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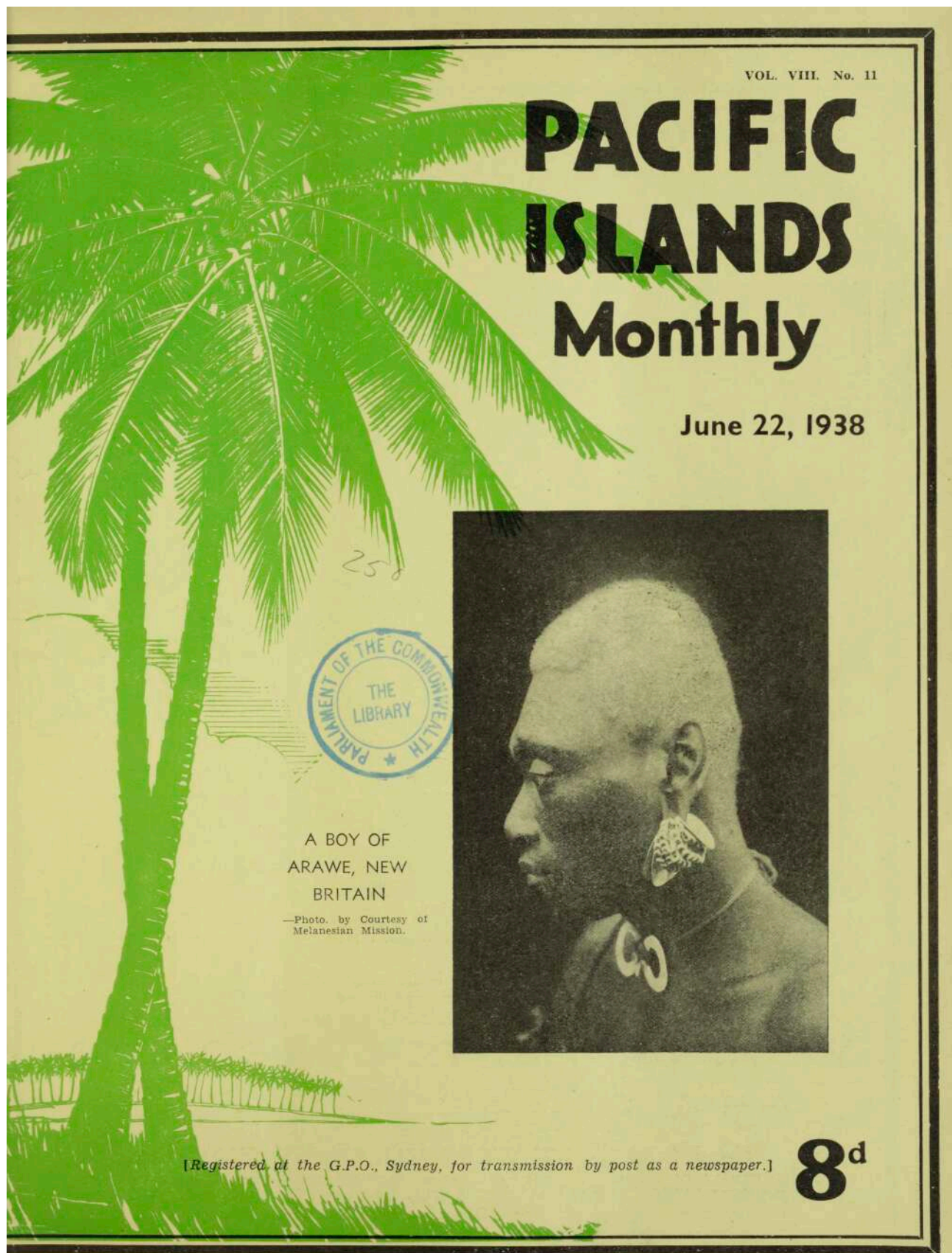
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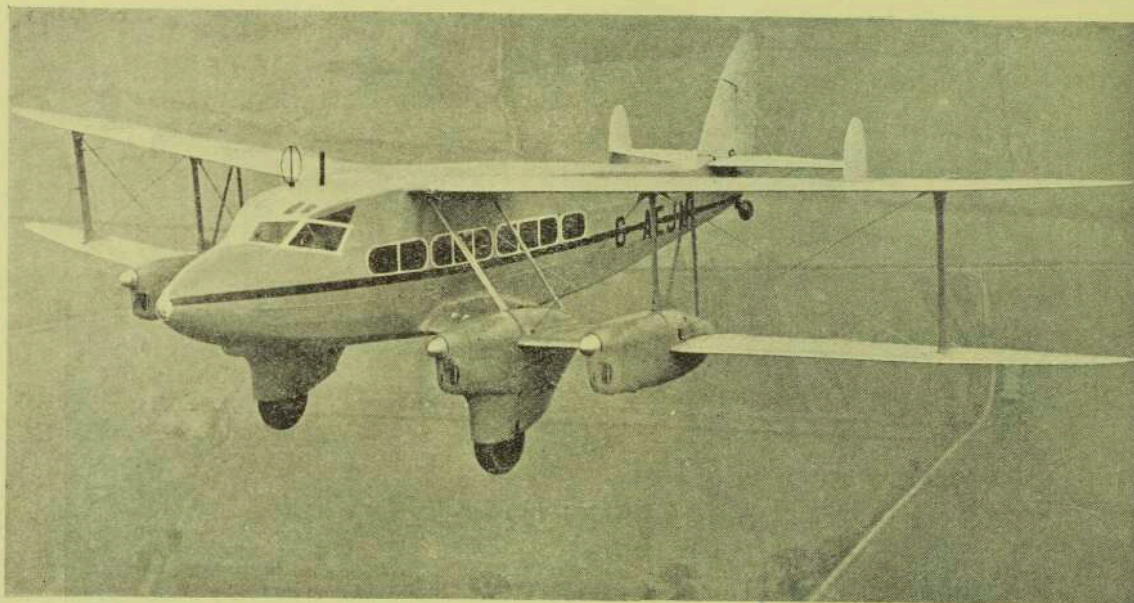


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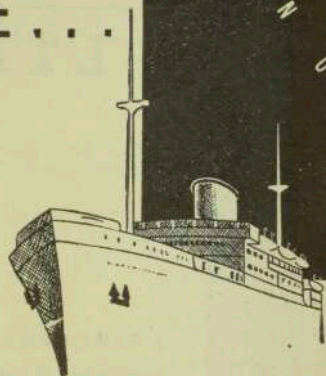
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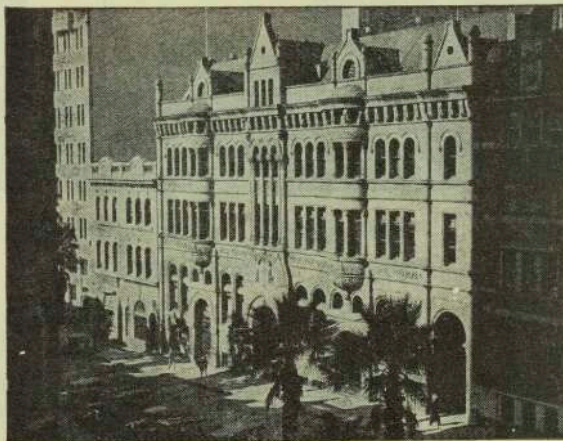
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## ASIATIC LABOUR FOR PACIFIC TERRITORIES

AS the years pass, one can see a labour problem growing acute in the Pacific.

If European occupation of the various Territories of the Central and South Pacific is to continue effectively, some guarantee of an adequate labour supply must be given to the commercial interests concerned. In that connection, there always is danger of a clash between the employers, and the various folk who consider it their duty to protect the interests of the natives—the latter class including some utterly impractical idealists who believe that Europeans, without apology and without ceremony, should be thrown out of the Islands altogether. Writers of letters to the editor, published in this and recent issues, deal interestingly with certain aspects of this problem.

The fact of the matter is that a better labour supply already is needed by British interests in New Guinea, the Solomons, and Samoa, and to some extent in Fiji, and probably it will be needed soon in Papua. This

is a matter—especially in its relationship to the possible use of indentured Asiatic labour—concerning which there should, long ago, have been consultation between the Dominions concerned and the British Government. Instead, all the little bureaucrats paddle along, each in his own watertight compartment, and coldly ignore the similar problem of the men alongside them.

The first principle of colonisation nowadays is that the native may not be enslaved. In any event, as an aboriginal landowner, he has certain inalienable rights, which give him economic independence. Yet, without an adequate labour supply, Europeans cannot make sufficient use of these islands to justify European occupation; and, if Europeans abandon them the Asiatics will come in—and that will be the end of the European nations in the West and South Pacific.

Every year, it is becoming more difficult to obtain a sufficient labour supply for New Guinea's plantations, mines and commercial establishments.

This position became inevitable, from the time that the goldmines suddenly demanded from 7,000 to 10,000 native labourers. There are several reasons for it, and a dozen angles to each reason; but the net result is that the New Guinea natives, in an increasing degree, are unwilling to make labour contracts, and those who do are increasingly difficult to handle.

The same thing is likely to happen in Papua. If an oil industry is established there the labour position will become acute, so far as native supplies are concerned.

The real solution was seen long ago, but always has been frowned upon officially. It is to employ a system of indentured Asiatic labour, similar to that used by the French in New Caledonia and the New Hebrides.

The well-meaning, but uninstructed and inexperienced Socialist Government of New Zealand has removed most of the indentured Chinese labourers from Western Samoa, and has told the embarrassed planters there: "Use local labour, or get out!" The issue, which apparently is too big to be seen by the gentlemen in little New Zealand, has application to the whole Pacific. If there is to be an effective and justifiable occupation of Samoa by Europeans there must be

an adequate labour supply. Samoans, holding ample food-producing lands on a communal basis, will not hire themselves as labourers to Europeans.

Exactly the same difficulty has been experienced in other Pacific territories during the past decades. In almost every case, an attempt has been made to solve it by bringing in Asiatic labour (always on a system of strict indenture and periodical repatriation), and in almost every case the result has been deplorable. For one reason and another—too many and lengthy to examine here—the various indenture systems broke down, with the result that a Chinese community has become established in Tahiti, a Japanese community in Hawaii, an Indian community in Fiji, and a Chinese community in New Guinea. In the cases of Tahiti, Fiji and New Guinea, the implantation of Asiatics has not solved the labour problem; the Asiatics simply have become traders, planters, and artisans, and will not hire themselves out as labourers. But the breakdown of the indenture system in those cases does not mean that it will not work. It has worked, and is working admirably to-day, in New Caledonia, where Javanese operate the chrome and nickel industries; in New Hebrides, where Tonkinese supply plantation labour; and in Nauru and Ocean Island, where Chinese work the phosphate deposits.

It is fair neither to European enterprise, to Government officials, to missionaries, nor to the Pacific Islands natives themselves, to expect that these territories shall be satisfactorily occupied by Europeans, with the assistance of the indigenous peoples only. The natives, through countless generations, have not known real labour—Mother Nature has provided abundantly for their simple needs. Why should they be made to labour? Or why, alternatively, should their lives be altered, and their needs be made more numerous and complex, so that they may be induced to labour?

Following this argument, one may say, Why not leave the natives alone in their Pacific islands, to work out their own destiny, under the guidance of missionaries and benevolent Government despots? Unfortunately, the day in which that idea might be seriously discussed is past. In relation to the occupation and use of occupiable territories, there is a mighty stirring in the world. The fertile, undeveloped Pacific territories are directly affected. European countries must occupy and make proper use of the Pacific territories they hold, or they will lose them, with results calamitous to themselves. They dare not even hand over the territories to the natives whom they may have organised and

educated—the position in the Philippines, where America now is trying to put the Philippines Independence Plan into reverse, is proof of that.

And so we come back to some plain questions, to which answers can easily be given:—

Is it desirable that all Pacific territories south of the Equator be held by Britain, France and other Europeans? It is.

Can those territories be effectively occupied and held unless there is adequate labour available for established industries and developmental works? They cannot.

Is sufficient native labour available? There is not sufficient native labour available in any of the territories, but there is ample labour to be hired next door, in Asia.

But that indenture system, as already shown, is full of dangers, in an economic and racial sense. That is why there should be a clear understanding and a common policy between the various colonising interests concerned.

Mr. Eric Vine, well-known Fiji barrister and solicitor, died at Raki Raki, Ra, on May 10. Born in London in 1889, Mr. Vine was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England in 1911. He served through the war and went to Fiji in 1924, being admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court in the same year. Mr. Vine practised in many districts on Viti Levu, finally establishing himself at Ra. He is survived by his widow.

## SCHOOL PUPILS OF OVER 30 YEARS

### Awkward Situation In Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent.

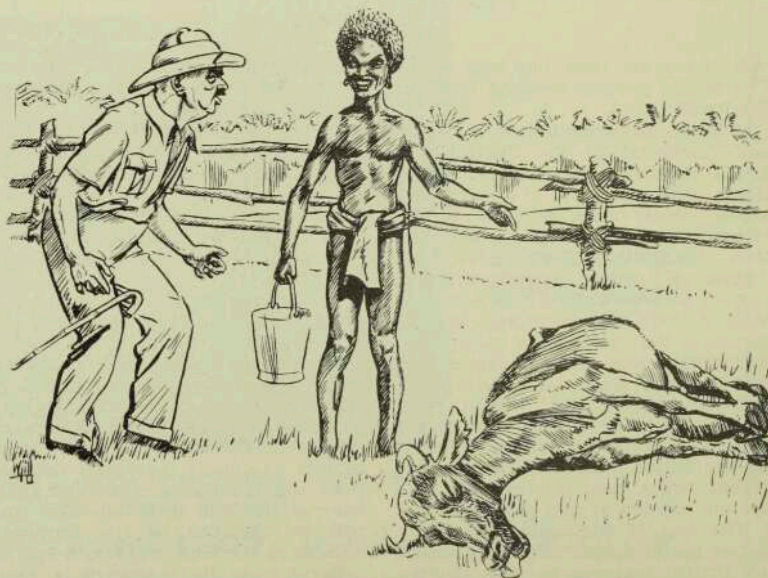
APIA, June 2.

THE mutual hates of local politics have invaded even our education system, and it now appears likely that the Post-Primary School, opened recently by the Administration, to provide our young people with a link between the primary schools and the University, will be wrecked.

It was originally intended that the school should be available for boys and girls of European status, up to the age of 17 and it was also intended that the more intelligent Samoan children of school age should be admitted.

However the Mau and the Mau leaders got busy and protested to the New Zealand Government against the fixing of an age-limit for the school. The opening of the school was postponed several times and, finally, the age limit was withdrawn. The result is that among a large number of native pupils admitted are a number of adult Samoans, some of them over 30 years of age, and some married. European parents, quite naturally, have refused to send their young daughters to the school in these circumstances.

Mr. W. R. Humphries, Resident Magistrate of Port Moresby, Papua, arrived in Sydney by the May "Macdhui" on long furlough. Mr. Humphries is being relieved by Mr. R. A. Woodward, who has been Resident Magistrate at Misima Island for the past year.



"Taubada, one meat 'e die pfinish!"  
(English is the official language of the Papuans.)

## COPRA

### Market Overshadowed By Politics

ADVICES from London, dated early in June, and received by airmail, throw no light upon the immediate future of the copra market.

The more expert of the London copra dealers confess that the world market position has them baffled. Messrs. Faure, for instance, say that they expected in April that by the end of May there would be a rise in copra prices, but nothing of the kind has materialised, and for this they blame the very disturbed, and at times critical, international situation.

There is a consensus of opinion among London market commentators that, despite the readiness of the world generally to buy liberally of all commodities, there will be no eager buying so long as there remains a daily danger of an outbreak of war. All are agreed that, so long as a major economic dislocation is threatened, no person or interest will invest more money than can be helped in perishable goods.

The economic situation in the United States also remains chaotic and uncertain, and this also tends definitely to depress the world markets for all commodities. It will have been noted that a number of the largest manufacturers of motor cars in U.S.A. recently decided upon what is virtually a "three-months holiday". There could be no greater evidence than this of the slowing-up of business, as a result of the timidity of the markets and the unwillingness of individuals to invest money in anything.

But, while the immediate outlook is depressing, it can be said that there is little likelihood of war in Europe. There are outcries and alarms, but even the nations under dictatorships realise that a major war in Europe to-day would mean the end of European civilisation. We believe that when this fact is sufficiently appreciated—and its general acceptance may come at any time—the world may quite easily swing into an era of trading and prosperity, that will be almost without precedent in human affairs.

### EFFECT OF OIL SEARCH IN PAPUA

THE fall in the price of copra and other commodities is not causing much embarrassment in Papua.

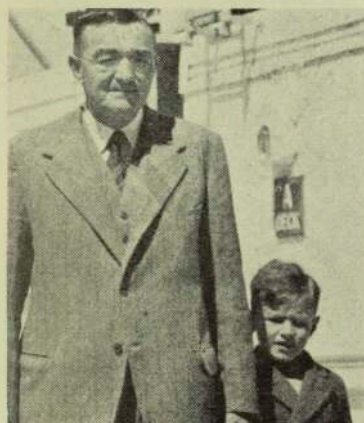
"Things here are not by any means depressed as they might be," says a Moresby merchant in a letter to the editor. "We have to thank the active operations of the various companies which are seeking for oil. I sincerely hope that their activities will continue for at least another two years; for, by that time, I think the world will have rightened out some of its complications, and our commodities will be able to keep us going comfortably again."

## FIJI'S GOVERNOR

### Unexpected Transfer to Jamaica

THERE was considerable surprise when it was announced on June 15 that Sir Arthur Richards, Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, had been appointed Governor of Jamaica. Sir Arthur Richards was appointed to his present position at the end of 1936, and had really only settled down to his new duties, which he was discharging with every indication of strength, courage and vision.

Probably it was the display of those qualities which caused his early transfer. There have been serious riots recently in



Sir Arthur Richards, with his small son, "snapped" on the liner in Sydney, in 1936, when he was en route to Suva to assume the Governorship.

Jamaica, and it may be that the trouble is due to administrative weakness there. One may suppose that the British Colonial Office looked about for some man of outstanding ability for appointment to a difficult situation, and Sir Arthur Richards evidently was the type of man required. It may be Jamaica's gain—but definitely it is Fiji's loss.

The men who are administering the outlying territories under the command of the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific will regret this development. As a rule, the Solomons, the Gilbert and Ellice Colony, Tonga and the New Hebrides complain bitterly that Suva, more often than not, ignores their existence and pigeonholes their various representations; but, in Sir Arthur Richards, they had found a man who gave as much attention to the outlying territories as to Fiji itself.

Mr. V. Hunt has been appointed assayer to Cuthbert's Misima Gold Mines, Misima Is., Papua. Mr. Hunt was formerly connected with the Triton Gold Mining Co., Western Australia.

Dr. Peter H. Buck, director of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum at Honolulu, Hawaii, has been appointed visiting professor of Polynesian ethnology to Yale University, U.S.A.

## SAMOAN MAU AND BANANAS

### Industry May Be Wrecked

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, June 2.

WITH the local cocoa price down to less than £22 per ton, and no profit at present in the cocoa industry, the banana export business has become the mainstay of our economic life. Recently, 17,000 cases of bananas were shipped to New Zealand, and the demand apparently is increasing, owing to the good quality of the fruit and the rigid inspection enforced.

It is, therefore, deplorable that the success of the banana industry should be threatened by a ceaseless and troublesome agitation against the Government's present banana-export organisation. The Mau, for apparently personal and political reasons, is adopting all sorts of methods to make the organisation difficult. It even went to the length of sending circulars to all native shippers of bananas and asking them to supply details of any complaints they might have against the present system of inspection. So far, the Government has flatly rejected the intrigues of the Mau, and the banana scheme is working admirably—but under a definite sense of uneasiness.

## New Goldfields in New Guinea

### Report of Sepik Discovery

NEWSPAPER reports, liberally headlined "Prospector is King of Wild Natives" in the Australian newspapers early in June, described how Mr. Mick Leahy, 36-years-old prospector and explorer, is "the only white man in the Wahgi region, on the Mount Hagen plateau, 8,000 feet up, in the centre of New Guinea". It was stated that Mr. Leahy has discovered gold close to the foot of Mount Hagen (13,000 feet) and employs over 200 Wahgi natives to work his claims.

It was stated in the same newspaper article that reports have been received in New Guinea of the discovery of a new goldfield near the headwaters of the Sepik River, close to the Dutch border. It was said that the new discovery was of "considerable importance", but no details are given. The report may be correct; but it has all the earmarks of flapper press sensationalism.

### MISSION AEROPLANE

AN interesting development in missionary enterprise is seen in the establishment at Finschafen, New Guinea, headquarters of the Lutheran Mission, of an aeroplane, which is to be used in maintaining communication between the different Lutheran stations. The plane, which is in charge of Pilot Garms and Mechanic Paul Rabe, has already made a number of flights between Finschafen and Lae.

## FIJI'S TRADE

### Good Start for 1938

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, June 2.

FIGURES published in the Fiji Royal Gazette concerning the trade of the Colony for the first quarter of 1938 disclose considerable increases over the corresponding quarter of 1937. Imports increased by £109,442 and exports by £110,325. Although imports showed such a high increase, duty paid amounted to £9,934 less.

Details were as follows:—

| IMPORTS.           |           |           |  |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
|                    | 1937.     | 1938.     |  |
|                    | £         | £         |  |
| Value .....        | 382,175   | 391,617   |  |
| Duty .....         | 106,503   | 91,569    |  |
| Wharfage .....     | 3,297     | 2,727     |  |
| Tonnage Duty ..... | 1,105     | 1,292     |  |
| EXPORTS.           |           |           |  |
|                    | 1937.     | 1938.     |  |
|                    | £         | £         |  |
| Sugar .....        | 132,693   | 139,098   |  |
| Copra .....        | 56,872    | 81,775    |  |
| Bananas .....      | 18,377    | 18,148    |  |
| Molasses .....     | 3,427     | 4,058     |  |
| Gold .....         | 21,400    | 121,871   |  |
| Trochus .....      | 4,724     | 1,006     |  |
| Other .....        | 43,270    | 23,932    |  |
| Totals .....       | £ 280,763 | £ 391,088 |  |

### N.Z. Trade Diverted to Australia

THERE has been some concern recently in Islands trading circles in New Zealand over the fact that much of the Fiji trade formerly enjoyed by the Dominion has been diverted to Australia. Dealing with this decline, the Suva Chamber of Commerce states that the main factors responsible are the higher price of N.Z. manufactured goods and Australia's advantage with shipping facilities.

There was a boom in New Zealand goods in 1931-32 as the result of a preferential tariff extended by Fiji when Australia shut out her bananas; but that concession was abandoned under the Ottawa Agreement and N.Z. goods went into Fiji on the same footing as Australian products. Under the preferential tariff the following goods were imported from N.Z. in fairly large quantities:—Biscuits, boots and shoes, bran, confectionery, fruits, jams, leather, milk, manures, pickles, paints and soaps. With the removal of the preference these are now imported from Australia.

In 1932 Fiji imported goods from Australia valued at £317,046 and from N.Z. goods valued at £100,255. In 1936 imports from Australia were valued at £514,504. and from N.Z. £56,870. Fijian exports to Australia also increased from £50,098 in 1932 to £241,564 in 1936.

To some extent Australia supplies goods to Fiji which N.Z. cannot supply. These include coal, wheat products and manufactured tobacco, which in 1936 were valued at £124,381. New Zealand also cannot supply the light varieties of beers and ales imported from Australia.

### PACIFIC TRAVELLERS



Miss F. Mathieson, of the New Guinea Administrative staff, sailed for Rabaul by the June "Macdhui", after furlough in Sydney.



Mr. Alec. Ottawa, sales representative of the Riverstone Meat Co. Pty. Ltd., whose frozen and tinned-meat products are well-known in the Pacific Islands, sailed from Sydney by the "Malaita" for the Solomons on June 11, on one of his periodical visits to the Western Pacific.



Sister Mary Reine, who has been engaged in mission work for the Marist Mission for more than 15 years, sailed by the June "Malaita" for Visale, B.S.L., after spending furlough in Sydney.



Mr. Arthur Jewell, M.L.C., left Sydney for Port Moresby, Papua, by the "Macdhui" on June 1. Mr. and Mrs. Jewell have been spending a short holiday in Australia.

### NEW CO. FOR DUTCH NEW GUINEA

#### Plans For Far-Reaching Development

THE determination of Holland to develop her own tropical territories, and so to forestall the Japanese in their insistent argument that they are entitled to enter undeveloped territories in the South Seas, is seen in the recent creation of the Netherlands New Guinea Company. It has been formed with far-reaching, long-range plans for the development of Dutch New Guinea and the neighbouring districts in Papua, and some fifteen leading Dutch concerns in the East Indies, and probably British interests, are expected to take part.

The initial capital of 2,000,000 gulden (equal to £220,000 sterling) is being provided, and the company will have a governing body in Holland and a board of directors in Batavia, where Mr. E. V. Van Dunne will be Managing Director.

Full Government co-operation is assured. The first task is exploration. A research company will exploit natural products of land and sea, and study the question of agriculture, testing out the cultivation of various staples.

Combating malaria and other diseases is regarded as most important. The possibility of white settlement in the upland areas is not being overlooked, though any decision will not be rushed.

Settlement of Javanese on any large scale is not expected for at least ten or 20 years. On the other hand, every effort will be made to develop the capacities of the Papuans, though it is recognised that steady constant work is strange to them.

Exploration of oil and gold possibilities will be continued by the New Guinea Petroleum Co. and the Billiton Mining Co.

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### DEATH OF SIR GEORGE RICHARDSON

THE death occurred suddenly in Auckland on June 12, at the age of 70, of Major-General Sir George Richardson, who was Administrator of Western Samoa from 1923 to 1928—a period of considerable political unrest in the Territory.

Sir George Richardson was a man of brilliant parts. He began life as a humble private in the British army. He became a military instructor in New Zealand in 1891; was representing New Zealand at the War Office in London in 1914; and he was on the staff of the Royal Naval Division at Antwerp and Gallipoli and of the 12th Corps at Salonika. He was knighted in 1926.

## Capital Site for New Guinea

Choice Believed To Be Between  
Two Plateaus On Mainland

SINCE his return from New Guinea, the Australian Minister (Mr. Hughes) has given no indication of the locality he favours as the future capital of the Territory.

The matter will probably come before the Federal Cabinet on Tuesday, June 21, and an announcement then may be made.

All unofficial information suggests that the new site will be on the mainland, at a point that will assist in opening up the rich plateaus of the interior, and that the establishment of the capital there will form part of a vigorous policy

## DEATH OF JACK HIDES

IT is announced, as we go to press, that Mr. Jack Hides, 31, famous for exploration achievements in Papua, died in a private hospital in Sydney on Sunday night, June 19. Pneumonia is given officially as the cause of death. Actually, the doctors had conquered the pneumonic condition, but Mr. Hides did not rally. He had never recovered from the mysterious form of beriberi disease he contracted, plus the incredible physical effort he made, when bringing David Lyall out from the centre of New Guinea to Daru in August-September, 1937. He spent some months in the mountains near Sydney, and had three or four spells in hospital, but he failed to recover his former wiry strength, which had carried him through so many critical situations in Papua.

of road-building, calculated to connect both the Morobe goldfield and the agricultural plateaus with suitable coastal ports.

Plans for financing the goldfields road have been under consideration. The Morobe interests resent the idea that they should be specially taxed. They point out that the Administration already takes from them at least £75,000 per annum in gold royalties, plus a huge sum in Customs duties, and this should be ample to finance a £250,000 road.

It is reported that a highway up the Markham Valley to the Ramu with a spur-road up the Wampit, into the Bulolo Valley, is contemplated; and that the final choice of a capital site will lie between (a) a plateau overlooking the Markham Valley, with access to Lae, Wau, and Salamaua, and (b) a plateau, about 1,100 feet high, overlooking the Ramu River, with access to Madang, on the one side, and the Ramu-Benna Benna-Markham districts, on the other.

## SIR HENRY MARKS DEAD



THE death occurred on June 5 of Sir Henry Marks, who had been a prominent figure in business and political activities in the Central Pacific for over fifty years. He had been in failing health for some time, and he died at the age of 77. He was given many positions of importance and trust under the Governor, and he was held everywhere in high esteem.

The death of Sir Henry removes one of the famous trio—Sir Henry Marks, Sir Henry Milne Scott, and Sir Mav-nard Hedstrom—whose work and activities in Fiji, and whose wide vision in public affairs, did so much in the first quarter of the 20th century to make that Crown Colony one of the most soundly established and most prosperous in the British Empire.

Sir Henry was born in Melbourne in 1861 and went to Fiji in 1881, and founded the business of Henry Marks & Co., Ltd. He was Warden of Suva for several years, Commissioner of Currency, 1913-29, member of the Legislative Council, 1926-29, and Mayor of Suva, 1926-30. He took a prominent part in the volunteer movements in Fiji.

## SAMOA'S "NEW MAU"

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, June 2.

AMID impressive ceremonial, the headquarters of the New Mau (or Malietoa Party) were opened at Lau'i'i on May 18. A large gathering of natives watched the raising of the British flag at the Malae, and attended a church service. Several speakers laid emphasis on the loyalty of the party to the King, and to the British and New Zealand Governments, and said the New Mau was eager to co-operate with the Government in all matters for the welfare of Samoa.

## PACIFIC ISLANDS CLUB

ABOUT 150 persons attended the June meeting of the Pacific Islands Club at the Hotel Carlton, Sydney, to hear Count von Luckner, the famous German war-time raider, tell of his exploits in the South Seas. They were not disappointed: the Count proved himself a first-class lecturer, a shrewd showman, and a harpist on heart-strings. His very entertaining, if slightly over-coloured, story was enthusiastically received.

Mrs. Alice Allen Innes, a member of the Council, who is well-known in Papua and New Guinea, spoke on "Some Pioneer Women of the Louisiades". The early trials and struggles of such courageous women of Eastern Papua as Mesdames Clunn, Inman, Young, Carlow, Bunting, Tooth, Mahony, Andrews, Ede, Osborne, and Bernier were retold in a very interesting and entertaining way. The address will be published in a later issue.

In addition to a programme of Maori songs by Miss Julie Weri, two short travel films were screened. They were the Orient Co.'s "Pacific Pleasure—A Cruise to Papua", and Burns, Philp and Co.'s "Cruising in the Solomons".

## MATSON LINE AND AUCKLAND

THE "New Zealand Herald", in a strongly-worded article published on May 24, scouts the suggestion that there is any serious intention on the part of the Matson Line to divert its trans-Pacific liners, "Monterey" and "Mariposa", from Auckland to Wellington.

It appears that the plan has been discussed in some places, evidently in the belief that in such a manner the Matson Line could command a larger volume of New Zealand traffic; but the newspaper is of opinion that the higher cost of steaming as far south as Wellington, and the dislocation of timetables, render the suggested change quite unlikely.

## Record Bulolo Production

The May output of the six dredges of Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., on the Morobe goldfield, New Guinea, constituted a record, giving a working profit of over £100,000 for the month. Details, compared with the two previous yields, are:—

|                   | Mar.      | Apr.      | May.      |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Cubic yards       | 1,041,000 | 1,117,000 | 1,248,000 |
| Bullion, oz.      | 16,281    | 17,420    | 22,461    |
| Gold, fine oz.    | 11,235    | 12,020    | 15,499    |
| Value—            |           |           |           |
| Aust. currency*   | £98,306   | £105,175  | £135,616  |
| Value, per c. yd. | 22.6      | 22.6      | 26.8      |
| Working profit    | £68,958   | £73,745   | £100,038  |

\*At £48/15/- per fine ounce.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Allard, who have been spending furlough at Bundanoon, N.S.W., left Sydney for Suva, Fiji, by the "Niagara" on June 9. Mr. Allard is with the C.S.R. at Labasa.

Dr. J. F. M. Taverne arrived in Port Moresby on May 31, to be Chief Geologist for Papua Oil Developments, relieving Dr. Schumacher, who proceeded on leave in June.

## NEW BOOKS

## Angus &amp; Robertson's List

WE have received a most interesting budget of new books from Messrs. Angus and Robertson, Ltd., well-known publishers, of Sydney. This firm is maintaining, in the books it produces, a high standard of literary quality, plus "reader interest"; and residents of the Islands, requiring good reading matter, may order any of the following without hesitation.

**ACTION AT AQUILA**, by Hervey Allen (author of "Anthony Adverse") is a fascinating description of a series of little-known events and localities connected with the American Civil War, strung together as the military career of a colonel. There is no plot and only a few exciting incidents. Features are the portrayal of battle scenes with extraordinary vividness, and real artistry in describing how the beautiful valleys of Pennsylvania and Virginia were racked by war. (10/6).

**SWINGING INTO GOLF**, by Ernest Jones and Innis Brown. Here is an excellent manual for use both of beginners and of those who have become set in their ways. It deals with primary rules, old habits and modern technique—and, moreover, it is eminently readable. (8/6).

**THE VICTORIAN ERA—Its Strength and Weakness**, by Professor Walter Murdoch. This volume contains two Macrossan Lectures, delivered in 1937, and every man and woman interested in comparisons between the cultures of particular eras will read it with delight. Professor Murdoch is one of our most erudite and charming writers, and he has made available in these two lectures, in most attractive form, the results of a lifetime of reading. (2/-).

**SAVAGES IN SERGE**, by Jack Hides. This is the well-known young Papuan explorer's third book. He has gained steadily in the technique of writing, and there will be many who will regard this as his most attractive work. "Savages in Serge", of course, are the native Papuan policemen, who have accompanied him so loyally and staunchly in all his Papuan adventures, and for whom he has the deepest admiration and respect. The book was written on his last expedition up the Strickland River, and it is vivid with colour and incident. The young author, in a special foreword, gives all the credit for the fine spirit and efficient condition of the Papuan Armed Constabulary to the present Governor, Sir Hubert Murray. The book will be more fully reviewed in our next issue. (8/6).

**JAPAN REACHES OUT**, by Willard Price. This book already has been referred to in this journal. We merely remind readers that if they want to understand the Pacific situation, in relation to present deeply significant events in Asia, they must read this volume—written and published since the Japanese attack on China commenced. (10/6).

**HARPOONS AH-OY!** by Will Lawson. This is a valuable contribution to South Pacific and Antarctic history. Mr. Lawson is a good historian, because he is always careful of his facts, and he has a vivid, dramatic style of story-telling. In the present case—the setting down of the experiences of the late Captain McKillop, last of the old-time whalers—he has a job to his liking, and he has carried it out in admirable fashion. It is a dramatic and often exciting story of the great sperm whales—not the migratory creatures which nowadays are hunted by small fleets of steamers, but huge and cunning fighters, which frequent certain areas, seek their food on the bed of the ocean, and are capable of sinking ships and swallowing men. It is a readable book, which can be warmly recommended as an historical narrative and an exciting yarn. (7/6).

**DEATH IN THE MORNING**, by Harry Hodge. Here we have an Australian thriller with a good mystery, quick action and plenty of exciting situations. The author flies high, by tying up his story to a diabolical scheme to wreck the administrative machinery of a nation; but he gets away with it successfully.

## M.P. WANTED

## Suggestion From New Guinea

A MINERS' ASSOCIATION was formed recently in the Morobe section of New Guinea, to carry on an agitation for a road to the coast, for reduced charges for essential commodities, and for a general reduction of costs all round; and, as a result of an alleged "unsatisfactory" interview with the Minister (Mr. Hughes) on June 6, a meeting of residents of Rabaul formed the Rabaul Business People's and Property Owners' Association, to take action to protect their interests, especially in regard to the plan for the removal of the capital.

The "Rabaul Times" points out that, already, there are other bodies of this kind in New Guinea, and their chief function seems to be to make urgent appeals of one kind and another to the Supreme Governmental authority in Australia.

The newspaper says that what is really needed is a representative of the Pacific territories in the Commonwealth Parliament, so that the requests and pleas of the various interests and classes in the territories will not fall continually on the deaf ears of departmental bureaucrats, as has been the case in the past.

and skilfully introduces romance and real humour to brighten his sinister tale. (4/6).

**DERELICT**, by Joseph Shaw. This is a thriller of another kind, eminently readable and stirring. We have an ancient setting for the tale—a gallant young man finds himself alone on a water-jogged ship with a beautiful red-haired girl, her mother, a person of definitely villainous inclinations, and a giant wolf-hound; but the story moves swiftly, in an ingenious and unexpected fashion, and we are given a most attractive tale of adventure, romance and intrigue. (7/6).

**THE AULD SINNER**, by Cowan Harper. Cowan Harper is the nom-de-plume of Professor Angus, of St. Andrew's College (Sydney) who, as well as being a very notable ecclesiastic, is also a cultured and delightful writer, with an unusual sense of humour. This collection of stories, based on incidents among Scottish folk in a little village in Ulster, is sprinkled with humour, with hatred of the hypocritical and narrow mind, with philosophical reflection, and with quaint and lively incident; and the charming character of the tales is in no way lessened because they contain much of the Scottish dialect. A delightful book, cordially recommended. (3/6).

**THE MAKING OF A SCIENTIST**, by Raymond L. Dismarus. Everyone is aware that scientists know a great deal about natural phenomena which is of fascinating interest to common people, but that not one scientist in a thousand is able to tell us what he knows.

In this book, however, we have fifteen chapters devoted to the work of a scientist in a score of different fields—flies, snakes, frogs, monkeys, bears, bats, etc.—and in every case he gives us something new and interesting and startling. The mass, good in itself, is leavened with a vein of rich humour, and the whole book is at once entertaining and instructive. The text is illustrated with a couple of score of unusual photographs. (7/6).

Mr. Len Christoffersen, formerly of Fiji, died recently at the age of 33 at Reefton, New Zealand. He was for many years in the Fiji Customs Department, being stationed as Suva and Levuka. Later he worked at Tavua, from the commencement of mining operations there, returning to New Zealand last year.

## ISLANDS TRAVELLERS



Miss Lillian Norman left Sydney by the "Malaita" on June 11 for a round trip to the Solomon Islands and Rabaul.



Miss Helen Gillespie, who accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gillespie, sailed for Kavieng, N.G., by the June "Macdhui", to visit her brother, Mr. R. Gillespie.



Rev. G. H. D. Voss, of the Melanesian Mission, sailed from Sydney by the "Malaita" on June 11. Mr. Voss will leave the ship at Tulagi, where he will spend some time before proceeding to his station on New Britain.



Miss Monica Glover, who left Sydney by the "Malaita" on June 11 for a round trip of the Solomons and Rabaul, N.G., paused a moment for the photographer just before the vessel sailed.

Mr. and Mrs. Neville McLean arrived in Sydney from New Guinea by the "Macdhui" on May 26, on short furlough. Mr. McLean is an employee of Greenward & Laws at Wau.

Dr. Alfred Metraux, who has been associated with the Bernice P. Bishop Museum at Honolulu, Hawaii, has been appointed a visiting professor at Yale University, U.S.A. Dr. Metraux, who recently achieved prominence for his studies of Polynesian ethnology on Easter Island, will proceed to Yale, during September where he will take his duties until the end of January, 1939.

## Will Somebody Please Explain?

BY "AMEL"

THROUGHOUT the Islands it is a well-known fact that, where planters foregather, two topics of conversation hold the floor—namely, the perversity of native labour, and the price of copra.

The vagaries of the latter are hard to understand. Before December, 1936, the price soared to £14 and £15 per ton, which meant comparative comfort for the planters. But this was too good to last. Steadily and relentlessly it fell again, until now it is £5/15 per ton. Can anyone give some good sound reasons for this performance?

Various explanations, such as the European situation, the unstable condition of world affairs and the excess of substitutes for copra products are dish-ed up to us from time to time, but the unexplained fact remains that coconut and copra by-products are still being sold at precisely the same prices as when copra was £20 per ton.

It seems a trifle ridiculous, while copra fetches £5/15 per ton, desiccated coconut is sold at the rate of £112 per ton. And, as far as I know, margarine and cattle-food are maintaining their usual price levels.

A large amount of coconut oil probably goes into the manufacture of both household and toilet soaps. Consequently, according to the ruling price of copra, those commodities should be as cheap as dirt. But are they? Household soap, made in Suva, is indeed valuable stuff, being sold at approximately £47 per ton. Why all the profit?

Perhaps coconut oil is one of the main ingredients of shaving soap? A 3oz. stick costs 1/9. Allow 9d for the bakelite container, and figure out the rest for yourself. All I can say is, the knowledge that they are lathering their faces with stuff worth about £597 per ton should cause men to weep tears of joy.

If the price of butter fluctuated to the same extent as the price of copra, dairy farmers would all go bankrupt and crazy in a week. But it does not, so why cannot the price of copra be the same? Why does not the low price of copra affect the high prices of the commodities manufactured therefrom? Surely they should come down also!

It appears that the copra planters, as mere puppets of the powerful combines that rule world markets, can only sit tight, endeavour to evade the clutches of the merchants, hope for the best, and wonder whether, ultimately, their outlook will ever be any clearer than the mud it so closely resembles.

On May 30, a native of Mailu, Papua, was electrocuted, when he came in contact with a wire fence which had become charged with current in an extraordinary way. Water, overflowing from a gutter, had reached an electric light switch. This had destroyed the insulation, and the current had escaped to the iron walls and through an iron fence, to the wire. The premises were properly wired, and there was the usual earth wire, and the galvanised iron fence was also partly buried in the earth; but the current took its course to the ground through the wire in the fence.

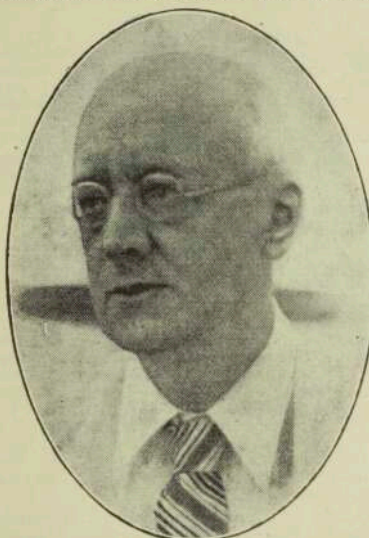
## RETIREMENT OF DR. W. M. STRONG

Man Who Inaugurated Medical Training For Papuans

From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT MORESBY, June 10.

DR. WALTER MERSH STRONG, M.A., M.D., Chief Medical Officer and member of the Executive Council of Papua, is at present on twelve months' leave, from May 31. During his leave he will reach the retiring age, on September 24, and on that date his long



years of work in the service of the Government will come to an end.

Dr. Strong first came to the Territory in 1903, as a member of the Daniells' Ethnological Expedition. On the departure of the expedition, Dr. Strong decided to remain behind. In July, 1904, he entered the Papuan Service and was appointed A.R.M. at Mekeo (inland, on the mainland, opposite Yule Island) from which he made many exploratory patrols into the mountainous interior. One of his outstanding patrols was to Amenofo, north to the mouth of the Kuni-maipa, not far from the border. Here a large mountain, on the south-eastern flank of the valley was subsequently named after Dr. Strong, to commemorate his work as the first European in the district.

Dr. Strong was then A.R.M. and R.M. at Cape Nelson, until the outbreak of war, when he relieved the Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Strong was appointed Chief Medical Officer in 1920-21, and a member of the Executive Council, a position which he has held ever since.

As C.M.O., Dr. Strong has done much to raise the standard of health and food values for the native labourers and natives generally in the Territory; and, through his system of training Native Medical Assistants to be an efficient force, he has generally improved health conditions in outside districts.

A number of specially selected Papuans were first sent, in 1933, to the Sydney University, for a six months' course in the rudiments of Medicine, to give them a foundation upon which more

accurate knowledge could be built in the future. So successful were the results of this scheme that, in the two following years, further numbers were sent south, with the same satisfactory results. Trained assistants have been made available to the Medical Department for general and emergency work on medical patrols, throughout the country, bringing medical help to the more remote districts. Dr. Strong conducted the preliminary work of training these medical assistants in Port Moresby, giving them elementary lessons in anatomy, physiology, and chemistry, in both Motuan and English, thus fitting them for their advanced studies in Sydney. These trained assistants are in constant touch with headquarters and are available for any emergency that might arise.

Dr. Strong will be greatly missed in the service, and his many friends in the Territory wish him long and happy years in his retirement.

## AUSTRALIAN MINISTER'S QUICK TRIP TO N. GUINEA

THE Australian Minister for External Affairs, Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, who also is Minister in Charge of the Pacific Territories, left Sydney by the first official air-mail on May 30, visited Papua and New Guinea, made close inquiries into the vexed question of a future site for the capital of New Guinea, received many deputations and much hospitality in Rabaul, Lae, Salamaua, Wau, Madang, and Port Moresby, and arrived back in Sydney by the air-mail on June 12. He said that he had travelled 6,000 miles and transacted a large amount of departmental business within the space of ten days—testimony to the value of aerial transport.

The Minister, on his return, spoke in glowing terms of the rich resources of the Territory of New Guinea, and especially of those great interior plateaus, with their fertile valleys and temperate climate, which were discovered only during the past five years. Mr. Hughes, in no uncertain terms, indicated his belief that Australia must vigorously develop those valuable tropical territories, if she expects to successfully support her claim in the future to their continued occupation.

## NEW GOVERNOR OF AMERICAN SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent.

HONOLULU, June 1.

COMMANDER E. W. HANSON, formerly commanding officer of U.S.S. "Erie", has taken up his duties as governor of American Samoa, in succession to Captain Macgillivray Milne.

While in Honolulu, en route to his new duty, Commander Hanson conferred with Dr. Peter Buck, the New Zealand born director of the Bishop Museum, who also is one of the trustees of the famed Barstow school, near Pago Pago. The governor anticipates greatly aiding the school in its outstanding experimental work in the education of natives.

Commander Hanson reported to the Honolulu newspapers that Pan American Airways are continuing with plans to move their base from the harbour at Pago Pago to Rose Island, the American atoll 150 miles due east.

## HUGHES SPEAKS!

"All Hell Is Not Going To Take Our Mandate Away" is "Mis-interpretation"

WHEN the Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes Minister for External Affairs, reached Rabaul, on June 1, he made a statement about the future of the Mandated Territory which caused a general furore.

One must remember the circumstances and the historical background. Mr. Hughes was Australia's great, war-time Prime Minister, and it was he who, at Versailles in 1919, obtained the New Guinea Mandate for Australia. Recently, there has been much talk about the possibility of the return of New Guinea to Germany, to which Mr. Hughes could not have been indifferent; and, at Port Moresby, he found the German Consul-General in Australia, Dr. Asmis, engaged in a leisurely and very friendly tour of Papua.

So, when he got to Rabaul, Mr. Hughes—to the delight of all people who like to find some backbone in their political leaders—just "let go". At any rate, this was indicated by press reports.

There was a formal welcome to the Minister on the Rabaul aerodrome. Sir Walter McNicoll (Administrator) referred to the fact that it was Mr. Hughes who was responsible for the control of the Territory by Australia, and therefore they were glad to greet him as a passenger on the first official air-mail.

Mr. Hughes described, in his usual graphic and amusing way, some of the difficulties he had encountered 20 years ago in obtaining the Mandate for Australia. Then, according to the "Rabaul Times" report, he proceeded as follows:

"Well, anyway, we got our Mandate and on this rock we have built our church and all hell is not going to take it away. This Territory has a great future", said Mr. Hughes in conclusion, "and what we have we shall hold. Some people down below ask what will happen if they took the Mandate away from us. I say: Nothing would happen".

This was the report that was radioed to Australian newspapers, and repeated in press reports throughout the world.

The declaration caused a merry stir in Canberra. Mischief-makers decided that Mr. Hughes had caused "most serious embarrassment" to the Australian Government; and some excited newspapers even announced that his resignation from the Ministry had been called for.

The storm died down, after a day or two. There is reason to suppose that the Prime Minister asked Mr. Hughes what he said, and why he said it; and that Mr. Hughes replied that he would be back in Sydney on June 12 and he then would be available for discussions.

The majority of Australians thanked their gods that they had at least one leader who was not dominated by the "hush, hush" policy of Mr. Lyons.

Their pleasure was short-lived.

When Mr. Hughes arrived in Sydney on June 12 he repudiated the Rabaul report of his speech, in this fashion:—

"Apparently words that I used in referring to the mainland of Australia were applied to the Territory of New Guinea. What I said in relation to the Territory of New Guinea was that the Mandate was given to us by the League of Nations to govern the Territory in the interests of the natives, whose country it was. I said that we had governed it in the best interests of the natives, and that all the powers of Hell had not prevailed against this".

One is bound to say, with all respect to Mr. Hughes, that his repudiation and explanation are unconvincing. They do

not in any way fit into the structure of his Rabaul speech.

### "S.M.H." ON W.M.H.

This was the view taken by "Sydney Morning Herald", which dealt rather scathingly with the incident in a leading article on June 13:—

"At least, if Mr. Hughes did not say this, the language does no injustice to his forcible and picturesque style. And if he did say it, or something very like it, it is still difficult to see what all the pother at Canberra is about. Granted that phrases uttered under the shadow of Matupi may sound a trifle tropical amid the chill conventionality of Canberra, the sentiment attributed to Mr. Hughes is not likely to be repudiated by Australians generally; and the agitated and distressingly obvious attempts to water them down may accentuate rather than correct any mischief that may have been done".

The newspaper goes on to show that Mr. Hughes's speech, as originally reported, was quite consistent with two or three other official pronouncements on the same subject, in recent years. "What we had in 1936 we were determined to hold", says "S.M. Herald". "Are we less determined in 1938, or is it merely that our statesmen, with one impenitent exception, have grown more mealy-mouthed . . . Whether Mr. Hughes said it or not, it is largely true that whoever holds New Guinea commands Australia. Not territorial greed but the instinct of self-preservation bids us cling to the outer ring of our defences".

And so we are back where we were. The future of New Guinea, it would seem, remains upon the knees of the international high gods.

### FUTURE OF NEW GUINEA AND SAMOA

As a matter of fact, there need be no agitation about the future of New Guinea and Samoa, so far as Germany is concerned. Germany wants territory; but, according to the best information available, the Pacific Islands are too small and too far away to be interesting. We have consistently expressed this opinion, and it is supported by a letter just received from a German, in touch with German public opinion. "Germany does not want Samoa or New Guinea", he says.

Major C. B. Joske, of Suva, who led the Fiji contingent to England to take part in the Coronation Ceremonies, arrived in New York on May 23 by the "Queen Mary", en route to Fiji.

Mrs. A. M. Logan and her two children left Sydney for Port Moresby, Papua, by the June "Macdhui". Mrs. Logan is the wife of the Inspector of Constabulary in Papua.

Rev. and Mrs. R. Rankin passed through Sydney early in June after spending long furlough in England. Mr. Rankin is engaged in mission work for the London Missionary Society at Faroo, Papua.

Mr. R. A. Robinson, Burns, Philp plantation inspector, left Sydney for Tulagi, B.S.I., by the "Malaita" on June 11.

Mr. T. G. Gould, formerly in legal practice at Nadi, Fiji, has been appointed to a post in the Colonial Legal Service of Hong Kong. He left Suva by the May "Monterey".

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# TROPICALITIES

WHEN Count von Luckner stood up to speak, at the Pacific Islands Club reception, in Sydney, on June 1, he waved a friendly hand to a man nearby. "There is my old friend Tommy Horne", he said. "He was my good host, in Suva, over 20 years ago". Mr. Horne waved back, with equal cordiality. "Tell them about the Japanese cargo steamer, Count!" he replied. The Count said "Ja, ja!" and chuckled hugely, but did not tell the story.

Mr. Horne was "host" to the famous Count in 1917—he was in charge of the guard of the Fiji Defence Force, which held the ex-raider a prisoner until he could be shipped to New Zealand. The guard liked their prisoner, however, and allowed him many privileges. He was permitted to go aboard a Japanese steamer, and returned, very mellow and happy, with a description of "ze best viskey I have tasted ever". And aboard that casual Japanese cargo-carrier, to his amazement, he had been shown an excellent photograph of himself and the "See Adler". The Count's respect for the Japanese secret service was outspoken.

When the Count first met his guard he was a little critical. "You are not trained soldiers", he said. "No—but we shoot straight!" replied Sergeant Horne, grimly.

WHEN a French sailor was charged in Suva last month with opium-smuggling, it was found that no one around the Court could speak French, and an Indian who had lived in a French colony was brought in as interpreter. This recalls another incident in Fiji. Six men were charged with some offence; and as they comprised a Fijian, a Chinese, a Samoan, and three Indians who spoke different dialects, no less than six different interpreters were brought into action at once.

HE dashed up to the bar of the gold-fields hotel and hollered:—

"Gimme a double-header, quick, before the trouble starts"

The bartender did, and he drank it "Gimme another double-header—before the trouble starts".

Bartender, puzzled, did, and asked:— "Before what trouble starts?"

He replied sadly: "It's started now. I ain't got any money".

A CAPTION, "Oxford Group News—Miracles in Papua", in the "Australasian Christian World", of June 3, caught our eye. It is stated there that, between 1927 and 1931, the Kwato Mission "had become conventional and static" and "the little community became ineffective and disunited". Then Mr. Cecil Abel remembered something he had learned of the Oxford Group Movement and, "for a whole day he examined him-

self in a Quiet Time in the light of the Four Absolutes". As a result, he and his chief Papuan assistant began to practise the principles of the Movement; others joined in; the Movement spread into the surrounding native villages; and, in the last seven years, sorcery, brutality and debauchery have been, to a large extent, driven out. Sorcerers even have gone and apologised to the families of persons they have killed!!

TAKING native girl servants South on holidays with one sometimes provides very amusing incidents (writes a planter's wife from Eastern Papua). On one of my rare visits to Sydney, I had occasion to go out, leaving the flat and the girl alone. I showed her how to lock the door and told her not to open it for anyone.

During the morning there was a rap on the back door. Sticking her kinky head out of the window, the girl, in a scolding voice, asked, "Who you?"

"I am the ice man", announced the caller.

"You no nice man, you bad man. You go away quick time".

The girl stood her ground, and the butter was soft for dinner that evening!

A STORY told by Captain L. C. P. Tudway (Commander of H.M.S. "Leith") at a luncheon given by the United Services Institute, Sydney: When honoured visitors call at Auki (Malaita, Solomon Islands) natives beat the water at a certain place, and a shark presents himself—a friendly, understanding fish.

"He puts in to shore, rises to the surface, and exhibits himself", said Captain Tudway. "He even turns over to be patted. The natives can handle him like a pup, even though his weight is

about 250 lb. The children bathe with him, and even get on his back".

With a little bright company promoting, Malaita's shark should become more valuable than Guadalcanal's gold.

## SAVING RAROTONGAN BABIES

From Our Own Correspondent.

RAROTONGA, May 24.

SINCE the inception of the Rarotonga Child Welfare Association in 1931 the infant death rate has been reduced from 130 per thousand to 68. Dr. Ellison states that there are now over 100 native voluntary nurses who are taking an active part in this work. Each settlement has its section whose duty it is to look after the infants from the time of birth until they are five years of age.

## M.V. "BULOLO" IS LAUNCHED

THE "Bulolo", a modern motor liner, built for Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd., for the Sydney-New Guinea service, was successfully launched on the Clyde on June 3 by Mrs. Mackintosh, wife of Mr. A. M. Mackintosh, London manager and a director of Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd.

A description of the new vessel, which should be running in the Islands service, in place of the "Montoro", before the end of the year, was published in the "P.I.M." in April.

## THE PACIFIC ISLANDS CLUB

Visitors from the Islands to Sydney (or those interested in Islands affairs), are advised to communicate with the honorary secretary of the above Club, which has been formed to study the history, traditions, economics, and political developments of the Pacific Islands.

Next gathering: Tuesday, July 5, 8 p.m., at Hotel Carlton, Sydney. Mr. F. D. McCarthy will speak on "An Australian Ethnologist in Malaya".

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## ABOUT ISLANDS PEOPLE

Mr. J. L. Lillecrappe, of the N.G. Administration's Agricultural Demonstration Plantation at Keravat, arrived in Australia in May on a hurried business visit to South Australia.

Captain G. Blum, formerly of the New Guinea inter-island steamer "Bremerhaven" (now "Island Trader"), has taken over the command of the "Friederun", replacing Captain Rhinehart. The latter vessel carries on a regular service between Hong Kong, New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands.

Father Puff, of the Devine Word Mission at Wewak, New Guinea, reached Sydney by the "Macdhui" on May 26 to spend his first holiday for nine years.

Rev. Sailor Gabey, of the Torres Strait Mission, has been appointed chaplain to the Mitchell River Mission, North Australia.

Mr. K. A. Stuart, B.A., LL.B., formerly of New Zealand, has joined the legal firm of Chalmers and Rice, Lautoka, Fiji. He was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court

of Fiji by his Honor the Chief Justice, Mr. O. C. K. Corrie, in May.

Rev. J. F. Surr, a member of the administrative staff of the Melanesian Mission at Tulagi, B.S.I., passed through Sydney early in June en route to New Zealand, where he will spend short furlough. Mr. Surr will return to Tulagi by the "Southern Cross" at the end of September.

Mr. N. B. Casey, Superintendent of Prisons in Fiji, accompanied by Mrs. Casey, left Suva for England on leave by the last "Aorangi".



REV. F. H. DELBRIDGE, B.A., and his wife, DR. DELBRIDGE, will sail from Sydney for Fiji by the "Mariposa" on June 24, with their two children. Mr. Delbridge has been appointed superintendent of the Ba Circuit by the Methodist Mission, and Dr. Delbridge will take charge of the Mission hospital for Indian women and children at Ba.  
Photo. by courtesy "Mission Review".

Mr. J. Hinton, of the Bank of N.S.W. at Salamaua, New Guinea, sailed for Queensland on short furlough by the May "Macdhui".

Mr. B. St. J. Fisher, Registrar General and Registrar of the Supreme Court of Fiji, and Mrs. Fisher are at present en route to England on leave.

Mr. Harry Horne, who is an employee of Bulolo Gold Dredging, Ltd., at Wau, New Guinea, recently arrived in Australia by the "Macdhui" on short furlough.

Miss E. Reeks passed through Sydney early in June en route to Papua, where she will be married to Rev. D. Taylor, Priest-in-Charge of the Australian Board of Missions station at Wanigela.

Mr. C. Page, store manager of W. R. Carpenter & Co., Ltd., Kavieng, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney by the "Macdhui" at the end of May.

Rev. J. D. Bodger, Priest-in-Charge of Dogura, Papua, head station of the New Guinea Mission, is expected to visit Australia in August.

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## Triple Murder at Port Moresby Gaol

From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT MORESBY, June 10.

**R**ESIDENTS and natives alike were startled on June 9 by the discovery of a triple murder at Badili Gaol, 1½ miles from Port Moresby.

The head warder, a native, was absent on the evening of June 6, and his wife took her small daughter and went to look for him. On Thursday morning, all three were found on the small island where stands the European gaol. They had all been dead for about two days, their throats being cut, and the bodies lying in pools of dried blood.

Throat-cutting has not previously been known in Papua, but the fact that in each case the main arteries were severed is considered significant. There was no sign of struggle.

Explanation of the tragedy is being sought by the police. The dead man was known to be credited with sorcerous powers, and sorcery is still one of the strongest forces in native life. He was a native of the Mekeo district, in which the belief in sorcery persists more strongly than in any other controlled part of Papua. Canoes from the district visited the gaol during the last week, two of them left at daylight on Tuesday morning, after the crime had been committed, but before its discovery. The police now are trying to intercept them.

## DEATHS OF LONELY MEN IN TAHITI

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, June 1.

**T**WO tragic deaths—both of men living lonely, solitary lives—have occurred at Tahiti.

One, a Dane, had lived long in the islands and was much respected. He became ill with influenza; shut himself within his house, refusing all offered assistance, saying he could look after himself; and died without anyone being aware of his passing. His body lay in his lonely house for several days before enquiries were made.

The other was a recent arrival—said to be an Austrian. On May 13, he purchased a bird-gun on the plea that he wished to do some hunting in the mountains. At 3 a.m. the following morning he used it to take his own life. He had ample funds and no cause is known for his act.

## USEFUL MEDICAL BOOK

**T**HAT most useful little medical book, "Diseases Commonly Met With in Melanesia", written by Dr. Clifford S. James and reviewed in these pages some months ago, is being reprinted and a second edition will shortly be ready. There have been many inquiries for copies, the first edition having been sold out soon after publication. Copies again will be available at all branches in the Pacific of Messrs. Burns, Philp and Co.

## COCOA PLANTERS ARE BITTER

Plight Ignored By N.Z.

APIA, June 2.

**T**HE planters of Western Samoa, and especially those engaged in cocoa production, are feeling very bitter towards the New Zealand Government at present. Prices have fallen seriously in recent months, and prospects are black, and all their appeals to New Zealand for assistance have been practically ignored.

It is no exaggeration to say that, unless the cocoa planters are given some practical assistance at an early date, this valuable industry of cocoa planting, which has been a mainstay in Samoa for many years, will be ruined.

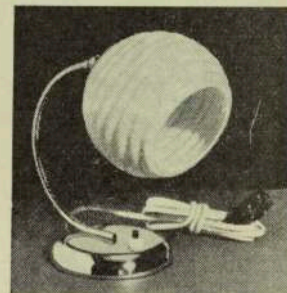
The cocoa planters recall bitterly the fact that when Mr. Langstone, as head of the "Goodwill Mission", in Apia, in July, 1936, insisted that the wages of the Chinese should be raised, he promised the planters that the N.Z. Government would not ask them to undertake this extra expenditure without at the same time guaranteeing the planters an adequate return on their produce. The Government, soon afterwards, arbitrarily raised the wages of the Chinese—and, in addition, insisted upon the repatriation of half the essential labourers. But it never has done anything to protect the price of cocoa. It was only another "politician's promise", and, as planters have no political influence or representation in New Zealand, their outcry against the breaking of the Ministerial undertaking has been simply ignored.

It is reported from Hollywood, that the film stars, Frances Langford and Jon Hall, (who was Terangi in the "Hurricane" film) eloped on June 4.

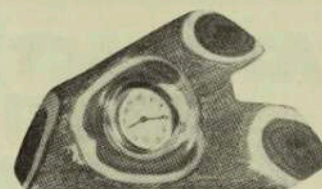
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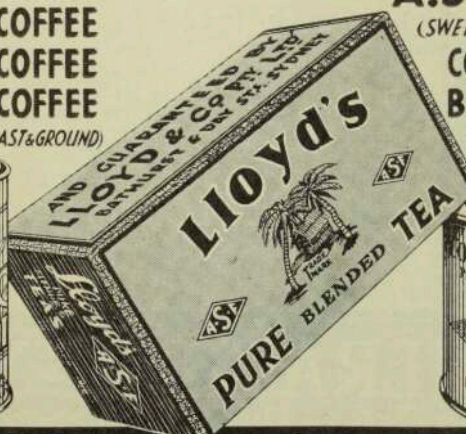
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## CENTRAL ISLANDS' FUTURE

Britain and U.S.A. Have "Share Control" Plan

**M**OVE and counter-move continue in the Central Pacific, as part of the friendly competition between Britain and the United States for the control of islands which, hitherto regarded as of little economic value, are now expected to become very desirable as possible bases for trans-Pacific aeroplane services.

The more sensational and anti-British American newspapers—which, significantly enough, are also the least reliable newspapers—continually publish silly stories about the existence of bad feeling between British and American officials in the Islands. These reports, however, are discounted by well-informed people. There is no doubt that, wherever the British and Americans meet, they are on perfectly friendly terms, and it is apparent, also, that there is some

kind of amicable understanding between London and Washington regarding the future of the islands. (See article on page 23.)

It was reported with authority from London on June 10 that Britain and the United States have practically agreed that islands, whose title of ownership is in doubt, but which now have value as air bases, shall be run under a "share control system".

The Resident Commissioner in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands recently was in conference in Suva with Sir Arthur Richards, High Commissioner for the Western Pacific; and it is worth noting that the following was contained in a news-despatch from London on June 11:—

Great Britain will shortly colonise the Phoenix Islands, including Canton and Enderbury, by transferring natives from the Gilbert and Ellice groups. This is disclosed in a memorandum which will be submitted to Parliament with the Colonial Office Estimates, in which the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, Sir Arthur Richards, outlines the results of his examination of schemes to relieve the over-population of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. Sir Arthur Richards says that the Phoenix Islands provide good prospects for colonisation, for which he will soon begin to transfer natives.

### FUNNY STORY ABOUT MARQUESAS.

Typical of the statements being made in the American press about certain Pacific islands is the following extract from a Washington journal:—

"It is not supposed to be known, but an extremely important diplomatic deal with France is in the making when Ambassador Bill Bullitt gets back to Paris.

"It is a plan to use the vast network of the French Marquesas Islands in the South Pacific as American commercial airplane bases between Australia, South America and the United States.

"Whether this country will offer to buy some of the islands outright (possibly for cancellation of debts) or whether a leasing proposition will be worked out with the French, is not known. The negotiation still is in a nebulous state.

"All the State department actually wants is the right to establish regular landing bases in the French islands, although the purchase of some of them might be feasible.

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Probably, the columnists have never seen the Pacific. At that, even a casual glance at the map might have saved them some of the grotesque geographical errors they have made in their comment.

#### BRITISH TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE

It was officially announced in London on June 15 that terms have been agreed on for a British Trans-Pacific Air Service, running from New Zealand to either Vancouver or San Francisco. Stopping-places have not yet been selected.

### ADMINISTRATION AND DEFENCE

#### Interesting Conference In Suva

THERE was an interesting conference in Suva at the end of May, when the Resident Commissioners from three territories, under the control of the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (Sir Arthur Richards) met in Fiji to discuss with the High Commissioner matters of mutual interest.

The conference was attended by Mr. F. N. Ashley (Resident Commissioner for the British Solomon Islands), Mr. J. C. Barley (Resident Commissioner for the Gilbert & Ellice Islands Colony), and Mr. G. A. Joy (British Resident Commissioner for the Condominium of the New Hebrides).

No public announcement concerning the conference has been made. It was unofficially stated that the High Commissioner, the three Resident Commissioners, and certain expert officials, discussed various matters relating to Pacific Islands administration and that one matter which especially received their attention (so that a report might be made to London) was defence. It is apparent to anyone who looks at the map that those three outlying territories—the Solomons, the New Hebrides, and the Gilbert and Ellice Islands—are singularly vulnerable to any attack from the direction of Asia.

Mr. Ashley arrived in Sydney from Suva early in June and went on to the Solomons immediately thereafter in the "Malaita".

Mr. Joy arrived in Sydney on June 14 by the "Mariposa".

Mr. Barley, accompanied by Mrs. Barley, arrived in Sydney on June 14, on long leave, which they propose to spend mostly in Europe. During the absence of Mr. Barley from Ocean Island, the duties of Resident Commissioner are being carried out by Mr. R. H. Garvey, a young member of the British Colonial Service, who has risen rapidly to senior rank.

### NAURU TROUBLE

#### Reports of Disagreement

IT is reported that a very large number of applications have been made to Canberra for the position of Administrator of Nauru, which position will be vacated by Commander R. C. Garsia, on August 15.

Meanwhile, an echo of the unrest which has existed for some time in Nauru was heard in the Commonwealth Parliament, when the Prime Minister was asked "whether an acute disagreement had arisen between the Commonwealth Government and the Administrator concerning the alleged refusal of the Government to provide for the safety of the British community there".

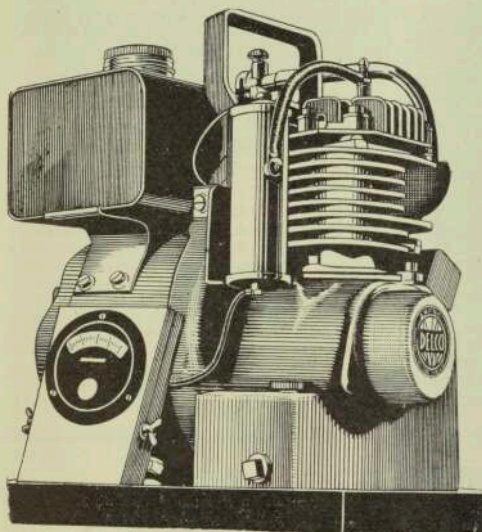
The Prime Minister denied that there

had been any disagreement on that matter.

It is common knowledge, however, that there has been some sort of friction between the Commonwealth authorities and the Administrator, and no doubt the truth will come out presently.

It was stated in a recent issue of this journal, by a correspondent who claimed to be acquainted with the position, that trouble had been caused in Nauru because of interference in administrative affairs by officials of the British Phosphate Commission. We have been informed, emphatically and categorically, that there is no truth whatever in this statement. The Phosphate Commission's representatives are in no way concerned in Nauru's internal troubles—and are not likely to be.

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**W**HENEVER a new book about our Islands is placed in our hands, we open the covers wearily but hopefully.

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It was, therefore, with surprise and pleasure, that we perused the latest publication about our Island, "My Tahiti", by Robert Dean Frisbie. This book pictures accurately the life of the period—18 years ago—in the districts of Tahiti.

The reviewer, in company with three or four companions, went frequently, in those times, to pass a delightful day with a friend whose home was within half a kilometre of Mr. Frisbie's house on the shore of Vaiari. The house in which he dwelt, the men and women who were his friends, and the life they lived in common, are truly described by Mr. Frisbie.

The illustrations by Mr. W. Alister Macdonald are a delight. All the mountains and valleys and beaches are in their right places, and the ensembles are as truly pictures of Tahiti as are the exquisite colours of the Island by that incomparable artist.

In common with all reviewers, we are constrained to temper our praise with a little criticism. Mr. Frisbie's Tahitian is a bit shaky; but that is a small matter. Very few Europeans, indeed, are able to master the idioms of Polynesian dialects. Our serious criticism is directed at his chapter on the Reverend "Pierre".

We are sorry that Mr. Frisbie has given his ear to detractors who are enemies of the mission. He has done himself and his book a disservice by recording gossip which has no basis in fact. The reviewer was honoured with the intimate friendship of Monsieur "Pierre" during many years and, although no church member, was privileged to be his companion on many an expedition. Mr. Frisbie should have remembered that ancient Arabic saying: "The dogs bark; but the caravan moves on".

Apart from this blemish, "My Tahiti" is a delightful book, and we recommend it to those who would know the charm of life in these Islands—as it existed twenty years ago.—A.C.R.

### SIR ALBERT ELLIS

#### Knighthood for Well-known Pacific Islander

**M**ANY old hands in the Central Pacific will derive real pleasure from the announcement that a knighthood has been conferred upon Mr. Albert Fuller Ellis, New Zealand Commissioner on the British Phosphate Commission. He is a well-known and popular resident of Auckland, and is an acknowledged authority on Central Pacific affairs. His recent book, "Ocean Island and Nauru", is one of the most "readable" contributions to the steadily-growing library of Pacific literature.



Playmates—A snapshot in the Solomon Islands.  
—A. M. Andresen.

Mr. F. N. Ashley, Resident Commissioner of the Solomon Islands, joined the June "Malaita" at Cairns for Tulagi, after furlough in Australia.

Mr. E. A. De Latour left Sydney for Port Moresby, Papua, by the "Macdhui" on June 1. Mr. De Latour, who was at one time manager of N.G. Goldfields, Ltd., flew from Port Moresby to Wau, T.N.G.

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## CENTRAL PACIFIC TOUR

By Governor-General of N.Z.

THE Governor-General of New Zealand (Lord Galway) and Lady Galway, between July 10 and August 19, will visit the Cook Islands, the Tokelau, Western Samoa, Suva, Tonga, and the Kermadecs. They will travel in H.M.S. "Leander". The itinerary is:—

July 6.—Departure from Auckland.  
July 12-14—At Rarotonga and Man-gaia.

July 15—Atiu.

July 16—Aitutaki.

July 18—Penrhyn.

July 19—Rakahanga and Manihiki.

July 20—Danger Island.

July 22-23—Fakaofu, Nukunono and Atafu (Tokelau Group).

July 24-29—Apia and Western Samoa.

July 30-August 1—Pago Pago (American Samoa).

August 4-10—Suva and Fiji.

August 12—Nukualofa (Tonga).

August 13—Niue.

About August 17—Sunday Island (Kermadec Group).

August 19—Arrive Auckland.

At Fakaofu the "Leander" has a rendezvous with H.M.S. "Leith", to embark the acting-Administrator of Western Samoa, Mr. A. C. Turnbull, for the passage to Apia.

The last Vice-Regal visit to the Pacific territories administered by New Zealand was made by Viscount Bledisloe in 1933, when for reasons of economy it was considered necessary to exclude several of the islands in the Cook Group, which it had been customary for His Majesty's representative to visit in the past.

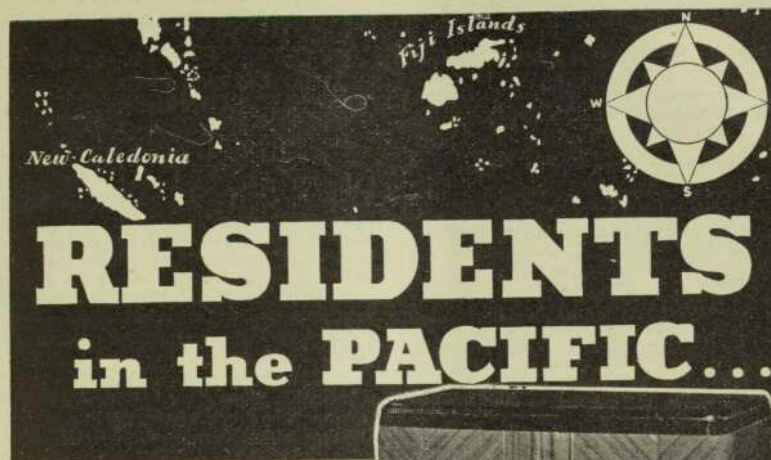
## NEW GUINEA MINERS FORM ASSOCIATION

THE New Guinea Mining Association, formed at a public meeting in Wau early in May, has lost no time in making its weight felt. Mr. H. T. Allen is president, Messrs. W. Chapman and C. C. Judd are vice-presidents, and Mr. Jenyns is secretary.

Mr. Allen proceeded to Rabaul in May, and there held conferences with the Returned Soldiers' League, the Planters' Association and the Citizens' Association. He said that his organisation wanted cheaper transport between the Morobe goldfield and the coast, so as to make it possible for more men to work lower-grade ores, and to prolong the life of the goldfield. The miners' organisation, he said, would also urge cheaper fares and freights between Australia and New Guinea. The assistance of other public-spirited bodies in New Guinea, in fighting against combines and monopolies, was urgently sought.

On June 6, at Wau, a deputation from the Miners' Association made strong representations to the visiting Australian Minister, Mr. Hughes.

Mr. W. M. Caldwell, of the Fiji Treasury Department, accompanied by Mrs. Caldwell, left Suva by the last "Aorangi" on leave.



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## MEDICAL WORK OF MISSIONARIES

### Little Official Help in New Hebrides

Letter to the Editor.

IN your issue of February, 1938, under the heading "The Claims of T. H. Harrison", there is a letter from E. H. Corlette, of Bushman's Bay, Malekula. I am concerned only with the last few paragraphs, and with those only insofar as they state a misleading and in some points erroneous view of the medical work done by missionaries within the New Hebrides.

In his anxiety to prove Mr. Harrison's statements inaccurate, Mr. Corlette refers to "the work of the much-maligned Condominium Government, which supplies the materials with which the Missions inject the natives", and also asks Mr. Harrison to "count the number of times he saw missionaries using ars-

phenamide injections, and how many times it was Rockefeller plus Condominium". Mr. Corlette thus puts undue emphasis on the medical assistance given to the natives by the Condominium Government through the missionaries. He says that the missionaries "would be the first to admit the truth". We would. But the Condominium Government's part in the medical work of the missionaries begins and ends with small subsidies that are granted to Mission Hospitals.

It is simply not true that the Administration "supplies the materials"—this or any other kind—to the missionaries. On the contrary, they decline to do so under any circumstances for the ordinary missionary.

About two years ago, one Presbyterian missionary obtained a supply of drugs for injections from a French Government Hospital, at a reasonable rate, but the British Resident Commissioner in Vila informed me that this was irregular, and ought not to have happened!

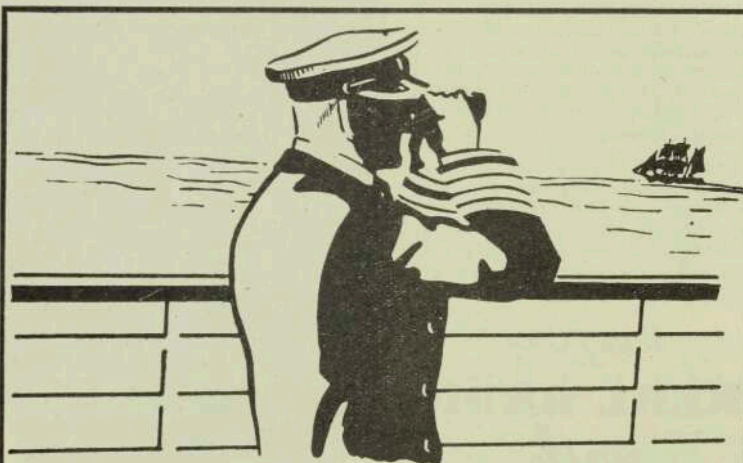
It can be stated categorically that missionaries have no way of getting the drugs except such as are open to every other citizen within the Group at exactly the same rates. I think that this has always been so.

It is true that the Rockefeller Institution did continue its own great campaign by making supplies of the drug available at no cost in certain areas. Malekula, I understand, is one of the islands that were not completely covered by their own representative, so that there, with the idea of giving all the natives in the Group equal treatment, a Mission doctor (and perhaps others) later continued the work for the Rockefeller Institution with drugs supplied by them (possibly with the co-operation of the Administration).

When Mr. Corlette says that "many planters give medicine—including arsenamides—free or at actual cost, and they have to pay for it out of their own pocket at full price", he does by implication, but not in fact, make a comparison between planters and missionaries that is to the disparagement of the latter. But the latter also "pay for it out of their own pocket at full price". When the cost price of N.A.B. was 3/- and upwards per dose missionaries, like planters, had to pay that price and get back what they could from the natives. Naturally the natives at that time received far fewer injections than would have been good for them.

I think, too, that everyone would agree that the missionaries do, in fact, do a great deal more medical work than do planters. Taking the giving of injections only as an example, there are very few planters who give hundreds of injections per year to the natives, as do most missionaries. Some missionaries have four-figure tallies for single years, in the ordinary course of their missionary work. If desired, one could also make comparison between medical work done by the Administration and by missionaries, but that is unnecessary here.

I need only add that the medical work done by the Missions is done entirely



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with their own resources, in both material and manpower (except for the subsidies already mentioned), and of their own freewill, because they believe this work to be in accord with the teachings of Jesus Christ. So we are not jealous of anything of a like nature that is done by others, in accordance with those feelings of compassion that are to be found within their hearts also. We rather rejoice when we hear of such. We only desire that others should not be jealous of us, either.

The whole position with regard to medical aid for the natives cries out for improvement. Missionaries, planters and others do what they can. A Japanese trader recently referred to me as a "Little bit half-doctor". I am not ashamed of that title! But what can we "little bit half-doctors" do for the natives, while we are full-time workers in other directions also, and while the natives still are ignorant and superstitious, yet fated to contend with a host of diseases, both native and introduced? We can only do our best.

A greatly increased staff of Native Medical Practitioners would be a fine advance, and probably the most sensible one. That staff could not be obtained in a day. In the meantime, we have yet to see a N.M.P. in some of the central islands of the Group, even for the briefest of visits.

One other point invites comment—and that is Mr. Corlette's statement that Mr. Harrison "was not liked by the missionaries". It is surely out of place for anyone not officially authorised to do so to make such a statement on our behalf. We do not necessarily agree with it.

I am, etc.,

B. R. C. NOTTAGE.

Tongoa, N.H.  
April 23, 1938.

#### SEARCH FOR OIL IN CENTRAL PAPUA

A PARTY representing Adastra Airways will leave for Papua by the "Montoro" on June 22, to make a series of aerial photographs of the 75 sq. miles held by the Papuan Apinaipi Co. Ltd. in Central Papua, where a search for oil is proceeding.

Mr. Launcelot Owen, a leading British petroleum geologist, inspected the area in February and March, and he has given the Company an encouraging report. He says that in the Oiapu structure they have seven of the eight fundamental criteria for oil occurrence as defined by Dr. Clapp (one of the best known American geologists). The existence or otherwise of the eighth criterion (which are beds of sufficient porosity and extent to act as commercial reservoirs) can be ascertained only by drilling.

A son was born in May to Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Jones, of the Methodist Mission at Kabakada, New Britain.

#### PITCAIRN ISLAND

##### Death of Fletcher Christian's Great Grandson

From Our Own Correspondent

PITCAIRN IS., Apr. 11.

FRANCIS CHRISTIAN, the only remaining son of Thursday October Christian, grandson of Fletcher Christian, of the "Bounty" quietly passed away on January 3, 1938. He was the shoemaker and boatbuilder of P.I. Since his passing, his widow, Eunice, and her brother, Vieder Young, are the only remaining people of the old stock left. Vieder was born before the exodus to Norfolk Island, and his sister was born in Norfolk Island.

Our Papeete correspondent reports that, early in April, the schooner "Denys" having on board the owner, Mr. Charles Brown, Mrs. Brown, their two nieces, Captain Mervin, Mrs. Mervin, their niece and, as a guest, Mr. Lewis Hershon, sailed from Tahiti for Pitcairn Island. Their first port of call was Mangarava (Gambier Islands) whence a radio message was received announcing their safe arrival. From there the party will go to Pitcairn and, on the return voyage, will call at several atolls of the Tuamotu Archipelago.

Mr. Brown will bring back with him, on his return, five Pitcairn boys, to work on his plantation at Papeari, a district some distance around the island from Papeete. They are Warren Christian, Victor and Austin Young, and their cousins—Aubrey and Sammy Young.

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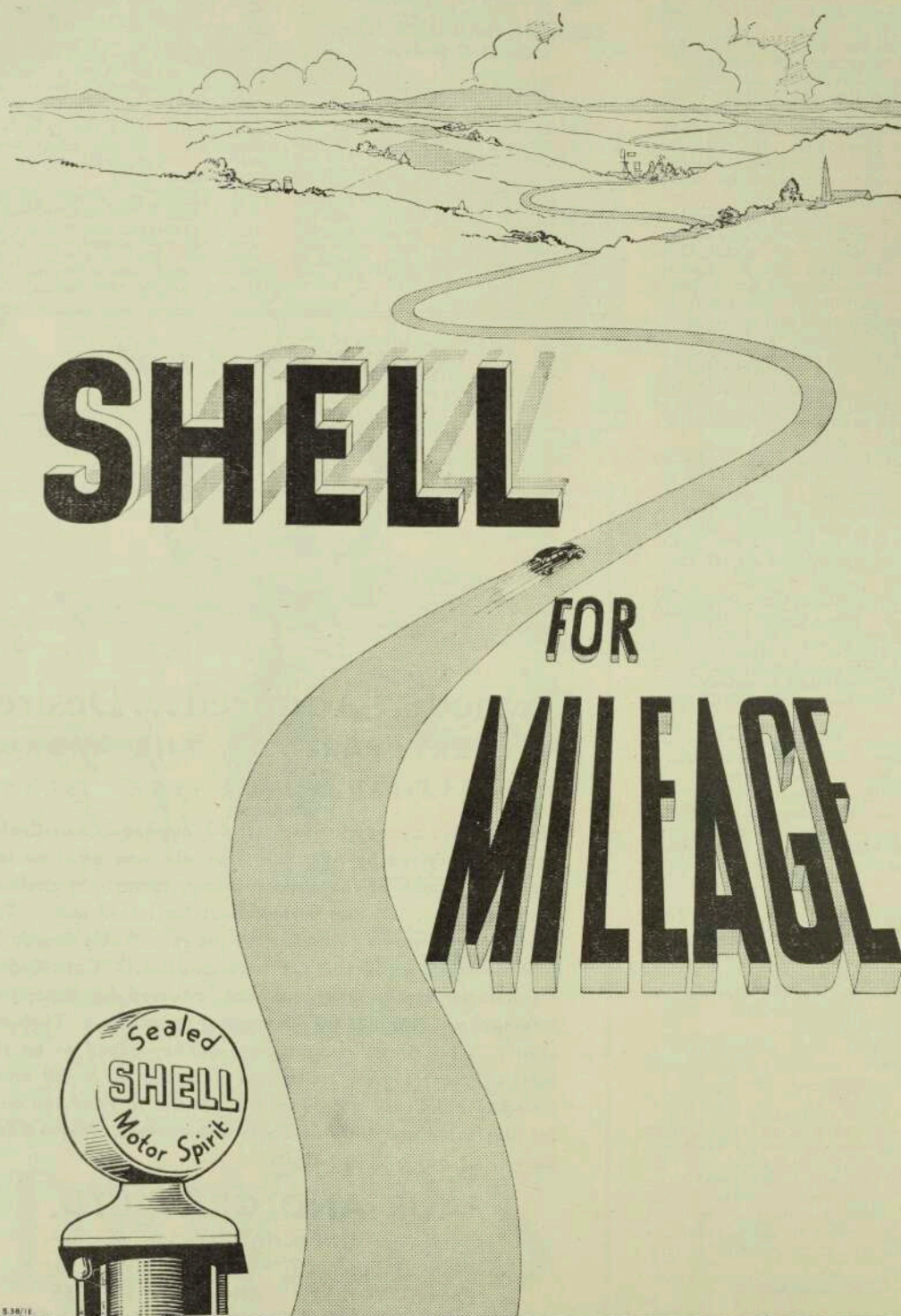
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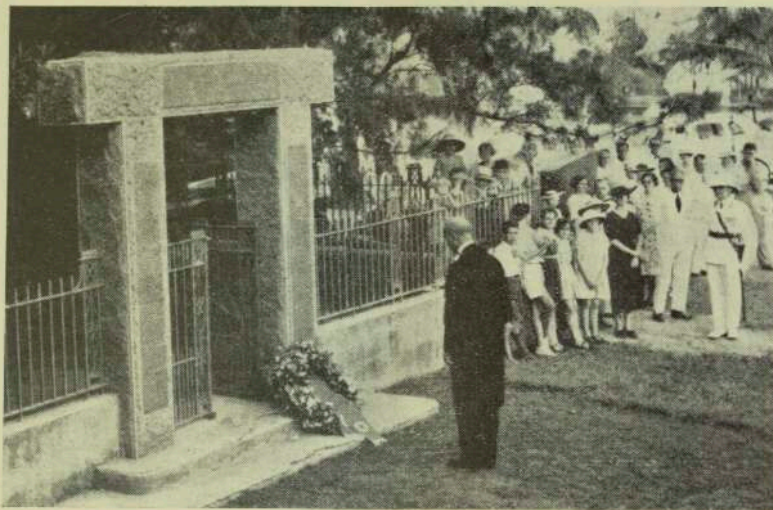
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## GERMAN CONSUL-GENERAL IN PAPUA



Dr. Asmis, German Consul-General in Australia, standing before the War Memorial gate, Port Moresby, after placing a wreath on the steps.  
—Photo.: A. and K. Gibson.

THE German Consul-General, Dr. Asmis, spent several days in and about Port Moresby at the end of May and early in June, as the guest of the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Hubert Murray. He left Port Moresby for Sydney by the "Montoro" on June 9. During his stay, the German Consul travelled with the Governor to Samarai, and visited various places along the coast. He displayed the keenest interest in the natives, in the industries of Papua and especially in the character of the Murray Administration. Dr. Asmis and Mr.

Hughes (Australian Minister for External Affairs) were guests at a luncheon given by Sir Hubert Murray in Port Moresby on May 31.

Before a large gathering of Government officials and residents Dr. Asmis made a gesture which was much appreciated in Port Moresby when, on behalf of his Government, he laid a wreath at the foot of the memorial gates, as a tribute to the men of Papua who died in the Great War. A contingent of the Native Armed Constabulary stood to attention during the ceremony.

## WANDERING YACHTSMEN

From Our Own Correspondent.

HONOLULU, June 1.

FIVE San Franciscans in the 56 ft. ketch-rigged "Otter" have left for a three-years' cruise to Easter Island, the Marquesas, Tahiti, Fiji, and New Zealand. Led by the "Otter's" owner and skipper, Albert Gallatin Powers, the party includes Mrs. Powers, High Macdonald, Robert Shackelford and Ruby Shields.

The "Otter" carries 2,000 sq. feet of canvas, an auxiliary engine with 700 miles cruising radius, and a transmitting and receiving radio set with a wide range.

Six months cruising among Pacific islands in the 34ft. ketch "Seaward" has been planned by Messrs. J. Rawson and K. Kleiner, of Melbourne, who left Melbourne on June 7 for Norfolk Island, where they will join three New Zealanders. From Norfolk Island the "Seaward" will go to New Caledonia, then to Rockhampton, and up the Great Barrier Reef to Papua and New Guinea.

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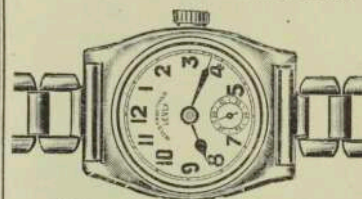
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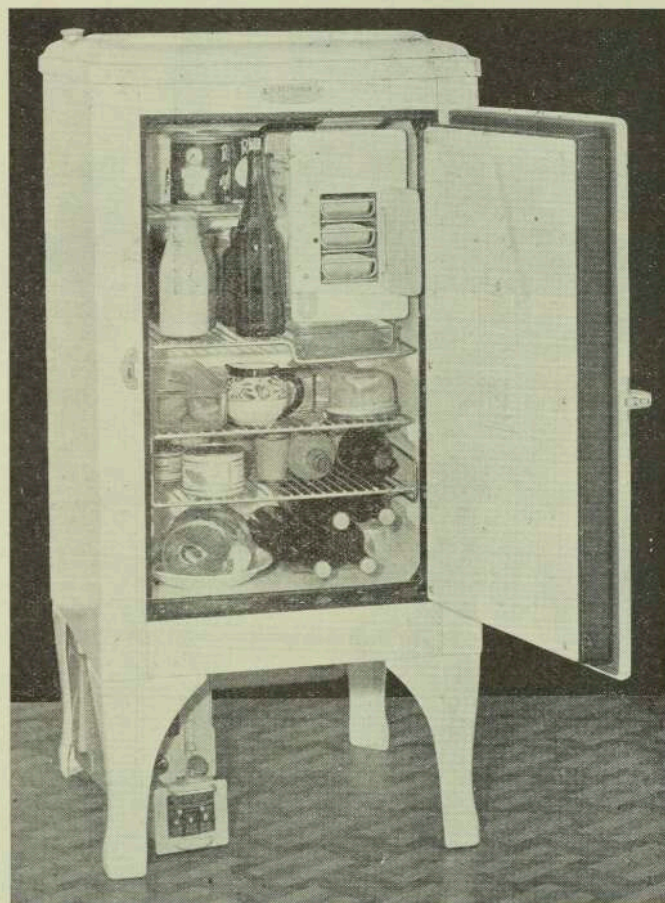
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## FRIENDLY RELATIONS

British and Americans On  
Canton Is.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HONOLULU, June 1.

DISCUSSIONS between London and Washington re the occupation and sovereignty of Canton Island in the British Phoenix Group are expected to proceed for a long time before even a basis of agreement can be announced, according to an announcement by the "New York Times".

On April 18, U.S. state, navy and insular officials conferred with President Roosevelt about Canton but without any definite decisions being reached. Officials included Mr. Ernest H. Gruening, chief of the territories division, which controls the American "annexationists" on Canton and Enderbury.

After the "annexation" of Canton by the American party in March, the U.S. press naturally made a feature of the British party's offer of iced beer to the Americans (as reported in April "P.I.M."), but the good-humoured human-interest stories annoyed the "career" officials in Honolulu, who conduct a sort of quartermaster's office for the supervision of the isles. They wrote to Mr. Gruening and regretted the headlining of the beer incident.

However, Mr. Gruening replied promptly:—

"... I cannot agree with you that the 'beer publicity' will be misunderstood by the public. My instructions to the Canton colonists requested that the friendliest relations possible be encouraged with the Britishers, and that includes beer drinking, poker, and bridge playing, and anything else that the friendly Britishers care to suggest. I am anxious that the utmost goodwill obtain at Canton. ..."

Meanwhile, everything possible is being done by the British side. Captains "Mickey" Hill, of the "Aorangi", and "Bill" Martin, of the "Niagara", call at Canton every time they pass the isle on their run to Vancouver.

Canton in this way seems destined to become the feature that the "Tin Can" island mail used to be with trans-Pacific liners.

CABLE FOR TRANSPORT OVER  
MOUNTAINSPlan To Connect Wau With  
N.G. Coast

IMPORTANT interests in Wau continue to attack the problem of cheap transport between the Morobe tableland and the coast.

It is reported that one plan, supported by Wau funds and Wau enterprise, is to build an aerial cable between Wau and Salamaua, running over the mountains and the steep gorges which separate the two places. It is calculated that such a cable system could be operated by using seven stations, in the 50 miles or so between Wau and Salamaua. It is claimed, also, that this method of transport would compete on reasonable terms with the aeroplane companies in the freighting of cargoes.

## PLEA FOR MOTOR ROAD

Deputations representing the Morobe Chamber of Mines, the New Guinea Miners' Association and other bodies, when they interviewed the Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Hughes, on June 6, urged the view that the only way to prolong the life of the Morobe goldfield is to construct a trafficable road between Wau and Salamaua, and so reduce transport costs as to render payable the large areas of low grade ore in the Wau and Edie Creek districts.

The speakers urged upon Mr. Hughes the need to build 50 miles of road to allow motor vehicles to run between Wau and the coast. They said that such a road would reduce the transport costs from £25 per ton (which they claimed was the present rate for air transport) to £5 per ton.

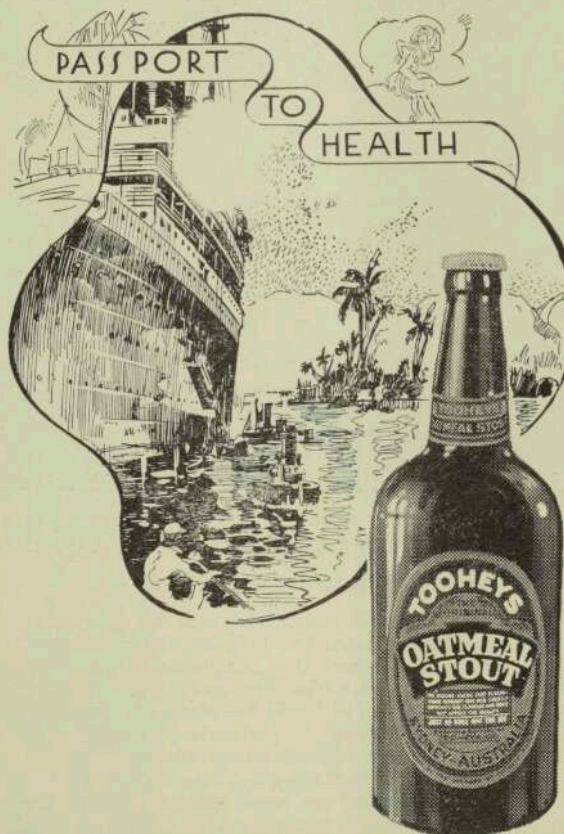
FIRE ON FIJI COPRA  
PLANTATION

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, May 27.

FIRE in the early hours of the morning of May 9 on the Salialevu copra plantation of the Coubrough Estate, Taveuni, caused damage estimated at between £2,000 and £3,000.

The outbreak destroyed the No. 2 kiln, a copra shed with a large quantity of copra, a garage, and a lorry. The drier was a steam one and as the boilers had not been in use for 24 hours prior to the outbreak the origin of the fire is a mystery. It is understood that incendiarism is suspected, and a police officer has gone from Suva to investigate.



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## REORGANISATION COSTS FIJI GOVERNMENT £30,000

From Our Own Correspondent.  
SUVA, May 27.

**MA**D E necessary principally by the recently-approved reorganisation of the Civil Service of Fiji, the Legislative Council at the last session was asked to approve large supplementary estimates. In an extremely lengthy debate, unofficial members strongly opposed many of the items, especially those connected with increased leave and passage privileges, but the estimates were eventually passed by 18 votes to 12.

The total additional provision asked for was £38,058; savings amounting to £7,215 are available, leaving a net additional provision required of £30,843.

## RADIOPHONES FOR WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS

**T**WO operators, Messrs. Charles and Steinmetz, left Noumea for Port Vila by the "Eridan" on May 28, with two radiophones destined for Wallis and Futuna Islands, where they will be installed. At Vila they joined the "Polynesian", on June 1, which was making its first voyage in the groups of Wallis and Futuna. The trials of two radiophones, carried out at Noumea, gave entire satisfaction.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Mann sailed from Sydney for Rabaul, N.G., by the "Macdhui" on June 1, after spending furlough in Sydney. Mr. Mann is an official in the New Guinea Administration.

## FIRST AIRMAIL TO NEW GUINEA

### An Unostentatious Beginning

**O**N Monday, May 30, 1938, at Mascot aerodrome, Sydney, at 6.45 a.m., Flight Superintendent R. O. Mant walked briskly out towards the "Carmania", a D.H. airliner, whose four engines were ticking over rhythmically.

"Mail's all aboard", he said to Mr. R. B. Carpenter. Two passengers, already seated, looked out interestedly.

"Cripes, it's cold!" said Mr. Carpenter. A bitter southerly whipped around the legs of half-a-dozen spectators.

"Well, see you Sunday", said Mr. Mant, and climbed into the 'plane, where the second pilot, Mr. Sutcliffe, was waiting. Within five minutes, the airliner had climbed into the sunrise and disappeared northwards.

Thus, without ceremony, in the typically casual Australian way, there was inaugurated the new weekly air-mail service between Sydney, Papua and New Guinea.

In Brisbane, the Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes (Australian Minister for External Affairs) and Mr. Halligan, of the Prime Minister's Department, joined the 'plane. The 'plane ran to timetable, without incident, and reached Rabaul at 10.20 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1.

Mr. Hughes was greeted at Rabaul by the Administrator, Sir Walter McNicoll, and Lady McNicoll, the Government secretary, Mr. H. Page, and Mr. W. H. Carpenter, and was then conducted to the hangar where he attended a ceremony arranged by W. P. Carpenter and Co. Ltd., in celebration of the completion of the first official flight of the Australia-New Guinea air-mail.

The arrival of the first regular air-mail was an occasion of much interest in Port Moresby and Salamaua; and officials of the Administrations greeted the Minister in each place.

The airliner returned south exactly on schedule, and landed at Mascot, Sydney, at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, June 5.



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Rev. G. H. D. Voss, of the Melanesian Mission, left Sydney by the "Malaita" on June 11 for Au, New Britain. Mr. Voss has just completed short furlough in the Riverina Diocese, N.S.W.

Mr. R. Barber, a mission worker for the Lutheran Mission, left Sydney for Madang, N.G., by the June "Macdhui".

## "BOUNTY DESCENDANTS TALK OF MUTINY"

THE above was a humorous caption that appeared in an Australian newspaper on May 25, and the following was the "news" item, cabled from New York:

"There is talk of mutiny among the descendants of the Bounty mutineers on Pitcairn Island. Messrs. G. P. Lindley and L. S. Bellem, wireless engineers, who have just installed a broadcasting and

receiving station on Pitcairn Island, say that the younger islanders have become restless after hearing the broadcasts and want to see the Broadway night clubs and dance the Big Apple".

Mr. Lindley said: "The young folks are anxious to go places and see things. No wonder, for the monotony of life on the island is deadly".

### HOW RADIO BROKE PITCAIRN'S ISOLATION

THROUGH the kindness of Mrs. Ada M. Christian, of Pitcairn Island, the "Pacific Islands Monthly" has received the following description of the installation, directly from Messrs. Bellem and Lindley:—

The installation of a modern radio-transmitter and receiver, gift of a group of American radio manufacturers, has brought to an end one of the strangest periods of isolation ever known. The history of the settling of Pitcairn 149 years ago by a small band of Englishmen from "H.M.S. Bounty" is well known. The fact that the 200 inhabitants of Pitcairn have been entirely dependent these many years upon the calls of passing ships for contact with the outside world is not so widely known.

Several months ago, the story of how Pitcairn Island needed radio facilities came to the attention of Mr. L. S. Bellem, chief engineer of the Cato-Coil Company of Providence, R.I. Through his and his company's efforts, all the

necessary equipment was gathered together, and Mr. Bellem, together with Mr. G. P. Lindley, arranged to come to Pitcairn to instal it for the islanders. Complimentary passage was given them by the New Zealand Shipping Company, and they arrived on March 1, on the "Rangitara", from Panama.

The first radio-telephone conversation with Pitcairn was had on March 4, when the new station contacted one in Binghamton, N.Y. Communication has since been held with all parts of the U.S.A., France, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Hawaii, Australia, and New Zealand, by voice.

The most noteworthy incident occurred on March 18, when Mrs. Ada Christian, wife of Richard E. Christian, Chief Magistrate of Pitcairn, was able to talk with her sister, Miss Emily McCoy, in New York City. The sisters have not seen each other since Miss McCoy left the island 43 years ago.

The transmitter is powered from a

heavy-duty, 12-volt storage battery and dynamotor. Battery charging is accomplished by means of a wind-driven generator mounted atop a 40-ft. tower, and by a petrol-driven generator. The equipment is capable of operating on both voice and code on the 20-27 and 600 meter bands. The latter two are used exclusively for contacting ships approaching the island.

### FORMAL BROADCAST

THE first formal broadcast to be made from Pitcairn Island took place on April 6, between 5.10 and 5.20 p.m. It opened with the following:—

"Good evening. We, on this island, appreciate more than words can express, this modern radio station which has been given to us. Only those who have known the isolation, such as we have endured on Pitcairn, can realise what it means to us to be able to talk to the outside world. Thank you".

### THE OLD AND THE NEW

Mrs. Christian says that, from 1921 to 1938, Pitcairn Island had only an old-style crystal receiver, a gift of the Marconi Company. It was operated by Andrew Young, self-taught, and he taught two more of the Pitcairn lads. Later, through the kindness of Mr. Arnold Hare, a New Zealander, they were supplied with a transmitter and this—by permitting the Pitcairn folk to receive urgent medical advice—saved the life of at least one man.

Mr. Granville P. Lindley, who was chief electrician with Admiral Byrd, on his last expedition to the Antarctic, installed our new radio station. Mr. Lindley gave us a very interesting lecture here, telling us of the vast wastelands in Antarctica, the penguins (two species, Adele and Emperor), the killer whales, seals and snow-birds, and the life of the men in their quarters beneath the snow.



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## COLONY FOR TIRED PEOPLE

### Advance Party To Go To Marquesas

IT was stated in this journal, in April, that Mr. F. Briggs, an Australian, had made plans to establish, in the Marquesas, a community of people anxious to get away from the strain and distractions of modern life.

It was reported, on June 1, that the advance party would comprise Mr. and Mrs. Briggs, Mr. T. Alexander, and two or three others; that they would travel in a yacht then being prepared in Hobart; and that the organisation already has a membership of 100, including people from all over the British Empire and the United States. The colony is to be established on the island of Nukahiva.

Dr. F. Wiāiaki left Fiji for England by the May "Aorangi", on leave.

## ISLAND PRINTER'S DEATH

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, May 27.

RESIDENTS of Fiji were grieved to learn of the death in Auckland on May 19 of Mr. J. H. Waller, a printer well-known in Fiji and Western Samoa.

Mr. Waller, who was 73 years of age, was born in England and spent many years in the printing business in India before coming to the South Pacific. He was first appointed to take charge of the London Missionary Society's Press in Samoa and then, in 1927, came to Fiji.

For some years he conducted the Pacific Printery at Suva and edited the "Pacific Press", both in English and Hindu. He sold the business in 1935. After a visit to New Zealand he returned to the Islands and took over temporarily the editorship of the "Samoa Herald". When he relinquished that position he made an extended visit to England and India and returned to New Zealand in a poor state of health, lingering only a few weeks after his arrival.

## HUGE FLYING-BOAT

### Archbold Expedition to Dutch New Guinea

THE young millionaire explorer and scientist, Dr. Richard Archbold, in a huge flying-boat, the Guba II., left San Diego, U.S.A., on June 3, to fly to



An unconventional snapshot of Dr. Archbold, taken when he was at work in the jungle in Papua in 1936.

Northern New Guinea, via Honolulu and Midway Is.

The expedition will collect flora and fauna for the American Museum of Natural History. Its base will be Hollandia, on the northern coast of Dutch New Guinea, near the border of the Mandated Territory. Exploratory and scientific work will occupy two years.

Dr. Archbold's £62,500 "flying laboratory" will carry the following crew:—Russell Rogers, pilot; Lewis Yancey, navigator; Gerald Brown, engineer; Stephen Barrinka, assistant-engineer; and Rav Booth, wireless operator.

It is expected that the great flying-boat will make a number of visits to New Guinea ports, to Port Moresby and to Australia, and thus maintain communication between the base and civilisation.

Dr. Archbold brought a similar expedition to Papua in 1936, but in July his seaplane was overturned in Port Moresby Harbour and sank. He got ready to return in 1937, but his new giant flying-boat was urgently asked for by the Soviet Government, to enable a search (since prosecuted vainly) to be made in the Arctic for the lost Russian airman Levanevsky. Dr. Archbold thereupon built a second flying-boat.

Mr. William Gibson, accountant of the B.N.G. Trading Co. Ltd., Papua, arrived in Brisbane, Queensland, at the end of May by the "Macdhui" to be married to Miss E. Robertson, formerly Matron of the European Hospital at Samarai.

Rt. Rev. L. S. Kempthorne, Bishop of Polynesia, returned to Suva from New Zealand by the "Aorangi" late in May.

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## FIJI'S HIGHWAY COMPLETED

**New Road Around Viti Levu Provides Fascinating 2-Days' Drive For Tourists**

WITH the completion in the middle of May of the Suva-Sigatoka Road the main island of Viti Levu, upon which Suva is situated, is circled by a fine highway (says the "New Zealand Herald").

Less than 10 years ago road communication east of Suva was limited to a road between Suva and Naduruloulou, a distance of about 17 miles. From that point to the northern and western sides of the island bush tracks were the only means of land communication, and all traffic to the other side of the island was by sea.

Having linked up the northern road and the east coast, a start was made with the Suva-Sigatoka section, a distance of 86 miles, on the west coast. With this work completed it is now possible to leave Suva and drive around the island in comfort in two days.

### Increase in Motor Vehicles

The effect of this road programme upon motor traffic, and upon the number of people moving from place to place, is very marked. Motor buses have increased from 151 in 1927 to 775 at the end of 1937, and private cars have also increased considerably.

Upon the native and Indian population the provision of roads has had the effect of developing their travel sense, and natives and Indians who previously had no intention or desire of visiting the capital or other parts of the island now travel frequently from village to village, or from one district to another.

The tourist trade will benefit considerably by the completion of the road, particularly in the Sigatoka district, where beach cottages and native huts have been erected and furnished for the convenience of visitors.

The country traversed by the 300-mile road includes mountain, bush and river scenery and, in the Sigatoka district, typical islands beach scenes.

### Natives Appreciate Motor 'Buses.

In the northern districts, of which Lau-toka and Ba are the two main centres, sugar-cane dominates the landscape and this industry is reflected in the population, which is mostly Indian, and in the general activities of the district, all of which centre around this industry.

Where natives and Indians previously were compelled to walk from district to district along bush tracks on journeys that often took them several days, they now sit by the roadside awaiting the first bus that comes along, and in this very convenient manner travel with their goods and produce along the road from village to village.

In some instances the road runs through the centre of what a few years ago were remote villages, and the introduction of the motor bus and its easy form of travel has wrought a big change in the outlook and lives of many of the native people.

Mr. T. A. Carr, of New Guinea Gold-fields Ltd., reached Sydney by the "Maedhui" from T.N.G. on May 26.



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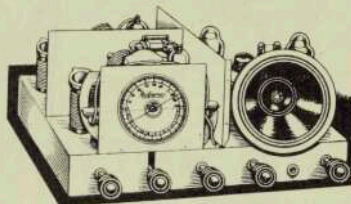
### AUSTRALIAN WARSHIPS TO VISIT ISLANDS PORTS

**B**ETWEEN August 23 and September 20, the Australian warship "Canberra" will visit Port Moresby, Samarai, Rabaul, and Tulagi.

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## MARRIED TWICE IN SAME DAY

### Anglo-French Wedding In New Hebrides

From a Special Correspondent.

VILA, May 2.

**W**HEN, in the late afternoon of April 9, the guests driving to the Cathedral at Port Vila, New Hebrides, to witness the marriage of Miss Thora New-

performed the civil ceremony.

The Church ceremony took place at 5.30 p.m. The little Roman Catholic Cathedral was crowded with guests and spectators. The bride wore a beautiful dress of white satin with a train, and a veil of beautiful lace made by the hands of her mother, and carried a bouquet of frangipanni and maiden hair fern. Mademoiselle Marie-Therese de Preville, Mademoiselle Marie-Benediction de Preville (French) and Miss Marion Fletcher (British) were bridesmaids. Marie Jo de Gaillande and Rene-Guy de Gaillande were train-bearers. Monsieur Edmond Buteri was best man and Messrs. Henri



### THE WEDDING GROUP

Left to right: Mlle. Marie-Benediction de Preville (bridesmaid), M. Edmond Buteri (best man), Mlle. Marie-Therese de Preville (bridesmaid), the bride and bridegroom, M. Henri Daval (groomsman), Miss Marion Fletcher (bridesmaid), & M. Gaillon Jeanson (groomsman). Sitting: Marie Jo de Gaillande and Rene-Guy de Gaillande.

man (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Newman, of Tisman, Malekula) to Monsieur L. Page, they were surprised to see the bridal pair in full wedding array being photographed in a garden. Some exclaimed: "How strange to be photographed before the wedding!"

They had forgotten that the handsome couple had already been married, according to French law, which insists on the civil ceremony before any other. That morning, Monsieur Sautot, the French Resident Commissioner, in full uniform and wearing the Regulation Tricolore Mayoral Sash, had personally

Daval and Gaillon Jeanson were grooms-men. Some of the lady guests, who recently were brides, wore their wedding dresses.

After the church ceremony, the guests repaired to the Stade Rossi, where they were received by the parents of the bride. Mr. Joy (British Resident Commissioner), after proposing the toast of the King, made a speech in which he congratulated the young couple, and commented on the fact that the bride was a true British-New Hebridean, being one of the few British girls born in the New Hebrides.

After the cake-cutting and toast-drinking, the guests settled down to a merry evening's dancing and a real New Hebrides frolic.

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Christian, of Pitcairn Island, arrived in New Zealand recently with their son Welme. They were accompanied by two members of another well-known Pitcairn family, the Youngs.

Mr. J. E. Allen, of the Wellington correspondence department of the New Zealand Education Board, has assumed charge of the recently-opened post-primary school at Ifi Ifi, Western Samoa. He is being assisted by Mr. H. W. Buddle, also of New Zealand.

Mr. Harry Kohnke, who has spent two years in Papua with the Anglican New Guinea Mission, spent furlough in Renmark, South Australia, in May and early June.

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## POISON FISH OF TUAMOTUS

### Deadly To-day—And Good Food To-morrow

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, May 10.

A VOYAGER among the atolls of the Tuamotu Group has need to be wary of the fish he brings to his table.

Certain species of fish taken in the lagoon and about the reefs of one island will be perfectly wholesome. The same species, taken at another atoll, will be violently poisonous. Again, certain fish from one part of a lagoon will be harmless, while the same species caught in another part of the same lagoon will be deadly.

Some fish are poisonous at certain seasons and wholesome at other seasons. Very rarely, a species which has never been poisonous will suddenly develop toxins which threaten the life of those who eat the flesh.

This has happened recently to the taihi—a fish highly esteemed for its delicious flavour.

The expedition, which left aboard the "Denys" for Pitcairn Island, late in March, and returned to Papeete on April 30, had a perilous experience with this fish. On the outward voyage, the "Denys" called at Fakahina, where taihi abound. All on board partook

### SOME TONGAN LEADERS

From left to right: Prince Tuci, Premier of Tonga; Rev. J. S. Faubus, L.Th., of the Methodist Mission, and his wife, Asinate; and Rev. John Havea, of Tubou College.

—Photo: Miss M. Rogers.



generously of this fish, and suffered no harm.

Five weeks later, the "Denys" again called at Fakahina, and the voyagers ate generously of taihi. That night all were very ill indeed. Happily a native tahua, skilled in the knowledge of antidotes against these poisons, was at hand to rescue them.

This is the first time within the memory of man that the taihi has been poisonous.

The most dangerous fish in this respect is the ha'amea. No one has any knowledge of the time or season when it may be wholesome or deadly poisonous. Its flesh is so delicious that natives

will often take the chance of eating it, while knowing the peril should the fish be poisonous. There is no indication of taste in this or any other fish, to warn the eater of his danger. Should the ha'amea be poisonous, those who have eaten it will have descended to the very gates of death within a few hours. If medical help is not at hand they die. The toxin appears to attack and destroy the tissues of the kidneys.

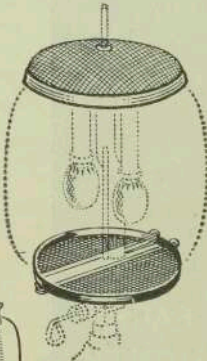
There are many theories, but no knowledge, to account for these extraordinary transmutations. Until someone learned in toxicology and in the food sources of fish in these waters shall have studied the problem it will remain a mystery.



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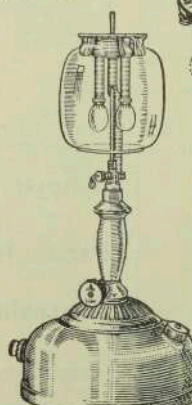
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## NOTES MADE IN WAU

From a Special Correspondent.

WAU, June 1.

**I** HEAR that very soon Wau is to have its own laundry, which will be managed by a laundress engaged from Australia. Some take the view that, as most households have their own wash and iron boys, who can in addition be used for other domestic duties, the laundry will not be largely patronised. However, that no doubt has been considered by the promoters. It certainly will be a blessing for people who wish to have articles dry cleaned and pressed. To give them even to the best wash and iron boy would be courting disaster.

## ATHLETIC CLUB

Wau is taking an interest in the physical welfare of its juvenile population. A meeting was called at the end of May and the Morobe District Amateur Athletic Club was formed, to foster such exercises as boxing, wrestling, swimming, gymnastics, dancing, etc. Mr. Vic. Florence heads a representative committee, and five patrons have been nominated.

## MORE BUILDINGS FOR WAU

The efforts of the newly established tennis club are bearing fruit, and the new club-house will soon be completed, replacing the kunai erection which has for long been misnamed "the kunai shelter". The contract for the erection of two Administration bungalows has been let to Messrs. Beaton and Streeter. And so Wau continues to expand, despite the oft-heard remarks of pessimists that it has had its day.

## THE BODY IN THE BAG

The vigilance of Wau's native police cannot be treated lightly these days. A Wau resident, unable to reform the ways of the household cat, chose to dispose of it, and about 10 o'clock one evening he made for a nearby water race with the body in the bag. On the way he passed a native constable; on his return, without the bag, he passed the native constable again. The following morning the peace-loving citizen found to his surprise that his actions had been deemed suspicious and had been reported to the Inspector.

## "GURIAS" HAVE THEIR FUNNY SIDE

The "guria" which occurred here on May 13, causing for a few hours a different topic of conversation in the Territory, and copy for a week for the Australian press, has been regarded seriously, although to those people on the spot it was not without its humorous side. The sight of several of Wau's normally calm and dignified citizens rushing for safety to the open in their night attire, was amusing. To the lady who remarked to me the following morning that the "gruyer" had smashed some of her crockery, I could think of nothing else to say but "hard cheese".

## BOOT REPAIRING BUSINESS OPENS

After an inconvenient interval without a local boot-maker, Wau-ites are once again in a position to have their boots and shoes repaired locally, by Mr. Chas. Lilley, who has recently commenced business. With Wau's rocky roads there should be no dearth of work.

Mr. Fred D. McCarthy, ethnologist at the Australian Museum, Sydney, who recently carried out scientific research work in the Dutch East Indies, will speak on those islands at the next meeting of the Pacific Islands Club to be held at the Hotel Carlton on July 5.

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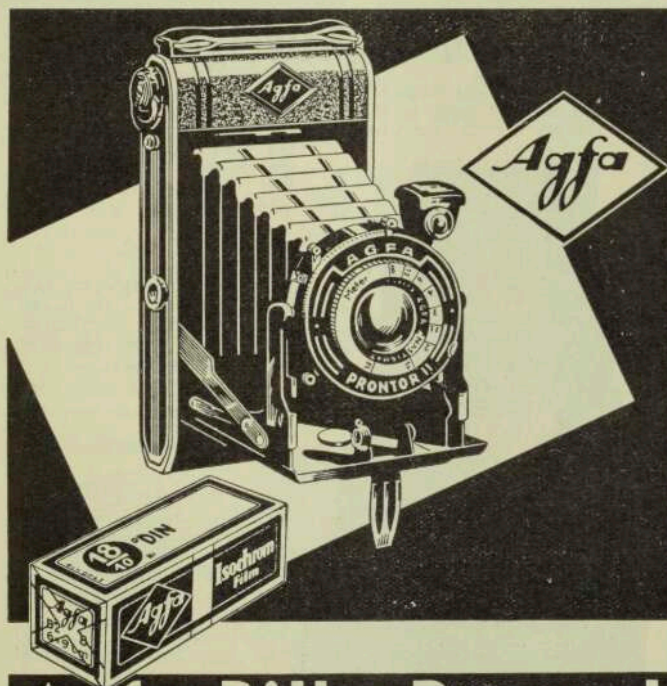
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Rev. A. H. Voyce, missionary of the New Zealand Methodist Church, who is stationed at Bougainville Island, was in New Zealand early in June spending furlough. He has been working on Bougainville for the last 12 years.

Mr. J. ("Paddy") Morrissey, Postmaster at Salamaua, reached Australia from New Guinea by the "Macdhui" on May 26, on three months' leave.

Mr. Alwyn Watkins, Assistant Resident Magistrate at Samarai, Eastern Papua, arrived in Sydney by the May "Macdhui" on three months' furlough. He is at present at Newcastle, N.S.W., where he will spend most of his leave.

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### Industry Established in Hawaii

**M**ANUFACTURE of flour and malt products from taro, traditional food plant of Polynesia, is the latest industry Hawaii is contributing to American commerce (says the Honolulu "Star-Bulletin").

Used for centuries in the manufacture of native poi, taro has been found adaptable to flour manufacture. Hawaii Taro Products, Ltd., has opened a factory in Honolulu for the manufacture of taro flour and malt products.

Introduction of these foodstuffs into the United States has met with an enthusiastic response. Medical authorities state that "flour made of the root of the taro plant contains the alkaline elements needed to counteract a too starchy diet. This flour can be used for pan-

cakes, bread, cookies, gravy thickening, cereal dishes and formulae for baby feeding, among other things.

Indicative of the reception Taroco, the malt product, and Taro Flour are receiving is a request received recently from government cafeterias in Washington, D.C., asking for wholesale shipments of the Hawaiian products.

In a later issue, the newspaper says that Hawaii Taro Products, Ltd., have commenced making, from taro and sugar-cane, a pre-cooked baby and invalid food.

Under the trade name of Taro-Lactin, this food is to be placed on the market by Hawaiian Taro Products Co., Ltd. Many months of research and laboratory tests have been devoted to the proper processing of taro for the instantaneous preparation of gruels and baby formulae.

"We are happy to be able to offer this newest taro food to the public", says G. J. Ley, manager of the company. "Taro-Lactin is not intended as a complete food but as a convenient and palatable food concentration to be used in conjunction with milk and fruit juices, or otherwise as directed by physicians.

"It is made up of the following ingredients: Fully pre-cooked taro, 56.5 per cent.; skim milk, 30 per cent.; unrefined cane juice (inverted), 12 per cent.; and salt, 1.5 per cent. Each ingredient of Taro-Lactin makes essential contributions to the nutritional value of the finished product.

"Taro contributes easily digestible starch, calcium, phosphorus, iron and vitamin B.

"Skim milk provides biologically valuable protein, lactose, calcium, phosphorus and vitamins B and G.

"The cane syrup retains the minerals found in the raw cane juice, and is inverted to facilitate assimilation.

"We have been successful in devising a dehydration process which retains the natural nutritional and biological values of these ingredients. It combines easily digestible carbohydrates with a high mineral content and a minimum of indigestible fibre. Taro-Lactin is alkaline in its reaction. The calcium content is of high assimilability."

Laboratory analysis of this new Hawaiian taro product shows the following:—

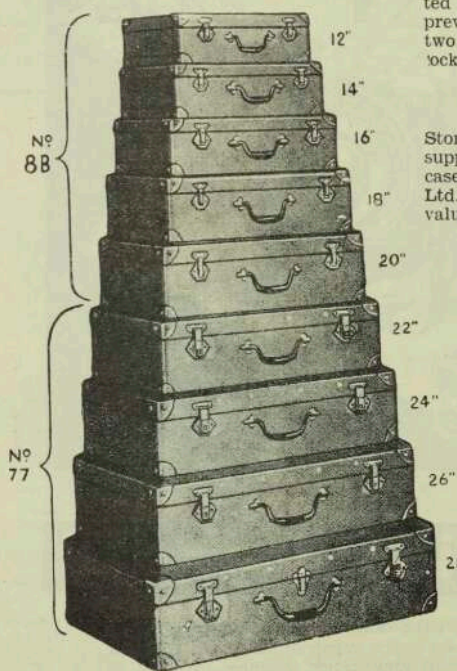
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| Moisture . . . . .            | 1.7%  |
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| Fat . . . . .                 | 0.7%  |
| Crude Fibre . . . . .         | 0.9%  |
| Lactose . . . . .             | 14.5% |
| Dextrose & Levulose . . . . . | 11.5% |
| Starch . . . . .              | 46.0% |
| Other carbohydrates . . . . . | 7.5%  |
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With the introduction of Taro-Lactin, the new island industry will have four products on the market: Taro flour, flavoured Taroco, unflavoured Taroco, and Taro-Lactin.

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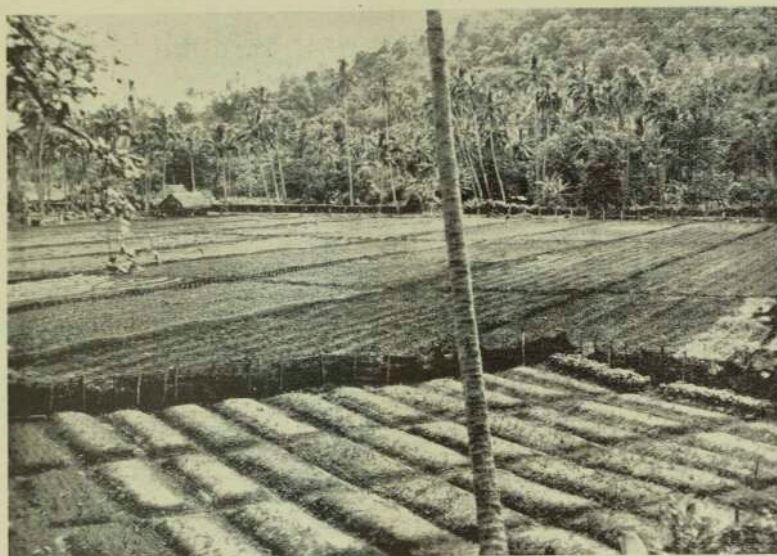
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## LOSS OF NATIVE LORE

### Why Blame The Missionaries?

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, May 5,

THE critics of the early Protestant missions in the islands of the Pacific constantly bring the accusation that the loss of native lore is due to missionary influence. This may be true, insofar as the interdiction of certain elements of native custom and tradition was made necessary to bring the native mind to an understanding of the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion.

Our observation leads us to believe that the abandonment of the ancient traditions is due more to the impact of modern civilisation in the younger generations of Polynesians.

The acquirement of the great mass of poetic narration—full of metaphor and allusion, which must be carefully interpreted—was an undertaking of years. The young people of the Islands, lured by the innovations and pastimes introduced by the European, have not been willing to give the time necessary to study of what appears to them to be of no utilitarian value.

The steady abandonment of the study of the Latin and Greek classic literature in our colleges and universities and the absolute ignorance of the average European citizen of the primitive literature of his own ancestry, are similar developments.

The corroding secular civilisation of

the white man had been at work for nearly a century before the anthropologists came upon the scene. The early missionary—as the only buffer between the primitive native and the horde of exploiters, blackbirders, thugs and plunderers, who held high carnival in the Islands until orderly government was established—had heavy demands upon his time and strength. Yet it is the early missionaries—Nott, Williams, Ellis and John M. Orsmond—to whom



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## TRAGEDY OF ATIMAONO

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#### SECTION 2.

(From the MS. of J. L. Young, written at Merami, Warren, N.S.W., about 1928, and edited by W. W. Bolton, M.A.)

#### Comte de la Ronciere.

THE career of Comte de la Ronciere as Governor of Tahiti was so much affected by the affairs of the plantation of Atimaono, and vice versa, that an explanation is in order. There can be no doubt that his administration from 1863 to 1869 was dictated by a sincere desire for the betterment of the population. He caused roads and bridges to be constructed, educational facilities to be extended, an agricultural bank to be founded, and in many other directions favoured progress.

But all this, notwithstanding, there accumulated against him strong opposition and even hatred, alike on the part of certain functionaries, the laxity and even dishonesty of whose methods he condemned, and of certain civilians. These latter included not only some of the merchants of Papeete whose interests clashed with those of Stewart, but the Protestant Mission party, who disliked the latter's mode of life.

Then, again, the Governor had earned

the ill-will of the Catholic Mission by certain action which had been forced on him immediately after his arrival at Papeete, in carrying on an enquiry instituted by his predecessor as Governor. His enemies watched for their opportunity, and it came to them in an extraordinary manner in 1869.

James Stewart, the brother of William Stewart, who carried on at Papeete a small mercantile business and who also had a store at Atimaono, managed by one William Keane, having decided to quit Tahiti, sold the contents of the aforesaid store to Keane, who paid him with an order payable six months after date, drawn by William Stewart on his Auckland agents—the amount was francs 92,200. This was really a loan made by William Stewart to Keane to enable him to pay James Stewart and thus facilitate the sale of the store by the latter to Keane.

William Stewart had lent to James Stewart a few weeks before, francs 25,000, by an order on his Auckland agents, which order James Stewart had sent to Auckland for collection.

James Stewart then sued his brother William for francs 100,000 composed as follows: Francs 92,000, plus francs 25,000 = francs 117,000, less francs 17,000, which James Stewart owed to the plantation = francs 100,000.

In vain, William Stewart pointed out that neither of these notes was due. The judge in the Lower Court gave a verdict in favour of James Stewart, which on appeal to the Higher Court was confirmed, and immediate execution of judgment was ordered, and the plantation of Atimaono was seized by the sheriff.

The Governor came to the rescue by instructing the Agricultural Bank (Caisse Agricole) to purchase cotton from the plantation to the value of francs 100,000, and this enabled William Stewart to pay the amount of the unjust judgment.

Both the judges—one a local lawyer and one a functionary—owed their appointment to the Governor—no judges from France being available at the time. Both were personal enemies of Stewart—and, sub rosa, of the Governor—and their action against Stewart was dictated as much by feeling against the Governor as against him.

James Stewart with francs 100,000 in his pocket, left Tahiti for Honolulu, leaving behind him debts to the amount of francs 60,000, and no books of account. (Incidentally, it was reported that not long afterwards he died in gaol abroad, under sentence for fraud).

The Governor removed the two judges and banished one (the functionary) to Moorea Island, 12 miles away, but at his request allowed him to return soon afterwards. The functionary and others of his friends denounced the Governor to the Government at Paris, who ordered the functionary to be reinstated to his post, and recalled the Governor in March, 1869. He, however, remained until August, 1869, as the newly appointed Gov-

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ernor—on account of illness — did not come to Tahiti as expected.

Meantime, the aforesaid functionary conspired with his friends against the Governor, suborned certain interpreters and others to make false statements and to steal certain private documents from his office and, indeed, went so far as to begin to arrange for his seizure and deportation.

The functionary, however, was prosecuted and finally sentenced to one year's imprisonment and was sent to San Francisco en route to Paris. But the Minister of Marine telegraphed to the French Consul at San Francisco to send him back to Tahiti.

The Comte de la Ronciere had one good friend, Mr. Louis Jacolliot, a judge at Tahiti who, on his arrival from Paris in March, 1869, was opposed to the Governor on account of his removal of the two judges, but who on examination of the affair decided that the Governor was right in interfering with the abuse of justice. He returned to Paris in August, 1869, and took up the defence of the ex-Governor with enthusiasm, as appears from his pamphlet "La Verite sur Tahiti", Paris, October, 1869—but without avail.

The influences against the Comte were too great. Even an old scandal of the year 1833, though long since declared false, was raked up against him, and he went into oblivion. His sympathy with and support of William Stewart's enterprise was one of the proximate causes of his downfall, hence this extended mention of him.

#### Stewart In Sydney

ONE of the episodes of Stewart's adventurous career was the following:—

In 1858, he was a wine and spirit merchant at Sydney, his brother James being a Customs House Agent at the same place. In that year, these two conspired with three Customs House officers to avoid payment of duties on 300 cases and casks of wines and spirits, and a quantity of tobacco, by obtaining certificates of export of the above mentioned articles out of Bond to New Caledonia on the schooner yacht, the "Louisa", of 78 tons register. The vessel left, ostensibly for Noumea, on September 2, 1858. But it was soon ascertained that the goods had never been placed on board; they were traced to various hotels in Sydney and suburbs.

The "Louisa" returned to Sydney on October 7, but left the same day, after the Stewarts had visited her. She went to Hobart, thence to Jervis Bay, near Sydney, where William Stewart joined her; thence to Lord Howe Island, where the schooner "Martha" was met, having James Stewart, his wife and family aboard, who transhipped to the "Louisa", which left for an unknown destination.

The "Louisa" was seen again in July, 1860, when Captain Anderson, of the "Maria" met her at Norfolk Island, under the name of "Mary Ann", Captain Wilson in command. The name "Louisa" was distinctly visible under the new paint.

It has been stated, since the death of William Stewart, that the "Louisa" proceeded from Lord Howe Island to a South American port, calling at Bora Bora Island on her return towards New Zealand where, during 1859 and 1860, arms and ammunition were supplied from her to the Maori warriors.

The account of the Sydney episode was published in the "South Australian", of July, 1917, under the heading "The Notorious Louisa", written by a member of the Australian Historical Society.

#### Life of Stewart

WILLIAM STEWART was born in the north of Ireland in 1825, of Scotch Presbyterian ancestors. He was tall, fully six feet in height, of a striking presence, with a long black beard and black hair (but partly bald) and with piercing dark eyes, widely opened and set well apart. He was well educated, speaking French, some Spanish and Portuguese, and some Hindustani. He had been in the army in India as a young man and, subsequently, in the wine business in Spain and Portugal. He was a man of the world, a good judge of wines and

liquors, but rarely drank to excess; he played cards but had the reputation of gambling in moderation. He was a charming host and companionable with those he liked, but masterful and arrogant with those who opposed his wishes. He was a strict disciplinarian, but was considered by his employees to be always just. He was generous as he proved on many occasions, but could drive hard bargains in business matters.

He died in his house at Atimaono on September 24, 1873, at the age of 48, his death, which was said to be due to liver disease, being undoubtedly hastened by chagrin. He died in penury, all

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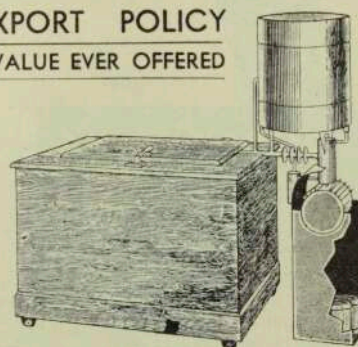
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All those to whom he had extended hospitality and given largesse deserted him. Almost his only consistent visitor, while on his death bed, was a lady who was a descendant of one of the old Missionary families. She, and his wife, to whom he had been only recently married, attended to his last moments. He was buried, almost without ceremony and with a very meagre attendance of mourners, at Matalea, between the main road and the sea, nearly 47 kilometres from Papeete. Several years afterwards, his bones were removed by his widow to the burial plot of her family.

Many years after his death, an incredible story became current, to the effect that he did not die in 1873, but escaped from Tahiti in a vessel. But this was only a reflection of the glamour which was associated with Stewart's career at Tahiti in the minds of those who remembered his outstanding personality.

The writer did not arrive at Tahiti until some time after Stewart's death, but was always keenly interested in the details of the rise and fall of the Atimaono enterprise, and had many conversations with those who were closely connected with Stewart in business, and as employees, etc.

Thus, when the writer subsequently became owner of one-fifth of the Atimaono Estate, there fell into his hands maps, plans and documents relating to the history of the same, and he obtained access to numerous letters, etc., all of which enabled him to reconstruct in a measure the romance of Atimaono and of William Stewart.

There is no intention to paint him as other than he was. During part of his career he was apparently what is called an adventurer, with but little scruples of honesty, but it is not on record that during his residence at Tahiti he was ever justifiably accused of dishonesty. Whatever his faults—and they were many—he was certainly sincere in his belief in, and devotion to the Atimaono enterprise. He carried the burden on his own shoulders—almost every man's hand was against him. He failed through no fault of his own, and his end was pathetic.

In a world in which are so many weaknesses it is refreshing to meet a strong man, an organiser and administrator, even with all his faults of omission and commission. It would be easy to point a moral by Stewart's career, but let us leave him saying with the Spaniard: "Que sea su juez Dios" (Let God be his Judge).

### ADDENDA BY W. W. BOLTON

TO complete the story, now first given to the general public through the publication of Mr. J. L. Young's manuscript, it may be of interest to mention various additional facts which in the main are to be found in the obscure and now rare weekly newspaper of Papeete in its issues of that day. "The Messenger de

Tahiti" came to an end in 1880. It is strange that this news-sheet should have escaped the attention of the author of the MS., who lived for years in the town.

The following items deal with many aspects of the life of a remarkable man, a born organiser who was known locally as "Big William", not alone for his fine physique but that, for Tahitians, all he did was on a colossal scale, stupendous.

### An Official Visit

MENTION has been made of an official visit.

There was another visit paid by a large party of guests a year later, who in their report, express their astonishment at all they saw and at the boundless and overwhelming hospitality of their host during many days. They dwell on "this vast Estate": "the astounding success after only four years", and at seeing "an establishment on so vast a scale functioning with such calm, such order, full proof of superb direction".

They seem to have been specially attracted by the Chinamen's Village: "a small town, two clubs where they dance, and a theatre for their plays. Always keen to make his workers happy, he permits each Chinese who behaves himself well a house where he can live alone. It is his home. This favour is highly prized, the number of separate dwellings grows yearly". From Taharini Valley the labourers were allowed to cut timber to make rafts on which to disport themselves in the lagoon.

Their host won their hearts for they thus conclude:

"Calumniators before taking up the pen should go and see for themselves, taking note of the work, and they would certainly blush at the very idea of wronging an establishment which does honour to him who created it".

Stewart was given the honour of a special visit by the Duke of Edinburgh in 1869, amid all the pressing engagements of the Prince, who must needs see the amazing estate. Later on, we come across an advertisement inviting cargo for his vessel "The Prince Alfred": he returned the visit in the only way he could.

### The Countess de la Ronciere

THE cordial friendship between the Roncieres and Stewart gave free play to the evil-minded. It crushed the woman: she could stand no more.

An official notice appears reading that the Countess had left Tahiti "in a poor state of health" and quite "unable to bid adieu to her friends"; and the Imperial Judge Jocollot reports that before a year was out she died at her residence in Paris, demanding an enquiry by the Government to kill the calumny, but which was bluntly denied her. The Roncieres' enemies were strong at Home.

The departure of the Count himself, did not, as the MS. shows, end the bitter hounding of Stewart. There were still high fours years more for him.

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back, but here again he lost out. He had been summoned to attend the Court (for a case not named) and had replied by letter refusing either to attend or be represented. In December, 1870, the matter was brought to the attention of the Superior Court, when the charge was made that "the said Stewart refuses to acknowledge in the said functionaries and magistrates the powers they claim, and protests their decisions and their judgments". He was fined and the costs were his to pay.

#### Ill-will of Catholic Mission

**T**HE ill-will of the Catholic Mission towards the Count—which reacted upon Stewart—was the result of his report sent home as to the iniquitous and inhuman conduct of Father Laval and his assistants at Mangareva (Gambier Islands). The French Parliament took up the matter and demanded the banishment of Laval from the Gambier Group, which was duly carried out, the man being retired to Papeete where he died in 1880.

The tract of land which Stewart acquired was owned in the main by the Vai-raa-to people and those allied to them through marriage. Throughout 1864 and 1865 there are to be seen in the little newspaper of Papeete long lists of those giving the required legal notice of their purpose to sell to Stewart, and among them appear the names of Royalty, two sons of Queen Pomare—Arliaue and Tamatoa—both wishing to have "a finger in the pie" of ready cash. Not only the land was purchased but all the cattle browsing on the plots: they would help keep down the verdure and fed his army of labourers. There appears later on, a portion of the Annual Report for 1867 of the Company, issued from London, giving two items: "Land costs 750,000 francs": "Improvements 1,671,415 francs". Stewart appears on the Board of Directors but not Soares who was appointed later, acting at first only as general manager.

#### Introduction of Chinese

**S**INCE the introduction of Chinese to Tahiti by Stewart, they have increased and multiplied till to some they appear as a menace to the community. Be that as it may, there are many who are the direct descendants of these pioneers. There are still Gilbert Islanders resident in Tahiti under the name of the Arurai, after Hope Island, in that group, from whence their progenitors mostly came.

#### Stewart's Misfortunes

**T**HE statement made as to the dissatisfaction of some as to the price Stewart had paid them for their land—in fact, that they had been duped—lends strength to the local belief that they placed a curse upon the estate. And the sequel may well be said to support that belief, not alone in the case of Stewart himself, but that every subsequent attempt, to this day, to revive the area has ended in disastrous failure.

The years 1870 to 1873, which latter year saw Stewart's end, had been far more cruel years for him than the brief summary of the MS. lends colour to. Herewith the blows, as the little newspaper reports them:

Owen and Graham (Stewart's bankers in Auckland) seek to recover and send up J. E. Brown in 1870 as their Attorney. J. E. Brown was a New Zealander, by profession a book-keeper, who went later to the Marquesas to act in that capacity for Captain Hart (once Commodore of Stewart's fleet) who had cotton interests there. Stewart sees his hereto-

fore unencumbered creation plastered with a mortgage "dated May 10, 1871". His undisputed supremacy becomes a temporary managership "for our account", on September 22, 1872.

Next, this is taken from him, and J. E. Brown appointed on January 31, 1873. His full rule is restored, Owen and Graham "having renounced the mortgage" on March 28, 1873. It was but a flash in the pan, for the shareholders step in.

"By a Writ of Refere, Mr. John Edward Brown acting in the name of and as Attorney for the Tahiti Cotton and Coffee Plantation Ltd., has been placed in charge of the administration of the said Company's Estates in place and instead of Mr. William Stewart"—June 17, 1873. He now is wholly out of it.

Then came the final blow—the order of the Court declaring him, personally, a bankrupt was rendered on September 23, and on the 24th he died of a violent haemorrhage.

The following obituary notice appeared in the issue of the local sheet for September 26:—

"Mr. William Stewart succumbed on the evening of the day before yesterday, to the onslaught of a prolonged and cruel illness. He was the first European to introduce the culture of cotton to the colony, the development of which is a source of prosperity and riches to the country; and throughout the course of his management he attempted by every means possible to encourage both commerce and agriculture on Tahiti. Such are the rights of Mr. Stewart to the regrets of both the European and native

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population, and with certainty such regrets will not be lacking".

#### Where He Is Buried

AS to where lie the remains of Mr. William Stewart to-day, there is need for correction of the MS. His first grave was not at Mataiea, but near his residence at Atimaono. When the es-

tate had been liquidated, and the land opened for sale to the public in 1875 his widow removed his bones to the property of her mother's people at Mataiea—not, however, to the "plot" where her father and mother were placed in a four-square mausoleum (still standing, but now empty) but across the highway dividing the property: "between the main road and

the sea", which lies but a short distance away.

William Stewart's widow was one of the several daughters of Andrew Gibson, a highly esteemed English merchant in Papeete, and his Tahitian wife, Moehauti a Pupa. Stewart held him in the highest regard, for when he died (February, 1869) and his body was taken to the family property of his wife at Mataiea for burial, his friend had his small army of employees line both sides of the highway as the cortege passed the estate. Years later, when the Pupa property was sold, Gibson's body and that of his wife were removed to Papeete's picturesque cemetery "Pauranle", where his epitaph reads in both native and English:—"A good name is better than great riches".

#### "Moaroa" Tragedy

WHILST the MS. account of the tragedy of the "Moaroa" is largely inaccurate, owing to its being gathered together piecemeal, its opening paragraph is valuable as giving the reason for Lattin's presence as a "passenger" aboard, as also is its concluding paragraph as giving the fate of the natives, both of which items were unknown to the second mate, and so completes the story.

#### Authorship of MS.

THERE is considerable difference of opinion as to the authorship of the MS.

Those who claim it as the work of W. J. Stuart, who was employed by William Stewart as a highly efficient engineer, are met with certain statements in the major latter half which could not possibly have come from his pen, e.g. (1) The ownership by the writer of one-fifth of the estate which is recorded under the name of J. L. Young; (2) The arrival of the writer on Tahiti, years after—not before—the death of Stewart. The best solution would appear to be that W. J. Stuart wrote as far as the first mention of William Stewart's death; and J. L. Young, securing the MS. from his aged friend, who ended his days in Papeete, added the remainder, striking off a limited number of typed copies for his particular friends with "attached photograph" of the man whom he, like others, had never seen.

#### Port Charges "Too High" For Japanese Ships

A COMPLAINT that port charges in New Zealand were too high was made by Mr. N. Nomura, Sydney representative of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha shipping line when he paid a visit to Wellington in May. The Co. runs a regular monthly service between Japan and N.Z., via New Guinea and New Caledonia.

"Sometimes port charges are much higher than the freight charges we obtain", he said, "and on top of that we have the cost of discharging and loading. We would like to see port charges reduced to the amount of the freight charges if we do not obtain much cargo in a port. If, however, we load so much cargo that freight charges are higher than the port charges, then the standard rates could be charged".

He instanced the loading of guano at Noumea or Walpole Island (New Caledonia) for N.Z. importers to show the disadvantage of high port charges. These cargoes were usually required at Wanganui and New Plymouth, but the port charges there rendered it unprofitable to proceed direct unless sufficient inducement for loading cargo could be obtained.

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## MANAM IS.

### Volcano Shows Renewed Activity

BY B. W. C.

**A**FTER about a year of comparative quiescence Manam Island, off the coast of Madang, New Guinea, recently has been showing signs of renewed activity.

The occasional wisps of steam and smoke normally seen issuing from the crater have given place to an almost constant eruption-cloud, ever-changing



Cloud-capped Manam Island, as seen from the mainland of New Guinea.

in shape and size with the wind and the intensity of the eruption. Down the southern side of the cone may frequently be seen a sloping streak of steam, rising from flowing lava. Apparently the lava has not yet reached more than half-way from the crater to sea-level, but it is being watched with interest for further developments.

Rumblings and explosions have been heard on the mainland more than 12 miles away. As far as 20 miles from the island, slight earth tremors have been felt.

It is at night that the spectacle is most impressive. Then may be seen (provided, of course, the peak is not surrounded by cloud) a veritable waterfall of gold. High up, near the summit of the crater, is a fiery glow, sometimes blazing up with great brilliance, sometime almost dying away. From this point—a low gap in the rim of the crater—for a varying distance down the southern slope appears a yellow streak, in the same position as the steam seen by day, marking the position of the lava stream.

Manam or Vulcan Island ((the former name is the one officially recognised)) is an active volcanic cone between 4,000 and 5,000 feet high and of about 30 square miles in area, situated off the coast of the mainland of New Guinea in the Madang District. It is a very

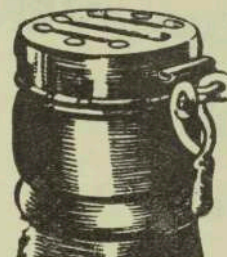
perfect cone viewed from any angle, though there is a definite shoulder rather more than half way up the side of the mountain, indicating the rim of a former explosion crater. Stephan Strait, separating the island from the mainland, is nine miles wide at its narrowest point.

Though inhabited—and the natives are noted for their canoes, woodcarving, and pottery—Manam suffers, it is said, from a scarcity of water at times. Typically the upper part of the cone is enveloped in a thick white cloud as in the accompanying photograph, taken from a trading station at Gua on the mainland immediately opposite the island. This cloud is an atmospheric and not a volcanic effect.

The most recent eruption of Manam was in October, 1936, when heavy flows of lava occurred and rock was thrown 4,000 feet above the crater. Ashes fell on parts of the mainland, including Nubia and Awar plantations, nearly 25 miles away. Previous to this outburst there had been little activity since March, 1921, when large quantities of steam, dust and debris were emitted. In 1917, an eruption occurred following an earthquake of major proportions

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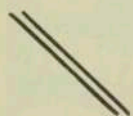
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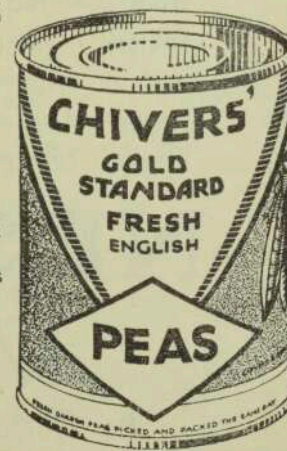
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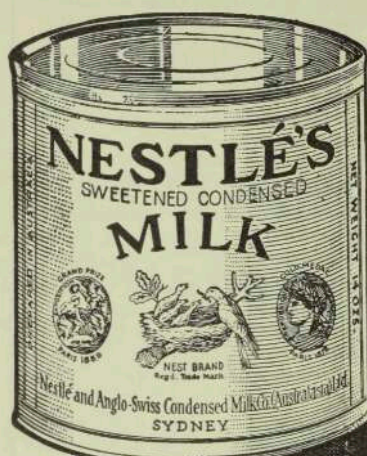
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locally, and blocks of rock were hurled thousands of feet into the air.

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No wonder there are no plantations on Manam, although its soil is rich and fertile! Europeans prefer the quieter sister-island about 100 miles to the south-east—Karkar. There, at Karkar, situated on the thick dark volcanic soil, are some of the most prosperous plantations of the district.

## **NEW CALEDONIA IS BUSY**

### **Demand for Chrome and Nickel**

A WELL-KNOWN business man, writing to the editor from Noumea on May 26, said that New Caledonia is busy and prosperous. World armament has created a great demand for New Caledonia's metals.

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"So far, Chrome Alluvials do not appear to have any material ready for shipment; it is to be hoped they will soon have their plant in full working order.

"The Refrigerator Company appears to be nearing its successful completion, and there appears to be quite a definite feeling that such is a real necessity here".

### **"TIARE TAPORO" MAY FLY THE TRICOLOUR**

From Our Own Correspondent.

WHEN the "Tiare Taporo" arrived from Tahiti recently, Captain Benson relinquished his command and returned to New Zealand by the "Matua". His place has been taken by Captain Cambridge, who is well-known in N.Z. shipping circles. He was at one time in command of the brigantine "Ysabel".

It is rumoured that in about three months' time the "Tiare" will return to Tahiti to make her headquarters there and sail under the French flag.

## HIGHEST JOBS FOR TRAINED MEN

### British Colonial Service System

Letter to the Editor.

I HAVE been interested in the letters appearing in your excellent journal under the heading, "Highest Jobs Withheld from Trained Men", in which your correspondents express their dissatisfaction at the appointment of administrators to Australian Pacific territories from sources outside the Islands service.

As one of your correspondents justly remarks, there seems, under the present circumstances, no great inducement for qualified young men to enter the service of any of the territories under Australian rule.

Your correspondent from Rabaul ("PIM," January, 1938) quotes from Sir Reginald St. Johnston's work, "From a Colonial Governor's Note-book". Sir Reginald, in referring to the disheartening practice of having outsiders put over the heads of men in the Colonial Service, when approaching the time when they might justly expect a reward for their labours, states: "In late years, however, there has been a change for the better, and a definite pronouncement satisfactory to the Colonial Service was made on the subject at the Colonial Conference of 1930, in London".

"In view of this vexed question in the Islands services to-day", your correspondent continues, "it would perhaps be helpful to discover what definite pronouncement satisfactory to the Colonial Service was made at the Colonial Conference in 1930".

I attach the following extracts, taken from the Colonial Office Conference in question, hoping that in some measure they may be helpful to all concerned.

Extract from the Colonial Office Conference (1930).—Summary of proceedings

(Cmd. 3628), page 93, Recommendation 5: "We strongly endorse the recommendation that, in the selection of Governors, prior consideration should be given to the suitability of officers holding high posts in the Colonial Services; and, indeed, we consider that nothing would be more calculated to render the proposed unified service attractive to entrants and to raise its prestige".

Page 94.—The conference passed the following resolution: "The Conference is in general agreement with the conclusions arrived at by the Committee on Recommendations 1 to 13 of the Warren Fisher Committee Report".

Extract from Report of a Committee on the system of appointment in the Colonial Office, and the Colonial Services (Cmd. 3554):—

#### D. The Highest Officers.

"In concluding this part of our Report, we venture to offer an observation on the subject of the appointments to the highest offices in the Colonies.

"We have referred to the special method adopted in considering persons for the appointment of Governors of Colonies, and we are aware that in the majority of cases such appointments are the prizes given to the best Officers of the Colonial Service, as the culminating opportunity of their overseas careers. The outstanding influence and importance of the Governor in his colony is such that only the most proven and experienced men can be regarded as suitable for such appointments. We therefore recommend that the quest for Governors should first be made among Officers holding high appointments in the Colonial Services, and that only after the qualifications of such have been fully considered should the question arise of an appointment from outside the service. We believe that such a declaration of policy would be a valuable encouragement to, and would increase the prestige of, the whole overseas service".

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## BEAUTIFYING WAU

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, May 17.

THE Administration engineering staff at Wau have been busy putting down footpaths around the business area of Wau. They have definitely made an improvement and, even though at the moment are looking very rough, are far superior to the 4 ft.-high grass that has

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With care and attention to the couch grass which has been planted along the sides of the walk, Wau will have an excellent appearance. It seems a pity that some one does not start a tree planting scheme for our streets—anyone who saw the wonderful trees in Rabaul before the eruption can never forget them. Our climate, here in Wau, lends itself to many kinds of trees which could not be grown elsewhere in the Territory.

## THE NOTORIOUS ARIOI

## History of a Strange Tahiti Organisation

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, May 5.

THE swaying dance called "Te Ori", and the ancient "Paoa" (a combined dance and chant)—witnessed at native celebrations of Bastille Day and other great occasions—are all that remain, in memory or in practice, of that gay, joyous, boisterous, mysterious, formidable, wicked institution—the Arioi Society.

Externally, the Arioi were companies of comedians and dancers, established in several principal islands of the Society Archipelago, who travelled from district to district and, at stated times, from island to island, to stage their exhibitions.

Internally, the Society was an hierarchy; its higher grades composed of seers, and wise men, and persons of consequence, whose doctrines were rooted deeply in the cult of Oro, and who, in their persons, because of their rank in the institution, were affiliated with the gods themselves.

In each principal district on the larger islands, the Society was under the rule of a Grand Master, who assumed the hereditary name of his predecessors in that office. Henry, in "Ancient Tahiti", gives an interesting description of the organisation.

There were eight orders of those initiated into the Arioi mysteries, and they were distinguished by dress and by tattooing. The highest order, who presided over the rest—a man for the men and a woman for the women—were called Arioi Maro Ura (Arioi of the red loin girdle). The red girdle worn by either sex was made of paper mulberry, and was dyed with red and yellow to resemble the royal feather girdle.

They anointed themselves with sweet oil and wore flowers and leaves of sweet odor.

The men of the second order, Harotea, wore over their cloth girdle another girdle of shredded ti leaves. Over their wrappers the women of this order wore girdles of ti leaves, garlands and wreaths.

The third order, Taputu, wore shredded opuhi leaves, in the same manner as the Harotea wore ti leaves.

The fourth order, Otiore, used as their decoration a soft yellow creeper, Tainoa, instead of shredded leaves.

The fifth order, Hua, wore over their girdle another of the A'a Ha'ari (fibrous covering of the young coconut leaf) and head-dresses of yellow coconut leaves.

The sixth order, Atoro, decked themselves in bright yellow Fe'i leaves.

The seventh order, Ohe-Mara, had as decorations the Maiuu Tafai (club moss).

The eighth order, Tara-Tutu, wore bright flowers and a cap of red and yellow Barringtonia leaves.

Novices were called Poo (flappers).

In applying for membership the candidates, who were always people unencumbered with children, were supposed to be inspired, and brought themselves to notice in the midst of some public exposition by appearing in a frenzied state, arrayed in gay colours, a profusion of fragrant flowers and anointed with strongly-perfumed oil.

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went through the novices' initiation, which was to pledge themselves not to suffer their offspring to live, if any came to them, and to obey absolutely the orders of their Arioi chief or chieftainess, as the case for man or woman might be.

Their novitiate lasted two or three years, or until they became accomplished in recitals of historic events, in music, dancing, and acting (chiefly in pantomime form).

When the novices were considered accomplished enough to be admitted into the Society, an assembly of Arioi was convened at the Marae of Oro for the purpose of receiving them.

The Poo were first privately invested with a loin girdle of white breadfruit-tree bark, dyed with wide red bars, and with a fringed cape dyed to match the girdle. They were then solemnly dedicated to Oro-i-Te-Tea-Moe, to whom was presented a sacred pig wrapped in Arioi cloth of bright colours.

Finally, after being anointed with perfumed oil in honour of Romatane (the god who received those destined to enter the Paradise, Rohutu-No'ano'a) upon whose stone image they placed garlands of flowers. They were led forth by their chiefs and chieftainesses and introduced to the assembly by new names, by which they were ever afterwards known to the Society.

The members of the various orders were gradually promoted to the higher grades, according to their merits, by the Society itself. But to the king was reserved the right to bestow the highest, or order of the red girdle, when such a dignity was required in the community.

As to their exhibitions, there is a variety of opinion. Ellis, who apparently writes from hearsay, speaks of things which "were abominable, unutterable".

Yet the Padres of the Spanish Expedition to Tahiti in 1775, who witnessed Arioi performances at the Court of the Arii, Vehiatua, at Tautira, record in their diary the following: "As a finish, after a noisy Heyba (Heiva) of drums, they acted (on this occasion) a farce representing one of the heathen whose wife was jealous. The function lasted an hour and a half, and was very amusing, because the clown played his part with great cleverness. When, from time to time, the music of the drums was sounded, the actors, placed in a row and in that wise bending well forward towards the ground, kept time to the measure by swaying their bodies and limbs without moving from their places; all following the lead of the clown, who was stationed in front of them. They are extraordinarily quick in their motions, and move the different parts of their bodies with wonderful agility and ease, throwing themselves into a variety of contortions and making frightful grimaces the while.

"Women also take part in the dances and interludes, very modestly dressed. They resemble Spanish women, and are not behind the men in agility of body". ("Quest and Occupation of Tahiti—1772-1776—Corney").

Immense houses were erected in every principal district for the accommodation of the Arioi assemblies. That at Mataval, on Tahiti, is described by Captain Wallis: "The house measured 327 feet long and 42 feet wide, 30 feet high along the centre, and 12 feet along the eaves".

"The amusement generally took place at night, when the great Arioi house was illuminated with fires and candle-nut tapers. On a high platform, erected at one end of the house, were placed high stools as seats for the chief Arioi of both sexes.

In the centre of the building were the

comedians, over whom presided the Arioi-Hi'o-Niao (master of ceremonies).

"The royal family had their seats of honour, and within the building, and outside upon the grass, were the spectators. Even the crickets, it is said, cried with joy on these occasions.

"In their plays the actors flattered or ridiculed with impunity people and even priests, from the greatest to the least, and they often did much good in thus causing faults to be corrected". ("Ancient Tahiti"—Henry).

To those who know the deep affection with which Tahitians regard their children—whether they be of their own blood or adopted, as is so generally the custom—it is wellnigh impossible to believe that infanticide was formerly practised in the islands.

Many years ago, Tati, chief of Papara—who was a learned scholar in Polynesian lore—told the writer that human sacrifice and infanticide did not exist in ancient Polynesia; but were initiated in comparatively recent times, by that later invasion of warrior Polynesians who imposed the bloodthirsty rites of the war god, Oro, upon the people of the conquered islands. This has been confirmed by later research.

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membership, sealed the fate of the Society when the enlightenment of Christianity released the minds of the people from the fear and terror of vengeance by the heathen gods.

The Society Islanders tore from mind and memory all trace of the Arioi confraternity. The elders cast out the word and its significance from their language and to-day, among Tahitians, all knowledge of the Arioi Society has departed as completely as if the institution had never existed.

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## VON LUCKNER IN FIJI

### A Famous Incident of 1917

Count von Luckner has been receiving a good deal of hospitality and publicity in Australia lately; and, as his war exploits were of interest to Fiji and French Oceania, it may be worth while to briefly re-tell the story of the "See Adler". The following is a summary of articles published recently in Sydney journals.

It was in 1916 that Felix von Luckner, German naval officer, put out to sea in a camouflaged vessel named the "See Adler" to run the blockade of the British Fleet, reach the sea-tracks of trade, and raid commerce.

The story of Count von Luckner's voyage down the Atlantic and into the Pacific has been told in a book by an American, Lowell Thomas; but it is so liberally embroidered by imagination as to be worthless as an historic document.

The "See Adler" sank many ships, but care was taken to preserve the lives of those aboard. These prisoners were either retained aboard the "See Adler", or transferred to another ship, as opportunity offered. When the "See Adler" reached the Society Islands it still had on board the captain and crew of an American schooner, which the raider had bailed up on the high seas.

By that time Luckner had been out from Germany nearly nine months and his vessel needed cleaning. He made for lonely Mopiha Island, in the Tuamotu group, reached it in September, 1917, and cast anchor too near the reef. The captain of the American schooner warned von Luckner about the anchorage, but no notice was taken.



A recent photograph of Captain Kini McPherson.

The "See Adler" remained at anchor until a gale came up, to show that the Yankee skipper's advice had been sound. By then it was too late. The raider was a wreck, and Count von Luckner a castaway, with all hands.

Among the salvage was a motor-launch, "Cecile", fitted with a modern diesel-engine, capable of ten knots an hour. In this von Luckner, with Lieutenant Kerschless and four of a crew, set out for the Fiji Group, due west, intending to capture a suitable vessel and use it as a raider in place of the "See Adler". Aboard the launch were a machine-gun, ammunition, and carbines, automatics, bombs and hand-grenades.

They broke their 2,600 miles journey at Rarotonga, but could see no ship there likely to interest them. They were weather-beaten, and suffering from scurvy, but they carried on grimly. They reached the Fijis early in 1917, and, owing to squally weather, decided to shelter at Wakaya Island, about 12 miles due east of Levuka. There they went ashore to reconnoitre, pretending they were a week-ending party from a Norwegian ship in Suva.

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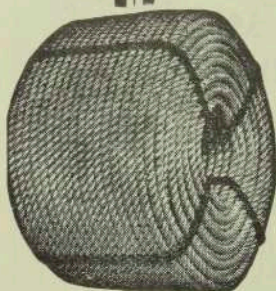
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A small cutter entered the harbour soon after, also for shelter. It belonged to Captain Kini McPherson, a half-caste, who, after conversation with the strangers, decided that they needed investigation. When he announced his intention of leaving Wakaya they tried to prevent him, but he pretended he had to get back to his plantation, round the coast, and they then let him go.

Captain McPherson sailed out on the course he had stated, but as soon as he was out of observation he went about and made for Levuka, where he reported to Sub-Inspector H. C. Hills, of the Fijian constabulary.

Hills had started life 33 years earlier in Britain, and in due time had been variously an officer in the P. and O. service, ranger in Canadian foothills, police officer in Natal, explorer in Portuguese East Africa, customs officer in New Zealand, and finally, on being ordered to the tropics by his doctor, he had taken the job of constabulary officer in Fiji.

Clearly he was reasonably equipped for dealing with a situation such as Captain Kini McPherson placed before him, provided he had the necessary temperament. Courage was needed, initiative, coolness, and a commanding manner.

Firearms, and possibly an armed guard, might have been considered an essential. Hills telephoned to Suva, the Administrative headquarters, was forbidden to arm his native police, and was given permission to take his ser-

vice pistol only at his own risk. He set out in the cutter "Sunbeam", and had to return owing to rough weather.

Meanwhile, the "Amra", a small cattle-boat trading about the group, had steamed into Levuka. Sub-Inspector Hills got permission from Suva to use this instead of the cutter, and again set out for Wakaya.

As soon as the "Amra" rounded the point leading into the bay at Wakaya, a boat was lowered. The strange motor-launch was already under way and heading for the open sea and for the "Gleaner A", an auxiliary schooner which was just entering the bay. It would have been a useful and easy capture for von Luckner.

The boat from the "Amra" containing Hills, A. E. S. Howard, and a few Fijian policemen, pulled strongly on a converging route, came closer to the motor-launch, and Sub-Inspector Hills ordered it to stop.

The launch stopped, and the police boat ran alongside. Hills heard them speaking German to each other—a language he recognised instantly. With his hand on his holster, which contained an empty revolver, he commanded: "You are all prisoners. You will surrender as prisoners of war".

One of the Germans instantly replied: "I am Lieutenant Kerschies, second in command of 'See Adler'. I surrender".

Two of the native police then jumped aboard the "Cecile" and clambered to-

ward a German who was aft, while Hills commanded him to surrender. He replied: "My name is Count von Luckner, commander of the 'See Adler'. I surrender".

Three of his crew then surrendered. But there was another, the engineer, who still hesitated, defiantly. Hills ordered a Fijian policeman to leap aboard the "Cecile" and arrest him. Von Luckner spoke urgently to him and he surrendered.

Von Luckner since has pointed out that the Englishmen were in uniform, while his party were in civilian clothes. According to his code, if they had shot at uniformed men, they could have been charged with murder, and the taking of life, in any event, was the one thing they were determined to avoid.

As they rowed toward the "Amra" von Luckner asked Hills if he were a naval officer, and when he learned he had been captured by a mere policeman he became almost as explosive as one of his own bombs, but with suppressed anger.

But when they got aboard the "Amra" and discovered that she had no guns, no arms of any sort, and only five bags of coal so that chase would have been impossible, the suppressed emotions of the Teutonic raiders ran through incredulity, chagrin, indignation, and finally burst into wrath. They had believed that the cattle-pens prominent on the "Amra's" deck were camouflaged guns!



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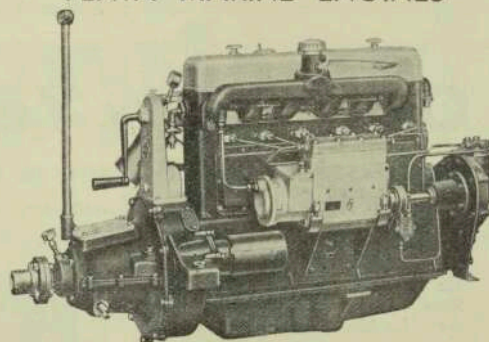
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## A MYSTERY OF THE TUAMOTUS

### Whence Came the Wooden Cross on Anaa?

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, May 21.

THE island of Anaa (or Chain Island) —the first atoll of the Tuamotu Archipelago encountered when sailing east from Tahiti—has an interesting history.

The substance of that history, in condensed form, is found in the Journal of Senior Lieutenant Don Thomas Gayangos, of the frigate "Santa Maria Magdalena" (alias "Aguila"), commanded by Captain Don Domingo Boenechea, and in the comprehensive footnote by the translator, Doctor Bolton Glanvill Corney.

"On the 2nd of November (1774) at 8½ in the morning we sighted the isle of San Quintin (Haraki) right ahead, 5 leagues distant; and we passed to the north of it, one league off. We proceeded on our course at six o'clock in the afternoon under easy sail in order that, when day should break, we might be to windward of the island to Todos

Santos (Anaa), which, in fact, was sighted away to the south'ard and west'ard at about ten o'clock in the forenoon. We thereupon stood towards it until near enough to conveniently send in a boat as enjoined by our instructions; but we were not then able to do this, as the weather had set in squally during the day. Having cleared up, however, the boat was got into the water, armed, and placed under my orders.

"When we had got within about a boat's length of the reef that fringes it all around, more than a hundred or a hundred and fifty Indians came forward, armed with spears and slings, ranged closely together and droning a sort of chant, as if a prayer, and made signs to us to land. Not being able to do so, however, because of the heavy surf that was breaking on the reef, I directed the Indian Pautu, after he had made them some signs of recognition, to jump into the water and get into communication with them, so as to explain to them who we were; but scarcely had he set about this, when they attacked us with a volley of stones from their slings, and we were compelled to discharge some muskets into the air to secure our retreat . . .

"I then proceeded farther on, coasting along the island . . .

"Just then we caught sight of a wooden cross, standing on a sandy beach on the inner side of the reef, near the skirt of a wood. It was of moderate size, regular in all its proportions, and showed signs of having been erected there a long time ago."

The footnote by Doctor Corney follows:—

"A particular interest attaches to this passage about a cross, in relation to the one that was erected by the members of Quiros' expedition on the 11th of February, 1606, at the island they named La Conversion de San Pablo, identified by Sir Clements Markham and the late Admiral Sir William Wharton as this very atoll of Anaa. In 'The Voyages of Pedro Fernandez de Quiros (Hakluyt Society, Second Series, vols. XIV and XV)' Gonzalez de Leza says that it was 'a very high well-made cross'.

"Belmonte Bermudez says the spot was in a 'palm grove' (adjoining a Marae); and Torquemada observes that the landing party 'arrived at a place which was near the beach, and on the verge of a small clump of palms and other trees', that they 'entered the thick wood, some of our people cutting away the branches with their swords until they came near the other bay of still water (the lagoon) which is on the other side of the island' and that on finding the Marae 'they desired to plant the royal insignia where the dweller in darkness was worshipped . . . so with

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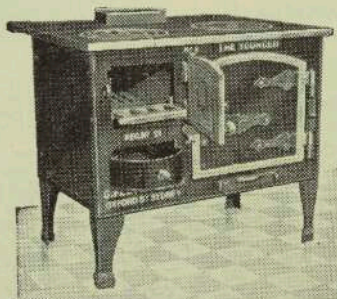
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Christian fervour they began to cut down a tree with wood-knives, of which they formed a cross, and set it up in the place with great joy, etc.

"The analogy of these records with the story related by Gayangos is too striking to be passed over without criticism; yet it is scarcely conceivable that a cross, constructed on the spur of the moment out of green timber, with only wood-cutters' knives (and perhaps cutlasses) for tools, without copper nails, presumably, or augurs for boring tre-nail holes, should survive the ravages of time and cyclones for 168 years—even supposing that the natives, the sanctity of whose Marae was thus flouted, did not interfere with it . . .

"On the whole, I am not disposed to believe that the cross Gayangos stumbled upon so opportunely at the only spot he touched at on the whole island, in 1774, was the same that Quiros' men set up in 1606; but, if the former was really a cross, designed as such and made by hands, the questions naturally arise 'Who put it there? When? And with what object?'

"The only records we have of Anaa, after Quiros' discovery of it, but prior to this visit, are Captain Cook's, who sighted it, without communicating, in April 1769, and again in August, 1773; and Boenechea's, who coasted along the S. and W. sides of it without effecting any landing, in 1772.

"Tupaia, however, alleged that a white man's ship had once been wrecked there (Bibl. No. 41, p. 517 —John Reinhold Forster).

"This question must therefore, it would seem, remain one of the many mysteries of the Pacific—like 'the half of a cedar pole, which had been worked on the coast of Nicaragua or Peru' that Gonzalez de Leza says they found at the same island on the day when they set up their cross; and the 'gold ring with an emerald' that Belmonte Bermudez saw the old Anaa 'woman who appeared to be a hundred years of age' wearing 'on one of her fingers' but who 'did not care for one of brass that they offered her' in exchange". (From Bibl. No. 41—Observations made during a Voyage Round the World, of Physical Geography, Natural History and Ethic Philosophy, by John Reinhold Forster, L.L.D., F.R.S., London, 1778.)

### Grapefruit From Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, May 12.

**E**XPERIMENTS are being made in the cultivation of grapefruit and the opening of a market for it in New Zealand. Citrus fruits thrive in Samoa.

Mr. A. R. Cobcroft recently sent a trial shipment to N.Z., and if it is successful it will be followed by consignments from other planters. The New Zealand Repatriation Estates have a considerable area under citrus fruits.

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### FAREWELL EVENING TO COOK ISLANDS CHIEFTAIN

**N**EARLY 200 guests, including Rarotongans, Samoans, Tongans, Maoris, and Europeans, attended a social evening at Symondsville, New Zealand, on May 17 to bid farewell to Makea Tinirau, paramount chief of the Cook Islands, prior to his departure by the "Matua" for Avarua, after a two months' health visit to the Dominion. In the official party was Judge H. F. Ayson, formerly Resident Commissioner in the Cook Is. There were various musical and dance

items by Islands performers, including a song of welcome (Ono Mai ra e taku Ariki) by Rarotongans in native costume. The guest of honour, in a speech interpreted by Mr. Tiakana Potatai, said he would like to see the Rarotongans in New Zealand co-operate and form a Polynesian Club in Auckland, to welcome and assist any native who comes from the South Seas.

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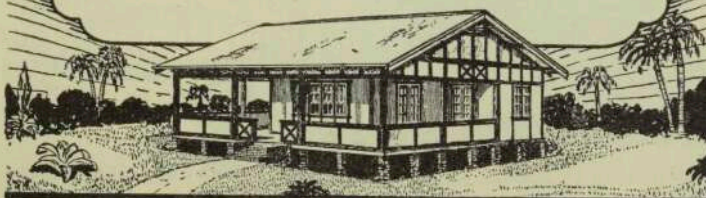
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ISLANDS MISSIONARIES FOR  
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A WORLD meeting of the International Missionary Council is to be held this year at Madras, India, from December 13 to 20. Among the missionaries in the Pacific Islands who have been nominated to represent the South Seas are: Rev. W. Flierl, Lutheran Mission, New Guinea; Rev. H. J. E. Short, London Missionary Society, Papua; Mr. Wilson Inia, Methodist Mission, Fiji; Pastor Jupeli, Gilbert Islands.

Mr. Charles Arthur Banks, managing director of Placer Development Ltd., has received the gold medal of the Mining and Metallurgical Society of America for "the application of aerial transportation to development in remote mining regions". This refers to the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

## CLIPPERTON

Desolate Island Has Strategic  
Value

A READER asked recently if anyone knew anything about Clipperton Island. Mr. P. J. D. Milne, of East Camberwell, Melbourne, kindly has forwarded the following, which is a clipping from the "News Chronicle", London, of November 7, 1932:—

"Mexico City, Wednesday.—A desolate coral island in the Pacific, 670 miles from the coast of Mexico, and only two miles in circumference, may raise a fine point regarding the interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine.

"Clipperton Island was discovered by Spanish sailors, annexed later by France, and seized by a Mexican garrison in 1897. It is destitute of vegetation, and its only inhabitants are Mexi-

can soldiers. Yet both France and Mexico coveted its possession. Trouble was avoided by arbitration. The question was submitted to King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, who in February, 1930, gave his verdict. The island was to be handed over to France.

"Now, nearly two years later, Mexico is about to make preparations for the surrender of her 'colonial possession'. Senor Antonio Valadex Ramirez, President of the Mexican Senate's Foreign Affairs Committee, says it will go on record that Mexico is not recognising the Monroe Doctrine, when the Senate discusses the fate of Clipperton Island".

The Monroe Doctrine, announced by President Monroe in his message to the United States Congress on December 2, 1823, had as its principle to prevent European interference or future colonisation in America.

Clipperton Island received its name from a notorious English pirate, John Clipperton, who often sought refuge there.

John Clipperton, in 1704, was mate to a well-known buccaneer, William Dampier. The pair quarrelled in the Gulf of Nicoya, and Clipperton, with 21 mutineers, seized a barque and sailed away on new adventures. They roamed the Pacific and were accustomed to find sanctuary on the little island off the Mexican coast.

The construction of the Panama Canal has given the island some strategic importance, lying as it does near the route from Central America to China and Japan.

Rev. E. R. Fenn, of the London Missionary Society, Metoreia, Papua, has been transferred to Aird Hill to take charge of the mission station there in place of Rev. C. Steley, who has returned to Australia owing to the ill-health of his wife.

Miss Peggy Brew, of Vaucluse, sailed from Sydney by the "Maedhui" on June 1 for New Guinea, where she was to be married to Mr. Robert Gillespie, of Kavieng. Misses Helen Gillespie and Jeanette Menzies accompanied her to act as bridesmaids at the wedding.

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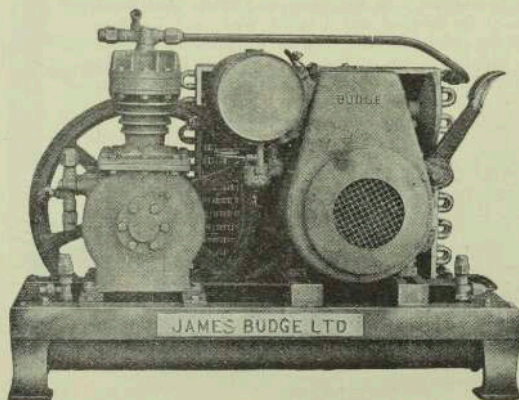
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## ANZAC DAY IN COOK ISLANDS



The decorated War Memorial at Rarotonga, Cook Islands, on Anzac Day, April 25.

## NATIVE LABOUR AND NATIVE RIGHTS

## Difficulties of Holding the Balance In Papua

Letter to the Editor.

"L.H.W.", in his article in the March P.I.M., on the ruining of native labour in New Guinea and Papua, certainly deals with a subject which is causing no little concern to those who are using native labour in those places. He is a little hard, though, in blaming inexperienced miners "who come to the country without ever having seen a boy before".

Did "L.H.W.", himself, have any experience of handling native, or any other labour, before he went to Papua?

As the majority of men in N.G. and Papua are Australians, very few indeed have ever had the chance of working native labour before going to those places. But the great majority conscientiously try to get the hang of things, and, given a chance, they will work the boys efficiently and humanely. I say, "given a chance"; because, as "L.H.W." says, there are quite a number of things which are preventing men handling their boys efficiently and profitably.

I will admit that there are men in Papua who should not be handling native labour, but they are not necessarily "new men". They are men of the wrong type—men who are not suited to handling even a horse and dray, let alone a native labour line; and, unfortunately, it takes very few of this type to directly and indirectly cause a lot of trouble with boys.

Another thing, which I consider is far more serious, is the milk-sop attitude adopted by some Government officials toward the natives. These misguided gentlemen consider they are there solely for the benefit of the natives; and they, together with equally misguided missionaries (who would be doing greater service by working among people of their own race), are spoiling boys for those people who are in the country for their own and the country's betterment. And aren't we all?

The trouble with these Government officials is that they consider all laws, regulations, etc., are made to be carried out to the letter, and not just to be used where necessary. The result is that, if a man as much as raises his voice to

a boy, the boy takes time off from his work, goes to the "Government", and lays a charge to which the white man must reply.

Boys are continually leaving their work and laying complaints against overseers, on trivial matters, because they consider they have the "Government" on their side. As long as they think this way, they will continue to be insolent and indolent; to go to the Government with trivial charges against white men; and to resent any reprimanding they get. Justice is one thing—over-zealous officialdom, plus red tape, is entirely another.

I am, etc.,

OVERSEER.

Samarai, Papua, 9/5/1938.

## TUNG OIL CULTURE

ALTHOUGH America is producing 20,000,000 lbs. of tung oil nuts annually, giving 4,000,000 lbs. of tung oil (less than 5 per cent. of her requirements), tung oil culture, in Florida and elsewhere, is far from being an unqualified success. There are problems connected with weather, soil, air and drainage, and many planting enterprises have suffered severe losses.

Mr. C. C. Concannon, chief of the chemical division of the United States Department of Commerce, announced recently that much money has been squandered throughout the tung belt in ill-starred ventures, and urges that orchard-

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ists and prospective investors inform themselves thoroughly concerning the prospects for profits before investing time and money in tung groves. Acreage continues to be planted in places not suited to tung trees, according to present accepted ideas, and all too frequently groves which might otherwise thrive, fail from lack of care, according to the Commerce Department specialist. He pointed out that the fundamental requirements of climate and soil are now generally known, and that increasing attention is being given to the problem with the view to safeguarding future developments.

Dr. W. M. Strong, Chief Medical Officer in Papua, is at present on 12 months' leave.

Mrs. Donovan, wife of Mr. John Donovan, manager for Messrs. Burns Philp (S.S.) Co., Ltd., at Tarawa in the Gilbert and Ellice Group, is in Australia spending a year's holiday.

## SOLOMON ISLANDS COUNCIL

### Wide Range of Subjects

THE Solomon Islands Protectorate Advisory Council commenced its first session of the year at Tulagi on Monday, April 4.

The Resident Commissioner (Mr. F. N. Ashley, C.M.G.) presided, and members present were, Official: Mr. F. E. Johnson, I.S.O. (Treasurer and Collector of Customs); Mr. S. G. C. Knibbs (Commissioner of Lands); Dr. H. B. Hetherington (Senior Medical Officer). Non-official: Mr. D. Mackinnon, Right Rev. W. H. Baddeley (Bishop of Melanesia), Mr. J. C. M. Scott. The fourth non-official member, Mr. C. E. Hart, was unable to take his seat owing to

an injured knee, but his colleagues were in daily conference with him at the Government Hospital, where he was being treated, and he was permitted to submit a motion through a fellow-member in council.

The President, in a comprehensive and informative address, referred to the fall in prices of copra and other exportable products, the result of which, he said, would affect the public revenue.

### LEPROSY

His Honour dealt at some length with the incidence of leprosy in the Protectorate, and gave particulars obtained recently as a result of the reconnaissance survey carried out by the visiting Leprologist, Dr. J. Ross Innes. The total number of natives examined by Dr. Ross Innes was 21,615, of whom 221 (1.02 per cent.) were found to be afflicted with leprosy.

Taking the Protectorate as a whole, the number of lepers is estimated at 900.

Expert opinion is that the total incidence of leprosy in the Solomons is moderate; that there exists no present danger of an explosive outbreak, and that about half of all cases may be taken as infectious, with perhaps one-quarter curable.

### PHENOMENAL SALE OF STAMPS

The phenomenal demand for the Coronation commemorative postage-stamps brought the Protectorate an unexpectedly large financial windfall. Although the issue was restricted to three denominations costing 5½d. for the set, the total sales from May until the issue was withdrawn on December 31, 1937, amounted to nearly £12,000.

A new pictorial issue, consisting of twelve denominations, to take the place of all stamps at present in use, will, it is expected, be on sale towards the end of this year.

### RADIO-TELEPHONES

The process of linking up Government out-stations by wireless is progressing, if slowly. Radio-telephonic communication between Tulagi and Auki (Malaita) is functioning satisfactorily, and has proved both the efficiency of the sets employed and the advantages conferred by an inter-island wireless service.

The next installation will be made at Gizo, within a few months.

The cost of the three beacon-lights, with towers and bases, erected in Tulagi harbour, amounted to £2,567.

### SOLOMONS GOLDFIELD

The goldfields on Guadalcanal, His Honour said, "have not proved, so far, the wedge of Ophir that we all hoped." The present position, he added, is that a company called the Guadalcanal Sluicing and Dredging Co., Ltd., has been floated with a capital of £200,000, and is carrying out prospecting in the river flats. Other prospecting licenses have been issued, and a new find of gold is reported, but many difficulties and obstructions encountered appear to leave defin-



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ite prospects of establishing a mining industry somewhat uncertain.

#### FINANCES

Following the President's address the Treasurer (Mr. F. E. Johnson, I.S.O.) furnished a detailed survey of the Protectorate financial administration for the year ended March 31 last, of which the following is a brief summary:—

#### EXPORTS

Copra, 22,927 tons, a decrease of 2,136 tons as compared with previous year.  
Trocas, 213 tons, down 52 tons.  
Ivory Nuts, 534 tons, down 59 tons.  
Increase of revenue from Customs Duty . . . . . £4,870  
Increase of revenue from Postage-stamps . . . . . £10,760  
Surplus realised on sale of gold coin. (Currency Note Reserve). . . . . £2,608  
Estimated total revenue . . . £80,400  
Estimated total expenditure . . £70,153  
Estimated surplus . . . . . £10,247  
(Subject to revision; accounts incomplete.)

Business dealt with at the present session included:

A recommendation that public lavatories be provided at Tulagi. This was resolved in the affirmative by unanimous vote.

#### PROPOSED AIR-SERVICE

A proposal was submitted by Messrs. W. R. Carpenter & Co., Ltd., to establish a weekly air-mail service between

Tulagi and Rabaul, to connect with the Company's New Guinea-Australia air-mail service, in consideration of receiving a subsidy of £2,000 per annum, was negated on the ground that the Protectorate was already committed to a mail contract involving an annual subsidy of £3,000, and could not afford any further outlay for transportation service while the economic outlook was so obscure as at present.

#### COPRA EXPORT TAX

A motion was submitted by a non-official member to provide for the fixing of a minimum rate of export tax on copra on the following basis:

When the market quotation in London is £10 per ton or under £10, 6d. per ton.  
Over £10 but not exceeding £12/10/-, 9d. per ton.

Over £12/10/- but not exceeding £15, 1/- per ton.

Over £15 to be on the graduated scale now in force.

It was pointed out in support of the motion, that the market price of copra at present is under cost of production, and in these circumstances the current export tax, amounting to 5/9 per ton, is, in effect, a levy on capital. The impost is open to criticism on several grounds. It is unwarranted owing to the prosperous budgetary position disclosed and the large accumulated surplus funds in reserve; at variance with the practice of other Empire territories, and unsound economic policy which, if continued, must eventually bring financial

disaster to the main industry of the Protectorate.

The proposal, which was not debated, will be submitted to the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific for consideration.

#### CUSTOMS TARIFF

It was announced that a motion relative to a suggested revision of the Customs Tariff, which was submitted at the October 1937 session of the Council, had received, in part, favourable consideration, and the High Commissioner approved the following articles being placed on the Duty Free list as from April, 1938:

Boats, launches, etc.  
Bran, pollard and wheaten meal.  
Knives, 12 inches and upwards in length, and copra knives.

These items were formerly charged Customs Duty at 12½ per cent. (British preferential rate).

Other routine matters being disposed of, the Council was adjourned sine die on April 6.

Mr. R. V. McKay was recently elected President of the Ex-Servicemen's Association of Western Samoa, in place of Mr. R. H. Brown. Mr. Murray Mitchell is secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Sidney Muddell, of Port Moresby, Papua, married Miss Mary Therese Ryan at the Church of our Lady of the Rosary, Port Moresby, on June 1.

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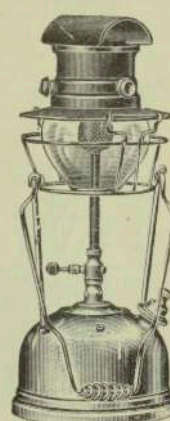
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## QUAIL FOR TONGA

A SOMEWHAT unusual request was dealt with by the council of the Otago Acclimatisation Society (New Zealand), when a letter was received from the Department of Internal Affairs inquiring into the possibility of obtaining two dozen quail for liberation in Tonga. The letter explained that Prince Tugi, Premier of Tonga, was anxious to acclimatise quail in the Group, and efforts to obtain them in the north of New Zealand had failed. As the Department offered to issue the necessary warrant for the trapping of the birds, it was agreed to supply them at once.

Mr. J. Cummings, of the merchandise staff of Messrs. Burns, Philp and Co., Ltd., Salamaua, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney recently on short furlough.

## BURNS, PHILP &amp; CO.

## Review of Year's Operations

SALES of merchandise by Burns, Philp and Company Limited, during the year ended March 31 increased by £596,447 to £5,189,863, a record. Expenses also increased, the percentage of "obligatory expenditure" to gross profit rising from 52.90 for 1936-37 to 55.247.

At the annual meeting on May 18 the chairman, Mr. James Burns, said the increase in working expenses, salaries, and wages, costs of general management, inspection and taxation, was £107,495. Provision for depreciation, bad debts and losses rose by £23,969, although bad and doubtful debts written off represented only 0.447 per cent. of aggregate sales. Gross profit rose by £145,973. An increase in

insurance values and rates would cost the Company about £11,000 a year more on the present fleet.

Mr. Burns said that every year the Pacific was becoming more important, not only to Australia, but to the outside world. In his opinion the Company's work in the Islands over the past fifty years had been of great benefit to the Commonwealth. He hoped that the Commonwealth Government would never try to enforce an undistributed profits tax. It was necessary to put more money into the South Sea trade each year to keep pace with foreign competition, and to enable a fair profit ratio on the original capital to be maintained.

"This undistributed profit tax plan was tried in America", said the chairman, "and when passing through there last year I heard more adverse criticism of this than of any other move of President Roosevelt. The United States Congress has lately repealed this measure, the reason given being that it retarded economic recovery".

Mr. Burns said taxation loomed larger every year, and became more intricate, so a staff of experts had to be kept to deal with it. If the National Health Insurance Bill became law, all this work would become materially increased.

The Company and Burns Philp (South Sea) Ltd. had had a crop of misfortunes during the year. There was the fire on the "Macdhui", the fires in the Rabaul store, Penney's store in Brisbane, and the copra store in Apia. There was also the loss of the "Makoa" and the stranding of the "Neptuna". Some of the losses had been covered by insurance, but they all tended to dislocate trade.

Two small motor vessels for the Islands trade, ordered last financial year, had been completed and delivered. The fleet had been written down substantially while profits would permit, and especially in view of the big addition to the shipping property figures which would take place when the new motor vessel "Bulolo" was delivered in a few months. It cost more to make a profit these days than it did a few years ago. The contract price for the "Montoro", built in 1911, was £A.73,880. The "Bulolo", although a little larger, would cost well over £A.500,000.

Overtime rates instituted were a heavy burden in running Australian ships against outsiders, and if it were not for the subsidy granted by the Federal Government the Company could not exist in competition with foreign vessels.

The chairman said that trade during 1937-38 had been particularly good, but the outlook at present, owing to the low prices of most primary products, was uncertain. The Company's shipping trade was likely to suffer as wool and wheat in Australia would probably bring much less than last year, and all Islands produce, such as copra, pearl shell, cocoa, ivory nuts and rubber was depressed. The situation in Europe and elsewhere was the cause of a lot of trouble.

The balance sheet showed that profits had been made as follows:—

|              | Gross earnings. | Net profits. |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
|              | £               | £            |
| 1935 .. .. . | 792,841         | 211,006      |
| 1936 .. .. . | 860,119         | 216,980      |
| 1937 .. .. . | 965,978         | 226,065      |
| 1938 .. .. . | 1,111,950       | 272,710      |

The Bay Loo Co. Ltd., of Rabaul, was recently awarded two constructional contracts by the New Guinea Administration—namely, the erection of native labour quarters at Wewak for £995, and the erection of native labour quarters at Angoram for £690.

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## OPIUM SMUGGLING

### Big Haul From French Boat In Suva

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, May 25.

CUSTOMS officials in Suva on May 16 made a valuable haul of opium from the Messageries Maritimes vessel "Eridan" during her visit to Suva to take on oil fuel, while en route from Marseilles via Papeete to Vila and Noumea.

The amount secured was 18½ lbs. The authorities said that the local retail value was rumoured to be £2/10/ oz. — giving the haul a total value of £730.

The first lot taken was when a Customs officer apprehended a member of the crew, Horace Malfathi, coming ashore. A search revealed that he had 5½ lbs. on his person in three parcels, one strapped in the small of his back and the other two round his calves. In the Police Court he pleaded guilty to a charge of importing opium and was fined £150, default being fixed at six months' imprisonment. The fine was paid.

Later the same day, another man alleged to be acting in a suspicious manner in the town was arrested and searched, but was found to have nothing concealed on him. He was taken back to the ship and a search made of the refrigerating space where he was employed disclosed two tins containing a total of 13 lbs. of opium. This man, the ship's

freezer, Jean Poli, and the butcher, Sylvestre Orsini, were arrested, the latter because the opium was actually found in the butchery.

To enable the ship to get away as soon as possible the Police Court sat at night, both men pleading not guilty. After a somewhat lengthy trial, hampered by difficulties of interpretation, the Magistrate declared that there was a doubt as to whether the defendants were actually in possession of and responsible for the opium, as it had been proved that it was possible for other members of the crew to have had access to the butchery. They were given the benefit of the doubt and were discharged, the opium being confiscated and destroyed.

Mrs. M. Wilson, acting matron of the Methodist Mission's Hospital at Ba, Fiji, reached Sydney from Suva by the May "Monterey", on furlough.

Mr. Les. Clout, an officer of the N.G. Administration, who has been carrying out regular inspections of Rabaul's volcanoes, had a narrow escape recently. Taking temperature readings in Vulcan Island crater, he was traversing a portion of the floor when the thin crust gave way beneath him and one leg was plunged into scalding mud. Fortunately he was able to crawl to firmer ground without the rest of his body breaking through the surface crust. He spent five weeks in Namanula Hospital recovering from the burns.

## Centre of Oil-Search Activities

### Daru, in Western Papua, Assumes New Importance

From Our Own Correspondent.

PT. MORESBY, May 18.

DARU, the third largest European settlement in Papua, which lies on a small island a mile from the mainland to the west of the mouth of the Fly River, is becoming increasingly busy, due to the vigorous search for oil by companies, which use it as their headquarters. Almost daily vessels and seaplanes arrive there from either Port Moresby or Thursday Island, or from the different prospecting camps scattered over the large areas being investigated.

On April 22, the 60 tons vessel "Casiano", owned by Islands Exploration Co., together with two small speed launches capable of 18 knots, arrived from Thursday Island. They were followed by the "Bon Accord" on April 25; the same day the "Prorero" called in from Kikori.

The "Milga" put in an appearance on April 27 with a batch of raw recruits from Lake Murray, the first to be recruited from the district. They appeared to be as fine a type of native as any working in the territory and were for the Papua Oil Development Co., which has a prospecting camp on Lake Murray.

On May 2 and 3, the "Milga" from Kikori and the "Aramia" from Thursday Island helped to swell the ever-increasing traffic in Daru waters.

On April 27, Dr. Jenkins, of the P.O.D. Co., added to the interest of the settlement by giving a cocktail party to celebrate the opening of his new surgery and residence, and many residents were present.

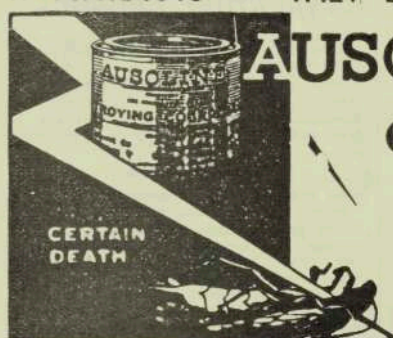
### 37 JAPANESE PEARLERS DROWNED

THIRTY-SEVEN Japanese pearlery bound for Australia, were drowned when a disastrous hurricane swept the Philippines, in April.

Two luggers were lost. Five new luggers were dismasted, and numerous luggers in Palau Harbour, in the Pelew Group, were damaged. A Japanese destroyer was sent out to search for the missing luggers, but could find no trace of them.

Mr. H. R. Craigie, Government Printer in Fiji, was a passenger for England by the "Aorangi" from Suva on May 20.

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The Port Moresby agency of Guinea Airways Ltd. has been transferred from Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd. to the B.N.G. Trading Co., thus leaving the latter firm free to take on, as from May, the Port Moresby agency for W.R.C. Airlines, which includes the weekly air-mail planes from and to Australia.

Monsieur Jean Marchessou, who has been Governor of New Caledonia since December, 1936, will depart from Noumea for France by the "Ville d'Amiens" on July 8. New Caledonia's next Governor will be M. Jore, who already is well-known in France's Pacific possessions.

## OXFORD MOVEMENT IN EASTERN PAPUA

Letter to the Editor.

THE startling information given to the Southern newspapers by a member of the Kwato Mission (a Mr. Geoffrey Baskett) has interested all settlers in Eastern Papua.

The neo-hunting tribes referred to by Mr. Baskett are, no doubt, those ferocious cannibals residing in the wilds of Rogeia, Sariba, and Milne Bay, who have long been a menace to the township of Samarai! It is good to know we can at last (thanks to the Oxford Movement, and especially to the strenuous exertions of Mr. Baskett) visit these localities without having to lug a small arsenal around with us.

We regret, however, that so far Mr. Baskett has not seen fit to extend his influence of the Oxford Movement to the adjacent islands of Gesila and Eboma; inhabited by a highly dangerous type of native, sadly needing the attention of exponents of the truth, and the inculcation of all the other virtues promulgated by the Movement, and exemplified in its members.

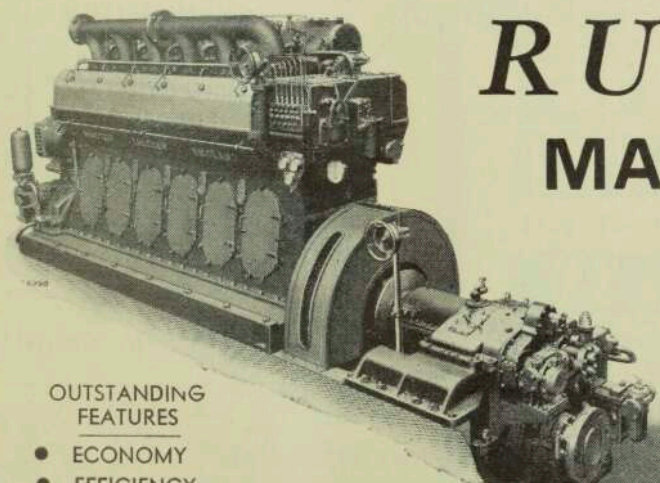
The residents of Samarai can now sleep more soundly (in their beds, or on the deck-chairs of the hotel verandahs, according to taste), thanks to the Oxford Movement in part, but especially through the labours of men like Mr. Baskett who have apparently saved us from decapitation, and the cooking-pot.

As the writer is aged, and of meagre proportions, it is up to the more corpulent of the Samarai residents to make some fitting expression of gratitude.

I am, etc.,

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Sebulugomwa, Papua, 6/5/'38.



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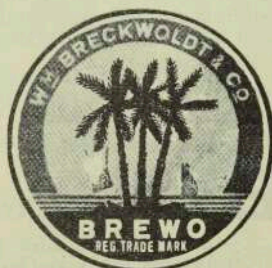
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## Pineapple Production In Fiji

THE chairman of directors of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd. informed the annual meeting of shareholders on May 24 that the severe hurricane in Fiji last February caused some damage to the Company's pineapple plantations and spoiled the flowering in the most affected areas. A small crop, however, would be harvested and canned in June and July. The canning factory was practically completed. It would be capable of handling the crops in prospect for the next few years, and it had been designed in a way which would simplify further additions as the industry developed.

## SOUTH AFRICAN YACHT AT RAROTONGA

RAROTONGA, May 24.

A STRANGE sail was sighted one day last week, and the "Pai ori aere" (the ship that has got nothing else to do but go from place to place) was soon alongside the Avarua wharf.

She was the "Land's End", captained by retired marine-engineer Jeffrey, from Durban, South Africa, and has a crew of four. They left Durban last September, on a trip round the world, their route being via the Atlantic Ocean, Panama Canal, Society Islands. Their next port of call is Auckland, N.Z.

## COWARD COMEDY STAGED AT WAU

WAU, May 21.

WAU people enjoyed two performances of Noel Coward's "Hay Fever", presented by the local Dramatic Society early in the month. The shows were a real credit to every one concerned—acting, stage appointments, and lighting effects were excellent.

The cast was: Sorel Bliss (Nance Beck), Simon Bliss (Frank Hood), Clara (Betty Linn), Judith Bliss (Winifred Jenner), David Bliss (Major Berkeley Ayris), Sandy Tyrell (George Granfelt), Myra Arundel (My Corfe), Richard Greatham (Kenneth McGregor), Jackie Coryton (Daphne Beck).

## SCIENTIST GOING TO ROTUMA

HONOLULU, June 2.

ONE of the few remaining "blind spots" in the field of Pacific botanical research will be thoroughly covered during June, July and August by Dr. Harold St. John, professor of botany at the University of Hawaii and botanist for the Bishop Museum of Honolulu.

Dr. St. John made a valuable collection of Fiji plants for the museum last year: this time he also will gather zoological specimens. He has chosen Rotuma, of the Fiji group, because it is isolated and unexplored from a botanical or zoological viewpoint. It is said to be one of the hottest, wettest and most tropical of the Pacific's thousands of isles.

A grant from the Carnegie Corporation has made this projected expedition possible.

## COCOA CULTURE NEAR LAE, NEW GUINEA

### Old Markham Road In Use

AFTER years of exasperating delay, some roads are being built in the fertile Lae-Markham River district of New Guinea by the Administration.

The old Markham Road—built by Administrator Wisdom and allowed to fall into disrepair—has been reconditioned, under the direction of Mr. Hoffman, and probably it will be used a good deal in the near future. Allotments have been taken up along this road, not far out from Lae, and a start has been made on a number of the blocks with a view to the production of cocoa.

Right Rev. W. H. Baddeley, M.A., D.S.O., M.C., Bishop of Melanesia, will shortly visit Sydney on matters connected with his Diocese. He will then proceed to N.Z. in August, to join the mission vessel "Southern Cross" on its return voyage to Tulagi, B.S.I., in September.

## £5,000 FRUIT PAYOUT

From Our Own Correspondent.

RAROTONGA, May 24.

THERE has been an atmosphere of prosperity this fortnight, since the Government paid the growers for their April shipment of oranges and bananas. It has been many years since there has been so much ready cash on the beach, and all stores report greatly increased turnover. As this May shipment will be the same as the last, there will be another orgy of spending when Cashier Jones pays out.

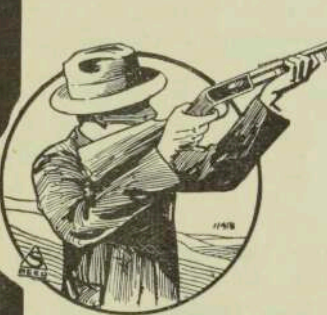
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For some years, wild dogs have done much damage among poultry and live-stock. The Government, therefore, considered it desirable to take measures to destroy unregistered dogs at large, and the Bill makes the necessary provisions. Public notice will be given of the methods of destruction, the place, and the time when they will be carried out, so that owners of valuable and pet dogs may take steps to safeguard them.

On two other Fiji islands, Taveuni and Vanua Levu, dogs are highly prized, to keep down wild pigs which are a great nuisance to plantation owners. In those places, unless trained dogs are kept, the pigs root up young coconut trees and vegetable patches as soon as they are planted.

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The dividend was increased to 6 per cent. from 5½ per cent. and in addition a bonus of 2½ per cent. on ordinary shares was given in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the firm.

Results for the past three years are as follows:—

|                  | 1936.  | 1937.   | 1938.   |
|------------------|--------|---------|---------|
|                  | £      | £       | £       |
| Brought forward  | 40,425 | 54,764  | 62,073  |
| Net profit ..    | 53,512 | 70,384  | 82,098  |
|                  | 93,937 | 125,148 | 144,171 |
| To reserve ..    | —      | —       | 20,000  |
| Dividends—       |        |         |         |
| Pref., 6 p.c.    | 13,152 | 13,152  | 13,152  |
| Ord., p.c. ..    | 5      | 5½      | 6       |
| Amount .. ..     | 26,021 | 29,923  | 31,224  |
| Bonus, 2½ p.c. . | —      | —       | 13,010  |
| Pension fund ..  | —      | —       | 5,000   |
| Carried forward  | 54,764 | 62,073  | 61,785  |

Total assets have risen by £43,017 to £1,067,831.

In his report, Sir Maynard Hedstrom, managing director, stated: "The increase in the profit earned is due to generally favourable conditions. The production of sugar for the year ended December 31 was slightly less than that for the previous year; also, there was a slight fall in the production of copra. Expenditure in the mining areas continues to stimulate general business.

"Although prospects for the current year are reasonably good, the directors do not anticipate that it will be possible to achieve as good results during this period as have been obtained during the period just ended.

"The financial position is very sound. Cash on hand and at bankers has increased by over £37,000, and, while debts and liabilities show an apparent increase of about £3,600, this does not represent any actual increase in outside liabilities".

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## CENTRAL PACIFIC FRUIT

"Control" By N.Z. Government  
Leads to Chaos in Banana Trade

FROM appearances, the New Zealand Government is finding that its plan to "control" the banana trade of the Cook Islands and Fiji is not quite the success it anticipated. Growers in those groups, both European and native, have become in the main dissatisfied with the system of purchase in the Islands and marketing in the Dominion.

The present position in the Cook Islands arose over the price decided upon by New Zealand when it took over control of the trade on April 1. As a protest against the amount of 3/6 per case offered, a large percentage of white and native growers refused to cut their banana crops, with the result that when the "Matua" arrived in Auckland in mid-April she carried only 720 cases from the Cooks instead of the usual 2,500. The deficiency was made good by Samoa and Tonga—10,200 cases being shipped from Apia and 1,000 from Nukualofa and Vavau.

To explain their action in leaving several thousand cases of bananas to rot on the plantations, the Rarotongans declared that the Government's price of 3/6 did not make it worth while to cut and pack fruit when it costs them about 4/- to place it on board the steamer. They added that the local traders formerly gave them 4/6 to 5/- a case, which provided a reasonable margin. Petitions to this effect were sent to the Savage Government in N.Z., and to the Opposition.

However, when the Cook Islanders were informed officially that bananas could, and would eagerly, be supplied by Samoa and Tonga, they decided to snip, "under protest", all available fruit by the May "Matua", while their pleas were under consideration by the New Zealand authorities.

If the Government does not raise the price and the Rarotongans refuse to co-operate, it is almost certain that the C.I. growers will lose their quota and that the same will be parcelled out among Samoa, Fiji, and Tonga.

### FIJI BANANA TRADE

On the pretext that the price paid by the New Zealand public for Fiji bananas was too high, the Labour Government at the end of March announced that it would take over the purchase and marketing, buying the fruit, f.o.b., Suva, at an amount to be fixed by itself and the Fiji authorities. Though Islands growers could not see that it would mean any increase in the price paid to them, they contented themselves with the thought that a lower consumer price would mean an increased demand.

The results of the first shipment made in April, however, brought a howl of anguish from Fiji growers, who claimed that they had been "double-crossed". They complained that, though the "control" plan, as they understood it, was to provide cheaper fruit for the man in the street, actually nothing of the kind happened. The prices realised should have brought a profit of about 4/- a case, but it appears that the N.Z. Government pocketed that profit, the people receiving no concession. Normally, the money would have gone back to Fiji shippers.

The buying price for bananas agreed upon between N.Z. and Fiji is a good bargain for the former and leaves a narrow margin of profit for shippers, especially those in outlying areas, with consequent higher transport costs. At present, a fairly high price is being paid to native growers, this being at the direction of the Government, which considers that last year shippers made excess profits and that some of this excess should be handed back to the Fijians.

Not only the Islands banana growers, but also the retailers in New Zealand are dissatisfied with the present condition of the Central Pacific fruit trade. There apparently have been wide variations in the wholesale prices, for the retailers have protested to the Government that instead of banana prices becoming stabilised as a result of the "control" system, the methods of disposal employed have caused wholesale rates to fluctuate by from 11d to 5d per lb., causing losses and confusion on the retail market.

After the disposal of the April "Matua's" shipment, the secretary of the N.Z. European Retail Fruiters' Association, Mr. H. G. Staley, sent the following telegram to the Prime Minister, Mr. Savage:—"Chaos rules in Auckland banana trade. 'Matua' shipment of Fiji bananas arrived in good condition, yet were sold by auction, prices being from 10/- to 30/-. Retailers are bewildered as the situation is worse than ever. Has 'control' really started? If so, what is the explanation?"

The reply of the Prime Minister was that he had referred the matter to the Minister of Marketing (Hon. W. Nash), who was investigating the position.

### FIJI CITRUS GROWERS DIS- SATISFIED

Dissatisfaction also prevails in Fiji regarding the shipment of citrus fruit, principally oranges.

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Government demanded that all oranges be consigned to the Internal Marketing Board, but refused to buy the fruit f.o.b. It also declined to allow citrus growers to ship to their old selling agents, as in the past, or to obtain an advance locally against the fruit when shipped.

Unless satisfactory arrangements can be made, Fiji fruit merchants hold that the citrus trade will just cease, with heavy loss, both to natives and some Europeans. It was expected that about 4,000 cases would go forward by the May "Matua", but under the conditions growers refused to ship in quantity and only a few odd cases of citrus were carried.

Mr. C. K. McGregor, who has been manager of the Bank of New South Wales at Levuka for some time, has been transferred to New Zealand.

## 20 Per Cent. of C.I. Oranges Unfit

THE first of this season's shipments of oranges from the Cook Islands to N.Z. under the "control" scheme involved the Government in a dead loss. A record shipment of 24,800 cases was made, but on arrival in Auckland it was found that 20 per cent. were unfit for human consumption, and the rejected fruit was dumped at sea.

The fault apparently lay in the fact that the oranges were picked a week before they actually were loaded aboard the steamer. This was in anticipation that the "Matua" would load them when she arrived at Rarotonga on her way to the Outer Islands. Running a day late, she stopped only long enough to unload in-

ward cargo. As there is no refrigerated store in Rarotonga, the fruit remained on the wharf until the boat returned three days later.

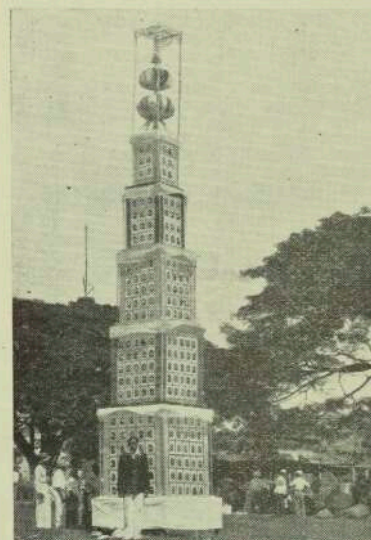
Some New Zealand experts, however, consider that a development in the growth of C.I. oranges has affected their keeping qualities; and steps are being taken to carry out research in the Group with the object of eliminating these defects.

## TAZIA

### Mohammedan Ceremonies In Ba, Fiji

BY JAMES MADHAVAN

MUHARRAM, commonly called Tazia in Fiji, is the first ten days of the month observed by Mohammedans in commemoration of the martyrdom of Hussein—who was the second son of Fatimah, daughter of the Prophet Mohammed. According to Mohammedans, Hussein, to preserve his race, to pre-



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serve his line of family and to protect his and his followers' religious principles, died a martyr on the plains of Kerbala, Persia, in A.D. 680.

The concluding ceremonies of Tazia were held at the Rarawai ground, Ba, Fiji, on April 17. They centred on a huge paper mausoleum, made of bamboos and bright-coloured papers, and profusely ornamented. This represents the actual mausoleum erected over the remains of Hussein. The one made in Ba was 40 ft. high, and the bottom was 12 ft. square. At the top, there was a globular paperwork, which revolved on its axis.

About 500 persons took part in this annual celebration. Stalls were erected around the Tazia, music was supplied by drummers, and priests continued their customary meditations and prayers. Stall-owners sold various kinds of Indian sweets. Sheds were erected wherein the people rested—for this lasted two days and two nights. The drum-beaters stood in a semi-circle, close to the structure, and, while the fire was

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Finally, on Sunday afternoon, as the drummers played and men and women wailed, the paper mausoleum was carried to the edge of the river and finally immersed in the water.

## Aviation and Radio In Exploring

### News of Central New Guinea Patrol

THE New Guinea official patrol led by Messrs. Taylor, Black and Walsh, which is visiting the unexplored country in Central New Guinea, was 100 miles due south-west of Mount Hagen on June 3, and was in good health.

The party reported by radiophone that it was running short of certain food-stuffs, etc., and arrangements thereupon were made with Guinea Airways Ltd. to drop supplies by parachute. There was no area in the vicinity of the camp suitable for easy conversion into a landing ground. Parachutes were made and thoroughly tested in Lae by Guinea Airways, and then one of the Guinea Airways Fords was flown out into the unexplored region by Pilots Tommy O'Dea and Garden. The camp was duly located, and the supplies were dropped, attached to parachutes.

The party later reported by radiophone that everything was picked up safely, the only damage being a dent in a tin of kerosene, and two axe-handles broken.

On the night of June 1, a very interesting incident occurred. With the aid of A.W.A., the patrol leader, Mr. Taylor, using a radiophone, spoke from the middle of the unexplored region to Government House in Rabaul, and held a conversation with the Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes (Minister for External Affairs) who was then visiting the Territory. The patrol leader described the situation of the camp, etc., to Mr. Hughes, who naturally was intensely interested by the circumstances of the conversation. "Old hands" will compare the new method of exploring, aided by radio and aviation, with the conditions of a couple of decades ago.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mahoney, of Bathurst, New South Wales, who many years ago was famous in the Western Pacific as the "Queen of Sudest", has had the misfortune to break her hip and, during June she was receiving attention in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, North Sydney.

Mr. E. A. James, proprietor of the "Papuan Courier", left Port Moresby by the airliner on June 4, for Cairns and immediately entered hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. E. H. Pratten, a director of Gold Mines of Papua, Ltd., left Sydney by the "Macdhui" early in June for an inspection of the Company's workings on Misima Island, at the Eastern end of Papua.

Rev. H. S. Hipkin, of the Melanesian Mission at Taroaniara, Gela, B.S.I., will shortly proceed to England where he will spend several months' furlough.

Rev. R. V. Longden of the Melanesian Mission at Moewe, New Britain, will leave the Territory shortly for a short furlough in New Zealand.

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Rev. W. L. I. Linggood, accompanied by his wife and their two children arrived in Rabaul, New Britain, by the "Nankin" on May 24 on their way back to the Methodist Mission station at Raluana after doing several months' deputation work in Australia.

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## ARE NATIVES BEING OVER-EDUCATED?

### Reply to Dr. Hennessy

Letter to the Editor.

I MAY overlook Dr. James Hennessy's discourteous and violent reference to myself in his explosive retort in the April number of the "P.I.M." to my letter of December, on the matter of native education, but I cannot ignore his uninformed denial of the decision of the U.S.A. Courts in the Dred Scott case, that a blackman has "no rights which a whiteman is bound to respect".

This decision, as stated in my letter, Dr. Hennessy declares to be false. Therefore I venture to draw attention to the following facts:

The Missouri Compromise of 1820 allowed slavery in some States, but not in others. Dred Scott was a slave who had been taken into a State which did not allow slavery. He made application to the Court, asking for a

declaration that he was a free man, but his application was refused on the ground that negroes had always been regarded as "beings of an inferior order—so far inferior that they had no rights which a white man was bound to respect". (This is a quotation from the judgment of Chief Justice Tansey). A slave, it was held, is property, and the Court was bound to respect the right to property. So Dred Scott was sent back to the master to whom he belonged. This was in 1856-7. Dr. Hennessy could have found this out for himself.

My main reason for referring to this decision was to point out how far we have travelled to-day along the road of tolerance in our relations with the primitive savage, and of the advisability—or, I should say, the urgent need—of calling a halt to educational schemes, if we are not to destroy for ever the balance of brown and white relationship, and the usefulness of a labour supply, which I stated before is the very life-blood of our economic system in the Pacific.

"Civilisation of the mind and the spirit" is a very beautiful theory for those to work upon in secure positions, and a pretty picture could be drawn of happy and contented natives, reading and writing and working at complicated mathematical problems, while smiling missionaries, anthropologists, and Government officials stand around waving little flags. But—and there always is a but—where would the harassed settlers and planters stand in this happy throng? One might well answer, nowhere.

It is imperative that the activities of these well-meaning sentimentalists should be curbed. We have travelled far since Aristotle's time, as I said previously, when the idea of the unity of the human race was considered ridiculous; and since Dr. Josey concluded, in his "Race and National Solidarity", that as man is the first among the creatures, and is therefore allowed to feed upon the animals of the field, the European is the first among human beings, and has the right to impose his will upon the lower races. We have, Dr. Josey thinks, made a mistake in educating these lower races and in admitting them to a share in our science and our knowledge; we should have done better, he considers, if we had kept them in complete ignorance, for in that case they would have more readily recognised their true position.

Dr. Josey was anticipated by another well-known authority, Nicolaus Engelhard, for Engelhard says almost exactly the same when he points out the advantage "de maintenir le Javanais dans cet abrutissement si avantageux pour nous", which prevents him from realising his strength and from recognising how much better off he would be without the white men.

These sentiments we naturally regard with wonder to-day, and even shocked wonder, on reading that Charles Carroll regarded the negro as a beast "created with articulate speech and

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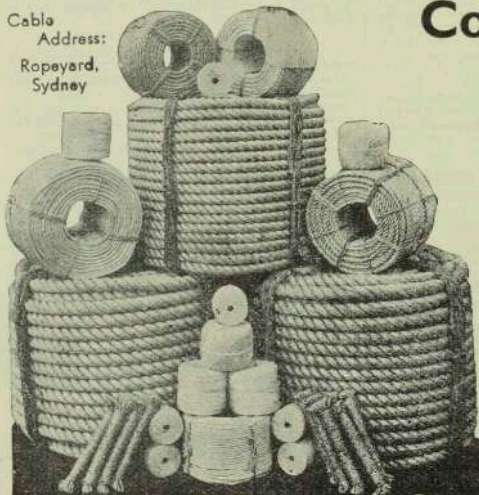
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hands that he may be of service to his Master the white man", and indeed, I suggest that the opinions of these gentlemen would carry little weight to-day and would be denounced as untenable. But, however crude they may appear to our enlightened minds, it cannot be denied that throughout them all runs a thread of truth and reason.

And, I ask, who are we to disparage the findings of these learned men, who had the wisdom and vision to apprehend the dangers of soft measures to our white civilisation? At least they stood fast in this struggle for self-preservation, and held to the old maxim, "Charity begins at Home".

I repeat that the preservation and extension of white civilisation—and, by that, is meant Commerce and Capital, and the Enterprise of Capital—is a matter of life and death to any Colonial occupation; and that Native Education constitutes a grave danger to this extension. Once the native is permitted to question our supremacy and the policy of differentiation, every white man, woman, and child, will be in danger of a brown invasion.

I am, etc.,  
PAPUAN.

Port Moresby,  
May 21, 1938.

**EDITORIAL NOTE:** The opinions of "Papuan" are so amazing that, like Dr. Hennessy, we cannot believe they are presented seriously. Yet—incredible as it may seem—there are in the Islands reactionaries who think this way. They talk about the "right" of the European—a "right," presumably, conferred by a mere accident of social evolution—to enslave more backward peoples. Yet, 600 years ago, before the Renaissance, 90 per cent. of the people of Europe were sunk as deeply in ignorance, superstition, cruelty and debauchery as any New Guinea tribe is to-day. Over-populated countries have a right to seize and occupy regions that are fertile, unpopulated, and occupiable, and that applies to many great areas in the Western Pacific. But the occupation of those regions by Europeans imposes upon the newcomers most definite obligations to protect and educate the aboriginal people and assist them eventually to exercise civil rights, equal to those of the Europeans. The recognition of this principle is being placed ever more prominently in the forefront of Anglo-Saxon (British and American) Colonial policy. It may be wrong, economically; but, from every point of view other than that of unimaginative profit-making, it is basically right—and it is not likely to be abandoned in Papua and New Guinea. The slavers of 1838, who regarded negroes as "beings of an inferior order," are in 1938 held up as objects of approbrium and public loathing. The world will make greater progress in the next hundred years.

### ECONOMIC TROUBLES IN TONGA

Letter to the Editor.

**T**HE interesting and timely article of Mr. Cowley under the heading "Thousands of Tongan Tax-Payers in Default" ("P.I.M." of March) was a welcome and much-needed "thunder-clap" to help in clearing up of the oppressively-charged air of mal-administration in this territory.

But to say that the Mission collections realised "some £620" was an unfortunate and misleading statement. The

amount given out at the time for the two villages of Kolomotua and Kolofoou was "paaga 3,700", which is the equivalent of £740. The amount collected for the entire group probably runs into thousands.

Such inaccuracy was unfortunate and misleading, because it conveyed to readers a false impression of the actual state of affairs here with regard to the cadging practices which infest these islands. Readers assume that the only guilty party to "the present condition of Tonga, the misery, the distress, etc." is the Government, and that the thousands pocketed by the Church has no bearing on the misery and distress of "these defenceless people".

Readers admire Mr. Cowley's pluck and determination in championing the rights of the Tongan, but the discrepancy in this instance seems to show signs of weakening where the Church is concerned.

The appearance of cavilling should not have been necessary if only Islands people realise the importance of absolute accuracy "though the Heavens fall"!

I am, etc.,  
ETENA

Nukualofa  
4 May, 1938.

### JAPANESE FIRM MAY EXTEND TO PAPUA

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, May 27.

**T**WO Japanese merchants, representatives of a Japanese firm holding interests in the Carolines and in New Guinea, arrived here by plane from Rabaul on May 14. Their object was to look over Port Moresby with the intention of extending their firm's interests to Papua. They left by the "Macdhui" for Australia on May 20.

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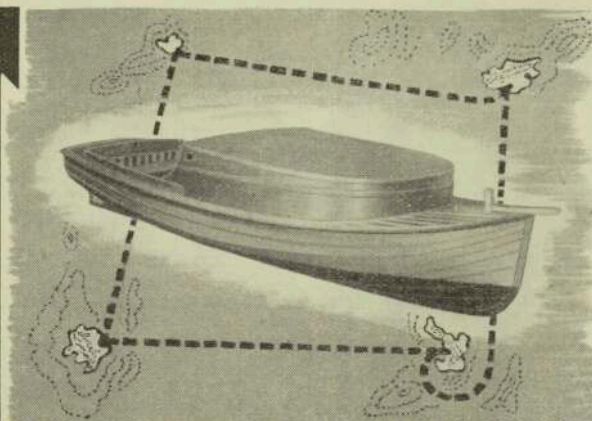
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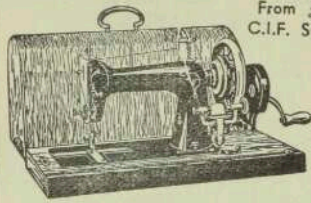
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Miss Ida Bowden, who has been engaged in mission work for the Melanesian Mission at Raga, New Hebrides, has resigned. She will spend leave on Norfolk Island before proceeding to New Zealand.

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## Fashion Hints for Islands Women

By Therese.

**T**HERE are no rules to break in the Fashion world this season—provided that full consideration is given to line and colour you may take any liberty you like. Sail forth in a picture frock or go all Greek and classical in sylph-like frocks; or if neither appeals to your mood the swing skirt may still be worn with success and here and there also one sees the bouffant skirt tip tilted in front.

Don't tie yourself down to type because of some preconceived delusion. Try anything and alter the style of hair-dressing to suit the type of frock and the result will be delightfully surprising.

All the Greek and Second Empire designs are modernised to meet the demands of the time and they gain attraction in process. Evening clothes still glitter—pallettes, rhinestones, diamante, all do their share towards making festive hours a success. If these fail in their appeal two, three and even four colour combinations will lift you to the heights.

A gown of striking simplicity is of heavy white crepe with a bolero jacket and a big cat's whisker bow of black sequins. The skirt has that lovely slim line to the hips and the fulness is obtained by subtle cut.

Evening wraps are exciting. Enveloping capes worn in swashbuckling style, cavalier capes with a dashing air, coats that reach to the hem of the gown are all delightful. A slender knee length coat of lame with billowing sleeves is so lovely that it must be seen to be believed.

**T**HE accent is on accessories, whether for day or evening, especially flowers, real or artificial. Wear them tucked in your hair, or as a corsage posy, or huge clusters of them thrust at the waist. Flower-trimmed evening caps are the last word in chic when worn at a jaunty angle.

Belts are important and give brilliant touches of colour or glitter to evening gowns and to a lesser degree on day clothes. A brown suede belt twinkles with gold stars and is worn with a day frock of the same shade of brown. Coloured rhinestones of all sizes and shapes adorn the belt that encircles the waist of a black frock. Gold kid, whether plain or jewel trimmed, finds much favour.

All sorts of clothes are zipped up with lightning fasteners. These are really delightful and offer a wide choice. They are in gold and silver, and are adorned with multi-coloured rhinestones; happily they can also be procured in colours to match any dress. Sometimes they are the only note of contrast in a toilette and quaint little ornaments are attached to their tag ends. Buttons and buckles are endlessly amusing. They run the gauntlet of all things real and unreal that designers can utilise for our pleasure and as if realising the tremendous rivalry of the zipp fastener add considerable charm to their utility.

Dressmaker jewellery claims a tremendously important place in Fashion's scheme of things, and there are some really lovely things showing in this type of accessory. Gold is, of course, extremely popular and is the natural accompaniment to black and is worn for both day and evening. A little, well chosen rather than a lot is definitely the rule for dressmaker jewellery.

**G**LOVES are definitely interesting. They come in all colours and in all materials—kid, suede, fabric—and in dozens of different designs. Coloured gloves worn with contrasting frocks in dark shades are very attractive.

For suits, liberty with colour may be taken and a hat, blouse, and bag of velvet worn with a suit, makes it particularly distinctive. Ultramarine gloves and scarf with a brown suit leave little to be

desired, and the more daring crimson with silver-birch green is really charming.

**S**IGNS in the Fashion sky point to blouses and skirts, and the odd jacket adds the formal touch when necessary. Nothing could be nicer than this fashion, for lots of blouses give you greater scope for ingenious colour combinations than almost anything else. The gilet type of blouse is a favourite, and this is readily understood. A white pique model buttons up the front and the

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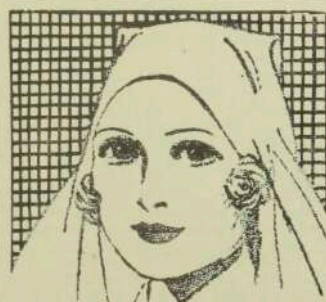
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Mrs. E. Stopp left Sydney for Norfolk Island, by the "Morinda" on June 11. She is the wife of the Government Secretary of N.I.

## LAND TITLES!

### What Happens To An Unwary Buyer In Tahiti

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, June 1.

LAND tenure in French Oceania is a weird and bewildering problem. Under native law, the ownership of land descended to the Matahiapo, or eldest child—somewhat after the manner of the entail of property in English practice—who was obligated to care for the needs of the younger children and their

families in the distribution of the products from the estate.

European law changed all that, and decreed that inheritance should pass to each child in equal measure. After the lapse of several generations, with ownership vested in numerous direct descendants, collateral heirs, cousins germane, minor children, step-children, adopted children and every other possible relationship, a situation has developed which regularly congests the court calendars and has raised our legal profession to the state of plutocracy.

The phrase "caveat emptor" should be, but often is not, shouted into the ear of the unwary buyer of native land.

We have a friend who once blithely bought a tract of land, as a residence site, in one of the districts of Tahiti. Now, years ago—after long and bitter experience with human contumacy—we had abandoned the giving of advice to anyone on any subject. In this case, however, the information had come to our ears that the vendor of the parcel of land was merely a caretaker on the property, whose ownership was vested in a one-twentieth share.

We warned our friend: "Do not lay the foundation of your house or mend a fence or cut a blade of grass until you have cleared your title beyond all question".

"My title is already clear", replied our friend. "Monsieur So-and-So, who knows all things about natives and lands, has assured me that it is so".

"Very well", we rejoined. "You will have a quiet and pleasant season of peace and tranquillity, until your house is finished, your fence built, and your land well planted. Then, one day, an old native whom you have never seen before, will ooze into your place. His face will express the nadir of desolation. He will rub his hands, shake his head, and murmur, 'Mea Rahi Peapea' (there is great trouble). Finally, he will reach under the waistband of his Pareu and produce a paper which is a registered copy of the true title deed, and that title deed will show the real owners of this property".

"Ha" laughed our friend. "Do you know more about land than Monsieur So-and-So?"

Time passed. Our friend built his house, erected his fences and planted lavishly his land.

Then one day he came to see us. "Truly", he said, "A prophet is not without honour save in his own country. If what you told me had been written down and rehearsed, the scene could not have been more perfectly acted than it has been. An old scoundrel, whom I had never seen before, oozed into my place last week. His face expressed the nadir of desolation. He rubbed his hands, shook his head and murmured, 'Mea Rahi Peapea'. Then he reached under the waistband of his pareu and produced a registered title deed. I am in for it, and I deserve it because I would not listen to advice".

Such has been the experience of many a buyer of land in these Islands.

Land titles are so involved that the only safe procedure is to purchase land that has been put up at auction.

Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Wiedemann left Sydney for Rabaul, N.G., by the "Macdhui" on June 1. Mr. Wiedemann who has been on furlough in Sydney will resume his duties as mission worker for the Melanesian Mission at Sag Sag, New Britain.

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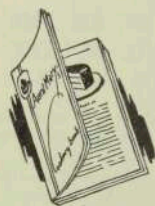
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## PACIFIC MINING REPORTS

From Fiji.

### MOUNT KASI MINES LTD.

AT the annual meeting of Mount Kasi Mines Ltd. in May, the chairman (Mr. E. J. Coote) said that during 1937 the management had concentrated on a wide reorganisation, and as a result, considerably improved returns were now forthcoming. Approximately one-half of the ore mined came from each end of the mine, he added, and the general widening of the ore deposit was very marked. The north end of the mine had shown improved results, whilst ore reserves were encouraging.

Mr. R. J. D. Richardson (director) said that the Company had a good chance of becoming an important gold producer. Auriferous volcanic deposits, such as existed at Mount Kasi, on Vanua Levu, Fiji, were somewhat unusual, and presented features rather different from those of the ordinary reef deposit. The occurrence of payable values could only be discovered by careful sampling and assaying, and by studying the results of this work to obtain a correlation between proved occurrences and profitable ore. Nevertheless payable gold had been proved to exist over a wide area. Steps were being taken shortly to ascertain if it persisted at depth, by diamond drilling or by shaft sinking. Mr. Richardson said that recent development held out strong hopes that there would soon be enough proved ore reserves to justify the installation of further plant to deal with the ore more efficiently than was possible with the present one unit treatment plant.

The Company aims at a monthly treatment of 300 tons of ore. There is a general widening of ore as the mine is being deepened, and positive and probable reserves of 261,400 tons at balancing date are now regarded as entirely positive.

Production since February has been:—

|                 | Four weeks ended: |         |         |        |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------|---------|--------|
|                 | Feb. 23           | Mar. 23 | Apr. 20 | May 18 |
| Ore, tons       | 2,411             | 3,128   | 2,870   | 3,050  |
| Gold, fine, oz. | 615               | 661     | 647     | 625    |
| Value, £A.      | 5,381             | 5,784   | 5,661   | 5,477  |

### LOLOMA (FIJI) GOLD MINES N.L.

May production figures show that Loloma (Fiji) Gold Mines N.L., from an increased output, practically maintained the grade of the previous period, and output of gold, at 2,691 fine oz., increased by 88 oz. Results since March have been:—

|                       | Mar. 23 | Apr. 20 | May 18 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Mill, ran, hours      | 575     | 595     | 608    |
| Ore treated, tons     | 2,020   | 1,980   | 2,050  |
| Gold, fine oz.        | 2,656   | 2,603   | 2,691  |
| Dwt., a ton           | 26.3    | 26.3    | 26.2   |
| Silver, fine oz.      | 464     | 470     | 486    |
| Tailings, assay, dwt. | 1.9     | 1.95    | 1.9    |

The first dividend return from the Fijian Goldfield—a distribution of £41,250 from Loloma—was made on May 27. The payment was of 1/4 a share and was on all the issued capital. It was announced on April 12, a little more than three years after the Company's formation.

The directors in a report issued early in June said that they have considered increasing the

capacity of the present treatment plant, and, with this in mind, have approved the sinking of a new shaft at a point about 290 feet east of No. 8 prospecting shaft. The new main shaft will obviate a considerable amount of driving at each successive level in order to reach the downward continuation of the ore body going underfoot at the 224 ft. level. The present main shaft will allow uninterrupted production whilst sinking the new main shaft, after which it will be used for developing the northern ore bodies. To improve extraction, additional agitators, aerators, and Wilfley pumps, together with flotation cells, are being installed. These additions will also provide for treatment of the high-grade residues which were accumulated during the raw treatment of the ore in the early stages of milling operations.

### EMPEROR GOLD MINING CO. LTD.

With a designed plant capacity of 3,000 tons a week, Emperor G.M. Co. Ltd., in the four weeks ended May 19, treated 13,070 tons. The greatest throughput in any previous corresponding period was 12,113 tons. This increase in tonnage treated more than compensated for a drop in head value, and the gold yield, 3,932 oz., compares with the highest yield of 3,812½ oz. Figures for May are compared hereunder with those of the two preceding periods:—

|                   | Mar. 23 | Apr. 20 | May 19 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Tons, crushed     | 12,064  | 11,444  | 13,070 |
| Head value, dwt.  | 6.8     | 7.0     | 6.5    |
| Yield, oz. (est.) | 3,812½  | 3,719.3 | 3,932  |
| Dwt., a ton       | 6.32    | 6.50    | 6.0    |
| Tailings, dwt.    | 0.48    | 6.50    | 0.50   |

\*Closed three days Easter. Character of ore enabled increase in daily treatment.  
Productive operations generally, including the

removal of overburden, functioned smoothly throughout May. The flotation plant was start-

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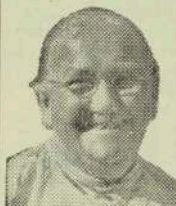
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Readers who would like similar advice are invited to clip this paragraph and send it, with a postal note for 1/- and a stamped, addressed envelope, and the date and year of their birth, to Pundit Asrah, Desk P.M., Box 586 E, G.P.O., Hobart. By return mail they will receive advice as to the days that should be lucky. They will also be given ten simple rules on "How to be Lucky". These rules were given to Mrs. Woods and followed by her before she shared the £1,000 prize.

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ed up on the 23rd of the month.

The Co. reports that since the acquisition of the Korore area, work has been confined to prospecting.

#### KASI DEVELOPMENTS LTD.

The chairman of Kasi Development Ltd., Fiji, stated at the end of May that although the leases have been abandoned, Mt. Kasi Mines has secured over 100 acres abutting that Company's area. If it is proved at depth, shareholders in Kasi Developments will participate in the profits.

### From New Guinea

#### ENTERPRISE OF N.G. GOLD AND PETROLEUM

THE general manager of Enterprise of New Guinea Gold and Petroleum Development N.L. reports that in the fortnight ended June 1 sluicing and elevating continued as usual at the Surprise Creek mine. Two faces showed a slight improvement in values.

At the Edie mine underground development work proceeded on three shifts. The new drainage adit passed through the main western lode at 853ft. from the portal. The adit was advanced 102ft., and timbered throughout during May. The lode is 3ft. 6in. wide, and consists of white friable quartz carrying sulphides. This is a major development, the general manager states, and will be followed up as rapidly as existing conditions permit.

The old drainage adit, 100ft. above the horizon of the new drainage adit, has cut the main western and the hanging wall lodes. The former shows a width of 8ft., and assays 5dwt. 8.6gr. gold and 4oz. 3dwt. 14.4gr. silver a ton. The hanging-wall lode assays 8dwt. 19.2gr. gold and 4oz. 13dwt. silver a ton over a width of 2ft.

Production of unrefined retorted alluvial gold from all sources in May was 37oz. 17dwt. from 2,565 cubic yds. wash and 1,872 cubic yds. overburden.

#### SUNSHINE GOLD DEVELOPMENT N.L.

Sunshine Gold Development Ltd. has declared a dividend of 6d. per share, payable on June 30. The previous dividend of 6d. per share was paid on February 28.

The Co.'s quarterly report is as follows:—

|               | Cub. yd. | Hours. | Oz. Gold. |
|---------------|----------|--------|-----------|
| March .. .. . | 12,000   | 517    | 519.75    |
| April .. .. . | 23,400   | 502    | 352.25    |
| May .. .. .   |          | 423    | 335.25    |
|               | 35,400   | 1,442  | 1,180.252 |

Previous quarter .. 52,300 1,451 1,084.3

During April and May sluicing was hampered through temporary staff shortage, and removal of an ancient landslide intrusion covering a limited section of the auriferous gravels being worked.

In May the Watut River tailings wall was blown further out. During this operation 8,400 cubic yds. tailings were blown up. This permits the area of the sluicing paddock to be extended in a north-westerly direction from No. 3 elevator site.

#### N.G. GOLDFIELDS LTD.

For the third month in succession New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. incurred an operating loss on the Edie Creek mill. The management reported it was expected that operations would return to normal during May. Production figures for the last three months are compared in the following table:—

|                                              | Feb.    | Mar.    | April.  |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Alluvial—                                    |         |         |         |
| Fine gold, oz. ..                            | 1914    | 1,163   | 959     |
| Fine silver, oz. ..                          | 665     | 847     | 684     |
| Golden Ridges Mill—                          |         |         |         |
| Fine gold, oz. ..                            | 601     | x50     | —       |
| Fine silver, oz. ..                          | 671     | x55     | —       |
| Edie Creek Mill—                             |         |         |         |
| Fine gold, oz. ..                            | 652     | 758     | 744     |
| Silver, oz. .. ..                            | 2,936   | 2,845   | 2,528   |
| Operating Profit—                            |         |         |         |
| Edie Creek Mill ..                           | *£1,214 | *£1,427 | *£1,206 |
| Alluvial .. .. .                             | £2,383  | £4,286  | £2,880  |
| Golden Ridges Mill                           | £3,532  | £411    | —       |
| *Reduced production due to a pump breakdown. |         |         |         |
| *Operating loss.                             |         |         |         |
| xFrom clean up of plant.                     |         |         |         |

#### SANDY CREEK GOLD SLUICING LTD.

The mine manager of Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing Ltd. reported on June 2 that May production compared with the three previous months as follows:—

|                    | Feb.   | Mar.    | Apr.   | May.   |
|--------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| Cubic yards .. ..  | 18,441 | 17,206  | 18,790 | 20,110 |
| Gold, oz. .. .. .  | 258    | 338     | 212    | 446    |
| Per cub. yd. .. .. | 2 1/4  | 2 10/12 | 1 1/4  | 3/4    |
| Working cost .. .. | 1/5    | 1/4     | 1/4    | 1/4    |

#### BULOLO GOLD DEPOSITS LTD.

The following yields have been reported by Bulolo Gold Deposits Ltd., New Guinea:—

|                   | Five weeks Mar. 11, Apr. 28, ended to Mar. 10. | to Apr. 27. | to June 3. |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Hours .. .. .     | 545                                            | 825         | 725        |
| Morobe Alluvials— |                                                |             |            |
| Cubic yards .. .. | 4,720                                          | 8,500       | 7,000      |
| Gold, oz. .. .. . | 120                                            | 130         | 130        |
| Morobe Deposits—  |                                                |             |            |
| Hours .. .. .     | 470                                            | 850         | 420        |
| Cubic yards .. .. | 2,500                                          | 4,000       | 3,000      |
| Gold, oz. .. .. . | 35                                             | 50          | 35         |

### From Papua

#### MANDATED ALLUVIALS

MANDATED ALLUVIALS, N.L., has been advised from the Chillagoe Smelters that the contents of the first shipment of matte from the mine near Port Moresby, Papua, was 114oz. gold, 336oz. silver, and five tons copper. Mechanical adjustments caused suspension of the plant for a short period. The second consignment of matte, which is of a higher grade, has been prepared for shipment. There have been no metallurgical difficulties.

#### BORNEO OPTIONS N.L.

Borneo Options N.L. has decided to exercise its options over the manganese lease at Kapa Kapa and its gold lease at Astralobe goldfield, Papua. The Company has also acquired a red oxide lease at Rigo, Papua. Arrangements are being made to develop these leases at an early date and to dispose of the large tonnage of ore at grass.

#### GOLD MINES OF PAPUA LTD.

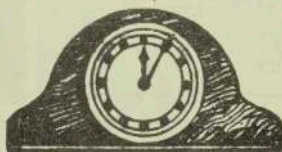
During May, Gold Mines of Papua, Ltd. treated 1,600 tons of ore, and recovered bullion and concentrates valued at £1,630. The treatment difficulties experienced are being overcome, and the labour position is gradually improving.

|                  | April. | May.   |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| Gold .. .. .     | £930   | £1,630 |
| Crushed, tons .. | 1,375  | 1,600  |

#### PAPUAN APINAIPI PETROLEUM CO. LTD.

Mr. L. Owen, British petroleum geologist, has submitted to the directors of Papuan Apinaipei Petroleum Co. Ltd., of Sydney, a report of the Apinaipei dome and surrounding

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country, Papua. Mr. Owen advises that the permit area held by the Company contains a number of structures favourable to the collection and conservation of petroleum, and the greater part of the area justifies the expense of detailed geological investigation. The work accomplished up to the present by the various geologists who have examined the area is almost entirely of a pioneer nature. The whole area is underlain at varying depths by a mudstone series of strata which is known to be petroliferous in other parts of Papua, although proof of its commercial value is lacking, as none of the drilling so far accomplished has reached the horizon where commercial oil might be expected to occur. In spite of this incomplete knowledge of the area the Oiapu structure is so excellent that drilling is justified to a depth of 5,000 ft.

#### CUTHBERT'S MISIMA GOLD MINES LTD.

Directors of Cuthbert's Misima Gold Mines Ltd., Misima Island, have declared an interim dividend of 1/6 a share, payable June 25. Transfer books closed on June 17. In 1937, the Company made four distributions, each of 6d a share, equivalent to 20 per cent. The dividend of 1/6 to be paid on June 25 is the first declared this year, and will require £15,000. This will bring the aggregate disbursements to £67,500.

Recent comparative production figures are:

|                                         | Mar.   | Apr.   | May.   |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Treated, tons .. ..                     | 2,805  | 2,656  | 2,568  |
| Bullion, oz. .. ..                      | 2,814  | 2,496  | 2,397  |
| Gold, fine oz. .. ..                    | 845    | 764    | 738    |
| Silver, fine oz. .. ..                  | 1,550  | 1,503  | 1,537  |
| Estimated value (gold at £28 oz.) .. .. | £6,833 | £6,184 | £6,000 |
| Per ton .. ..                           | 48/9   | 46/7   | 46/9   |

#### QUARTZ MOUNTAIN (PAPUA) LTD.

Quartz Mountain (Papua) Ltd., a Dunedin N.Z., gold company which has a considerable area on Misima Island, Eastern Papua, after a long period of inactivity, has made a new move. The chairman of directors (Mr. J. W. Thomson) was in Sydney in June. The recently-appointed engineer-manager (Mr. Donaldson) has taken charge at Misima, and has commenced investigations preparatory to carrying out a new development policy. Necessary white labour, has been engaged, and miners left by the "Macdhui" on June 1 to complete present requirements. By the same vessel Mr. D. P. Scott, M.A.I.M.M. (who is the Company's consulting metallurgist and managing director of Quartz Investments Ltd.), also left Sydney on a visit to Misima.

### Quotations for Islands Gold Shares.

#### Fiji.

|                  | Mid-Jan. | Mid-Apr. | Mid-June. |
|------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Emperor Mines .. | b13/2    | b12/6    | b12/4     |
| Koroere .....    | s3/      | b1/6     | —         |
| Loloma .....     | b17/     | b23/6    | b21/9     |
| Mt. Kasi .....   | b4/11    | b3/11    | b3/10     |
| Vatu Kasia ..... | s1/9     | s1/2     | s2/       |

#### NEW GUINEA.

|                    |          |          |         |
|--------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| Bulolo Deposits .. | b1/1½    | b10d     | b8½d    |
| Bulolo G.D. ....   | b£6/3/   | b£2      | b£6/10/ |
| Enterprise .....   | —        | —        | —       |
| N.G. ....          | b15/     | b£17/6   | b£12/6  |
| Guinea Gold .....  | b12/6    | b12/10   | b13/4   |
| N.G.G., Ltd. ....  | b1/6     | b1/4     | b1/5    |
| Oil Search .....   | b6/7     | b6/1     | b6/3    |
| Placer Dev. ....   | b£3/14/6 | b£3/11/6 | b3/15/6 |
| Sandy Ck. ....     | b1/6     | b1/4     | b1/5    |
| Sunshine Gold ..   | b11/6    | b11/8    | b11/3   |

#### PAPUA.

|                    |       |       |       |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cuthbert's .....   | b20/6 | b19/  | b18/6 |
| G.M. of Papua ..   | b10/2 | b7/11 | b8/   |
| Mandated All. ...  | b2/   | b1/7  | b2/3  |
| Oriomo Exp. ....   | b3/5  | b2/3  | b3/10 |
| Papuan Apinalpi .. | —     | —     | b6/   |
| Yodda Gold Co ..   | —     | b6d   | b6d   |

Mr. J. M. Hedstrom arrived in Australia by the May "Monterey" from Fiji.

Mr. L. J. O'Malley, A.R.M., who together with Mr. Jack Hides carried out important explorations in Central Papua some time ago, arrived in Sydney by the "Macdhui" on May 26, on furlough.

### N.G. PUBLIC SERVICE

AT the end of May the following staff movements in the New Guinea Public Service were announced by the Government Secretary, Rabaul:—

#### PERMANENT STAFF TRANSFERS

Public Health Dept.:—F. J. Giles, Medical Assistant, Salamaua to Rabaul.

District Services Dept.:—C. H. Maclean, Clerk, Kavieng to Madang; J. I. Merrylees, D.O., Rabaul to Kieta; H. A. Gregory, A.D.O., Kieta to Rabaul; W. M. Marshall, Clerk, Rabaul to Salamaua.

Lands Dept.:—P. M. Swanson, Chairman, Salamaua to Rabaul.

Agriculture Dept.:—G. F. H. Gee, Inspector, Manus to Rabaul.

Customs Dept.:—P. E. R. Coe, Clerk, Salamaua to Rabaul.

#### TEMPORARY ENGAGEMENTS.

District Service Dept.:—V. M. I. Gordon to be Storeman.

Lands Dept.:—G. D. Cowdery and J. Bannigan to be Chainmen.

Agriculture Dept.:—Mrs. D. J. Beaton to be Typist.

Public Works Dept.:—N. C. Momsen and S. Bryan to be Roadmasters.

Mr. A. W. Brooks left Sydney for Suva, Fiji by the "Niagara" on June 9. An employee of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co., at Rarawai, he has been on three months' leave.

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## ADVENTURES OF GIRL FLYER

THE Australian "girl-flyer", Miss Barbara Hitchins, who delighted the flapper press by flying from Australia to New Guinea, but a made a complete nuisance of herself by getting lost in the New Guinea wilds, got herself into the headlines again during her return flight. Having recovered from severe injuries received by putting her hand into the propeller of her machine, at Wau, she set off for Australia. She left Wau at 7 a.m., and was not reported for many hours, but eventually landed at Somerset, near the tip of Cape York, at 3.30 p.m. She later left Cooktown to fly to Brisbane, but could not make it

in the time, and eventually came down near a little bush township, amid logs and stumps, and again was headlined by the flapper press. She got back to Sydney, eventually, and was much photographed and interviewed. The hard-working pilots on the North Australian and New Guinea routes have had something to say about the performances of the fair airwoman; but what they said is unfit for publication.

Rev. S. R. M. Gill of the New Guinea Mission, has been appointed Archdeacon of Manba, Papua, with jurisdiction as far down the coast as Wanigela. Mr. Gill is at present in Brisbane receiving medical attention.

## COCOA SLUMP

## Samoa and New Guinea Growers Affected

COCOA producers in Western Samoa and New Guinea have received rather a shock during the past few weeks by a rapid fall in the price of cocoa.

The recent history of the market in Sydney, as supplied to us by Messrs. Nelson & Robertson, Pty., Ltd. (who have been selling increasingly large quantities of New Guinea cocoa beans in Australia) gives an idea of what has happened. Towards the end of 1937, New Guinea beans were selling in Sydney for as high as £44 Australian per ton. The prices obtained in February, March and April, 1938, were respectively £37, £38, and £40. From then on, a rapid decline commenced, and, by the middle of June, the best price on offer was £25 Australian per ton.

Our correspondent in Western Samoa reports that the market has fallen there in a similar way.

All commodities have been under depressing influences during the past six months; but, in the case of cocoa, there is a special reason for the fall. The native growers of Accra, West Africa, last year declared a strike against the prevailing price and flatly refused to sell. This drove the buyers to other parts of the world for supplies, and kept the price high. Meanwhile, the Accra stocks were accumulating. Within recent weeks, the Accra growers have called off their strike and they not only have returned to the market with ordinary supplies, but they have thrown upon the market also a very considerable accumulation of stocks, with calamitous results—namely, the price has broken very definitely in favour of buyers. This condition may be expected to last for some time, and until the accumulated stocks are absorbed.

The position is difficult for Pacific Islands growers. They dare not hold large stocks in the Islands, where the cocoa beans are very liable to attack from a small white copra grub, which does a large amount of damage in a short time.

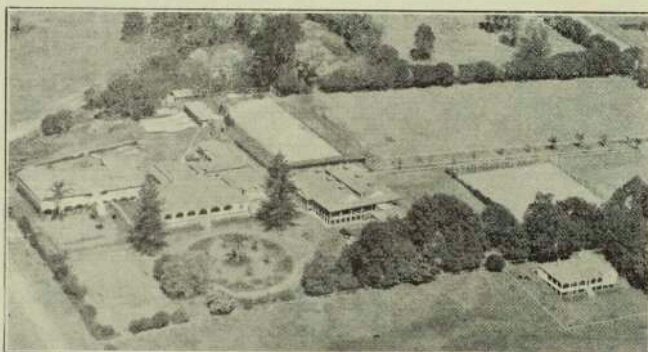
## N.G. Administrator's Sons Married

THE eldest son of the Administrator of New Guinea (Sir Walter McNicoll), Captain Ronald McNicoll, of the Australian Staff Corps, married Miss Joan Hill at Toorak Presbyterian Church, on May 26.

Two days later, Sir Walter's youngest son, Mr. David McNicoll, was quietly married at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Rose Bay, Sydney, to Miss Jean McKay. Mr. McNicoll will be remembered in Papua and New Guinea—he was the "Sydney Morning Herald" reporter who accompanied Lord and Lady Gowrie on their official visit to Australia's tropical territories in July and August last year.

Mr. W. ("Jock") Cameron, who spent five years with Mount Kasi Mines, Ltd., Vanua Levu, Fiji, has returned to Australia.

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**WRITS AGAINST PAPUAN GOVERNMENT**

**A**N interesting case was heard recently in the Central Court of Papua, when Mr. B. W. Faithorn, of the Magisterial Service, took action against the Territory of Papua. The case was extremely complicated, involving fine points of law.

Briefly, Mr. Faithorn was reduced from Assistant Resident Magistrate to Patrol Officer, after having been before the Executive Council on charges of imprisoning a native without trial and striking natives with his hand and with a stick. Mr. Faithorn issued a writ claiming that the Council had no power to reduce an officer to a lower rank. Thereupon the Commonwealth Government terminated Mr. Faithorn's appointment as an officer of the Magisterial Service, and the following day appointed him to be a Patrol Officer.

A further writ was issued by Mr. Faithorn which resolved itself into a question of costs—if the original de-ranking order was illegal then he was entitled to costs. Mr. Justice Gore held that the order was legal and judgment was given for the Territory of Papua, with costs.

Rev. A. J. Thompson, rector of Samarai, Papua, has been appointed an Archdeacon.

Mr. C. C. Barry, of the C.S.R. Co., at Labasa, Fiji, returned to the Colony by the June "Niagara" after three months' furlough in Sydney.

**PT. MORESBY AQUATIC CLUB REVIVED**

From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT MORESBY, June 6.

**A**S a result of a well-attended meeting on May 16, of the Aquatic Club of Port Moresby, after explanations and ideas had been brought forward by Messrs. Higgins, Fisher, and others, it was determined to race a type of dinghy known as the Pritchard design—a 12 ft. dinghy more suitable for racing in these waters than the Vaucluse Juniors, as suggested previously. The cost is expected not to exceed £20.

The following officers were appointed—President, Mr. G. O. Higgins; Commodore, Mr. D. Ewing; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. H. Leydin; Committee, Messrs. Fisher, Schuler, Ritchie, Willmott, and Chalmers.

Since then, a Sydney firm has quoted for 12 boats, and the Kwato Mission at Samarai have intimated their wish to tender, also.

The death occurred at Bulolo on May 20, after a short illness, of Mr. Edward Teitzel, a well-known goldfields identity. Mr. Teitzel was first in New Guinea in 1921, in the service of the Expropriation Board, and later was an Administration official. More recently he was in the service of the Bulolo company. He served on Gallipoli with the Australian forces. He leaves a widow and three daughters.

**INTERESTING SURVEY BY METHODIST MISSIONARIES**

**T**HE annual report of the Department of Overseas Missions of the Methodist Church of Australasia, just published, is a neat octavo volume of 64 pages, wherein the mission work in Fiji, Tonga, New Britain, Papua, India, Northern Australia and Samoa is interestingly described.

A significant section of the book deals with the Indian community in Fiji. The great majority of the 80,000 Indians in Fiji, it is pointed out, are Fiji born; they regard Fiji as their motherland, and the Rewa, and not the Ganges, is now their ancestral river.

The missionaries say that, as between the Fijians (who are landowners, but not ardent agriculturists) and the Indians (who have little land, but are intensely devoted to agriculture) very grave problems must presently arise. They point out, also, that while the whole Fijian population is rapidly embracing Christianity, not 2 per cent. of Indians have been converted. They hold staunchly to their old faiths—Mohammedanism, and the various Hindu religions.

Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Codd and their small daughter Gilliam, passed through Sydney early in June en route to Adelaide and Perth, where they will spend short furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Codd will return to Siota, B.S.I., where they are engaged in mission work for the Melanesian Mission, by the November "Malaita".

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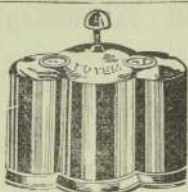
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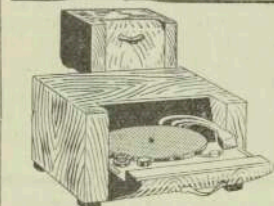
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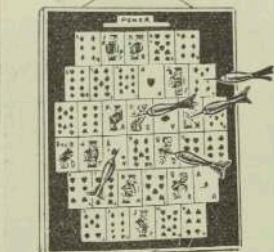
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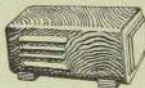


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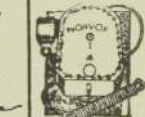
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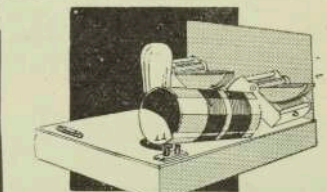
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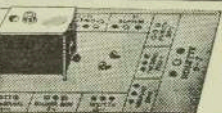
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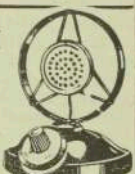


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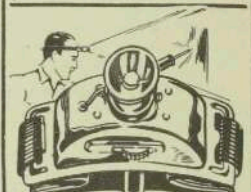


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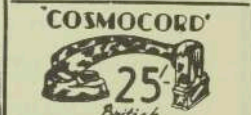


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June 10 (Sun.).—7.30 p.m. Georg Szell, conducting A.B.C. (Adelaide) Orchestra; 9 Desmond Tanner at the Organ.

July 11 (Mon.).—1.30 p.m. Moonee Valley Races; 8 Serial; 8.25 Description of 3rd Test at Old Trafford; 10.50 National Programme and Cricket; 3.30 a.m. Close.

Commencing on July 3, the Australian Broadcasting Commission will extend its Sunday short wave radio programme. The Sunday hours of VLR will then be as follows:—

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July 12 (Tues.).—3 p.m. "Everyday Science and Nature Study"; 8 Jim Davidson's A.B.C. Band; 8.25 Cricket; 10.50 National Programme and Cricket; 3.30 a.m. Close.

July 13 (Wed.).—1.30 p.m. Geelong Races; 7.40 Talk—"The Saga Spirit"; 8 Request Items; 8.40 "Emma and Erbert"; 10 "History of Jazz"; 10.30 Scores Australia v. Warwickshire.

July 14 (Thurs.).—8 p.m. "The Play's The Thing"; 9.10 Richard Tauber; 10 Talk on World Affairs; 10.30 Cricket Scores.

July 15 (Fri.).—8 p.m. Jim Davidson's Band;

8.30 Desmond Tanner (Organ); 9.45 Sigurd Rascher (Saxophonist); 10.30 Cricket Scores.

July 16 (Sat.).—6.40 p.m. Sporting Notes; 8 Richard Tauber; 9 Play; 9.40 Georg Szell and Symphony Orchestra; 10.30 Scores Australia v. Nottingham.

July 17 (Sun.).—7.30 p.m. Symphony Orchestra (Georg Szell); 8.50 Ballad Concert; 9.10 Play.

July 18 (Mon.).—8 p.m. Serial; 8.30 "At The Sign of The Maison Rouge"; 9.30 "History Of Jazz"; 10 Travel Letter; 10.30 Cricket Scores.

July 19 (Tues.).—8 p.m. A.B.C. Orchestra; 9.10 Richard Tauber; 10 Jim Davidson's Dance Band; 10.30 Cricket Scores.

July 20 (Wed.).—1.30 p.m. Ballarat Races; 8 Request Items; 8.40 "Emma and Erbert"; 9 Military Band; 9.30 "Bachelor Reverie".

July 21 (Thurs.).—1.30 p.m. Ballarat Races; 8 "The Play's The Thing"; 9.40 "Chorus, Gentlemen, Please!"; 10 Talk—World Affairs.

July 22 (Fri.).—3 p.m. "Adventures in Music"; 8 Jim Davidson's Band; 8.20 Cricket—4th Test at Leeds; 10.50 National Programme and Cricket; 3.30 a.m. Close.

July 23 (Sat.).—6.40 Sporting Notes; 8 Military Band (Stephen Yorke); 8.20 4th Test; 11 National Programme and Cricket; 3.30 a.m. Close.

July 24 (Sun.).—9.30 a.m. Desmond Tanner (Organ); 10.30 "From The Operas"; 5.20 "Spelling Bee"; 7.30 Talk by Dr. Malcolm Sargent;

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July 26 (Tues.).—3 p.m. "Everyday Science and Nature Study"; 8 Jim Davidson's Band; 8.25 4th Test; 10.25 National Programme; 3.40 a.m. Close.

July 27 (Wed.).—8 p.m. Request Items; 8.40 "Emma and Erbert"; 9.20 "The Three Musketeers"; 10.30 Scores Australia v. Somerset.

July 28 (Thurs.).—5 p.m. "The Play's The Thing"; 9.10 Richard Tauber; 10 Talk; 10.30 Cricket Scores.

July 29 (Fri.).—3 p.m. "Adventures in Music"; 8 A.B.C. Dance Band; 8.30 Desmond Tanner (Organ); 9.30 "We Present"; 10.30 Cricket Scores.

July 30 (Sat.).—1.15 p.m. Moonee Valley and Moorefield Races; 8 A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra; 9.10 Richard Tauber; 10.30 Scores Australia v. Glamorgan.

### BROADCAST OF COPRA PRICES.

**S**OUTH SEAS produce prices (including copra) are broadcast weekly from Sydney as the first item in the news bulletin from A.W.A.'s world range short-wave station VK2ME each Sunday at 9 p.m., and Monday at 1.30 a.m. (Sydney time). Operating on a 31.28 wave length (9590 kilocycles), VK2ME transmits a special programme on Sundays between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. (0500-0700 G.M.T.) and 7.30 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. (0930-1230 G.M.T.); and on Mondays between 2.30 a.m. and 4.30 (1630-1830 G.M.T.).

Rev. H. P. B. Wicks, S.D.A. Missionary, was presented with a purse of banknotes by friends at a farewell in Rarotonga. He left by the April "Matua", after spending in the Cook Is. 19 of his 26 years in the Islands. The other seven years, he was in the Solomon Is. He goes to Tasmania. His place is being taken by Rev. Jacobson, formerly of North Queensland.

Mr. L. P. B. Armit, Chief Clerk of the Government Secretary's Department at Port Moresby, Papua, left the Territory by the May "Macdhui" on six months leave, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. P. H. Leigh. It is their intention to visit America.

## ISLANDS PRODUCE

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### Coffee

**T**HE following quotations were obtained in Sydney during June:—

Robusta, f.a.q., imported from Java on firm conversion of exchange, c.i.f., prompt shipment, Sydney:—Quote No. 1: 25/- per cwt.; quote No. 2: 20/6 per cwt.

Kenya, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt.:—No. 1 quotations: Grade "A", 50/-; grade "B", 47/-; grade "C", 44/-; Triage 37/-; No. 2 quotations: Grade "A", 59/-; grade "B", 46/-; grade "C" (no quote); Triage 39/- (drought coffee); No. 3 quotations: Grade "B", 47/-; grade "C", 39/-.

Mysore, f.a.q., prompt shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt.: No. 1 quotations: Grade "A", 56/-; grade "B", 54/-; No. 2 quotations: Grade "B", 54/-; Triage, market closed, no supplies available. Last quote 44/-.

Arabian (Aden) Hodeldah, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney:—No. 1 quotation: 63/- per cwt.; No. 2 quotation, 78/- 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-June, were:—Average Java 7½d. per lb., and prime Japara, 7 T-16d. per lb.

### Cocoa

Quote No. 1: Cocoa beans, £25-£30 per ton.  
 Quote No. 2: New Guinea cocoa £25 per ton.  
 Quote No. 3: Accra, good fermented £25 per ton, c.i.f., Sydney.

### Cotton

During the month, London, c.i.f., cotton prices were:—May 20, 4.57d. lb., June shipment; May 27, 4.29d. lb., June shipment; June 3, 4.34d. lb., July shipment; June 10, Market closed; June 17, 4.50d. lb., July shipment.

### Ivory Nuts

Quotations nominal.  
 No. 1 quotation: £8/10/- per ton, f.o.b.  
 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-June, at £50-£55 per ton.

### Rice

Rangoon rice: packed in 100 lb. bags, £13 per ton; 200 lb. bags, £12/15/- per ton, f.o.b., Sydney.

Australian table rice, packed in 56 lb. bags, £18 per ton.

### Trochus Shell

Owing to Japan's restrictions on overseas credits, there have been no sales for some time. Quotations are nominal.

The following quotations, by two firms, represent last sales, several weeks ago:—

|                                       |      |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| (a) Trochus, shell, No. 1 grade .. .. | £85  |
| Trochus shell, No. 2 grade .. ..      | £75  |
| Trochus shell, No. 3 grade .. ..      | £65  |
| (b) Trochus shell, No. 1 grade .. ..  | £90½ |
| Trochus shell, No. 2 grade .. ..      | £79½ |
| Trochus shell, No. 3 grade .. ..      | £70½ |

All quotes are f.o.b., and on the Australian £.

## Exchange Rates

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**T**HE following exchange quotations, gathered in Sydney, show the rates existing in June:—

### FIJI—THROUGH BANK OF N.S.W. AND BANK OF NEW ZEALAND

Australia on Fiji on basis of £100 Fiji: Buying £A111/2/6, selling £A112.

Fiji-London on basis £100 London:—

|                         | Buying.  | Selling. |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| £ s. d.                 | £ s. d.  | £ s. d.  |
| Telegraphic transfer .. | 110 15 0 | 112 0 0  |
| On demand .. ..         | 110 12 6 | 111 17 6 |

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#### SELLING RATES

Quoted by  
 BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
 in Australia.

|                                      | Australia on Papeete. | Francs to £ |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Average for week ended 30/5/38 .. .. | 139.39                | Australian  |
| Average for week ended 6/6/38 .. ..  | 139.12                |             |
| Average for week ended 13/6/38 .. .. | 139.16                |             |
|                                      | Australia on Noumea   | Francs to £ |
| Average for week ended 30/5/38 .. .. | 139.34                | Australian  |
| Average for week ended 6/6/38 .. ..  | 139.07                |             |
| Average for week ended 13/6/38 .. .. | 139.11                |             |

### NEW GUINEA AND PAPUA—THROUGH COMMONWEALTH BANK

From Australia, Pt. Moresby 10/- per cent.; on Rabaul 10/- per cent.—Other New Guinea districts £1 per cent.

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Selling: T.T. £A125/10/- equals £stg. 100.

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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 June 17, when the Australian £ was nominally worth 141.5 francs, £100 Australian would purchase a draft in Noumea of 14,075 francs.

### WESTERN SAMOA—THROUGH BANK OF N.Z.

Exchange, Australia on Western Samoa, basis £100 Samoa—buying £A100, selling £A100/10/-.

|                            | Buying.   | Selling.  |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Telegraphic transfer .. .. | £125 0 0  | £125 0 0  |
| On Demand .. ..            | £123 0 0  | £124 17 6 |
| 30 days .. ..              | £123 15 0 | £124 15 0 |
| 60 days .. ..              | £122 10 0 | £124 12 6 |
| 90 days .. ..              | £122 5 0  | £124 10 0 |
| 120 days .. ..             | £122 0 0  | £124 7 6  |

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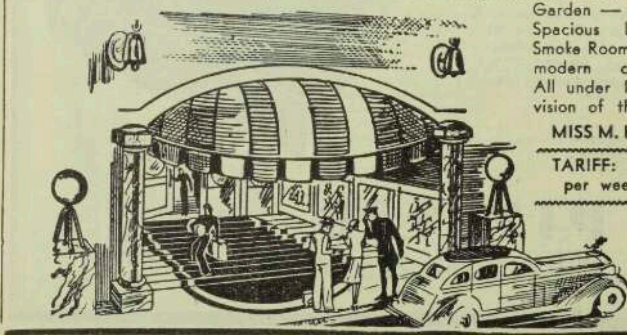
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## Market Quotations

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.

## Copra

| London Price on— | South Sea, Sun-Dried to London | Plantation, Hot-air Dried, Rabaul |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Per ton, c.i.f.  | Per ton, c.i.f.                | 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 6 0                           |
| September 2      | £13 17 6                       | £14 0 0                           |
| December 16      | £14 2 6                        | £14 5 0                           |
| January 6, 1933  | £13 9 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                            |
| January 5, 1934  | £8 0 0                         | £8 7 6                            |
| March 30         | £7 7 6                         | £8 0 0                            |
| April 27         | £7 7 6                         | £8 0 0                            |
| June 15          | £8 0 0                         | £8 12 6                           |
| July 6           | £7 17 6                        | £8 15 0                           |
| September 7      | £7 12 6                        | £8 15 0                           |
| October 6        | £9 0 0                         | £9 0 0                            |
| December 28      | £9 0 0                         | £9 12 6                           |
| January 4, 1935  | £12 2 6                        | £12 15 0                          |
| March 1          | £10 15 0                       | £11 15 0                          |
| April 5          | £11 17 6                       | £12 12 6                          |
| May 3            | £11 15 0                       | £12 7 6                           |
| June 7           | £9 12 0                        | £10 5 0                           |
| July 5           | £9 15 0                        | £10 15 0                          |
| August 2         | £9 17 6                        | £10 17 6                          |
| September 6      | £11 7 6                        | £12 7 6                           |
| October 4        | £12 17 6                       | £14 0 0                           |
| November 1       | £12 17 6                       | £14 0 0                           |
| December 6       | £12 17 6                       | £14 0 0                           |

| London Price on— | South Sea, Smoked, to Genoa and Marseilles | South Sea, Sun-Dried to London | Plantation, Hot-air Dried, Rabaul |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Per ton, c.i.f.  | Per ton, c.i.f.                            | Per ton, c.i.f.                | Per ton, c.i.f.                   |
| Jan. 3, '36      | £13 2 6                                    | £13 15 0                       | £15 0 0                           |
| Feb. 7           | £13 0 0                                    | £14 0 0                        | £15 0 0                           |
| Mar. 6           | £11 15 0                                   | £12 15 0                       | £13 0 0                           |
| April 3          | £12 7 6                                    | £13 5 0                        | £13 17 6                          |
| May 1            | £11 10 0                                   | £11 15 0                       | £12 10 0                          |
| June 5           | £11 10 0                                   | £12 0 0                        | £12 17 6                          |
| July 3           | £12 0 0                                    | £12 10 0                       | £13 10 0                          |
| Aug. 7           | £12 17 6                                   | £13 7 6                        | £14 7 6                           |
| Sept. 4          | £13 2 6                                    | £13 10 0                       | £14 12 6                          |
| Oct. 2           | £13 7 6                                    | £13 10 0                       | £14 10 0                          |
| Nov. 6           | £15 10 0                                   | £16 2 6                        | £16 5 0                           |
| Dec. 4           | £19 7 6                                    | £19 7 6                        | £20 7 6                           |
| Jan. 8, '37      | £22 12 6                                   | £22 12 6                       | £23 12 6                          |
| Feb. 5           | £19 0 0                                    | £19 0 0                        | £19 15 0                          |
| Mar. 5           | £19 0 0                                    | £19 5 0                        | £20 0 0                           |
| Apr. 2           | £19 0 0                                    | £19 15 0                       | £20 15 0                          |
| May 7            | £16 0 0                                    | £16 12 6                       | £17 12 6                          |
| June 4           | £15 15 0                                   | £16 12 6                       | £16 12 6                          |
| July 2           | £14 15 0                                   | £14 17 6                       | £15 15 0                          |
| Aug. 6           | £15 2 6                                    | £15 2 6                        | £15 17 6                          |
| Aug. 27          | £14 0 0                                    | £14 0 0                        | £14 15 0                          |
| Sept. 3          | £13 5 0                                    | £13 5 0                        | £14 0 0                           |
| Sept. 17         | £13 12 6                                   | £13 15 0                       | £14 12 6                          |
| Oct. 1           | £14 15 0                                   | £14 17 6                       | £15 12 6                          |
| Oct. 8           | £14 5 0                                    | £14 5 0                        | £15 0 0                           |
| Oct. 15          | £14 10 0                                   | £14 10 0                       | £15 7 6                           |
| Oct. 22          | £13 15 0                                   | £13 15 0                       | £14 10 0                          |
| Oct. 29          | £13 15 0                                   | £13 15 0                       | £14 10 0                          |
| Nov. 5           | £13 10 0                                   | £13 10 0                       | £14 5 0                           |

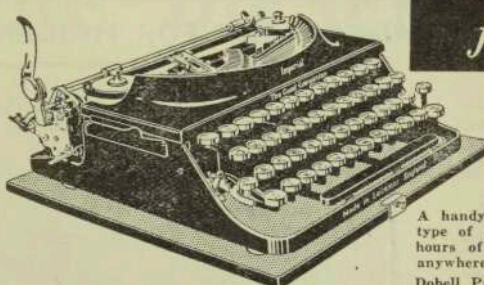
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| Nov. 12     | £13 5 0  | £13 5 0  | £14 5 0  |
| Nov. 19     | £13 2 6  | £13 2 6  | £13 17 6 |
| Nov. 26     | £12 7 6  | £12 7 6  | £13 2 6  |
| Dec. 3      | £12 10 0 | £12 12 6 | £13 7 6  |
| Dec. 10     | £12 17 6 | £13 0 0  | £13 17 6 |
| Dec. 17     | £13 2 6  | £13 2 6  | £14 0 0  |
| Dec. 24     | £13 0 0  | £13 0 0  | £13 17 6 |
| Dec. 31     | £12 10 0 | £12 12 6 | £13 10 0 |
| Jan. 7, '38 | £12 12 6 | £12 15 0 | £13 12 6 |
| Jan. 14     | £12 7 6  | £12 12 6 | £13 7 6  |
| Jan. 21     | £12 0 0  | £12 12 6 | £13 0 0  |
| Jan. 28     | £11 17 6 | £12 0 0  | £12 15 0 |
| Feb. 4      | £11 2 6  | £11 10 0 | £12 7 6  |
| Feb. 11     | £10 17 6 | £11 15 0 | £12 0 0  |
| Feb. 18     | £10 12 6 | £11 0 0  | £11 15 0 |
| Feb. 25     | £11 2 6  | £11 5 0  | £12 5 0  |
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| Mar. 11     | £10 15 0 | £11 0 0  | £12 0 0  |
| Mar. 18     | £10 15 0 | £11 0 0  | £12 0 0  |
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| May 20      | £10 15 0 | £10 15 0 | £11 15 0 |
| May 27      | £10 0 0  | £10 0 0  | £10 12 6 |
| June 3      | £9 15 0  | £9 15 0  | £10 12 6 |
| June 10     | £9 15 0  | £9 15 0  | £10 10 0 |
| June 17     | £9 12 6  | £9 12 6  | £10 7 6  |

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|-----------------|-------|-----------|
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| December 8      | 4½d.  | 4.04d.    |
| January 5, 1934 | 4½d.  | 4.28d.    |
| July 6          | 5½d.  | 7.06d.    |
| December 28     | 5d.   | 6½d.      |
| January 4, 1935 | 5d.   | 6½d.      |
| July 5          | 5d.   | 7½d.      |
| December 6      | 6½d.  | 6½d.      |
| January 3, 1936 | 5d.   | 7½d.      |
| June 5          | 5d.   | 7½d.      |
| December 4      | 1½    | 9 1/16d.  |
| January 8, 1937 | 1/2   | 10½d.     |
| March 5         | 11½d. | 11 1/32d. |
| April 2         | 1/-   | 1/1 15/16 |
| June 4          | 11d.  | 9 5/8d.   |
| Aug. 6          | 9½d.  | 9 1/16d.  |
| Sept. 3         | 9½d.  | 9 1/16d.  |
| Oct. 1          | 9½d.  | 8 9/16d.  |
| Nov. 5          | 8d.   | 7½d.      |
| Dec. 3          | 7½d.  | 7½d.      |
| Jan. 7, 1938    | 7½d.  | 7d.       |
| Jan. 14         | 7½d.  | 7½d.      |
| Jan. 21         | 7d.   | 7½d.      |
| Jan. 28         | 7d.   | 7½d.      |
| Feb. 4          | 6½d.  | 6½d.      |
| Feb. 18         | 6½d.  | 7 1/16d.  |
| Feb. 25         | 6d.   | 7 3/16d.  |
| Mar. 4          | 6d.   | 7½d.      |
| Mar. 11         | 6d.   | 7d.       |
| Mar. 18         | 5½d.  | 6½d.      |
| Mar. 25         | 5½d.  | 6 1/16d.  |
| April 1         | 5½d.  | 5 7/16d.  |
| April 8         | 5½d.  | 5 13/16d. |
| April 22        | 5½d.  | 6 3/16d.  |
| April 29        | 5½d.  | 5½d.      |
| May 6           | 5½d.  | 5½d.      |
| May 13          | 5½d.  | 5½d.      |
| May 20          | 5½d.  | 5½d.      |
| May 27          | 5½d.  | 5 7/16d.  |
| June 3          | 5½d.  | 5 9/16d.  |
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| Sydney       | July 23 | Aug. 4   | Sept. 3  | Sept. 15 | Oct. 15 | Oct. 27  | Nov. 26 |
| Lord Howe    | July 25 | Aug. 6   | Sept. 5  | Sept. 17 | Oct. 17 | Oct. 29  | Nov. 28 |
| Norfolk Is.  | July 27 | Aug. 8   | Sept. 7  | Sept. 19 | Oct. 19 | Oct. 31  | Nov. 30 |
| Vila         | —       | A. 11-12 | —        | S. 22-23 | —       | Nov. 3-4 | —       |
| Bushman's B. | —       | Aug. 13  | —        | Sept. 24 | —       | Nov. 5   | —       |
| Malo         | —       | —        | —        | —        | —       | —        | —       |
| Tangoa       | —       | Aug. 13  | —        | Sept. 24 | —       | Nov. 5   | —       |
| Segond       | —       | —        | —        | —        | —       | —        | —       |
| Aoba         | —       | Aug. 14  | —        | Sept. 25 | —       | Nov. 6   | —       |
| Hog Har.     | July 28 | Aug. 15  | —        | Sept. 26 | —       | Nov. 7   | —       |
| Norfolk Is.  | —       | Aug. 18  | Sept. 8  | Sept. 29 | Oct. 20 | Nov. 10  | Dec. 1  |
| Lord Howe    | July 30 | Aug. 20  | Sept. 10 | Oct. 1   | Oct. 22 | Nov. 12  | Dec. 3  |
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| Pago Pago | June 27  | July 25  | Aug. 22  | Sept. 19 | Oct. 17  | Nov. 14  | Dec. 12    |
| Suva      | July 2   | July 30  | Aug. 27  | Sept. 24 | Oct. 22  | Nov. 19  | Dec. 17    |
| Auckland  | July 5   | Aug. 2   | Aug. 30  | Sept. 27 | Oct. 25  | Nov. 22  | Dec. 20    |
| Sydney    | July 8   | Aug. 5   | Sept. 2  | Sept. 30 | Oct. 28  | Nov. 25  | Dec. 23    |
| Melbourne | July 11  | Aug. 8   | Sept. 5  | Oct. 3   | Oct. 31  | Nov. 28  | Dec. 26    |
| Sydney    | J. 15-18 | A. 12-15 | S. 9-12  | O. 7-10  | N. 4-7   | Dec. 2-5 | D. 30-J. 2 |
| Auckland  | July 22  | Aug. 19  | Sept. 16 | Oct. 14  | Nov. 11  | Dec. 9   | Jan. 6     |
| Suva      | July 25  | Aug. 22  | Sept. 19 | Oct. 17  | Nov. 14  | Dec. 12  | Jan. 9     |
| Pago Pago | July 28  | Aug. 25  | Sept. 22 | Oct. 20  | Nov. 17  | Dec. 15  | Jan. 12    |
| Honolulu  | July 29  | Aug. 26  | Sept. 23 | Oct. 21  | Nov. 18  | Dec. 16  | Jan. 13    |
|           | Aug. 3   | Aug. 31  | Sept. 28 | Oct. 26  | Nov. 23  | Dec. 21  | Jan. 18    |

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| Kobe       | June 30   | July 20   |
| Moji       | July 1-2  | J. 22-23  |
| Rabaul     | July 11   | —         |
| Noumea     | J. 16-18  | A. 7-8    |
| Auckland   | J. 21-25  | A. 12-15  |
| Wellington | J. 27-31  | A. 17-20  |
| Lyttelton  | Aug. 1-3  | A. 21-22  |
| Dunedin    | Aug. 4-6  | A. 23-26  |
| Lyttelton  | —         | —         |
| Wellington | J. 27-31  | A. 17-20  |
| Auckland   | J. 21-25  | A. 12-15  |
| Cebu       | A. 23-24  | —         |
| Manila     | A. 25-26  | —         |
| Hong Kong  | Aug. 28   | —         |
| Shanghai   | Aug. 31   | —         |
| Kobe       | Sept. 3-6 | S. 19-20  |

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| Sydney     | July 14   | Sept. 15   | Oct. 20  |
| Noumea     | J. 18-20  | S. 19-21   | O. 24-26 |
| Mare       | —         | Sept. 21   | Oct. 26  |
| Vila       | J. 21-22  | —          | O. 27-28 |
| Luganville | July 23   | S. 22-23   | Oct. 29  |
| Le Dart    | J. 24-25  | S. 25-26   | O. 30-31 |
| Norsup     | —         | Sept. 26   | Oct. 31  |
| Saigon     | Aug. 9-11 | —          | —        |
| Haiphong   | A. 14-18  | —          | —        |
| Luganville | Sept. 3   | —          | —        |
| Le Dart    | Sept. 4   | —          | —        |
| Vila       | Sept. 5-6 | S. 27-28   | N. 2-3   |
| Mare       | —         | Sept. 29   | Nov. 4   |
| Noumea     | Sept. 7-8 | S. 29-O. 1 | N. 5-6   |
| Sydney     | Sept. 12  | Oct. 5     | Nov. 10  |

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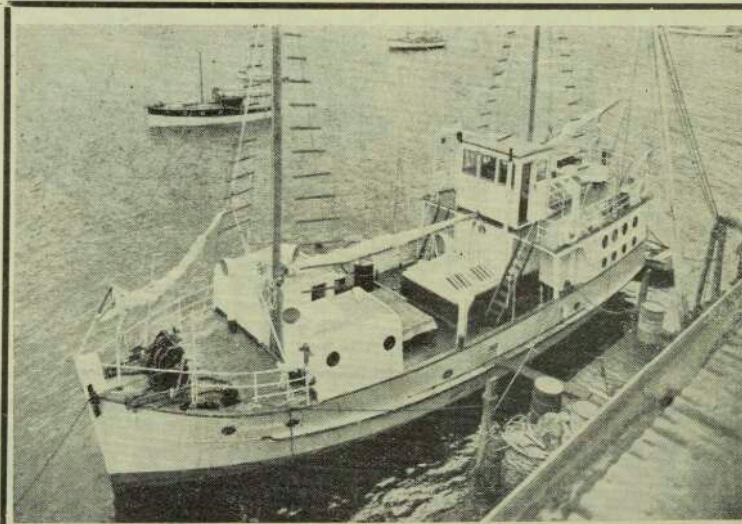
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| Honolulu     | July 13  | Aug. 10  | Sept. 7  | Oct. 5     | Nov. 2   | Nov. 30  | Dec. 28  |
| Suva         | July 22  | Aug. 19  | Sept. 16 | Oct. 14    | Nov. 11  | Dec. 9   | Jan. 6   |
| Auckland     | J. 25-26 | A. 22-23 | S. 19-20 | O. 17-18   | N. 14-15 | D. 12-13 | J. 9-10  |
| Sydney       | July 30  | Aug. 27  | Sept. 24 | Oct. 22    | Nov. 19  | Dec. 17  | Jan. 14  |
| Sydney, dep. | Aug. 4   | Sept. 1  | Sept. 29 | Oct. 27    | Nov. 24  | Dec. 22  | Jan. 19  |
| Auckland     | Aug. 8-9 | S. 5-6   | Oct. 3-4 | O. 31-N. 1 | N. 28-29 | D. 26-27 | J. 23-24 |
| Suva         | Aug. 12  | Sept. 9  | Oct. 7   | Nov. 4     | Dec. 2   | Dec. 30  | Jan. 27  |
| Honolulu     | Aug. 19  | Sept. 16 | Oct. 14  | Nov. 11    | Dec. 9   | Jan. 6   | Feb. 3   |

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|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Sydney       | July 9   | July 30  | Aug. 17  | Sept. 7  | Sept. 24 | Oct. 15  |
| Brisbane     | July 11  | Aug. 1   | Aug. 19  | Sept. 9  | Sept. 26 | Oct. 17  |
| Townsville   | —        | Aug. 4   | —        | Sept. 12 | —        | Oct. 20  |
| Cairns       | —        | Aug. 5   | —        | Sept. 13 | —        | Oct. 21  |
| Pt. Moresby  | July 15  | A. 7-8   | Aug. 23  | Sept. 15 | Sept. 30 | O. 23-24 |
| Samurai      | July 16  | Aug. 10  | Aug. 24  | Sept. 17 | Oct. 1   | Oct. 26  |
| Woodlark Is. | —        | Aug. 11  | —        | —        | —        | Oct. 27  |
| Rabaul       | J. 18-19 | Aug. 13  | A. 26-27 | S. 19-20 | O. 3-4   | Oct. 29  |
| Kavieng      | —        | Aug. 14  | —        | Sept. 21 | —        | Oct. 30  |
| Lindenhafen  | July 20  | —        | Aug. 28  | —        | Oct. 5   | —        |
| Salamaua     | J. 21-22 | A. 16-17 | A. 29-30 | S. 23-24 | Oct. 6-7 | Nov. 1-2 |
| Lae          | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        |
| Madang       | July 23  | Aug. 18  | Aug. 31  | S. 25-26 | Oct. 8   | Nov. 3   |
| Alexishafen  | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        |
| Borom        | J. 24-25 | —        | Sept. 1  | —        | O. 9-10  | —        |
| Wewak        | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        |
| Madang       | July 26  | Aug. 18  | Sept. 2  | Sept. 26 | Oct. 11  | Nov. 3   |
| Finshafen    | July 27  | —        | Sept. 3  | —        | Oct. 12  | —        |
| Salamaua     | July 27  | Aug. 19  | Sept. 3  | Sept. 27 | Oct. 12  | Nov. 4   |
| Kavieng      | July 29  | —        | Sept. 5  | —        | Oct. 14  | —        |
| Pondo        | July 30  | —        | Sept. 6  | —        | Oct. 15  | —        |
| Rabaul       | Aug. 1   | Aug. 22  | Sept. 7  | Sept. 29 | Oct. 17  | Nov. 7   |
| Salamaua     | Aug. 2   | —        | Sept. 8  | —        | Oct. 18  | —        |
| Samurai      | Aug. 4   | Aug. 24  | Sept. 10 | Oct. 1   | Oct. 20  | Nov. 9   |
| Pt. Moresby  | Aug. 5   | Aug. 25  | Sept. 12 | Oct. 3   | Oct. 21  | Nov. 10  |
| Cairns       | —        | Aug. 27  | —        | Oct. 5   | —        | Nov. 12  |
| Brisbane     | Aug. 9   | Aug. 30  | Sept. 16 | Oct. 8   | Oct. 25  | Nov. 15  |
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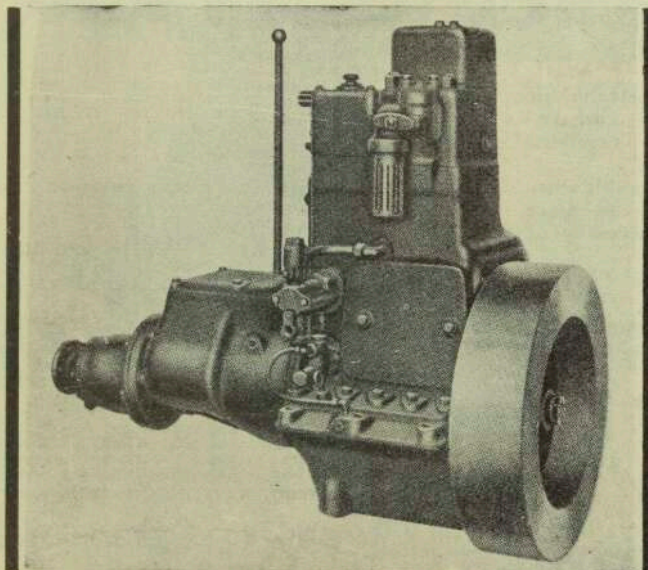
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| Hong Kong    | July 2     | Aug. 5     | Sept. 2    | Oct. 1     | Nov. 4     | Dec. 2  |
| Manila       | July 5     | Aug. 8     | Sept. 5    | Oct. 4     | Nov. 7     | Dec. 5  |
| Rabaul       | July 13    | Aug. 16    | Sept. 13   | Oct. 12    | Nov. 15    | Dec. 13 |
| Brisbane     | July 19    | Aug. 22    | Sept. 19   | Oct. 18    | Nov. 21    | Dec. 19 |
| Sydney       | July 21    | Aug. 24    | Sept. 21   | Oct. 20    | Nov. 23    | Dec. 21 |
| Melbourne    | J. 25-A. 3 | A. 29-S. 3 | S. 26-O. 1 | O. 24-N. 2 | N. 28-D. 3 | D. 26-- |
| Hobart       | Aug. 5     | Sept. 5    | Oct. 3     | Nov. 4     | Dec. 5     | --      |
| Newcastle    | Aug. 8     | Sept. 8    | Oct. 6     | Nov. 7     | Dec. 8     | --      |
| Sydney, dep. | Aug. 13    | Sept. 14   | Oct. 12    | Nov. 12    | Dec. 14    | --      |
| Brisbane     | Aug. 15    | Sept. 16   | Oct. 14    | Nov. 14    | Dec. 16    | --      |
| Townsville   | Aug. 18    | Sept. 19   | Oct. 17    | Nov. 17    | Dec. 19    | --      |
| Rabaul       | Aug. 23    | Sept. 24   | Oct. 22    | Nov. 22    | Dec. 24    | --      |
| Manila       | Aug. 31    | Oct. 2     | Oct. 30    | Nov. 30    | Jan. 1     | --      |
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| Suva .. .. | July 20        | Nov. 16      |
| Auckland   | Aug. 5         | —            |
| Sydney ..  | Aug. 15        | Nov. 30      |
| Salamaua   | Aug. 28        | Dec. 10      |
| Rabaul ..  | Aug. 31        | Dec. 22      |
| London ..  | N. 3-24        | Feb. 22      |

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| Melbourne   | June 27       | Aug. 31    |
| Sydney      | Jn.29-Jy.2    | Sept. 2-7  |
| Salamaua    | July 9        | Sept. 14   |
| Rabaul      | July 11       | Sept. 16   |
| Cebu (opt.) | July 18       | Sept. 23   |
| Manila      | July 21       | Sept. 26   |
| Hong Kong   | July 28-27    | S. 28-O. 2 |
| Saligon     | Aug. 2        | Oct. 8     |
| Madang      | Aug. 13       | Oct. 19    |
| Salamaua    | Aug. 16       | Oct. 22    |
| Rabaul      | Aug. 19       | Oct. 25    |
| Sydney      | Aug. 26-27    | Nov. 1     |
| Melbourne   | Aug. 29       | Nov. 4     |

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| Saigon      | July 15  | Aug. 15       | Sept. 15 |
| Singapore   | J. 17-18 | A. 17-18      | Sept. 17 |
| Batavia     | J. 20-21 | A. 20-22      | S. 19-20 |
| Samarang    | July 23  | Aug. 23       | Sept. 21 |
| Sourabaya   | July 23  | Aug. 24       | Sept. 22 |
| Pt. Moreaby | July 30  | Aug. 31       | Sept. 29 |
| Samarai     | —        | Sept. 1       | —        |
| Salamaua    | —        | Sept. 3       | —        |
| Rabaul      | —        | Sept. 5       | —        |
| Vila        | Aug. 4   | —             | Oct. 4   |
| Noumea      | Aug. 5-8 | —             | Oct. 5-7 |
| Auckland    | A. 12-15 | S. 12-14      | O. 11-12 |
| Wellington  | A. 17-18 | S. 16-17      | O. 14-15 |
| Sydney      | A. 22-24 | S. 21-23      | O. 19-21 |
| Pt. Moreaby | Aug. 30  | Sept. 28      | Oct. 27  |
| Sourabaya   | Sept. 6  | Oct. 5        | Nov. 3   |
| Samarang    | Sept. 7  | Oct. 6        | Nov. 4   |
| Batavia     | S. 8-10  | O. 7-9        | N. 8-7   |
| Singapore   | Sept. 12 | Oct. 11       | Nov. 9   |
| Saigon      | Sept. 14 | Oct. 13       | Nov. 12  |

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| Madang        | Aug. 23        | Rabaul Sept. 3-8      |
| Salamaua      | Aug. 25        | Lorengau Sept. 11     |
| Tulagi (arr.) | Aug. 29        | Hong Kong Sept. 24    |

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| Sydney       | July 23    | Sept. 3    | Oct. 15   | Nov. 26  | Jan. 7   |
| Brisbane     | July 25    | Sept. 5    | Oct. 17   | Nov. 28  | Jan. 9   |
| Townsville   | July 28    | Sept. 8    | Oct. 20   | Dec. 1   | Jan. 12  |
| Cairns       | July 29    | Sept. 9    | Oct. 21   | Dec. 2   | Jan. 13  |
| Tulagi       | Aug. 2-3   | S. 13-14   | Oc. 25-26 | D. 6-7   | J. 17-18 |
| Makambo      |            |            |           |          |          |
| Gavutu       | Aug. 4     | Sept. 15   | Oct. 27   | Dec. 8   | Jan. 19  |
| Su'u         |            |            |           |          |          |
| Domma        | —          | Sept. 16   | —         | Dec. 9   | —        |
| Mamara       |            |            |           |          |          |
| Tasavarong   | Aug. 5     | —          | Oct. 28   | —        | Jan. 20  |
| Aruligo      |            |            |           |          |          |
| Lavaro       | Aug. 6     | —          | Oct. 29   | —        | Jan. 21  |
| Mamara       |            |            |           |          |          |
| Tasavarong   | Aug. 7     | Sept. 17   | Oct. 30   | Dec. 10  | Jan. 22  |
| Aruligo      |            |            |           |          |          |
| Meringe      | —          | Sept. 18   | —         | Dec. 11  | —        |
| Hivo         |            |            |           |          |          |
| Yandina      | Aug. 8     | Sept. 19   | Oct. 31   | Dec. 12  | Jan. 23  |
| Banika       |            |            |           |          |          |
| Ufa          | Aug. 9     | Sept. 20   | Nov. 1    | Dec. 13  | Jan. 24  |
| Falami       |            |            |           |          |          |
| Younger      | Aug. 10    | Sept. 21   | Nov. 2    | Dec. 14  | Jan. 25  |
| Pepesala     |            |            |           |          |          |
| Lingata      | Aug. 11    | Sept. 22   | Nov. 3    | Dec. 15  | Jan. 26  |
| West Bay     |            |            |           |          |          |
| Somata       | Aug. 12-13 | S. 23-24   | N. 4-5    | D. 16-17 | J. 27-28 |
| Gizo         |            |            |           |          |          |
| Faisi        | Aug. 14-15 | S. 25-26   | N. 6-7    | D. 18-19 | J. 29-30 |
| Faisi        |            |            |           |          |          |
| Kieta        | Aug. 16    | Sept. 27   | Nov. 8    | Dec. 20  | Jan. 31  |
| Faisi        |            |            |           |          |          |
| Gizo         | Aug. 17    | Sept. 28   | Nov. 9    | Dec. 21  | Feb. 1   |
| Tetipari     |            |            |           |          |          |
| Russell Is.  | A. 19-20   | S. 30-O. 1 | N. 11-12  | D. 23-24 | F. 3-4   |
| Gavutu       |            |            |           |          |          |
| Makambo      | Aug. 25    | Oct. 6     | Nov. 17   | Dec. 29  | Feb. 9   |
| Brisbane     |            |            |           |          |          |
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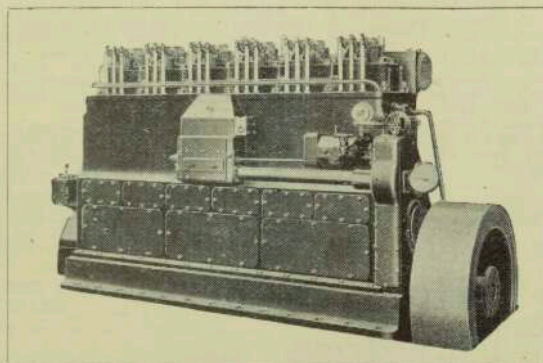
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| Cook Is.    | —          | July 18  | Aug. 15  | —        | Sept. 12 | —        |
| Outer Cooks | —          | J. 19-20 | A. 16-17 | —        | S. 13-14 | —        |
| Cook Is.    | —          | July 21  | Aug. 18  | —        | Sept. 15 | —        |
| Nakualofa   | July 3-4   | —        | —        | A. 28-29 | —        | S. 25-26 |
| Apia        | July 5-6   | —        | —        | A. 30-31 | —        | S. 27-28 |
| Suva        | July 9     | —        | —        | Sept. 3  | —        | Oct. 1   |
| Auckland    | July 13    | July 27  | Aug. 24  | Sept. 7  | Sept. 21 | Oct. 5   |

The cargo steamer Tolten will depart from Sydney on July 7 (approx.) for Suva, Lautoka, Apia, Papeete, and N. American ports. She will carry mail and general cargo and a limited number of passengers. The next Union cargo vessel will leave Sydney for Fiji and French Oceania at the end of August.

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|            | M.V. Maui Pomare |          |          |          |         |            |
|------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|------------|
| Wellington | July 12          | Aug. 9   | Sept. 6  | Oct. 4   | Nov. 1  | Nov. 22    |
| Apia       | J. 19-21         | A. 16-18 | S. 13-15 | O. 11-13 | N. 8-10 | N. 29-D. 1 |
| Niue       | July 23          | Aug. 20  | Sept. 17 | Oct. 15  | Nov. 12 | Dec. 3     |
| Lyttelton  | Aug. 1           | Aug. 29  | Sept. 26 | O. 24-25 | Nov. 21 | Dec. 12    |
| Wellington | Aug. 2           | Aug. 30  | Sept. 27 | Oct. 26  | Nov. 22 | Dec. 13    |

## Sydney - Noumea - Tahiti

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Mails and passengers from Sydney for Tahiti may connect with Messageries Maritimes liners at Noumea, per Pierre Loti (see Sydney-Noumea-New Hebrides service). The M.M. liners run between Marseilles and Noumea, via Panama Canal.

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| Papeete       | J. 31-A. 1 | S. 14-15    | O. 22-23 | Dec. 4-5 |
| Raitea (opt.) | —          | Sept. 16    | Oct. 24  | —        |
| Vila          | Aug. 10    | Sept. 26    | Nov. 2   | Dec. 14  |
| Noumea        | A. 12-18   | S. 28-O. 6  | N. 4-12  | D. 16-23 |
| Vila          | Aug. 21    | Oct. 9      | Nov. 15  | Dec. 26  |
| Raitea        | Aug. 28    | Oct. 18     | Nov. 22  | Jan. 2   |
| Papeete       | A. 29-31   | O. 19-21    | N. 23-25 | J. 3-5   |

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PASSENGERS PER "MORINDA" WHICH SAILED FROM SYDNEY FOR LORD HOWE AND NORFOLK IS. ON JUNE 11:—Messrs. Williams, Connolly, Street, Brown (2), McMinn, Keith, Thompson, Storey, Lucas, Heron (2), Tattle, Evans, Nicholls, Adams, Flanagan, Forestier, Rawson, Buffett (2), Kleiner, Randall, Emblen, Frame (2), Cope, Miller. Mesdames Williams, Brown (2), Street, Johnson, Waley, McMinn, Keith, Stopp, Martin, Pentreath, Bale, Worboys, Chapman, Ranken, Ryan, Tattle, Wilson. Misses West, McLean, Lync, Cook, Gillespie, Austic, Dean-Smith, Parkinson, Beresford.

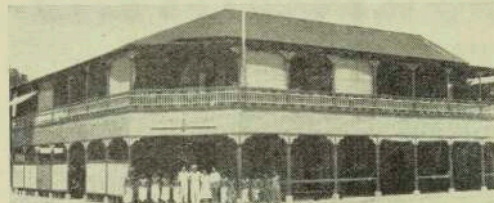
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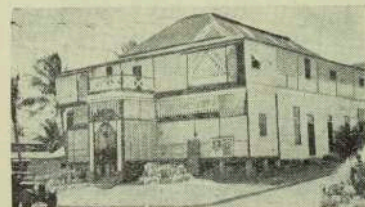
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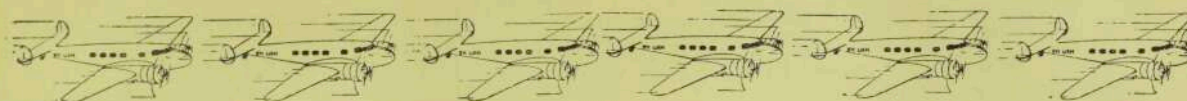
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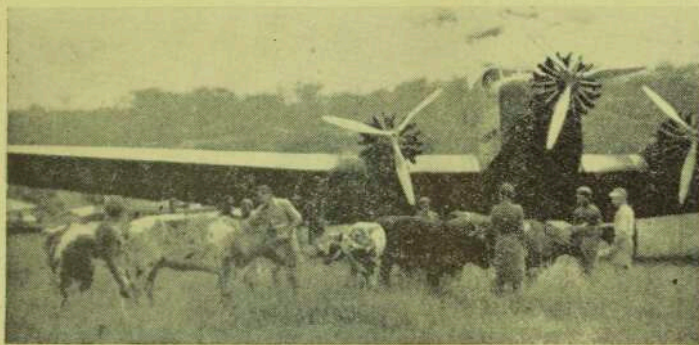
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## What Aerial Transport has done for New Guinea ..



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| Year Ended Feb. 28. | Tonnage Trans-ported | Passen-<br>gers 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                   |
| 1938 .....          | 8,408                | 12,120                   |
| Totals ..           | 44,191               | 63,619                   |

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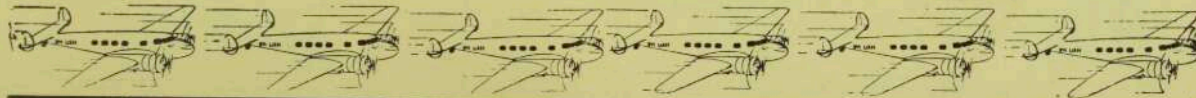
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