high prices for their merchandise disposed of at the island and they had the shell to bring them another percentage of gain in its marketing.

All this is in the past tense. The vagaries of fashion, the invention of bakelite and many new plastic materials which can be made into buttons and compounded to imitate everything under the sun, have brought to an end the usefulness of mother-of-pearl shell. There has been a revival in the markets for other products of the Islands, but the lagoons of the pearl atolls lie silent, awaiting a new day which may never come.

KAMEHAMEHA'S STATUE ON NEW HAWAIIAN STAMPS

From Our Own Correspondent

HONOLULU, Oct. 27.

COLLECTORS specialising in Pacific Islands stamps will be interested in the official description of the new Hawaii commemorative stamp. The 3-cent Hawaii stamp, first of the territorial series, was issued on October 18.

The description is as follows: "The new stamp, purple in colour, is 0.84 by 1.44 inches in size, arranged vertically, and has been printed in sheets of 50 by the rotary process. The central design is the statue of King Kamehameha I., who first placed the islands under a single sovereignty. This statue stands in front of Iolani Palace in Honolulu. Rays of light as from a rising sun form a background. The title 'Hawaii' appears in white Roman in a horizontal panel with dark ground along the lower edge of the stamp, on which rests a similar but narrower panel containing the inscription 'U.S. Postage' in white Roman lettering. At the centre of the statue's base is a circular panel with dark ground enclosing the denomination designation '3 cents' in white. This panel is bordered at the top and sides by a floral wreath."

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AN ANCIENT TRIBAL DRUM

How It Passed Into The Possession Of a B.S.I. Missionary

THE wooden drum (a hollow tree trunk) shown below is now at the Melanesian Mission's Senior Boys' School at Pawa, on the small island of Ugi, B.S.I. How it became a school drum is interesting.

About 20 years ago Rev Dr C. E. Fox was working with the Melanesian Mission on the island of San Cristobal. While there,



A Solomon Islander beating Dr. Fox's drum at the Melanesian Mission's Pawa School.

he became friendly with the chief of the district, Martin Takibaina. This friendship grew to the extent of exchanging names; which was legally done. So "Charles Fox" became "Martin Takibaina" and vice versa. Of course, with their names went their worldly possessions.

So it was that Dr. Fox (the missionary) inherited *Rebi-ne-henna*, the tribal drum. The drum is more than 200 years old, and was beaten only on special occasions, such as the death of a chief, or the visit of a very important person.

Shortly after the exchange of names "Charles Fox" (the Solomon Islander) died, and his grave is still to be seen at Heuru, inscribed, "Here lies Charles Fox." Not often a man can go and look at his own grave!

Later Dr. Fox was transferred to the Boys' School at Pawa; and when he went over there, *Rebi-ne-henna* went with him. It was a very stiff job getting the drum, which must weigh nearly half a ton, up the hill on which the school stands. Now, the drum which was struck so rarely, is beaten several times every day! It can sometimes be heard even as far distant as Wano, 15 miles away on San Cristobal.

Dr. Fox is now a member of the Melanesian Mission's Brotherhood, and is in charge of a school at Alankaula, Ugi, only a half hour's walk from Pawa, where his big drum rests.

CLOUD-BURST HITS TAHITI

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Oct. 22.

A HEAVY storm struck Tahiti last month and developed into a cloud-burst in the district of Papara, swelling the principal river, Taharuu, into a raging torrent. The bridge over the river was so damaged that traffic was interrupted for several days.

Papara has been particularly unfortunate in that it has been the scene of more than one disaster from floods.

Some years ago one of the streams which drains a circular interior valley and issues thence through a narrow gorge to the coast became dammed, during a period of heavy rainfall, by a great land and rock avalanche. This mass choked the gorge, causing the water to accumulate in the valley until a deep lake was formed. As the valley is far inland, in an uninhabited part of the island, no one on the coast knew what was happening there.

A cloud-burst raised the waters until the pressure broke through the barrier, releasing a wall of water which swept down on to the coast. It carried away

two bridges, and overwhelmed houses and those in them, and left a wilderness of mud and debris that is visible to this day.

Mr. W. D. Hall, Superintendent of Police at Rabaul, whose work during and after the recent eruptions was the subject of much praise by the townspeople, spent part of October in Hong Kong on short furlough.

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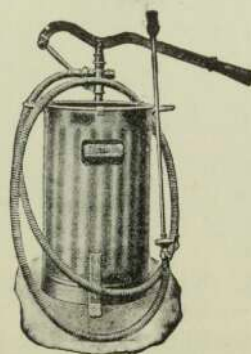
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EXTRACT from a letter from a man who had had a look at the extraordinary judicial system in New Guinea: "I think New Guinea is the only place in the British Empire, or under mandate, where single judges, unaided by a jury, have this power—where one man alone can convict another man in this way and sentence him to death."

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B.S.I. Natives Adrift

From a Special Correspondent

RABAU, Oct. 28.

A SCHOONER from New Ireland recently brought to Rabaul three Solomon Islanders, the survivors of a canoe load of six Ontong Javanese, who had been adrift for nearly a month.

Some time ago 14 natives set out from Ontong Java (Lord Howe) in two canoes for the Tasman Group, about 60 miles to the north. During heavy weather the sails carried away and the canoes were swamped, all food being lost overboard. For over three weeks the natives lived on water caught during rain-storms, though some of the exhausted men drank sea-water and died.

Eventually, one canoe with six survivors sighted Bougainville, the large island some 500 miles west of Ontong Java, and they got ashore near Kieta. The other canoe, with three survivors, landed at Anir Island (off the north coast of New Ireland), from whence they were taken to Namatanai, and later brought here to Rabaul.

TUSITALA'S FRIEND

MEMORIES OF DONAT, STORY-TELLER OF THE TUAMOTUS

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE Nov. 1.

THOSE who have read Robert Louis Stevenson's *In The South Seas* will remember Donat. Donat it was who had charge of the Government House at Fakarava (Tuamotus) when Stevenson in the *Casco* came to the island. It was he who did the honour in the absence of the Administrator; established R.L.S. in comfortable quarters; and became his guide, philosopher and friend during the weeks of his sojourn.

There was a vegetable garden at the Administrator's house, and from it, every morning, Donat took over a supply for the day to R.L.S. Every evening he was a guest at dinner. After dinner the two would sit on the verandah and Donat would tell tales about the Islands—legends, ghost stories, mythology and native lore—while Stevenson sat listening, his eyes shining with interest, until far into the night.

From Donat came most of Stevenson's knowledge of the native mentality and mysticism which give *Island Night's Entertainments* such accuracy and charm. The "Isle of Voices" in that collection is founded on a legend, which still persists in the Gambier Islands of ghostly footprints on a certain beach made by a multitude invisible to the human eye. And, of course, all the ogres, ghosts and demons of *In the South Seas* came from Donat's stories, told at Fakarava.

Donat was an old man when the writer knew him. He was a delightful teller of tales of the old times in the Islands and of the supernatural in native beliefs. The blood of his Polynesian ancestors was strong within him, and he believed the stories he told of spectres, evil carnivorous spirits, and fiery messengers of The Gods of the Night World that lurk in the ruined Marae (temple).

Donat had known most of the distinguished who visited the Islands, for he was learned in French and English, and was an official interpreter and a trusty guide and adviser. But the great adventure of his life was his friendship with Stevenson, which continued until the latter's death. Donat treasured the letters, presents, and souvenirs of his friend as his most valued possessions, and his memory of Stevenson was that mixture of affection and hero-worship that Tusitala inspired in so many who came in close relationship with him.

There are souvenirs yet remaining of R.L.S.'s brief sojourn in French Oceania. The house where he lived at Tautira, on Tahiti, still stands; and the church of that village cherishes a priceless possession the silver Communion pieces Stevenson sent to his friend Oriori, the chief, for presentation to the district chapel.

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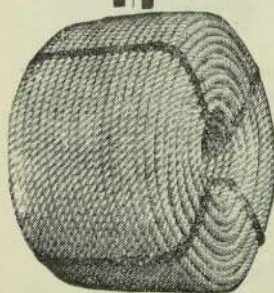
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TYPICAL MINER'S SHACK IN NEW GUINEA

Mr. Adrian Lord at the entrance to his shack on Merri Ck., New Guinea. Note the Heath Robinson spouting system and the biscuit tin tanks. Merri Creek, which runs into Edie Creek, Morobe, was a very rich stream in 1927 and attracted many prospectors, though to-day most of them have migrated to other areas.

—Photo:
Rev. V. H. Sherwin



Suva Becomes a Builder's Paradise

From a Special Correspondent

SUVA, Oct. 27.

THE new Government offices are taking shape and their construction is being rapidly pushed ahead, under the supervision of Mr. W. F. Hedges, O.B.E., F.R.I.B.A. There is also much other building activity in Suva, and the town now represents a builder's paradise.

There are bulk stores being built for Morris, Hedstrom Ltd., concrete premises for Brown and Joske Ltd. and Marlowes Ltd., and a theatre for Messrs. Noerr Brothers. Work has also begun on the new towers for the Roman Catholic Cathedral which will considerably add to its appearance. As Renwick Road is to be widened, Messrs. Morris, Hedstrom are giving consideration to a large building project on the land now occupied by Sturt Ogilvie Limited.

The Bank of New South Wales has plans in progress for up-to-date premises where their old building now stands. The new building will also occupy the land used at present by the Government Pharmacy. This latter office will be moved to a fine concrete building close to the Government Bond, near the Suva wharves.

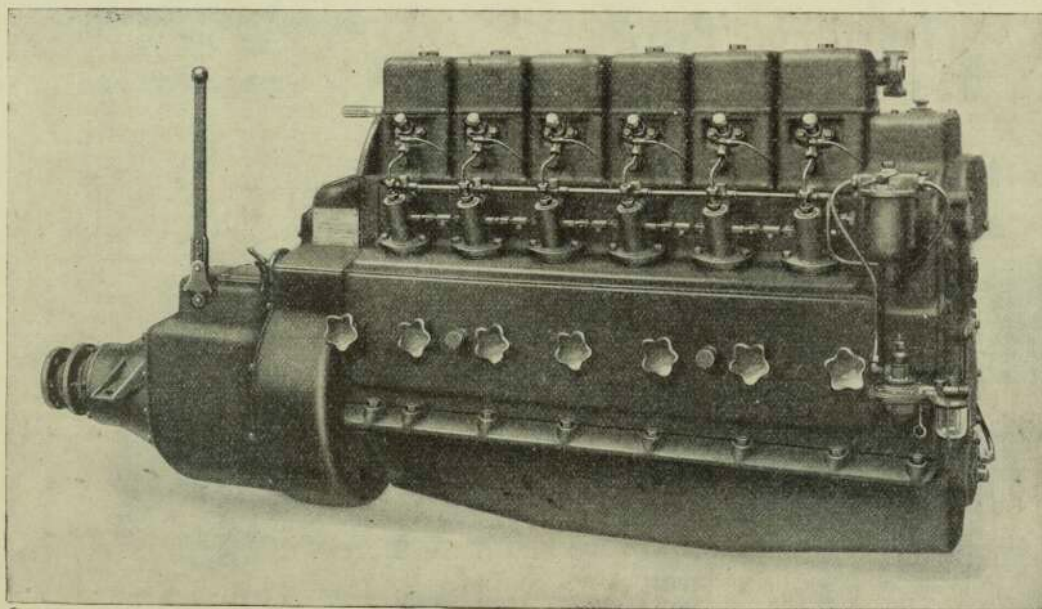
WAU 'DROME BUSY

AS a result of Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd. building their sixth dredge quite close to Wau, the Wau aerodrome at present is more than busy, with all the large Junkers bringing in cargo. At all times this drome is the scene of furious aerial activities but at this stage the roar of planes over the township is never absent. At times the three triple-engined Junkers are waiting at the cranes to be unloaded.

MORE MONEY FOR MISSION WORK

AS a result of the efforts of the Bishop of New Guinea (Rt. Rev. P. N. W. Strong), the Australian Board of Missions grant for work in Papua has been increased by £1,600 to £10,000 per annum; and, to prevent curtailment of the mission work, an effort is being made to get it back to pre-depression figures—namely £12,000 per annum.

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New Baths Opened At Bulolo

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Oct. 25.

ON October 2 Bulolo was *en fete* for the opening of the new swimming baths. Built to Olympic standards, the baths are fed from a fresh-water spring, so that the water is constantly changing and is wonderfully clear and fresh. The baths are lit at night by flood-lights.

It was a gala day for Bulolo, and the 'drome was a continual scene of activity as the 'planes brought guests from all parts of Morobe. Salamaua, Lae, and Wau were represented with strong swimming teams and every event was strongly contested with some exciting finishes.

At night the Social Hall was the scene

of one of the happiest dance functions ever witnessed in Bulolo. Mrs. Joubert, wife of the manager of B.D.G. Ltd., presented the trophies won during the afternoon.

On the Sunday a trip per lorries was arranged for the guests. A tour of the complete workings of B.G.D. was undertaken embracing power-houses, dredges, and settlements.

Mr. Maurice A. Nagel, who had been a member of the N.G. Administration for 13 years, during the latter part of which he was in the Public Health Department, recently died at Namannua Hospital, Rabaul.

Rev. A. C. Hobson will arrive in Fiji in January to join the staff of the Anglican Diocese of Polynesia.

RAY PARER

AUSTRALIAN newspapers recently gave prominence to a reported offer made by Mr. Ray Parer of his services to the Spanish Government. It was asserted that Mr. Parer, who is of Spanish descent, was prepared to go to Spain to fight as an airman in the service of the Spanish Government forces against the Franco (or Fascist) forces.

Later, in October when he was shown the published report, Mr. Parer denied that he had stated he was willing to go to Spain.

Everyone in Papua and New Guinea knows the adventurous Australian airman. He was one of the first free-lances to reach the Morobe goldfield with an aeroplane, in which he carried cargo and passengers at a time when rates were at their peak. He has made many pioneering flights, and his narrow escapes from death are beyond number. The writer thinks he was the first man to fly a plane between Port Moresby and Wau, over some of the ugliest mountains in the world.

This writer was at Mascot, N.S.W., one day more than 15 years ago, and he has a vivid recollection of witnessing the arrival of Ray Parer and Lieut. J. C. McIntosh in a funny little "bus" that literally was tied together with pieces of fencing wire and bootlaces. Heaven knows how long they had taken in their flight from London to Sydney, and how many times they had hit Mother Earth in unpremeditated places — but the fact remains that they actually completed the journey, which was one of the most remarkable in the annals of aviation.—R.

WHO "DISCOVERED" THE UKULELE

From Our Own Correspondent

HONOLULU, Nov. 3.

HERE is something that may settle an old argument.

According to the experts the ukulele isn't Hawaiian. It was brought here by the first Portuguese settlers in 1878—59 years ago. They came all the way from Madeira around Cape Horn in the barque *Priscilla*, thumping and strumming away the weary hours on their podgy instruments, which promptly were dubbed *ukuleles* (jumping fleas) by the musically inclined Hawaiians.

Here in Hawaii, and in recent years on the U.S. mainland, the manufacture of ukuleles and accessories has developed into an important industry. Virtually all popular songs published to-day include ukulele "changes."

On September 29, the exact 59th birthday of the "Hawaiianisation" of the ukulele, the Portuguese colony in Honolulu strummed more than ever, and suggested to the local authorities that September 29 annually should be dubbed Ukulele Day and suitably celebrated along the lines of famed Lei Day and Kamehameha Day, outstanding and colourful Hawaiian holidays.

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WAU — N. GUINEA

HAWAII IS PIVOT OF AMERICAN-PACIFIC DEFENCE PLAN

Explanation of Enormous Fortification Expenditure In North East Pacific

Special to "Pacific Islands Monthly" by JOHN WILLIAMS

HONOLULU, Oct. 20. AGREEING that the Hawaiian Islands form the spearpoint of the defence of America's west coast from Orient aggression, four members of the famous U.S. House of Representatives sub-committee on naval appropriations, controlling 500,000,000 dollars, have completed a three-day inspection of the army and navy defence projects on the island of Oahu, of which Honolulu is the capital.

Here we have the great Pearl Harbour naval base, said to be the most complete and potent in the world, and the greatest concentration of army forces and forts under the American flag.

There is no need to be a guesser about Uncle Sam's intentions in the Pacific. While he is lending a friendly ear to proposals for conferences of the major Pacific Powers, he is, figuratively speaking, oiling his guns and, in fact, adding to them.

It is not by chance that one of these Congressional experts is none other than James G. Scrugham, who is leader of the group. Mr. Scrugham happens to be a former professor of mechanical engineer-

ing of the famed University of Nevada, who has made a special study of anti-aircraft developments since the World War. In the war he had high experience in production. He is acquainted with the delves that too much attention cannot latest confidential improvements and he has focussed on this branch of defence.

BASES FOR AIRBOATS

ANTI-AIRCRAFT defence calls for paved and banked highways, strategically interlocked, and the quicker the roads get there the better and more effective will be the defence.

The idea of fixed forts in the islands is being abandoned for high speed mobile units which must be seen to be believed. Already the south coast of Oahu is heavily defended, but it is separated from the vulnerable north coast by a high range of mountains across which cuts a highway which climaxes in the Pali, famed among tourists for its bold, commanding view. Often the Pali is weather blanketed, and the highway is narrow, dangerous for high speed traffic such as you must have in war.

The solution: Bore a tunnel through under the Pali. Huge cost, maybe some millions of dollars, but what's that in strategy's name?

Where the Pali highway runs down to the sea level of the north coast it happens, by a generous accident of nature, that there is a great coral enclosed lagoon with a channel to the open sea. Ideal base for navy patrol airboats. So such a base is to be built. In the future, therefore, heavily armed airboats will roar out from both coasts to meet the invaders. A two-gun man always takes more watching.

Already, of course, the navy has a super-base for airboats in Pearl Harbour. To make more room still for the many navy airboats that are under construction for the Hawaii defence scheme, still another airboat base is to be built between Pearl Harbour and the city of Honolulu. It is being built in commercial aviation's name, but the navy will crack down and take over in emergencies, as shipping is commandeered.

These, of course, are all millions-of-dollars projects which the Congressional experts are ticking off on their cuffs like the average mortal ticks off his grocery bill.

THE PIVOTAL POINT

YOU will appreciate what is happening if you now take a map of the Pacific and look for the following dots north of the equator. Take Wake Island, now an American transpacific airline stop on the way to the Orient. It is being converted into a great navy airboat base. So is Midway Island, another "commercial" air

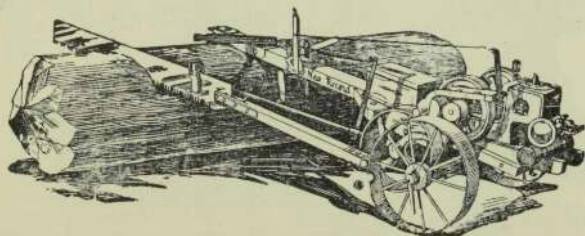
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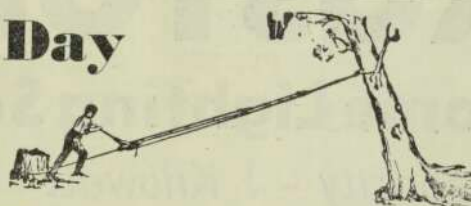
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stop 1,000 miles or so north-east of Wake. Then between Midway and the Hawaiian Islands look for the French Frigate Shoal. There's another navy airboat base. And, again, south of French Frigate, 1,000 miles or so, lies tiny Johnston Island, which has more airboat facilities than the best base in Australia!

Join up all these points and you will note how nicely they fit in with the Hawaiian scheme, very easy flights for even the present navy equipment. (The best airboats to-day have ranges of 6,000 miles, fully loaded, in average flying weather.) In other words, an airboat to-day, fully loaded with bombs and guns, could fly from Wake Island to Tokio and return with comparative ease!

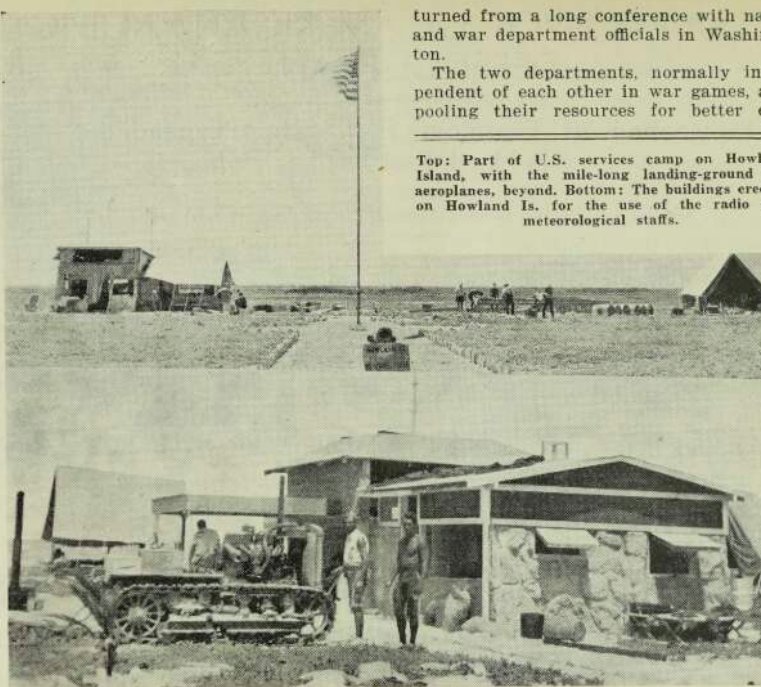
Now, keeping the map before you, draw lines from Hawaii up to Alaska, then across from Hawaii to California, to Seattle, San Francisco, San Pedro, San Diego, and down to Panama. All these points are heavily defended, heavily based with war materials and, as each month rolls by, they are being better equipped with the latest airboats and anti-aircraft guns.

To-day, the commander-in-chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet announced that between all these points, next March and April, some 170 warships and over 600 war planes will test each other's defensive and striking powers. Announcement of these unprecedented war games was made after Admiral Arthur J. Hepburn re-

turned from a long conference with navy and war department officials in Washington.

The two departments, normally independent of each other in war games, are pooling their resources for better effi-

Top: Part of U.S. services camp on Howland Island, with the mile-long landing-ground for aeroplanes, beyond. Bottom: The buildings erected on Howland Is. for the use of the radio and meteorological staffs.



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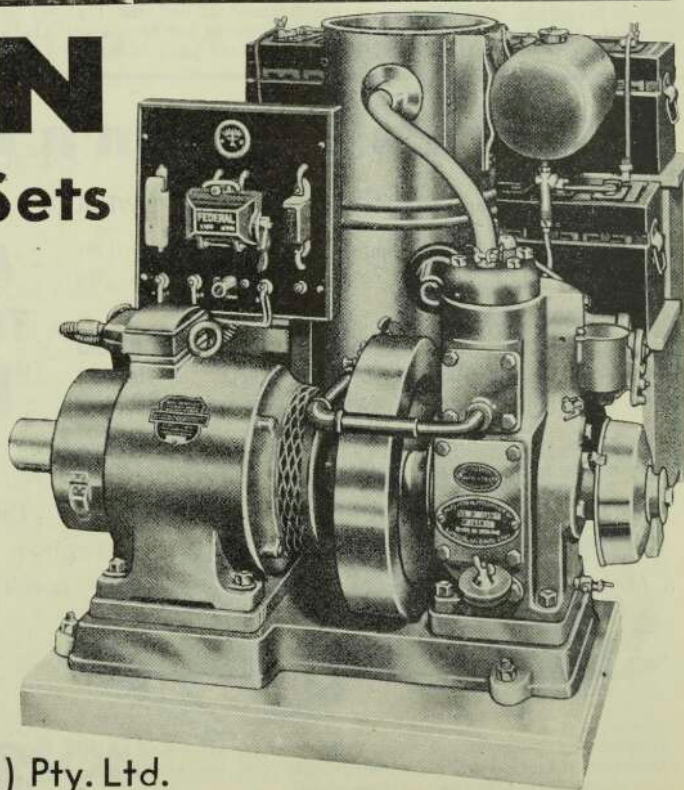
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ciency in the Pacific scheme. The Government is determined to make the Hawaiian Islands with Oahu as the centre, absolutely impregnable. The present Sino-Japanese war has driven home the urgency of developing the plan.

At present Hawaii is capable of withstanding indefinitely or repelling an attack by a battle force of any second-class navy, or approximately half the British or Japanese battle fleets, it is claimed.

However, Washington adds, it is not conceivable that any power at present would divert enough warships from home waters and along vital trade arteries to threaten Hawaii. At the same time, all the army and navy forces in Hawaii are to be forthwith improved beyond present conceptions because, so Washington declares, no risks can be taken with nations in aggressive moods.

Outstanding project already under way is the army's vast Hickam Field, which is to be the world's greatest military aerodrome. Military planes already are using it. When it is completed, America then will possess the three largest Pacific defence units: the greatest concentration of army units; the greatest navy base; the greatest warplane field. Developments at Pearl Harbour are making way for a 10,000,000 dollar floating dock which will supplement the great repair facilities already working full blast in overhauls for the U.S. Pacific battle fleet.

Strategists are agreed that an army walks on its stomach; so, to facilitate the unloading of supplies for the army and navy forces, the Government is going to erect a new 1,000,000 dollar army pier and warehouse near Honolulu so that the services will be independent of the privately owned freighters, which now bring most of the supplies to the islands.

NO STATEHOOD FOR HAWAII

MORE directly concerning the 400,000 residents of the Hawaiian Islands, however, is the fact that another Washington Congressional committee at present is investigating Hawaii's application to become the 49th State of the U.S. Union. At present, Hawaii is a U.S. Territory, which means that Washington appoints the governor and has other controls over Hawaii that Washington has not over each State.

Hawaii's population to-day is an unknown quantity. That is to say, 150,000 of the 400,000 are Japanese; only 70,000 are white (half these belong to the army and navy services); and the balance is composed of Chinese, Filipino and other Orient-blooded races. Will these people be loyal to Uncle Sam in the event of a crisis?

From an economic point of view, Hawaii produces sugar and pineapples, but the great wealth from these is diverted into a few hands, which, indeed, control a monopoly of every vital business and public utility in the islands. Actually, Hawaii's economic life is not vital to the great American mainland's destiny. For example, Hawaii's sugar crop is only three per cent of the total world's output. This comparatively small crop could be grown on the U.S. mainland, where both cane and beet sugar is grown extensively.

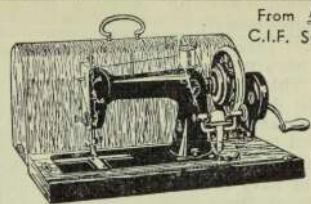
The business interests of Hawaii want Hawaii to be the 49th State because, then, Washington control of the political and social aspects of the islands would be lessened, and thus more power would come to the hands of the sugar barons.

Washington, however, regards the islands purely and simply as the keystone of the U.S. defence scheme in the Pacific. Some 126,000,000 Americans are paying for Hawaii's defence upkeep. Since 1900, when Hawaii became a U.S. Territory, Uncle Sam has spent more than 800,000,000 dollars in Federal projects alone in Hawaii, and annually he pays out some 32,000,000 in Federal pay for the army, navy and other services. Moreover, great amounts, as for Hickam Field (18,000,000 dollars), are being paid into Hawaii all the time.

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vitality concerned with whatever transpires about Hawaii.

Already, previous Washington investigations have turned down Statehood for Hawaii. This present committee undoubtedly will do the same. At least, this is what the various members of it say off the record to newspaper reporters.

It is obvious, of course, that the U.S. army and navy are the stumbling block to Statehood. These experts are concerned with the future welfare of the American race, of the widespread American defence scheme in the Pacific which pivots directly control Hawaii.

Mr. Frederick Quintal, of Norfolk Island, married Miss Doris Lee at St. Earnabas' Chapel, N.I., on October 7.

BASTILLE DAY IN TAHITI

Old-time Native Songs and Dances Revived For Colourful July 14 Celebrations

By "TENARUNGA"

BASTILLE DAY, for Tahitians, centres mainly about the grassy square at Papeete, bearing the ancient name, Tarahoi. It is there the singing and dancing contests have been staged since the observance of Bastille Day was instituted in the Islands.

Long before that time, indeed, in the days of the Pomare dynasty, Tarahoi was the scene of royal celebrations, when

high chiefs from near and far came with their retinues of singers and dancers and orators to pay honour to their sovereign; for it was then part of the palace grounds.

The stately ceremonies of July 14 at Government House, at the Cenotaph, at the saluting of the flag, are the office of the Governor, assisted by his magistrates, military, and naval officers and native high chiefs. They are solemn and impressive. The populace, viewing in reverent silence, are spectators. The celebrations at Tarahoi, on the contrary, are spontaneous, joyous; a festival tribute by the native people to the great National Day.

Weeks before the event, the distant boom of drums echoing among the hills and the faint sound of singing voices through the quiet of the night are the first heralds of the coming fete. The district singing and dancing companies are preparing.

This is the signal for the beginning of many other activities: The assembling and fashioning of materials for costumes of the olden time—derived from the inner bark of the *Purao* tree, the bamboo, the *acho* reed, and the heart of the young coconut tree. The last, the source of the beautiful, snow-white tenuous tissue named *revareva*, is used to adorn the garlands of our native women. In every household sewing machines are humming and feminine fingers are weaving intricate plaits; for everyone must have bright, new dresses and a fresh *acho* hat to wear on fete days.

About Tarahoi, carpenters have erected an ample theatre of benches for spectators. The road leading to the beach is flanked by booths, their up-rights swathed in plaited coconut fronds. On the Beach Road itself are other booths—larger in size, having floors for dancing and wide spaces for tables—all decorated within and without by festoons of tropical greenery.

At the quay is moored a handsome cruiser of the French navy, gleaming white and gay with multicoloured bunting; and generally in the harbour is one of the British warships—a welcome guest at this greatest of all days.

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On July 13, the drums move to Papeete. All day the delegations from the outer districts arrive. Flag-bearers and drums in the lead, they march through the streets to their quarters in the town. At evening is the first great event. Every point which overlooks

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Tarahoi is packed with people. The sound of drums is all about, and their rhythm intensifies the excitement quivering in the air. Presently the name of a district is called and its *himene* company marches into the square. All are dressed in white—the women crowned with white garlands and fluttering plumes of revareva. When they are seated in concentric half-circles on the green lawn the voice of the leader sounds the pitch and the chorus sings a short invocation to the Metua (mother)—France. A pause. Again the voice of the leader; then the full chorus wearing the polyphonic fabric of the gorgeous old music of the Islands.

The words are an ancient legend of the district, in the almost-forgotten old tongue. The committee of judges awards the prizes in accordance with the excellence of the poetry, as well as the quality of the singing.

The voices die away. A moment of silence; then a roar of applause. If the singing has been particularly good there are cries of Tapiti! Tapiti! (Encore! Encore!). But time and the number of

contestants do not permit encores. The name of another district is called and an *otea* (dance) company enters the arena. They are dressed in costumes of the ancient times, fashioned by *more* (the inner bark of the *purao*) dyed a golden colour, and ornaments with red rosettes. Their head coverings, of the same material, are crowns of nodding plumes. It is a fine sight, as those handsome, picturesque figures stand in perfect alignment to salute the Governor.

"*Tavana rahi, ia ora na*," shouts the leader. The drums roar. A salute to the Committee. Again the drums. A third salutation to the assembly. Then the dance begins with graceful bodies swaying in rhythm, weaving and interweaving in patterns of ever-changing form.

Suddenly the drums cease. There is the sound of low-toned instruments. The dancers have formed a circle, crouching and beating the ground with the palms of their hands in a strange rhythm. It is the *paoa*—one of the most ancient dances of old Tahiti. The leader springs within the circle, chanting a rapid measure timed to the beating, while a graceful girl sways in the ori dance beside him.

The crowds cheer—"Tapiti, Tapiti." This time an encore is allowed. But there are other companies waiting and again comes the call for another district *himene*. A new choir files in upon the lawn, and so district follows district, until the last has finished.

This year's display was the finest and most spectacular Bastille Day celebration in many years. It was conceived and carried out by the natives themselves to do honour to the new Governor, Monsieur de Gery. The other features of the 1937 fete—the horse-races, the water sports, the joyous parties in the refreshment booths, the balls, the dinners, etc., were mere appendages. The real thing was Tarahoi, for it is the celebrations at Tarahoi which make Bastille Day Fete at Tahiti unique in all the world.



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To the friends and the scenes I've left behind?
Will I ever forget the tall pine trees
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(Master Pinney has gone to school in Sydney, after 51 years on beautiful Norfolk Island, where his father was Administrator. His verses may have faults of metre and scansion, but they contain real poetry. His mother, both as Miss Murray and Mrs. Pinney, has written poetry of considerable merit.—Ed., P.I.M.)

DRIVING ON RABAUH HARBOUR



Portion of Rabaul Harbour, New Britain, is now a bed of solid pumice, feet deep, following the volcanic eruptions earlier in the year. Motor-cars are shown being driven across the "sea" on their way to the Mother crater. Recently this pumice road has been torn by torrential rains, which have cut large gullies, so that cars can no longer cross with safety.

—Photo: Mrs. S. Chinnery

NEW BOOK ON N.G.

IT was announced in London in October that Messrs. Hurst, Blackett have published *The Land That Time Forgot*, by Michael Leahy and Maurice Crain, telling the story of the Leahy Brothers' adventures and discoveries in New Guinea.

This should be one of the best books of the kind published in years. No men, since 1914, have done more real exploration work in New Guinea than Mick, Jim, and Dan Leahy. They were gold-seeking, always, but also they happen to be men endowed with the gift of intelligent observation, and ability to properly describe what they see. They, associated with two or three young men of the New Guinea administration, are the real discoverers of the magnificent tablelands of Central New Guinea, which are destined to be at least as important economically as the fertile inland regions of Java and Ceylon. The adventures of the Leahy Brothers, between 1925 and 1935, would fill half a dozen books.

Mr. F. A. Bensted, Patrol Officer in the Papuan Administration, was in Australia during November on sick leave.

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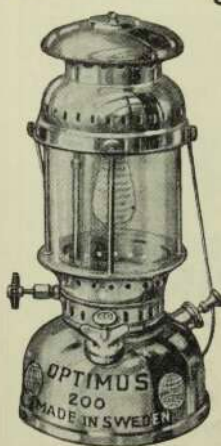
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TONGAN MISSIONARIES

From Our Own Correspondent
 NUKUALOFA, Oct. 20.

TWO young Tongans, Jione Afu and Isikeli Hau'ofa, ex-students of the Methodist Theological School at Nafualu, are on their way with their wives to Sydney, whence they will proceed, one to New Guinea and the other to the Solomons, where they will be engaged as missionaries by the Methodist Mission.

Another young Tongan missionary, Meleke Fonua, accompanied by his wife, left here in the early part of the year to join the Methodist Mission at New Guinea, where he is reported to be

giving excellent service. There are also others who hope to go out and work in these missionary fields in the near future.

It is pleasing to see these young people aspire to the high examples of "service for others" set by the great Tongan missionaries of the past, like Jioeli Bulu, of Fiji, and Semisi Nau, of Lua-Niua (Ong-tong Java), who, by their unswerving zeal and devotion to duty, have set the hall-mark of fame on their names, but gained the admiration of all Christians.

Mr. D. W. Amos, manager of the Pacific Insurance Co., at Suva, left for Melbourne by the Mariposa on October 26. He was accompanied by Mrs. Amos.

Fiji Indians Are Keen Footballers

From a Special Correspondent

SUVA, Oct. 24.

DURING recent years there has been a remarkable growth in sporting activities, especially football, among Indian youths in Fiji. This is due, more or less, to the Indian Reform League, the oldest of the social and sporting societies here.

The local football season, which has a large following, ended in September, and it has been decided to run an inter-district Soccer competition next year. For this purpose, Mr. A. S. Farebrother, who has done a great deal for the advancement of Indian football, has promised to donate a trophy, to be known as the "Farebrother-Lloyd Cup." Recently, when he was presenting the prizes won last season, Sir Arthur Richards (Governor of Fiji) said he, too, would give a cup for competition next year among the Indian teams.

It is hoped that with further trophies and interest shown by the people, football will continue to be one of the most important sports amongst the Indian community. The Indian Football Association is fortunate in possessing the services of such keen sportsmen as Messrs. Dwarka Singh, A. W. James, W. M. Gay and J. Amputch, in addition to the hard-working secretary, Mr. S. Pratap.

LAZY CRUISE THROUGH SOUTH SEAS

From Our Own Correspondent

HONOLULU, Oct. 29.

WITH the intention of lazily cruising through the South Seas, thus fulfilling the usual cherished dream, Mr. and Mrs. Northrup H. Castle, a young Honolulu couple, are themselves building a 30-ft. double-ended cruising ketch right on the beach from which they will launch it.

Named *Hulihee* (Wriggling Octopus), the ketch's hull is "typhoon proof" and planked with *apitong*, a Philippine wood saturated with camphor, which resists the attacks of teredos. The two-masted design is based on one developed by famed John G. Hanna, of Florida, who successfully sailed through a typhoon on a voyage to Tahiti via Panama. The *Hulihee* will be 10-ft. wide and draw 4½-ft. of water. For popping into lagoons and through narrow channels, the ketch will be equipped with a 25 h.p. gasoline engine.

Mr. Castle, who has taught navigation at Hawaii University, and holds a master's unlimited certificate for sail, steam, and motor-vessels, became known to Australia and New Zealand in 1935 when he sailed 3,000 miles through western Hawaiian islands in search of the late C. T. P. Ulm, the Australian airman who was lost when flying near Hawaii.

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Mr. Ivan Champion Flies To Lake Kutubu

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Nov. 3. GUINEA Airways' seaplane arrived at Kikori on October 20 to transport the personnel and stores to Lake Kutubu (the large newly-discovered lake in the interior of the Western Division) where the Government is establishing a Police Camp in charge of Mr. Ivan Champion and Mr. C. T. J. Adamson.

After an attempt which failed owing to damaged floats, the plane made three successful flights, landing Ivan Champion and several policemen and stores. Owing to the heavy currents in the Kikori River and floating debris, the plane has since been damaged, and it is understood that the remaining members of the party will proceed overland in the charge of Patrol Officer Adamson.

Patrol Officer G. Anderson, who has been stationed at Kutubu for the time being, awaiting the arrival of the Champion party, has returned by plane. He will accompany Mr. Adamson along the route from Kikori to the Lake, having already made this journey earlier in the year under Mr. Claude Champion, when they reached the district by way of the Mubi River.

It is understood that the new Police Camp will comprise, besides Messrs. Champion and Adamson, 10 Armed Native Constables and 30 native carriers. The party will be provided with 12 months' stores.

"NGATAKI" RETURNS TO TONGA

From Our Own Correspondent

NUKUALOFA, Nov. 3. THE New Zealand yachtsman, Mr. J. W. Wray, arrived here with three companions, Messrs. D. Powell, E. Thompson, and Torrence, on his 16-ton yacht *Ngataki*, on October 11, 21 days after leaving Auckland. The party spent three days at Sunday Island. The trip was uneventful except that very rough weather was experienced, especially at the first stage from N.Z. to Sunday Is. They intend to spend some time cruising among the islands of the Vavau and Haapai Groups before leaving Tonga in December.

Mr. Wray was married to Salote, a young half-caste girl, when he was here on the *Ngataki* last December, and the young couple left to make their home in Auckland.

Rev. Dr. James Hannan, of Melbourne, has been appointed National Director of Pontifical Mission Aid in the South Seas by the Vatican. Dr. Hannan will control, directly under the jurisdiction of the Apostolic Delegate (Archbishop Panico), all South Seas activities of the Superior Council of the Propagation of the Faith.

A PERFECT ONE-MAN CANOE

From Our Own Correspondent

HONOLULU, Nov. 9. NOW standing in the famed Polynesian Hall of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, is a *paopao* (small outrigger canoe) from Niue (lying south of Samoa and east of Tonga) which proves that the natives of old knew something about what white men call streamlining.

This exhibit is cigar-shaped, pointed to both ends, and with a trim outrigger. It was made by a colony of natives who went to American Samoa from Niue, taking their own culture which is somewhat different to that of the Samoans. The canoe is perfect for one man. It is less than 16ft. long and only a foot wide, quite seaworthy and sufficient for fishing in open sea. The hull appears to be hollowed from breadfruit wood. Mr. E. H. Bryan, the Museum's curator of collections, thinks.

VON LUCKNER EXPECTED AT TAHITI

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Nov. 1. IT is announced that Captain Graf von Luckner, commander of the German raider, *Seeadler*, which was wrecked on the atoll of Mopiha in the Society Islands in 1917, will arrive at Tahiti on board his yacht *Sectceufel* some time in November.

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From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Oct. 29.
EXCELLENT progress is being made with the construction of the new road between Suva and Sigatoka. The road is now well past Navua, and only eight or ten miles remain to be completed. Then it will be possible to motor right round the great island of Viti Levu. The new highway, which will open up many beautiful beaches hitherto inaccessible

to the public, will have good grades and easy curves. It will be shorter than the northern route from Suva to Lautoka, and it is thought that scenically it will be more attractive.

Mr. A. Ousey, licensee of the Sigatoka Hotel, has got in early and secured a property with a good beach frontage, about five miles from the hotel, and there erected several "batches" and *bures* for letting to visitors. St. Anne's on Sea, as the camp is called, should prove popular with week-end parties from Suva.

Apocryphos of roads it is interesting to note that the northern road, round from Suva, via Tavua and Ba to Lautoka, and on through Nadi to Sigatoka, is generally in good condition at present, and is being well maintained.

FIJI'S EDUCATION PROBLEMS

Now Before a Special Committee

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, October 29.
LAST year, Mr. A. I. Mayhew, C.M.G., C.I.E., Joint Secretary to the Advisory Committee on Education in the Colonies, visited Fiji and made an investigation of the educational system in vogue here. His report, a lengthy and interesting document, was considered and adopted in principle at the last meeting of the Legislative Council.

The report urged the need for the provision of educational facilities for those of mixed descent, especially in the isolated areas of Vanua Levu, and also dealt at some length with the education of Indians and Fijians, suggesting among other things a technical training centre for Indians.

The report was presented by the Director of Education, Hon. J. Russell, who outlined a proposed four year plan of expansion, providing for progressive increases and improvements to the educational system each year.

Some of the proposals came in for a good deal of criticism from Indian members of the Council, who contended that not enough was being done for their community—rather a common complaint with these members throughout the session of the Council, whatever was being discussed.

At the conclusion of the debate, when the report was adopted in principle, it was referred to a Select Committee comprised of the Director of Education (Chairman), the Secretary for Indian Affairs, Dr. V. W. T. McGusty, Hon. H. King Irving, Hon. Ratu George Tuisawau, Hon. Vishnu Deo, and Hon. K. B. Singh.

That is one direction at least in which the Indian members cannot complain. They have two of their own race and the Secretary for Indian Affairs on a committee of six.

FIJIAN NAMES

Simpler Government Spelling Creates New Difficulties

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, October 29.
EVER since the Fiji Government, despite spirited opposition, decided to use a so-called phonetic system of spelling Fijian names, instead of the time-honoured alphabet of the early missionaries (which was devised to meet the needs of certain peculiar consonants in the language), there has been much intermittent criticism. There were many expressions of satisfaction when, at its last meeting, the Legislative Council decided that the old style should be reverted to for all official documents,

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with the exception of maps and communications with other Governments, and bodies and associations outside the Colony.

It also decided that the true Fijian orthography should be used, in all cases, in the spelling of all Fijian proper names.

Briefly, the principal catches in the old missionary-made orthography, which trip visitors, but to which they soon become accustomed, are:

C represents the sound th, as in Cakobau;

B is pronounced mb, as in Labasa (Lambasa);

D is pronounced nd, as in Nadi, pronounced Nandi;

Q represents the peculiarly Fijian sound ngg, as in Beqa—which under the so-called phonetic system was spelt Mbengga, a much more awkward looking combination than the simple Beqa.

The Fijians definitely prefer the old-style orthography, for that is what they have been educated to. A Fijian, seeing a word spelt in the phonetic style, finds difficulty in pronouncing it, as he is inclined to give the values, which he knows and understands, to each letter in the word.

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TAVUA'S TWO RICH MINES



Upper: Loloma mine, Tavua, Fiji, which is now in production.

Below: Emperor mine, Tavua, showing open cut on right. The power-house is on the skyline. Construction of additional mill and other buildings is proceeding favourably.
—Photos: T. Costello.

NEW R.A. AT ATIU, COOK IS.

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, Oct. 15.

MR. DAVID BROWN, whose resignation as manager of Messrs. W. H. Grove and Son came as a surprise last month, is leaving with Mrs. Brown, on furlough, but he will be returning very soon to take up his appointment as Resident Agent in Atiu, whither he will be accompanied by the good wishes of

the whole community. The Administration is to be congratulated on having obtained the services of a man so well-qualified for a post which, under the new Fruit Control Regulations, is no sinecure.

Mr. Henry Dexter, formerly of Milne Bay, Eastern Papua, sailed for England from Sydney by the Moldavia on November 13. He had been residing in Sydney for about a year.



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LAST LINK WITH OLD SAMOA

Death of 90-years-old High Chief Tuimalealiifano

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Nov. 4.

THE last prominent High Chief of the old Samoa of last century, Tuiaana Tuimalealiifano, who was one of the two *Fautuas* (Advisers) to the Administration, died peacefully in Apia Hospital on October 14, aged 90. For some time, he had been ailing, though recently he had attended meetings and dealt with busi-

ness connected with his high office as *Fautua*.

When Robert Louis Stevenson came to Samoa in 1890, Tui, as the High Chief was familiarly known, was one of his best and staunchest friends and admirers. The accompanying photograph, which is widely known, shows him alongside the famous writer.



High Chief Tuimalealiifano, with R. L. Stevenson, the celebrated author.

Tuimalealiifano was born about 1847. The correct date is uncertain—at the beginning of this year he celebrated his "100th birthday" by distributing, in the Samoan fashion, fine mats to his family and friends, thus preparing for his approaching end. A son of High Chief Tuiaana Sualauvi, he was related by his descent to the Samoan royal houses of Malietoa and Tupua. His father died in 1871, and Tui succeeded to his title. In 1889, he was made *Kovana Aana* (District Governor of Aana) by the Samoan Government.

In 1909, under the German Administration, Tui joined Mataafa's followers, disclaiming any connection with the agitation of Lauati against the German Government. In 1915, after the New Zealand occupation, the *Fautua*, Tamasese Tupua, died, and Tui was appointed as his successor. During the height of the Mau trouble, in April, 1928, Tui joined the Mau movement and, in consequence, was deprived of the office of *Fautua*, being succeeded by High Chief Mataafa Salanoa Muliufi. After the death of Mataafa last year and the visit of the "Goodwill" Mission, Tui was re-appointed *Fautua*.

Tuimalealiifano's funeral took place at Mulinu, burial place of the former Samoan kings. A large gathering of Europeans and Samoans assembled to pay their respects to the late High Chief, the last link with the old Samoa of history. Among the mourners were the Acting Administrator (Mr. A. C. Turnbull), the

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Chief Judge (Mr. S. Morling), the Native Secretary (Mr. C. G. R. McKay) and other leading officials. Other prominent figures were Hon. Malietoa Tanu, O.B.E., High Chief Tamasese, Mr. O. F. Nelson, and the *Faipule* (members of the Samoan Parliament).

Rev. Phillips, of the London Missionary Society, officiated at the graveside, and he was assisted by Rev. H. S. Perkins and Rev. G. Stallan. Speeches were delivered by the Acting Administrator (who gave an outline of the Chief's life), Mr. O. F. Nelson, Rev. Perkins, and others.

OLD FIJI RESIDENTS

DEATH OF MR. JOHN LINN HUNT

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Oct. 29.
THE death occurred at Koroniya, Rewa, Fiji, recently of Mr. John Linn Hunt, an old and respected resident of the Rewa district, after a lengthy illness.

Born at Kandy, Ceylon, 69 years ago, Mr. Hunt was educated in Edinburgh and came to Fiji in 1885. He joined the old Rewa Sugar Company, and became manager. When it ceased, he acquired the company's freehold at Koroniya, and continued to cultivate sugar cane for the Nausori mill. When cane became unprofitable for Europeans, he grew bananas, and later became interested in cattle and dairying. He was a director of the Rewa Co-operative Dairy Co., and a valued member of the Fiji Show executive. He leaves a widow, one son and two daughters.

MR. A. B. BREWSTER

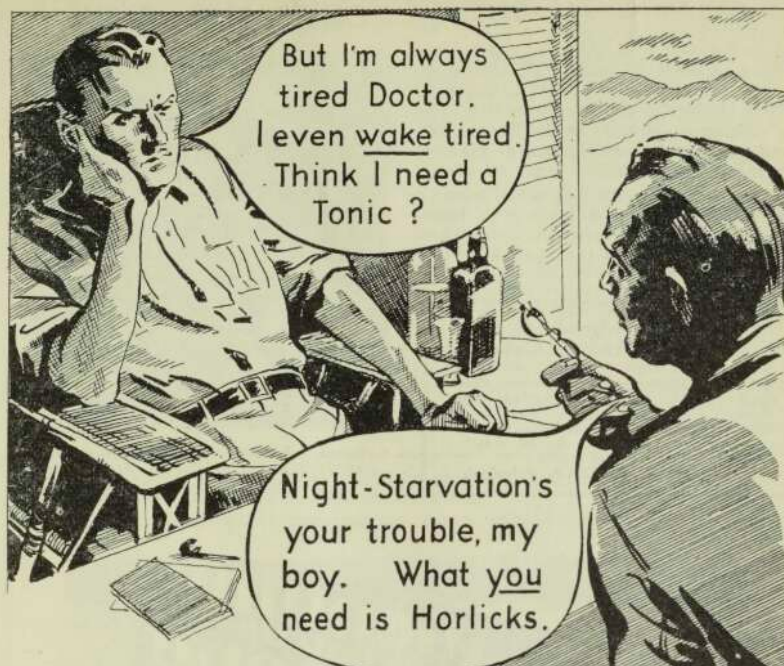
Word has been received of the death in England of Mr. A. B. Brewster, eldest son of the late Paul Joske, and a very well known resident of Fiji in the early days. For many years Mr. Brewster was associated with his father's business, and he then entered the Civil Service. He was for a long time Governor's Commissioner, stationed at Nadarivatu. He changed his name to Brewster by deed poll. He leaves a widow.

MR. J. H. WILLIAMS

The death occurred in London early in October of Mr. John H. Williams, who was engineer in charge of the construction of the Rewa Bridge in Fiji, completed early this year.

Mr. Williams, who had made many friends in Fiji, had an early link with the Colony, being a distant relation of the late Thomas Williams, one of the early missionaries. He had built bridges in China and Africa. He won the respect and confidence of all his workmen—especially the Fijians, when they learned of his connection with the missionary of the early days.

Mr. Henry Stephenson Edgar, ex-Deputy Administrator of Norfolk Is., died at Norfolk Is. on October 31. Mr. Edgar retired some time ago from the office of Inspector in the Commonwealth Postal Department, and had lived in retirement on N.I. since 1923.



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WANDERING JAPANESE

From Our Own Correspondent

NUKUALOFA, Oct. 20.

THE steamer *Caroline Maru*, the first Japanese ship to visit Tonga, arrived at Nukualofa on September 21, and left the following day.

There were 13 Japanese male passengers on board, who, according to their own story, have chartered the vessel "for a leisure trip among the islands of the South Pacific."

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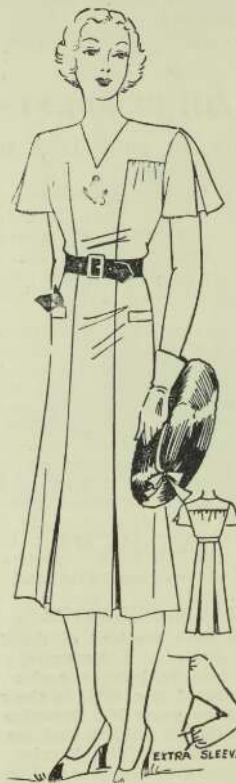
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A woman and child of the Benna Benna (newly-discovered region in Central New Guinea).
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FEAST OF WHALE MEAT

From Our Own Correspondent

NUKUALOFA, Oct. 20.

THE Cook boys (half-caste sons of the old whaler, Mr. Cook) caught a big whale close to Nukualofa, on the afternoon of October 15. The whale was brought to the wharf, where it was cut up for sale the following morning.

Motor lorries, weighed to their full loading capacity with whale meat, were despatched post-haste to the outlying villages, where the meat was purchased eagerly by the Tongans. Whale meat is not altogether unpalatable, and when cooked in the native ground ovens it lasts for days.

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Fashion Hints for Islands Women

By Therese

CLOTHES to-day are as attractive as they are practicable, and every hour the clock round presents clothes that have been designed with attention to the minutest detail.

A pocket pops up unexpectedly from the yoke of a silk linen shirtmaker of corn yellow. Its stitched neck-line stands high or turns back to form revers. A brown handkerchief peeps from out the pocket, and brown accessories further ensure its success.

The skirt of a clover pink linen has a snugly fitting hip line and swings wide at the hem. The turn back flaps of the extended shoulder lines are stitched and restitched to match the revers on the two pocket bodice. Hazel coloured pig-skin accessories heavily stitched with white go to the making of gloves, belt and bag, the belt being fittingly clasped with a boar's head.

Short sleeves and no sleeves at all are among fashion's mandates. With them go the briefest of gloves, though here and there the long three-quarter gloves battle gallantly for recognition. Gloves are gay again; short bits of things in suede fabric that look almost the real thing—and handstitched of course; navy with white, white with black, yellow with brown, and so on.

Printed silks and sheers grace any occasion and make lovely floral afternoon frocks. A long panel of printed crepe runs down the front of a navy dress of simple cut. The bodice has extended shoulders and short sleeves.

Flowers of blue and pink pattern the pale blue crepe gown, the bodice of which is gathered to fulness. A twisted taffeta sash of the two colours swathes the waist and ties in front with ends reaching almost to the hem of the skirt. A large shady hat of blue rough straw tops an ensemble of charm.

Cretonne frocks are on the horizon, and with the lovely patterns offering this is scarcely to be wondered at. Flower prints and unusual colour designs pattern them. Seersuckers in gay checks and stripes are ideal for spectator sports frocks and have marvellous washing propensities. Belt and buttons repeat the predominating colour note of the material, and black and white shoes are always a safe bet.

Here and there zipp fasteners take the place of buttons; but zippis with a difference—coloured ones with betasselled ends that are an adornment to any frock. Buttons are quaint and more amusing than ever. The witch stirs her cauldron and out pop black cats, white cats, yellow cats, rabbits, fish, flesh and fowl—and even the witch herself with broomstick complete designs to trim our frocks.

WITH summer well on the calendar, beach clothes claim attention. Swim suits have reached the zenith of perfection. Figure-moulding and brief, they are evolved in rubber, lastex, wool and cotton. The cotton suits are demure and full of charm. There is about them a faintly reminiscent air of the Edwardian,

but they have been so cleverly adapted to modern needs.

Beach wraps run the gauntlet of every fashion and are fashioned from materials of endless variety. Hooded wraps, coat wraps, capes, short, long or medium, and the enveloping burnouse, all find popularity. Peasant handkerchiefs, play suits and toeless sandals march their way to success. Slacks are worn occasionally, but man-tailored slacks that have no kinship with the badly cut garments of earlier days. Shorts there are in plenty, worn with gaily-coloured shirts, and the most useful culotte, adroitly tailored in plaid gingham, is the discriminating choice of the older woman.

EVENING gowns are delightful, and show a wide variety of period styles—the flattering line of the Empire mode; the fluid line of pure classicism; Directoire, Victorian, Edwardian, each and every one is delightful. Lovely sheer chiffon in a riot of stripes—royal purple, emerald, orange yellow and cobalt blue—swirls out in a wide circular skirt over a taffeta foundation. The cross-over bodice, low at the back, moderately high at the front, ties on the shoulders in flat bows.

Pastel tinted taffetas with dark bands on the skirt repeating the colour note of the jaunty little bolero offer infinite possibilities in colour schemes. A Hydrangea chiffon of soft blues and pinks, holds the essence of romance in its floating fulness. A huge cluster of violets, mauve and purple, are thrust in at the waist. An empire gown in modified form

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A symphony in blue and silver is the heavy frock of satin, with flaring fullness from the hips, and a huge cluster of stephanotis tucked in the low décolletage.

Evening details are important. Tur-

banned heads are the rage, the turbans being made of every conceivable thing. Two and even three colour schemes are brought into their making. Tulle veils held in place by clusters of flowers adorn the head, and Spanish mantillas add their quota to romance. Evening bags are useful and lovely. They are made in all shapes and sizes, and are a fitting accompaniment to this season's delightful frocks. Shoe styles are varied, the wrap round style being something new on fashion's horizon. The sandal in gold and silver retains its popularity, and the court is always correct. Long gloves for evening are the *dernier cri*, and are worn for all formal occasions. Large chiffon handkerchiefs with the owner's initials worked in gold are airy charming possessions, and floating scarves oust coats from their favoured place.

THE MAGISTRATE'S "IF"

(A resident of Papua writes:—"The enclosed was written by a magistrate for his own interest and amusement. He did not intend to publish it, but I persuaded him to allow me to send it to you, as I thought it was too good to be lost.")
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And use his tools as well as he can do;
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Be prosecutor, judge and jury, too:

If you can fight with scores of howling tribesmen
And never turn a hair when things look tight,
And both yourself and native police are flagging
From lack of sleep through marching day and night:

If you can take an arrow in the gizzard
And still direct the movements of your men;
Then find the man who put the arrow through you
And bring him in and dump him in the pen:

If you can take a licking from attackers,
And then return again and ask for more;
If you can carry on through mud and rainstorm
With body aching, weary, bent and sore:

If you can be an expert rubber-planter—
Or coconuts—or as the case may be;
Or build a house, a bridge, a gaol or whaleboat,
Hold court, patrol, and ne'er go on a spree:

If you can live on rice and sweet potatoes
And count each meal a "Steak from Usher's Grill";
If you can starve and still go on patrolling,
And smile while going through the ruddy mill:

If you can hear the endless petty troubles
"Brown Brother" brings in to you every day,
And still retain a decent sense of humour,
And laugh and work—and do without your play:

If you can bear the satire of the critics,
And wise-cracks of the "Anti-Gav'ment" bunch
Without the loss of dignity or temper,
And take each crack as others take their lunch:

If you can do your job with both your hands tied
Metaphorically, with Ords., and Regs., and Rules;

If you can master all that comes before you
And make the other fellows look the fools:

If you can grin when, after weeks of hardships,
You get your man and bring him to the court,
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And all your work appears to go for naught:

If you can burn the "Great Official Candle"
At both ends and in the middle too,
And still find time to live as normal beings
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If you can be a nursemaid to a nigger
And guide him on to something good and great,
Yours is "New Guin'", and everything that's in it;
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Mr. T. L. McAdam, District Officer at Kavieng, N.G., arrived in Sydney by the Macdhu on November 7, en route to Perth where he will spend three months' furlough.

The engagement was announced early in November of Miss Evelyn Jean Sim, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sim, of Wana Wana, B.S.I., and Mr. Percival Frederick Wilson, of Roseville, Sydney.

Mr. W. Watson, who has been engaged in mining activities in New Guinea, reached Sydney en route to Europe early in November. Later he will visit the United States.

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Important New Tubercular and Leprosy Hospital Opened by Sir Hubert Murray at Gemo Is.

From Our Own Correspondent

AN interesting ceremony took place at Gemo Island, in Port Moresby Harbour, on October 16, when His Excellency Sir Hubert Murray opened a new Tubercular and Leprosy Hospital for natives

the hands of such an experienced nurse. The tubercular hospital consists of two buildings, one of which is devoted to incurable patients, and the other to those who, it is hoped, can be cured. The leprosy hospital stands some dis-



In the centre of this group of Government officials and L.M.S. missionaries, are Miss Fairhall, who is in charge of the new hospital, and Sir Hubert Murray (Lieut-Governor), who performed the official opening.

Photo: Gibson (Pt. Moresby).

of the large group of villages, near Port Moresby, known as Poreporena.

Mr. P. Chatterton, chairman of the London Missionary Society, welcomed the visitors. He emphasised the fact that the opening of this hospital marked one more instance in which the Mission and the Government had worked together with a common aim. Sir Hubert Murray then cut the ribbon across the steps leading to the tubercular hospital and declared the building open.

His Excellency said he was particularly glad to perform the ceremony because the hospital and its surroundings were the result of co-operation between the Mission, the Government, and the natives. When the natives were first asked to sell land for the hospital, they refused. If it was for a hospital for their people, they said, they would not sell—they would give it freely. That had been the part of the natives. The Government had provided the buildings; and thirdly, the part of the Mission was to attend to the important work that the hospital would do in the future.

Sir Hubert paid high tribute to the Mission, and to the enterprise of Sister Fairhall. He expressed satisfaction that the charge of the hospital should be in

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The new hospital buildings at Gemo Island, constructed over the water's edge, which were officially opened in October. In the right foreground is the fibro-cement dwelling of the sister-in-charge.

Photo: Gibson (Pt. Moresby).

tance away, and, though not yet completed, will be of the same character as the other two buildings. The superintendent's house stands nearby; it is an excellent though simple building constructed of sawn timber, iron-roofed, and of fibro-cement. The Samoan helpers and their wives will be housed in a smaller building.

The whole of the work was undertaken by Mr. J. Annan, with the help of 10 natives of the Public Works Department, and they did all the excavating, levelling and building. The whole of the little colony is contained on a level area which

has been built up at the north-west of the island.

Water is supplied from a nest of tanks, containing 12,000 gallons.

A large number of natives arrived during the afternoon and were addressed by the Governor, who laid stress on the fact that the object of the hospital was to stop the rapid spread of tuberculosis in the Poreporena villages.

According to the statement of an old man of Hanuabada, Gemo Island was once used as an isolation camp many years ago before European occupation. A severe epidemic had swept

through the villages and the wiser natives sent its victims to Gemo Island to stop the spread of infection. This statement is supported by the fact that during the work of excavation a number of skeletons were found buried, showing signs of great age. As far as can be ascertained, at no time was there a settled native village on the island.

USE FOR COCOA SHELL

COCOA shell, which is almost a waste product of the cocoa industry, has been found to possess at least a quarter the vitamin D content of cod liver oil, according to the English medical journal *Lancet*.

Cocoa shell is now likely to be in demand as a means of increasing the value of the winter diet of Great Britain. Experiments have shown that it is useful for cattle and for making foodstuffs. The part of vitamin D consumed by cows is conveyed to the milk. Thus butter made in winter from this milk will have a vitamin D content equal to that of summer butter.

Mr. G. W. Toogood has joined the patrol staff of the Papuan Public Service, and has taken up duties in the Eastern Division. He formerly was a member of the Burns, Philp & Co. staff at Port Moresby and, later, at Salamaua, New Guinea.



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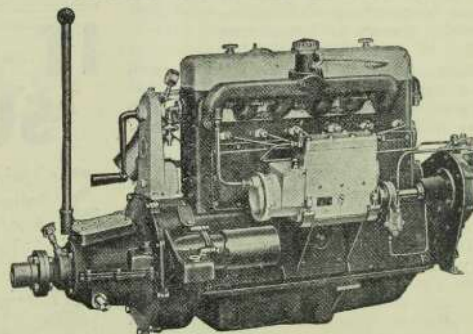
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A PAPUAN FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

From a Special Correspondent

SAMARAI, Nov. 6.

IN the presence of a large gathering of Europeans, half-castes, and natives, a tablet erected to the memory of Nurse Maud Nowland was unveiled on the Ellen Combley Memorial building, Samarai, on October 25, by Rt. Rev. Dr. Newton. One of Papua's Florence Nightingales, Miss Nowland performed magnificent self-sacrificing work in Papua for 33 years, ministering to all colours, creeds, and classes.

Bishop Newton, in his address at the unveiling ceremony, said that Nurse Nowland came to the Territory from Queensland in 1901 and, until she died in Samarai Hospital in 1934, devoted her life to humanitarian work for the miners and their native labourers on the Lakekamu and Mambare goldfields and, later, to the uplift and education of the half-caste children at Gunagunawana mission station.

It was particularly appropriate, he declared, that the memorial tablet was erected in Samarai in conjunction with the plaque in memory of Miss Combley. It was with her that Miss Nowland worked at the Mambare hospital, for the miners and their "boys" on Gira and the Alkora. Later on, she was with Miss Combley again when dysentery broke out on the Lakekamu goldfield.

Miss Nowland's work in connection with the care of the half-caste children, continued Dr. Newton, will long be remembered. Some 70 boys and girls passed through her hands. She looked after their clothes, their accommodation, and their food, and she cared for them when they were sick. In all this there was never the slightest suggestion that she considered she herself was doing anything out of the common or that she looked for any reward.

Miss Nowland had the great privilege of having the children of her earlier charges sent back to the mission home that they also might be in her care, he concluded.

The inscription on the tablet reads:

"Erected to the memory of Nurse Maud Nowland, of the Anglican Mission, who died at Samarai on January 28, 1934, after 33 years of self-sacrifice and noble work for the benefit of humanity were they Europeans, half-castes, or Papuans, in this Territory."

Mr. A. E. Osborne, engineer-operator in charge of Tulagi radio station, has been appointed an official member of the B.S.I. Advisory Council, replacing Mr. D. R. McDonald, who has been transferred to Fiji. To succeed the late Mr. G. E. Clift, Mr. Clarence E. Hart has been made a non-official member of the Council.

Mr. D. S. Hore-Lacy, a well-known planter of New Guinea, arrived in Sydney by the Nankin recently. He was joined by Mrs. Hore-Lacy and they intend to travel abroad shortly on an extended tour.

"DISTURBED THE PEACE"

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Nov. 3.

THREE members of Bulolo Gold Dredging's No. 6 camp at Wau, were recently sentenced to terms of imprisonment of seven days, two months, and three months respectively, for causing a disturbance in the Wau Club at a Saturday night entertainment.

Mr. E. Petersen, one of the founders of Naselesele estate, North Taveuni, Fiji, recently died at his home at the age of 65. He left a widow and six children.

Miss Anne Levick arrived at Norfolk Island in October to take up duties as Matron at the N.I. Hospital.

ALLEGED THEFT AND ARSON

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Nov. 2.

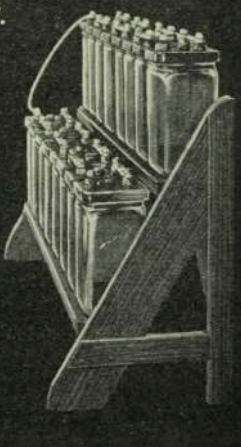
A YOUNG "local-born" trader, Oscar Graf, has been charged at Apia High Court with having in April last fictitiously entered large amounts of copra in his records, thus stealing over £70 from his employers, Burns Philp (S.S.) Co. In order to cover up his defalcations, it is alleged that he set fire to his copra shed at Sataua village, Safata, South Coast of Upolu.

There are a large number of Samoan witnesses in the case, and some of them have made the allegation that Graf promised £40 to anyone who would take the blame for having set the copra shed on fire.



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TORRES STRAIT NOTES

From Our Own Correspondent

THURSDAY IS., Nov. 10.

THE Thursday Island town reservoir, which gives the local water supply, became empty at the middle of October. Since then the reserve supplies in the old reservoir and the military tanks have been called upon, but they can only last a few days. Residents are awaiting the usual November thunder storms.

Mr. D. S. A. Drain, District Inspector of the Queensland Department of Public Instruction, recently inspected all the Mission schools in Papua. He crossed over from Daru (Western Papua) in the *Elevava* to Thursday Island (Torres Strait) where he examined the three local schools, and he has now gone on to Darwin, Northern Territory.

Mr. F. P. May, who has been manager of Aboriginal Industries, Badu Island, since June, 1936, has resigned in order to take up a business in Sydney. Mr. George H. Clarke, lately secretary of the Millaa Millaa Sawmilling Co., North Queensland, has been appointed in his place. Mr. Clarke is well known on T.L., having been for

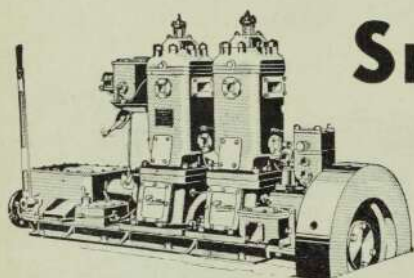
many years manager of Hodels Limited. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have already departed for Badu.

General regret has been expressed on T.L. at the passing of Mr. Tom Cussen, who was identified with the Torres Strait pearl shelling industry from its earliest days.

Miss Mollie Broughton, of the local hospital staff, was recently married in Brisbane to Lt.-Commander R. W. Rankin, of H.M.A.S. *Moresby*. They will proceed to England early next year upon Lt.-Commander Rankin's transfer to the British Navy.

Mr. W. H. ("Tavua") Johnson, of Suva, accompanied by Mrs. Johnson, returned to Fiji by the *Mariposa* on October 26 after a visit to the United States and Canada.

Mr. M. L. Woodyatt has been appointed manager of the Lautoka branch of the Bank of New South Wales, and arrived in the Colony by the *Aorangi* early in October.



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Samoan Cocoa-beans Drop £20 Per Ton

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, Nov. 3.

COCOA planters of Western Samoa at present have considerable cause for worry.

Within the last four weeks the price paid by local buyers has dropped from £40 per ton to £20 per ton, which is below the cost of production. There is an accumulation of about 700 tons of Samoan cocoa-beans stored in London, and a large quantity of this is in the hands of brokers and jobbers. It seems that the latter are holding out for better prices, and meantime do not feel inclined to buy additional shipments.

Various remedies against the present almost desperate situation have been discussed by merchants, planters, and the Government-owned N.Z. Reparation Estates. Some suggest that, with the help of the N.Z. Government, all the Samoan cocoa should be pooled and sold to best advantage on the most favourable market. Producers would then receive an average price. This suggestion is still under discussion.

ISLANDS FREIGHTERS CHANGE HANDS

From Our Own Correspondent

HONOLULU, Nov. 7.

THE Oceanic and Oriental Navigation Co., which for long has served South Pacific Islands, including Australian and New Guinea ports, with well-known freighters, has been dissolved. The vessels have been equally distributed between the Matson Line and its subsidiary, the American-Hawaiian Line.

Matson received the *Golden Dragon*, *Golden Cloud*, *Golden Cross*, *Golden Sun*, *Golden Mountain*, and *Golden Horn*. American-Hawaiian has the *Golden West*, *Golden Coast*, *Golden Hind*, *Golden Tide*, *Golden Star*, and *Golden Peak*. It is understood that the vessels will continue without radical changes in their schedules.

Young Tongans Vie For Athletic Honours

From Our Own Correspondent

NUKUALOFA, Oct. 27.

THE annual athletic sports meeting between the Government College and Tubou College was held recently at Nafualu, four miles from Nukualofa. Tubou College won the championship, four new records being established.

Being the most important athletic event of the year, it was well attended. Among those present were Prince Tugl, C.B.E. (Premier), Hon. Ragnar Hyne (Chief Justice and British Vice-Consul), Hon. Ata (Minister for Lands), Mr. H. Selwood (Acting Director of Education), Mr. R. C. G. Page (President, Free Wesleyan Church), with several chiefs and a large number of Europeans.

FIRE AT RABAU, T.N.G.



Over £40,000 damage was caused on Oct. 13 when a fire destroyed the general store and offices of Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd., Rabaul, N.G. This photo shows the debris of what was the back portion of the store. In the background are the bulk stores, which were undamaged.

Photo: Hufton

FIRE ON JAPANESE TRAINING SHIP

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Nov. 17.

THE Japanese training vessel *Hakuyoh Maru*, of the Imperial Fisheries Institute, which is on a cruise of the South Seas, arrived off Hanuabada on November 15. Coming from the Caroline Islands, she was not expected until the 20th, but, owing to a fire on board, her schedule was accelerated so that repairs could be made at Pt. Moresby.

Over 1,000 tons, the *Hakuyoh Maru* is under the command of Captain Jinzo Nakagawa. She carries 16 officers, 39 students, and a crew of 29. The training boat will depart for Thursday Island on November 23.

TAHITI AND RAROTONGA

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Nov. 4.

THE engagement has been announced of Marion Porea Tavatini Brander, a great great grand-daughter of Queen Pomare IV., of Tahiti, to Mr. Norman McKegg, of Rarotonga.

Mademoiselle Brander is the younger sister of Noeline Titaua Brander, who was married recently to Tekao Tinirau Makea, of the royal family of Rarotonga. Mr. McKegg is a nephew of Mr. Robert McKegg, director of the Cook Islands Trading Co. The marriage will take place in February or March, 1938.

NEW ORIENT LINER "ORCADES"

THE latest addition to the fleet of the Orient Company, which periodically runs tourist cruises to the Western Pacific Islands, arrived in Sydney from London on November 18. Over 23,000 tons and similar in appearance to the Orion, she is named the *Orcaades*, and possesses yacht-like lines, with a single funnel and mast that mask her size.

If she, too, is used as a cruise boat then the South Seas ports should be inundated with trippers. Her accommodation is for 462 first-class and 605 tourist-class passengers. She has eight decks, and is subdivided into a series of watertight compartments rising up to "F" deck.

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ments. The twin screws are driven by two sets of Parsons-type steam turbines, steam being provided by oil-fired Babcock and Wilcox-type high pressure water-tube boilers. The turbines run at 1,715 r.p.m., resulting in a total power output of 24,000 horsepower. She is 665ft. in length, and has a 21-knots speeds.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Taverner, and Miss Grace Mouatt, of the Cook Islands Educational Service, are returning to New Zealand at the end of this year.

Mrs. A. E. Osborne, of Tulagi, B.S.I., arrived in Sydney for a short holiday by the *Malaita* on November 5.

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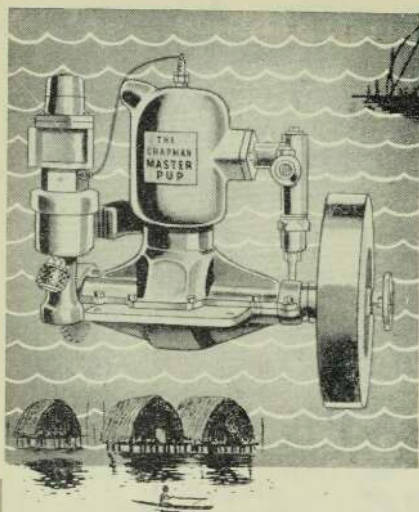
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Natives agreeing to become indentured labourers usually receive £3 when they leave their village (which goes to the chief, and their relations). £3 when they reach the plantation, and £6 on the completion of their contract. The first £3 is paid by the recruiter; the native is not actually indentured until he has been brought before the nearest Government official and has "made paper." The recruiter takes the risk—he must, otherwise the men seldom would leave their villages.

The Malaita men have discovered that they are free men until they actually sign up before the Government officer. So, in increasing numbers, they are making the trip to the Government station with the recruiter, and then refusing to sign.

The recruiter is quite helpless. Neither he nor the official can force the native to sign. Moreover, he is obliged, under the law, to take the native back to his village. Also, of course, he loses the £3—there is no way in which he can recover it from the recruit or from the villagers.

Mr. Elkington, of Tulagi, recently brought in seven recruits from a Malaita village. Six of the seven then refused to sign. Mr. Elkington had the pleasure of taking them home again, and losing £3 per head, cash, as well.

It looks as if the time has arrived to counter native sophistication with a little Government authority. The Malaita natives are not so primitive that they cannot understand that, once money has passed, a legal obligation has been created.

SAMOAN BANANA QUOTAS INCREASED

From Our Own Correspondent

IN marked contrast to the cocoa industry, the Samoan banana industry is enjoying something like a boom, owing to the fact that New Zealand quotas have been increased appreciably for shipments by the *Matua*. On her last trip she loaded 10,000 cases, while the *Mau'i Pomare* took her usual quota of 7,100 cases. Of late weather conditions have been very favourable for banana plantations, there being ample rainfall.

Mr. S. E. Watkin, director of Enterprise of New Guinea Gold and Petroleum Development N.L., returned to Victoria at the end of October after having visited the Company's properties in the Mandated Territory.

New Coastal Vessel For Papua

AFTER a 12 days' voyage from Sydney the new vessel *Chinsurah*, under Captain L. Kingdon, with a crew of four, arrived at Port Moresby, Papua, on November 6.

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coastal services. Her building was supervised by Nelson and Robertson Pty. Ltd., Sydney agents for Steamships T. Co., as also was the installation of the 50 h.p. full-diesel "Skandia" engine. The latter modern marine power units are becoming increasingly popular throughout the Pacific for this and other types of small coastal boats.

Steamships Trading Co. has contracted for another vessel of about 55 tons. The keel has already been laid, and delivery will be made early in 1938. This vessel, the *Panther*, will measure 60ft. overall, with a beam of 16ft., and loaded draught of 5ft. She will be fitted with a "Skandia" full-diesel engine, and will be provided with long hatches to permit the easy loading of timber and of iron pipes for oil-well drilling.

Commander Leon Moron, of the French Pacific sloop *Rigault de Genouilly*, departed from Sydney for France by the *Orion* on November 6.

Mr. S. D. Marshall, who recently made a solo flight from New Guinea to Sydney, addressed the November meeting of the Pacific Islands Club on "Aerial Transportation in New Guinea." Mr. Marshall traced the growth of aviation from the memorable flight by Captain E. A. Mustar in 1927 to the more recent freight-carrying performances by the giant machines now in use on the Morobe goldfields. An interesting film on gold-mining and aviation activities in New Guinea and Papua was shown in conjunction with Mr. Marshall's lecture.

RADIO IN THE SOUTH SEAS

Growth of A.W.A.'s New Guinea Service

THE opening last month of a radio telephone service connecting Rabaul (New Guinea) with Australia is a notable point in the steady development of radio services between the Commonwealth, the Mandated Territory, and the Pacific Islands generally.

In the early days of radio communications, Rabaul was in touch with Australia only through the coastal radio station at Townsville, North Queensland. Telegraphic messages for New Guinea from Australia were sent first to Townsville, thence by radio to Rabaul. Similarly any message from N.G. was received at Townsville and passed on over the land telegraph lines. In 1928 Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Ltd. established a direct radio service between

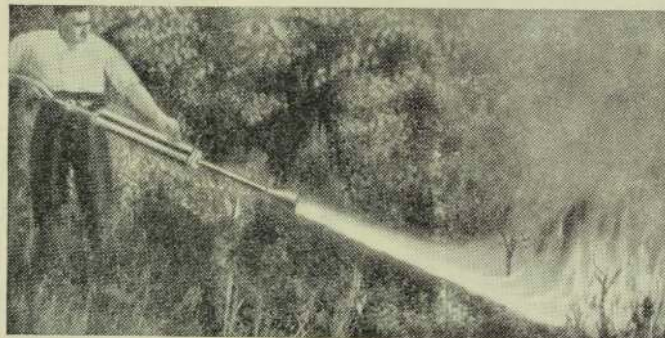
Sydney and Rabaul. It was immediately successful and has been beneficial to Islands interests.

The large volume of messages handled indicated that New Guinea planting, business, and commercial interests would welcome the still closer communication afforded by direct speech and so the way was paved for the inauguration of the radio-telephone service which came into operation on October 18. The service is of one hour daily, 11 a.m. to noon (excluding Sundays), and the fee is 15/- per minute, with a minimum of £2/5/-. For the present, secrecy facilities will not be associated with the service, but the question of installing the necessary equipment for this will be considered later.

Incidentally, the growth and development of wireless in the Pacific is shown by the fact that in the first half of this year over 625,000 words were exchanged between Sydney and Rabaul, Port Moresby, Suva, and Noumea.

Mr. D. M. Lazarus, well-known B.S.I. planter and trader, arrived in Sydney from Tulagi by the *Malaita* early in November on a long holiday.

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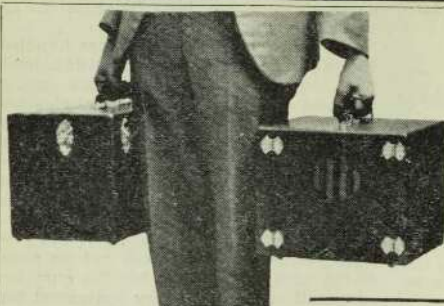
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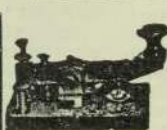


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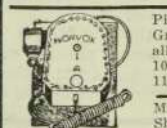
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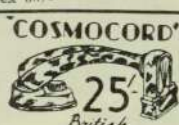
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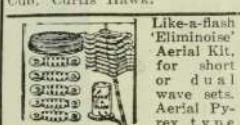
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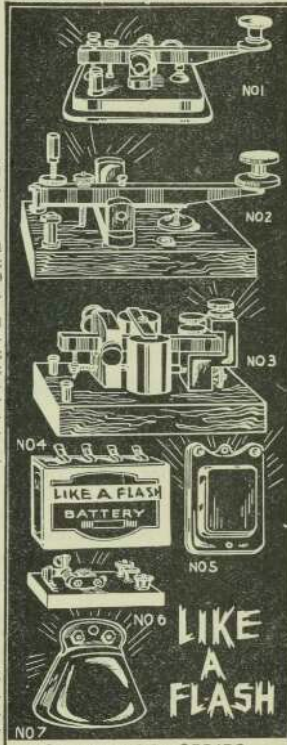
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 Dec. 5 (Sun.)—8 p.m. Story: 8.15 "Melody Music"; 9.10 "It Happened Then—the 1900's."
 Dec. 6 (Mon.)—2.15 p.m. Cricket—South Australia v. W.A.; 3 Milestones in Modern History; 7 Talk—"The Urge for Social Security"; 8 "Jungle Drums"; 9.30 Topical Revue.

Dec. 7 (Tues.)—1.30 p.m. Kyneton Races; 3 Music Appreciation; 8 Spivakovsky Duo; 9 "Our Heritage in Song."

Dec. 8 (Wed.)—2.15 p.m. Kyneton Races; 7 Talk—"Pearl Fishing"; 8.30 "Night in London"; 9.30 Denzil Batchelor's Travel Letter.

Dec. 9 (Thurs.)—8 p.m. "Thursdays at Eight"; 10 Procter Trio; 10.15 "Young Australia."

Dec. 10 (Fri.)—3 p.m. Adventures in Music; 7 Book Reviews; 8 Harry Bloom's Tango Band; 9.30 Play; 10.05 "The Ballad Monkeys."

Dec. 11 (Sat.)—8 p.m. Musical Comedy; 9.30 Dramatised Version of a Henry Lawson story; 10 Instrumental Ensemble.

Dec. 12 (Sun.)—8 p.m. Story; 8.15 New Note Octet; 9.10 Radio Presentation of Recent Film.

Dec. 13 (Mon.)—1.30 p.m. Ascot Trots; 3 Milestones in Modern History; 7 Talk—"Technical Training and Industry"; 8 "Jungle Drums"; 9.30 Topical Revue.

Dec. 14 (Tues.)—3 p.m. Music Appreciation; 8 Symphony Orchestra and Ursula Malkin (Canadian Pianist); 9 Eileen Boyd (Contralto); 9.15 An Oriental Night.

Dec. 15 (Wed.)—1.30 p.m. Mentone Races; 7 Talk—"Among the Aborigines"; 8.40 Travel Letter; 10 Mancel Kirby (Harpsichord).

Dec. 16 (Thurs.)—2 p.m. Pakenham Races; 8 "The Blue Bird"; 10 Organ Recital.

Dec. 17 (Fri.)—2.15 p.m. Cricket Description; 3 Adventures in Music; 7 Books; 9 Variety Programme; 10 Nightlinks Quartet.

Dec. 18 (Sat.)—8 p.m. Airviews of 1937; 9 National Military Band; 9.30 Henry Lawson Story—A Dramatised Version.

Dec. 19 (Sun.)—6.40 p.m. Talk—"Fellow Passengers"; 8 Story; 9.15 Modern Version of Nativity Play.

Dec. 20 (Mon.)—2.45 p.m. Cricket and Race Descriptions; 7 Talk—"Changes in Financial

Organisation"; 8 "Jungle Drums"; 9.30 Topical Revue.

Dec. 21 (Tues.)—2.15 p.m. Cricket Description; 8 Symphony Hour; 9 Clement Q. Williams (Bartone); 9.15 "A Xmas Carol."

Dec. 22 (Wed.)—2 p.m. Cranbourne Races; 7 Tales of New Guinea by Jack Hides; 8.30 Travel Letter; 9.45 Talk by Baron Von Cramm; 10 Roy Agnew (Pianist).

Dec. 23 (Thurs.)—8 p.m. Xmas Pantomime; 9 Orchestral Hour; 10 Ballad Recital.

Dec. 24 (Fri.)—2.15 p.m. Cricket — Vic. v. N.S.W.; 7 Books; 8 Tango Band; 9 Xmas in Other Lands; 11.40 Xmas Carols.

Dec. 25 (Sat.)—1 p.m. Cricket Description; 6.40 Talk—"Xmas in England"; 7 "Xmas Garland"; 8 "The Messiah."

Dec. 26 (Sun.)—8 p.m. Xmas Story; 8.15 New Note Octet; 9.10 Play.

Dec. 27 (Mon.)—1.30 p.m. Cricket and Race Descriptions; 7 Talk—"Changing Industrial Organisation"; 8 "Return of Father Brown"; 8.40 All Star Variety; 9.30 Topical Revue.

Dec. 28 (Thurs.)—1.30 p.m. Cricket Description; 8 Orchestral Hour; 9 Visitors of 1937; 9.45 Play—"A Misbehaving Legend."

Dec. 29 (Wed.)—1.30 p.m. Cricket and Race Descriptions; 7 Talk, "Adventures in the Air"; 8.40 Travel Letter; 9.30 Piano Recital; 9.50 Choral Fantasia.

Dec. 30 (Thurs.)—2 p.m. Ballarat Races; 8 1937 in Retrospect; 9.30 Popular Overtures.

Dec. 31 (Fri.)—2 p.m. Sheffield Shield Cricket; 7 Books; 9 New Year Party; 11.40 Round Australia and New Zealand.

Jan. 1 (Sat.)—1.30 p.m. Cricket and Race Descriptions; 8 New Year Revue; 8.45 Recorded Recital by Richard Tauber; 10 Scotch Programme.

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ISLANDS MINING NOTES

From Fiji

LOLOMA (FIJI) GOLD MINES N.L.
THE first clean-up of Loloma (Fiji) Gold Mines N.L. has been made at Tavua, for the month ended October 28. The yield, with plant absorption, was more than an ounce a ton, which the directors consider very satisfactory.

The general manager reported the treatment of 1280 dry tons for the period, having a head value of 34dwt. a ton, with residues of 11.3dwt. a ton, yielding 1228.8oz. fine gold and 552oz. silver. The estimated plant absorption was 224oz. gold. The absorption and high residues was due, the general manager reports, to the plant being on raw treatment for practically all the period.

During the period considerable mechanical adjustment was necessary to the plant, and continuous running was not possible. The roaster gave a great deal of trouble, and alterations in the firing method were necessary. The use of crude oil in the roasting of raw ore is a new practice, and it will be some little time before the optimum conditions and roaster temperature and throughput will be obtained.

Mr. A. E. Paton (the Co's consulting metallurgist) with Mr. E. F. Baker (Major Furnace and Combustion Engineering Co. Pty. Ltd.), who is an expert in oil firing, made the necessary adjustments to the roaster furnaces, and they have now returned to Australia.

Some of the doubts that have arisen lately about the value of Loloma shares will be dis-

pelled by the above report. The head value of the ore treated was in excess of the estimated value of positive ore reserves. If this grade is maintained there appears to be at least three years of highly profitable work ahead of the Co. on the higher grade ore alone, based on the general manager's estimate of reserves at July 31, and a mill output of 500 tons a week. Investors in Islands gold shares have had some experience in recent years of mines that, when production began, have failed to realise expectations. In the case of Loloma, when allowance is made for the eccentricities of a new plant, and the troubles attendant on the application of the new principle of crude oil firing to the roaster furnaces, the result of the first clean-up must be regarded as satisfactory.

MT. KASI MINES LTD.

Production of Mt. Kasi Mines Ltd., Vanua Levu, Fiji, for the past four months has been:

	Aug 12	Sept 9	Oct 7	Nov 4
Ore, tons	2972	2712	2900	2524
Gold, fine oz.	554	553	616	593
Value, £A	4847	4839	5390	5189

MINERAL DEVELOPMENTS (FIJI) LTD.

A loss of £3,395 is shown in the accounts of Mineral Developments (Fiji) Ltd. for the year ended May 31. Current assets at the balance date showed a surplus over outside liabilities of £2,946, excluding contingent assets of £360. The directors report that during the year the Yanawai area in Fiji was abandoned. An area at Forest Reefs (N.S.W.) was diamond drilled.

EMPEROR MINES LTD.

The general manager of Emperor Mines Ltd. advises that, notwithstanding a curtailed development programme caused by concentration of effort on construction of new milling plant and preparation of the mine for the supply of larger ore tonnage required for that plant, the ore reserve tonnage has been considerably increased since the last annual report. He estimates proved ore and prospective ore reserves at September 4 as: Proved, 444,600 tons oxidised ore, average assay value 6.8dwt. a ton; 133,600 tons semi-oxidised ore, average assay value 8.1dwt. a ton; 255,100 tons sulphide ore, average assay value 10.9 dwt. a ton. Total proved ore, 833,300 tons. Prospective, 73,000 tons sulphide ore, probable grade of 10 dwt. a ton. Total proved and prospective ore, 906,300 tons. This represents an increase of 236,300 tons on the tonnage estimated in the last annual report. Regarding the prospective ore, the general manager states that his estimate is a conservative one, as he has not projected ore much beyond the actual mine openings.

The Stock Exchange of Melbourne has granted official quotation to 35,100 fully paid shares of 10/- issued for cash under share option in the Company.

Since August production has been:

	Aug 7	Sep 4	Oct 2	Oct 30
Tons crushed	2,556	2,176	2,259	2,700
Head value, dwt	8.3	9.8	9.25	8.00
Yield, oz.	951.4	963.1	948.7	949.9

TAVUA GOLD DEVELOPMENTS LTD.

Tavua Gold Developments Ltd. incurred expenditure amounting to £9,816 in the year ended May 31, at which date cash on hand amounted to £3,383. Other current assets totalled £1,115, and there was a contingent asset of £251. Creditors were owed £331. The directors report that they have abandoned their Fiji areas and negotiations are proceeding for the acquisition of an area at Forest Reefs (N.S.W.), adjoining that intensively drilled by Mineral Developments. The directors consider that if the negotiations result in the acquisition of the property an excellent opportunity will be afforded of rehabilitating the affairs of the Company.

From New Guinea

ENTERPRISE OF NEW GUINEA

A LOSS of £7,677 was sustained by Enterprise of New Guinea Gold and Petroleum Development, N.L. for the year ended August 31 but current assets at that date exceeded outside liabilities by £9,629.

The output of 994oz. of gold bullion including 160oz. won by tributaries, was obtained from the alluvial properties, except for 74oz. recovered from the first clean-up of the Edie Creek cyanide plant. The hydraulic sluicing mine at Surprise Creek showed a small working profit. The reef mine at Edie Creek has been brought to the production stage, and additional goldmining leases have been pegged along the strike of the main lode. Application was made for a licence over

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seven square miles adjoining the Edie Mine lease boundaries to the north-west.

Petroleum search has been hampered by the Government's refusal to grant prospecting rights over uncontrolled areas, but the directors have offered to meet any reasonable conditions imposed in regard to entering the areas.

Production figures since August compare as follows:

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Wash dirt, yards	1,552	2,681	2,176
Overburden, yards	3,725	3,208	2,725
Unrefined retorted alluvial gold, oz.	89½	68½	70½

Edie mine cyanide plant production for October was 87oz. 6dwat. gold bullion from 500 tons of ore treated.

NEW GUINEA GOLDFIELDS LTD.

Mining Trust Ltd., consulting engineers to New Guinea Goldfields Ltd., advise that the slimes treatment plant at the Day Dawn mine has been purchased for incorporation in the Golden Ridges mill. Whilst this is being effected and the present plant and ropeway are being remodelled, the mill will shut down for about five months. It is anticipated that the tailings retreatment plant will continue operating during part of this period.

The last three yields are compared in the following table:

Alluvial:	July	Aug.	Sept.
Fine gold oz.	1174	1243	1288
Fine silver, oz.	861	890	950
Golden Ridges mill:			
Fine gold, oz.	716	745	685
Fine silver, oz.	701	639	734
Edie Creek Mill:			
Fine gold, oz.	1382	1267	1053
Silver, oz.	4027	3514	3134
Operating Profit:			
Edie Creek mill	£3974	£3341	£346
Alluvial	£4924	£5168	£5533
Golden Ridges mill	£1498	£1844	£1441

SANDY CREEK GOLD SLUICING LTD.

The mine manager of Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing Limited, New Guinea, reported early in November that production since July had been:

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Cubic yards	14,560	14,139	16,619	17,992
Gold, oz.	308	185	351	360
Per cubic yd.	3/2	1/11½	3/2	3/7
Working cost	—	—	1/64	1/6

During October operations were interfered with to some extent by heavy rains, causing flood conditions.

SUNSHINE GOLD DEVELOPMENT LTD.

Sunshine Gold Development Ltd. advised in early November that owing to the flooding of the paddock on October 13, the boxes were cleaned up for a return of 142oz. of gold. As pumping operations were in progress, a further clean up was not anticipated during November.

BULOLO GOLD DREDGING LTD.

Production of the four dredges of the Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., for October, compare with that of the previous two periods as follows:

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Cubic yard	901,000	893,600	899,600
Bullion, oz.	18,420	18,310	15,999
Gold, fine oz.	12,783	12,838	11,037
VALUE:			
Aust. currency*	£111,851	£112,332	£96,573
Per cubic yard	20.7	25.1	25.7
Working profit	£72,108	£75,188	£70,280

*At £A8/15/- per fine ounce.

GUINEA GOLD, N.L.

Guinea Gold, N.L., has declared a dividend of 10½d a share, subject to any variation in the present rate of exchange between Vancouver and Sydney, payable on December 16. Transfer books close on December 7. Previous distribution made on June 14 was of a similar amount.

BULOLO GOLD DEPOSITS LTD.

Production, etc. announced by Bulolo Gold Deposits Ltd., New Guinea, early in November was as follows:

	Four weeks ended	Sept 1	Sept 29	Oct 27
Morobe:				
Hours	600	576	480	
Cubic yard	7000	7000	6000	
Gold, oz.	160	130	140	

	Hours	Gold, oz.
Morobe deposit:	600†	65
Cubic yard	8000	
Cold, oz.	—	—

†From September 16 to October 30.

Opening out operations were commenced on Morobe deposit area on September 16, and bottom has not yet been exposed. The manager stated that it would take three months properly to open out and have the elevator working at full capacity.

UPPER SEPIK GOLD SYNDICATE N.L.

An extraordinary general meeting in Melbourne of shareholders of Upper Sepik Gold Syndicate N.L. on November 6 decided to place the Co. into voluntary liquidation. Five thousand shares in Eureka Central Gold N.L. (Victoria) will be distributed to shareholders on a pro rata basis, the distribution being approximately five Eureka Central shares for each two Upper Sepik shares held.

N.G.'s SEPTEMBER GOLD EXPORTS

Gold exported from the Morobe Goldfield in September was 46,496 ounces valued at £A244,913, according to the last report of the Warden. This brought the total for the quarter above the half-million mark. From the Sepik District (Wewak field), 1,764 ounces (£A14,979) were declared for export. (Continued on Next Page)

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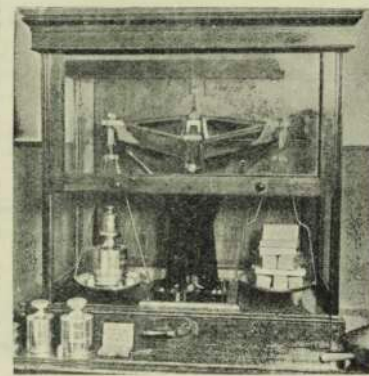
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From Papua

SAPPHIRE CK. (PAPUA) DEVELOPMENT SYNDICATE

DIRECTORS of Sapphire Creek (Papua) Development Syndicate N.L., following the failure of negotiations for the sale of Sapphire King Lease, Papua, have decided to abandon it. Difficulties have arisen in connection with the securing of an exemption of the labour covenants and the Co's local director has advised that the Co. would not be justified in making a call for the continuance of operations. The Co's consultant endorses this view, and considers that prospects as revealed by development to date do not justify

the comparatively heavy expenditure that would be necessary to continue work on the leases. The directors, in arriving at their decision, were influenced by the difficulties that in the past have accrued from the distance and isolation of the property and consequent difficulty of control.

YODDA GOLDFIELDS LTD.

The manager in Papua of Yodda Goldfields Limited reported early in November that the yield for the month of October was 35oz. of gold.

MANDATED ALLUVIALS, N.L.

The mine manager of Mandated Alluvials N.L. (a new enterprise operating near Port Moresby, Papua), on October 17 reported as follows:—

"No. 2 Adit has been driven a further 50 feet and connected with No. 3 winze. The

timbering of No. 3 Adit is now complete. Rails have been laid down to the old shaft section where ore is now being obtained by open cut method.

"Ore bins to take ore from both Nos. 2 and 3 Adits are under construction. The road from the main road to the mine has been completed and is in good order.

"Good progress is being made with construction of smelter. The smelter pins are finished. Excavations for power plant almost completed. The additional lease of 20 acres previously recommended has been applied for and granted."

CUTHBERT'S MISIMA GOLDMINE LTD.

The mine manager of Cuthbert's Misima Goldmine Limited, Eastern Papua, reported for the three months ended October as follows:

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Treated (tons)	2210	2414	2453
Bullion, oz.	2536	2548	2597
Gold, fine oz.	632	601	705
Silver, fine oz.	1762	1802	1792
Est. Value, £A	£5145	£4923	*£5729
Value a ton	46.7d	46.10d	46.9d

*In addition £140 worth of gold slags and residues have been produced.

ISLANDS SHARE PRICES

	FLI	Mid-June	Mid-Sept.	Mid-Nov.
Emperor Mines	b16/3	b14/-	b12/6	
Koroere	s3/9	b3/6	b2/9	
Loloma	b19/-	b24/3	b17/-	
Mt. Kasi	b6/6	s6/6	s6/-	
Vatu Kasia	s3/9	s2/6	s2/-	

NEW GUINEA

Bulolo Deposits	b1/2	s1/6	b1/3
Bulolo C.D.	b£5/10/-	s£6/7/6	b£6
Enterprise of N.G.	s£4/12/6	b£2/5/-	b£1/7/6
Guinea Gold	s13/7	b13/6	b13/3
N.G.C. Ltd.	b2/5	b2/2½	b2/0½
Oil Search	b7/9	b8/1	b7/6
Placer Dev.	b14/1/-	s£4	b£3/13/-
Sandy Ck.	b1/8	b2/4½	b1/10
Sunshine Gold	b12/-	b12/6	b11/1

PAPUA

Cuthbert's C.M.	b22/9	b22/-	b20/4½
G.M. of Papua	b12/3	b10/6	b10/5
Mandated All.	b2/3	b3/1	b2/8
Oriomo Exp.	b3/9	b3/5	b3/3
Yodda Gold Co.	b2d	b3d	—

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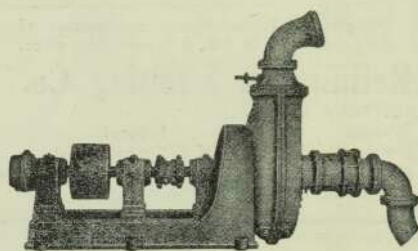
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Coffee

THE following quotations were obtained in Sydney during November.

Robusta, f.a.q., imported from Java on firm conversion of exchange, c.i.f., prompt shipment. Sydney—Quote No. 1: 28/9 per cwt.; quote No. 2: 20/- per cwt.

Kenya, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt.:—No. 1 quotations: Grade "A", 60/-; grade "B", 58/-; grade "C", 56/-. No. 2 quotations: Grade "A", 61/6; grade "B", 56/6; grade "C", 52/6; Triage, 51/6. No. 3 quotations: Grade "B", 55/-; grade "C", 50/-.

Mysore, f.a.q., prompt shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt.: No. 1 quotations: Grade "A", 66/-; grade "B", 61/-; No. 2 quotations: Season closed. Last prices were: Grade "B", 55/-; Triage, 48/-.

Arabian (Aden) Hodeldah, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney—No. 1 quotation: 59/- per cwt. No. 2 quotation: 60/9 per cwt.

Note: Importers of coffee from Java, etc., pay the following additional charges: Exchange, duty (4d. lb.), primage (10 per cent), landing costs (1/- per cwt.). Coffee from Papua and New Guinea escapes most of these charges.

Kapok

Based on firm conversion of exchange, the c.i.f. official prices for kapok quoted in Sydney in mid-November were:—Average Java 71d. per lb., and Java, 77-16d. per lb.

Cocoa

Quote No. 1: Cocoa beans, £43 per ton.
Quote No. 2: New Guinea cocoa, £40 per ton.
Quote No. 3: Accra, good fermented, £31 per ton, c.i.f., Sydney.

Cotton

During the month, London, c.i.f., cotton prices were: October 22, 4.72d. lb., November shipment; October 29, 4.67d. lb., November shipment; November 5, 4.43d. lb., December shipment; November 12, 4.56d. lb., December shipment; November 19, 4.39d. lb., December shipment.

Ivory Nuts

No. 1 quotation: £10 (nominal) per ton, f.o.b., Sydney.

No. 2 quotation: £10 per ton, f.o.b., Sydney.

Green Snail Shell

Green snail shell, good quality, was quoted by Sydney buyers in mid-November at £55 per ton.

Rice

Rangoon rice, packed in 100lb. or 200lb. bags, £13/10/- per ton f.o.b. Sydney.
Australian table rice, packed in 56lb. bags, £18 per ton.

Trochus Shell

Quotations for trochus shell obtained in Sydney from two different sources were:

(a) Trochus shell, No. 1 grade	£91
Trochus shell, No. 2 grade	£85
Trochus shell, No. 3 grade	£75
(b) Trochus shell, No. 1 grade	£91
Trochus shell, No. 2 grade	£87
Trochus shell, No. 3 grade	£73

All quotes are f.o.b., and on the Australian £.

Exchange Rates

THE following exchange quotations, gathered in Sydney, show the rates existing in November:

FIJI—THROUGH BANK OF N.S.W. AND BANK OF NEW ZEALAND

Australia on Fiji on basis of £100 Fiji: Buying

£111/2/6, selling £112.

Fiji-London on basis £100 London:

Buying.	Selling.
Telegraphic transfer — £110 15 0	£112 0 0
On demand — £110 12 6	£111 17 6

DIRECT TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER SELLING RATES

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Australia on Papeete	Franks to £ Australian
Average for week ended 25/10/37	114.65
Average for week ended 1/11/37	115.55
Average for week ended 8/11/37	115.26
Average for week ended 15/11/37	115.25
Average for week ended 22/11/37	115.40

Australia on Noumea	Franks to £ Australian
Average for week ended 25/10/37	114.60
Average for week ended 1/11/37	115.50
Average for week ended 8/11/37	115.21
Average for week ended 15/11/37	115.20
Average for week ended 22/11/37	115.30

NEW GUINEA AND PAPUA—THROUGH COMMONWEALTH BANK

From Australia, Pt. Moresby £1 per cent.; on Rabaul 10/- per cent.—Other New 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.

NEW CALEDONIA—THROUGH FRENCH BANK

Drafts, Sydney-Noumea and Noumea-Sydney, are on the basis of current rate of exchange on Paris, less 1½ per cent. (approx.) either way. As quoted by the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, in Sydney, and the Banque de l'Indochine, Noumea: On November 23, when the Australian £ was nominally worth 117.19 francs, £100 Australian would purchase a draft in Noumea of 11,584 francs.

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:—

Telegraphic transfer	Buying.	Selling.
On Demand — — —	£123 0 0	£125 0 0
30 days — — —	122 15 0	124 17 6
60 days — — —	122 10 0	124 15 0
90 days — — —	122 5 0	124 12 6
120 days — — —	122 0 0	124 10 0

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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 we regularly publish the range of prices during each month, including the last available quotation before going to press.

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London Price on—	South Sea, Sun-Dried to London Per ton, c.i.f.	Plantation, Hot-air Dried, Rabaul Per ton, c.i.f.
January 1, 1932	£14 0 0	£14 15 0
March 25	£14 17 6	£15 0 0
June 17	£13 2 6	£13 5 0
September 2	£13 17 6	£14 0 0
December 16	£14 2 6	£14 5 0
January 6, 1933	£13 0 0	£13 12 6
March 3	£11 7 6	£11 10 0
June 30	£10 17 6	£11 0 0
September 29	£9 7 6	£9 10 0

December 1	£8 12 6	£9 0 0	June 5	£11 10 0	£12 0 0	£12 17 6
January 6, 1934	£8 0 0	£8 7 6	July 3	£12 0 0	£12 10 0	£13 10 0
March 30	£7 7 6	£8 0 0	Aug. 7	£12 17 6	£13 7 6	£14 7 6
April 27	£7 7 6	£8 0 0	Sept. 4	£13 2 6	£13 10 0	£14 12 6
June 15	£8 0 0	£8 12 6	Oct. 2	£13 7 6	£13 10 0	£14 10 0
July 6	£7 17 6	£8 15 0	Nov. 6	£15 10 0	£15 2 6	£16 5 0
August 3	£8 0 0	£8 17 6	Dec. 4	£19 7 6	£19 7 6	£20 7 6
September 7	£7 12 6	£8 15 0	Jan. 3, '37	£22 12 6	£22 12 6	£23 12 6
October 6	£8 0 0	£9 0 0	Jan. 29	£19 15 0	£19 15 0	£20 10 0
November 2	£7 15 0	£8 15 0	Feb. 26	£18 15 0	£19 0 0	£19 15 0
December 28	£9 0 0	£9 12 6	Mar. 5	£19 0 0	£19 5 0	£20 0 0
January 4, 1935	£9 5 0	£10 5 0	Mar. 26	£19 5 0	£19 15 0	£20 15 0
February 1	£11 12 6	£12 2 6	Apr. 2	£19 0 0	£19 15 0	£20 15 0
March 1	£12 2 6	£12 15 0	Apr. 16	£17 0 0	£17 10 0	£18 10 0
April 5	£10 15 0	£11 15 0	Apr. 30	£16 0 0	£16 15 0	£17 15 0
May 3	£11 17 6	£12 12 6	May 7	£16 0 0	£16 12 6	£17 12 6
June 7	£11 15 0	£12 7 6	May 14	£15 0 0	£15 5 0	£16 5 0
July 5	£9 12 0	£10 5 0	May 21	£14 15 0	£15 12 6	£16 12 6
August 2	£9 15 0	£10 15 0	May 28	£15 12 6	£15 15 0	£16 15 0
September 6	£9 17 6	£10 17 6	June 4	£15 12 6	£15 12 6	£16 12 6
October 4	£11 7 6	£12 7 6	June 11	£15 7 6	£15 15 0	£16 15 0
November 1	£12 17 6	£14 0 0	June 18	£15 2 6	£15 7 6	£16 5 0
December 6	£12 17 6	£14 0 0	June 25	£14 10 0	£14 15 0	£15 12 6

South Sea, Smoked, to Genoa and Marseilles. Per ton, c.i.f.	South Sea, Sun-Dried to London. Per ton, c.i.f.	Plantation, Hot-air Dried, Rabaul. Per ton, c.i.f.
Jan. 3, '36	£13 2 6	£13 15 0
Feb. 7	£13 0 0	£14 0 0
Mar. 6	£11 15 0	£12 15 0
April 3	£12 7 6	£13 5 0
May 1	£11 10 0	£11 15 0

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July 7	5½d.	3.71d.
December 8	4½d.	4.04d.
January 5, 1934	4½d.	4.28d.
July 6	5½d.	7.06d.
December 28	5½d.	6½d.
January 4, 1935	5½d.	6½d.
July 5	5½d.	7½d.
December 6	6½d.	6½d.
January 3, 1936	6½d.	6½d.
June 5	9d.	7½d.
December 4	1/-	9 1/16d.
January 8, 1937	1/2	10½d.
February 5	1/2	10½d.
March 5	11½d.	11 1/32d.
April 2	1/-	1 1/15/16
May 7	11½d.	10½d.
June 4	11d.	9 5/8d.
July 2	10d.	9 11/16d.
Aug. 6	9½d.	9 1/16d.
Sept. 3	9½d.	9 1/16d.
Sept. 10	9½d.	9 5/16d.
Sept. 17	9½d.	9d.
Sept. 24	9½d.	8 13/16d.
Oct. 1	9½d.	8 9/16d.
Oct. 8	9½d.	8d.
Oct. 15	9d.	7 15/16d.
Oct. 22	8½d.	7 11/16d.
Oct. 29	8½d.	7½d.
Nov. 5	7½d.	7½d.
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Sydney	Dec 15	Feb 19	
Salamaua			
Lae	Dec 22	Feb 26	
Rabaul	Dec 24	Feb 28	
Cebu	Dec 31	Mar 7	
Manila	Jan 3	Mar 10	
Hong Kong	Jan 5-9	Mar 12-16	
Saigon	Jan 15	Mar 22	
Madang	Jan 26	Apr 2	
Salamaua			
Lae	Jan 29	Apr 5	
Rabaul	Feb 1	Apr 8	
Sydney	Feb 8	Apr 15-16	
Melbourne	Feb 11	Apr 18	

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M.V. Maru			
Kobe		Dec 22	
Moji	Nov 23	Dec 23-24	
Rabaul	Dec 2	Jan 2-3	
Noumea	Dec 7-8	Jan 8-10	
Auckland	Dec 11-13	Jan 13-15	
Wellington	Dec 15-17	Jan 17-19	
Lyttelton	Dec 18-19	Jan 20	
Dunedin	Dec 20-21	Jan 21-22	
Wellington	Dec 23-24	Jan 23-25	
Auckland	Dec 26-30	Jan 27-29	
Hong Kong	Jan 15	Feb 14-15	
Shanghai	Jan 20	Feb 19	
Moji	Jan 22	Feb 21	
Kobe	Jan 23-27	Feb 22-26	

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Eridan			
Papeete	Jan 1-2	Noumea	Jan 14-22
Raiatea	Jan 3	Vila	Jan 25
Suva	Jan 10	Raiatea	Feb 1
Vila	Jan 12	Papeete	Feb 23

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Solomon Islands-N.G. Service

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M.V. Malaita			
Sydney	Dec 24	Lingatu	
Brisbane	Dec 27	West Bay	Jan 9
Townsville	Dec 30	Somata	
Cairns	Dec 31	Cizo	Jan 10
Tulagi		Faisi	Jan 11
Makambo	Jan 4-5	Kieta	Jan 11
Gavutu		Arigua	
Su'u		Numa Numa	Jan 12
Domma	Jan 6	Teopasino	Jan 13
Mamara		Rabaul	Jan 14-15
Tasavavong	Jan 7	Soraken	Jan 16-17
Aruligo		Kieta	Jan 18
Lavaro		Faisi	Jan 19
Mamara		Gizo	
Tasavavong		Tetipari	Jan 19
Aruligo		Russell Is.	Jan 20-21
Merlinge		Gavatu	
Hivo		Makambo	Jan 22
Yandina		Brisbane	Jan 27
Banika		Sydney	Jan 29
Ufa	Jan 8		
Faiami			
Younger			
Pepesala			

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Sydney - Noumea - New Hebrides - Indochina

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Pierre Loti			
Sydney	Dec 10	Jan 13	
Noumea	Dec 20-22	Jan 17-19	
Vila	Dec 24	Jan 20-21	
Luganville	Dec 25	Jan 22	
Le Dart	Dec 26-27	Jan 23	
Saigon		Feb 6-8	
Haiphong		Feb 11-14	
Luganville		Mar 1	
Le Dart		Mar 2	
Vila	Dec 28	Mar 3	
Noumea	Dec 30-31	Mar 4-6	
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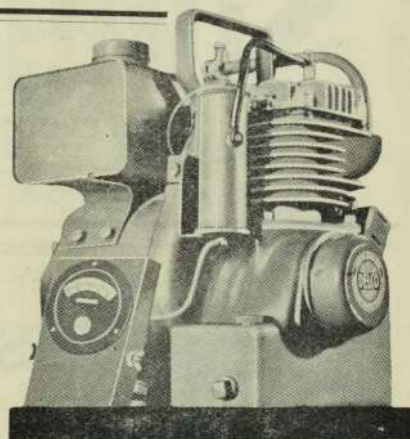
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Brisbane	Dec 8	Dec 22
Townsville	Dec 10	Dec 24
Cairns	Dec 13	—
Pt. Moresby	Dec 14	—
Samarai	Dec 16	Dec 28
Woodlark Is.	Dec 18	Dec 29
Rabaul	Dec 19	—
Kavieng	Dec 21-22	D.31-J.1
Lindenhafen	Dec 23	—
Salamaua	—	Jan 2
Lee	Dec 26-28	Jan 3-4
Madang	—	—
Alexishafen	Dec 25	Jan 5
Boram	—	—
Wewak	—	Jan 6-7
Madang	Dec 25	Jan 8
Finschafen	—	Jan 9
Salamaua	Dec 28	Jan 9
Kavieng	—	Jan 11
Pondo	—	Jan 12
Rabaul	Dec 30	Jan 13
Salamaua	—	Jan 14
Samarai	Jan 1	Jan 16
Pt. Moresby	Jan 3	Jan 17-18
Cairns	Jan 5	—
Brisbane	Jan 8	Jan 22
Sydney	Jan 10	Jan 24

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Sydney - Rabaul - Hong Kong

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	Tanda	Nankin	Nellore
Hong Kong	Dec 3	Jan 1	Jan 29
Manila	Dec 6	Jan 4	Feb 1
Rabaul	Dec 14	Jan 12	Feb 9
Brisbane	Dec 20	Jan 18	Feb 15
Sydney	Dec 22	Jan 20	Feb 17
Melbourne	D.27-F.5	J.24-F.2	F.21-M.2
Hobart	Jan 7	Feb 4	Mar 4
Newcastle	Jan 10	Feb 7	Mar 7
Sydney, dep.	Jan 15	Feb 12	Mar 12
Brisbane	Jan 17	Feb 14	Mar 14
Townsville	Jan 20	Feb 17	Mar 17
Rabaul	Jan 25	Feb 22	Mar 22
Manila	Feb 2	Mar 2	Mar 30
Hong Kong	Feb 5	Mar 5	Apr 2

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Central Pacific Services

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	M.V. Matini	
Auckland	Dec 7	Jan 4
Cook Is.	Dec 11	Jan 8
Nukunaloa	Dec 15-16	Jan 12-13
Apia	Dec 17-18	Jan 14-15
Suva	Dec 22-23	Jan 19-20
Auckland	Dec 27-28	Jan 24
Wellington	Dec 30-31	Jan 26-29
Auckland	Jan 2	Jan 31

The cargo steamer Hauraki (7,113 tons) will depart from Sydney on December 15 (approx.) for Suva, Lautoka, Papeete, and N. American ports. She will carry a limited number of passengers, in addition to mails and general cargo. The Wairuna (5,832 tons) is scheduled to follow to Fiji and French Oceania early in February.

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Sydney - Norfolk Island - New Hebrides

S.S. Morinda.

Sydney	Dec 11	Dec 22
Lord Howe	Dec 13	Dec 24
Norfolk Is.	Dec 15	Dec 27
Vila	—	Dec 30-31
Bushman's B.	—	Jan 1
Malo	—	—
Tangoa	—	Jan 1
Segond	—	—
Hog Har.	—	Jan 2
Lord Howe	—	Jan 3
Vila	Dec 16	Jan 6
Norfolk Is.	Dec 18	Jan 8
Sydney	Dec 20	Jan 11

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**Saigon - Java - South Seas -
N.Z. Service**

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	Swartzen- hoofd	Maetsuycker	Van Rees
Saigon	Dec 9	Jan 8	—
Singapore	Dec 12-13	Jan 10-11	Feb 5
Batavia	Dec 15-17	Jan 13-15	Feb 7-9
Samarang	Dec 18	Jan 16	Feb 10
Sourabaya	Dec 19-20	Jan 17	Feb 11-12
Pt. Moresby	Dec 27-28	Jan 24-25	Feb 21-22
Samarai	Dec 29	Jan 26	—
Rabaul	Dec 31	Jan 28	—
Vila	Jan 4	Feb 1	—
Noumea	Jan 6-8	Feb 2-5	—
Auckland	Jan 12-15	Feb 8-9	Mar 3-5
Wellington	Jan 17	Feb 11-12	Mar 7-8
Sydney	Jan 22-25	Feb 16-18	Mar 14-16
Pt. Moresby	Jan 31	Feb 23	Mar 23
Sourabaya	Feb 8	Mar 2	Apr 1
Samarang	Feb 9	Mar 3	Apr 2
Batavia	Feb 10-12	Mar 4-7	Apr 3-6
Singapore	Feb 14	Mar 9	Apr 8
Saigon	—	Mar 11	—

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**Sydney - N.Z. - Fiji - Samoa
Hawaii**

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	Mariposa	Monterey	Mariposa
Honolulu	Dec 13	Jan 10	Feb 7
Pago Pago	Dec 18	Jan 15	Feb 12
Suva	Dec 21	Jan 18	Feb 15
Auckland	Dec 24	Jan 21	Feb 18
Sydney	Dec 27	Jan 24	Feb 21
Melbourne	D.31-J.3	Jan 28-31	Feb 25-28
Sydney	Jan 7	Feb 4	Mar 4
Auckland	Jan 10	Feb 7	Mar 7
Suva	Jan 13	Feb 10	Mar 10
Pago Pago	Jan 14	Feb 11	Mar 11
Honolulu	Jan 19	Feb 16	Mar 16

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Sydney - N.Z. - Fiji - Hawaii

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	Niagara	Aorangi	Niagara
Honolulu	Dec 1	Dec 29	Jan 26
Suva	Dec 10	Jan 7	Feb 4
Auckland	Dec 13-14	Jan 10-11	Feb 7-8
Sydney	Dec 18	Jan 15	Feb 12
Sydney, dep.	Dec 23	Jan 20	Feb 17
Auckland	Dec 27-28	Jan 24-25	Feb 21-22
Suva	Dec 31	Jan 28	Feb 25
Honolulu	Jan 7	Feb 4	Mar 4

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**Europe - Sydney - Suva -
New Guinea**

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	M.V. Salamaua	M.V. Rabaul
Sydney	Dec 4	London Feb 20
Noumea	Dec 16?	Galveston Mar 12
		Suva Apr 20*

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	M.V. Nusa
Samarai	Jan 3
Puni Puni	Jan 3
Baniara	Jan 3
Cape Nelson	Jan 4
Buna	Jan 5
Mambare	Jan 6
Mambare	Jan 7
Buna	Jan 8
Cape Nelson	Jan 9
Baniara	Jan 10
Puni Puni	Jan 11
Samarai	Jan 12

S.S. Papuan Chief (Steamships Trading Co. Ltd.) makes regular round trips from Port Moresby to Samarai via Kapa Kapa, Abau, and Baibara, returns by same route; then Port Moresby to Daru via Hisiu, Yule Is., Kukipi, Orokolo, Kikori and back via Orokolo, Yule Island, and Hisiu—full trip occupying about one month.

	S.S. Papuan Chief
Samarai	Dec 8
Baibara	Dec 9
Abau	Dec 10
Kapa Kapa	Dec 12
Pt. Moresby	Dec 13
Pt. Moresby	Dec 17
Hisiu	Dec 17
Yule Is.	Dec 17
Kukipi	Dec 18
Orokolo	Dec 19
Kikori	Dec 21
Daru	Dec 22-23
Orokolo	Dec 24
Yule Is.	Dec 26
Hisiu	Dec 27
Pt. Moresby	Dec 28

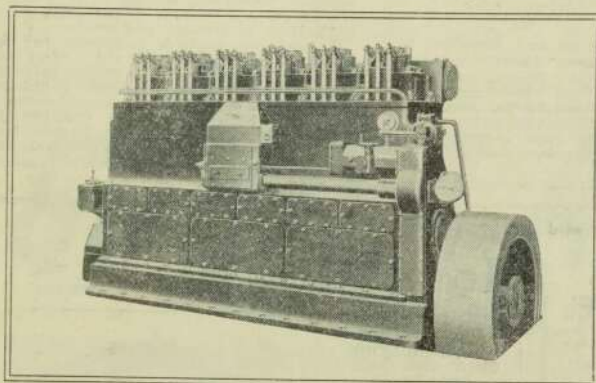
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	M.V. Maui Pomare
Wellington	Dec 21
Apia	Dec 28-30
Niue	Jan 1
Lyttelton	Jan 10
Wellington	Jan 11
Jan 25	Feb 22
Feb 1-3	Mar 1-3
Feb 5	Mar 5
Feb 14	Mar 14
Feb 15	Mar 15

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TRAGEDY IN FIJI

From Our Own Correspondent

A TRAGEDY with unusual features occurred in Suva on October 17, when Mrs. Norah Clarke, widow of Mr. W. Clarke, was knocked down by a car driven by Mr. E. Gibbes, a well-known resident of Suva, and fatally injured.

On September 8, Mr. Clarke, who was engineer on the small coasting motor-vessel *Tui Kauraro*, was lost overboard at sea at night, when the vessel was a few miles off Suva harbour, and the widow was left with four young children to support. Now they are left without any support at all, and the deepest sympathy of all residents has been extended to them.

Since the accident the driver of the car was charged with manslaughter, and with driving a car in a manner dangerous to the public.

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PASSENGERS PER MACDHUI WHICH ARRIVED IN SYDNEY FROM NEW GUINEA AND PAPUA ON NOVEMBER 7: Messrs. Abercrombie, Aitchison, Allison, Blewstowe, Carson, Colter, Comb, Connor, Cooney, Cooper, Dalgleish, Davis, Dickinson, Farr, Flower, Faulkner, Gabriel, Halliday, Hicks, James, Johnson, Jones, Lane, Lee, Lewis, Loneragan, McAdam, McEwan, McIntyre, Mullaly, Munro, Noblett, Parer, Tince, Roberts, Kondahl, Sharp, Shaw, Small, Smith, Stein, Thompson, Thornely, Torrington, Walsmsley, Watson, Webster, Williamson. **Messdames** Aitchison, Bevington, Bonney, Broodbank, Carr, Cooper (2), Gabriel, Giles, Grant, Hyde, Johnson, Lewis, Marshall, Mullaly, Parer, Kondahl, Rutter, Sharp, Small, Thomson, Thornely, Townsend, Wyndham. **Misses** Eather, Frewin, Rutter.

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PASSENGERS PER MALAITA WHICH LEFT SYDNEY FOR B.S.I. AND N.G. PORTS ON NOVEMBER 13: Messrs. Brugmans, Bent, Bullen, Cant, Carew, Cummins, Dunn, Kloster, Lazarus, Miller, Pascoe, Philipp, Sandford, Sutton, Walker, Webber, Woodburn, Whitlock, Wetherall, Wache, Mesdames Alley, Bent, Dunn, Garvey, Innes, Johnson, Miller, Price, Pascoe, Tomkins, Thomson, Wetherall, Woods, Whitlock, Woodburn, Misses Boland, Devir, Elkington, Fitzgerald, Harkness, Johnson, Kane, Kera, Thomson, Thomas (2), Welch, Sister Claudia.

PASSENGERS PER MACDHUI WHICH LEFT SYDNEY FOR PAPUA AND N.G. ON NOVEMBER 13: Messrs. Abraham, Adams, Beder, Benedetti, Bell, Bourke, Burton, Belder, Booker, Castle, Cruise, Derbyshire, Devine, Dott, Douglas, Fisher, Filmer, Foulkes, Grenvold, Gregory, Galaher, Grabowsky, Huxley, Hadley, Horne (2), Huson, Hall, Jacobson, Johnson, Jeanne, Knight, Kent, Money, McLean, McNewlan, McGregor, Muston, McDonald, McLeod, Munro, Minns, Oswald, Patterson, Pechotsch, Paul, Robinson, Rodger, Rayner, Saunders, Smith, Sempole, Sutton, Silberschmidt, Tuckey, Vercoe, Walsh, Waterhouse, Young, Mesdames Anderson, Bourke, Burton, Budden, Coote, Cook, Cruise, Everall, Garvey, Gregory, Grant, Hadley, Harper, Harrison, Knight, Murray (2), McGregor, McDonald, Mitchell, Mantle, Oswald, Saunders, Sherry, Shutt, Scipione, Wilde, Wilkins, Misses Anderson, Coote, Cook, Haigh, Harriman, McGregor, Osborn, Purcell, Smith, Shaw, Wauchope, Wilson.

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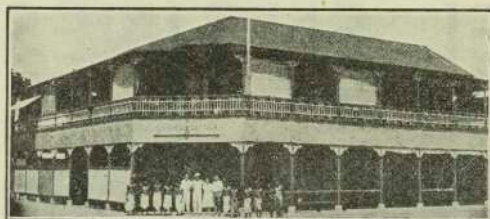
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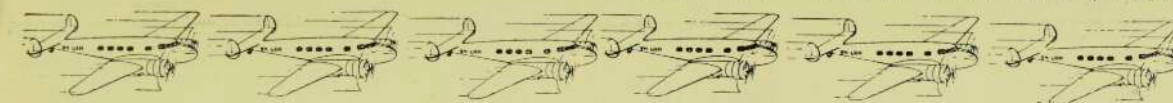
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Year Ended	Tonnage	Passengers
Feb. 28	Transported	Carried
1929	434	869
1930	949	2,047
1931	1,146	1,995
1932	3,947	1,607
1933	3,980	3,856
1934	6,044	7,398
1935	6,102	9,721
1936	6,476	12,137
1937	6,705	11,869
Totals	35,783	51,499

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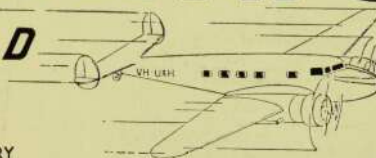
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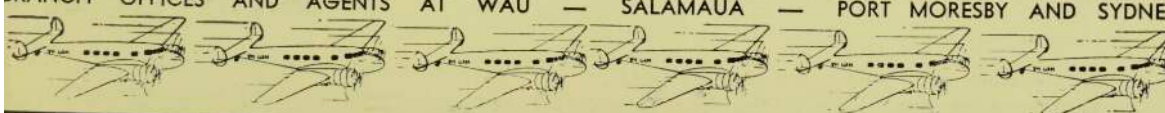
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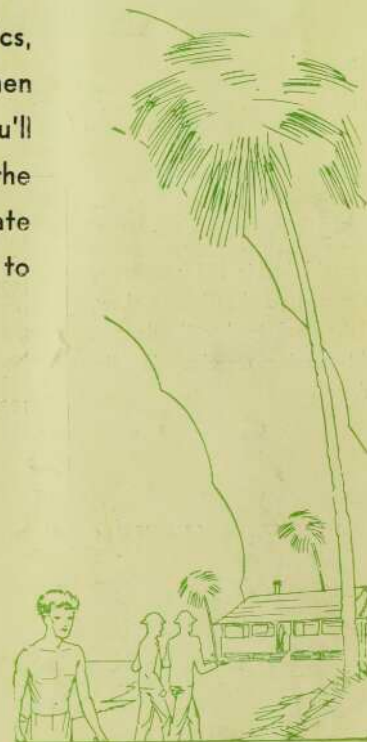
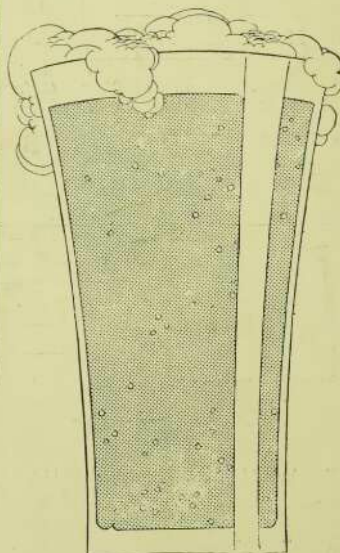
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