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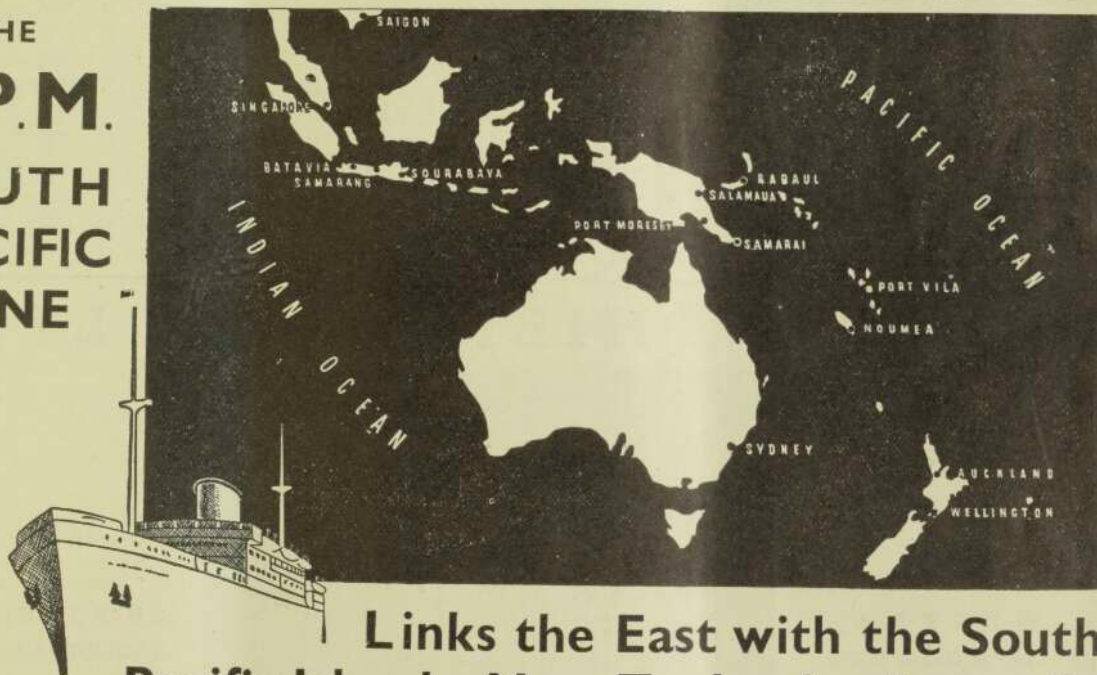
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Fate Of New Guinea And Samoa

WE do not think that Australia is
likely to lose New Guinea—but
she deserves to.

Consider the situation as it is to-
day. All New Guinea commercial
interests are in a state of suspended
animation, awaiting a four-months-
overdue decision about the new
capital and the Morobe road; Ger-
many is carrying on a fierce, insistent
demand for the return of her colonies,
among which New Guinea is listed as
one of the richest undeveloped
tropical territories in the world; land-
hungry Japanese are snooping around
the northern borders, placing upon
Australia a clear obligation to develop
and defend the Territory; public
meetings are being held all over New
Guinea by exasperated European re-
sidents, asking for one thing and an-
other, but all summed up in a demand
for a clear-cut announcement of
policy, in relation to the future of the
Territory.

And, on the other side of the pic-
ture, what? An Administration which,
although admirably staffed, cannot
move without permission from Can-
berra. An Administrator who has
chosen this time, of all others, to go

away on a four-months' holiday. An
Australian Government that has sub-
ordinated all matters (including Ter-
ritories affairs) to its miserable,
unedifying squabbings, and actually
has given us three Ministers for
Territories within three days!

All this is not peculiar to the oc-
casion and the moment. It is typical
of the way in which the coteries of
professional politicians, who success-
ively take charge in Canberra, have
treated Australia's magnificent
natural heritage in the Pacific. We
despair of any improvement in the
future.

Two or three times, lately, Aus-
tralia's record in New Guinea has
been publicly criticised; and on each
occasion Mr. W. M. Hughes (then
transient Minister for Territories)
arose and sneered, and quoted blister-
ing figures to show how New Guinea
trade and European population have
increased under Australian rule. But
neither Mr. Hughes nor any other
Australian apologist has answered
this journal's repeated charge that all
those comforting figures are the re-
sult of the activities of persons and
companies engaged in the Morobe

gold industry, and that, apart from
the Morobe district, very little has
been done by the Administration to
develop the country's enormous re-
sources or improve the condition of
the natives.

A dozen times, in the past month,
Australian Ministers have babbled
about "Australia's sacred obligations
to the native peoples of New Guinea".
How, as a matter of simple, literal
fact, have those obligations been ful-
filled?

Has any system of village-school
education been operated, apart from
the missions? No! Has any scienti-
fically-designed system been put into
operation (as in Papua), to ease the
impact of European civilisation upon
the social organisation of these
primitive peoples, and so preserve
their simple culture, their village in-
stitutions, and their lives? Nothing
has been done. Has the Government
taken steps to train selected natives
as native medical practitioners, on a
systematic plan, so as to improve
native village health and hygiene, as
has been done in every other Pacific
territory, from Papua right across to
the Cook Islands? Not a thing has
been done.

But the Government has permitted

many, many thousands of primitive natives to be engaged and transported long distances, to be housed in barracks and used as labourers for plantations, mines, wharves, etc.; and returned to their villages at the end of three years with a fragmentary and improper knowledge of the ways of the white man and of "civilisation". There is nothing seriously wrong with this system, so long as it is intelligently and scientifically handled, and the effect on native life of the return of discharged labourers to their villages is controlled. Under present conditions, it is not controlled and is having a disturbing and deplorable effect.

There are competent, trained men in the Territory, quite capable of governing it in a manner creditable to Australia, and satisfactory to those who put "native welfare" in the forefront of their considerations. But we shall have the present unsatisfactory conditions so long as professional politicians rule at Canberra, and send ex-politicians and ex-soldiers to act as administrators in the Pacific.

Were it not that control of New Guinea is absolutely necessary to Australia, as a defence barrier against Asia, there might be an agitation for a return to German control.

As it is, we can say that the idea of allowing any other nation to control New Guinea is intolerable to Australia; and that Germany is not making the return of New Guinea a major issue, anyway. We have expressed that opinion a dozen times; and, from information received during the month from many authoritative (including German) sources, we repeat it.

The sensationalist newspapers of Australia—and they nearly all are in that category now—have been featuring "Germany's demand for the return of New Guinea" almost daily, and the politicians have added their defiant squeals to the general clamour. It can be ignored, almost wholly, as newspaper stunting. Germany, naturally, will lay emphasis upon the enormous wealth of New Guinea, actual and potential, when colonies are under discussion; but that will be done to strengthen her position when her demand for territory is focussed, ultimately, upon a slice of Africa.

British investors in New Guinea and Western Samoa may sleep in peace.

We say it with regret. It would have been a very good thing if fear of losing New Guinea had scared Australian politicians into some semblance of real activity in New Guinea, along lines of clear-cut policy.

As we go to press, and since the foregoing was written, the Prime

Minister of Australia has formally announced, in unequivocal terms, that Australia does not, and will not in any circumstances, contemplate the return of New Guinea to Germany.

Oil Found

In Dutch New Guinea

From a Special Correspondent.

SAMARANG, Oct. 14.

IT is no longer a secret, now, that the operations of drilling for oil in Dutch New Guinea have met with good success.

At the first trial, oil was found at no greater depth than 120 feet.

Further investigations are proceeding. The future of this enterprise seems to be very hopeful.

"GUBA" TO FLY TO SYDNEY

THE Archbold expedition's big flying-boat "Guba", will leave Hollandia (north of Dutch New Guinea) early in December, will call at Port Moresby on December 3, and then will fly south to Sydney and Melbourne, and will return a few days later.

Mr. N. A. Osborne, of Island Exploration Co., returned to Papua by airliner on November 9.

FIJIAN NATIVE FARMERS

Carry Off District Prize at Suva Show

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, Oct. 20.

THE most interesting feature of the Fiji annual show, held in Suva in mid-October, was the fact that the competition for a collective district exhibit was won, with a very fine display of produce, by a group of native Fijian farmers, from the districts of Rewa, Naitisiri and Tailevu.

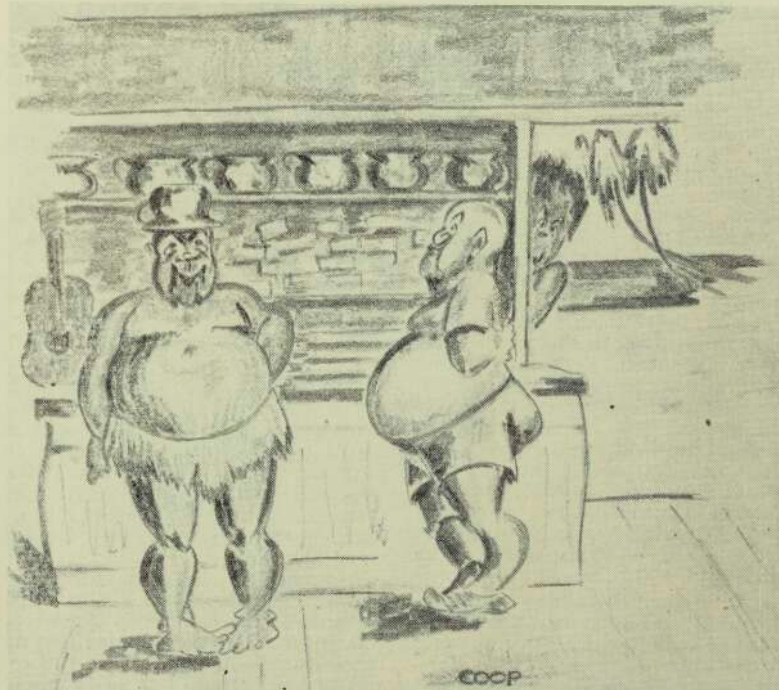
This was regarded as sound evidence of the growing interest of the Fijians in agricultural industries.

It was noted, however, that although most of the large Indian population are peasant farmers, they made very few exhibits at the show.

Outstanding features were the display of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co.; an exhibit arranged by the Department of Mines, indicating the growing importance of the Fiji gold industry; examples of what is being done by entomological science to control tropical pests by the introduction of parasites; and a display of the small copra driers which have been operated so successfully in different parts of the group.

It is to be regretted that the exhibition did not attract more outside attention. The outside world should be given more information about the unlimited resources, and the wealth, actual and potential, of this important Crown Colony.

OFF BEATEN TRACKS IN THE PACIFIC—IV.



"All right, Ori—have it your own way!"

LAE MAY BE CHOSEN

How Otherwise Explain Public Works Activity in N. Guinea?

AN extraordinary situation exists in regard to the selection of a new capital for New Guinea, and the construction of a road to connect the Morobe goldfield towns with the port of Salamaua.

Officially nothing has been done since Mr. Hughes, four months ago, rejected the Griffiths Committee's recommendation of Lae, and then saw his own selection of Salamaua rejected by the Commonwealth Government.

Repeatedly, right up until he lost the administration of Pacific Territories, in the Cabinet re-shuffle at the beginning of November, he told frequent inquirers that the "search for a new capital was proceeding diligently", and that the surveys of four or five alternative routes for the proposed roads were nearing completion. He indicated, on October 18, that the Middle Bitoi route (practically direct from Salamaua to Wau) was favoured.

But nothing has been done—officially. The Administrator has gone away on four months' leave, and Canberra, when asked questions, is merely evasive.

It was assumed by many that Canberra is stalling for time, being unwilling to undertake heavy expenditure in New Guinea until it could be sure that it would hold control of New Guinea. A more likely explanation is that Canberra finds itself embarrassed by the need for providing a large portion of the £500,000, which is the estimated cost of the new administrative establishment.

IN FAVOUR OF WAU

In these circumstances, there has been pressure in favour of the selection of

Wau. It is pointed out that, if the road is built between Wau and Salamaua (the finance for which is being provided by the big companies in what is virtually a compulsory loan), the administrative establishment could be placed quickly and very much more cheaply at Wau, where a town system already is in existence, and has not to be carved out of the jungle.

But, in the meantime, there has been extraordinary and unexpected activity at Lae (the original choice of the Griffiths Committee).

Our correspondent at Lae reports that, since early October, there have been surveyors and chainmen, assisted by teams of native labourers, at work there. "Traverses", he says, "have been run everywhere". He further reports:—

The new capital design is like a spider's web, the headquarters being in the middle (for the flies to walk in!) and roads radiating from it. One may call it wheel-shaped.

Writing by airmail on November 10, he says:—

"There are now six surveyors busy at Lae, each with a gang of boys.

"The construction of the Markham road (from Lae up the Markham) is now proceeding seriously, and all the material is on the job for the necessary bridges. We now can drive five miles up this road, over temporary bridges.

"There will be a deviation of this road, about 5½ miles out of Lae, towards the proposed bridge-head, over the Markham River (from which point, according to the Griffiths plan, the road will run along the coast 18 miles to Salamaua).

"Some of the surveyors, in conversation, have praised the suitability of this Lae area for the purpose of laying out a town.

"A representative of the Department of Forests is also here at present, looking into the timber position".

The foregoing indicates that, whatever Canberra may think and say, the New Guinea administration is very much on the job, and is doing everything possible in the way of preparation. Once Canberra can make up its mind, no time will be lost in New Guinea.

PROBLEM OF THE ROAD

Probably, if Lae is favoured, the real problem is the route of the road. Canberra, undoubtedly, wants to get on with the development of New Guinea. If the road goes direct from Salamaua to Wau (and thus gives the goldfield cheaper transport), and the capital is at Lae, then communication with Central New Guinea will have to be either—

(a) Along the proposed coastal road to Salamaua; then over the new direct mountain road to the Bulolo Valley; thence via the Watut, by a new road, to the Upper Markham—a circuitous and expensive arrangement, so far as Central New Guinea is concerned.

(b) By a new road to be built straight up the Markham Valley into Central New Guinea, ignoring the Lae-Salamaua and the Salamaua-Wau roads.

It is a headache for the authorities. They may seek to compromise by adopting the Buangs route for the Wau-Salamaua road. It is longer than the Middle Bitoi route, and would be correspondingly more expensive for freighting; but it would serve the need for a Lae-Central New Guinea route, as well as providing road communication between the goldfield and Salamaua. The Wau miners, however, seem determined to demand the shortest and cheapest route

(Bitoi, or thereabouts); and the action of the New Guinea Administration in mopping up about £400,000 of gold royalties, during the past ten years, instead of using the money for roading, as originally intended, gives the miners now a strong claim for special consideration.

Miss M. Hodge, of the Methodist Mission, Salamo, Papua, is now in Sydney on leave.

Lieut.-Colonel Neville Sneyd Bertie Clay died at his residence in Papara, Tahiti, on October 17, aged 74. The greater part of Colonel Clay's military career was passed in India. When he retired, after distinguished service, he settled in Tahiti. He was greatly respected and beloved by those who knew him intimately. His passing has taken from the British colony at Tahiti one of its most valued and esteemed members.

NORTHWARD BOUND



Mr. L. G. Millward sailed from Sydney for Port Moresby, Papua, by the "Macdhui" on November 2, to join Australasian Petroleum Co. Ltd. He will be engaged in geological work.



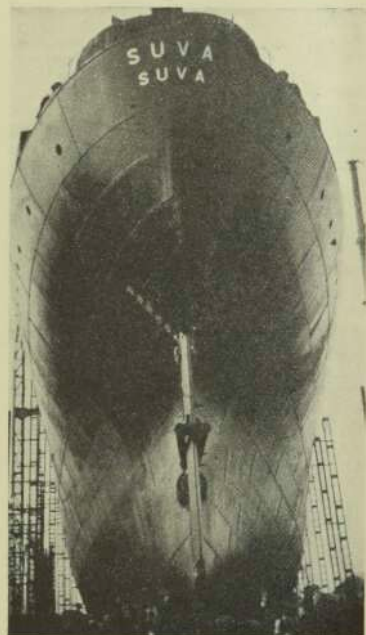
Father Muller, of the Marist Mission, left for Rabaul, N. Guinea, by the last "Macdhui", after spending several months leave in Sydney. He later proceeded to Bougainville Island, where he is engaged in Mission work.



Mr. A. K. Pringle, of the geological staff of Australasian Petroleum Co. Ltd., departed from Sydney early in November for Pt. Moresby, Papua, on the last "Macdhui".



Father Boell, a new Sacred Heart Missionary, sailed from Sydney for Pt. Moresby, Papua, by the November "Macdhui".



Unusual snapshot at the launching of the new steamer, "Suva", recently, built in Europe for the Carpenter Line.

TREASURE BOOK OF RAIVAVAE

Secrets Given to Honolulu Scientist

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, Oct. 10. MR. J. FRANK STIMSON, of the Bishop Museum of Honolulu, has returned to Papeete after a three months' sojourn in the Island of Raivavae (Austral Group), situated 450 miles south of Tahiti.

Raivavae is one of the most fascinating islands in the South Pacific, not only because of the beauty of its countryside of mountain and valley, and the exquisite colouring of the surrounding waters over far-flung coral reefs, but because of the gracious simplicity of unspoiled native life, its history and legend, and the many ancient temples and stone images along the coast and in the jungle of the interior.

One hundred years ago, when they had been taught the art of writing by the missionaries, the high chiefs of Raivavae resolved to ensure the unimpaired transmission of their ancient learning to their descendants.

A big blank book was brought from Papeete and the elders, the priests, the wise men and the former chiefs of the Arioi set themselves at work to record chants and legends, invocations and rituals of ancient religions, chronicles and myths of mighty warriors and heroic expeditions.

No white man has ever looked within the covers of that book. Many a traveller and wandering scientist has sought, by persuasion and bribery, to gain access to its riches—without avail.

Mr. Stimson by some magic has prevailed upon the guardians of the book to make transcripts of much of the material written therein, for use by the Museum. These acquisitions will add much of value to the literature of Polynesian antiquities.

20 YEARS A QUEEN

Pageantry in Kingdom of Tonga

NUKUALOFA, Oct. 20. THE week in which the 20th Anniversary of Queen Salote's accession to the throne was celebrated, was crowded with pageantry and colour, such as are beloved by the Polynesians. The following is the official programme:—

Tuesday, October 11.
9 a.m.—British Agent and Consul calls on Her Majesty.
9.30 a.m.—Her Majesty's Ministers call.
10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.—Public call on and pay their respects.
11 a.m.—At Flagstaff, when speeches will be made and all Schools and Colleges will march past.
Afternoon.—Sports at Government College grounds.

Wednesday, October 12.
9 a.m.—Presentation of and homage by Her Majesty's subjects.
Afternoon.—Faisas.

Thursday, October 13.
10 a.m.—Official Opening of Agricultural Show.
Friday, October 14.
Show, all day.
A Regatta will be held on any suitable day.

Sunday, October 16.
Thanksgiving services in all churches.
(See photographs on Pages 13 and 49.)

NOT TREASURE HUNTING

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, Oct. 23. THE Cook Islands Trading Co.'s schooner "Tagua", Captain Andrew Thompson, is not after all on a treasure hunting expedition (as suggested in the September "P.I.M."). She was chartered for a three months' cruise by a resident of Honolulu, who joined her at Suva, cruised on her through the Cook Islands, and arrived at Tahiti early in October.

The "Tagua" left Papeete on October 18 for Samoa, to connect there with the Matson liner "Monterey", on which the charterer will return to his home in Hawaii.

A WARNING!

Japanese Squadron off New Guinea During Crisis

THE following was published, as a cablegram from Sydney, in the "New Zealand Herald" on October 8:—
"It is reliably reported in Sydney that during the European crisis last week a squadron of Japanese cruisers was observed off New Guinea. The Defence Department confirms the report, but is exceedingly reticent regarding the affair".

Certain well-known New Guinea residents, late in September, sent their families to Australia hurriedly by the mail planes, and the Territory buzzed with reports of Japanese warships close at hand.

The Australian Government has maintained its usual silence, and the Australian newspapers have been dumb; but it is as plain as anything can be that for a couple of days (September 27 and 28) Australia, and all British and French Territory in the Western Pacific, was in deadly danger. The Japanese were ready to attack; the Anglo-French fleets were needed in Europe; and the only thing that could have saved us from being over-run by immensely superior forces of Asiatics was the American fleet, now based on Hawaii.

The danger passed; but it should serve as a warning.

BIG GAME FISH

Club Formed at Rarotonga

From Our Own Correspondent.

RAROTONGA, Oct. 15. FOUR enthusiasts have formed the nucleus of a Big Game Fishing Club Messrs. H. Scott, F. Story, L. Morel and T. Pickering.

In the late afternoons and week-ends their small sailing-boats can be seen far out at sea. They report exciting encounters with sharks, albacore, swordfish and barracouta.

They anticipate in the near future the purchase of a club boat, which will be equipped with sleeping quarters, engine and sails. Then the local Zane Greys will be ready for any size of scaly monster of the deep.

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NEW HOTEL FOR PORT MORESBY



The Hotel Moresby, which will be opened for business in the middle of November.

—Photo. by Gibson.

NEW RADIO STATION ON PITCAIRN IS.

AN article, describing the introduction and erection of a radio transmitting station on Pitcairn Island by Mr. Granville P. Lindley, a philanthropic American engineer, was published in this journal in June.

We now have received a letter from Mr. Lindley, wherein he says:—

"I want to take exception to the last paragraph in the article, which reads as follows: 'Mr. Lindley said the young folks are anxious to go places and see things. No wonder, for the monotony of the life on the island is deadly'.

"I realise this was not printed through any fault of your own, because this same wording appeared in one of the New York papers. I never made this statement, and had the New York paper that printed it retract it. This statement, if it was made at all, was made by my associate, and when we arrived in New York the press confused our names.

"I would like this corrected, and in turn I would say that the people on Pitcairn are a hard-working, religious people, and are very appreciative and are contented with their island home.

"I was one of the engineers who helped to erect the new radio station on Pitcairn, and it has proven to be a great help to the islanders, especially in contacting ships that ply the trackless waters of the Pacific between Panama, New Zealand and Australia. Weather reports, etc., are given out by Operator Andrew Young, and recently, when the false rumor of typhoid on the island was spread, Young was able to get assistance and correct the error by letting the world know that the report was false.

"The station has sufficient power, because of the ideal location Pitcairn affords for radio, to be heard all over the world. The writer's home in Rhode Island, U.S.A., is about 7,500 miles from Pitcairn, and it may be surprising to know that here at my home, on a short-wave receiver, I quite often hear Andrew Young's voice. Since my return to the States, I have talked to the Chief Magistrate and others on the island several times.

"I am especially fond of the people of Pitcairn, and have set up such a friendship with them that I hope to return there some time in the near future and bring to these people more modern equipment, such as a water supply system, and to introduce an up-to-date method which will enable them to haul out their longboats at Bounty Bay with less liability of accidents and casualties".

The schooner-rigged 48 ft. "Lorna D." recently departed from the Pacific coast of America on an extended South Seas cruise.



TOP: Andrew C. Young, Operator of Radio Station VR6AY, at Pitcairn Island.

BELOW: The Christian family: From left: Ivan Christian, son of magistrate; Mrs. Ada Christian, wife of magistrate; Chief Magistrate Richard Edgar Christian; Warren Christian, the elder son of Magistrate. Front row: Two grandchildren, Esma and Errol Young. Since this photograph was taken in May, 1938, Esma has died. She was taken ill, and because medical aid was not available, her sickness proved fatal.

—Photos. by Granville P. Lindley.

MISSION SISTER DROWNED

From Our Own Correspondent.

THURSDAY IS. Nov. 8.
SISTER MARIETTA, of the Sacred Heart Convent, Thursday Island, was drowned near Hammond Island, in Torres Strait, at the end of October.

Together with Sister Baptist and Mrs. Jacobsen, she was being rowed from Hammond Island to a launch. Heavy seas capsized the dinghy, throwing the party into the sea. Sister Marietta was drowned, her body being found some time later. The two other women were rescued and taken to Torres Strait Hospital, where after several days' treatment they recovered.

Captain Georges Virolle, who has been living on a plantation in Tahiti for 10 months, arrived in Sydney on November 10 by the "Pierre Loti", en route to China.

COPRA

Some Factors Which Affect World Markets

BY F. W. BURKE, OKOKOLO, PAPUA

NOW that the European situation is more settled, those interested in copra begin to ask: When will the price of copra rise, and what will it rise to?

There is no subject discussed half so much in the Islands at the present time, and one hears all kinds of conjectures.

But it is still a mystery to many, why the price of copra has fallen to such levels. First the American oil-tax was blamed; then the American depression; then the European situation. Unlever can always be blamed, when nothing else can be thought of.

The European situation is settled, the Americans are struggling through—yet the recovery in the security markets has as yet had little effect on the fat and oil market.

However, by making a study of the reports issued by the U.S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and those of the British "Industrial Chemist", one can see the trend of the copra market. The most important and significant trend in 1937-1938 was the swing from coconut oil to a palm kernel oil, and the shift from tallow to palm oil.

According to the Bureau's report, 112,000,000 lbs. of palm kernel oil were used in the soap industry alone, as compared with 26,000,000 in 1936-1937. This sharp advance directly paralleled a drop in the consumption of coconut oil. Whale and fish oils continue to replace other soap-making materials, the production of tallow has considerably increased, and the stocks of hogs for slaughter are larger than the supplies of last year. Stocks of grease were larger than in any of the three preceding years.

Production of domestic vegetable oils has been very much higher in the last crushing season, due to the large cottonseed crop and record supplies of vegetable foods. Supplies of whale oil on hand are larger than have been the case in recent years, and it is probable that in 1939 more whaling will be carried on under the American flag than has been done in recent years. If the whaling season proves to be a good one, production will continue to be on the high level of 1937-38.

Reports on imported oils indicate exceptionally heavy arrivals of copra in the United States and Cebu, and an unusually good crop is expected for the year, unless low prices discourage production. Stocks of coconut oil on hand were twice as large as a year earlier, and were the heaviest on record since 1934; and, as consumption has fallen, there is every indication of a further increase in stocks.

Coconut oil was a very important factor in the production of glycerine during warfare, but the synthetic process of manufacturing it from sugar is now so perfect, and cheap to produce, that the Japanese have large stocks ready for export over and above that required for their own use in the present conflict with China, and it can be shipped for less than the cost of extracting glycerine from coconut oil.

Another factor is a new and serious competitor to coconut oil—namely, Babassu oil, because of its close resemblance to coconut oil, has attracted attention as a substitute for coconut, but only during the past year or so. The oil is

produced by crushing the nut of the Babassu palm, which grows wild in Brazil in great abundance. The Babassu kernels yield 65 per cent. of oil.

The production of Babassu oil to-day is small, and is yet only a minor competitor of coconut. Production, however, is being encouraged by the Brazilian Government, to meet the ever-increasing demand for the oil. It is reported that thousands of tons of Babassu nuts rot on the ground every year in Brazil, and so this industry, fostered by the Brazilian Government, appears to be a potential tonnage competitor of coconut in the years to come.

As to the future prospects of the oil and fat market, statistics indicate that larger stocks of oils and fats will be available. This outlook apparently accounts for the present low prices of fats and oils, and there is no indication of any substantial rise for some time to come.

A DEMAND FOR ANNEXATION

New Guinea Residents and Mandates System

ALL European residents of New Guinea at present are signing four copies of a petition, which states:—

"We, the undersigned residents of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, hereby forward our petition for the annexing of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea by Australia, and protest against any suggestion that this Territory be handed back to Germany".

One copy will go to the King, one to the British Parliament, and one to the Australian Parliament.

The petition is receiving universal support: and its purpose is being assisted by public meetings in all parts of the Territory.

This strong agitation, no doubt, will be noted when the Four Powers (Britain, Germany, France and Italy) meet to make a more definite European settlement, and Germany advances her inevitable demand for colonial territory.

Meanwhile, it may be noted that the general belief, that "Mandates" represent territories held in trust from the League of Nations, for ultimate disposal elsewhere, is quite wrong. The "Rabaul Times", in a timely article, quotes Mr. Amery, formerly Secretary for the Colonies, and an acknowledged authority:—

"Germany ceded her colonial territories as completely and irrevocably as she ceded Alsace-Lorraine or the former German territories which are now part of Poland. She ceded them by Article 119 of the Treaty of Versailles, not to the League but to the principal Allied and Associated Powers. These Powers proceeded to divide these territories between themselves by mutual agreement. With that division the League had nothing whatever to do".

Mr. Amery explains how the League came into the picture. The Allied Powers wished to make it clear to President Wilson and to the world, that the ex-German colonies were not being taken over for exploitation, but for their own security and it was the intention to administer them in the interests of the inhabitants; documents, embodying these undertakings were submitted to the League and it was agreed that annual reports should be made to the League.

RABAU PUBLIC MEETING

There were 300 at the public meeting in Rabaul on November 1, when resolutions opposing any suggestion of handing back New Guinea were passed.

Hon. J. C. Mullaly presided, and delivered the principal address, and others who took a prominent part included: Hon. R. Melrose (President of the Public Service Association), Hon. R. L. Clark (President of the R.S. & S.I.A.), Mr. R. Youlden (Public Service Association), Mr. D. Davies (President, Business and Property Owners' Association), and Mr. S. E. Costelloe (Citizens' Association), Hon. C. R. Field, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Walker-Flynn, and Mr. R. L. Solomons.

Mr. W. E. Grose, president of the Planters' Association, also signed the resulting petition.

Sir W. Carpenter Draws a Comparison

Nearly three years ago, Sir Walter Carpenter, head of Messrs. W. R. Carpenter & Co. Ltd., delivered an address in which he argued that, for strategic as well as economic reasons, Australia could not contemplate the return to Germany of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

"There has been advanced the plea that a German country in the Western Pacific might constitute a valuable buffer between Australia and Japan", said Sir Walter. "Against that, we see the recent rapprochement between Japan and Germany. . . There are reasons enough why Australia should maintain a constant vigilance on her equatorial frontier. There are equally strong reasons why the Germans should not, under the new conditions, return to their position of influence in the Pacific".

"I delivered that address nearly three years ago", said Sir Walter, this week, to the "P.I.M.", "and I looked anxiously to Australia, and especially to New Guinea, for some support for my arguments. But there was not a word from New Guinea. The only public interest they showed there, at that moment, was a readiness to support a German shipping line and German traders, as against British institutions.

"To-day, however, the whole of New Guinea is demanding—and rightly so—that Germany's demand for New Guinea be resisted, and asking for annexation by Australia. Yet the circumstances are exactly the same as I outlined three years ago—except that may be the possibilities are a little clearer.

"Is it any wonder that one becomes a bit cynical regarding 'public movements'?"

Sharp, Deadly Epidemic in New Hebrides

ON August 27, the second doctor at the French hospital at Port Vila, Dr. Montfort, assisted by a Fijian N.M.P., Peni Tuidraki, was sent urgently to the island of Tongoa, in New Hebrides, to deal with what appeared to be a malaria epidemic, which was causing numerous deaths among natives on the island.

Dr. Montfort found that a great many villages had been stricken by the disease, with rapid and deadly complications, but in some cases, where the villages were better situated than others, the people had resisted the onslaught of the disease.

Dr. Montfort left Tongoa on August 30, leaving instructions and medicines

CANNED PINES

New Industry Started in Tahiti

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Oct. 24.

THE recently constituted Societe Industrielle Agricole de Tahiti will begin operating its factory for the canning of pineapples on November 1.

The Company will despatch, this season, 10,000 cases of this product to France, to fill contracts already negotiated. Sample shipments of canned Tahitian pineapples have established the Company's product in the favour of buyers, and the full season's output has been taken at a price only two francs per case below that of the well-advertised Hawaiian canned pineapple.

Plantations of pineapple in the districts of Papara, Vaiari and Mahina are being extended and will come into full bearing in 1939, when the Company will be able to produce 30,000 to 40,000 cases. By virtue of contracts with native landowners, the Company plans to double the acreage of pineapples each year.

The operating plant is equipped with the finest machinery of the latest pattern; enabling the Society to manufacture at minimum costs.

The success of this newly-established industry may be a deciding factor in the future welfare of these islands. The reduced prices of copra and vanilla, and the practical extinction of the market for pearl-shell, make imperative new agricultural undertakings and experiments; for agriculture is the sole foundation of the economy in this colony—so far as the native Polynesian is concerned.

ISLANDS AIR TRANSPORT

Rabaul-Kavieng Service Likely

THE new aerodrome which is being laid out at Rapindik, Rabaul (referred to elsewhere) represents an important step in aviation development in New Guinea.

As soon as it is complete, Carpenter Airways will prepare a regular aeroplane service between Rabaul and Kavieng (Northern New Ireland).

New aerodromes now are being planned at Kavieng and Namatanaf (in New Ireland) and Buka Passage and Kieta (Bougainville).

The next step, probably, will be an aeroplane service between Rabaul and Tulagi (in the Solomons) via Bougainville and one of the northern towns in the Solomons.

with Mr. Nottage, the missionary on Tongoa.

At the request of Dr. Herivaux, Dr. Montfort made an investigation in Tongoa into the spread of the tubercular germ. This should contribute much to important work being undertaken at Port Vila by all the New Hebrides consultants of the French hospital, concerning tuberculosis in New Hebrides.

A dividend of 1/- a share (the third) payable on December 8, was announced by the chairman of Loloma (Fiji) Gold Mines, N.L. (Mr. P. F. Cody), at the third annual meeting in Melbourne on November 11.

As Their Neighbours See Them

Dutch Opinion of Australians in Papua and New Guinea

IN "Koloniaal Tijdschrift" (the periodical of the Netherlands East Indies civil servants) Dr. F. T. Marijn has published articles about the Civil Service in Papua and the Mandated Territory.

After giving a description of the frame of government in both territories, he compares the task and the economic and social conditions of the civil servants in the Australian colonies with those in the Netherlands East Indies. He thinks that salaries and living conditions compare unfavourably but that, on the other hand, the regulations for recreation leave and long leave are more attractive than in the Netherlands Indies, where every six years a furlough of eight months is granted, with paid-passage to Europe and a little more than half-pay.

"What is the most striking quality of the Australian civil servants?" he goes on; and thus replies:

"There are several: Their great soberness, sportivity and practical ideas of government—they all seem to love the country and like the people of New Guinea. Inspection tours and expeditions are physically very heavy. There are no rest-houses—at least, not in the sense of the word as we use it. They mostly camp, or pass the night, in a so-called 'rest-house', a building in native style without any furniture or comfort.

"Very frequently, they must cut their way through the woods or follow native tracks, right onto a hill and straight down again—tracks of the kind that made the Italian explorer, d'Albertis, sigh that he preferred the climbing of Mont Blanc to that of a 400 metres hill in New Guinea. And he had experience of both.

"Physical hardships do not seem to count very much with them and, although their theoretical knowledge of native custom law is small, they all have a practical and enviable knack in applying it to native problems.

"But their first quality seems to be perseverance and the great devotion with which they fulfill their task".

INTER-ISLAND VESSEL FOR FRENCH OCEANIA

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, Oct. 19.
MR. LEWIS HERSHON, who is the majority shareholder in the Societe Industrielle Agricole de Tahiti, and proprietor of an extensive estate in the island, is sailing, with Madame Hershon, by the "Friday" for Suva, where they will join the M.V. "Aorangi", for San Francisco.

Mr. Hershon is visiting the States for the purpose of negotiating the delivery of a 200-tons cargo and passenger steamer for inter-island service in French Oceania. This steamer is to be operated by a locally-formed French Company, between Papeete and the Leeward Islands (Ralatea, Bora Bora, etc.).

It is a modern, up-to-date vessel, having comfortable accommodation for passengers.

From time to time, the Company will send the steamer on voyages through the several groups of French Oceania.

B.S.I. BRIDE



MISS M. MCGARVEY arrived at Makambo, British Solomon Islands, by the "Malaita" on October 25, and she was married there at the end of the month to Mr. J. Mitchell, Chief Engineer of Burns Philp (S.S.) Co.'s new motor vessel "Mamutu".

LABOURERS RETURN TO FIJIAN MINES

DIFFICULTIES which have been experienced at the Tavua goldmines, Fiji, have been overcome. Word has been received in Sydney that the Fijian native labourers have returned to the Emperor and Loloma mines, and are working under the old conditions. Operations are proceeding normally.

SCIENCE VERSUS FLIES AND BEETLES

Java Parasites for Fiji and Samoa

THE Dutch Airways airliner brought to Sydney on November 9 several hundred black beetles addressed to Mr. W. B. Gurney, entomologist of the N.S.W. Department of Agriculture, for transshipment to the next outgoing Matson steamer to Suva. The beetles are parasitic enemies of the common house fly.

Mr. H. W. Simmons, of Cremorne, Sydney (says "Sydney Morning Herald") is searching for insects to combat the rhinoceros beetle in Fiji and Western Samoa, and also for parasitic enemies of the house fly. The Department of Health has undertaken the safe storage of the insects in Australia and their quick despatch to the Pacific Islands.

The Carpenter airliner recently carried to New Guinea a number of parasites known as *Pleurotropis parculus*, a very small wasp, and a natural enemy of a coconut pest which has recently damaged plantations in New Britain and New Ireland.

5,000 TONS OF TAHITI COPRA

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Oct. 19.

THE cargo steamer "Granpark" arrived at Papeete on October 11, to lift copra which had accumulated during past months.

The urgent demands for the chrome and nickel ores of New Caledonia by the metallurgic industries of France, have taxed the cargo space of the Messageries Maritimes steamers that little room has been available for Tahiti copra, and accumulations here reached 5,000 tons. It was necessary, therefore, to charter a special steamer to transport this cargo.

The entire production in French Oceania is marketed in France.

Rev. H. Shelton, of Ulu, New Britain, is now in Sydney on leave.



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Dutch Planes in Papua and T.N.G.

To Assist In Oil Search

AUSTRALIAN Federal authorities have approved of the introduction into Papua and New Guinea, by Dutch interests (the K.N.I.L.M.), of three aeroplanes—two Douglas Amphibians and one Fokker aeroplane—for charter work for the companies seeking oil in the Territories.

The planes are to operate in the Territories as visiting aircraft, and the approval that has been given covers the use of the machines for purposes of aerial photography and for air transport operations directly associated with the exploration work of the companies that are prospecting for petroleum. But they are not to be used in any other air transport or commercial activities.

The approval in the case of the Fokker is for its use in the Territories for a period not exceeding 12 months and, in the case of the Douglas Amphibians, for a period not exceeding two years. If necessary the periods may be extended, if the merits of the case warrant such a course.

CUP SWEEPS IN T.N.G.

REPORTS show that there were sweeps on the Melbourne Cup wherever Australians congregated in New Guinea. Some winners:—

New Guinea Club sweep, worth £145, £40, and £20. First prize: E. L. Eglinton.

Salamaua sweep, worth £100, £30 and £5. First prize: S. G. Neal (Lae).

Kokopo sweep, worth £27, won by Martin Hitipipeuw.

TRANSPORT SLOW IN FIJI

Plea for Better Mail Services

From Our Own Correspondent.

THE principal island of Fiji, Viti Levu, is now served with a good road, which runs right around the coast; yet it still takes practically a week to send a letter from Suva to Lautoka and get an answer.

This is not the only example of a slow and inefficient postal system. More than two hours after an overseas mail has been delivered at the Suva post office, lessees of letter-boxes may be seen dancing with impatience in the lobby, awaiting the sorting. The post office building itself is small and antiquated.

These matters were brought before a recent meeting of the Suva Chamber of Commerce by Mr. Alport Barker, and it was agreed to make strong representations to the Government. The Government has spent money freely on new buildings and roads, and it is contended that the postal services could be speeded up.

Fiji is the richest and most populous territory in the South Pacific and, in the circumstances, it is surprising that no enterprising young man with a good aeroplane has established himself there, and sought transport work with mails and passengers. Several have gone to New Guinea.

An attempt was made to establish aerial services in Fiji some six years ago; but that was in the depth of the depression, and the enterprise failed.

The three-tons American yacht, "Marie", which was in Fiji in October, arrived in Sydney early in November. She is manned by Captain Frank Dona and his brother.

AUSTRALIA'S TERRITORIES

Canberra Duties Transferred from Mr. Hughes to Assistant Minister

IN a re-arrangement of Cabinet duties, on November 7 the Australian Prime Minister transferred the responsibility for Islands Territories administration (New Guinea, Papua, Nauru and Norfolk Island) from the Minister for External Affairs (Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes) to Mr. J. A. Perkins (Minister assisting the Prime Minister).

On November 8, owing to a row in Parliament, Mr. Perkins became Minister for Customs and Colonel E. J. Harrison, as Assistant Minister, took charge of Territories.

The Territories will not suffer from the change. Mr. Hughes has been su-



Colonel E. J. Harrison.

pervising their administration for nearly a year; and, while he has been responsible for an extraordinary amount of talk, and activity of a tall-chasing character—so that New Guinea and Papua have been "front page" news in Australia almost every day—he has accomplished practically nothing. Mr. Hughes is a world-famous man, with a remarkable gift of picturesque speech, and Papua and New Guinea always will be glad to have known him. But they will be more glad to have, as their Minister, a man who can give a decision within a reasonable time, and who has some inclination to attend to the minutiae of departmental administration.

Colonel Harrison held a minor post in the Commonwealth Cabinet on a previous occasion. He is a highly-respected man, of pleasant and engaging personality; he has unusual ability and vision, and he has a sufficient regard for duty to give Islands residents an assurance that the numerous matters referred on their behalf to Canberra will receive prompt and careful consideration.

Mr. David Campbell, an employee of New Guinea Goldfields Ltd., Wau, New Guinea, married Miss Betty Linn, of Messrs. W. R. Carpenter and Co. Ltd., Wau, on November 5. The wedding party flew by aeroplane to Salamaua for the ceremony. Both Mr. and Mrs. Campbell came from Glasgow and are widely travelled.

Watches for Christmas

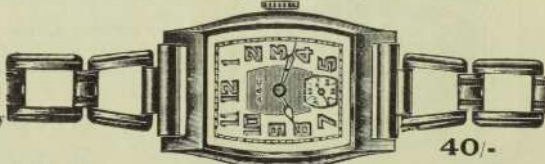
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TROPICALITIES

A TALL tale, related by a Fijian, was repeated to the Pacific Island Club on November 2, by Mr. R. H. Lester, of Fiji, who addressed the gathering on "The Fijian—Yesterday and To-day".

By accident, a native fisherman upset his canoe in the water outside an island reef. Each time he tried to swim ashore the current carried him out to sea again. All day long he swam, until near evening he was close to the reef, only to be thrust back again. For a week this battle with the sea was waged, until the swimmer finally managed to reach safety, only to find when he dragged himself ashore, that he had barnacles all over his body as a result of his long immersion in the water!

A NOTE from another world-wandering newspaper man—this time, Hakon Mielche, artist and special correspondent for a group of Danish newspapers. He has been recently in South America, the United States (16,000 miles in 33 States), Spain and Czechoslovakia.

"An American reporter, a good friend of mine, was killed by a bomb in his car a few days after I left him on the Tervel front, in Spain", says Mr. Mielche. "They did not try such dirty tricks on us in the South Seas, so no wonder I prefer the Islands—even the reef around Vanikoro, where we left the poor old 'Monsunen'."

The English translation of Mr. Mielche's book about the "Monsunen" expedition has been published in Britain and America and has been very favourably reviewed.

A STRANGE story comes from Tonga, which, if true, will probably have the effect of rendering those blessed lotus isles more sought after than any other part of the earth.

The story is that a woman living in one of the villages of Tongatabu, who can look back upon a century's existence already, appears to have determined to make a fair start in her second century, and is cutting a new set of teeth. Whether this strange development of second childhood has rendered the use of teething powder necessary, history does not state, and we do not know whether the old lady suffers from convulsions, or is given a ring to bite on. It is also recorded that a young man, living in the same place, rejoices in the possession of a double row of teeth, "set sharkwise"; but that the old lady's performance has lowered his status in the village life.—F.T.G.

A FIJI District Commissioner and his wife, on a trip through the country, came to a native village, where a mother had died, leaving a young orphan. The Commissioner's wife, taking compassion, decided to adopt the mite.

Some time later, two native women came to see the infant. It lay asleep on a mat. "Ah, little child, you are a white baby now, and when you grow up you will not talk to us", sadly reflected one. The other interrupted: "He is a white child now; he cannot understand Fijian. Speak to him in English". Her companion nodded wisely, and, bending over the infant, said: "Goddam! Goddam! Goddam!"

HAVING spent 12 months in the Fly River section of Papua, engaged on an aerial survey, Captain Harold C. Crowley arrived recently in Sydney. He told a reporter that Papua, generally, was "a monotonous, dreary, interminable swamp"; and the newspaper headings laid emphasis on the "dreary swamp". Residents of Central and Eastern Papua will be pleased with the new advertisement of their country.

"OLD SEA-DOG" (New Guinea), in a bunch of Munchausen reminiscences, tells us that people who stammer often sing well. A deck hand on an Islands schooner (he writes) who suffered from an impediment in his speech

ran to the captain at the wheel during a storm and started, "P-p-please, s-s-sir".

"For goodness' sake, hurry up", said the captain, irritably. "If you can't say it, sing it".

The deck hand took a very long breath and sang:—

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot

"And never brought to mind,

"The mate 'e's fallen overboard,

"And 'e's half a mile behind!"

Mrs. Jean Stephens, who has been teacher at the Administration's European School in Wau, New Guinea, for a little over a year, arrived in Australia at the end of October with her small son. Her place has been taken by Mrs. Rossi, of Edie Creek, who has had considerable teaching experience in Queensland.

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ABOUT ISLANDS PEOPLE

Rev. R. W. Challis, of the London Missionary Society, Rarotonga, arrived in Sydney recently en route to the Cook Islands, after several months' leave in England.

Mr. E. J. Sutch, Assistant Secretary to the Western Samoan Administration, and Mrs. Sutch, returned to Apia in October after a honeymoon trip to New Zealand.

Mr. A. A. Ragg, who has retired after 34 years in the service of the Fiji Government and who, with Mrs. Ragg, has left on a world tour before settling down in Fiji, was paid many tributes by 80 civil servants, at a gathering in Suva in October. Speeches in praise of Mr. Ragg's many good qualities were made by Messrs. H. C. Fryer, C. R. Turbet, A. B. Ackland, and T. W. Wignall, and Mr. Ragg was presented with an illuminated address.

Rev. J. T. Field, of the Methodist Mission, died recently at his home in Melbourne, Victoria. He was one of the pioneer Papuan missionaries in 1891.

Hon. T. Nevitt, M.L.C., of Papua, has arrived in Brisbane, where he is seeking medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lotze, well-known residents in the Solomon Islands, arrived in Sydney recently by the "Malaita" on a holiday visit.

Miss E. Semple, of the South Sea Evangelical Mission's head station at One Pusu, Malaita, B.S.I., passed through Sydney in October en route to New Zealand, where she will spend three months' furlough.

Brother George Richards, who arrived in Sydney recently by the "Malaita", left for New Zealand on November 11. He has been engaged in work for the Marist Mission at Visale, B.S.I., and will spend furlough in N.Z.

Jan Farlow, small son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Farlow, of Buka Passage, N. Guinea, was greeted by his grandmother, Mrs. Stafford Lowe, of Wairoa, when he reached Sydney with his mother by the October "Malaita".

Mr. W. Clark, and Miss D. Read, of the South Sea Evangelical Mission, arrived in Sydney in October from B.S.I. Miss Read, who is stationed at Afio Girls' School, South Malaita, later went to Melbourne. Mr. Clark, who lives on the east coast of Malaita, will proceed to N.Z.

Mr. Douglas C. Chalmers, formerly well-known in Fiji, died recently at Auckland, N.Z. Born in Levuka in 1886, he was educated at Levuka Public School and in New Zealand. After five years in the Fiji Civil Service, he studied law at Auckland University College, qualifying LL.B., in 1908, and LL.M., four years later. He practised in Fiji from 1909 to 1910, then went to N.Z. as Law Lecturer at Auckland University College. In 1930, Mr. Chalmers returned to Fiji to establish the legal practice of Chalmers and Rice, of Lautoka, Nadi and Ba.

Mr. Roy Robson has been elected to the Thursday Island Town Council, replacing Alderman G. F. Runcie.

Mr. F. Jaeger, with Mrs. Jaeger, arrived in Sydney from New Zealand in November. Mr. Jaeger has had 28 years' experience of tropical agriculture. He owned and very successfully managed his own cocoa-plantations in Samoa, and has had practical experience, also, of coffee cultivation, rubber growing, and copra production. In recent years, he has made a world tour in the course of which he has studied the latest methods of tropical agriculture. Mr. Jaeger is open for engagement in connection with Pacific planting enterprises: his address is C/o. General Post Office, Sydney.



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The service has been a great boon to Islands residents generally, especially in the transport of urgent cargo. The planes have carried everything, from medical supplies to seedlings, from engine parts to parasites bred to attack coconut pests. Persons seriously ill have been able to get south to Australian specialists in a few hours. New Guinea residents, disliking the international outlook on September 28, thanked God for the aeroplanes, into which they hurriedly loaded their families. New Guinea letters are now read within a week, where formerly six and seven weeks were needed.

The whole tempo of business life in New Guinea and Papua is being changed; while the use of the aeroplane and the teleradio is removing the terrors of isolation from the life of the planter in the outer islands.

The airmail service, plus the introduction of fast, modern vessels like the "Macdhui" and "Bulolo", is going to have a profound effect upon industrial development in the territories. The men engaged in gold-mining in New Guinea and oil-drilling in Papua, to whom time is money, are travelling by airmail to an increasing degree, while those with more time to spare have the benefit of faster ships.

The same applies to tourist traffic. Oversea tourists are coming to Australia in increasing numbers. Those anxious to see New Guinea, but who have not time for the voyage by steamer, now use the aeroplanes. By flying, they can see a great deal in a fortnight, and even in a week.

It seems certain that Carpenter and Co. will be obliged to duplicate the service within their first year of operation. Already, the weekly service cannot cope with all demands.

The annual synod of the Methodist Church in Fiji was held in October, and the reports disclosed the progress of interesting work among both Fijians (who readily accept Christianity) and Indians (who cling very stubbornly to their own religions). During the past year, in the 10 Fijian schools, the students increased by 28 per cent.; and, in the 13 Indian schools, by over 12 per cent.

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 Club Gathering, Tuesday, December 6, Hotel Carlton, Sydney.

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MORAL LAPSES IN SAMOA

Spirited Reply to Missionary's Slanders

Letter to the Editor

YOU probably have noticed a newspaper report of a speech in Sydney by a former missionary of the London Missionary Society in Apia, Rev. C. G. Stallan. It was made to a luncheon gathering and published by the "Sydney Morning Herald" on August 31 under the captions: "Evils of Modern Civilisation—Drink, Gambling and Pictures in Samoa—Missionary's Fears".

We saw the report; but, as we considered it silly, and so inaccurate and prejudiced as to convey an entirely wrong picture of Samoa, it was not referred to in this journal—Ed. "P.I.M.".

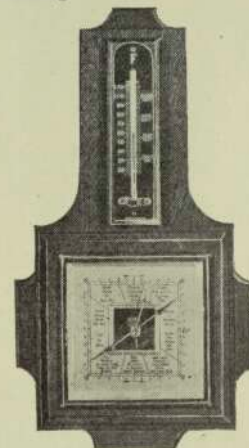
The contents of this article have aroused surprise, and indignation in Western Samoa—though it is not clear whether the remarks by Mr. Stallan refer to American Samoa or to the Mandated Territory of Western Samoa. As far as the latter is concerned the allegations are wholly unjustified and either imaginary or the product of a strangely perverted viewpoint. In the local newspaper, a former missionary has already replied to Mr. Stallan's address, and refuted same.

Mr. Stallan contends that the Samoan race is being demoralised by drink, racing, gambling, boxing and the cinema, and that the influence of religious teaching is weakening. He says that drinking in American Samoa, among the natives, started with the repeal of prohibition in U.S.A.

It is a well-known fact that home brewing and drinking among natives started only after the New Zealand Government introduced—with the hearty consent of the missions—prohibition in Western Samoa. Only recently the Hon. Tamasese, in a speech in the Legislative Council, deplored the bad effects of prohibition on the young Samoan generation. But, after all, nobody can say that drink is an outstanding evil amongst Samoan natives. There are

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certainly some sly-grog shops, and "faamau" home-brew novels on the Apia water-front—mainly serving the entertainment of visiting sailors.

As regards racing, the efforts of the Apia Turf Club are to stimulate among the natives interest in horse-breeding and love of animals—a very necessary education for the Samoan, who is from sheer ignorance often inclined to ill-treat and abuse his horse. Gambling among natives is almost non-existent.

The promotion of boxing among the Samoan youth, undertaken by leading Europeans and also by the Marist School Brothers, has had a very good effect on the Samoans, teaching them the value of good sportsmanship and fair play.

The cinema in Apia, where there exists only one picture theatre, is regularly censored before being shown; and, as the morals of the natives are decidedly more liberal than those of the white man, there is considerable room for doubt whether any harm can possibly be done to native morals, even by a picture with an uncensored Mae West as star. We in Samoa think that Mr. Stallan could speak with authority on this aspect.

Mr. Stallan believes that the influence of religious teaching among the Samoan is weakening. This is also disputed; but, if conceded, whose fault is it? The old type of missionaries, who brought Christianity to Samoa and educated the natives in the moral principles of religious thought, gave also an example to their native flocks by leading themselves a Christian, moral and unblemished life. More recent arrivals on the missionary field do not seem to follow in the footsteps of their predecessors, and, while preaching morality to others, are moral offenders themselves. Mr. Stallan probably knows of the case of a certain missionary in Samoa (who has since left the country) against whom serious allegations of immorality and moral lapses were made, which were the common talk of his Samoan congregation, and served seriously to undermine respect, not only for the missionary himself, but also for his fellow mission workers, and white residents generally. And, though the case was hushed up by superior influence, and the offender left Samoa, it is not forgotten—particularly as, shortly afterwards, similar allegations were made against another missionary, who also had to leave Apia.

Samoans are not exactly fools, and are surprisingly quick in observing and sizing up the white man—not only by his words, but also, and particularly, by his deeds, and his mode of life. The Rev. Stallan will, therefore, understand when I close this letter with the famous and fitting quotation: "O si tacuisses".

I am, etc.,

VERITAS.

Apia, Samoa, 21/10/38.

"OXFORD MOVEMENT"

JUST in case you do not know—we did not, until gently corrected by an official of the Anglican Church—there are two movements: an "Oxford Movement", which is 100 years old, and an "Oxford Group Movement", which is of very recent appearance. The "Oxford Movement" is more commonly known as "the Catholic Revival in England", and the "Tractarian Movement". The "Oxford Group Movement" is of American origin, and has been much publicised. When, in last issue, we referred to the "Oxford Movement" at Samarai, we meant, of course, the "Oxford Group Movement".

TWENTY YEARS A QUEEN



TOP: A photograph taken on October 11, 1918, when Princess Salote, then a young girl, was formally crowned Queen of Tonga. Beside her is Prince Tugi, her consort.

MIDDLE: A photograph taken on October 11, 1938, shows Queen Salote speaking through a microphone to her assembled subjects. Behind her is Prince Tugi and beside him Chief Justice Stuart.

LOWER: British returned soldiers lined up before the Queen, while Mr. Greg. Nielson delivers an address on their behalf.

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New, deep-digging dredge, No. 5, at work on Bulolo flats.

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area during the past eight years, and won an enormous quantity of gold.

Nos. 3 and 4: Further down Bulolo, at Bulwa, near junction with Watut. They also have done highly profitable work. No. 4 was digging her way into the Watut; but recently she got into a rich patch of ground, and apparently is to remain there until it is cleaned out.

No. 5: This is the first deep-digging dredge (40 ft.), located near 1 and 2. Recently completed, and apparently operating satisfactorily.

No. 6: A small dredge, digging to about 26 ft., located on the flats near Wau. This is a very successful installation—the little dredge does not appear to have stopped since it was started last May.

No. 7: This is a deep-digger—a replica of No. 5—and is located in the same area.

No. 8: This, as yet, is little more than a location, on the Watut, near its junction with the Bulolo. It had been intended to shift part of No. 1 to No. 8 location, and build up another dredge there; but No. 1 meanwhile, is operating very profitably, so No. 8 plan is held up, for the present. Probably, it will be gone on with when No. 7 is completed.

It is not proposed, at present, to bring in any more dredges.

In addition to the dredges (six now working and one nearing completion), this successful company is carrying on hydraulic sluicing, on the Bulolo flats, above the power-house.

The quantity of gold which this concern is recovering, for the benefit of its shareholders, and for New Guinea generally, must be worth not less than £700,000 per annum; and it will be substantially increased when No. 7 is operating.

The other big Company, New Guinea Goldfields Ltd., still is operating at Edie Creek, Golden Ridges and on the Koranga-Bulolo area, and is recovering, in the aggregate, much gold. Its operations keep a very large staff employed, and contribute a healthy amount, in the way of royalties, etc., to the Territory revenues, but the shareholders have had only an occasional dribble of dividends in the last ten years.

Mr. and Mrs. Herd arrived in Apia, Western Samoa, by the last "Maui Pomare". Mr. Herd has been appointed Crown Solicitor in place of Mr. R. V. McKay, who has left the Territory for New Zealand.



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THE NEW GUINEA ROAD AND THE "P.I.M."

Letter to the Editor

IT is generally recognised here that your magazine is the mouthpiece of the vested interests in this Territory and it is often stimulating to get the other fellow's point of view. Chiefly for that reason, the boycott did not do you as much harm as it should and, for the same reason, you probably will not have much to worry about with regard to circulation, while the battle for the road and against high freights and charges is on.

Your article in September, "Monopolies in New Guinea" leaves one in a state of bewildered indecision—whether to weep with you over the pathetic situation of a world helpless in the grip of the money power, or to continue in a state of amazement at your naivete, for do you really think that the big firms carried on during 1929-1934 from altruistic motives, or that they lost one penny piece by doing it?

At any rate, if the money power is to devour us all eventually, and the people named in your article represent it as you seem to infer, there is no sign of that defeatist inhibition in this community so far, and we hope to cause some more violent indigestion before we are finally assimilated.

Turning to other articles in your September issue: Mr. Hughes is well able to defend himself from journalistic attack, and it is to be hoped that he can do so against the Parliamentary pack, most of whom are, I am afraid, only too prone to dance to the piping of that ogre, the money power.

Mr. Hughes was not up here very long, but Mr. Fairbairn had a much quicker look, as you say. Mr. Hughes has passed the stage when he can have axes to grind. Mr. Fairbairn probably has no need to, but he has friends who have, and most people here think that his statements were impertinent and mischievous in the light of the auspices of his visit, and the sum of his experience.

You say you are not anti-road. Stevenson said: "There is nothing so monstrous but we can believe it of ourselves". By frequent asseveration I think you have almost come to believe it. You know that the primary object of this road is to cheapen costs on the Morobe goldfield, so that it can continue to carry the baby for this Territory, but do it a little easier than during the past three or four years. Without cheap transport the life of the field, as a whole, is not 15 or 20 years, but more like five.

Your anti-road outlook appears when you insist that it should be led round some circuitous route which you know would bring haulage costs around about the same as the existing murderous airfreights. You have said so. And all in order to open up some problematical agricultural and/or pastoral project for the Ramu and Markham Valleys, forsooth!

The Markham Valley had a road once at a cost of £40,000 but it never appeared to open up anything beyond a gap in revenue, and a void in the landscape where it once existed.

Your anti-road aspect appeared in your celebrated circular, when you expressed solicitude of the danger of the big firms being taxed to pay for it when you knew they were not likely to be asked to pay anything (I leave out the suggestion of the equitableness of their being expected to contribute something to the country's development as beside the point). Your anti-road attitude bobs

up again when you persist in clouding the issue in connection with the road and the capital by grouping both proposals together, by stating that Salamaua cannot be the capital but that Lae might and thereby inferring that the road, by devious meandering should be led there—a proposal that you know would kill the road through excessive cost alone. It is shown again in your circular, where you stated that £150,000 would go nowhere in its cost and that any direct route was impracticable and impossible on account of landslides, rain, and general maintenance costs. This without any practical knowledge of the country and despite examples of roads at higher elevation in wetter countries throughout the world. I think that should be about

enough to show that, to my mind, your anti-road attitude amounts almost to inspiration in all your writings on the subject.

The question appears to be whether to expend a fairly large sum for the immediate benefit of a going concern that has shown itself capable of repaying the expenditure over a very short period, if necessary, or of expending what ultimately will be a much larger sum upon experimental development, much of which will necessarily be of the nature of trial by error and which will have to be paid for by the goldfield anyhow. Given direct cheap transport, the goldfield can foot the bill, as heretofore, until the new industries can stand on their own feet—if ever. Without it, in a very short time, you will have neither gold-mining nor agriculture, so take your pick.

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to be held back in order to keep a number of antiquated aircraft in the air, and I am afraid that we are going to have that road in spite of you all.

I am, etc.,

NORMAN DICKSON.

Lower Edie, T.N.G., 21/10/38.

NOTE BY THE EDITOR

I fully understand and sympathise with the Mining Association's demand for a direct road to Salamaua; but, right from the beginning, I have urged that the bigger consideration—that of providing arterial roads for the development of permanent industries in New Guinea—should take precedence over the smaller plan of building merely a local road, for the benefit of the goldfield only. I concede Mr. Dickson's point that it is necessary to keep the gold industry alive in order to establish other industries; but I do not trust politicians, and politician-administrators, and I fear that if the Mining Association's organised and timely clamour is stilled by the building of a local road, that will be the end of developmental road-building in New Guinea.

However, I do agree that, if the choice is between a direct Wau-Salamaua road, or no road at all, then we must have the local road, and hope for the best.

I am just as much entitled to say that the direct road may be a super-expensive and dead-end liability, and the roundabout Markham Valley road a first step in a worth-while developmental plan, as Mr. Dickson is entitled to argue in the opposite direction. However, I am glad that the "P.I.M." has been given a chance to publish his pointed and pithy letter. We both, I hope, are seeking the same thing—the greatest good of New Guinea.

Surely, the Australians in New Guinea must realise that, if Australia does not do something worth-while to develop New Guinea as a whole, Australia inevitably will lose New Guinea—no matter how much hot air may be belched by Mr. Hughes.

I get very weary of the insinuation contained in the first paragraph of Mr.

Dickson's letter. At intervals, ever since I established this journal, I have been told that I am owned and controlled by "the big firms"—this, presumably, because I refuse to attack the big firms at the behest of every man with a grievance. I am indebted to principals of all the big firms operating in the Pacific for courtesy, encouragement and practical help in the shape of advertising; but (I repeat it here for about the twentieth time) I have never been compelled or even asked to surrender my independence, editorial or financial, in any shape or form, and any man who doubts my assurance is invited to examine the share register of Pacific Publications Pty. Ltd. It is a private Company, and I hold 601 out of 607 issued shares.—R.W.R.

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THE BOYCOTT

Declared "Off" at Wau

From Our Own Correspondent.

WAU, Oct. 20.

THE boycott of Carpenter interests, started by the Mining Association because of a report that Carpenter influence was being used against the road plan, continued in more or less haphazard fashion until to-day, when it was declared "off". This followed receipt of a radiogram stating that Sir Walter Carpenter was understood to be subscribing £25,000 towards the £150,000 loan for the construction of the goldfields road.

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Mrs. Sprott passed through Sydney on her way back to Ysabel after a year's furlough spent in Europe. She visited Wellington, N.Z., as the guest of her late husband's uncle, the former Bishop of Wellington (Dr. T. H. Sprott).

Mr. and Mrs. Sprott joined the Mission in 1916. The first three years in the Pacific were spent on Gela. In 1919, after repeated efforts to secure a change elsewhere for health's sake, the Rev. Rudolph Sprott died. His widow continued his work. A frail little woman, Mrs. Sprott's physique gives no indication of the indomitable spirit that has helped her to carry on all these years, and win the affection of the native people of Ysabel.

Shortly before her departure, last year, her home was ruined by a hurricane. The house in which she dwelt was the gift of the women of the diocese of Lichfield in England, who have never forgotten the link that was forged between them and Melanesia by Bishop George Augustus Selwyn, first Bishop of New Zealand, and later Bishop of Lichfield. The dwelling was known as Lichfield House. With the hurricane came a plague of flying ants, and they completed



MRS. EMILY SPROTT.

—Photo.: May Moore, Sydney.

the devastation. By her own efforts Mrs. Sprott has raised £200, the sum required to repair the house, which she collected lecturing in England.

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This Government plantation, to be established near the Ransiki River, is to be regarded as a pioneer enterprise and experimental garden. It will enable the Government to get a clear and practical view of the possibilities of introducing private planters. It is not intended to compete against the Dutch New Guinea Company; but it seems that the latter has not yet at its disposal the necessary experts and plantation staff. In due course, the company may take over the Government's plantations, on which it has an option.

During the last few years, a commission of experts has been continually examining agricultural possibilities in Dutch New Guinea. Generally speaking, and in comparison with the other parts of the Netherlands East Indies, these possibilities are deemed unfavourable. At first, it was thought that some parts would be suitable for cotton-growing, but it has been proved that the idea that (for instance) the Momi plains (where the Japanese cotton estate is situated) could compete with the best cotton-grounds in other parts of the world, must be abandoned.

It is because of that that the commission has decided to experiment with growing of plantation rubber (*hevea braziliensis*). On this 1,000 hectares estate, experiments will be made with cotton, sisal, derris-root, etc. Labour will be imported from Java.—F.T.M.

ORIGIN OF TAHITI IMPORTS

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Oct. 20.

THE Governor of French Oceania by executive order, has promulgated various presidential decrees relative to the indication of origin of certain products from countries outside the French dominions.

These presidential decrees specify a long list of tools, implements, and articles of utility and ornament, hardware, and so forth; in steel, copper, zinc, tin, nickel or their alloys, polished or unpolished, varnished or plated with gold, silver, nickel or chrome; also articles of porcelain or other ceramic materials used in electric installations; all of which must comply to the requirements, in the decrees cited, relative to the indications of the country of origin.

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The decrees appear in the Official Journal of the Republic of France of June 3, 1937 (pages 6125 to 6128) and of August 11, 1937 (page 9065) and in the Journal Officiel of French Oceania of September 15, 1938.

Hon. J. T. O'Malley, Commissioner for Native Affairs in Papua, arrived in Sydney by the "Macdhui" in October, on leave.



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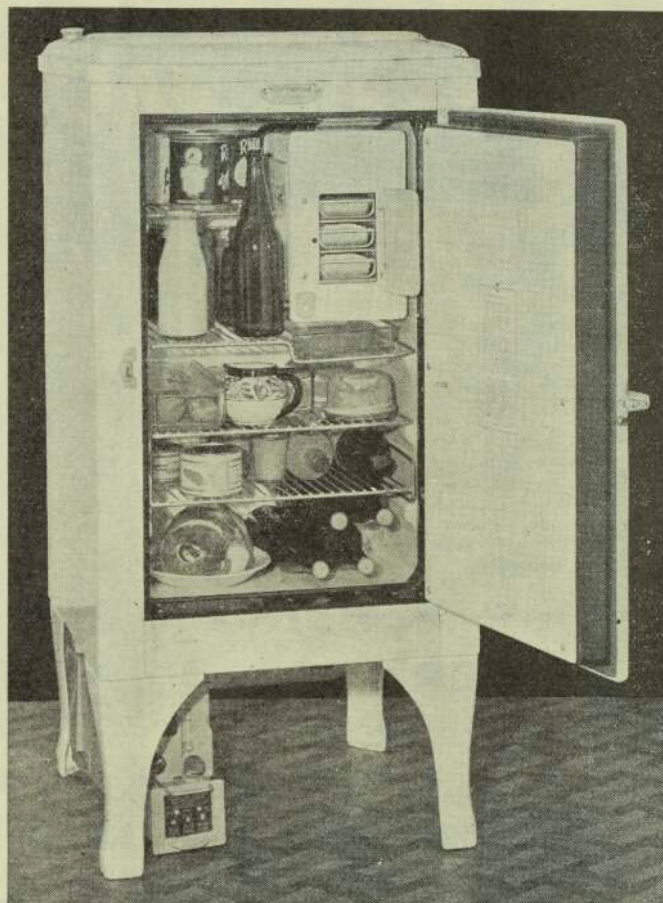
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Do Samoa and Cook Is. Face Calamity?

Fears of New Labour Administration May be Premature

MISGIVINGS have been expressed in the Central Pacific Territories, controlled by New Zealand, because the New Zealand Labour Government has been returned to office with a huge majority—which apparently gives it a mandate to do anything it pleases.

Those misgivings appear to the outsider to be a little premature. It would be wise to await events.

When, to everyone's astonishment, Labour went into office in N.Z. in 1935, they were a very raw team indeed, and their knowledge of the science of government—especially the government of tropical islands—could have been written with a minus sign. Some of the things they attempted to do in Samoa and the Cook Islands aroused the derision of all who knew anything of Pacific Islands administration.

But the Cabinet Ministers have been learning a lot, in the last three years; and they have had the honesty and decency to realise their errors and remedy them. That fact gives one some confidence in the future. It may not be as bad as some expect.

The ever-famous "Goodwill Mission", for instance, repatriated the Chinese labourers from Samoa, and bluntly told the desperate Samoan planters to use local labour. But when the Government found that, as the planters had stated, local labour was unprocureable, it permitted the recruiting of labour from Niue; and out of this acknowledgment a better system of providing Samoan plantations with labourers may be evolved.

The N.Z. Government, over-riding all advice from experienced men, put a semi-socialistic fruit marketing plan into operation in the Cook Islands. But, when the thing was found virtually unworkable, it acknowledged its mistake, and went sharply and drastically into reverse.

There were evils connected with the C.I. fruit trade—and not all on the side of the merchants—and out of all the confusion there now may emerge a more efficient system, operating more fairly for all concerned.

In Samoa, of course, there still is an administration tied in an embarrassing manner to the Nelson-controlled Mau. At first, this arrangement was an outrage on government. Mr. Nelson, having been rescued by the Labour Cabinet from the injustice and oppression he suffered under the old regime, seemed to think he had now a license to run the Samoan administration on peculiar Nelsonian lines; while the newly-organised Mau party insisted on sticking its nose into every department of the Samoan Government in a manner that hopelessly undermined most official responsibility. The situation that developed in 1936-37 was both Gilbertian and tragic.

But, month by month, that has been changed. Mr. Nelson, a year ago, found that Wellington was not giving the same heed to his demands and recommendations—at any rate, when there was any suspicion that he was actuated by a spirit of revenge and malice. The Mau-dominated Fono of Faipule is being more firmly kept in its place by the Government, and has become correspondingly tamer.

Taking it by and large, the political situation in Western Samoa is improved, as a result of a better understanding by the N.Z. Labour Ministers of their obligations and responsibilities. One sees evidence of that in the decision to retain Mr. Braisby in Samoa as officer in charge of the police. The announcement, two months ago, that he was being removed, had all the ear-marks of a Mau intrigue, working successfully upon Wellington.

The return of the N.Z. Labour Government may not be, for Samoa, Cook Islands and Niue the calamity that is feared.

GRIEVANCES AND FEARS OF EUROPEANS

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Oct. 10.

THE grievances and fears of European residents in Samoa were set out in the N.Z. Parliament, when the Sa-

moa Bill was under debate there some weeks ago.

We believe that the new laws are only another development of Labour's disastrous policy of pandering to all demands of the Nelson-Mau party however unreasonable they may be. We refer especially to the abolition of the right of the Administrator to confirm or refuse Faipule appointments, and the waiving of exile and deportation as punishment for political offenders.

The contention of the Government member, Mr. O'Brien, that the reason for discontent of European planters was that they had to pay 4/- per day to Samoan labourers is made ridiculous by the fact that European planters are able to procure Samoan labourers at a wage of 1/6 per day.

That the Mau police is "helping to keep order" is another illusion of the N.Z. Labour Government. The Mau



police, who have usurped the right to stop and interrogate Europeans on the public roads, are unnecessary and useless.

Europeans in Western Samoa have no representation in the N.Z. Parliament. The planters have received most unfair treatment from the N.Z. Government, which has deprived them of most of their Chinese labourers, and decreed higher wages for the remaining Chinese, without guaranteeing them a fair price for their produce, as was promised by the famous "Goodwill" Mission in 1936.

A Minister, Mr. Langstone, made the outrageous statement that the prestige of the white in Samoa was placed on

too high a basis. It may be pointed out that while the prestige of the old white residents of the Territory is still upheld and high amongst the natives, the prestige of the N.Z. Labour Government's Administration and the officials is being systematically undermined and lowered in the eyes of the natives by N.Z. Labour Ministers.

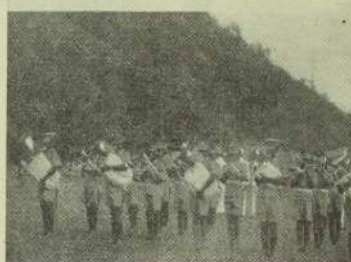
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POLICE MEDALS PRESENTED IN NEW GUINEA

From Our Own Correspondent.

RABAU, Oct. 24.

THE Acting Administrator (Hon. H. H. Page), on October 18, invested Inspector W. B. Prior and Sgt.-Major Naduba with the King's Police Medal,



TOP: Acting Administrator conferring medal upon Inspector Prior.

MIDDLE: Conferring medal upon Sergeant-Major Naduba.

LOWER: The Native Police Band.

for distinguished service. The ceremony took place on the police parade ground at Rabaul.

For the first time, the Native Police Band appeared in public, and the manner in which they played the various regimental music was a credit to War-rant Officer Crawley, who had been training them for four months.

Hon. H. W. Champion, C.B.E., Government Secretary of Papua, returned to that Territory in October, after several months in Australia under medical treatment. Mr. Champion is now in good health.

Mr. A. Murison, of the staff of Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd., Samarai, Papua, has resigned to join the staff of the Government in Port Moresby. His place has been filled by Mr. Noble, who has been transferred from the Company's branch at Townsville.

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WE have received the following letter from Mr. Richard Archbold, leader of the American scientific expedition which is now at work near the North Coast of Dutch New Guinea:—

I have read with interest Mr. J. Williams's article in the July issue of the "Pacific Islands Monthly".

Most of the article I find well-written and correct as to fact, except for the last three and a half paragraphs (which suggested that oil interests were supporting the expedition).

As some official comment reached me, I would be very pleased if you could correct this statement. While I am "a Standard Oil heir", I no longer have any active interest in it or in affiliated companies. Nor is there anyone on the expedition with an interest in oil. The expedition is interested in making scientific collections of mammals, birds, plants and insects.

The expedition has spent two very productive months in the field, the first spent around Lake Habbema and the second ranging up to 4,500 meters, on the slopes of Mt. Wilhelm.

The party has secured specimens of a number of new species and find the fauna very abundant for these altitudes.

THE "GUBA" AT PT. MORESBY

The giant flying-boat, "Guba", operated by the Archbold Scientific Expedition, arrived in Port Moresby from Dutch New Guinea in the charge of Pilot Rogers and a crew of four on October 11, for the purpose of picking up an automatic pilot equipment which has arrived from America.

Tests of the new equipment were made by Mr. Rogers on the following days, and not being entirely satisfied, he flew the "Guba" south to Cairns on October 14 for further adjustments. Messrs. P. H. Leich, H. G. Nicholson and K. Frank, of Port Moresby, accompanied Pilot Rogers to Cairns. They returned to Pt. Moresby on October 19, and the "Guba" left for Hollandia on October 22.

AN "A.P.C." SUBURB

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Nov. 1.
THE newly-formed Australasian Petroleum Co. Ltd. (see article on page 36) have already commenced work on the group of 20 houses which they are building here for their large staff. The site chosen is near the golf links, on Lawes Road. The buildings comprise dwellings, laboratories, offices, etc.

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Condition of Pitcairn Islanders

Letter to the Editor

IN the October issue of your interesting journal, an article appeared entitled, "Physical Decline of Pitcairn Islanders", in which a statement was made by Mr. T. Cunningham: "The descendants of the 'Bounty' mutineer on Pitcairn Island have declined physically to a marked degree. It is only a matter of time before they will be extinct, owing to the constant inbreeding".

Possibly, you have noticed the cablegram that was published in the daily press, from London, in which a statement was made by J. M. Neill in his annual administrative report to the effect that "Despite inter-marriage there are no signs whatever of physical or

mental degeneracy among the Pitcairn Islanders".

From what we can learn from several persons who have visited Pitcairn Island in recent times, it is quite contrary to fact to state that the Pitcairn Islanders have "declined physically to a marked degree", and we would be glad therefore, if you would correct this in your next issue.

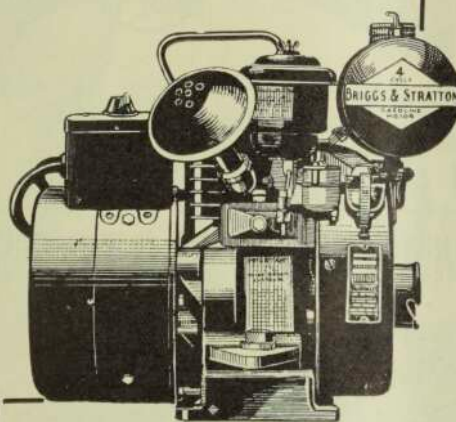
I am, etc.,

A. W. ANDERSON,
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EDITORIAL NOTE: Mr. Neill's statement is published elsewhere in this issue.

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TELERADIO SAVES TIME IN NEW GUINEA

MR. W. M. MIDDLETON, who has a plantation on an island 45 miles from Madang, New Guinea, and is now on a visit to Sydney, says that the introduction of the teleradio into the Mandated Territory has proved a great boon to planters, especially in time saving.

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Mr. Middleton said that, with the teleradio, he could ring up Madang and send a wireless telegram to a business house in Sydney. A few hours later, the reply could reach him. The teleradio had proved invaluable in sickness. More than once he had spoken by teleradio with a doctor in Madang, who had told him how to treat a patient.

The introduction of teleradio into the Mandated Territory by Amalgamated Wireless had been an inestimable boon.

Police Chief and Resident Commissioner

Sequel to Extraordinary Incident
in Rarotonga

AN incident that occurred in Rarotonga in March, 1938, had a sequel in the Supreme Court, in New Zealand, recently.

The new Resident Commissioner in the Cook Islands was Mr. S. J. Smith (since retired), and he acted also as Chief Judge. The Chief of Police was Mr. Albert Carlyon. Some important litigation was pending; and the Chief of Police, believing that the Resident Commissioner was acting in an improper manner in relation thereto, took the unusual course of entering the R.C.'s office under a search warrant, and seizing certain documents. Before taking this course, he conferred with the Police Commissioner in N.Z., by radiogram, at his own expense.

Mr. Smith then carried out formal inquiry into Mr. Carlyon's conduct on two charges of insubordination; fined him one week's salary; and ordered that he be immediately transferred to New Zealand, to the police service there. Mr. Carlyon was transferred accordingly. The charge of insubordination was upheld by the N.Z. Public Service Commissioner.

On September 29, Mr. Carlyon applied in the Supreme Court in Wellington to have quashed the decision of the Public Service Commissioner.

The statement of claim set out that Carlyon had been a police constable since October 18, 1926, and from December 24, 1935, acted as chief police officer at Rarotonga. He denied that he had been insubordinate, claimed that his action had been justified, and challenged the authority of the Public Service Commissioner.

Mr. Currie, who appeared for the Public Service Commissioner, said:

"It is stated that Mr. Smith prejudged the case (that was to come before him, as Acting-Judge, in Rarotonga), and also that he interviewed litigant beforehand. It is only fair to Mr. Smith, who is not present, that I should say very briefly that there is another side to that. Sworn evidence in the inquiry indicated that a native had come to Mr. Smith to consult him in his capacity of Commissioner and without indicating that legal proceedings were pending".

His Honour had said something about climate, and that, combined with the small number of Europeans, might have had something to do with Mr. Carlyon's extraordinary action. In the proceedings, Mr. Carlyon had been treated in a kindly manner. He had a good record in the police force and had been carefully selected for the position in Rarotonga.

On October 14, the Court upheld the appeal, and the constable's conviction for insubordination was removed from the records.

Mr. W. Links, one of the most popular residents of Apia, where he has been an assistant manager of Messrs. Burns Philp (S.S.) Co. Ltd., left Samoa last month for Sydney in search of medical treatment. Mr. Links for the last 14 years has occupied a prominent place in the social and sporting life of Apia, and he was farewelled by many friends at various well-attended functions.

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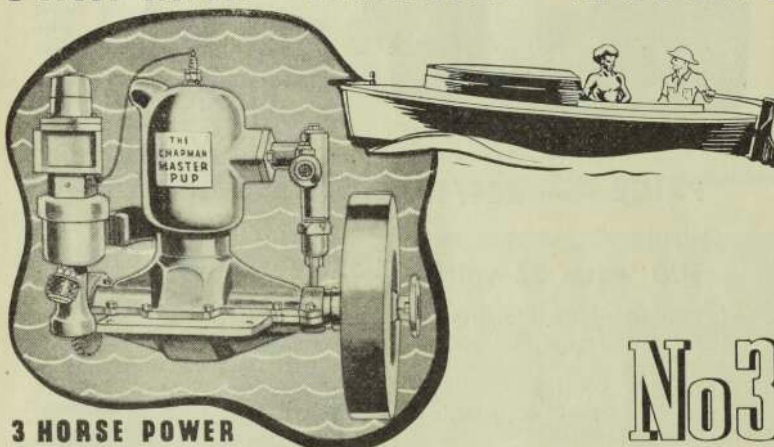
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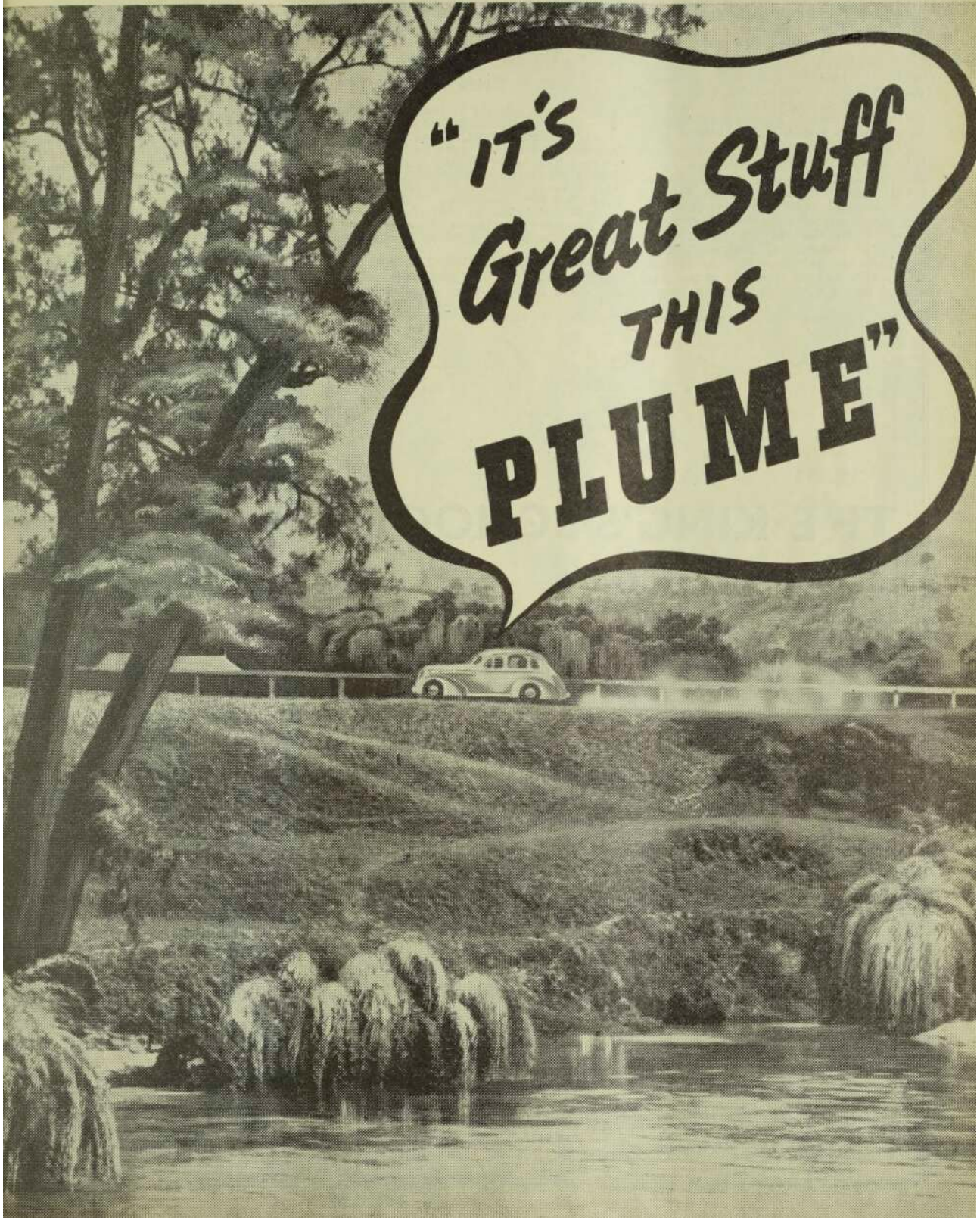
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SAMOA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Oct. 15.

THE elections for two unofficial members of the Legislative Council of Western Samoa are fixed for November 26. The present members are Messrs. A. G. Smyth and I. H. Carruthers.

The franchise has been very considerably extended. Every European resident, male or female, over 21 years of age, being a legitimate child of European descent, is now entitled to vote. The electoral roll, which comprised about 300 names under the old system, based on income or property of £200 per annum, will probably be composed now of some 800 to 1,000 names, of whom 75 per cent. are of mixed European-Samoan descent.

NATIVE EDUCATION AND CULTURE CONTACT

New Guinea's Failure to Evolve a Policy

IN a recent issue of "Oversea Education" (the Colonial Office official journal of education published by the Secretary of State) appear three interesting articles which cover similar ground in the widely separated territories of Rhodesia, the Union of South Africa, and the Territory of New Guinea.

It is interesting to note the similarity in the related problems of native education and social development in the three places.

THE RHODESIAS

THE article on the situation in Rhodesia deals in some detail with the

problem of education in relation to the native village—in face of the alarming exodus of adult male natives and their employment on European mining and industrial enterprises.

In permitting this unregulated exodus, it is pointed out that, in Rhodesia, as in New Guinea, "we are draining the native reserves of their brightest spirits and most useful citizens, and are thereby tending to hinder the course of native development".

While education (in its wide social connotation, and not merely as formal schooling on the European pattern) is powerless to prevent this situation, it can contribute in a practical way towards adjusting the village life to the new conditions. It is the old problem of social adjustment—a problem which has never before been met in such acute and urgent form as with the process of detribalising of native peoples in increasing contact with European civilisation going on at the present time.

Broadly speaking, the development of native agriculture, with groups of villages as co-operating units, under regular "educational" guidance and expert supervision (focussing upon schools with agricultural teaching bias) is suggested as a means of social stabilisation, and as a counter to the detribalising influences.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE article on the situation in the Union of South Africa consists of a summary by Professor A. Victor Murray, of the "Report of the Inter-departmental Committee on Native Education, 1935-36" (Government Printer, Pretoria).

The report deals fully with the vexed question of the relation of missions and government in native education and social development. It is concerned with what is and what might be; it is both liberal in its outlook, and radical and constructive in its suggestion. It deals not only with the aims of native education and the carrying out of those aims in the school systems, but with the practical problems of administration in relation to education. It looks to the school as the social development centre of the community it serves; deals with the urgent need for co-operation of all administrative agencies (medicine and agriculture, for example) in the educational programme; and with the problem of language; and generally lifts the whole question of native education out of its traditional utilitarian rut.

TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA

THE article dealing with New Guinea is by Dr. Raymond Firth, Reader in Social Anthropology at London University, a member of the Colonial Office Advisory Committee on Education, and an authority on the anthropology and administration of Pacific natives. It consists of a comprehensive review of the book by Mr. W. C. Groves (educationalist and anthropologist) published in 1936 by the Australian Council for Educational Research and the Oxford University Press, "Native Education and Culture Contact in New Guinea".

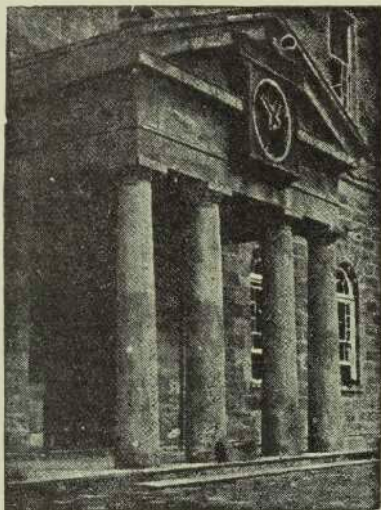
Dr. Firth, using the data of Mr. Groves' study, first presents the existing situation in New Guinea in relation to native education—practically the whole of the village educational work (apart from the special work of the Department of Agriculture, with its system of inspec-



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tion of village plantations and its agricultural training centre at Keravat) being done by the Christian missions, without oversight or direction by the Administration.

The special nature of the educational problem in New Guinea is next dealt with. Mr. Groves, in his approach to the work under review, says Dr. Firth, "was forced to envisage the native educational requirements in terms of the problems of small communities, separated by linguistic and cultural differences, dominated by simple agricultural and fishing interests, by extensive systems of exchange of goods, by complex funeral ceremonies, by a high regard for the ties of kinship; and having some external contact with the alien ways of Europeans".

"To such people . . . the ordinary school routine is meaningless; and even technical training in European crafts is of value to only a small minority.

"The author's general theme", continues Dr. Firth, "is the social content and aim of education. . . . It should aim at raising native standards of housing and hygiene; improving production methods and the food supply; initiating group and individual projects which will provide the native with means to acquire such European goods as will simplify his daily life and ensure greater personal comfort; giving instruction in the understanding and use of medical services.

"Mr. Groves' study of the desirable content and method of native education is excellent", continues the review. "He shows how the school must be supplemented by other mechanisms. He stresses the need in actual teaching to utilise the native background, and offers numerous valuable teaching suggestions. He insists that the village must be the real focus of educational activity, the people must be made to feel that it is their own school, and the scholars helped to fit in their lessons with their daily life. He would press into service here local native crafts, dancing and drama, initiation ceremonies and agricultural ritual, organise school fish-drives and copra-curing with adult assistance. Following up the technique used with such effect by Dr. Mimford at Malangali, he suggests utilising native elders as part of the teaching system. And he puts forward a systematic sets of ideas for the development of a body of native educational leaders.

"All these suggestions", says Dr. Firth, "deserve the most serious attention by any Government which realises intelligently its responsibilities to the native people under its charge.

"It is rare in a field affecting native interests to find a book in which the problems are so clearly envisaged, the theoretical and practical technique of analysis is so closely welded, and such carefully elaborated schemes of improvements are put forward. In spite of its regional title, the book should serve as a manual of reference for the study of primitive education in any situation of culture-change".

High praise, indeed, coming from such a source.

Rt. Rev. Octave Terrienne, M.S.C., who was recently consecrated in France as Bishop of the Gilbert Islands, arrived in Sydney late in October by the "Strathallan". He spent several weeks in Sydney before continuing on to the G. and E. Colony.

Mr. H. J. S. Allen, Acting Controller of Customs, Suva, has been provisionally appointed an Official Member of the Fiji Legislative Council during the absence on leave of Mr. J. M. Wilson, O.B.E., Comptroller of Customs.

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OF the 194 Pitcairn Island inhabitants moved to Norfolk Island just over 80 years ago, only two are alive to-day—Mrs. Seymour Buffett (affectionately known by everyone on N.I. as "Aunt Selina"), aged 82, and Mr. Parkin Christian, 85. The following interesting account of a recent interview with Mrs. Buffett appeared in a Sydney women's journal recently:—

ON June 8, 1856, the Pitcairners disembarked from the "Morayshire", the ship provided by the British Government to take them to N.I. Among the new arrivals there was a baby of a few months old in her mother's arms, happily unconscious of all the bustle and excitement and trouble of landing. That baby, Marian Selina Buffett, and one other Parkin Christian, then a very young lad, alone survive of all those born on Pitcairn. They naturally have no recollection of their Pitcairn home, but they grew up in a Norfolk Island that does not exist to-day, and they received first-hand accounts of the previous island home that their parents

had held so dear.

From the simplicity of housing on Pitcairn these people came to what to them must have seemed a magnificent city—houses, stores, churches, mills, plantations, well-made roads, and an excellent water mill and drainage system. There is no other instance in modern



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times where one society stepped straight into the habitation of another in this peaceful way. The first community, extremely simple, even primitive, having lived very close to Nature—the other, sophisticated, and having a settlement replete with all the comforts of that day—perhaps more than the general comforts, because the governors of the settlement had at their disposal convict labour to carry out advanced engineering schemes which were beyond the means of most communities.

It was in this settlement that Marian Selina Buffett grew up, and to-day at 82 years of age she can tell of that Norfolk Island which is now in ruins. She is Mrs. Seymour Buffett to-day, and in her home at Steele's Point she gave us the kindly welcome that we had been led to expect from her. Upright, alert, she presided at her table, and as we drank tea she gradually unfolded the scroll of the years.

"I was just a bundle in my mother's arms when we came", she said. "But they always talked of Pitcairn in those days, so I feel as if I know it".

"Tell us about when you were a child", we begged.

"I would never stop", she laughed. "Oh! but this was a fine place then. The houses were all lovely, and the gardens, beautiful. Every building was stately, even the prisons, and every house was beautifully furnished. We lived in Kingston, and our farms were in the coun-

try. It was a happy place. We were one big family. We had very little money, but what did it matter? We changed what we wanted with each other—and there was always plenty".

"But why did you let it go to ruin?"

"Well, we had very little money, as I told you". There was reserve in our hostess's tone, and we knew we were approaching dangerous ground.

"They took the houses from us, no one knows why", she said.

REV. GEORGE HUNN NOBBS guided the religious observances, and an intensely religious community supported him in his work. Nobbs was formerly an officer in the British Navy and had arrived at Pitcairn in 1828, aged 29 years. He threw in his lot with the islanders and acted as teacher and minister there for many years, married the daughter of Charles Christian, and devoted his life to the work of the church. Sunday was very strictly observed. No work was done; they went to church. A young Norfolk Islander to-day says: "I think they went to church all day".

There were two churches built at N.I. during the penal occupation—a Church of England and a Roman Catholic. Aunt Selina, staunch Church of England, as were all the Pitcairners then, says that "the Roman Catholic Church was lovelier than you can believe. It had windows and everything beautiful. So is St. Barnabas' beautiful. It is full of lovely things, too".

We cordially agreed, for the church built by the Melanesian Mission is an artistic triumph.

"I don't go out much now, you know", she continued, "but when I did go I always went to our church in Kingston. That's where we all worshipped and were christened and married. That's the church we love".

Then we heard how the first church they worshipped in was blown down in a gale, and the present church made in the big storehouse. The Roman Catholic Church, alas, was ruined by neglect, and, sad to say, with some human aid, for the boys of long ago broke most of the windows.

Since those days other forms of religion have come into use on the island. The Seventh Day Adventists are a large body, and the Methodists have their church, and there the old Pitcairn Island hymns are still sung.

AND here let us tell another story than Aunt Selina's, which was told us second hand, for the heroine of it died some years ago. It goes back to Pitcairn days.

When Admiral Moresby, of H.M.S. "Portland", visited Pitcairn Island in 1852 he was so much struck by the islanders and their pastor that he and his officers did everything in their power to forward the Pitcairn interests. It was on the "Portland" that George Hunn Nobbs left the island for England to be ordained. Mr. Nobbs took Jane, one of his young daughters, with him, arranging to leave her on the way to Valparaiso to be educated.

All these plans were carried out, but something else occurred which was unforeseen. A young girl on a warship is a rare occurrence, and when the "Portland" again took on board Mr. Nobbs and his daughter, the latter, who had left Pitcairn a shy girl, who knew nothing of any place but her simple island home, was returning a travelled young lady, and a very attractive one at that. She was fair as her English grandfather, with large blue eyes and flaxen hair. And the captain of the "Portland" fell

in love with her. She must have enjoyed that voyage enormously. The sailors made her a present—literally made it, for on board they fashioned her a cedar table, and a chest of drawers made in two sections like a sea chest.

She arrived back at Pitcairn with these most rare possessions for a Pitcairner, and with her troth plighted to the captain. He was to come for her as soon as his duties allowed. There was no easy communication in those days, and voyages were very long. The gallant captain sailed away, and his ship visited far waters before he could return to Pitcairn. When at last he did, after several years, laden with presents for his lass, he found her the wife of John Quintal.

And it was a Quintal home, and from the lips of Jane's grandchildren, that we heard the story of the first romance

of young Jane Nobbs, as they had heard it often from old Jane Quintal's lips. The table and the chest are still in the possession of the family.

THIS story has nothing to do with Aunt Selina Buffett, and she has so much to tell that we must return to her tea table. She goes back to the days of her youth happily, and we share with her the regret at the lost landmarks. She tells of the vegetable gardens where the golf links are now, and the many more pines that sheltered "the town". As she talks we can almost hear the old Islands songs being sung and see the lads and lassies dancing the Tahitian dances.

"They were lovely, those boys and girls", she says, and, gazing at her vivid, well-featured face, we believe her.

We hear of yam-digging time, when before daylight the men went out in



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"BOUNTY" DAY

"It was something like paradise then", Aunt Selina says, and there was the sadness of loss in her voice.

But she is too sturdy, this old lady of 82, to spend her time in regrets. There is some of the old fun and laughter in her voice as she tells of weddings and the wonderful celebrations which used to take place on "Bounty Day".

"They shouldn't drop that", she says severely.

"You keep up Anniversary Day in Sydney, and 'Bounty Day' is the same here, and should be kept up". We heartily agreed.

We told Aunt Selina that we had been to the school-house to see the wonderful model of the "Bounty" made by Mr. W. Allen, and we also told her that the "Bounty" gun, which lies neglected in front of the courthouse, merits more shelter and care.

"Any museum in the world would like to have that", we remarked.

"But they can't have it; it's ours", she responded sturdily.

Which is quite true. It belongs to the Norfolk Islanders, once the Pitcairners, and before that the "Bounty" mutineers.

Perhaps, they will gather it, and the few other remaining "Bounty" treasures, and the old, almost unique, convict treasures, in a museum of their own some day.

Death of Miss Lila Palusian

RESIDENTS of Pago Pago (American Samoa) will be sorry to learn of the death, on October 13 in Sydney, of Miss Lila Palusian, daughter of Vaiata, of Pago Pago, and late ward of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bowen, of Strathfield. Miss Palusian, who had been a vivacious member of the Polynesian Club's set at the Pageant of Nations in February, was a relation both of the Paatonu Taisi O. F. Nelson, and of the late Chief Tuimalea-lilifano.

The interment, which took place at Manly, was largely attended. The Polynesian Club of Sydney was represented by the president (Mr. L. Moran), the Chief tainess (Mrs. M. Missen-Garrett, of Rotuma), and thirty members. Before lowering the coffin into the grave, it was covered "faa Samoa" with a fine piece of tapa cloth from Pago Pago. After the final religious service, the Samoan farewell song was sung (Tofa mai feleni).

Miss N. Fagan, of the Melanesian Mission, will take temporary charge of the mission station at Torgil, New Hebrides, in the absence of Miss Erima Muir, who is suffering from a serious breakdown. Miss Fagan, who has recently completed furlough, was to have proceeded to Kum-bun, New Britain, but her place will be taken by Miss A. Piggot.

PAPUAN OIL SEARCH

Apinaipi Co.'s Operations

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Oct. 20.

THE field manager of Papuan Apinaipi Petroleum Co. Ltd., Mr. R. S. Haynes, who left here recently on a business trip south, stated that houses, roads and other necessary work on his Co.'s concession have been completed, and three scout bores have been drilled, while aerial surveys of the area have been made.

Two scout bores were drilled on the Apinaipi structure, and gas was encountered with a surface pressure of 250 lbs. to the sq. inch.

At the Olapu structure, No. 1 scout bore has reached 1,007 ft. Evidence shows that underlying strata contain gas and oil.

It is proposed now to test the area by deep drilling. Application has been made to the Commonwealth Government for the loan of deep drilling plant, and for a £ for £ subsidy. If the application is granted, the deep drilling plant will first be operated at Olapu and, later, at other locations.

The Co., by advertisement in Australian newspapers in October, offered another issue of shares to the public.

Rev. Dr. Guiseppe Capra, regius professor of the Universities of Rome and Perugia, who recently arrived in Australia, was the guest of Bishop Nicolas, of Suva, Fiji, in October. He intends touring and exploring in Samoa, the New Hebrides and New Caledonia before returning to Rome.

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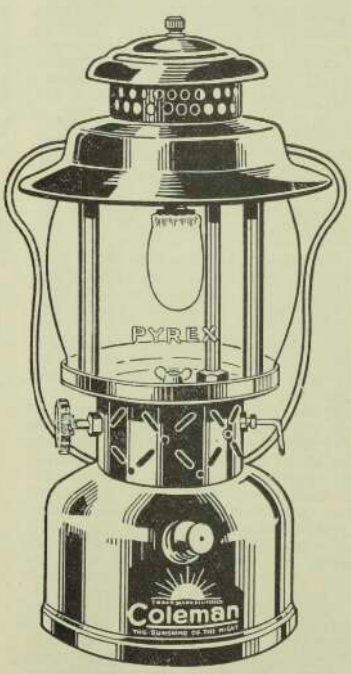
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HEALING ART

Periodic Crazes in Tahiti

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Oct. 10. ANY new and bizarre form of the art of healing always finds ready acceptance on Tahiti. The more unusual and fantastic the method, the more enthusiastic is the reception accorded it.

The present novelty is a procedure which is alleged to have come from China, by way of Paris. We are not informed as to its official name; but, for want of a better term, it can be designated needle therapeutics.

The treatment consists of sticking needles into various parts of the body along the course of some trunk nerve. According to the savants of this school, this procedure will relieve and eventually cure all the ills to which the flesh is heir.

Marvellous cures are always reported when a new vogue in therapeutics sweeps the Islands.

This was particularly true when, two years ago, a Roumanian "professor" took the island by storm with his system of eso- and exo-hydropathy, a starvation diet, and his assumption of profound wisdom.

The professor appeared to have an hypnotic influence over his followers, which keyed them up to an ecstatic fervour, resembling that of the strange cult called holy hollers, which flourished in the United States during the early years of the century. Indeed, the professor's European disciples (and there are many such) would become angry and hostile toward anyone who ventured to offer counsel or criticism.

In the course of a few weeks Papeete was full of pallid, hollow-eyed phantoms who, nevertheless, resolutely proclaimed that they were new men and women—as, undoubtedly, they were!

The inevitable consequences of the violent assaults on the human economy exacted by this regime, at length manifested themselves. There were sudden deaths from heart failure, several patients became insane, and the increasing weakness of the others awakened them to the danger which threatened them.

The professor heard some very unpleasant opinions of himself and his therapeutics from those who had sufficient strength remaining to voice their indignation. The most caustic remarks came from an elderly and very aristocratic English lady who was sojourning in the islands and had come under the professor's spell. It is reported that her language on this occasion departed from the cultured and classic idiom of Mayfair, and that she displayed a surprising knowledge of the rich vocabulary current about the Indian docks and celebrated fish markets of London.

The professor was unperturbed.

He boasted to his intimates that he had had a very inexpensive and enjoyable stay in the islands. Soon afterwards he departed—it is said, to Mexico—in search of new worlds to conquer.

Mr. Parkin Christian, a direct descendant of Fletcher Christian, leader of the mutineers of the "Bounty" and founder of the colony of Pitcairn Island, recently arrived at Wellington. He said that he was of the fifth generation since Fletcher Christian, whose descendants now comprised a large family.

TONGAN NATIVES' POVERTY

Is Church a Burden?

Letter to the Editor.

THE inhabitants of the island of Foa, Haapai Group, Tonga, are complaining bitterly about the shortage of food.

Yams, kumala, taro, manioc, etc., mostly are consumed, but supplies were squandered or wasted at the last Wesleyan Mission Conference, which was held in the Haapai Group, and the new crop, which will be a very small one, is not ready. The copra price being low, it takes about eight sacks of dry copra to buy a sack of flour.

I am afraid our natives work too much

in God's vineyard, and too little on their own yam-patches.

The island of Foa has an area of 5 sq. miles and a population of 900. Yet it supports no less than 15 churches, 6 well-paid ministers, and 88 lay-preachers.

Church services are held on Sunday four, and often six times, besides Monday at 5 p.m., Wednesday at 7 a.m., and Friday at 5 p.m. The native who works on his plantation in the bush, must leave off at about 4 p.m., just when the day becomes pleasant to work.

I am, etc., F. T. GOEDICKE.
Haapai, Tonga, 10/9/38.

Pastor T. Howse, of the S.D.A. Mission in Samoa is on furlough in Australia.

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Rev. J. W. Burton, general secretary of the Methodist Oversea Missions, arrived in Sydney from New Guinea by the last "Macdhui", after conferring in Rabaul with Methodist missionaries.

Major C. A. B. Joske, O.B.E., M.C., E.D., Major A. H. Stafford, E.D., Fiji Defence Force, and Ratu J. L. V. Sukuna, Fiji Defence Force, have been appointed Honorary Aides-de-Camp to His Excellency Sir Harry Luke, new Governor of Fiji.

A new Melanesian Mission flag, issued by Royal Warrant and approved by the Archbishop of Canterbury, was flown for the first time on September 21 by the mission steamer "Southern Cross", then at Auckland, N.Z. The hoisting of the flag coincided with the 67th anniversary of the murder of Dr. John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia, by natives of Nukapu, in the Santa Cruz group. The flag is the gift of the parish of St. George's, Ashted, Surrey, England.

RADIO FOR FIJIANS

Broadcasts of News and Concerts

MR. R. H. LESTER, of the Native Secretariat of the Fijian Government at Suva, will return to Fiji in February after studying at the University of Sydney for his diploma in anthropology. Mr. Lester is well-known for the excellent radio programmes in the Fijian language which he inaugurated some time ago from Station 2JV at Suva.

These programmes have created great interest among the Fijians. Though few of them possess radio sets—though the number is increasing—they gather in numbers at the homes of those who have them to "listen-in". Not only are concert parties arranged for these programmes, but the news of the day is given in Fijian. It is estimated that no fewer than 10,000 natives listen-in to these sessions. Generally, they gather around the village stores.

Mr. Lester was the speaker and guest of honour at the November meeting of the Pacific Islands Club, at the Hotel Carlton, in Sydney. He also has addressed the Anthropological Society of N.S.W.

This young civil servant has made a particular study of questions concerning land tenure in Fiji, also the history and traditions of the native people. He first went to the Islands in 1925. The following year he proceeded to the New Hebrides, and settled at Ambryn for some time. It was while in the western part of the Pacific that he came in contact with the late Dr. Deakin, who interested him in anthropology.

On returning to Fiji in 1928 he served in the Customs Department. In 1933 he was attached to the Native Secretariat, and he has been with that division of the service ever since. Almost all of this year has been spent at the University of Sydney, where he has worked in conjunction with Professor A. P. Elkin and Dr. H. Ian Hogbin.

NEW DEEP SEA DIVING TECHNIQUE

From Our Own Correspondent

HONOLULU, Oct. 5.
THE Western Pacific diving industry will be interested in learning that, with the perfection of a mixture of oxygen and helium as an air supply, American navy divers have set new deep-sea diving records.

One diver went to an actual depth of 402 feet, and two others have reached 500 feet, under simulated sea conditions, in a special test tank.

The previous deep-sea diving record of 306 feet was made during salvage operations on the U.S. navy submarine F.4, which sank near Honolulu, February 25, 1915. This disaster caused U.S. navy experts to begin the research and experiments which have resulted in the new records.

The use of oxygen helium mixture caused a complete revision of the standing diving compression tables, which were found to be incorrect. After this revision, satisfactory results were obtained rapidly, culminating in the records.

Details may be obtained from the U.S. navy department, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Mr. J. Judd, District Commissioner, has been provisionally made an Official Member of the Legislative Council of Fiji during the absence on leave of Mr. W. F. Hayward, Postmaster-General.

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This queer object is the muzzle of an ancient cannon, buried breech first, near a church in Haapai, Tonga. It has an interesting history. It is believed to be part of the armament of the privateer "Fort au Prince", which was attacked and captured by the Tongans in 1806, and the crew massacred. Only William Mariner, writer of the classic "Tonga", escaped. The cannon was found, buried in a native pig-sty, by Mr. R. Land, of Nukualofa, on the island of Uihā, and placed in its present position. It was photographed by Mr. Land.

SAMARAI NOTES

From Our Own Correspondent.

SAMARAI, Oct. 5.

DYSENTERY has broken out at Misima Island again among the natives employed at the goldmines, and the companies have been severely handicapped through the sickness.

With such a large number of natives working at the mines, it seems strange that the Government Medical Department does not see to it that proper arrangements are made for the housing of these sick natives. The local hospital at Misima is rather small and the doctor must find it difficult to handle a large number at one time.

The M.V. "Lakatoi" has taken up her running on the Samarai-Misima service, and everybody is well pleased with the little ship. She is classed as one of the best vessels around these parts, and it is to be hoped that there will be sufficient inducement to keep her on the run, as she is really too large for the requirements of Misima.

Information is to hand that the Papuan Government, after repeated requests, has agreed to extend the Samarai wharf out some 10 ft., and also to lengthen the western end by 60 ft. This will allow the new motor vessel "Bulolo", of the Burns, Philp fleet, to berth. It is thought that the wharf, in its present state, is not sufficiently long to take the "Bulolo".

A traveller by the last trip of the "Pierre Loti" for Noumea was Mr. Roger Barry, the Australian actor. Mr. Barry will proceed to Tahiti, where he hopes to spend a year. For some time he was juvenile lead with Marie Tempest, and other prominent performers on the Australian stage.

Polynesian Origin

Letter to the Editor.

SO devoted a student of Islands archaeology as myself finds it hard to criticise unfavourably any theory or statement made by that rara avis, today, one of the intelligentsia who takes an interest in the history, or pre-history of the Polynesian peoples. All the same, I should like to point out to Mr. Emory (whose article appeared in October issue) that a vast amount of sound knowledge has been acquired about the origin of the Polynesians of late years.

I claim that there are signs of a civilisation having existed in the Fijian group about 2,000 years ago; and we know now that the Ma-ori language was spoken in Northern India, and on the Brahmaputra long since. We know that the ancestral Ma-ori was a light-coloured northerner who tattooed (as our British ancestors did 3,000 years, or less, ago) and inter-married with dark-skinned Islanders in Java, New Caledonia, and other islands before getting to the Land of the Moa. Ancient inscriptions, found in Fiji, show characters similar to those upon the famous Newton Stone (near Balmoral) in Scotland, and elsewhere in Spain and Italy—which the Phoenicians carved. I believe that the Fijian language came from Tanganyika by means of African sailors employed by Arabs (or "Phoenicians"?), who were wrecked in Fiji. The Easter Island carvings were made by folk from what is now Manchuria; and similar images (though of smaller size) obtain there. The Polynesian races are purely Asian—as, in fact, are the South African peoples.

I am, etc.,

ARTHUR J. VOGAN.

"Goldcourt", Waverton, Sydney.
19/10/38.

Mr. Fred Hennings, a member of an old Fiji family, is the new treasurer of the Pacific Islands Club, having succeeded Mr. W. H. Petch, at one time of Pitcairn Island, who recently resigned. Mr. Hennings is the official representative in Sydney of the Fiji Publicity Board.

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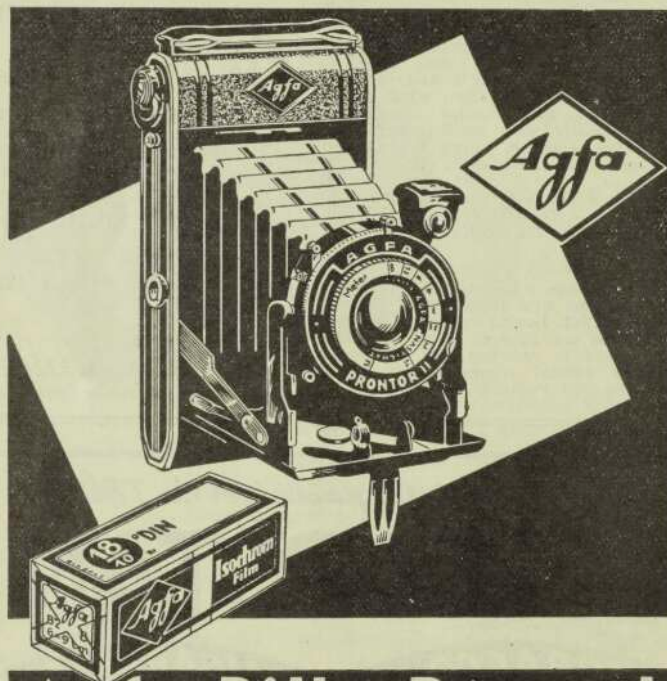
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SOUTHERN SEAS

By Don McDiarmid, in an American Magazine.

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And some stout ship sailed out to sea
To carry you, as it did me,
Far out across Pacific lanes
Through waters showered with tropic
rains
To reach, at last, the South Sea Isles?

Have you seen, with the rising sun,
A new Marquesan day begun,
Revealing needled crags that soar
To pierce low clouds, and reach for more,
While opalescent waters vie
For recognition with a sky
Whose beauty no one mortal should
Presume to picture, though he could?

And have you ever left the crowd
When smoke was thick, and talk was loud
Within the cabin of your craft,
To wander to a deck "back aft",
And view a sunset which too soon
Was but a memory; or commune
With countless stars, and waves that toss
Perpetual, 'neath the Southern Cross?

Have you, inside Papeete's reef,
Seen colour-schemes beyond belief,
Where even natives on the quay
Present a pastel symphony?
Or have you seen a full moon rise
From water's edge, to Tongan skies
To find a cloud, so black and bold,
And border it with flaming gold?

If you have sailed the Southern Sea,
There's nothing need be said by me,
For, long as life remains, you will
Recall this as your greatest thrill;
But if you still have been denied
The wonders of the Isles that hide
In Southern Seas, I say to you:
"Set sail . . . and live your life anew!"

UNFLATTERING OFFICIAL REPORT ON PITCAIRN IS.

THE residents of Pitcairn Island are plainly neglecting the education of their own children, and are paying more than they can afford for work in the mission field, says Mr. J. C. Neill (British Colonial Service) in his annual report.

Everything on the island is subject to a tithe for religious purposes, says the report, and the yield from this, plus freewill offerings, is sent overseas for the use of Seventh Day Adventists.

The report adds that the island's medical history is remarkable, with an average of one death a year for the last 80 years. Despite inter-marriage, there are no signs whatsoever of physical or mental degeneracy, although they are degenerating culturally.

Families are undisciplined. Children are lapsing into the Pitcairn dialect, a queer mixture of Tahitian and English, neglecting English.

It is proposed for the first time to impose laws, including a fine of £5 for adultery, or living in sin, and a fine of £2 for bathing in drinking water.

Mrs. E. Sprott, of the Melanesian Mission, passed through Sydney in October on her way back to the mission station on Santa Ysabel, Solomon Islands, after spending furlough in England.

TAXATION OF NATIVES IN SAMOA

Interesting Comparison With Fiji and Tonga

THE question of the differentiation in the copra export tax was raised by the Hon. Tamasese in the Legislative Council (reports "New Zealand Herald"). He asked why the rate to Samoans was 30/- a ton seeing that to Europeans, who did not pay the personal tax, it was 20/-.

"This matter was bound up with the whole budgeting position of the territory", said the Acting Administrator, Mr. Turubull. If the Samoans were paying personal tax, as they did in former years, the extra 10/- on copra would gladly be remitted. On the present population the Treasury would be receiving £18,000 a year from Samoans, whereas they only paid between £4,000 and £5,000 in copra tax. Europeans had had the personal tax remitted, but they had a salary tax, business tax and other taxes that natives did not pay and the total was much higher per head than that of Samoans. If a personal tax was paid no doubt the extra tax could be remitted. As compared with Fiji and Tonga, the natives paid very little in taxes. The cost of native organisation had increased considerably. Large numbers of Samoans had been taken into the service and there had been a revision of their pay.

SPECIAL SERVICES PROVIDED

Hon. C. C. McKay said the Samoans did not pay 10/- a ton extra for nothing. Services were provided for them that the Europeans did not get. Native and village organisations cost over £4,000 a year, there was a special court for native affairs, a lands and titles Court, a special newspaper, a special fono of faipule and free hospital treatment. None of these services was represented by a corresponding service for Europeans and the cost far exceeded the amount collected on native copra.

Hon. Tamasese: Samoans pay more into the revenue as far as licenses and duty are concerned. No Samoan would object to pay salary tax if he had a three figure income. The turnover tax (sales and stores) is really paid by the natives.

HELP IN SOLVING PROBLEMS

Hon. C. C. McKay: Take Tonga. They pay a personal tax of 36/- and £1 on copra, and a village tax of 4/- for the equivalent of the pulinu'u, leoleo and scribes. By this means the most numerous class of officials was carried without any call on the central treasury.

The Acting Administrator: I would be quite prepared to recommend to the Government that the tax be remitted if there were some means of making it up. Perhaps the Hon. Tamasese might tell the council how the amount could be made up.

Hon. Tamasese said he recommended the reduction so that Samoans would pay the same as Europeans. The Acting Administrator would be quite capable of finding some means of getting it out of the people.

The Acting Administrator: Thank you. I am glad to hear you have such faith in my powers; but, all the same, I would like to have your help sometimes in solving these problems.

Mrs. Vowels, wife of the Mayor of Thursday Island, Alderman E. H. Vowels, arrived in Brisbane recently to spend a long holiday.

No Air-mail For Samarai

From Our Own Correspondent.

SAMARAI, Oct. 5.
A MATTER which needs attention is that we cannot post air-mail letters to catch the air-mail from Rabaul, when the opportunity offers. We are told that, unless we can secure New Guinea stamps to put on the letters, together with sufficient Papuan stamps, we cannot send any per air-mail.

The local post office does not sell New Guinea stamps, so if we require them we shall have to send up to Rabaul, and get them sent to us.

EDITORIAL NOTE: It is an extraordinary thing that Samarai, although only a little way off the air-mail track, cannot use the air-mail because the Samarai post office is too unenterprising or too

proud to stock the necessary stamps. Presumably, if a Papuan postmaster were asked to sell New Guinea stamps, or vice versa, a brigade of outraged officials would cast themselves, in hari kari abandonment, upon the points of their pens! Yet—strange as it may appear to the uninstructed outside world—Papua and New Guinea are territories of Australia.

A recent visitor to Fiji was Captain Andy Thompson, one of the best known men in the Central Pacific, who has made his home for many years in the Cook Islands. While in Suva he renewed acquaintance with Mr. Graham Dickson, now purser of the liner "Aorangi", who held a similar post on the old "Makura" when she used to pass through Rarotonga. Mr. Dickson at one time represented the Union Company at Avarua, C.I.



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SUVA MEDICAL SCHOOL

THE "Niagara", on her last trip, carried to Fiji a medical work which members of the Council of the Pacific Islands Club in Sydney have donated to the senior student for 1938 at the Central Medical School. The prize will be awarded following the December examinations. The book was selected on the suggestion of the Principal, (Dr. Hoodless), and it is the Club's intention to make the prize an annual one. Last year's winner was Geoffrey Kuper, N.M.P., of Santa Anna, Solomons Group.

Rt. Rev. W. H. Baddeley, Bishop of Melanesia, has been elected a member of the Pacific Islands Club.

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(1) Australasian Petroleum Co. Pty. Ltd. has been incorporated in Melbourne with a nominal capital of £1,000,000, in £1 shares, to take over the oil-search permits and all property of Oil Search Ltd. and Oriomo Oil Ltd. (both Australian companies) in New Guinea and Papua.

(2) The shareholders in the new Co. are Vacuum Oil Co. Pty. Ltd., Melbourne (subsidiary of and wholly owned

by Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., New York), D'Arcy Exploration Co. Ltd., London (subsidiary of and wholly owned by Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. Ltd.), and Nominated Holdings Pty. Ltd., Sydney, a subsidiary of and wholly owned by Oil Search Ltd. and Oriomo Oil Ltd. Vacuum Oil Co. Pty. Ltd. has the right to introduce one additional shareholding company.

(3) Vacuum Oil Co. Pty. Ltd. and D'Arcy Exploration Co. Ltd. each have subscribed for 135,000 £1 shares in the new Co., to be paid for in cash, and Nominated Holdings Pty. Ltd. will be allotted 135,000 fully paid shares. The additional Co., if introduced, will also subscribe for 135,000 shares of £1 each to be paid for in cash. Australasian Petroleum Co. Pty. Ltd. will pay to Oil Search Ltd. a sum equal to the amount expended on the areas held under Special Permits, approximately £45,000. The initial working capital of the Co. will be £270,000, less the amount payable to Oil Search Ltd.

(4) Australasian Petroleum Co. Pty. Ltd. have assumed the control and direction of the geological surveys hitherto carried on by Oil Search Ltd. and Oriomo Oil Ltd. in New Guinea and Papua.

(5) The following are first directors of the new Co.:—

Hugh Hamilton (Melbourne), Chairman of Vacuum Oil Co. Pty. Ltd., director of New Zealand Petroleum Co. Ltd. and Island Exploration Co. Pty. Ltd.

Wesley A. Ince, solicitor (of Arthur Robinson & Co., Melbourne), director of N.Z. Petroleum Co. Ltd. and Island Exploration Co. Pty. Ltd.

W. J. Byrne, solicitor (of Whiting & Byrne, Melbourne), chairman of Commonwealth Oil Refineries Ltd.

M. T. Lloyd (Melbourne), attorney in Australia for Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. Ltd., and managing director of Commonwealth Oil Refineries Ltd.

William Addison Freeman (Sydney), president of Placer Development Ltd., chairman of Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd. and Oil Search Ltd., director of Austral Malay Tin Ltd., etc.

Eric Furnival Griffin (Sydney), managing director of Oil Search Ltd. and Oriomo Oil Ltd., etc.

(6) The shareholding companies in Australasian Petroleum Co. Pty. Ltd., other than Nominated Holdings Pty. Ltd., have the right to purchase from Australasian Petroleum Co. Pty. Ltd. in such proportions as they may mutually agree, the whole or part of the crude oil, casing head petroleum spirit, and the natural gas, produced and saved, at the fair price thereof. Such price shall be agreed upon by all the shareholding companies, and, failing agreement, shall be fixed by arbitration.

(7) Immediately upon taking over control of the Special Permit areas in New Guinea and Papua, Australasian Petroleum Co. Pty. Ltd. will carry out an active and vigorous search for petroleum in such areas, and upon discovery of petroleum in commercial quantities will produce it in accordance with good oil-field practice.

(8) Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. has a paid-up capital of £32,849,757; and the British Government hold the controlling in-

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terest in the Co. The Standard Vacuum Oil Co. has a capital of 10,000,000 dollars, held jointly and equally by Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey) and Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.—probably the largest oil organisation in the world. Nominated Holdings Pty. Ltd., just registered in Sydney, has a nominal capital of £350,000.

In so many words, this simply means that the permits held in Papua and



Mr. W. A. Freeman, head of the well-known New Guinea concerns of Placer, Bulolo, and Oil Search, is a director of the new million pound company seeking oil in Papua and the Mandated Territory.

New Guinea by Oil Search Ltd. are now taken over by Anglo-Persian (or, if one must be correct, by Anglo-Iranian Oil Co.) and Vacuum. Hitherto, three main groups have been seeking oil there—Papuan Oil Developments (Shell Co.), Island Exploration (Vacuum Co.) and Oil Search (an Australian Co.). The new move means that every great oil combine in the world is now interested in the search.

The appearance of Anglo-Persian in the picture was expected; but the introduction of Vacuum here is somewhat of a surprise, seeing that Vacuum was already operating as Island Explorations. Presumably, this development, and the appearance of two I.E. directors on the new board, will mean that I.E. and A.P. (which, incidentally, can stand for either Australasian Petroleum or Anglo-Persian) will be operated more or less in conjunction. It means that the Anglo-Persian and Vacuum groups now apparently have rights over a much larger area in Papua and New Guinea than the Shell group. But that may not mean anything—no one knows where oil will be found—if ever it is found. It may be found first on the pocket-handkerchief

Apinaipai area, held in Papua by the Walter Marks (Sydney) group.

The probability that Anglo-Persian and Vacuum would take over the Oil Search areas in Papua may have been the reason why the Lieut.-Governor of Papua, on September 1, by issuing new oil-prospecting permits (Nos. 8 and 9) to Papuan Oil Developments Ltd., granted additional territory to the Shell group. No. 8 area, 1,100 sq. miles, lies around Port Moresby, and No. 9 area, 1,600 sq. miles, lies along the coast, eastward of No. 8.

The whole of the Territory, westward of Port Moresby, is now divided up between the three (original) oil-seeking companies. Permits 8 and 9 represent an eastward extension of the oil search. There are 87,000 sq. miles on the Papuan mainland; and oil rights over 56,000 sq. miles have been granted.

The importance of the development, financial, scientific and political, cannot be exaggerated. It means that the three richest oil groups in the world—Vacuum, Shell and Anglo-Persian—are putting their unlimited resources behind the search for oil in Papua and New Guinea; that the greatest scientific skill in the world, which is at the disposal of the companies, will be engaged in the search; and that it is impossible, in the circumstances, to imagine that New Guinea is likely to be handed over to any other nation.

The international character of the new company may be emphasised—British, American and Australian. A glance at the directorate shows that there come into the new organisation not only An-

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glo-Persian, Vacuum, and Oil Search, but also, indirectly, Commonwealth Oil Refineries (which means the Government of Australia), the New Zealand Petroleum Co., and the now rich and powerful Placer-Bulolo Gold group. Papuan and New Guinea people may not like

combines; but here, at least, is a combination that gives them an assurance that, if there is oil in their country, it will be found and, what is more, produced and distributed. It is as well to remember, in connection with any oil search, that there is now an ample supply of oil for world requirements. It is one thing to find oil; but quite another to market it.

MR. W. A. FREEMAN

Extraordinarily good work appears to have been done by someone in turning Oil Search Ltd. from a comparatively small Australian company, with limited resources, into a very powerful international organisation, with limitless resources. Two or three men gain kudos; but the chief credit goes to Mr. W. A. Freeman, a quiet-speaking, calm-planning Sydney solicitor, who has worked for a long time, with great patience, for this development. His success caused no surprise to those who knew his achievements in connection with the Placer-Bulolo companies—two of the prettiest money-spinners of the present decade.

There is one note of regret in all this—regret that the indefatigable E. L. Walter (who organised Oriomo Oil, out of which Oil Search was born) did not live to see the impressive thing into which his early plan has grown. It must be over ten years since Mr. Walter sent his first oil-seeking expedition into the Papuan jungles.

All this is pleasing and promising; but oil is still to be found. Hundreds of

skilled young men are ranging over the great island* of New Guinea, and hundreds of thousands of pounds are being spent; but not one word yet has been said to give us an assurance that there is a commercial oilfield in New Guinea. That fact may add fervour to our hope that the new company will be very successful.

GERMANY'S COLONIAL AMBITIONS

Not Interested in the Pacific

"GERMANY has no colonial ambitions in the Far East, and that means the Pacific and New Guinea", said Herr J. E. Schwarz von Berk, former Editor-in-chief of the Nazi newspaper, "Der Angriff", on his arrival in Sydney in October by air-liner from the East Indies.

"Herr Hitler said this after the Anschluss", added Herr von Berk. "He said that Germany would never return to the Far East. We never intend to get into a new rivalry with the British Fleet. It was our first agreement with Great Britain to show our goodwill."

"If we had such a widespread colonial system as before the war we would have to have a fleet, and this would be a new point of conflict. We are interested only in Africa."

RHINOCEROS BEETLE

Fiji-Samoan Search for a Parasite

THE Samoan Administration is co-operating with the Fiji Government in providing funds to send Mr. Simmonds, of the Fiji Agricultural Department, to the East to search for a parasite to combat the rhinoceros beetle (says the "New Zealand Herald"). Information has been received that there is every prospect that the search will be successful. New Zealand Reparation Estates will contribute 20 per cent. of the Samoan cost.

The damage done to the copra trade in Samoa by this pest has been enormous, but in the last few months it has not been so noticeable. With the coming warm, dry weather, however, it may become more active.

The palms affected by the parasite present a pathetic sight. The fronds become stunted and ragged and no nuts appear. In some cases the trees recover, but it takes years to get back to full bearing.

END OF MEASLES EPIDEMIC IN COOKS

THE measles epidemic in the Cook Islands is now ended. Restrictions have been lifted and schools reopened. About 700 cases were reported in Rarotonga; and, thanks to the good medical work carried out under Dr. E. P. Ellison's supervision, not one case ended fatally.

Dr. Ellison was away in the Northern Cooks in October, gathering in lepers, who will be taken to the leper station in Makogai, Fiji.

Mrs. Platten, wife of Rev. G. J. Platten, L.Th., of the Methodist Mission at Vunairima, New Britain, arrived in Sydney by the "Tanda" recently, to visit her children.

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"SMELLFUL ODOUR"**Mr. Green Asks Australian Parliament Some Pertinent Questions About Timber Lease**

THE action of the Commonwealth Government in inviting tenders for the lease of timberlands in the Bulolo Valley, New Guinea, under such conditions that the contract would appear almost a gift to a big company (see page 76 of "P.I.M." of September has been strongly criticised on a number of occasions by Mr. A. E. Green, M.P.

In his last attack on the project, Mr. Green said that the area offered for lease (4 sq. miles on the left bank and 8 sq. miles on the right bank of the Bulolo, 3 miles from Wau) was too large; and, in any event, the supplies of hoop, klinkii and other pines were too limited to permit of wholesale export from the country. Mr. Green proceeded:—

"I do not wish to lay a charge of corrupt practice against the Administration, or even to breathe that such exists, but I do say that a proposal of this nature arouses suspicion, and that, as a matter of public policy it would be wiser to divide the area between at least two companies.

"Two men engaged in the sawmilling industry in the northern rivers district of N.S.W. went to New Guinea two years ago, looking for timber lands, and came upon these stands of hoop pine on the banks of the Bulolo River. They made application for permission to market the pine, but nothing was done in the matter except that they were asked a considerable number of questions.

"It will be remembered that in 1926 Mr. Lane Poole made a report on New Guinea. He mentioned the timber areas which are at present being well worked by the missions along the coast, little mention was made of these valuable forests of hoop pine, klinkii and cedar in close proximity to Wau. There was no idea that they existed to any extent.

"I suggest that in the interests of good government tenders should be called and two leases given. There should be no suspicion of ill-feeling or uneasy foreboding. The two men who went up there two years ago submitted a tender, but their proposal was turned down. I hope it is a baseless rumour that a firm in Brisbane has been granted a lease, but that is common talk in New Guinea.

"The Queensland forests are largely denuded of cedar, the local name for which in New Guinea is toona. In Salamaua a gentleman showed me a log for which, he said, he would get £100 in Sydney. If we grant exclusive rights over 20 sq. miles of timber which would be hard to match, if it exists, we shall be doing what is altogether wrong in the public interest. I trust that before it is too late provision will be made for at least two tenders to be submitted.

"The amount of royalty is 3/6 per 100 super. feet on hoop pine, and a somewhat lower rate on second-class timber.

"Moreover, in the conditions of tender no provision is made for re-afforestation.

"The lease is to be for ten years. In Western Australia such leases are granted for one year with the right of annual renewal if the contractor is carrying out his work satisfactorily. In Victoria such leases are granted for three years.

"In the circumstances it appears to be entirely wrong to grant one company the right to timber rights over such a large

area for ten years. I believe that one company proposes to remove the timber by means of flying foxes, which is not a difficult way, to erect mills on the spot, and to manufacture veneers in the valley where the timber is produced. I trust that the Minister for External Affairs will give this matter his most careful attention, so that the project will not have a smellful odour".

Second-Lieutenant F. J. R. Nicholls, Royal Artillery, has been appointed Private Secretary and Aide-de-Camp to Sir Harry Luke, new Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

Mr. T. T. Russell, Chief Police Magistrate of Suva, Fiji, has been appointed an Official Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony.

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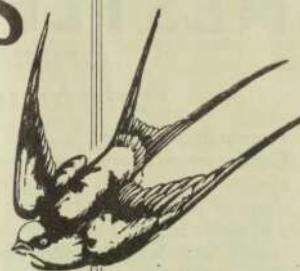
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THE ORDER OF THE BATH

SOME years ago, on the "Montoro" from South, I had the Governor of Papua, Sir Hubert Murray, as a fellow passenger.

On the first morning out, the tall figure of H.E. preceded me to the bathroom. Here, the usual business of listing the passengers and allocating their baths was in progress.

A new steward was on duty.

"This way, sir", he said to the Governor. "And the name, sir?"

"Murray", answered His Ex., mildly.

"Right ho, Mr. Murray", said the steward, heartily. "Go right ahead"—and, crossing to the list, he scrawled across the entire allocated name-space the legend "Mr. Murray".

The Governor, indifferent to this demotion, proceeded to his bath.

"Hey!" I interposed. "Half a mo'. That's not 'Mr.' Murray; that's Sir Hubert".

"Why, dammit", said the steward, "E's just told me his name is Murray".

"Yes, but it's Sir Hubert Murray—not 'mister'".

"Ave it your own way", said the steward obligingly and, striking out the "Mr" above it, wrote "Sir".

"Even now", I said, "It's hardly correct. Sir Murray is not the usual form. Actually he is His Excellency Sir Hubert Murray, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant Governor".

"Cripes!" exclaimed the steward, eyeing in dismay the already over-crowded name space, with its alteration jammed up against the line above. "Not much room for a yard of moniker like that!"

Then he had a brain-wave, and, cancelling the "Sir", he wrote in microscopic letters, "Lord". I gave it up.

Presently, H.E. emerged from the bath cubicle, his face ruddy from towelling.

"Ave a good bath, my lord?" inquired the brisk little attendant, hurrying forward with an armful of fresh towels. "Next gentleman, please".

And the newly-elevated peer passed on without batting an eye.

It might be supposed that the above rather dizzying vicissitudes would have been enough for one voyage; but still greater social advancement was to come to the Governor before he escaped at Port Moresby.

The sports committee had got under way early, and an enterprising tourist was making the rounds of the passengers, soliciting names for entry in the various games being organised. Having added my name to the list he remarked: "Well, I think that's everybody". Then his roving eye alighted on Sir Hubert, sitting apart, reading.

"Who's that bloke?" asked the tourist.

I told him it was Sir Hubert Murray, Papua's Governor, and suggested he might like a fling at deck tennis, quoits or whatever was going.

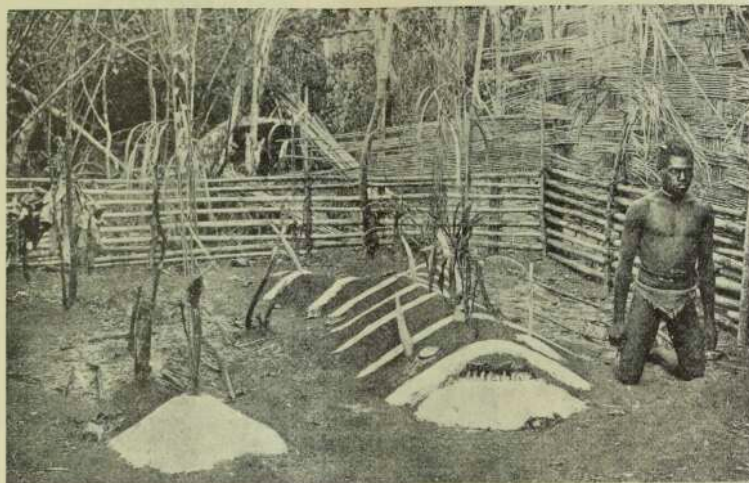
Nothing loth, the tourist swooped down on his unsuspecting prey saying: "Excuse me, your Highness, but would you like to enter for the sports?"

"His Highness", with a twinkle, declined.

—W.G.

Rev. J. W. Dixon, Principal of the Training Institution in Papua, arrived at Cairns, by the last "Montoro" and travelled South by train.

WORSHIPPERS OF THE SHARK



Formerly in some parts of the New Hebrides, the Festival of the Shark was held once every year, the ceremony lasting for a week. The body of a shark was placed in a sort of native altar and this was buried. A native artist, with white pigment, painted the figure of a shark upon the grave, which for a time was constantly guarded.

AUSTRALIA'S RECORD IN NEW GUINEA

Reply to a Ministerial Statement

HERE is the same old argument in another form.

Mr. A. H. Chisholm, a well-known Australian journalist, made the statement in London that Australia had not shown praiseworthy energy in developing the resources of New Guinea—which is a fact accepted by everyone who knows the country, and its history during the last 20 years.

The attention of the Minister for External Affairs (Mr. Hughes) was directed to the statement, and he replied: "I deny entirely that Australia has been laggard in its effort to develop the resources of New Guinea. I believe that the statement has really been made because of

the way in which Australia has developed the resources of New Guinea, and exposed to the world the fact that in that territory there is one of the richest gold-fields in the world".

Which is a good example of Hughesian bluster and political fatuity.

The "P.I.M.", for perhaps the fiftieth time, repeats that Austrasia officially has done very little to develop the huge rich territory over which it has control; that the only notable development (in the Morobe district) has been carried out by gold-miners and gold companies; and that the rich revenues derived by the Government by taxing the gold industry have been and are being frittered away, instead of being earmarked and used for the opening up of the country and the establishment of permanent agricultural industries and European settlement.

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WEDDING AT PORT VILA

MISS JOY COATES was married to Mr. Lindsay Macmillan at Port Vila, New Hebrides, on September 22.

The bride is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ernest Coates, of "Turalla", Chatswood, N.S.W., and the groom is the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. T. Macmillan, of Tanna Island, New Hebrides and Surrey Hills, Melbourne. Mr. Macmillan was born on Tanna, and is engaged in ornithological pursuits in the Pacific Islands.

The marriage was performed at the Paton Memorial Mission Chapel by Dr. A. Frater, and was attended by Commissioner Joy, Messrs. Blackwell and Balfour, of the British Residency, Mesdames Frater, Carter (Queensland), Timmins (Melbourne), the hospital nurses, and others; and was a notably pretty and happy little ceremony.

Mr. A. W. James, of the Customs Department, Suva, Fiji, accompanied by Mrs. James and family, arrived in Sydney by the October "Mariposa".

SECRET CULT OF TUAMOTUS

May Indicate Common Aryan Origin of Europeans and Polynesians

WHEN the early missionaries came to the Islands they examined and made copious notes concerning the religion of the natives.

Men like Henry Nott and J. M. Ormond gained the confidence of the high priests and secured full details of ritual and doctrine. The Polynesian clergy were frank in exposing all the elements of the popular religion and the ceremonies at the Marae; but they were careful to give no hint of, or reveal in any way, the existence of a secret cult which had existed since time immemorial.

For nearly a century, the knowledge of that esoteric cult has lain hidden from the knowledge of European students.

It is only in recent times that an imperfect insight into its elements has been given to Polynesian scholars in New Zealand, and its full significance was not revealed until the researches of Mr. J. Frank Stimson (of the Bishop Museum) in the Eastern Tuamotus, brought to light the innermost secrets of the esoteric rituals.

Mr. Stimson's introduction to his bulletin No. 111, entitled "The Cult of Kihotumu", begins as follows:—"The following account of the cult of Kihotumu supplements my study of Tuamotu religion. The present record seems to confirm in many essentials the main conclusions of my previous study, and brings new and welcome support to the thesis already elaborated.

"In brief, this thesis maintains that an early ethnic wave of Polynesians—termed, for convenience, Palae-Polynesian—brought with it a conception of cosmogenesis and of a supreme god, which formed an esoteric religion taught only to the priests and nobles.

"The philosophical ideas involved are so lofty that it is difficult to imagine how they could have arisen among barbaric peoples. It would appear more logical to infer that they were derived from some highly-developed, ancient civilization, somewhere in south-eastern Asia, in prehistoric times.

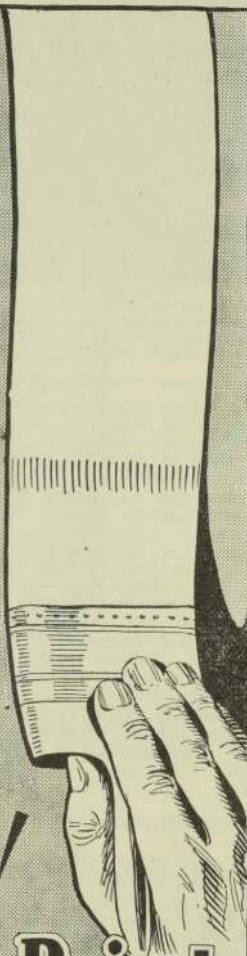
"Whatever the explanation may be, the fact remains that this brief and imperfect fragment of a nobler past bears living witness to the genius of the Palae-Polynesian race, whose capacity for philosophic reflection and introspection has, perhaps, never been surpassed and rarely equalled by any people of a similar cultural level."

It is true that the exoteric cult—that taught to the common people—contained many references to the supreme god, Kihotumu (or Io, in New Zealand and Iho in the Society Islands); but so overlaid and disguised that its true significance was hidden from the uninitiated Polynesians and early European investigators alike, until very recent times.

The true name of the supreme deity was so intensely tapu that it could be pronounced only in some secret place, and then only in a low whisper.

Traces of the cult are all but lost at Tahiti. Yet there are memories in place names, the most striking of which is that given to the land in Arue, where is the burial ground of the royal family.

In "The Cult of Riho" is a "chant of



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the Sacred Possessions of Kiho-The-All-Source", of which the following is the first stanza:—

"My Sacred Crimson Diadem, whereof I chant, is woven, is interlaced together; it is called 'The Blinding Lightning Flash', a diadem sanctified in sacred ritual, belonging to the Supreme Creator, as he stands upon the sacred terrace of his temple Ahu-Toru (altar of ascending fire)."

The royal burial place at Arue is named Ahu-Toru; and, in addition, it is said, the ancient name of the royal Marae Tarahoi (on Point Outu Alai, in the same district) was "Marae Ahu-Toru". To modern Tahitians this name is merely a place name without significance.

It is well-known that most of the people of antiquity possessed an esoteric worship, termed the Mysteries to which those only were admitted who had been prepared by certain ceremonies, called initiations. Where these Mysteries originated is not known. It is supposed that they came from India, by way of Chaldea, into Egypt, and thence were carried to Greece.

Centuries of research and speculation have not disclosed the precise nature of these antique initiations, nor the doctrines taught in their arcana. Enough has been culled from the guarded allusions to the Mysteries, by ancient authors who were themselves initiates to confirm the surmise that they concerned the Universe and the doctrine of One Supreme Creator of that Universe.

The analogy between these elements of the Mysteries and those of the Cult of Io (or Kiho or Kio, according to the dialect in which the name occurs) in Polynesia, gives credence to the theory of their common origin in remote times, before the dawn of history.

Might it not be logical to infer that in this esoteric Polynesian lore we may have the primitive form of those Mysteries of antiquity, which have baffled the curiosity of the uninitiated throughout the ages, as well as another signpost pointing to the common Aryan origin of the Polynesian and European race?—A.C.R.

UNUSED NATIVE LAND IN NEW GUINEA

Letter to the Editor

ON listening to the remarks of "The Watchman" from station V.L.R. (taken from the Melbourne "Age") on the 13th inst. I was surprised and disgusted to hear the lies and exaggeration which had been published with reference to the resumption of land by the New Guinea Administration, on the north coast of New Britain. No doubt the man who sent this report to the "Age" should be tarred and feathered, and then kicked out of the Territory as a public nuisance.

The facts of the matter are as follows:—

The Administration sent a surveyor to the north coast to survey a small area of land to be resumed for the purpose of building a native hospital. Could one think of a more just reason for resuming this small area?

As for the hardship alleged to have been inflicted on the natives, this is all niffle. Firstly the Administration never inflict hardships on natives; secondly there are tens of thousands of acres of first class land in this district lying idle for the simple reason there are not enough natives to live on it. This small area of

land is an ideal place for a hospital and there can be no question of inflicting hardship on anyone.

The Administration have purchased from the natives in this district (as well as other districts) a great number of small areas of land which they have set aside for native reserves. These areas of land are the best available, and mostly have beach frontages. The titles are vested in the protector of natives and cannot be sold. A great number of these reserves have no natives living on them. These three reserves have more than one thousand bearing coconut palms on them, and are capable of carrying more than fifty natives, yet there is not one native living on them. These areas of land are free to any native who cares to live on them; no rent to pay; the natives are, however, expected to keep them reasonably clean.

I think there is little doubt that the action of the natives, in pulling out the survey pegs, was inspired by a European, the name of whom would not be hard for anyone living here to guess.

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THE ISLE THAT WAS INCOMPLETE**BY FRANK EXON**

LENNOX awoke from his afternoon siesta and wandered drowsily to the door of the hut. With pleasurable anticipation, his gaze idled along the dazzling ribbon of beach. Then he stiffened, and all signs of drowsiness left him.

From the cool darkness within, Dale watched with some uneasiness. Affecting a nonchalance he was far from feeling, he awaited the outburst he knew must come.

"So you've been playing the fool again," said Lennox, quietly, though his effort at restraint was very obvious.

Dale shrugged a careless agreement. "You say so. But is that evidence?" he queried, pertly.

"Perhaps not. But you'll stop your funny business nevertheless—while you're safe."

"Threats? Again?"
"Yes", said Lennox, simply, "and for your own good. You don't seem to realise", he went on, "how serious I am—how serious the position is, though you've been warned often enough. Here are two of us—once bosom friends—marooned on this two-by-two island. Conditions are abnormal and yet, such is your folly, you choose to make no allowance for temperamental abnormalities."

"Temperamental?" Dale broke in, contemptuously. "Half the word will do . . . Either half."

Lennox ignored the interruption. "We've been here a long time now—too long", he went on. "Two of us—alone on a few acres of sandbank—under conditions trying beyond belief. We've kept physically fit, but our mental outlook is obviously strained; our perspective is awry; our auras are clashing hopelessly. You won't help; you prefer, it seems, to throw us still further out of step, to upset what little harmony remains, by deliberately thwarting a whim of mine—your description—which you regard as ridiculous. It's no whim; you're monkeying with something you don't understand. Stop it! Leave me to my queerness . . . I repeat . . . while you're safe."

The last was said with a certain wistfulness that Dale missed. He noted only the threat and again became frankly contemptuous.

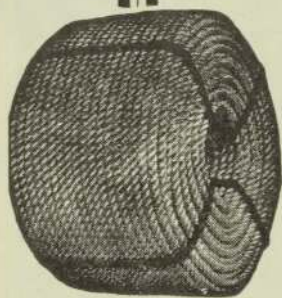
"Stop what?" he asked. "Stop moving a log—a mere piece of driftwood—because to do so excites your complexes or warps your perspective or some such jargon? Don't be so dam' silly! You've been childishly unreasonable ever since the confounded thing came ashore. You've mooned about it for hours like a half-wit. You spend half the day aligning it and viewing it from different angles. I've watched you. . . And you expect me to humour you in such madness—for madness it is. I should be doing you a kindness if I set the blasted log adrift again. Some night I will."

"You'll not do that!" Dale recognised a new and dangerous quality in the order, and said no more. "It might seem a small thing to do, but the effect, I warn you would be disproportionate. And despite your stupidity it would be lonely here without you." Lennox broke off and abruptly left the hut.

DOWN on the beach, where the gannet colonies nested and squawked their protests against his intrusion, Lennox sat and reviewed for the hundredth time the events of the past months. They had come to this tiny outpost, he and Dale, almost a year ago, engaged in meteorological research—forecasting and plotting the vagaries of the cyclones which periodically wrought such havoc in those waters. An island steamer dropped them, with their tinned stores and water, and would return when their work was finished.

Miles out there in the Pacific, the nature of their work and the unusualness of the situation had at first appealed to

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them, and the days had passed smoothly, if slowly. Lennox tended his instruments and read therefrom the weather auguries, plotted the upper air currents, studied the tides and found a wealth of interest in the coral formations and the marine life of those prolific tropic seas; Dale worked the wireless transmitter that formed their sole link with the outside world; each took his share of the domestic duties, and for a while all had been harmony.

How, then, had the present situation—this perpetual clashing of wills leading to incessant and ever more dangerous quarrels arisen? Lennox knew well enough, but he couldn't reduce his knowledge to concrete terms that Dale would understand—or even try to understand. He knew—the reasoning side of him knew—that all the lad's accusations were true; that he was being unreasonable, that judged by the standards of the world they had left his queernesses verged closely on madness, and that unless some form of mental discipline were possible a tragedy was imminent. But no exercise of will, he knew now, could throw off the insidious disorder that possessed him—that had striped him of his civilised inheritance of stability and reduced him to an elemental crudity, capable of any extravagance—even of murder. For he realised it might come to that.

He wondered what an alienist would make of his case, what allowances a jury could possibly make for one who, back in his normal world was undoubtedly sane, yet who had slain a companion on the most trivial pretext imaginable? He saw his defence and the absurdity of it; that he had been forced to kill Dale because he persisted in moving a log—a plebeian piece of driftwood—out of a certain position.

A marauding frigate bird, harassing a home-flying gannet, dropped like a plummet across his vision. Lennox eyed the skilled tumbler delightedly, then, as it flattened into a graceful curve, left it with a shudder of distaste. Could even an alienist, witnessing this incident, have gained a clue as to his disorder. He thought not.

The sun dropped low, making a crimson wake that cut across the island's encircling reef in most pleasing fashion. The tide was unduly low and but patchily covered the out-cropping rocks between the beach and the reef. Leaving exposed raw gaps of ooze and sand tangled, smelling sea-growth. Long stretches of stagnant water lay dark and forbidding; sinister pools, oily-surfaced and inky black, mirrored the glow of the setting sun. Unlovely slug-like bodies of beche-de-mer lay contorted amongst grey slime; sea snakes writhed, half-covered, in shallow pools; bleached things—half-glimpsed, half-guessed—disturbed the stinking weed or stalked blindly across drying patches until the tide, making slowly, gave kindly covering to their nakedness.

The stale breath of dying things, the stench of rotting weed, the half-sensed exhalations of innumerable slimy creations, the almost tangible silence that hung pall-like over all (his ears had long since ceased to register the din of the seabirds) all added to the effect of utter desolation. He might have been the last man in a dying world. Could anyone with any imagination, he asked himself, be expected to maintain a normal mental balance in this environment?

LENNOX shivered. It was not a setting favourable to his present perilous state.

And yet it was not the solitude alone that had brought him to this border line of sanity; it was scarcely more than a contributing factor. Solitude, he argued,

was an abstract state, and one to which a nature in any way flexible could adapt itself. The real trouble was of a very different order. It was structural; it was a concrete omission; something vital to man's very being had been left out of the island's make-up. He knew what that something was—now. **The place had no Third Dimension!** A few-acre turtle-backed hummock of sand and coral, bare of all vegetation, it modestly broke, and no more than broke, a plane surface of infinite extent.

Lennox saw himself as a three-dimensioned being squeezed into a two-dimensioned world—a queer restricted world of flat parallels made by the ribbon of beach, the water's edge, the reef, the horizon and

the wispy strata of cloud usually lying thereon. There was no perspective; he had been ruthlessly thrust into a flat projection—like those unfortunate figures he had seen in Japanese woodcuts. Save for the sun's wake at morning and evening—and the moon's in her last quarter—nothing ever cut across the eternal horizontals; not even the wireless masts or the elevation of the hut satisfied the eye's craving for something to break an infinite series of re-echoing lines.

He had whimsically recognised this in the early days of his exile—had even then realised in an intuitive sort of way that playing with the notion was dangerous. Yet, forewarned as he had been, what had at first been a mere irritating dis-

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sane. And there were still a few allies. There was the tide-level indicator, for instance—an upright plank with fascinating oblique stay wires. It helped. And there were the frigate birds with their spectacular nose dives; and the lively hydrogen-filled balloons which each morning rocketed straight up into the still air. He envied them; they climbed so easily out of the frame that fettered him. (But he couldn't force himself to plot their horizontal drift; only their vertical ascension was ever recorded.)

AND, most faithful of all, there was the log—the gift of some capricious current—that had stranded on the white beach just in time to prevent Lennox from slipping entirely over the edge.

From the first he had, as Dale said, worshipped this unlovely, barnacled thing. It was so restfully different to his tortured mind; it had nothing in common with the sea and the sand; it bravely broke the dazzling line of the beach and, best of all, its position could be arranged so that it cut athwart those infernal horizontals. From the first, his eye had sought it unbidden and left it reluctantly. Should the sand have drifted over it, or should its position have been changed so that it came not into view at the expected time, there was a distinct sense of loss.

Later, Dale had come to realise the log's usefulness as a fishing adjunct and would

innocently leave it lying along the water's edge—thus adding another parallel to war against his companion's reason. Thus had begun the trouble that, gaining impetus each day, had culminated in the present crisis.

A whim! That is what Dale had called his insistence that the log be left untouched. A whim, was it? Would he go to the lengths he was planning for a mere idle whim? No! He was fighting for his sanity—yet Dale hadn't the wit to see it. He would sacrifice much for that—even Dale, he had decided. There seemed no other way.

Absent-mindedly, he scored a cross in the sand. A fascinating design, the simple cross, he mused; altogether pleasing, even apart from its symbolism. Equal and opposite lines—definitely terminating—perfect balance—instead of those abhorred parallels that led the eye and the brain into hopeless infinity.

It was dark now. From the hut came the cough of the engine and the crash of the wireless spark as Dale said good-night to the outside world. Purposefully—his mind made up—Lennox rose, climbed the sandy path and entered the transmitting room unobserved. He struck.

The wireless shrilled a sustained and eerie howl as Dale's body fell across the signalling key. Then it suddenly ceased and not all the long and puzzled calls from the mainland could break that ominous silence.

FOR some time thereafter Lennox was very busy; too busy to notice his loneliness or the phenomenally low state of the barometer. When the cyclone had passed, the island had been swept clean. Masts, station, everything had gone down before the onslaught of those savage winds and unprecedented seas.

One thing only remained to puzzle the landing party from the relief ship. It was a cross, staunchly built of two sections of rough-hewn log, with a cross-arm deliberately "cockbilled", and the upright firmly stayed with diagonal hawsers.

"TIN-CAN MAILMAN" RETURNS TO TONGA

From Our Own Correspondent.

HONOLULU, Oct. 5.

THE good people of the Tongan isles will be interested in reading this story, which appeared in the New York press on September 10:

A British world-war veteran, Charles Ramsay, is on his way back to the Tongan islands, before another world war breaks out.

Ramsay, a copra exporter, arrived in New York from England aboard the liner "President Roosevelt" to-day. He was in a hurry to reach the Tongas, a South Sea island group, 1,000 miles north-east of New Zealand.

"Things over in Europe are crazier than they were 20 years ago", Ramsay said. "But in the Tongas life is different."

"The islanders are a happy people", Ramsay added. "They have no understanding of the strife and war which so much of the world takes for granted. There is no crime. Tongans help each other."

The Tongas are inhabited by 250 Europeans and 30,000 natives.

Rev. T. G. Paul, M.A., rector of Camden, N.S.W., has accepted the position of commissary in Australia for the Bishop of Melanesia.

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A very young lady (four years of age) of Tami Island, New Guinea, has mastered the art of making rings out of cigarette smoke.

Mr. Thomas Pryor, of the Court House, Thursday Island, has been transferred to the office of the Chief Protector of Aborigines, Brisbane, Queensland. He served at T.I. for two years.

Mrs. I. H. Meredith, a former resident in the Solomon Islands, has been elected to the Council of the Pacific Islands Club. She is now attached to the N.S.W. Hansard staff.

PORT MORESBY AS JOINT CAPITAL

Letter to the Editor

IT has been suggested that Port Moresby be made the capital of New Guinea.

The idea is an excellent one, in view of the fact it is at present only able to carry on through Commonwealth financial assistance. As we have a surplus here in New Guinea, due to a royalty of 5% on gold—originally intended for road construction—we could materially assist Papua financially, and at the same time reduce expenditure here by incorporating the Papuan Civil Service, whose ability is now well-known.

Moreover, it would provide an outlet for our ever-growing native-born Chinese population, as Papua would provide wonderful trading opportunities all over the country. Chinese carpenters, engineers, storekeepers, cooks, etc., would find Papua a wonderful field of operation.

The Chinese are good traders and, as a result, they would be an asset—even if they put a few European traders out of action.

We in New Guinea could expect some wonderful development under Papuan Administration, as their land laws are far ahead of anything we have in New Guinea, where every barrier is erected to make it difficult for settlers. Their exploits in opening up new country form interesting pages of history, which could be copied by New Guinea with advantage.

We have enough surplus to put in a wonderful water scheme and hydro electric scheme for Papua, both of which are so much needed at present.

As no attempts have been made by the Administration here to construct a road into the goldfields on their own, without

the pressure of the miners, it seems obvious that they are not interested—notwithstanding the fact the 5% royalty was imposed for that very purpose. They certainly have constructed a few roads in and around Wau, but the chief road into the fields has been neglected. If such a road is not to be constructed, then by all means use the money in another part of New Guinea where it is so much needed to provide essential services such as I have mentioned.

Port Moresby, without a doubt, would be a suitable site, and its Civil Administration could, I feel sure, develop New Guinea (Mandated Territory) in a way hitherto undreamed of.

I am etc.

KARL OSCAR REINSARDT.

Bulwa, T.N.G.
October 1, 1938.

Editorial Note.—The directory discloses no such person as Mr. Reinsardt, and it is apparent that the writer wrote with his tongue in his cheek. For all that, he makes some interesting points.

Mr. Charles Cleveland, of Messrs. Cleveland and Vidgen, Thursday Island, arrived in Australia recently on leave.

Sister A. E. Samuels has resigned from the Melanesian Mission, following medical advice. She had been engaged in mission work in the New Hebrides for the past three years.

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SYDNEY CELEBRATES IN HONOUR OF QUEEN SALOTE

A RECEPTION was held at the Polynesian Club on October 11, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the reign of Queen Salote Tubou, D.B.E., of Tonga.

Queen Salote's eldest son, Prince Tubouto'a was the guest of honour and was accompanied by Mrs. L. Hahn, of



Dame Salote Tubou, Queen of Tonga, photographed recently in her Coronation robes, at the conclusion of 20 years' reign.

Tonga, who had entertained the Prince at a dinner party; Dr. L. A. Andrews, late medical officer for many years, in Tonga; Mr. Richard Hahn (who presided at the traditional kava ceremony) and Miss Olita Hahn. Prince Tubouto'a was welcomed by the President of the Club (Mr. Leonard Moran) and Mrs. Missen-Garret, of Rotuma.

After the Prince had addressed the members of the club, entertainment of typical Islands nature was held. Islands folk noticed in the gathering included Mrs. B. Lamacraft (Tonga), Mrs. W. Lieber (Tonga), Miss M. Lawrence (Tonga), Mrs. Lemcke (Samoa) and other large parties of N.Z. and Islanders.

THE KING'S MESSAGE

A message from King George VI. to the Queen of Tonga, conveying his sincere congratulations to her on the twentieth anniversary of her accession, was sent on October 14. The King referred to the steady progress made in her kingdom during her reign. He instanced the extension of medical and health services, the increase in educational facilities, and the improvement in communications.

"These achievements", he added, "of which your Majesty may be justly proud, have been effected without in any way sacrificing the financial stability of your kingdom." The message concluded by wishing Queen Salote many years of peace, happiness, and prosperity.

Mr. E. J. Wauchope, well-known plantation owner of Madang, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney from the Mandated Territory by the October "Maedhui".

OLD SPANISH COINS

Traces of Wrecks in Western
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Years Ago

BY MOLLIE LETT

RECENTLY a much worn "piece of eight" (8 reales), bearing the inscription Philip II (circa 1560), came into my possession, with the royal coat of arms, and "Ispania" still plainly visible. Though it was not found in Papua, there must be many such coins hidden away in odd parts of the territory; relics of the old buccaneering days when Spanish frigates sailed these shores on their voyages of discovery through the Pacific. From Mexico and Peru they came, and through the Magellan Strait, making their way to the Spice Islands and the Philippines.

Indeed, it is only within the last two years that several Spanish coins came to light in both New Guinea and Papua. Some were discovered on the Morobe goldfields, by a miner; and others on the island of Misima, among the money presented by natives when paying their tax.

The islands of Torres Strait are rich in sunken treasure—coins, goblets and ancient armoury. Northern Australia has many fascinating theories to account for the mysterious wrecks that lie deeply encrusted with coral along the Great Barrier Reef. It is generally believed that they are the remains of Portuguese and Spanish vessels which came to grief among the reefs and shoals that still make navigation difficult.

Forty years ago, the late Frank Jardine, a well-known Northern fisherman, found a small fortune in ancient Spanish gold dollars, beneath an anchor of one of these wrecks; and a pearler about the same time, while exploring Prince George Island, discovered a large cave, hidden by the undergrowth, in which he came across a huge rusted sword of ancient Spanish design, near a skeleton. It was on this island that a native once offered to sell a golden goblet, which he had found on the beach.

In the sixteenth century, several famous Spaniards landed on the shores of New Guinea. Alvaro de Saavedra, a relation of the great Cortez, disembarked twice on the northern coast, during his attempts

to reach Mexico from the Moluccas in 1528-29; and, finding traces of gold, he bestowed the name of Isla del Oro on the



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strange land. He was followed by others, Gryalva, and De Retez, and, later, Louis Vaez de Torres, who in 1606 sailed through the south-eastern archipelago and along the eastern and southern shores, on his way through the Strait, which now bears his name. So taken was he with the beauty of the coastlands that he gave New Guinea the name of the Land of Buenaventura.

"All this land of New Guinea" wrote Torres in his long-forgotten letter to the King of Spain (a copy of which was found in the Archives at Manila after the capture of that city by the British, in 1762).

"Is peopled with Indians not very white, much painted and naked, except for a cloth made of the bark of trees. They fight with darts, targets and some stone clubs, which are made fine with plumage. Along the coast are many islands and habitations . . . many parts very large with very large rivers and many plains . . . In these parts I took possession for your Majesty . . . We went along 300 leagues of the coast and caught in all this land 20 persons of different nations that with them we might be able to give a better account to Your Majesty. They give much notice of

other people, although as yet they do not make themselves well understood . . ."

It seems, after sailing through the islands which now bear his name, the Louisiades, Torres entered a bay to the east, which he called St. Francis; and, later, on August 10, 1606, he discovered the great bay of San Lorenzo and Port Monterey (Orangerie Bay) which lay some 60 miles to the west.

"It is very beautiful and pleasant" wrote Diego de Praeco, an officer on board, "with a very fine and clear bottom, for there is safe anchorage in all parts of it. The land to the north consists of well cultivated plains, with abundance of water, and groves of coconut trees . . . It is 10 degrees 10 minutes South, and it is the best land and the most fertile that has yet been discovered."

Torres sailed from Callao, Peru, in December, 1605, as Almirante, under the command of Captain Pedro Fernandez de Quiros, whose expedition in search of the great southern continent, Australis Terra, consisted of three vessels—the "Capitana", the "Almirante", and "Labia" (a launch), which were manned by 300 sailors and soldiers, and among whom were 6 Friars of St. Francis.

Early in 1606, they discovered the New Hebrides group, which de Quiros under the impression that he had at last found the southern continent, named La Australia del Espiritu Santo; and here he established a settlement so fantastic that from the first it was doomed to failure. Sickness and discontent drove the men to mutiny, and de Quiros was forced to return to Mexico.

Torres, thus abandoned, set his course for the Philippines, and it was while making for Manila that he discovered the Louisiade archipelago and the eastern and southern coast of New Guinea.

"We had at this time nothing but bread and water", wrote Torres. "It was the height of winter, with sea-wind and ill-will (of his crew) against us. All this did not prevent me from reaching the mentioned latitude . . . I could not weather the East point, so I coasted along to the westward on the south side."

There are legends among the natives of Aroma, on the southern coast—tales told by the old men—of a strange and mysterious craft that put in, in the dim and distant past, for foodstuffs and water. It is not improbable that the vessel was the "Almirante", and that, in purchasing food, the sailors offered coins in exchange; and these, after passing from tribe to tribe, eventually reached the interior; where they were unearthed not long ago.

Torres Strait became known to navigators on Torres reaching the Philippines. There are many strange relics along Papua's southern and western shores that mark their course. In the great Fly River estuary, mysterious and untraceable wreckage still floats ashore in the channels that separate the islands from the mainland. There are strong currents that sweep through the Papuan Gulf, and the sea breaks heavily across the 40 mile span, and the passages through the countless sandbanks are difficult to follow. Spanish frigates making for the Spice Islands or Peru, via Torres Strait must have foundered in the rollers that hurl themselves on the banks that stretch far out to sea.

If only the history of those lost adventurers could be made known; and if only this battered old coin of mine could speak; what tales it could tell of the glory that was Spain! It might even have much to say of New Guinea that would astonish us, for it passed through many hands on its passage through the far-flung possessions of the monarchy, over 300 years ago.

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A letter on the subject of freight rates received from the Union Steam Ship Co. stated that handling charges in New Zealand had so greatly increased during the past year or two, owing to increased wages and reduced working time, as to preclude any possibility of freight reductions.

YACHTSMAN LOST AT SEA

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Oct. 10.
WHEN the sailing yacht "Malabar" arrived at Papeete late in September, she brought with her a distressing tale of tragedy at sea.

The "Malabar", voyaging from the California coast to Tahiti with her owner, Mr. Boedecker, his two sons and a guest, on board, had arrived in the neighbourhood of the Marquesas Islands when she met with heavy weather and rough seas.

One of Mr. Boedecker's sons, while coming on deck from the cabin, was caught by the swinging boom and knocked overboard. His brother instantly dived to his rescue and sustained him until he had recovered from the shock of the blow on the head from the boom.

He then asked his brother if he could care for himself for a minute or two until he (the rescuer) could divest himself of his shoes and shirt, so as to be able to swim more unencumbered. The brother assured him that he could.

When he had succeeded in discarding his clothing, the young man again went to his brother's assistance but could not find him.

Meanwhile the yacht had been put about and search of the surrounding waters was continued for hours, but no trace of the missing man was found.

PT. MORESBY AQUATIC CLUB

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Oct. 28.
MUCH interest has been shown in our Aquatic Club since the determination of the new president (Mr. G. O. Higgins) and Committee to race a type of dinghy known as the Pritchard design, in preference to the native-owned canoe.

Five of these craft, built to design by the Kwato Mission, arrived early in October from Samarai, and though a few minor deficiencies were revealed in preliminary tests, it is considered that adjustments will soon prove that the craft are suitable for the Club's purposes.

The Club is renovating the old clubhouse, and raising funds, and the president has offered a series of trophies for preliminary test races.

Mr. Henry Dunman Eve, chief surveyor to Oil Search Limited, died in New Guinea on October 13. He was a notable explorer. He took part in two important expeditions, the Oakley-Eve patrol, 1932, and the Eve-Townsend patrol, 1934. The former sought to open up a route from Aitape to the Sepik River. Vast swamps were encountered close to the Sepik River, and these compelled the party to return to the coast. The later expedition was successful in surveying a route from Wewak to the Sepik River and in returning thence north-westerly

to Aitape. The deceased's surveys during the past eight years added much to the topographical and general knowledge of New Guinea. Besides being an accurate surveyor and careful observer, Mr. Eve was remarkably successful in dealing with natives. Before joining the Company's service in 1930 he was employed for four years with the Federal Capital Commission, Canberra, as staff surveyor. He is survived by a widow and an infant daughter. The funeral took place at Wewak, whence the service was read by the District Officer, Mr. G. W. L. Townsend.

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A SAMOA Legislative Council Elective Membership Amendment Order, 1938, gazetted in Wellington early in October, contains provision for the extension of the franchise to all European adults. Previously the franchise was limited to males with certain income and property qualifications.

Commander R. C. Garcia, retiring Administrator of Nauru, Central Pacific, arrived in Sydney in October by the "Awatea". He proceeded to Canberra where he officially handed over his duties to the new Administrator, **Lieutenant-Colonel Chalmers**, of St. Helens, Tasmania.

LEPROSY AND NATIVE
TREATMENT

Some Solomon Is. History

Letter to the Editor

WITH reference to the report, in the September issue of the "P.I.M.", of the statement made to the New Zealand newspapers by Rt. Rev. W. H. Baddeley, Bishop of Melanesia, that "two years ago it was not thought that leprosy existed in the Solomon Islands", I fear the Bishop has been either misinformed or misrepresented.

Apart from the fact that, to my knowledge, the disease has been treated in the Islands for the past 17 years, it was

known to have existed and was reported in 1875, when natives were being recruited for the Queensland plantations.

There is a native name for leprosy. On Simbo it is called "pongupongu" and, when taking a leper from that island in 1932, I was informed by Nziruviri, the Chief of the Island, that it had always existed there. In earlier days the people of the village of Kumbukota were credited with a knowledge of a cure for the disease. At that place there is a red stream and it was the general belief that if a man walked in it, his skin would develop sores and eventually he would contract leprosy.

In 1908, Mr. A. M. Hocart who, in conjunction with Dr. W. H. R. Rivers, conducted a research into the manners and customs of the Simbo people, mentioned that "a drawing of Kundakolo's represents the leprous spirits or spirits of leprosy (tomate pongupongu) as covered with sores; they are toeless (ngopu), and lean on a staff". He further states: "These spirits live in the bush or in the stones of shrines. At Titiro a succession of priests (dama) became lepers, so they gave up the place". Also: "In the days of old those who 'knew leprosy' could cause the disease by a mere blow".

In his book, "Melanesians and Polynesians", Dr. George Brown gives an interesting account of the treatment of cases of leprosy by Fijians, which was communicated by the late Rev. W. Moore, who was a missionary in Fiji for many years. The letter was written in 1859.

Mr. Moore was writing of one of his native teachers, Willami Lawaleou, who had become a leper and had been cured by smoking. The process was as follows:—

"The leper is taken to a small empty house; he is stripped, his body rubbed all over with green leaves, and then buried in them; a small fire is kindled, and a few pieces of the sinu tree—a poisonous tree—are laid on it; and as soon as the thick black smoke begins to ascend, the leper is bound hand and foot, a rope is fastened to his heels, and he is drawn up over the fire, leaving his head some 15 inches from the ground in the midst of the poisonous smoke.

"The door is then closed, and his friends retire a little distance, whilst the poor sufferer is left to cry and shout and plead from the midst of the suffocating steam; but they are often allowed to remain for hours, and finally faint away.

"When the friends think the leper sufficiently smoked, they remove the fire, scrape the slime from the body, and cut deep gashes until the blood flows freely; the leper is then taken down and laid on his mats to await the result. In some cases death—in many life and health".

Mr. Moore relates that in Willami's case the work was effectually done. Willami was no longer a leper, but in good health and usefully employed in preaching.

I am, etc.,

A. MIDDENWAY.

"Bingara", Rowilson Parade,
North Sydney, 21/10/1938.

Professor Peter H. Buck, Director of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum at Honolulu, Hawaii, and Mrs. Buck, hope to be present at the New Zealand centenary celebrations at the close of 1939. Professor Buck, who is an authority on the Maori race, was invited to take charge of the Maori section of the celebrations, but had regretfully to decline owing to the pressure of other duties. If time will permit he will also pay a visit to Tonga.



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Guinea Airways Attitude to New Guinea Project

ON page 76 of your issue of October certain resolutions, stated to have been passed at a largely attended meeting, convened at Wau on September 25 by the New Guinea Mining Association and other representative local bodies, are published. One statement is made that:—

"Mr. Fairbairn arrived in Wau two days before his notified date, accompanied by the chairman and manager of Guinea Airways Ltd."

It is desired by my Board to point out that no significance is attachable to the fact that this Company's managing director, Mr. H. M. Smith (not the chairman) and the general manager, Mr. E. H. Chater, accepted a casual invitation by Mr. Fairbairn to fly with him from Port Moresby to Wau. Although our chairman (Mr. C. V. T. Wells) has visited the Territory four times in the last six-and-a-half years, he has not been there since November, 1936.

A further quotation from the record of the Wau meeting reads:—

"The remainder of his (Mr. Fairbairn's) visit was confined to Lae, as the guest of Guinea Airways Ltd. Mr. Fairbairn then proceeded, via Salamaua, to Australia, without returning to Wau. This meeting states that Mr. Fairbairn's remarks cannot be disinterested, and reflect the views of those opposed to the construction of the road. This meeting records its resentment of the action of this politician. This motion was carried unanimously."

In the opinion of my Board, the impression conveyed by a perusal of the foregoing remarks is that Guinea Airways Limited is opposed to the policy of road building in New Guinea and more particularly of a road between the coast and Wau. There is also the plain inference to be drawn that the officials of this Company at Lae had attempted to influence Mr. Fairbairn against the policy of the Commonwealth Government to build any such road or roads.

I am authorised to state definitely that Guinea Airways has never been opposed to the principle of road construction in any part of New Guinea. The attitude of my Board has always been that roadways are necessary to a general scheme of development of any country, and to the Morobe district of New Guinea in particular. At first glance, road construction in the vicinity of an established airline might appear to be prejudicial to air traffic, but my Board has never regarded the matter in this light.

Evidence of this is the following extract from our chairman's published address to shareholders of this Company on November 27, 1931 (seven years ago), in Adelaide:—

"The policy of Guinea Airways Ltd. is not and never has been one of obstruction towards road building in the district. Although a serviceable traffic road through such country might take two years or more to construct, it would undoubtedly have a stimulating effect upon the development of the surrounding Territory and provide employment. Nevertheless it would not and could not displace air transport. It would be complementary to it".

These views have not changed in the

years that have elapsed since they were expressed.

In conclusion, my Board has never communicated with Mr. Fairbairn at any time, nor discussed his views on any subject.

I am, etc.,

For Guinea Airways Limited,

(Sgd.) E. J. COLLEVER,

Secretary.

Adelaide, 20/10/38.

Mr. George H. Farwell, formerly of Tahiti, has been elected to the Council of the Anthropological Society of New South Wales. Several years ago Mr. Farwell was a member of a treasure-seeking expedition to the Tuamotu Islands. Since his marriage he has been a resident of Sydney, and is well-known for his contributions on Pacific topics to the Australian press.

BOTANY OF ROTUMA

From Our Own Correspondent

HONOLULU, Oct. 5.

DR. HAROLD ST. JOHN, botanist of the University of Hawaii and Bishop Museum, Honolulu, has returned from field work on Rotuma, the isolated isle north of the Fiji group, with at least 100 specimens of new botanical species. He is enthusiastic about his discoveries; but, ahead of him, lies at least three years' solid work of full identification and report before the Bishop Museum can publish a Rotuma botanical bulletin for distribution throughout the scientific world.

(Why Rotuma, one of the few remaining "blind spots" of Pacific botany, was chosen, was reported in the "P.I.M." of June, 1938).

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Mr. E. B. Buxton, meteorologist for Pan-American Airways, who has been at Auckland for some time, passed through Sydney in October, on his way to Manila (Philippine Islands) to which station he has been temporarily assigned.

Dr. K. Washington Gray, chief geologist, and Mr. C. Walker, constructional engineer, of Australasian Petroleum Co., arrived in Port Moresby in October by the mail plane, to commence operations on behalf of the new oil company.

Section of Polynesian History

40 Years' Valuable Work by Mr. Stephan Savage

From Our Own Correspondent.

RAROTONGA, Oct. 10.

IN the hands of the printers is a 700-page manuscript of what will be a book of outstanding merit. This work of Mr. Stephan Savage is more than a dictionary—it is an encyclopaedia, giving the historical, natural, traditional, mythical and allegorical history of Rarotonga and its Polynesian inhabitants.

Without this dictionary there would have been lost to posterity something of inestimable value, as no other man has this knowledge that Mr. Savage has set down. So, to students of the Polynesians, this work will just be as valuable as the Rosetta Stone is to students of Egyptology.

Mr. Savage arrived in Rarotonga from New Zealand over 44 years ago, and had at that time a knowledge of N.Z. Maori. In conversation with the Rarotongans, he could not make himself clearly understood, so he set himself to learn the language. By 1898, he had acquired a good knowledge of the language, and commenced then to collect words and traditions in earnest. He was frequently employed in making translations for the Government.

The late Colonel W. E. Gudgeon (Resident Commissioner for the Cook Is.) in 1900 appointed Mr. Savage as Secretary, Official Translator and Interpreter. In this capacity he was in constant contact with the language, and therefore was able to collect many tribal and family histories, old customs, words and phrases of the older form of the language.

Since that time, he has been constantly collecting data; on many occasions sitting up whole nights listening to the old men of the island telling the tales and histories of their gods and ancestors. While he was interpreter in the Land Court, and heard any new word or phrase, he would make a note of same, and after Court he would ask the meaning and its use.

Both the late Bishop Williams and Dr. P. H. Buck have been keenly interested in this dictionary. They have given the author valuable advice, and encouraged Mr. Savage to continue and finish this work when often he felt inclined to drop the matter, on account of meeting what seemed insuperable obstacles, and accumulations of his Government work leaving him very little free time.

The following extracts from the manuscript will demonstrate the enormous labour entailed, especially when the whole is the work of one man.

"Aitu": a god, a deity, a spirit. Also, the name of certain ancient tribes who came from the East and settled on many of the islands. According to tradition, some of the Aitu tribes settled on the islands of Aitutaki, Atiu, and Mangaia. At Aitutaki they were eventually destroyed or driven away. At Mangaia they were from time to time slaughtered, in order to provide sacrifices to the gods. There still exists at Mangaia the remains of a great oven named "Te-Umu-Aitu", where large numbers of these people were cooked after being slain.

"Ara-Nui-O-Toi". (Comp.n.) (Hist.). Tradition states that this is the name of the first road that was formed completely round the island of Rarotonga. It was made by a chief named Toi, a celebrated ancestor of the Polynesians (Maori) who, with a fellow named Te-Marai, came to the island of Rarotonga some 700 years ago—long before the advent of Tangiannui or Karika. The road was originally paved with stones, the whole of its length, and undoubtedly involved a great deal of manual labour in its construction—which indicates that Toi must have had a considerable number of followers, and that he was a civil engineer, as well as being an able navigator. It is a great pity this road, in many places has been totally destroyed, although there are portions still intact. Toi must have resided on the island for some time; then he sailed away to a land then known as Rangimake-oki-rangi, and latterly as Avaiki-atutau (New Zealand).

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tree commonly called the "umbrella tree". (Bot. *Terminalia catappa*). The matured wood of this tree is hard and tough and of a reddish colour. It was used extensively in former days in the manufacture of household articles, spears, etc. Particular tree of this species known as "Tamanu" (Bot. *Catophyllum inophyllum*) was, prior to the introduction of Christianity, set aside as sacred, but these specially selected trees were never actually worshipped within the meaning of "to worship". They were made sacred from the fact that the ancient god (or gods) was deposited under the spreading boughs or hung among the lower branches. Shortly after the introduction of Christianity these sacred trees were, through the zeal of the early missionaries, destroyed by fire.

With these few extracts one can see what a treasure-house this book will be.

Mr. Savage has, in his possession, sufficient material in the shape of native manuscripts to write the whole traditional and historical history of the Cook Islands Polynesians. But, for this to be accomplished, the N.Z. Government must realise the importance of Mr. Savage's work, relieve him of his duties as a public servant, and allow him to devote all of his time to this meritorious undertaking.

Dr. Emile Lebon, of the staff of the "Courrier de Lorraine", Nancy, France, passed through Sydney in October on his way home, via the East Indies, from the New Hebrides.

Dr. A. J. May, Government Medical Officer at Port Moresby, Papua, returned from leave last month. Mrs. May will remain in Australia until the medical officer's new residence is completed.

A FINE PINEAPPLE PATCH



Photograph of part of the gaol gardens, about 12 miles from Port Moresby, in which all the fresh food is grown for native prisoners and native hospitals. Mr. George Gough has worked wonders with the gaol gardens since he has been in charge.

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FIJIAN ELECTROCUTED

THE first fatal accident connected with the Tavua mining industry, Fiji, occurred at Vatukoula on October 10, when Nuku, a middle-aged Bauan carpenter, was electrocuted. Working on a roof, he lost his balance, and seized a 440 volt live wire to check his fall. He was found dead when picked up after dropping about 10 ft. from the roof to the ground.

40 LEPERS FROM NORTHERN COOKS

From Our Own Correspondent.

RAROTONGA, Oct. 15.

DR. E. P. ELLISON, C.M.O., left by the September "Matua" for Suva, to join a schooner which has been chartered by the Cook Is. Administration to convey lepers from the Northern Cooks to Makogai, at a reported price of £2,000.

It is stated that this nice little nest egg was rejected by the owners of the local schooner, "Taire Taporo", the reason given being that carrying lepers would give the ship a bad name. In these hard times, when paying cargoes are difficult to find, Messrs. A. B. Donald's action is to be commended.

The chartered schooner will pick up at Manihiki 4 lepers, at Rakahanga 3, and at Penryhn 33, and from that port will sail direct to Makogai. The last time that lepers were sent from the Cook Group to Makogai was in 1935, by the N.Z. Government ship "Matai".

BRITISH CONSUL AT TAHITI

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Oct. 10.

MR. ERNEST EDMONDS, M.A. (Cantab.) L.Theo., F.R.G.S., took office as British Consul, at Tahiti, October 1, 1938, in place of Consul-General F. G. Gorton, resigned.

Mr. Edmonds is a retired schoolmaster, who has resided on Tahiti for some time.

Mr. F. G. Gorton was appointed March 2, 1936, as honorary consul, with the rank of Consul-General.

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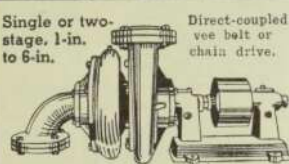


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From Our Own Correspondent.

HONOLULU, Oct. 5.
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5. Have a sense of humour.
6. Attack your problems in an active manner.
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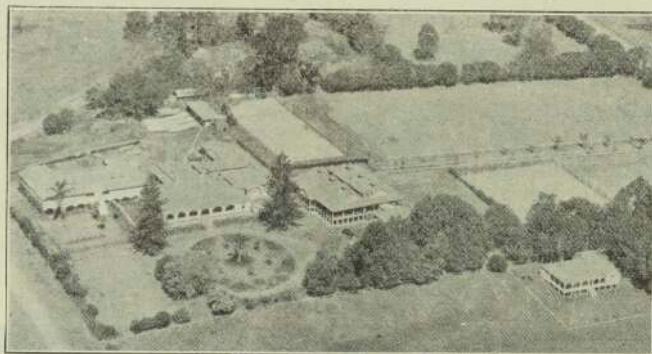
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Queer Artifacts Found In New Guinea

Relics of a People Long Dead

MUCH material of scientific value, as well as general interest, is published in "Oceania"—a journal produced by the Australian National Research Council, of Science House, Gloucester Street, Sydney, and devoted to the study of the native people of Australia and the Pacific Islands. The editor is Dr. A. P. Elkin and the assistant editor is Dr. H. Ian Hogbin, both of whom are well-known anthropologists.

Some of the articles in the September issue of interest to Pacific Islands readers are: "The Life of Children in Manam (New Guinea)", by Camilla H. Wedgwood; "The History of Rotuma, as Reflected in its Language", by C. Maxwell Churchward; "The Word 'Mana': a Linguistic Study", by A. Capell; "Notes on the Hill People of North Eastern Guadalcanal", by L. W. S. Wright; "Stone Workers of New Guinea, Past and Present", by John J. Murphy.

As Mr. Murphy's article deals with a subject of much interest to New Guinea and Papua miners (who have dug up many of the mysterious artifacts) we have taken the liberty of reproducing it hereunder. Mr. Murphy is an officer of the Department of District Services and Native Affairs, in New Guinea.

A CONSIDERABLE portion of our knowledge of our ancient peoples has been gained from the study of fragments of stone vessels, implements, and ornaments which have survived them. Brought to light in our day, they have been no small factor in limning the lives of a people whom they have survived by, perhaps, thousands of years.

In New Guinea are found many such relics. Here we find, fashioned in stone, a fragmental history of a people who apparently inhabit no part of the island to-day, nor have they, perhaps, for a thousand years past.

Practically anywhere in the Mandated Territory relics and fragments are found. They appear to have been made from the country rock, and usually take the form of plain or decorated bowls, some with pedestals, and some without; mortars and pestles; effigies of birds and of the male genitalia. They have been dug up in creek-beds or in gardens, and in many cases have been, for generations, in the possession of various native communities who use them in feasts and rituals.

On one occasion when I was camped at a place called Kambiliga, on the south bank of the Middle Wahgi, on the way to Mt. Hagen (Central New Guinea), a young man brought a fragment of a mortar which he had found in one of the creeks. It appears to have been made from the country rock and is about a quarter of the complete article. It has a handle attached and was evidently an oval-shaped vessel. With constant grinding it had worn comparatively thin at the middle, and the friction marks of—doubtless—a pestle could be seen. The rim was carved like thick rope, and altogether it had the appearance of being a symmetrically made article.

Four days later the patrol came to a large swampy tract some ten or twelve miles wide. This tract was entirely treeless and bordered the upper reaches of the swiftly-flowing Wahgi River. At

its edge was found a large white pillar of limestone standing upright. It measured 11 ft. high, was 2 ft. square in cross-section, and was accurately cut. What its purpose is and who put it there is a mystery. There is no other stone or rock nearby and the natives have no opinion to offer.

The Mount Hagen people have some fine specimens of stone vessels, which they use in one of their principal feasts known as "Kuru Kundonim". They call the vessels "kuru". "Kur" is a spirit and "ku" is their word for stone. Quite possibly, then, "kuru" is a form of "kuru" (especially as the "r" is rolled, suppressing "k"—meaning "spirit stone"). The manner in which they use the vessels seems to indicate this.

When not in use, these vessels are buried in a secret place and brought out at the time of "Kuru Kundonim". Hundreds of pigs are slaughtered at the "venue" of the feast and cooked in holes in the ground, which are filled with hot stones and lined with banana leaves. In one centre alone 1,100 pigs were killed just before we arrived. The meat is piled on the vessels and an important man from a neighbouring tribe is invited to make the necessary appeals to the spirits in whose honour the feast is made. This feast, and the honour done the spirits, are to ensure that crops will be fruitful and game plentiful. Women and children are strictly forbidden to approach within hearing of one of these feasts.

On the return trip we were camped some 20 miles to the east of Kambiliga at Gilgager, between the God Nor and Gimeri Nor, tributaries of the Wahgi. A native brought a well-preserved pestle which he successfully disposed of for a couple of "giri-giri" shells. Here again, on a superficial examination, the article appeared to have been made from the country rock.

Effigies of birds, fragments of vessels and mortars, and a variety of club heads have been found in this part of the country. But the natives certainly do not make them. Nor are stone relics confined to this area alone. Roughly two hundred miles to the south-east, near Otibanda, on the edge of the Kukukuku country, fragments of mortars and pestles and the heads of a cockatoo and a cassowary have been found. These are faithful reproductions showing great attention to detail and skill in execution, and are now in the Australian Museum, Sydney. The work is very similar to that of the present day Kukukukus, who, however, confine themselves mainly to the manufacture of club heads.

In June, 1936, during a patrol through the country at the head of the Bitoi River (Morobe district, New Guinea mainland) I found small circular bowls dug up from the river beds by miners. These were worn so thin in the middle that they had broken through. Fragments of bowls and axes, too, have been scooped up by the dredges on the Bulolo River and by the miners on the Watut River.

There are certainly no people in the Mandated Territory to-day who manufacture similar articles from stone. The Kukukuku people manufacture divers shapes of club heads and a species of adze blade; and the Mount Hagen people work beautifully proportioned axes. The Kukukuku people are specialists in well-carved stone heads as the Mount Hagen are specialists in the production of stone axes. But, whereas the work of Kukukukus is similar to that in the fragments found in different parts of the country, the work of the Mount Hagen people and the manner of its execution

have no counterpart in any of the fragments found.

The Mount Hagen axes are now well-known to anthropologists. In all this wide expanse of country, with its tens of thousands of natives, two tribes only have the privilege of making the stone axes, although similar rock can be found almost anywhere in this part of the country. From these two centres the axes are traded for a radius of about a hundred miles. They are not used in regular battles, but in sudden assaults, murder and ceremony. A rougher, stouter axe is used for work.

The peoples of Biaru, the head of the Bubu River, the Ono headwaters and the Waria headwaters also manufacture stone club heads, and a stone pounder 14 to 18 inches long. These pounders are marked on one side with a conventional criss-cross pattern of 11 horizontal and 25 vertical grooves. They are

used for beating a certain kind of bark for the manufacture of blankets. These pounders are also made by the Kukukukus. In addition the Upper Waria people make a strong gong, varying in shape with the piece of stone worked, which they used in ceremonial feasts. It is sounded by prodding with a stone pencil much in the same way that a little boy makes his slate "whistle". The short, sharp notes are not unlike those of a bell.

On the eve of a big feast, many pigs are bound each to a pole and placed in a house at the end of the village. Towards midnight an important man of the tribe stalks through the village sounding his gong. This is what the men have been waiting for. They bring out the trussed pigs and line them on the ground. The bellman encircles them with measured tread, sounding his gong the while. The pigs may now be killed.

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Hon. A. H. Bunting, M.L.C., of Samarai, Papua, accompanied by Mrs. Bunting, has returned to Australia. Mr. Bunting's health is not satisfactory.

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LET'S SEE IF THE WORLD IS ROUND, by Hakon Mielche, Danish artist. Our copy from W. Hodge and Co. Ltd., 86 Hatton Garden, London, EC1. 12/6.

This book was published in Danish about three years ago, and now we have an English translation. It is a bright, racy account of the voyage of the "Monsumen", Danish scientific ship, from Europe to Panama, Galapagos Is., Marquesas, Tahiti, Samoa, Fiji, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Banks and Torres Islands, to Vanikoro (Southern Solomons) where she was wrecked. Mr. Mielche, in addition to being a humourist, is a clever and witty artist, and the book is illustrated with scores of diverting thumb-nail sketches, in which we recognise many men well-known in the Pacific. An excellent travel-book, and its 330 pages are packed with entertainment.

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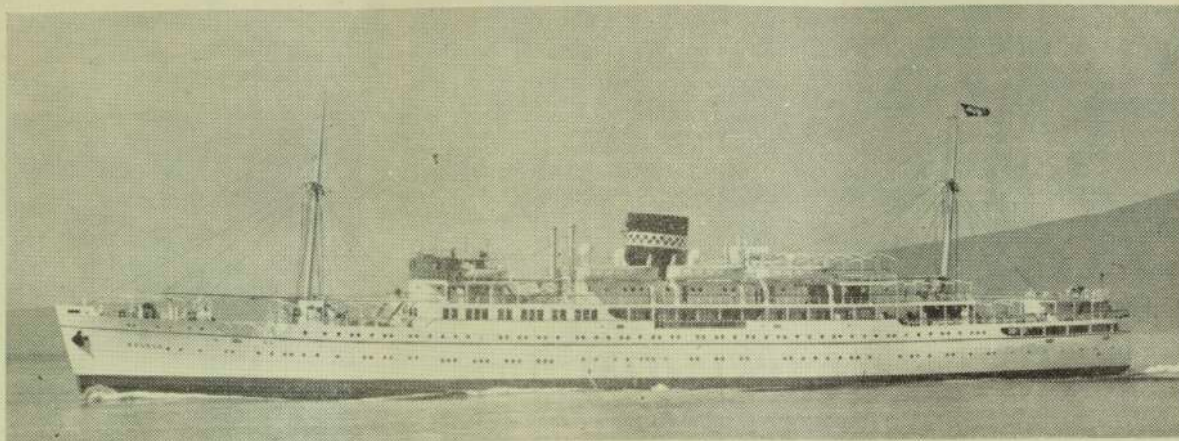
AS an example of the good work being done, in an unostentatious way, by sections of the Europeans to help the Fijian community in Fiji, it is noted that no less than 200 Fijian women assembled in Suva early in October to attend the 14th annual conference of the Fijian Women's Guild.

The object of this organisation is to instruct the women in the care of their young infants, and in the conduct of their homes, so as to meet the new conditions of European civilisation. The women are intelligent and adaptable, and much good has been achieved, especially in the direction of reducing infant mortality.

The conference extended over several days, under the leadership of Mrs. O. C. K. Corrie, and the various addresses were followed with close attention.

Rev. H. J. E. Short, of the L.M.S. mission at Hula, left Port Moresby by the "Tasman" on October 27 to attend the International Missionary Conference at Madras. Mrs. Short, who was in Adelaide, will join her husband in Colombo; and, later, Mr. and Mrs. Short will go on to Europe. They will return to Papua at the end of next year, via America.

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A MISHAP AND A QUICK REPAIR

From Our Own Correspondent.

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At first, it was thought that it would be necessary to sail to the Tahiti slip, to effect repairs. But the combined efforts of Captain Cambridge, Engineer Story and the crew accomplished a neat feat of engineering, with the ship in the water, and in a short time the old "Tiare" was ready for sea again.

Solomon Islands Designs
Attract American Scientist

EVIDENCE of the useful function performed in Sydney by the Pacific Islands Club was the meeting arranged between Dr. Carl Schuster, of the Universities of Vienna and Harvard, and Captain Arthur Middenway, formerly an official in the Solomon Islands, and one time in the Government Service in Fiji.

Dr. Schuster, who passed through Sydney in October on his way to New Zealand to study Maori designs, is assistant curator of Chinese Art at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and a recognised authority on Chinese peasant embroideries. His recent quest in China was

made possible by a grant from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation in New York.

His quest in the Pacific has been, however, primarily, a study of Melanesian designs. When in the Solomons recently he heard of the magnificent collection of Solomon Islands material which Captain



Dr. Carl Schuster, of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, U.S.A., who has been investigating Melanesian designs in the British Solomons Group.

—Photo.: May Moore, Sydney

Middenway presented some years ago to the Suva Museum. As his time in Sydney was short, he was anxious to make contact with the former owner as quickly as possible. The Pacific Islands Club soon arranged the meeting.

Dr. Schuster subsequently remarked that Captain Middenway was of immense help to him, as he made photographs of his former possessions available to him. Now the American scientist is off to Suva to study them at first hand. Then he will continue his journey to Honolulu, to make researches in the Bishop Museum under the guidance of Professor Peter H. Buck. The result of his work will be embodied in a book.

While in Sydney he took more than 200 photographs at the Australian Museum, mostly of Solomon Island artifacts. At the Auckland War Memorial Museum, which has another fine collection of Solomon Islands material, he hopes to make further discoveries, and he will systematically comb other New Zealand Museums before proceeding to Suva.

Incidentally, one of Dr. Schuster's correspondents in the Pacific is Rev. Dr. C. E. Fox, the Melanesian scholar. To Dr. Fox the American scientist has put some questions concerning tatau designs at Rennell Island and other places the New Zealander is familiar with, but which Dr. Schuster was unable to visit. He is also planning to get in touch with Native Medical Practitioner Geoffrey Kuper, formerly of the Suva Medical School, who has been making a study of tatau designs in the Solomon Islands.

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UNION JACK AND SWASTIKA FLAG

Samoa Reactions to the European Crisis and Munich Agreement

EUROPEAN crisis reactions in Western Samoa (September 26-30) were remarkable.

The Fono of Faipule (Samoa native parliament) was in session, and was kept informed of developments by the Administrator. When it was advised, on the morning of September 29, that a "state of emergency" had been declared throughout the British Empire (an announcement, by the way that was not made public in Australia), the Fono's reaction was immediate.

The Speaker of the Fono, Alipia, rose to declare that at such a fateful hour the Fono had no desire to proceed with ordinary business. Addressing the Acting Administrator, in the name of the Faipule, the Speaker said that the Samoans wished to express their sincere and unanimous desire to loyally support

the British Government and rally to the Union Jack. Whatever had been their local differences with the Administration in the past, they knew only one Government and one flag, and willingly would defend same against all aggressors.

The Fono then submitted to the Administrator an offer of 9,000 men for any kind of service, at home or abroad.

The offer was accompanied by a detailed statement, showing how and where the proposed force of Samoans would be assembled, and how the defence of important points in the Territory might be organised. The Fono requested the Acting Administrator to convey the Samoan offer by radio to the Prime Minister of New Zealand.

The Munich agreement was announced before any further steps could be taken.



The Union Jack and the German flag, flying over adjoining shops in Apia, Western Samoa, as described in this article.

THE FLAG INCIDENT

The reaction among Europeans was mixed.

For 20 years, ever since Samoa passed from German to British control, the nationals of the two great Empires have lived together, in a friendly and reasonable fashion. The British accorded full citizen rights to the Germans, as a matter of course, and saw no reason why the Germans should not keep alive their love for their Fatherland, and preserve their national institutions. The Germans, on their side, have honourably observed the obligation to be loyal to the Government under which they live.

All well-informed people know that the territorial dispositions made at Versailles in 1919 were "cock-eyed", and that there could be no peace in Europe until readjustment was seriously undertaken; but that was no reason why there

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should be international friction in the little European community in Samoa.

The Munich Settlement, on September 30, was received by Samoan Europeans with intense relief. It removed the threat of a wholly undesired war between Britons and Germans, and it meant, at long last, the recognition of a European policy of international appeasement.

One well-known German, Mr. P. Berking, let his enthusiasm run away with his discretion. He is a man well informed on international affairs, and no doubt recognised the meaning of the Munich agreement.

So, above his butchery, on the main street, he hoisted a large swastika (German) flag.

The British residents were surprised at first, and then they became somewhat grim. They felt that the Nazi emblem had an impudent flaunt to it. Did the German suggest that Munich represented a win for Hitler aggressiveness, rather than a victory for common-sense? Did they think that the British lion had his tail down?

Within a short time, a Union Jack was hoisted over the shop of Mr. Adair, bootmaker and saddler, next door to Mr. Berking. It was a little bigger, and a little higher than the swastika flag.

Honour was satisfied. Britons and Germans grinned amiably, and went about their daily tasks. Union Jack and

German flag flapped amiably together in the same breeze—as shown by the photograph on the opposite page.

PREPARED TO FIGHT

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, Oct. 15.
WHEN a European War seemed imminent, on September 29, the members of the Cook Islands Returned

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A reply was received from Mr. Savage as follows: "Offer of services from returned soldiers of Cook Islands received with grateful appreciation".

Besides the returned soldiers, many of the young men of the Islands offered their services.

Rev. P. Clark, of the Methodist Mission at Nakanai, New Britain, New Guinea, with Mrs. Clark, arrived in Sydney by the "Neptuna" on October 31. They will spend furlough in Western Australia.

Mrs. A. E. Barker, whose husband is business manager for the Methodist Mission in Fiji, arrived in Sydney by the October "Mariposa". She has been suffering from ill-health for some time.



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Fashion Hints for Islands Women

By Therese

ONE of the most charming dresses seen this season is evolved from a length of furnishing linen in the loveliest shade of red with a most striking bamboo design in white. The dress is simply made and is worn with white accessories.

Uncrushable cottons are printed in the gayest colours in bold designs and make the most devastating frocks; and how they wash! They require no trimming, either, which is an economy worthy of consideration.

All the letters of the alphabet are scattered in black over a white linen shirtmaker frock. Black and white shoes and a shady straw with a narrow ribbon trim strike the right note. If you are energetic enough you can scatter all the letters of your name in embroidery in several colours over your entire frock. It's an awfully attractive idea and well worth the trouble.

Two piece suits are always an attribute to any woman's wardrobe. They are in a wide variety of designs and offer wide scope for individual treatment. With something different as the keynote, a hand-knit mercerised cotton suit in powder blue laces its front with cords of deeper blue and red. These hand-knit suits have the most marvelous wearing and washing propensities and carry tremendous appeal.

Whimsical trimmings brighten frocks and suits. A linen jacket suit sports yellow flowerpots full of blue flowers. Lobsters in red, green and blue do duty as fastenings on a string linen lace frock that swathes its waist with a sash of the three colours. Hats match or contrast and sport cockades of ribbon, lots of flowers, wings and narrow bands of gros grain, and seem to be made for the frocks with which they are worn.

Two and even three colour contrasts are good this season. An afternoon frock has yoke and sleeves of powder blue which also bands the hem of the skirt of darker blue. The dark blue extends to the yoke in two points.

SPLENDID materials are used for evening frocks—materials that glitter and gleam and are even more magnificent than those of yore. Ottoman silk threaded with silver, tinselled tapestry, gold and silver lame, and metal moire with a glitter like ice are presented in all their glory. If you like something simpler, there are sheers of exquisite fineness, lovely cobwebby lace, fine crepes and lustrous satins. Styles are intriguing, too, and it is a satisfying state of mind to be clad in a chiffon gown that swirls widely over a taffetas foundation. It's equally satisfying to wear a slinky gown, provisionally that the coiffure is altered to suit the change of style. A rustling romantic frock has a moulded torso and is held aloft by slender shoulder straps. Its low décolletage is covered by a fascinating little

jacket that goes all Chinese in design.

Blouses and skirts for evening are le dernier cri. A cocktail gown of silk with full black skirt has a polka dot blouse that buttons down the front, and short sleeves and a cowl collar which can be worn over the head in most intriguing style. Two tones are smart and a black skirt is the foundation for many changes.

Pastel shades never lose their appeal and a frock of glimmering pink satin draped into sweeping lines without a touch of ornament except a diamond clip at the right shoulder is lovely. The drapery effect of the bodice extends to the left shoulder giving the effect of a sleeve.

A delightful frock is evolved from the palest of blue net over a full net skirt of mauve. It presents a lovely combination, particularly when a cyclamen flower is tucked in the waistline. There is clever contrast between the demurely buttoned bodice and the full floating skirt.

ACCESSORIES are intriguing. The latest accessories matched by fashion are hats and hand-bags. Actually the hats are little more than caps but they are all that is required for chic. A bright young thing wears a "beanie" and carries a bag designed on the same lines. Another goes a step further and zips up her beret the same as she does her hand-bag which is made of similar gay material. A trio of bows adorns both hat and bag of another set and gives joy to the owner.

If Fashion decrees that our belts must not be wide, she allows us variety. Narrow leather thongs like a dog leash look most attractive and two of Fido's col-

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lars buckled together make a belt that is absolutely original.

Leis of flowers are being worn with great success for both day and evening and look really charming with an airy frock and a picture hat. Some delightful colour schemes are achieved with multi-coloured flowers.

FIJI'S GIANT TOADS

GIANT toads, imported recently into Fiji to deal with sugar-cane pests, have been a source of concern to the Fijians, who claimed that they were eating the prawns in the creeks. The prawns are an important item in the Fijian larder.

The Fiji Journal of Agriculture says that the toads are land-feeders and therefore do not enter water to take their food and there need be no fear that the numbers of prawns will be decreased.

Another native belief is that the tadpoles of the toads feed on mosquito larvae and thus will be helpful in lessening mosquito pests. The Journal says that this also is untrue, as tadpoles feed on algae plant matter and an experiment conducted by the Entomologist showed that the tadpoles do not attack mosquito larvae even in the absence of other food.

Mr. A. C. Ennis has taken up duties at the Bank of N.S.W., Suva, Fiji, replacing Mr. E. G. Jeffries, who left the Colony by the last "Aorangi".

Mr. A. A. Andrews, formerly Chief Freight Clerk of the Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin, N.Z., has been appointed manager of the U.S.S. Co.'s office at Apia, Western Samoa.

SAMOAN OLD-TIMERS

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Oct. 15.

TWO well-known old-timers, Mr. Paul Hoeflich and Mr. G. E. L. Westbrook, recently celebrated their birth-



Mr. G. E. L. Westbrook and Mr. Paul Hoeflich.

days, within one week, when Mr. Hoeflich became 82 and Mr. Westbrook 78.

The two pioneers arrived in Samoa within a few hours of each other 46 years ago. Mr. Westbrook is a Britisher, and Mr. Hoeflich a German.

Quotations For Islands Mining Shares

FIJI

	Mid-May.	Mid-Aug.	Mid-Nov.
Emperor Mines .	b11/9	b12/9	b12/
Loloma	b22/6	b22/9	b22/10½
Mt. Kasi	b4/5	b4/7	b4/8
Tavua Dev.	—	b4d	s6d
Vatu Kasia	b6d	s1/6	—

NEW GUINEA

Bulolo Deposits .	b8½d	b8d	b8d
Bulolo G.D.	b£6/5/	b£6/18/	b£6/10/
Enterprise of N.G.	b20	b15/	b45/
Guinea Gold	s13/9	b14/9	b14/3
N.G.G., Ltd.	b1/3½	b1/3	b1/4
Oil Search	b6/2	b7/3	b6/6
Placer Dev.	b£3/13/	s£3/19/	b£3/12/
Sandy Ck.	s1/3	b1/4	b1/3
Sunshine Gold . . .	b11/6	b9/1	b9/

PAPUA.

Cuthbert's	b20/	s18/6	b17/3
G.M. of Papua . . .	b6/7	b5/2	b4/3
Mandated All. . . .	b2/1	b2/	b1/9
Papuan Apinalpi . .	—	b7/4	b5/
Yodda Gold Co. . .	b6d	b8½d	b8d

Monsieur Jaques Pinelli, adviser to the French Ministry of Trade, who recently completed an economic mission to New Caledonia and the New Hebrides, was in Sydney early in November.

Hon. Pandit Hridaya Nath Kunzru, LL.D., B.Sc., President of the Servants of India Society, a member of the Council of State (Upper House of the Legislature) in India, who led the Indian Delegation to the British Commonwealth Relations Conference in Sydney in September, visited Fiji in October, and was warmly welcomed by both the European and Indian communities. He delivered a number of interesting speeches.

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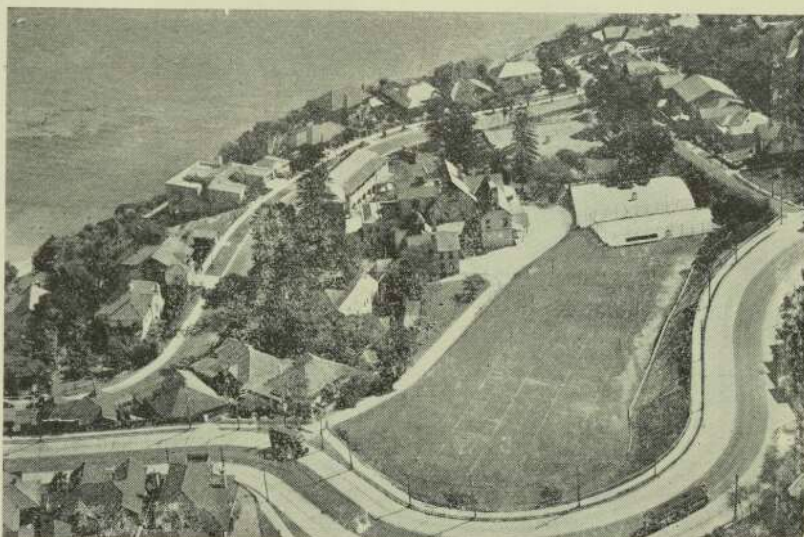
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PACIFIC MINING NOTES

From Fiji

LOLOMA (FIJI) GOLD MINES N.L.

LOLOMA (Fiji) Gold Mines N.L., which commenced production in September, 1937, earned a profit of £83,793 for the year to July 31, 1938. The profit was struck after providing £24,427 for mine development, £9,877 for depreciation, and £4,300 for taxation.

Bullion proceeds returned £193,949. The treatment of 19,036 tons returned 22,075 oz. gold and 5,589 oz. fine silver. Total costs were 66/2.56 a ton Fijian currency, of which 52/11.72 represented mine administration and general charges, and 13/2.84 development.

Now that the treatment plant has reached capacity, and with improvements being made to increase the tonnage, it is expected that the costs will be reduced materially. The directors write that treatment operations are proceeding smoothly, with the plant producing at slightly over its rated capacity. Residue values are gradually being reduced.

The general manager (Mr. F. R. W. Godden) estimates ore reserves at 138,815 tons, of which 109,715 are positive and 29,100 probable. The positive ore has an average value of 27.29 dwt. gold, and the probable ore 19.31 dwt. The favourable development of the southern shoot at the 224 ft. level, and the persistence of the southerly pitch of the pay shoots have rendered a new shaft necessary. The site selected is 280 ft. east of No. 8 prospecting shaft. Values in the northern shoot at 224 ft. have been disappointing, but the lode is very disturbed there, and the general manager hopes for something better at the 324 ft. level.

Mr. Godden considers that the opening up of a long length of solid lode of good width and value, and carrying tellurides, on the 224 ft. level, is one of the best developments that has yet occurred.

Production figures for October-November compare with the previous yields as follows:—

	Four weeks ended			
	Aug. 10	Sept. 7	Oct. 5	Nov. 2
Tons treated	1,850	2,080	2,120	2,125
Gold, oz. fine	2,402	2,742	2,785	2,852
Silver, oz., fine	453	460	559	663
Residue, dwt.	2.1	1.95	1.62	1.57

EMPEROR GOLD MINING CO. LTD.

Emperor Gold Mining Co. Ltd., the operating company in Fiji for Emperor Mines Ltd., reports a net profit of £63,592 (Fijian), equal to £A71,541 for the year ended June 15.

Profit is struck after providing £F23,029 for depreciation, £F22,538 for development and prospecting, and £F3,800 for income tax. The operating company paid the first interim dividend amounting to £A101,250, on September 15, enabling Emperor Mines Ltd. to declare its first dividend of 1/- a share, payable on November 10. The bank overdraft of the operating company, which had been reduced to £F28,639 at the balance date, has since been extinguished by the surplus from gold proceeds.

In the year 128,008 tons of ore were treated for 38,591 oz. fine gold. Operating costs per ton in Fijian currency during the last three four-weekly periods, which the general manager (Mr. N. E. Nilsen) considers normal, were: Milling 4/7, development redemption 3/8, milling 9/10, general expenses 1/7, total 19/6. This does not include Melbourne and London expenses, income tax, and depreciation, but it includes a substantial amount a ton for current and future development.

Recent yields are compared in the following table:—

	Four weeks ended			
	Aug. 10	Sep. 7	Oct. 5	Nov. 2
Ore treated, tons	14,091	14,583	13,901	13,103
Head value, dwt.	6.29	6.3	6.5	6.81
Gold, oz., fine	4,017.5	4,120.6	4,165.7	4,109.4
Residue, dwt.	0.57	0.53	0.62	0.5

Combined head value averaged 6.81 dwt. per ton. New mill head value 6.9 dwt. per ton. Pilot plant head value 5.1 dwt. per ton. New mill residue 0.5 dwt. per ton. Pilot plant residue 0.56 dwt. per ton. Concentrates from pilot plant estimated to contain 46 oz. fine gold stored for further treatment.

MT. KASI MINES LIMITED

Yields from the Mount Kasi Mine, Vanua Levu, Fiji, for the past four months, are compared in the following table:—

	Four weeks ended:			
	Aug. 10	Sept. 7	Oct. 5	Nov. 2
Ore, tons	3,030	2,754	2,778	3,318
Gold, fine oz.	659	615	662	695
Value (£A)	5,766	5,381	5,792	6,081

From New Guinea

SANDY CREEK Gold Sluicing Ltd., New Guinea, has issued the following financial statement for the quarter ended July 31: Cash in hand, commencement of period (including balances due on gold sold), £3,231; revenue from operations, £9,338; expenditure, £6,121; cash in hand end of period (including balances due on gold sold), £6,448; debtors, £67; creditors (including provision for accruing expenditure), £1,740.

The last four yields of the Company have been:—

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Cubic yards	16,088	18,497	19,644	16,073
Gold, oz.	531	538	359	368
Per c.y.	4/11	4/4	2/9	3/5¼
Working cost	1/5	1/2	1/0½	1/2½

ENTERPRISE OF N.G. GOLD AND PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT

The general manager of Enterprise of New Guinea Gold and Petroleum Development N.L. (Mr. H. Taylor) reported as follows for the period ended October 19:—

Surprise Creek, hydraulic mining continued, floods and heavy rains caused little damage and delay. Edie mine, steam and plant compressed air installation commenced. Arrangements under way for driving Nos. 1, 2 and 3 levels simultaneously.

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previous year, the profit was 3,585,975 dollars before providing for amortisation.
Cabled advice states that dredgable gravel reserves at May 31 were 192,000,000 cubic yards, and about 20,000,000 further yards which will be handled hydraulically. Dredge No. 7, which is now under construction, should be completed during March of next year. The construction of a further dredge, No. 8, has been decided upon, and it is expected that it will be operating by the middle of 1939.

Production of the Co.'s dredges in New Guinea from July to September has been:—

	July	Aug.	Sept.
Cubic yards . . .	1,232,000	1,249,000	1,138,000
Bullion, oz. . . .	19,667	23,492	15,271
Gold, fine oz. . .	13,569	16,209	10,537
Value—			
Aust. currency* .	£118,729	£141,829	£92,199
Value, per c.y. .	23.1	27.2	10.4
Working profit . .	£77,875	£100,695	£63,875

* At 2/8/15/- per fine ounce.
Throughout September the No. 2 dredge was digging in very low values, through a gorge to a new location, which has now been reached.

BULOLO GOLD DEPOSITS LTD.

The following yields have been reported by Bulolo Gold Deposits, New Guinea:—

	Aug. 4, to Sept. 6.	Sept. 4, to Sept. 25.	Sept. 26, to Nov. 3.
Morobe Alluvials—			
Hours	600	290	750
Cubic yards . . .	7,500	2,000	8,700
Gold, oz.	140	50	209.55
Morobe Deposits—			
Hours	525	300	480
Cubic yards . . .	8,500	4,500	4,000
Gold, oz.	45	30	50

This is the final clean-up before handing over the leases to New Guinea Goldfields Ltd.

SUNSHINE GOLD DEVELOPMENT LTD.

Sunshine Gold Development Ltd., New Guinea, reports that the clean-up for October yielded 450oz. gold. A dividend of 6d. per share has been declared payable on December 12. Books will close on December 1.

NEW GUINEA GOLDFIELDS LIMITED

The following progress report for September has been issued by the Mining Trust Limited, consulting engineers for N.G. Goldfields Ltd.:—

	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Edie Creek Mill—			
Fine gold, oz. . . .	1,208	1,154	1,162
Silver, oz.	4,052	3,865	3,734
Operating profit . .	£2,771	£2,532	£3,071

Alluvial—

Fine gold, oz. . . .	1,120	809	785
Silver, oz.	797	612	572
Operating profit . .	£4,395	£2,700	Nil.

Golden Ridges—

Treated, tons . . .	—	*1,200	1,633
Gold, fine oz. . . .	—	113	401
Silver, oz.	—	116	542
Operating loss . . .	—	£1,005	—
Operating profit . .	—	—	£300

*Reconstructed mill run in on low-grade tailings.

From Papua

CUTHBERT'S MISIMA GOLDMINE LTD.

FIGURES for the monthly clean-up on October 23 from Cuthbert's Misima mine, Eastern Papua, compare with the previous two months as follows:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Treated, tons	2,858	2,905	2,895
Bullion, oz.	2,872	2,922	2,575
Gold, fine oz. . . .	822	835	782
Silver, fine oz. . . .	1,939	1,986	1,723
Est. value—			
(Gold at £A8 per oz.)	£6,684	£6,797	£6,345
Value per ton . . .	46/9	46/9	43/10

Total development for September—377 ft., 490 tons of ore won from development, 2,415 tons from stoping, total 2,905 tons, average assay: Gold 6 dwts. 5 grs. p.t. Silver: 36 dwts. p.t.
September was the wettest month for some time—29 inches of rain being recorded.

PAPUAN APINAIFI PETROLEUM CO. LTD.

Papuan Apinaifi Petroleum Co. Ltd. reported on November 8 that the Olapu bore had reached a depth of 1,124 ft. Heavy gas at a pressure of 400 lb. per sq. inch was encountered at a depth of 1,082 ft., and persisted to 1,065 ft. In order to expedite the programme of test boreholes at Olapu, referred to in the report of Dr. Wade and Dr. Ward, the present well has been plugged, and the drill transferred to the site of the next well.

The Company's geologist, Mr. Owen, reports that the present bore has given all the geological information hoped for, and in view of the data obtained he is of the opinion that it will not be necessary to await the completion of detailed geological mapping before deep drilling can be commenced.

The Company decided to make a new issue of 150,000 shares of 5/- each at par, to be offered to shareholders in the proportion of three new shares for every two held.

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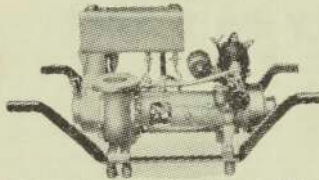
Comparative monthly returns from Gold Mines of Papua Ltd., Misima Island, show:—

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Crushed, tons . . .	2,190	2,128	2,750	2,540
Gold, oz., fine . . .	—	—	396	334
Silver, oz.	—	—	1,749	1,220
Value	£2,575	£2,705	£3,020	£3,050
Residues, gr. . . .	—	6	7	6

YODDA GOLDFIELDS LTD.

The management of Yodda Goldfields Limited, Papua, reported early in November that the output for the month of October was 55 oz. 5½ dwts.

Mr. Ernst Hansen, a representative of an English business house in Japan, married Mrs. Eileen Spencer at Salamaua, New Guinea, in October. They will join the K.P.M. steamer "Maetsuycker" this month at Port Moresby for Sourabaya and then go on to Japan.



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METHODIST SOCIETY CRUISE TO NEW GUINEA

A CRUISE to New Guinea, in the liner "Katoomba", is being arranged by the Methodist Missionary Society, which organised similar cruises to Polynesia in 1935 and 1937.

It is proposed that the "Katoomba" will leave Melbourne at the end of April and, after visiting East Australian ports, will arrive in Samarai on May 6, and Rabaul on May 8. An endeavour will be made to visit Salamaua, and take all the visitors on a quick aerial tour of the goldfields.

The "Katoomba" returns to Melbourne on May 22.

N.G. PUBLIC SERVICE

IN October, the following staff movements in the New Guinea Public Service were announced by the Government Secretary, Rabaul:—

PERMANENT STAFF TRANSFERS

Public Health Dept.:—J. W. Burnet, Medical Assistant, Namatanai to Madang; R. T. Squires, Medical Assistant, Rabaul to Gasmata.

District Services Dept.:—H. E. Woodman, Assistant District Officer, Wewak to Kavieng; R. B. Strudwick, Patrol Officer, Rabaul to Salamaua; J. P. Morrissey, Clerk, Rabaul to Madang.

Agricultural Dept.:—G. F. H. Gee, Inspector and Instructor, Manus to Rabaul.

TEMPORARY ENGAGEMENTS

District Services Dept.:—Miss F. Krell to be typist; Mrs. L. Dobbin to be typist.

Lands Dept.:—G. J. Till and M. W. Rylands to be chainmen.

Public Works Dept.:—H. B. Carver to be Overseer Native Labour.

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Mr. J. Reid, A.D.O. at Madang, New Guinea, arrived in Australia by the "Neptuna" early in November.

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10.30 Close.

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Nov. 20 (Sun.)—10.30 a.m. "From The Operas"; 7 p.m. New Note Octet; 7.45 Sir Granville Bantock conducting A.B.C. Wireless Orchestra; 9.20 Play.

Nov. 21 (Mon.)—8 p.m. Serial "Labours of Hercules"; 8.30 National Military Band; 9 Review; 9.30 Choral Cavalcade; 10.20 Travel Letter.

Nov. 22 (Tues.)—8 p.m. Play; 8.45 Instrumental Recital; 9 Symphony Hour; 10 Talk; 10.15 Instrumental Trio.

Nov. 23 (Wed.)—7.40 p.m. Talk—"Bully Hayes"; 8 Request Items; 8.45 "Emma and Herbert"; 9.30 Serial.

Nov. 24 (Thurs.)—1.30 p.m. Yarra Glen Races; 8 "The Play's The Thing"; 9.45 A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra; 10.15 Harry Bloom's Band.

Nov. 25 (Fri.)—1.30 p.m. Sheffield Shield Cricket—Qld. v. N.S.W.; 8 "Friday Specials in Rhythm"; 8.30 Community Singing.

Nov. 26 (Sat.)—1.15 p.m. Moonee Valley Races and Qld. v. N.S.W. cricket match; 8 Old-Time Dance.

Nov. 27 (Sun.)—10.15 a.m. Book Review; 10.30

"From The Operas"; 7.15 p.m. New Note Octet; 7.50 Dance Music; 9 Talk; 9.20 Play.

Nov. 28 (Mon.)—1.30 p.m. Cricket—Qld. v. N.S.W.; 8 Serial; 8.30 Stephen Yorke; 9 Review; 9.30 "Choral Cavalcade".

Nov. 29 (Tues.)—1.30 p.m. Cricket—Qld. v. N.S.W.; 8 Play; 9.30 A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra; 10.50 Dance Music.

Nov. 30 (Wed.)—1.30 p.m. Ballarat Races; 7.40 Talk—"De Rougemont"; 8 Request Items; 9.30 "Captain Kettle"; 9.45 Harry Bloom; 10.15 "Peat Smoke and Heather".

Dec. 1 (Thurs.)—1.30 p.m. Ballarat Races; 8 "The Play's The Thing"; 8.50 Lotte Lehmann (Soprano); 9 Orchestral Hour; 10.15 Dance Music.

Dec. 2 (Fri.)—3 p.m. "Adventures in Music"; 8 "Friday Specials in Music"; 8.50 Community Singing.

Dec. 3 (Sat.)—1.15 p.m. Epsom and Canterbury Park Races; 8 Stephen Yorke; 8.30 Schubert's Melodies; 8.50 A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra; 9.45 Bridge Talk.

Dec. 4 (Sun.)—10.15 a.m. Book Review; 7 p.m. Talk by Dr. Ian Hogbin; 7.15 New Note Octet; 7.45 A.B.C. Wireless Chorus; 9.20 Play.

Dec. 5 (Mon.)—1.30 p.m. Caulfield Races; 8 Serial; 8.30 National Military Band; 9 A.B.C. Wireless Chorus; 9.35 Tropical Review.

Dec. 6 (Tues.)—12 p.m. "Glimpses of English Literature"; 7.40 Commentary by the "Watchman"; 8 Music and Community Singing.

Dec. 7 (Wed.)—7.40 Talk—"Henry Retford"; 8 Request Items; 8.45 "Emma and Herbert"; 9.30 Serial; 9.45 Dance Music; 10.15 "Peat Smoke and Heather".

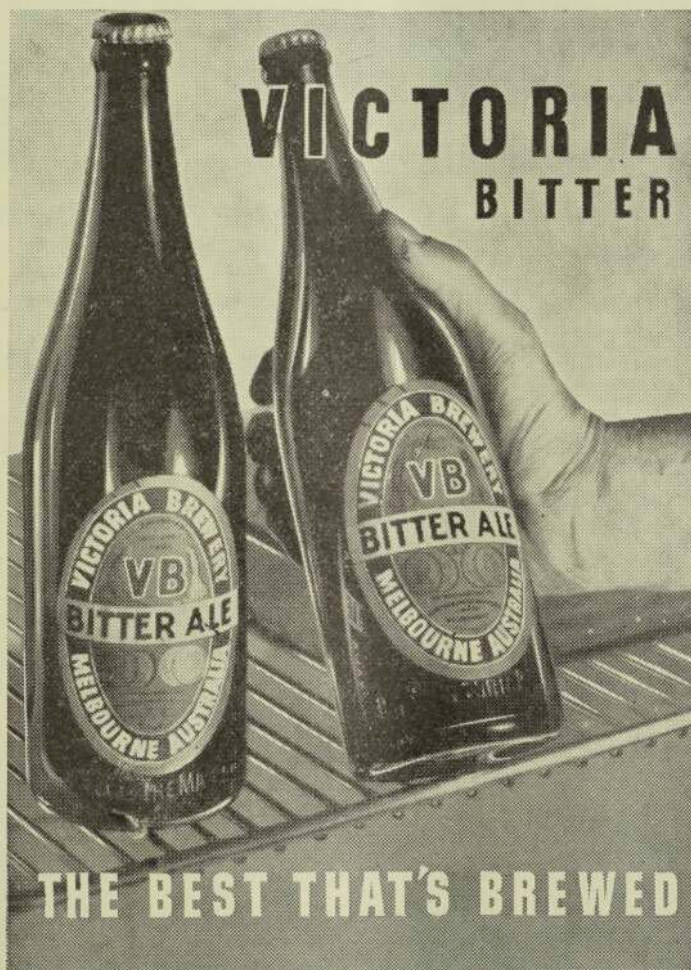
Dec. 8 (Thurs.)—7.55 p.m. Music; 9.15 A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra; 10 Talk on World Affairs.

Dec. 9 (Fri.)—1.30 p.m. Cricket—Australia v. "The Rest"; 8 "Friday Specials in Music"; 8.30 Desmond Tanner at Organ; 8.50 Comedy Harmonists; 9.30 Opera.

Dec. 10 (Sat.)—8 p.m. National Military Band; 8.30 Melodies of Schubert; 8.45 Symphony Music; 9.45 Musical Programme.

Dec. 11 (Sun.)—10.15 a.m. Book Review; 10.30 "From the Operas"; 7.50 p.m. Harry Bloom's Band; 9 Talk on International Affairs.

Dec. 12 (Mon.)—1.30 p.m. Ascot Trots; 8 (CONTINUED OVERLEAF)



Serial; 8.30 Stephen Yorke; 8.50 Review; 9.15 Concert; 10.15 Music.

Dec. 13 (Tues.)—3.15 p.m. Cricket—Australia v. "The Rest"; 9 A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra; 10.15 Dance Music.

Dec. 14 (Wed.)—1.30 p.m. Mentone Races; 8 Request Items; 8.45 "Emma and Erbert"; 9.30

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Dec. 16 (Fri.)—1.30 p.m. Cricket—Vic. v. Qld. and Vic. Tennis Championships; 8 Jim Davidson's Band; 8.30 Community Singing.

Dec. 17 (Sat.)—1.15 p.m. Ascot Races; 8 until 11 Old-Time Dance Music.

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STEAMSHIPS Trading Co., Ltd., which is a Company of merchants, ship-owners and planters operating in Papua, reports a net profit of £17,400 for the year ended June 30.

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During the year the issued capital was increased by 35,924 shares, which were issued at a premium. This premium, less the expenses of issue, was transferred to general reserve. The new capital was used in the development of the Company's merchandise business and shipping activities, including the purchase of two new vessels for the coastal trade.

Capital is £110,862, and there are reserves of £28,756. Creditors are owed £41,336. Of the total value of assets £195,287, land, buildings, ships and plant represent £79,260. Plantations are valued at £20,983. Debtors owe £59,331, and stocks are shown at £59,331.

BROADCAST OF COPRA PRICES.

SOUTH 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 will transmit programmes in December on Sundays between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. (0600—0800 G.M.T.) and 8 p.m. and midnight (1600—1400 G.M.T.); and on Mondays between midnight and 2.0 a.m. (1400—1600 G.M.T.).

COPRA QUALITY

Some Practical Aspects

THE following is a review of an article published in the Malayan Agricultural Journal (Vol. XXV. No. 12, 1937) and written by Mr. F. C. Cooke, of the Straits Settlements Department of Agriculture:—

THERE is no real reason why bad copra should be produced anywhere in the world for, apart from very slight differences in oil content in the nuts of different countries, the quality of the meat is the same in all ripe coconuts from healthy palms all over the world. Differences in quality are due only to differences in care in the preparation of the copra and its subsequent handling, and it calls for no great amount of care, no high technical knowledge and no great expense, to prepare very good copra.

For years the Departments of Agriculture of all copra-producing countries have been trying to educate local producers to prepare good copra, and to induce local traders to encourage its production. Yet even to-day the general standard of quality of the world's copra is appallingly low, in comparison with the standards of every other primary agricultural produce that enters into world trade.

Undoubtedly, one factor that contributes to this is the fact that as copra deteriorates, while its oil becomes more acid, while moulds destroy its substance, it unfortunately happens that simultaneously the oil content of the remainder rises. Thus, though deterioration involves loss of weight and loss of quality in the oil and in the cake, yet no decrease—even a slight increase—occurs in the

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first figure the buyers look at—the oil content of the sample.

This fact, however, does not entirely explain the present unsatisfactory condition of the world's copra, for despite it, the miller of copra is prepared to pay more for good copra than for bad. The higher value of the good oil and cake that he can make from good copra outweighs the greater proportion of oil that he can get from bad copra.

The reason why the amount of deterioration that occurs in copra is so great as compared with that in other comparable products, such, for instance, as palm oil, palm kernels, or cocoa, seems to lie in the system by which it is handled on the world's markets.

If one ships palm kernels, palm oil or cocoa from West Africa to Liverpool, New York, Hamburg or London, one sells on definite well-known clauses which specify the grades of quality with considerable accuracy and which are substantially the same in all these markets. In the case of the two former products, not only can one thus sell on a clause closely defining the quality of the produce, but the contract also provides for the payment of premia, or deductions of allowance, according to the variation of the parcel from the standard quality specified in the clause. In the case of cocoa, the system of futures, spot markets, and defined grades provides more elaborate machinery serving the same purpose of combining the advantages of forward sale or purchase with a final adjustment of price with very great exactitude according to the exact quality.

For copra we have simply the two grades of f.m.s. and fair merchantable, and the forward sale of these grades as such. Compared to the grade definitions in other products the meaning of these copra terms is extremely vague. They really amount to little more than "Fair Average Quality for the country concerned" and a quality distinctly lower than F.A.Q. but still recognisable as copra.

This vagueness of definition of grades and the inability to buy or sell a standard grade forward with subsequent accurate adjustment of the spot price according to the quality delivered militate to discourage the buyer in the country of origin from paying more for superior quality. Until he does so, efforts to induce the producer to prepare a better quality naturally meet with little response.

This situation also renders almost impossible the introduction of any satisfactory system of official grading at source, such as has been introduced in recent years in respect of nearly every other important primary agricultural product that is marketed wholesale.

The special contracts made by some estates for regular sale of "estate quality copra" are not a contradiction of the statements made above; for though in such sales the buyer may get the exact quality he wants, and the seller gets the extra price his quality deserves, both have to sacrifice the great advantage of trading in the open market. In any event this only affects estates, not the small holders who produce a large proportion of the world's copra.

The considerations set out above are not theoretical ones. Let anyone who is interested in the matter ask, for instance, Messrs. Cadburys or Messrs. Rowntrees if they would like to buy cocoa under the same conditions as copra is bought; and further ask them if they think that the quality of cocoa from West Africa would be what it is to-day if there were not accurate definitions in the standard clauses defining grades of cocoa.

Relief for Mortgagors in New Guinea

A COMMITTEE of Inquiry, consisting of Messrs. G. G. Hogan, M.L.C. (chairman), J. C. Archer, J. C. Mulhally, M.L.C., and R. H. Siggins, has been appointed to advise the Acting-Administrator of New Guinea "whether it is necessary or advisable in the interests of the Territory that there should be introduced into the Legislative Council of the Territory legislation for the purpose of granting relief to mortgagors, and, if so, the nature of such legislation".

The committee commenced its sittings in Rabaul on November 4.

Mr. H. Dowling, of the District Service Department in New Guinea, has been transferred from Salamaua to Madang.

Mr. Roy Smith has taken over the duties of clerk in the Kieta District Office, T.N.G., relieving Mr. Considine.

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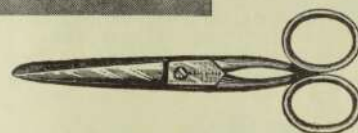
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PT. MORESBY, Nov. 4.

PREPARATIONS for the flight to recently-discovered Lake Kutubu, and the carriage thereto of a further year's supplies for the Police Camp, on the lake, are in progress. Accompanying the Lt.-Governor (Sir Hubert Murray) and other Government officials, will be three patrol officers of the Service, Messrs. A. Timperley, A. Atkinson and J. Bramell, who together, with Patrol Officer Adamson (already at the camp) will conduct a series of patrols further inland, using Kutubu as a base.

The seaplane will leave about November 15.

Australians Help German Lady**Interesting Incident in Rabaul**

THERE was international significance in an event in Rabaul on November 8.

All Rabaul rallied to support a benefit performance of the Dramatic Society, to assist a highly respected resident, Miss von Ziegler, who settled there over 20 years ago, and who suffered severe losses in the eruption. A financial triumph was scored by the president (Mrs. Clive Backhouse) and an artistic triumph by the producer (Mr. J. E. Savage).

A substantial sum is available for the beneficiary. £10 was added to the sum by the German Consulate; and the N.G. Administration granted Miss von Ziegler a pension of £52 per annum.

Mr. G. Furter, pioneer German merchant in New Guinea, in returning thanks on behalf of Miss von Ziegler, said: "This is a true manifestation of the first and foremost quality of the Australian character: The spirit of help and kindness towards those who have met with misfortune such as our Fraulein has suffered. There is always a spontaneous response to any such appeal—there is no difference if the one in need is one of your own kith and kin or not. This has profoundly and deeply stirred Fraulein von Ziegler's heart, and also the hearts of her countrymen, and this in spite of the anxious times we all went through such a short while ago, with its fears and horrible forebodings. . . . Let me assure you all of our deepest gratitude. We shall make known tonight's events far and wide, and I pray that this news will be one more stepping-stone towards a lasting friendship and understanding between our two great nations".

NEW CALEDONIA**Resident Says It Should Be Australian or American**

MR. JULIUS PETERSEN, a Dane by birth, and a Frenchman by adoption, and now a resident of Isle of Pines, New Caledonia, is visiting Sydney. He is 75 years old. After a seafaring career, he settled on a plantation in Santo, in the New Hebrides, in 1897. In 1927, he sold out.

Mr. Petersen told Sydney newspapers that the New Hebrides Condominium is a failure. The solution he suggested was to divide the territory so that each nation could have supreme control over one portion.

"Although I am French by adoption", Mr. Petersen added, "I believe that New Caledonia would be better off in the hands of Australia or the United States".

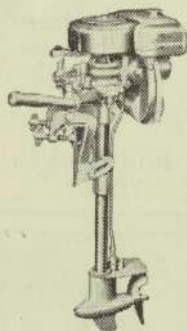
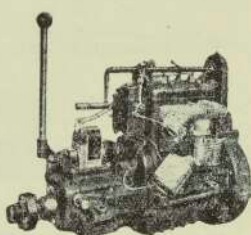
OIL SEED MARKET REVIEW

FAURE'S review of oil and fat markets, issued in London late in October (received by airmail) sees no early prospect of improvement. Almost all lines are in over-supply. The review says:—"At the present moment, with the enormous wheat crops and the plentiful supplies of oils and fats, it is difficult to see how the expected trade revival in the U.S.A. will spread to the oil and oil-seed markets".

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Market Quotations

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London Price on—	South Sea, Sun-dried Per ton, c.i.f.	Plantation, Hot-air Dried, Rabaul Per ton, c.i.f.
January 1, 1932 ..	£14 0 0	£14 15 0
March 25 ..	£14 17 6	£15 0 0
June 17 ..	£13 2 6	£13 5 0
September 2 ..	£13 17 6	£14 0 0
December 16 ..	£14 2 6	£14 5 0
January 6, 1933 ..	£13 0 0	£13 12 6
March 3 ..	£11 7 6	£11 10 0
June 30 ..	£10 17 6	£11 0 0
September 29 ..	£9 7 6	£9 10 0
December 1 ..	£8 12 6	£9 0 0
January 5, 1934 ..	£8 0 0	£8 7 6
March 30 ..	£7 7 6	£8 0 0
June 15 ..	£8 0 0	£8 12 6
September 7 ..	£7 12 6	£8 15 0
December 28 ..	£9 0 0	£9 12 6
January 4, 1935 ..	£9 5 0	£10 5 0
March 1 ..	£12 2 6	£12 15 0
April 5 ..	£10 15 0	£11 15 0
May 3 ..	£11 17 6	£12 12 6
June 7 ..	£11 15 0	£12 7 6
July 5 ..	£9 12 0	£10 5 0
August 2 ..	£9 15 0	£10 15 0
September 6 ..	£9 17 6	£10 17 6
October 4 ..	£11 7 6	£12 7 6
November 1 ..	£12 17 6	£14 0 0
December 6 ..	£12 17 6	£14 0 0

London	South Sea, Smoked, to Genoa and Marseilles.	South Sea, Sun-Dried to London	Plantation, Hot-air Dried, Rabaul
Jan. 3, '36 ..	£13 2 6	£13 15 0	£14 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	£15 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
April 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	£15 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
Sept. 3 ..	£13 5 0	£13 5 0	£14 0 0
Oct. 1 ..	£14 15 0	£14 17 6	£15 12 6
Nov. 5 ..	£13 10 0	£13 10 0	£14 5 0
Dec. 3 ..	£12 10 0	£12 12 6	£13 7 6
Jan. 7, '38 ..	£12 12 6	£12 15 0	£13 12 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. 18 ..	£10 12 6	£11 0 0	£11 15 0
Feb. 25 ..	£11 2 6	£11 5 0	£12 5 0
Mar. 4 ..	£10 17 6	£11 0 0	£12 0 0
Mar. 18 ..	£10 15 0	£11 0 0	£12 0 0
Mar. 25 ..	£10 12 6	£10 15 0	£11 12 6
Apr. 1 ..	£10 10 0	£10 12 6	£11 10 0
Apr. 14 ..	£10 15 0	£10 17 6	£11 15 0
Apr. 29 ..	£10 17 6	£11 0 0	£12 0 0
May 6 ..	£10 17 6	£10 17 6	£11 17 6
May 13 ..	£10 15 0	£10 15 0	£11 15 0
May 20 ..	£10 15 0	£10 15 0	£11 15 0
May 27 ..	£10 0 0	£10 0 0	£10 15 0
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
June 24 ..	£10 0 0	£10 0 0	£11 0 0
July 1 ..	£9 17 6	£9 17 6	£10 17 6
July 8 ..	£10 2 6	£10 2 6	£11 2 6
July 15 ..	£10 5 0	£10 5 0	£11 5 0
July 22 ..	£10 5 0	£10 7 6	£11 7 6
July 29 ..	£10 0 0	£10 0 0	£11 0 0
Aug. 5 ..	£9 15 0	£9 15 0	£10 15 0
Aug. 12 ..	£9 12 6	£9 12 6	£10 12 6
Aug. 19 ..	£9 15 0	£9 15 0	£10 15 0
Aug. 26 ..	£9 10 0	£9 10 0	£10 12 6
Sept. 2 ..	£9 10 0	£9 10 0	£10 10 0
Sept. 9 ..	£9 5 0	£9 5 0	£10 5 0
Sept. 16 ..	£9 10 0	£9 10 0	£10 10 0
Sept. 23 ..	£9 7 6	£9 7 6	£10 7 6
Sept. 30 ..	£9 7 6	£9 7 6	£10 7 6
Oct. 7 ..	£9 2 6	£9 2 6	£10 2 6
Oct. 4 ..	£9 5 0	£9 5 0	£10 5 0
Oct. 21 ..	£9 5 0	£9 5 0	£10 5 0
Oct. 28 ..	£9 0 0	£9 0 0	£10 0 0
Nov. 4 ..	£8 12 6	£8 12 6	£9 10 0
Nov. 11 ..	£8 15 0	£8 15 0	£9 15 0

Rubber

London Price on—	Para. per lb.	Plantation Smoked, per lb.
January 6, 1933 ..	4½d.	2.43d.
July 7 ..	5½d.	3.71d.
December 8 ..	4½d.	4.0½d.
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 ..	6¾d.	6½d.
January 3, 1936 ..	8d.	6½d.
June 5 ..	9d.	7½d.
December 4 ..	1/-	9 1-16d.
January 8, 1937 ..	1/2	10½d.
April 2 ..	1/-	1/1 15/16
June 4 ..	11d.	9 5-8d.
August 6 ..	9½d.	9 1-16d.
September 3 ..	9½d.	9 1-16d.
October 1 ..	9½d.	8 9-16d.
November 5 ..	7½d.	7½d.
December 3 ..	7½d.	7½d.
January 7, 1938 ..	7½d.	7d.
February 4 ..	6¾d.	6¾d.
March 4 ..	6d.	7½d.
April 1 ..	5½d.	5 7-16d.
May 6 ..	5½d.	5½d.
June 3 ..	5½d.	5 9-16d.
July 1 ..	6¾d.	7½d.
July 8 ..	7d.	7 5-16d.
July 15 ..	7d.	7 5-16d.
July 22 ..	7d.	7 9-16d.
August 5 ..	7½d.	7 13-16d.
August 12 ..	7½d.	7 11-16d.
August 19 ..	7½d.	8d.
August 26 ..	7½d.	8½d.
September 2 ..	7½d.	7 15-16d.
September 9 ..	7½d.	7 13-16d.
September 16 ..	7½d.	8d.
September 23 ..	7½d.	7 15-16d.
September 30 ..	7½d.	8½d.
October 7 ..	8d.	8½d.
Oct. 14 ..	8d.	8 17-32d.
Oct. 21 ..	8d.	8½d.
October 28 ..	8d.	8½d.
November 4 ..	8d.	8 7-16d.
November 11 ..	8d.	8½d.

Mr. J. de Verteuil, formerly geologist with the Anglo-Persian Oil Co., which operated in Papua some years ago, returned to Port Moresby on November 10 to take up duties with the Australasian Petroleum Co. Ltd.

PAPUAN RUBBER BY AIR

From Our Own Correspondent.

PT. MORESBY, Nov. 4.
RUBBER from the Government station at Kokoda, the hill station in the interior of the Northern Division, situated not far from the Yodda Valley, is now being transported to Port Moresby by air, for shipment to Australia.

Previously, the long overland route to Buna had been used, over steep mountain ranges and plains, entailing many days' travel by carriers.

The production of rubber at Kokoda, has considerably increased within the last two years. Last year, 1,000 acres were taken up for rubber cultivation—on land hitherto declared waste and vacant, but which shows every promise of being excellent for rubber-growing.

Nurse Clara Pech, of the Lutheran Mission, Finschhafen, New Guinea, was married at the end of October to Mr. Valentine Rohrlach, master of the mission schooner, "Bavaria". They are now spending their honeymoon in Australia.

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Coffee

THE following quotations were obtained in Sydney in mid-November:—

Robusta, f.a.q., imported from Java on firm conversion of exchange, c.i.f., prompt shipment, Sydney: Quote No. 1: 22/7 per cwt. (new season prompt shipment); quote No. 2: 20/8 per cwt. Kenya, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt.:—No. 1 quotations: Grade "A", 60/-; grade "B", 55/-; grade "C", 50/-; Triage 45/-. No. 2 quotations (new season prompt shipment): Grade "A" 58/6; grade "B" 47/6; grade "C" 56/-; Triage 39/- (drought coffee). No. 3 quotations: Grade "B", 54/-; grade "C", 48/-.

Mysore, f.a.q., prompt shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt.: No. 1 quotations: Grade "A", 56/-; grade "B", 49/-; No. 2 quotations: Grade "A", 59/-; grade "B", 54/-; Triage, Jan.-March shipment, 48/-.

Arabian (Aden) Hodeidah, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney—No. 1 quotation: 68/6 per cwt. No. 2 quotation, 73/- per cwt.

Note: Importers of coffee from Java, etc., pay the following additional charges: Exchange, duty (4d. lb.), primage (10 per cent.), landing costs (1/- per cwt.). Coffee from Papua and New Guinea escapes most of these charges.

Kapok

Based on firm conversion of exchange, the c.i.f. official prices for kapok quoted in Sydney in mid-November were: Average Java 7 27-32d per lb., and prime Japara, 7 7-16d. per lb.

Cocoa

Quote No. 1: Cocoa beans, £36-£40 per ton. Quote No. 2: New Guinea cocoa £29-£31 per ton.

Quote No. 3: Accra, good fermented Jan.-Feb. shipment £24/15/- per ton; Feb.-Mar. shipment, £25/10/- per ton, c.i.f., Sydney.

Cotton

London c.i.f. cotton prices during the month were: October 14, 4.91d. lb., November shipment; October 21, 4.84d. lb., November shipment; October 28, 4.83d. lb., November shipment; November 4, 4.78d. lb., December shipment; November 11, 4.79d. per lb., December shipment.

Ivory Nuts

No. 1 quotation: £7 per ton, f.o.b.
No. 2 quotation: £7 per ton, f.o.b., Sydney.
Quotations nominal.

Rice

Rangoon rice: packed in 100 lb. bags, £12/10/- per ton; 200 lb. bags, £12/5/- 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 months ago:—

(a) Trochus shell, No. 1 grade	£65
Trochus shell, No. 2 grade	£57
Trochus shell, No. 3 grade	£44
(b) Trochus shell, No. 1 grade	£68
Trochus shell, No. 2 grade	£60
Trochus shell, No. 3 grade	£45

All quotes are f.o.b., and on the Australian £.

Mother of Pearl Shell

At the last sales of Mother of Pearl Shell held in London, a large supply of Torres Strait shell came forward and was sold at prices ranging from £125 (sterling) for A.A. chicken to £62 (sterling) for fair defective pickings. There was no New Guinea shell offered; 26 packages of Black Edged Tahitian shell were put up, but were mostly withdrawn. 260 pack-

ages of Darwin shell fetched £132 (sterling) for 1st. grade to £70 (sterling) for fair defective pickings. Prices generally were lower than the previous sale, although small shell was firm.

Green Snail Shell

Green snail shell, good quality, was quoted by Sydney buyers in mid-November, at £50 per ton.

Exchange Rates

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THE following exchange quotations, gathered in Sydney, show the rates existing in mid-November:—

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 £A113.

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

DIRECT TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER SELLING RATES

Quoted by
BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES
in Australia.

	Australia on Papeete.	Francs to £
	Australian	
Average for week ended 17/10/38	140.13	
Average for week ended 24/10/38	140.03	
Average for week ended 31/10/38	140.08	
Average for week ended 7/11/38	140.07	
Average for week ended 14/11/38	140.11	

	Australia on Noumea	Francs to £
	Australian	
Average for week ended 17/10/38	139.98	
Average for week ended 24/10/38	139.88	
Average for week ended 31/10/38	139.93	
Average for week ended 7/11/38	139.92	
Average for week ended 14/11/38	139.96	

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.

From Rabaul on London, same as Australia on London:—

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Selling: T.T. £A125/10/- equals £stg. 100.

THROUGH BANK OF N.S.W.

Australia on Papua 10/- per cent. premium each way, equivalent to commission of 10/- per cent.; Australia on Rabaul 10/- per cent. premium.

Papua and New Guinea on London: Same as Australia on London and vice versa.

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Drafts, Sydney-Noumea and Noumea-Sydney, are on basis of current rate of exchange on Paris, less 1¼ per cent. (approx.) either way. As quoted by the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, in Sydney, and the Banque de l'Indochine, Noumea. On November 14, when the Australian £ was nominally worth 142.30 francs, £100 Australian would purchase a draft in Noumea of 14,140 francs.

WESTERN SAMOA—THROUGH BANK OF N.Z.

Exchange, Australia on Western Samoa, basis £100 Samoa—buying £A100, selling £A100/10/-.

	Buying.	Selling.
	£125	£125
Telegraphic transfer	0 0	0 0
On Demand	123 0 0	124 17 6
30 days	122 15 0	124 15 0
60 days	122 10 0	124 12 6
90 days	122 5 0	124 10 0
120 days	122 0 0	124 7 6

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	Aorangi.	Niagara.	Aorangi.	Niagara.	Aorangi.	Niagara.	Aorangi.
Honolulu	Nov. 30	Dec. 28	Jan. 25	Feb. 22	Mar. 22	Apr. 19	May 17
Suva	Dec. 9	Jan. 6	Feb. 3	Mar. 3	Mar. 31	Apr. 28	May 26
Auckland	D. 12-13	J. 9-10	Feb. 6-7	Mar. 6-7	Apr. 3-4	May 1-2	M. 29-30
Sydney	Dec. 17	Jan. 14	Feb. 11	Mar. 11	Apr. 8	May 6	June 3
Sydney dep.	Dec. 22	Jan. 19	Feb. 16	Mar. 16	Apr. 13	May 11	June 8
Auckland	D. 26-27	J. 23-24	F. 20-21	M. 20-21	A. 17-18	M. 15-16	J. 12-13
Suva	Dec. 30	Jan. 27	Feb. 24	Mar. 24	Apr. 21	May 19	June 16
Honolulu	Jan. 6	Feb. 3	Mar. 3	Mar. 31	Apr. 28	May 26	June 23

*On her arrival in Sydney on May 6, the "Niagara" will go into dry dock for her regular survey. The "Monowai" (10,852 tons) will take up the "Niagara's" run and leave Sydney on May 11. She will re-enter the service on June 8, taking up the "Aorangi's" schedule while that vessel is docked for survey. The "Aorangi" will resume on August 3 from Sydney.

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	Monterey.	Mariposa.	Monterey.	Mariposa.	Monterey.	Mariposa.	Monterey.
Honolulu	Dec. 12	Jan. 9	Feb. 6	Mar. 6	Apr. 3	May 1	May 29
Pago Pago ..	Dec. 17	Jan. 14	Feb. 11	Mar. 11	Apr. 8	May 6	June 3
Suva	Dec. 20	Jan. 17	Feb. 14	Mar. 14	Apr. 11	May 9	June 6
Auckland	Dec. 23	Jan. 20	Feb. 17	Mar. 17	Apr. 14	May 12	June 9
Sydney	Dec. 26	Jan. 23	Feb. 20	Mar. 20	Apr. 17	May 15	June 12
Melbourne ..	D. 30-J. 2	J. 27-30	F. 24-27	M. 24-27	A. 21-24	M. 19-22	J. 16-19
Sydney	Jan. 6	Feb. 3	Mar. 3	Mar. 31	Apr. 28	May 26	June 23
Auckland	Jan. 9	Feb. 6	Mar. 6	Apr. 3	May 1	May 29	June 26
Suva	Jan. 12	Feb. 9	Mar. 9	Apr. 6	May 4	June 1	June 29
Pago Pago ..	Jan. 13	Feb. 10	Mar. 10	Apr. 7	May 5	June 2	June 30
Honolulu	Jan. 18	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 12	May 10	June 7	July 5

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M.V. Maui Pomare.

Wellington	Nov. 22	Lyttelton	Dec. 12
Apa	N. 29-D. 1	Wellington	Dec. 13
Niue	Dec. 3		

Sydney – T.I. – Darwin – Singapore

	Merkur.	Marella.	Merkur.
Sydney	Dec. 8	Jan. 7	Feb. 6
Brisbane	Dec. 10	Jan. 9	Feb. 8
Townsville (opt.)	Dec. 13	Jan. 12	Feb. 11
Thursday Is.	Dec. 16	Jan. 15	Feb. 13
Darwin	Dec. 20	Jan. 19	Feb. 17
Sourabaya	Dec. 26	Jan. 24	Feb. 22
Samarang	Dec. 27	Jan. 25	Feb. 23
Cheribon (opt.) ..	Dec. 28	Jan. 26	Feb. 24
Batavia	Dec. 29	Jan. 27	Feb. 25
Singapore	D. 31-J. 5	J. 29-F. 3	P. 27-M. 4
Batavia	Jan. 8	Feb. 6	Mar. 7
Samarang	Jan. 9	Feb. 7	Mar. 8
Sourabaya	Jan. 10	Feb. 8	Mar. 9
Darwin	Jan. 15	Feb. 13	Mar. 14
Thursday Is.	Jan. 18	Feb. 16	Mar. 17
Townsville (opt.)	Jan. 20	Feb. 18	Mar. 19
Brisbane	Jan. 23	Feb. 21	Mar. 22
Sydney	Jan. 25	F. 23-24	Mar. 24
Melbourne	J. 28-31	Feb. 27	Mar. 27

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S.S. Suva

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Sydney	Nov. 29	Dec. 20	Dec. 31	Jan. 7	Jan. 28	Feb. 16	Mar. 18
Lord Howe	Dec. 1	Dec. 22	Jan. 2	Jan. 9	Jan. 30	Feb. 18	Mar. 20
Norfolk Is.	Dec. 3	Dec. 24	—	Jan. 11	Feb. 1	Feb. 20	Mar. 22
Vila	Dec. 6-7	—	—	J. 14-15	—	F. 23-24	—
Bushman's B.	Dec. 8	—	—	Jan. 16	—	Feb. 25	—
Malo	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tangoa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Segond	Dec. 8	—	—	Jan. 16	—	Feb. 25	—
Aoba	Dec. 9	—	—	Jan. 17	—	Feb. 26	—
Hog Har.	Dec. 10	—	—	Jan. 18	—	Feb. 27	—
Norfolk Is.	Dec. 13	Dec. 24	—	Jan. 21	Feb. 2	Mar. 2	Mar. 23
Lord Howe	Dec. 15	Dec. 26	Jan. 2	Jan. 23	Feb. 4	Mar. 4	Mar. 25
Sydney	Dec. 18	Dec. 28	Jan. 4	Jan. 26	Feb. 7	Mar. 7	Mar. 27

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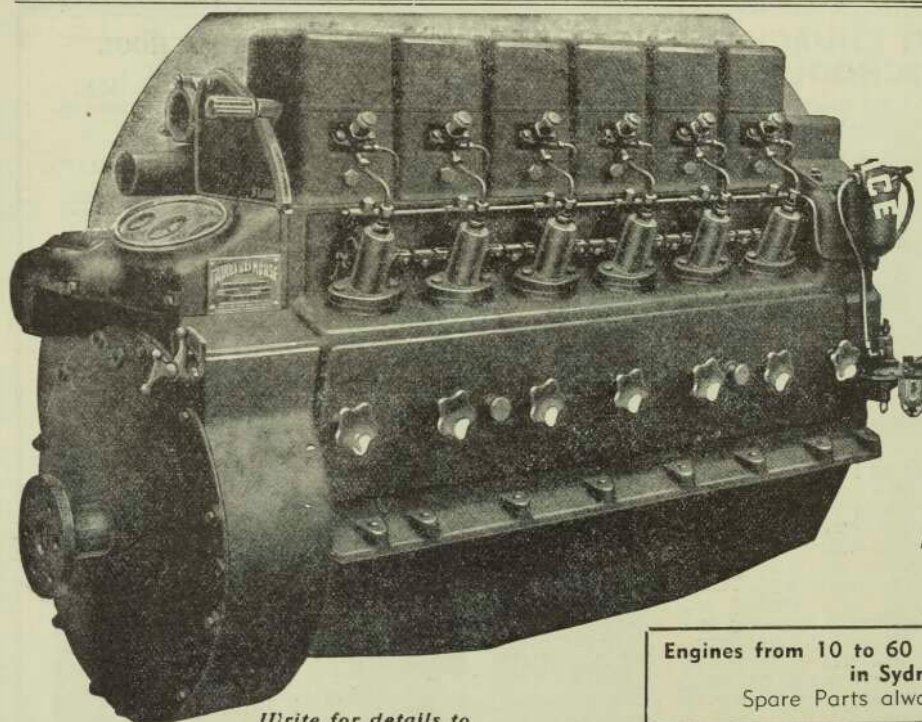
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Sydney	Jan. 20	Feb. 16	Mar. 12	May 25	June 15	June 29
Noumea	J. 24-26	F. 20-21	M. 16-17	M. 29-30	June 19	July 3-4
Mare	Jan. 26	Feb. 22	Mar. 18	May 31	—	July 5
Vila	J. 27-28	F. 23-24	Mar. 19	June 1	—	July 6
Luganville	Jan. 29	Feb. 25	Mar. 20	June 2	—	July 7
Le Dart	J. 30-31	F. 26-27	Mar. 21	June 3-4	—	July 8-9
Norsup	—	Feb. 27	—	June 4	—	July 9
Saigon	—	—	Apr. 3-5	—	—	—
Haiphong	—	—	Apr. 8-11	—	—	—
Luganville	—	—	Apr. 28	—	—	—
Le Dart	—	—	Apr. 29	—	—	—
Vila	Feb. 1-2	Feb. 28	A. 30-M. 1	June 5-6	—	J. 10-11
Mare	Feb. 2	Mar. 1	—	June 7	—	July 12
Noumea	Feb. 3-4	Mar. 2-3	May 2-5	June 8-9	June 20	J. 13-14
Sydney	Feb. 8	Mar. 7	May 9	June 13	June 24	July 18

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Saigon	Dec. 15	Jan. 16	Feb. 15	Mar. 14	Apr. 13	May 17
Singapore	D. 17-18	J. 18-19	P. 17-18	M. 16-17	A. 15-16	M. 19-20
Batavia	D. 20-21	J. 21-23	F. 20-23	M. 19-20	A. 18-19	M. 22-24
Samarang	Dec. 22	Jan. 24	Feb. 23	Mar. 21	Apr. 20	May 25
Sourabaya	Dec. 23	Jan. 25	Feb. 24	Mar. 22	Apr. 21	May 26
Pt. Moresby	Dec. 30	Feb. 1	Mar. 3	Mar. 30	Apr. 28	June 2
Samaral	Dec. 31	—	Mar. 4	—	Apr. 29	—
Salamaua	Jan. 2	—	Mar. 6	—	May 1	—
Rabaul	Jan. 4	—	Mar. 8-9	—	May 3-4	—
Vila	—	Feb. 6	—	Apr. 4	—	June 6
Noumea	—	Feb. 7-9	—	Apr. 5-7	—	June 7-9
Auckland	J. 11-12	Feb. 13	Mar. 16	Apr. 11	May 11	June 12
Wellington	J. 14-16	Feb. 18	Mar. 22	Apr. 17	May 17	June 17
Sydney	J. 20-23	P. 23-25	M. 27-29	A. 22-25	M. 22-24	J. 21-23
Pt. Moresby	Jan. 28	Mar. 2	Apr. 3	May 1	May 29	June 28
Sourabaya	Feb. 4	Mar. 9	Apr. 10	May 9	June 5	July 5
Samarang	Feb. 5	Mar. 10	Apr. 11	May 10	June 6	July 6
Batavia	Feb. 6-8	M. 11-13	A. 12-13	M. 11-13	June 7-9	July 7-10
Singapore	Feb. 10	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 15	June 11	July 12
Saigon	Feb. 12	—	—	—	June 13	July 14

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Sydney	Nov. 19	Dec. 10	Dec. 31	Jan. 18	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	Mar. 18
Brisbane	Nov. 21	Dec. 12	Jan. 2	Jan. 20	Feb. 10	Feb. 27	Mar. 20
Townsville	—	Dec. 14	—	Jan. 23	—	Mar. 1	—
Cairns	—	Dec. 15	—	Jan. 24	—	Mar. 2	—
Pt. Moresby	Nov. 25	Dec. 17	Jan. 6	Jan. 26	Feb. 14	Mar. 4	Mar. 24
Samaral	Nov. 26	D. 18-19	Jan. 7	Jan. 27	Feb. 15	Mar. 5-6	Mar. 25
Rabaul	N. 28-29	D. 20-21	Jan. 9-10	J. 29-30	F. 17-18	Mar. 7-8	M. 27-28
Kavieng	—	Dec. 22	—	Jan. 31	—	Mar. 9	—
Lindenhafen	Nov. 30	—	Jan. 11	—	Feb. 19	—	Mar. 29
Salamaua	Dec. 1-2	D. 23-24	J. 12-13	Feb. 2-3	F. 20-21	M. 10-11	M. 30-31
Lae	Dec. 3	D. 25-26	Jan. 14	Feb. 4	Feb. 22	Mar. 12	Apr. 1
Madang	Dec. 3	D. 25-26	Jan. 14	Feb. 4	Feb. 22	Mar. 13	Apr. 1
Alexishafen, Opt.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wewak	Dec. 4-5	—	J. 15-16	Feb. 5-6	Feb. 23	—	Apr. 2-3
Boram	Dec. 6	Dec. 26	Jan. 17	Feb. 7	Feb. 24	Mar. 13	Apr. 4
Finschafen, Opt.	Dec. 7	Dec. 27	Jan. 18	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	Mar. 14	Apr. 5
Salamaua	Dec. 7	Dec. 28	Jan. 19	Feb. 8	Feb. 26	Mar. 15	Apr. 5
Kavieng	Dec. 8-9	—	J. 19-20	—	F. 26-27	—	Apr. 6-7
Pondo	—	Dec. 30	—	Feb. 10	—	Mar. 17	—
Rabaul	Dec. 10	Dec. 31	Jan. 21	Feb. 11	Feb. 28	Mar. 18	Apr. 8
Salamaua	Dec. 11	—	Jan. 22	—	Mar. 1	—	Apr. 9
Samaral	Dec. 13	Jan. 2	Jan. 24	Feb. 13	Mar. 3	Mar. 20	Apr. 11
Pt. Moresby	Dec. 14	Jan. 3	Jan. 25	Feb. 14	Mar. 4	Mar. 21	Apr. 12
Cairns	—	Jan. 5	—	Feb. 16	—	Mar. 23	—
Brisbane	Dec. 18	Jan. 8	Jan. 29	Feb. 19	Mar. 8	Mar. 26	Apr. 16
Sydney	Dec. 20	Jan. 10	Jan. 31	Feb. 21	Mar. 10	Mar. 28	Apr. 18

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	Tanda.	Nankin.	Nellore.	Tanda.	Nankin.	Nellore.	Tanda.
Hong Kong	Dec. 2	Dec. 31	Feb. 3	Mar. 4	Apr. 1	May 5	June 3
Manila	Dec. 5	Jan. 3	Feb. 6	Mar. 7	Apr. 4	May 8	June 6
Rabaul	Dec. 13	Jan. 11	Feb. 14	Mar. 15	Apr. 12	May 16	June 14
Brisbane	Dec. 19	Jan. 17	Feb. 20	Mar. 21	Apr. 19	May 22	June 20
Sydney	Dec. 21	Jan. 19	Feb. 22	Mar. 23	Apr. 20	May 24	June 22
Melbourne	D. 26-J. 4	J. 23—F. 1	F. 27-M. 4	M. 27-A. 1	A. 24-M. 3	M. 29-J. 3	J. 26-Jy. 5
Hobart	Jan. 6	Feb. 3	Mar. 6	Apr. 3	May 5	June 5	July 7
Newcastle	Jan. 9	Feb. 6	Mar. 9	Apr. 6	May 8	June 8	July 10
Sydney, dep.	Jan. 14	Feb. 11	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 13	June 14	July 15
Brisbane	Jan. 16	Feb. 13	Mar. 17	Apr. 17	May 15	June 16	July 17
Townsville	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rabaul	Jan. 22	Feb. 19	Mar. 23	Apr. 23	May 21	June 22	July 23
Manila	Jan. 31	Feb. 28	Mar. 3	Apr. 1	May 2	June 30	July 1
Hong Kong	Feb. 3	Mar. 3	Apr. 4	May 5	June 1	July 4	Aug. 4

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	Sydney	Salamaua	Rabaul	Cebu (opt.)	Manila	Hong Kong	Saigon	Madang	Salamaua	Rabaul	Sydney	Melbourne
	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 21	Nov. 28	Dec. 1	Dec. 3-7	Dec. 13	Dec. 24	Dec. 27	Dec. 30	Jan. 6-7	J. 9-11
	J. 13-18	Jan. 25	Jan. 27	Feb. 3	Feb. 6	F. 8-12	Feb. 18	Mar. 1	Mar. 4	Mar. 7	Mar. 14	M. 17-20
	M. 22-25	Apr. 1	Apr. 3	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	A. 15-19	Apr. 25	May 6	May 9	May 12	M. 19-20	M. 22-24
	June 7	June 9	June 9	June 16	June 19	J. 21-25	July 1	Sept. 16	Sept. 19	Sept. 22	July 25	July 28
	Aug. 2-5	Aug. 12	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 24	A. 26-30	Sept. 5	Nov. 11	Nov. 11	Nov. 11	S. 29-30	Oct. 2-4
	Oct. 6-11	Oct. 18	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Oct. 30	Nov. 1-5	Nov. 11	Nov. 22	Nov. 25	Nov. 28	Dec. 5	Dec. 8-11
	D. 13-16	Dec. 23	Dec. 25	Jan. 1	Jan. 4	Jan. 6-10	Jan. 16	Jan. 27	Jan. 30	Feb. 2	Feb. 9	Feb. 12

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	D'Amlens	C. Ramel.	Eridan.
Papeete	Dec. 4-5	J. 15-16	—
Raiatea (opt.)	—	—	—
Suva	—	Jan. 23	—
Vila	Dec. 14	Jan. 25	—
Noumea	D. 16-23	J. 27-F. 3	M. 22
Vila	Dec. 26	Feb. 6	Mar. 25
Raiatea	Jan. 2	Feb. 13	Apr. 1
Papeete	J. 3-5	F. 14-16	Apr. 2-4

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Cook Is.	Dec. 3 Jan. 7 Feb. 4
Nukualofa	Dec. 7 Jan. 11 Feb. 8
Vavau	Dec. 8 Jan. 12 Feb. 9
Apia	Dec. 8-10 J. 12-14 F. 9-11
Suva	Dec. 13-15 J. 17-19 F. 14-16
Auckland	Dec. 19 Jan. 23 Feb. 20

The cargo vessel Tolten will depart from Sydney on November 30 (approx.) for Suva and Lautoka (Fiji), Papeete (Tahiti), and North American ports. She will carry mails and general cargo. The following cargo vessel, the Limerick (8,724 tons), will leave Sydney for Fiji, Tahiti, and North American ports early in December.

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The three vessels of the Société Le Nickel, Cap Tacifa (2,177 tons), Capitaine Illiaquer (2,138 tons), and Notou (2,384 tons) make irregular trips between Noumea (New Caledonia) and Sydney, Newcastle, and Port Kembla, N.S.W.

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Sydney — Solomon Islands — New Guinea

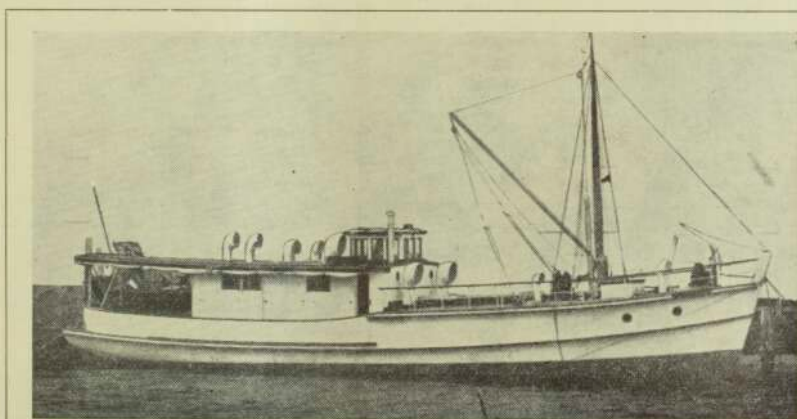
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Sydney	Nov. 26	Jan. 7	Feb. 18	Apr. 1	May 13	June 24	Aug. 5
Brisbane	Nov. 28	Jan. 9	Feb. 20	Apr. 3	May 15	June 26	Aug. 7
Townsville	Dec. 1	Jan. 12	Feb. 23	Apr. 6	May 18	June 29	Aug. 10
Cairns	Dec. 2	Jan. 13	Feb. 24	—	May 19	June 30	Aug. 11
Tulagi							
Makambo		J. 17-18	F. 28-M. 1	A. 10-12	M. 23-24	July 4-5	A. 15-16
Gavutu							
Domma							
Su'u	Dec. 8	Jan. 19	Mar. 2	Apr. 13	May 25	July 6	Aug. 17
Tasavarong							
Mamara	Dec. 9	—	Mar. 3	—	May 26	—	Aug. 18
Aruligo							
Lavaro							
Mamara							
Tasavarong		Jan. 20	—	Apr. 14	—	July 7	—
Aruligo		Jan. 21	—	Apr. 15	—	July 8	—
Meringe							
Hivo							
Yandina							
Banika							
Ufa	Dec. 10	Jan. 22	Mar. 4	Apr. 16	May 27	July 9	Aug. 19
Faiaimi							
Younger							
Pepesala							
Lingatu							
West Bay	Dec. 11	—	Mar. 5	—	May 28	—	Aug. 20
Somata							
Gizo							
Faial	Dec. 12	Jan. 23	Mar. 6	Apr. 17	May 29	July 10	Aug. 21
Kieta	Dec. 13	Jan. 24	Mar. 7	Apr. 18	May 30	July 11	Aug. 22
Atigua	Dec. 13	Jan. 24	Mar. 7	Apr. 18	May 30	July 11	Aug. 22
Numa Numa	Dec. 14	Jan. 25	Mar. 8	Apr. 19	May 31	July 12	Aug. 23
Teopasino	Dec. 15	Jan. 26	Mar. 9	Apr. 20	June 1	July 13	Aug. 24
Rabaul	D. 16-17	J. 27-28	M. 10-11	A. 21-22	June 2-3	J. 14-15	A. 25-26
Soraken	D. 18-19	J. 29-30	Mar. 12	Apr. 23	June 4	July 16	Aug. 27
Kieta	Dec. 20	Jan. 31	Mar. 13	Apr. 24	June 5	July 17	Aug. 28
Faial	Dec. 21	Feb. 1	Mar. 14	Apr. 25	June 6	July 18	Aug. 29
Gizo							
Tetipari	Dec. 22	Feb. 2	Mar. 15	Apr. 26	June 7	July 19	Aug. 30
Russell Is.	D. 23-24	F. 3-4	Mar. 16	Apr. 27	June 8	July 20	Aug. 31
Gavutu							
Makambo	Dec. 24	Feb. 4	M. 17-18	A. 28-29	J. 9-10	J. 21-22	Sept. 1-2
Brisbane	Dec. 29	Feb. 9	Mar. 23	May 4	June 15	July 27	Sept. 7
Sydney	Dec. 31	Feb. 11	Mar. 25	May 6	June 17	July 29	Sept. 9

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Moji	Dec. 1	Wellington . . D. 31-J. 5
Rabaul	Dec. 9	Auckland . . . J. 7-10
Brisbane	D. 13-14	Manila Jan. 21
Sydney	D. 16-19	Hong Kong . . Jan. 23
Melbourne . . .	D. 21-24	Shanghai . . . Jan. 26
Dunedin	D. 28-29	Kobe Jan. 28

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PASSENGERS PER "MORINDA" WHICH LEFT SYDNEY FOR LORD HOWE, NORFOLK IS. & N. HEBRIDES ON OCTOBER 27: Messrs. Shaw, Daval, Douglass, Smith (2), Westwood, Brady, Martin, Hurstwhite, White, Prentice, Caro, Williams, Herbert, Gray, Spence, Commins, Welldon, Weekes, Madden, Brinklow, Jordan, Donnelly, Frew, Palmer, Wilson, Mills, Bale, Walsh, Stranger-Leathes, Le Job, Kolanji, Nolan, McWhinney, Searby, Mesdames Aitken, Hines, Jones, Douglass, Smith (2), Campbell, Dawkins, McCormish, Kelso, Thompson, Nolan, Sawyer, Carroll, Searby, Topham, Smith, King, Wise, Misses Blake, Parmeter, Kennedy, Baxter, Frame, Finlay (2), Pagan, Jeffreys, Willis, Dawkins, Buxton, Sheridan, Knappman (2), Swinson (2), Atkinson, Robson, Stone, Morrison, Tillett, Moore, Grant, McIntosh, Monk, Ryan, Tracy, Wise.

PASSENGERS PER AIRMAIL LINER "CARINTHIA" WHICH LEFT RABAU, N.G., FOR AUSTRALIA ON OCTOBER 28: Messrs. Stirling, Cot-

ter, Faulks, Blackley, McConnan, Reilly, Barry, Hiles, Miss English.

PASSENGERS PER "NEPTUNA" WHICH REACHED SYDNEY FROM N.G. ON OCTOBER 31: Messrs. Dixon, Horton, Dibble, Allison, Barrrell, Cowan, Hippersley, Lockhart, Lucas, Mitchell, Michell, Russell, Wilson, Childs, Vagg, Finn, Fraser, Meares, Ryan, Robinson, Shelton, Clark, Larking, Read, Sturgeon, Mesdames Horton, Barker, Fraser, Lucas, McEwan, Morgan, Poland, Russell, Swanson, Silvester, Hill, McConnor, Tuckey, Vagg, Meares, Sturgeon, Shelton, Webb, Clark, Larking, Read, Russell, Misses Gannon, Harris, Jacobsen, Savage.

PASSENGERS PER AIRMAIL LINER "CARONIA" WHICH LEFT SYDNEY FOR PAPUA & N.G. ON NOVEMBER 1: Messrs. Campbell, McKenzie, Gray, Leyer, Lee, Mesdames Dixon, Fraser, Steele, Crouch.

PASSENGERS PER "MACDHUT" WHICH SAILED FROM SYDNEY FOR PAPUA & N.G. ON NOVEMBER 2: Messrs. Hayes, Goodwyn, Lyons, Vertuelli, Pringle, Millward, Ford, Clinton, Taylor, Strong, Shoobridge, Hutchinson, Lees, Board, Young, Lumley, Weekes, Baker, Skinner, Tomkinson, Prosser, Boulter, Roberts, Williams, Provan, Brough, Lewis, Izoo, Searle, Munn, Rondahl, Benton, Warnaby, Waddell, McKone, Hargreaves, McKinnon, Cameron, Kent, Ryan, Lyon, Burton, Moler, Shorter, Wright, Black, Gray, Pianta, Colman, Cole, Muller, Allen, Reilly, Merriman, Wilson, Eaton, Bergstrand, Noack, Hallam, Stubbings, Ashwell, Reed, Osborne, Peters, Turner, Richter, Ryan, Newbold, Boel, Leyer, Freund, Hooper, Clerkin, Bloner, Osborne, Matthies, Mesdames Walker, Borgas, Burton, Hutchinson, Shay, Board, Skinner, Tomkinson, Prosser, White, Provan, Thomas, Freund, Searle, Munn, Rondahl, Benton, Everen, Simnett, Cameron, Lyon, Kent, Gray, Noack, Wakeford, Turner, Reilly, Conroy, Pomeroy, Kiessling, Adams, McKenzie, Croft, Matthies, Misses Kirby, Rudd, Bayley (2), Henderson, Whitehead, Harris, Smith, Thomas, Lyon, Carlom, Clarke, Charlton, Giesing.

PASSENGERS PER AIRMAIL LINER "CARMANIA" WHICH LEFT RABAU, N.G., FOR AUSTRALIA ON NOVEMBER 4: Messrs. Lee, Campbell, Kavanagh, Quinn, Miles, Weeks, Lumm, Morris, Marshall, Ogg, Mrs. Ogg.

PASSENGERS PER AIRMAIL LINER "CARINTHIA" WHICH LEFT SYDNEY FOR PAPUA & N.G. ON NOVEMBER 11: Messrs. Kingsford, Bickham, Voss, Osborne, Jolly, Mrs. Lane.

NEW GUINEA GOLD PRODUCTION

SOME interesting statements about the condition of the New Guinea gold industry are made by Mr. H. T. Allan, of Wau, in a letter recently published in the "Rabaul Times".

Challenged to name half-dozen miners who have each won 1,000 oz. in the past two years, Mr. Allan "selected the following names at random from many more to show that many individual miners (not tributers) are winning fair quantities of gold. The names are:—Parer, Schrater, Symes, Cameron, Hoile, Booth, Hadley, Chapman, Shoppee, Wales, Thomas and Zoffman. The total production of these people far exceeds an average of 1,000 oz. and each one individually exceeds it. In addition many tributers and small companies are producing on a large scale".

On the subject of New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. (who were producing substantially from Edie Creek Mines, Golden Ridges Mill and alluvial operations, last year, but who now do not show the same production) Mr. Allan says:—

"As regards Golden Ridges Mill . . . the new mill, built to deal with the Upper Ridges and Golden Peaks deposits, has just commenced operations, and promises to far exceed the respectable production of the old mill, which, however, proved unsuitable to deal with the different type of manganese at Upper Ridges. In addition, at Edie Creek, the Company is making plans to work in a big way, as soon as the intolerable cost of air freight is replaced by reasonable transport costs by road".

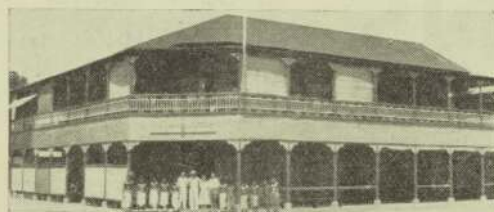
NEW AERODROME FOR RABAU?

IT is reported from Rabaul, New Guinea, that a new aerodrome is being surveyed on the outskirts of that town, near the golf-links; and that on this occasion the objections of the native owners will receive short shrift.

On a previous occasion, the natives' obstruction resulted in the aerodrome being built 14 miles away on a good site and, in view of the volcanic possibilities, in a good situation.

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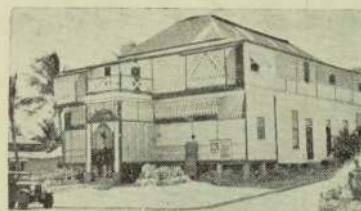
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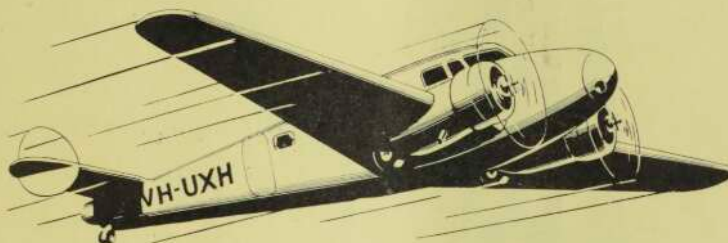


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1933	3,980	3,856
1934	6,044	7,398
1935	6,102	9,721
1936	6,476	12,137
1937	6,705	11,869
1938	8,408	12,120
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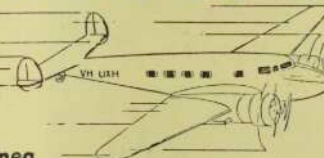
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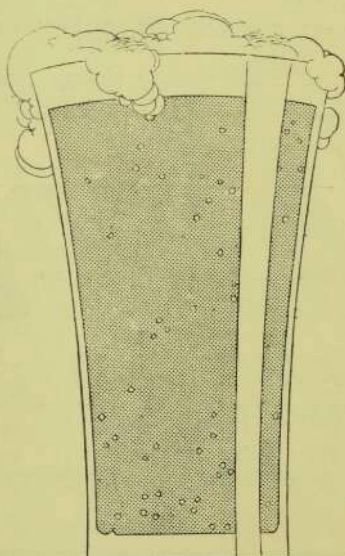
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