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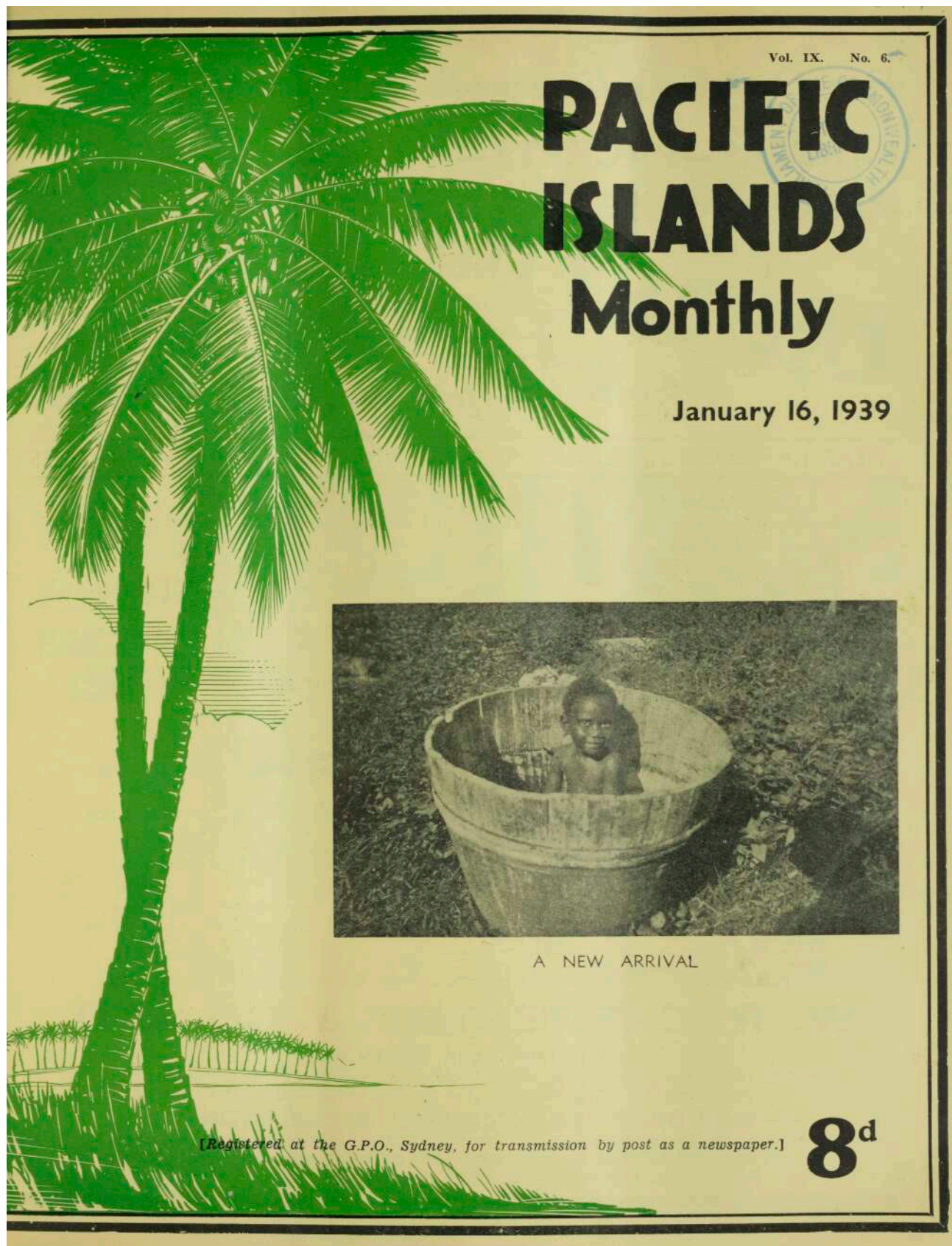
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Japan Faces A Year of Crises

THE month, for students of the Pacific scene, has held much of significance, and something of hope.

The new year opens with the sinister shadow of Japan no less sinister. The picture grows uglier, as we see more clearly the ceaseless, thrusting activities of the Japanese in the Pacific, driven on by their fanatical belief that it is their ordained mission to control the Western Pacific, direct civilisation and regenerate mankind.

To those who do not see below the surface, Japan's Chinese adventure seems to have gone sadly awry. But the present military inactivity in China is due to winter conditions, as much as to the continued resistance of the Chinese. It is true that Japan has poured a huge army, and enormous treasure into the campaign in China, and China still is fighting back. But the actual, literal facts are that Japan now holds the whole of the eastern, and by far the more valuable portion of China; that she has thrown out European economic establishments and trade of almost incalculable value; and that she is actively and steadily consolidating her gains, so that Japanese home economy may quickly get the benefits of her conquests.

Because of the cleverness of Japan

in making the Pact with Germany and Italy, the democratic countries (Britain, America and France) have been out-manoeuvred. They can do little more than stand by, while Japan captures or annihilates their commercial empire in China. Had it not been for the "Berlin-Rome-Tokio axis", it is certain that British forces would have gone to China, long ago, to save British property from deliberate and planned destruction. But, so long as Germany and Italy remain obedient to the immediate whim of incalculable dictators, Britain and France dare not remove their forces from Europe; and meanwhile the great American navy has remained, as always, at the command of the queer combination of Washington chattering, cigar-chewing ideologists and egoistic press magnates, which masquerades as a democratic Government.

That is the depressing side of the picture. It is not all gloomy.

Britain, France and America, though out-manoeuvred, are by no means beaten. Time, definitely, is working on the side of the democracies. The latter are assisting China to keep on fighting. If China collapses now, the Japanese will get away with spoils of fabulous richness—territory, trade, raw materials, vast reservoirs of food-

stuffs and man-power—from which they will build the machine that is to destroy Western civilisation. But Japan to-day is horribly near to economic collapse. The strain of the China campaign has been terrific; early in January, the Japanese Government resigned. If the Chinese continue to fight, and if the democratic powers use the facilities which are at their command to cripple Japanese trade in the world, it is just possible that 1939 will see Japan involved in disaster so great that the menace of her southwards thrust will cease to cast its shadow over this and the next generation of Europeans in the Pacific.

We can only wait and see. The portents are good. The United States, throwing off, at last, the shackles of the traditional isolationist policy, early in January, condemned the Totalitarian States—and, inferentially, the Berlin-Rome-Tokio axis—in the most startling Presidential speech of the decade; and the British Prime Minister immediately supported the American utterance. America is now considering plans to strengthen enormously her line of naval defence in the Pacific; and she says she may advance that line westward to include the fortification of Guam. Guam is right in among the Japanese mandated islands; and any fortification there must be linked up with a new defence plan embracing

the Philippines. American strategy, up to the present, always assumed that Guam would be gobbled up, and the Philippines abandoned, while the U.S.A. forces retired to their Central Pacific line (based on the Aleutian islands, Hawaii and Samoa). But this more aggressive America apparently is prepared to meet Asia (if Asia must be met) much farther westward—which means, of course, that an effort would be made to keep the Philippines out of the Japanese maw.

The month's developments are: Political confusion in Japan, as a result of the economic strain; a more aggressive spirit in America, and an apparent, growing willingness to line up with the democracies in resisting Hitler-ism—which means, in turn, greater freedom for the democracies in dealing with Japan in the Far East; and a growing realisation that the democracies, by unitedly using their enormous economic strength, can cripple Japan and save China, without firing a shot. Meanwhile, there is not a word of Russia; she remains in the background, a mysterious, imponderable force.

DROUGHT IN MANY ISLANDS

REPORTS from all parts of the Pacific indicate that many of the Islands have suffered from a very serious drought, which is still unbroken in many places. The reports come from New Guinea, in the west, right across to the distant islands of French Oceania, in the east.

There has been great dryness in some of the islands of Central Polynesia, and a grave shortage of water has been reported from Nauru and from points in the Gilbert Islands. Reports from the Marquesas Islands, over in French Oceania, indicate the worst drought on record, and the position there is still very serious.

Reports from points on the mainland of New Guinea say that the rainfall has been considerably below the average and, now that the dry season has come, drinking water is likely to become scarce.

N. GUINEA ADMINISTRATOR RETURNS

THE Administrator of New Guinea, Sir Walter McNicoll, and Lady McNicoll, after four months' furlough—spent partly in the Far East and partly in Sydney—sailed for Rabaul, from Sydney, by the "Tanda", on January 14.

New Year honours included K.C.M.G., for Sir Harry Luke, Governor of Fiji; C.B.E., for Rt. Rev. Dr. C. J. Nicolas, S.M., Roman Catholic Bishop of Fiji; and M.B.E., for Mr. H. E. Maude, an administrative officer in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands.

The gift of two supporters of the Melanesian Mission, an electric light plant has been installed at the mission hospital at Fauabu, B.S.I. The plant gives a powerful light and there is a sufficient margin of power to equip an X-ray plant.

JAPAN MAY BE "FOR IT"

Visitor's Impression of Position In China

(From Marc. T. Greene, World-Wandering American Journalist)

HONG KONG, Dec. 27.

I HAVE just returned from the interior of Southern China. The war is more or less at a standstill for the time being—but that is all to the good for the Chinese.

There is every indication that the Japanese "are for it"—and with a vengeance!

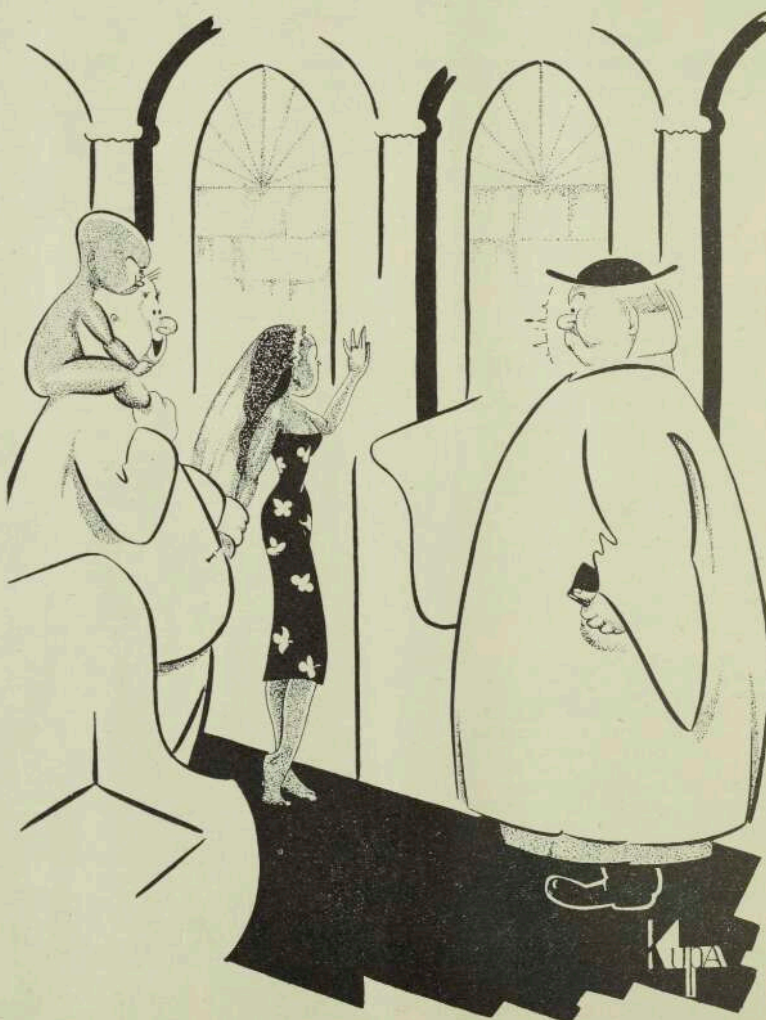
You people down there won't have to

lie awake at nights, any more, worrying about the "Japanese menace".

EDITORIAL NOTE: The foregoing was part of a personal letter, not written for publication. It is an interesting note from a man on the spot. There are several indications that the Japanese are becoming exhausted by their Chinese adventure. Statesmanship at home may enable them to consolidate, economically, the territory they have over-run, so that they may develop in China sufficient trade advantage to make up for their losses elsewhere. If they cannot do that they will be, as Mr. Greene says, "for it".

Mr. C. F. Frost, of Guinea Airways Ltd., Lae, arrived in Sydney from N.G. by the "Neptuna" on January 4, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. A. M. Frost, of the European Hospital staff, Wau.

OFF BEATEN TRACKS IN THE PACIFIC—V.



"Well . . . you were away on furlough when we called last year!"

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"LEANDER'S" MISSION

Left Officials in Central Pacific Islands

THE New Zealand warship, H.M.S. "Leander", which left Suva early in November on an undisclosed mission, returned to Suva early in December.

No information was given as to where she had been; but it was unofficially stated that she left Mr. C. Harlen, of the Fiji Lands and Survey Department, at Hull Island (in the Phoenix Group) and Mr. R. B. Roberts, of the Fiji Public Works Department, at Christmas Island.

These proceedings, evidently, are part of the special steps being taken by the British authorities to consolidate British claims to certain Central Pacific islands, which have assumed strategic importance since the development of trans-Pacific flying.

Metal Production in N. Caledonia

Effect of Japanese Activity

THE export of metals from New Caledonia is assuming proportions of increasing importance. The development of the iron ore deposits by the Japanese is beginning to have an effect.

The iron mines at Goro, owned by Japanese interests, had produced 26,500 tons at the end of December, which were to be sent away during the ensuing week in three Japanese steamers.

On December 25, a Japanese steamer left Noumea with 1,344 tons of nickel ore, and 500 tons of scrap iron, for Japan, and three days later a German steamer arrived to load 4,000 tons of nickel ore for Krupps.

Japanese interests are taking a large quantity of equipment to New Caledonia, wherewith to modernise the nickel-smelting works at Kua, on the east coast of New Caledonia.

FIJI'S DEFENCE

ALTHOUGH official reticence is—very properly—being observed, it is known that steps are actively in progress for the defence of Fiji (and especially Suva).

The Colony recently has been visited by navy, army and air chiefs, mostly from New Zealand, and the defences have been very carefully looked over.

An area of what formerly was sugarcane land has been taken over by the Government on the north coast of Viti Levu, near Nadi, and now is being levelled and prepared as an aerodrome. It is not known whether this is to be a civil or military airport—probably both.

It is also reported that preparations are being made to mount big guns at suitable points in the Colony.

CARPENTER AND CO.

Extension to Popua Hinted At

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Jan. 6.

CONSIDERABLE interest was aroused here by the visit of Mr. B. B. Perri-man, of W. R. Carpenter and Co.'s head office, and Mr. C. E. Parker, the firm's inspector in New Guinea, both of whom arrived from Wau on December 20 by a Mandated Airlines plane.

Although they were not communicative as to the object of their visit, the amount of time they spent at the Lands Office, together with certain enquiries as to town-building lots and their lessees,

suggested that the firm is awake to the probability of trade development in Papua.

Mr. Parker returned to Wau by air on December 22, and Mr. Perriman left for Sydney by airmail on December 23.

"Nothing to say", was the answer at 19 O'Connell Street, Sydney, when the above paragraph was shown to the headquarters of the firm.

It is obvious, however, that the growing trade of Papua must be of interest to a firm which is so deeply concerned with transport, as well as merchandising. The establishment of Carpenter and Co. in Papua would mean more cargo for the firm's Pacific-European freighters, and more business for the air services.

"TIME AND MONEY WASTED"

AUCKLAND, Jan. 3.

THE Commission which inquired into complaints, made by the Samoan Mau, against the N.Z. Government's banana plan, has reported as follows:—

"The complaints were unjustified, and time and money wasted to no purpose at all. The banana scheme is entirely for the Samoans and not New Zealand, and is very well run indeed. The Government has every confidence in Mr. Newton and other officers in Samoa."

"The Samoans have benefited by the scheme, and the high price N.Z. is willing to pay for bananas in order to help the Samoans. The Samoans must help and not hinder the scheme if they want it to continue. If they think the scheme is for the benefit of N.Z. and not Samoa, or for any reason are not satisfied, let them say so."

"If the Samoans do not want the banana scheme, or such complaints continue, the Government will arrange to stop the scheme at once, and N.Z. will buy bananas elsewhere. The M.V. 'Maui Pomare' will be used for other purposes".

NEW GOVERNOR

Visit to Tonga and Samoa

WHEN H.M.S. "Leander" left Suva, on December 8, on her return to New Zealand, she carried as passengers the new Governor of Fiji, Sir Harry Luke, and his staff.

Sir Harry Luke was carried to Nukua-

lofa, Tonga, where he made a formal visit to the Queen of Tonga, Dame Salote Tubou. The Governor was cordially received by the Tongans and hospitably entertained.

Sir Harry Luke, at Nukualofa, boarded the Union liner "Matua", and returned to Suva, via Western Samoa. While he was in Apia, he was the guest of the Administrator, Mr. A. C. Turnbull, and Mrs. Turnbull.



The Queen of Tonga entertained the new Governor of Fiji (Sir Harry Luke, C.M.G.) at a huge native feast given by the Tongan Government and Nobles on the occasion of His Excellency's first visit to Nukualofa in December. From right to left: Queen Salote, Sir Harry Luke, Mrs. A. L. Armstrong, Mr. A. L. Armstrong (British Agent and Consul), and Mrs. W. Stuart (wife of the Chief Justice), sitting down to luncheon in native style.

NAZI ACTIVITY IN WESTERN SAMOA

Small Organisation Creates an Embarrassing Situation

WHEN the "Matua" arrived in Apia, Western Samoa, on December 11, it brought to Western Samoa the German Consul-General from New Zealand, Herr Ramm. No one knew quite why Herr Ramm should have considered an official visit to Samoa to be necessary, just now; but, for all that, he was greeted courteously and cordially. He was the guest of the Administrator, at Vailima, until December 14, when he went on to Pago Pago.

But the Consul-General, almost immediately, was placed in a position of acute embarrassment.

A German resident of Samoa, Herr Matthes, has developed an admiration for the Hitler-Nazi regime; and he has formed a Nazi group in Apia. There are only a few adherents, and the organisation is regarded mostly with amused tolerance by the rest of the population—and especially by the older German residents.

Herr Matthes induced a small number of Samoan natives to join a "German Club", and to ask publicly for a return of Samoa to Germany. The Samoans mostly were elderly men, who had been employed by the German Administration before 1914, and they have no influence among the natives. The club collected money for Nazi flags and badges.

The arrival of the German Consul-General gave Herr Matthes his big moment. When Herr Ramm stepped onto the Customs wharf, he was greeted, to his horror, by Herr Matthes, standing stiffly to attention, while ranged behind him, under a fluttering Swastika flag, was a small company of Samoan natives, wearing German emblems.

It was a demonstration very gratifying to any German; but, in the special circumstances, very malapropos.

In the background, an interested spectator, was Sir Harry Luke, the

newly-appointed Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, who happened to arrive on that "Matua", on his way back from Tonga to Fiji.

Herr Ramm was formally introduced by Herr Matthes to the Samoan Nazis, and the little ceremony ended.

But, immediately, strong protests against the demonstration were made by both British and Germans. Both communities are anxious to live in amity, and avoid anything which might stir up racial feeling. The British took the opportunity of pointing out that there really has been too much Nazi propaganda recently. Natives have been told that Hitler soon will take command of Samoa. A German youth, who can speak only a few words of English, has been brought to Samoa recently to conduct a German school, for the children of Germans and part-Germans.

"We do not wish to be unpleasant", said one leading Britisher. "But, in the circumstances, we can only assume that those who are not with us are against us. Why that German school? Why does the Consul-General make a 3,000 miles journey to Samoa, if Germany is not interested in Samoa?"

"If the New Zealand Government thought it good enough to deport a good Britisher like Smyth for his sympathies with the native Samoans, surely they ought to deport one or two gentlemen who are trying to introduce Nazi doctrines among the natives", was another comment.

The German Consul-General, after making himself acquainted with local conditions, took occasion to approach leading British residents and to assure them that objectionable activities among Samoan natives had been completely stopped, and that a certain gentleman had been officially and severely reprimanded.

Copra Prices and Whale Oil

AN interesting visitor to Papua in December was Mr. P. V. Appleby, a principal of Vavasseurs Ltd., of London and Ceylon. This firm is one of the world's biggest producers of coconuts, and owns huge plantations in



From left: Mr. E. P. Appleby, Mrs. P. V. Appleby, and Mr. P. V. Appleby, head of the large English coconut-buying firm of Vavasseurs Ltd.

Ceylon, Philippines, Southern India, and even in Papua. He has been inspecting the latter properties.

Mr. Appleby said that the copra industry, at present, was not very profitable, and many plantations actually were losing money. He declared that floods of Antarctic whale oil were one of the most depressing factors, and planters did not care how soon they could hear of the apparently inevitable extinction of the whales.

Mr. W. R. Dishon arrived in Sydney from T.N.G. on December 19 by the "Bulolo" for three months' holiday. He will then take a course in anthropology at Sydney University, before returning to New Guinea, where he is a cadet with the Government.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Kingsford returned to Sydney by the "Bulolo" in mid-December. Mr. Kingsford is foreign manager for the Queensland Insurance Co., and had been on a business visit to New Guinea and Papua.

TONGAN CELEBRATES HIS 100th BIRTHDAY



Left: Pauli Taumoepeau, of Nukualofa, Tonga, who celebrated his 100th birthday on December 1. He was for many years a Government school teacher and a preacher of the Free Church of Tonga, and is still able to read the Bible. Right: Taumoepeau on his birthday surrounded by some of his many relations, who came from all parts of the Group—Haapai, Vavau, and the Niua. A thousand people attended the birthday party.

—Photo.: Hettig.

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Mrs. L. Bairstow sailed from Sydney by the "Morinda" on January 7 for Vila, N. Hebrides, where her husband is an employee of Messrs. Burns Philp (S.S.) and Co. She had just completed a six months' holiday in Australia.



Mrs. W. Newall, wife of the manager of Karolla Plantation, Bougainville, Northern Solomons, returned to B.S.I. after an absence of five years, by the "Malaita" on January 7. She had previously spent more than 14 years in the Solomons.



Mr. W. T. Hyder, Government Dental Officer, left Sydney for Norfolk Island by the January "Morinda", on a visit of inspection.



Commander A. S. Rosenthal, accompanied by Mrs. Rosenthal and their two sons, sailed from Sydney by the last "Morinda" for Norfolk Island to spend a holiday with his father, Major-General Sir Charles Rosenthal, Administrator of N.I.



PHOENIX ISLANDS

New Imperial Outpost in the Pacific

From Our Own Correspondent

FOLLOWING the recently-concluded sale to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony Government of Burns, Philp and Co.'s lease of the Phoenix Islands, with copra plantations and buildings and equipment, the Royal Colony Ship "Nimanoa" has proceeded to the Phoenix Group, taking District Officer G. Gallagher, late of Funafuti (Ellice Islands), for the purpose of establishing a Government Station and administrative offices there and establishing settlers.

The Phoenix Group, lying five degrees south of the equator, across longitudes E. 170-175, has figured rather prominently in Pacific affairs since the comparatively recent occupation of Canton and Enderbury Islands by United States naval units in connection with the establishment of strategic naval and air outposts. Other islands in the Group are Hull, Sydney, Phoenix, Gardner, McKean and Birnie.

The Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, which has purchased Burns, Philp's lease, is administered from Downing Street through the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific at Suva, with a local Resident Commissioner at Ocean Island.

PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW GUINEA AND PAPUA

Expert Committee To Be Set Up—Goldfields Road Plan Meets Difficulties

VERY little progress appears to have been made by the Commonwealth Government, during the month, in its plans for New Guinea and Papua. The promised advisory committee cannot be appointed before the Federal Cabinet meets in Hobart about January 30. After that, there should be quick action.

There has been one important development, however. It is known, unofficially, that expert engineering opinion condemns the proposed road direct from Salamaua to Wau, on the ground that it would cost much over £200,000 to build, and would be very costly to maintain.

The longer route, via the Buangs, is said to be regarded as more practicable; but the estimate of cost is about £400,000.

Under the Hughes plan, the Wau-Salamaua road was to be built for £150,000, which was to be provided as a loan by the big companies, and financed, as to interest and maintenance, by a toll on the road. This seemed a final decision; but, apparently, Mr. Hughes—in characteristic fashion—did not check up on his financial estimates. The necessary legislation, based on £150,000, went through the Commonwealth Parliament and the New Guinea Legislative Council. Now, if £150,000 is insufficient, a loan from the Australian Government will be necessary—a thing probably impossible to arrange.

The plans of the Australian Government were set out, thus, in the December issue of the "P.I.M."—

UNIFIED CONTROL

1.—There is to be the largest practicable measure of "unified control" for Papua and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, in place of the present system, under which the administration of the two Territories are kept completely independent of each other. A committee of experts in international law will examine the constitutions of the two territories, and especially the obligations and implications of the Mandate, and ascertain what measure of "unification" is possible.

CAPITAL SITE

2.—Subject to the report of the expert committee, it is proposed to have one administrative centre for the two Territories; and, in view of defence needs, and the desirability of a cool climate, a position on the inland plateaus of New Guinea is favoured.

RABAU

3.—The report of the vulcanologists, relative to the danger of another eruption at Rabaul, has been re-examined, and the decision to move the administrative establishment has been confirmed.

SALAMAU

4.—In the meantime, while an inquiry about "unified control" is proceeding, Salamaua is to be regarded as a "temporary capital"; and the Departments of Customs and of Public Works are to be moved there immediately.

FORTIFICATION OF PORT MORESBY

5.—Port Moresby is to be fortified, and to become an "important air base and sub-naval base" for units of the Australian navy and air force. No details were given in the official announcement, published on December 7, except that, through Port Moresby, Australian defence will be linked with Britain and New Zealand.

AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL

6.—The appointment of an "Agricultural Council", to foster the development of primary industries, and steps to "encourage the growing of tropical crops, timber-cutting and reafforestation", and the encouragement of the oil search, are planned.

Advisory Committee

In order to implement these decisions, the Federal Government, early in February, will appoint an important committee. It was intended, at first, that there should be two committees. One, a "legal committee", was to consider the most suitable means of combining the administrations of the two Territories and the situation of a capital, and the other, an "agricultural committee", would discuss means of fostering the development of primary industries in the Territories.

But, later, it was decided that one committee would suffice. It will comprise one representative of each Territory, and an experienced, independent chairman; and it will report fully on the

YOUNG COOK ISLANDERS BUILD OWN SCHOOL HOUSE

Unwilling to mark time while plans were being finalised for the opening of a secondary school, a number of young Cook Islanders, last year, formed an English class under Albert Henry, a capable and educated Euronesian. Needing a class-room and equipment, they organised concerts and with the proceeds bought timber and cement, with which they built their own school house. Photo shows Mr. Albert Henry (centre), with a section of the pupils, who now number over 50.



whole of the questions involved in amalgamation of the Territories, choice of a capital, system of defence, improved transport and increased settlement and development.

To discuss the personnel of the committee, the Minister in charge of Territories, Mr. Harrison, conferred with the Administrator of New Guinea (Brigadier-General Sir Walter McNicoll) in Sydney in December and January, and later in January he will meet the Lieutenant-Governor of Papua (Sir Hubert Murray). Later this year he may visit the Territories himself.

It will be seen, however, that all these matters are closely linked, so far as the Federal Government is concerned, with a wide variety of questions. Here are some of them:—

What amount of fortification, and what strength of armed forces, can be placed at Port Moresby? And to what extent can these protect New Guinea?

Assuming that a considerable degree of "unified control" is possible, would it be practicable to govern both Territories from Port Moresby, or from a point in the Mandated Territory, unless the two Territories are connected by road? (At present, although they adjoin, the only way of communication is by sea and by air.)

Is it possible even to consider Wau as a capital (for the two Territories) unless there is a road between Wau and the coast?

If a road cannot be built for £150,000, would Australia provide funds to cover the extra cost? And, if so, should Australia then insist upon a developmental road, rather than a road constructed only to serve the Morobe goldfield?

If roading is to be so very expensive, is it possible to return to a consideration of a plan of developing the country agriculturally by subsidised aeroplane transport?

Are the Territories to be self-supporting in future? Or will Australia for defence reasons, continue to subsidise Papua and find a subsidy, if necessary, for New Guinea? Or would an amalgamation of the Territories mean that Papua's usual deficit would be taken care of by the surplus which New Guinea usually gets from her gold royalty?

Consideration of these questions, one in relation to the other, may be clarified if a really competent committee is appointed, and sets to work, at an early date.

"SHORT" VERSUS "LONG" ROUTE

Wau Miners Want Independent Report

THE New Guinea Mining Association held a general meeting in Wau on December 23, and the road position was discussed in the light of knowledge that the Government engineers regarded the Bitoi route (the "shortest and most direct route") as very difficult, and likely to cost much more than £150,000.

The belief was expressed that the Administration favoured "the long route" (via Buangs, or via Markham and Wam-pit); whereas the only route which would be fair to the Goldfields communities was the direct route.

On the motion of Mr. Harold Taylour it was decided that a licensed surveyor should be obtained to take a close survey of the Bitoi route, with particular regard to the "gorge" portion, and that later a qualified engineer should be obtained to give expert advice as to the possibility of putting a road through the gorge section and assessing the cost.

SHREWD COMMENTS ON N. GUINEA

THE most readable and informative Pacific book received, lately, is "The Men and Birds of Paradise", by A. J. Marshall (published by Heinemann, London, for 11/6 Australian).

Mr. Marshall, a scientist (ornithology) with an unusual gift of writing, spent part of 1936-7 on the northern coast of New Guinea, between Madang and Hollandia; and every European in that region has a place in his pages. Even though unnamed, one recognises a dozen well-known men. He has described New Guinea conditions and men just as he saw them, and their choicest stories are set down just as he heard them. He tells, without frills, and a good deal of humour, the story of his unpleasant overland journey from the Sepik to Humboldt Bay and back again.

Some extracts:—

On recruiting of native labour:—

"Only a few wise old lapuns realise that with the departure of the young men begins the cultural deterioration of the tribe. New standards would be introduced on their return, new desires created; the old days and ways would rapidly slide into oblivion. The native is intensely imitative and acquisitive. He returns with a profound belief in the superiority of European life and methods—and usually with an umbrella, non-descript clothing and his hair bleached white with hydrogen peroxide! No longer would a savage spend weeks painstakingly grinding a stone into an axe when he could get a better article—and knives, matches, beads as well—merely by signing on with the next recruiter who came along. All this is excellent for white enterprise, but extremely bad for the culture and ultimate welfare of the tribe. Individually, the natives do not suffer, for they are well-fed and cared for while at work."

On the condition of the country:—

"Unfortunately, people, and the Government, seem interested in little else but gold. The gold deposits cannot last for ever; now, then, is the logical time to establish other sources of future income. Before the gold, the trade in the country was based on bird-feathers and copra. But the plume-trade collapsed and the bottom dropped out of the copra market for many tragic years. If the gold failed to-morrow (though, of course, it won't for many years) copra and the doubtful prospect of oil would be the country's only stand-by. In Rabaul there is an Agricultural Department which is doing good work, considering that it is not very warmly encouraged. But if an intending settler goes to the Lands Department and asks for land, all he gets is a blank stare. Or so it was when I made the experiment in 1936. I was finally told that I should have to make an expensive trip to any district I liked, find suitable land, negotiate personally with the natives who owned it; then, if they were willing to trade, I would be expected to make an application to the local official, paying one nominal deposit and heavy survey fees. The Government agent would then approach the kanakas, and satisfy himself that they were indeed willing to sell the land. But even if they were, he must always refuse the application if it is in any way harmful to the native—i.e., if the land is valuable for hunting or water supply. So the intending planter must begin all over again. This is not a good way to encourage settlers."



TOP ROW.—Miss E. Field (left) and Miss B. Barwell, of the Melanesian Mission, Miss Field sailed by the "Malaita" on January 7 for Ugi, B.S.I., after long leave in England and New Zealand. Miss Barwell is a member of the Sydney staff of the mission.

SECOND ROW.—Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Thwaites departed from Sydney for Vila, New Hebrides, by the "Morinda" on January 27. Mr. Thwaites, who has written some Australian novels, expects to spend some time in the New Hebrides, gathering material for a new book, before continuing on to Europe.

BOTTOM ROW.—Father Louis Schir (left) and Father Herve Narvor left Sydney for Vila, New Hebrides, by the last "Morinda". Father Schir will take up missionary duties for the Marist Mission at Vila; Father Narvor will proceed to Wallis Island.

On Mission activities in New Guinea:—

"One wonders if it is worth while that good brains should be wasted and left to decay in a steaming wilderness with so much left undone in the 'civilised' world."

"In the Anglo-French Condominium of the New Hebrides, it is the missionary alone who is making the black man's burden easier; but under the happy and humane administrations of New Guinea, as I have said, they are, I think, not strictly essential. These devout, intelligent men could do more valuable work in civilisation. In London, Berlin, or any other European capital. But, taking the Western Pacific as a whole, and lumping together all the white men I know, then I must say with Stevenson: 'Those who have a taste for hearing missions, Catholic or Protestant, decried, must seek their pleasure elsewhere than in my pages. With all their gross blots, with all their deficiency of candour, of humour, and of common sense, the missionaries are still the best whites in the Pacific'."

MAY BE BIG NAVAL BASE

Future of Port Moresby

IT is inevitable that, if the armaments race continues in the Pacific, Port Moresby will assume great importance. A glance at the map shows how suitably it is placed in relation to Singapore, the Dutch East Indies, the vital East Coast of Australia, and the line of immense fortifications being constructed by America, north and south through the centre of the Pacific.

Port Moresby is a magnificent port, capable of sheltering the biggest fleet in the world. Fairfax Harbour (the north-western portion of Port Moresby) lies hidden among the hills, with deep, sheltered water. An important Australian flotilla lay completely concealed in there, in the critical days of August, 1914.

The topography is such that the port could be easily defended against approach from the sea. At the back are the foothills leading up into the high mountains—there could be no approach from there.

For many months of the year, Port Moresby is an arid unbeautiful place. Luxuriant tropical vegetation comes within a few miles of it, and there are rushing mountain rivers only 20 or 30 miles away, but the port itself is in a dry spot—a meteorological freak. But, after a few showers, it is covered quickly with grass and flowering shrubs. If the port becomes an air and navy base, a good water supply probably will be brought in, and the character of the place, under liberal irrigation, will be changed wholly, for the better.

The "Daily Herald", of London, on January 2, published a map of Australia and New Guinea, and said that Australia has decided to have its own "Gibraltar" at Port Moresby, which was admirably situated for Australia's defence.

In view of these things, it is amusing to recall that not six months ago, Australia's Prime Minister, in most emphatic fashion, declared that there was neither thought or intention of fortifying Port Moresby, or placing Australian armed forces there.

EDUCATION OF YOUNG NAURUANS

SO interested was Mr. J. E. Harrison, Minister for Territories, in the 12 Nauruans brought to the Sydney Scout Jamboree by Mr. Hurst, of Geelong, that an interview at the Commonwealth Offices, Sydney, on January 10, intended for 15 minutes, extended over an hour.

Mr. Hurst described his educational work among the young Nauruans—undertaken at his own expense—and pointed out to the Minister that his main problem was the proper employment of the young Nauruans, after they had been educated and technically trained.

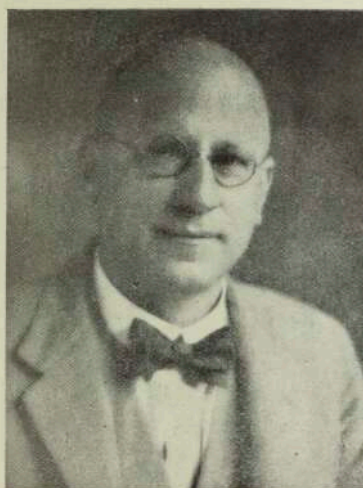
The Minister talked for a long time, with the Nauruan lads, and discussed with them the future of their life on Nauru, and their hopes and opportunities. He appeared to be impressed with the high standard of their intelligence, and their command of good English.

Mr. A. W. L. Savage, Accountant General and Deputy Treasurer of Fiji, left Suva in December for England on leave.

W.R.C. ABROAD

Head of Carpenter Organisation Visits U.S.A. and Britain

IT is to be expected that, on February 15, old Father Thames will take a look over London's hoary traditions and time-honoured institutions, and carefully will block up all gaps open for occupation by new ideas and dynamic enterprise.



SIR WALTER CARPENTER.

For, on that date, Sir Walter Carpenter will arrive in London, from Australia via America; and, if opportunity offers, he may try to apply his extraordinary energy to the ancient city's choicest prerogatives. For a man does not easily forget the habits of a lifetime; and Sir Walter is all for modernity and progress—and especially shipping in its relation thereto.

In any event, he will have something biting and uncompromising to say about the failure of the British Empire, up to the present, to provide a policy adequate for the defence of British interests in the Pacific. When he left Sydney on January 6, he was prepared to argue that the way is open for Japan to thrust south-eastwards, seizing New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand and thus virtually isolating Australia. He would not agree that Japan, acting thus-wise, would open her flank most dangerously to the Americans—the Americans, he thought, would not fight unless attacked. But, by now, Sir Walter is in America, and maybe he will learn there that the Americans will not permit Japan to seize Pacific territories already occupied by Europeans.

OF all Pacific personalities to-day, that of Sir Walter Carpenter probably is the most conspicuous and picturesque. Thirty years ago, he was an energetic, big-framed young man, managing trading stores in the Pacific and getting ready to strike out on his own account. To-day, he is the active, directing head of an immense organisation, which includes merchandising, planting, shipping, manufacturing, hotel-keeping,

mail-carrying, aerial transport, and a dozen more.

All this has grown out of one man's idea, and belief in himself. Walter Randolph Carpenter's father was an American sea-captain, and he was born in Singapore. He was pickled in the salt of the Pacific before he had grown whiskers. In the nineties, while still a boy, he was manager of J. B. Carpenter and Son Ltd. at Thursday Island; from 1908 to 1914, he was manager for Robert Kaad and Co., in Suva.

Then came the war, with its insatiable demand for explosives. Explosives meant glycerine, and the best glycerine comes from coconut oil. W.R.C. saw the chance, just a little sooner than anyone else. He went out into the Pacific, and he bought copra wherever he could find it—unlimited quantities of it. Next arose the problem of getting it to Europe and U.S.A.—nearly all shipping was commandeered. W.R.C. hired everything that would float upon the blue ocean, from liners to leaky old schooners, and piled bags of copra all over them, and sent them on their way.

THE copra made the markets, and W.R.C. made a fortune. But he didn't stop. That was over 20 years ago, and he hasn't stopped yet. This scribe predicts that he will stop only when he is finally bagged by the Great Reaper.

Since 1914, W.R.C. has established W. R. Carpenter and Co. Ltd.; and that firm, wherein two brothers and two sons of W.R. are active executives, has:

Established stores, plantations, and trading stations all over New Guinea and the Solomon Islands;

Established a fleet of inter-island cargo-carriers;

Purchased control of On Chong and Co. Ltd. (Gilbert and Ellice Islands) and Brown and Joske Ltd. (Fiji).

Established the W.R.C. Line of steamers, running between Pacific Islands ports and Europe;

Founded the South Pacific Insurance Co. Ltd.;

Established Mandated Airlines Ltd., which carry on aerial transport in New Guinea and Papua;

Purchased control of the hotels in most of the Morobe towns, New Guinea;

Established the weekly airmail service between Sydney and New Guinea, under contract with the Commonwealth Government.

Those are only the firm's major enterprises. The minor concerns are innumerable. And the firm never stops—always, something new is being planned, planted or launched. Some of the firm's executives were in Papua the other day, having a look around—it is suggested that the signboard is now going up in Port Moresby.

ALWAYS, at the centre of it, is W.R.C.—a big, dominating man, handsome still despite his 60 odd years; with a loud, jolly laugh and a most generous disposition offsetting a grim eye and a predatory beak of a nose. A "holy terror" in a hard-fought deal, and yet a man whose private charities are beyond number—he gave £10,000, not long ago, to a maternal welfare fund. A very human person: this scribe, whose profession is a knowledge of language, has heard W.R. in a rage, and thus has acquired several new curse-words of great beauty and potency.

Between them, Burns Philp and Co. and W. R. Carpenter and Co., control most of the trade and transport of New Guinea; and New Guinea folk, describing them as "a monopoly", accord them

neither love nor adulation. But, at least, we can appreciate the romantic and picturesque character of the strong men who created those great organisations. James Burns and his earlier associates are gone; but the creator of the younger firm, now on his way to greet Father Thames, is still very much alive and active—and quite a few score of men, with a stake in the Pacific, await his next move with curiosity, and misgiving.—R.W.R.

STILL MORE ROADS

Position on Morobe Tableland,
N.G.

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Jan. 6.
ALTHOUGH we are entirely shut off from the coast, on this Morobe tableland, we have a growing mileage of roads, for our growing number of motor vehicles.

The completion recently of the bridge over the Bulolo River, at the Power House, gives us a run of about 50 miles in one stretch. From Edie Creek to Balune, via Wau and Bulolo, even if the road is not the best in spots, is a trip every motorist will enjoy, as a diversion from air travel.

Meanwhile, the plan of a Wau-Salamaua road, is in abeyance again. No one knows what is happening—although Mr. Field (Director of Public Works) who has been surveying various routes, probably will have a big say in things. Meantime, the New Guinea Mining Association still is fighting tooth and nail for its "shortest and most direct route".

NOUMEA PREPARES FOR P.A.A. SEAPLANES

ACCORDING to the Noumea newspaper of November 23, the French authorities in New Caledonia are making active preparations for the accommodation of the seaplanes of Pan-American Airways. The French Governor expects that the new service, including Noumea, will come into operation during the present year.

On November 15 the Governor of New Caledonia, accompanied by a number of officials, paid a formal visit to the Isle de Nou—otherwise known as Nouville. The principal object of the visit was the examination of the old wharves and buildings on Isle de Nou, which formerly were part of the great prison, which accommodated thousands of convicts, sent from France to New Caledonia. Since the transportation system was abolished, many years ago, the prisons on Isle de Nou have not been used; and some have fallen seriously into disrepair.

According to the Noumea newspaper, it is hoped to make use of these wharves and buildings as a seaplane base, for both military and commercial machines. Much reconstruction may be necessary, but there is an enormous quantity of building material available there.

Father Arthur Junker sailed from Sydney by the "Malaita" early in January, for Kieta, T.N.G., where he will take up duties at the Marist Mission station.

MAN WITH SIX TOES

THE Assistant Resident Magistrate at Kokoda, Papua, sends the accompanying photograph, with this note:

Here is a human oddity who may interest you. He possesses six perfectly-formed toes on each foot. He is a native of Karu Karu, Chirima Valley, which is part of the district under my control. I under-



stand that several others in the same family are similarly "endowed". I tried to find out from the native whether he was able to move the additional digit, but he became embarrassed at the interest being taken in his feet by myself and a party of grinning police, and slunk off. As a matter of fact, I might have had difficulty in procuring these pictures had he known that the camera was focussed on him alone, hence the others in the group.

Mr. H. Willoughby, Senior Road Foreman, of the Fiji Public Works Department, is now spending furlough in Australia.

A HOME FOR JEWS

Interest in New Guinea Plan

THE suggestion that suitable lands in the Pacific territories should be made available for settlement by Jewish people driven out of Europe, made in the December issue of the "P.I.M.", is receiving consideration.

The proposals most favoured are those relating to the Central Tablelands of New Guinea, and those relating to the southern islands of the New Hebrides.

The plan to make Central New Guinea available for European settlement has many things to recommend it. It is "white man's country", lying mostly 5,000 to 7,000 ft. above sea-level; it is suitable for sheep, cattle and horses and for every kind of tropical and sub-tropical agriculture; it is well-watered and well-wooded, and could provide room for a million settlers; and it is virgin country—it was discovered only about 1932, and there are only a few gold-miners and missionaries in there now.

It is imperative, for the safety of Australia, that this country be occupied and settled. It will not be colonised, extensively, by Australians, until Australia's own empty spaces are filled up, and Australia has ample money to spare for such an enterprise. But the country could soon be filled with Jewish colonists; and the Jewish organisations could help considerably with finance.

Officialdom, probably, taking the one-eyed view, will insist that native rights must have precedence, and will wave the Mandate furiously under the noses of those who demand action, and progress and settlement. The natives must be protected, of course, and there is a very large native population in the region between the Ramu-Purari watershed and the head-waters of the Sepik. But it is a vast region, capable of providing for all the natives, for a hundred years, and then leaving plenty of room for all the immigration that can be organised.

FIJI KAURI GUM

New Industry In Suva

THE preparation of kauri gum for export to America and Australia is a little industry that has been established in Suva, of which few of the public are aware, says the "Fiji Times".

The natural gum is brought in by natives, who procure it by digging in the surface soil around the kauri trees, or tapping the sap streams—a process called bleeding. This the majority of them do indiscriminately, not observing the golden rule of tapping on opposite sides in alternate years. The continual tapping down one side of the tree causes deterioration and will ultimately lead to the death of the kauri.

The gum is collected in Suva, dried, graded and shipped to the United States and Australia for use in varnishes, toilet soaps, linoleums, etc.

The Fiji product is not nearly as good as the New Zealand kauri gum. The trees are similar; but the gum-diggers in Auckland go much deeper than do the natives in Fiji, and the gum they get is of much better colour and texture.

There are kauri forests, also, in New Caledonia and the Southern Solomons; and a search therein by skilled men should disclose deposits of this valuable material.

TROPICALITIES

ALL concerns which serve the more intimate needs of the public—bakeries, butcheries, gasworks, for example—come in for a certain amount of criticism; and, in that respect, the Port Moresby Freezing Co., is not peculiar. As the source of nearly all fresh food, it is indispensable; but the residents like to throw bricks at it, all the same.

The Co. owns the local cinema. In a recent issue of the "Papuan Courier", the usual advertisement of films to be shown during the week ended as follows:—

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Whereupon there was cruel and horrid laughter around the Port.

THE "P.I.M.", in past years, has described the administration of Western Samoa as "the essence of Old Granny Government". In other words, nothing can be done in the Territory without permission from a coterie of bureaucratic officials in Wellington, N.Z.—which, of course, means paralysis of all initiative and development.

Recently, Mr. G. F. K. Hufnagel-Betham retired from the post of Lands Commissioner in Samoa, after 17 years' service; and this is what he said to a reporter when he arrived in Auckland:—

"Nowadays, almost every phase of official business is directed or guided from Wellington, and New Zealanders should have no fear therefore of any departure from peace or harmony arising in Samoa as a result of local inexperience. The acting-Administrator, Mr. C. A. Turnbull, is most careful to refer all Samoan problems to New Zealand for a decision before action is taken."

THE farewell dinner in Port Moresby recently to Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Turner, unhappily resulted in ptomaine poisoning for all those present, except the Governor and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Champion. The hurried career of the popular and capable Dr. May, from house to house, with a large bottle of castor oil, earned him the name of "Mussolini".

EVERY kind of Pacific trading interest in Sydney was represented on the new motorship "Bulolo" on the afternoon of December 22, when Captain A. Campbell (the commander) and the directors of Burns, Philp & Co., Ltd., entertained some hundreds of guests. The function was arranged to mark the introduction of this fine, modern liner to the regular run between Australia and New Guinea.

The "Bulolo" went off in such a hurry in November to take her place in the regular services between Sydney, Papua and New Guinea, that there was not time to give her formal greeting so it took place on the return of the vessel from her first successful round trip in northern waters. The majority of the numerous guests made an interested inspection of the ship and were much attracted by what they saw. Every conceivable provision has been made for the comfort of passengers under tropical conditions. Stewards and deck hands, who already had made the round trip, were able to assure anxious enquirers that she was an

excellent seaboat and that there was almost a total lack of vibration.

With these beautiful ships—the "Bulolo", "Macdhui" and the "Malaita"—running in the regular services between Australia and New Guinea, and between Australia and the Solomons, there is an almost unbelievable difference between the travelling conditions of to-day, compared with what they were only 10 years ago.

WE have word, in recent mails, of two Pacific-wandering yachtsmen.

Dwight Long has been able to salvage his ketch, "Idle Hour", which was wrecked near New York, some months ago. The cost of repairs is about 2,000 dollars. The ketch, probably, will be seen again in the Pacific.

Alan Villiers, who cruised around the Pacific in the "Joseph Conrad", recently purchased an old Arab dhow in Aden and, in her, with two boys off the "Joseph Conrad", he is sailing to Europe, and thence across the Atlantic to the World's Fair at New York.

IN the "Papuan Courier" it is stated that a letter was recently received from America addressed: "Port Moresby, New Guinea, East Indies, Asia".

This is a fit companion to a communication lately received by another Port Moresby resident. It was from the Income Tax Department of the Inland Revenue Office in London, and was addressed: "Port Moresby, Papua, Fiji Islands, U.S.A.".

Mr. R. A. Rutherford, general manager of Gold Mines of Papua, Misima Island, Papua, who came south by the "Bulolo" recently, has gone on to New Zealand, where he will spend leave.

Mr. G. C. O'Donnell, an Administration cadet from Salamaua, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney by the last "Bulolo". After short leave, he will take a six months' course in anthropology at Sydney University.

FINANCES OF NEW GUINEA

Quarter's Figures Show an Unusual Position

IF the figures published in the "New Guinea Gazette", No. 535, covering the three months ended September 30, 1938, are a true indication of the financial position of the territory, it is time that Canberra had a look at the state of affairs there.

According to those figures, the total revenue received during the three months was £108,165, while the total expenditure in the same period was £120,240. The Territory, on July 1, 1938, started with a surplus of £59,691, and on September 30 the surplus was £47,616—a reduction within the period of over £12,000.

An analysis of the figures shows that, during the three months, compared with the same three months of 1937, the revenue from every source except one showed a substantial decrease; while, on the other side, the expenditure in every department except one showed a substantial increase. The one which showed a decrease was the one department which could properly have shown an increase—namely, New Works.

This seems an extraordinary financial condition, and we can only assume that there is some special reason for it. But if there is no reason—if all sources of revenue decreased, while expenditure increased, so that the finances went to the bad over £12,000 within three months—then the outlook is not satisfactory.

Mr. Willie Houg Lee, an old identity of Suva, died in Fiji on December 22, aged 52.

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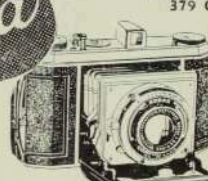
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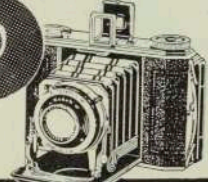
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CHURCH CENTENARY In The Marquesas Islands

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Dec. 18.

THE centenary of the establishment of the Roman Catholic Church in the Marquesas Islands was celebrated in the Cathedral Church of the Vicaire Apostolique, at Atuona, Hiva-oa, on November 20.

Several hundreds of islanders were transported from distant communities by the schooners "Denise" and "Tere Ora", to Atuona.

The Roman Catholic Mission in the South Pacific was established at Mangareva, Gambier Islands, in 1834, by Pere Laval, Pere Caret and Frere Colombar, and it was from that centre that the church was extended to the other islands of Central Polynesia, in 1838, to the Marquesas Islands.

NOT ENOUGH SEATS New Guinea Airmail Overtaxed

CRITICISM is being directed against the airmail service, between Sydney and New Guinea, conducted by Messrs. W. R. Carpenter and Co., Ltd.—not because the service is inefficient, but because it is insufficient.

It appears that for several weeks past it has been impossible for a person to secure a berth on the aeroplanes, without booking several weeks in advance. The passengers offering represent from two to three times as many as the aeroplanes can accommodate.

Individuals have made strong representations to Messrs. Carpenter, urging that another aeroplane be put on to take the available traffic, but the firm replies that this cannot be done without the express permission of the Commonwealth Government—and, so far, the Commonwealth Government has taken no interest in the matter.

It is presumed that the hold-up has something to do with the subsidy. The subsidy provided by the Commonwealth Government is for a weekly airmail of one aeroplane—there is no financial provision for a subsidy for two aeroplanes.

However, the demand for the service very definitely is there; the Federal Government says that now it is embarked upon a policy under which it will encourage in every possible way the development of Papua and the Mandated Territory; and the next logical step would appear to be the provision of some additional money, under which a larger aeroplane service can take care of the growing public demand.

PORT MORESBY'S NEW SUBURB

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Jan. 6.

THE Australasian Petroleum Co.'s colony, vulgarly known as "Headache Village", is growing fast, and now forms a suburb of Port Moresby. Seven cottages are now occupied, and the mess room and laboratories are functioning busily.

The site is far removed from the bright lights of Musgrave Street and the fevered gaiety of the hotels. But there is a clear view for some distance up and down the road, and residents there may safely—if due precautions are taken—whisper to one another the forbidden name of "Oil".

ABOUT ISLANDS PEOPLE

Rt. Rev. L. S. Kempthorne, Anglican Bishop in Polynesia, returned to Fiji in mid-December after visiting Tonga and Samoa.



Mrs. C. H. Tracey arrived in Sydney from England in December by the M.V. "Rabaul" and, proceeded by the "Aorangi" to Fiji, where she will spend several months with her brother, Mr. W. C. Fletcher, who is living in retirement.



Mr. J. B. Mackay, Patrol Officer in the New Guinea Administration, left Sydney for Madang by the last "Macdhui" after two months' sick leave in Australia.



Mr. L. A. Mackay, who accompanied his stepfather, Mr. J. B. Mackay (above), on his visit to Sydney, returned to the Mandated Territory by the December "Macdhui".



Mr. G. R. Morgan, an employee of Loloima (Fiji) Gold Mines, N.L., Tavua, sailed from Sydney by the "Aorangi" on December 22 for Fiji after three months' furlough.

Mrs. E. C. Skelly, well-known resident of Samarai, Eastern Papua, reached Sydney by the "Macdhui" on January 9 to spend a long holiday in Sydney with her sister, Mrs. A. Bramell. Her health in recent months has not been good.

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.

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Mrs. V. H. Sherwin, of the Melanesian Mission, is expected to return to Wau, New Guinea, by the "Balolo" in February, after having spent furlough in Adelaide.

Mr. S. G. C. Knibbs, Commissioner of Lands and Superintendent of Works in the British Solomon Islands, arrived in Sydney by the last "Malaita" to spend furlough in Australia.

Mrs. D. L. Francis, a trained nurse of wide experience, has been selected to take charge of the new Melanesian Mission hospital at Raga, New Hebrides. The hospital, which is the fifth controlled by the M.M., contains 18 beds.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dickes, of the British Solomon Islands, where he is Senior Clerk in Customs and Treasury Department, are at present in Australia, spending long leave.

Commander W. Burrows, District Commissioner, Levuka, sailed from Fiji in December by the "Aorangi" en route to the United Kingdom to spend long leave.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lotze left Sydney by the "Malaita" on January 7 for Tulagi, B.S.I., after several months' furlough in Sydney. Mr. Lotze is accountant with W. R. Carpenter and Co., at Tulagi.

Mr. J. Vickers, headmaster of the Ifi Ifi Government School, Western Samoa, arrived in New Zealand from Apia by the December "Matua".

Mr. Leigh Wild, of Rabaul, New Guinea, married Mrs. Rae Seaforth at a quiet ceremony at the Rabaul Church of England on January 6.

Dr. H. B. Hetherington, Senior Medical Officer in the British Solomon Islands, reached Sydney on furlough by the "Malaita" on December 30.

Miss I. Knight arrived in Sydney from Levuka, Fiji, where she is engaged in mission work for the Methodist Mission, by the "Monterey" at the end of December. She has proceeded to Victoria to spend three months' furlough.



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FIJI INDIANS

Discussion on Their Economic Condition

REFERENCE was made in the December "P.I.M." to outrageous statements made to American newspapers in Honolulu by an Indian publicist, Dr. Kunzru, concerning the condition of Indian farmers in Fiji.

It was pointed out, then, that the Indians in Fiji enjoy conditions of comfort and security, compared with what they have been transported from in India; and that they live mostly on their own little farms, where they grow their own food, and do a certain amount of work for the sugar-mills, at rates of wages ranging from 2/- to 6/- per day, according to skill.

We now have received the annual report of the Secretary for Indian Affairs in Fiji, for 1937, and it contains the following interesting section:

"A great deal has been said of the poverty of the Indian agriculturist and many suggestions have been made for relieving him, particularly of the load of debt under which he is reputed to labour.

"It is regrettably true that there are numerous Indian farmers who are seemingly weighed down by their debts, but at the same time these are particular cases which do not justify the general assumption that all Indian agriculturists are in the same plight. Indebtedness may be due to various causes, but the case which calls for most sympathy is that of the man who, through his own ignorance or any other cause, has made an inequitable contract for the purchase of the land holding.

"The commonest cause of indebtedness, however, is undoubtedly the improvidence of the average Indian farmer, who, in order to obtain prestige at the birth of his child or marriage of his daughter, will incur a debt which may be far beyond his normal means to repay. The weapon of indebtedness falls naturally into the hand of any person who is attempting to belittle the economic condition of Indian agriculturists, and is liable to obscure the true position, which is that an industrious peasant farmer, even though his holding be outside the cane areas, can feed himself and his family off the produce of his land and provide himself and them with cash to purchase the other necessities of life. In the rice areas farmers are liable to be effected by adverse weather and their own improvident cultivation, and while even the poorest rice farmers are not reduced to a state of actual want, their condition, and that of other farmers, is about to engage the special attention of the Department of Agriculture with a view to securing adequate return to individual growers.

"The sugar-cane farmers are well situated in regard to markets and prices and to the matter of obtaining loans which they can do without having to resort to the money lender. It is true that the Colonial Sugar Refining Company discourages its tenants from planting food crops on their holdings, but it assists them in other directions to keep their domestic expenses at a reasonable level.

"It may be said that the only Indians who become destitute are those who, by reason of age or infirmity, are unable to obtain employment and who also are without relatives to support them".

The estimated Indian population in Fiji at the end of December, 1937, was 89,333, being 50,394 males and 38,939 females. The nett annual increase in Indian population during the year was 2,456.

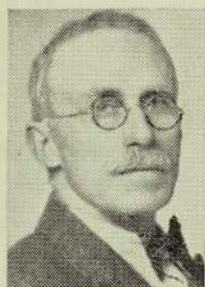
At a session of the Fiji Legislative Council on December 2, Mr. C. Chattr Singh appealed for an official inquiry into the economic condition of the Indians in Fiji. He insisted that the majority of them were very poor—"merely existing". He said there were about 16,000 in agriculture and some 8,000 or 9,000 in trades and commerce. The bulk of the balance of the community of some 90,000 was made up of children and females, leaving about 25,000 to support the rest of the population.

Hon. T. L. Nevitt, M.L.C., of Papua, whose health necessitated a trip South some weeks ago, returned to Port Moresby by the "Macdhui" in December. Following a successful operation in Brisbane, his health is now completely restored.

Mr. J. Gonlag, who has been attached to the geological staff of Islands Exploration Co. in Papua for the last year, left Port Moresby for Batavia by the "Tasman" in December.

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EARL AND COUNTESS BEATTY IN SAMOA



EARL and Countess Beatty, who spent a month in Western Samoa, left Apia on December 15 for Pago Pago (American Samoa) to join the liner "Monterey" for Fiji and New Zealand.

In Samoa, the interesting couple were the guests of Mr. A. C. Turnbull (Acting Administrator) and his wife. In spite of unfavourable weather, they had an interesting time, including a 10-days' malaga in Savai'i, where Mr. T. Robson (Resident Commissioner) took them for a trip round the island. The natives showed great interest in the Earl and Countess and entertained them in typical Samoan fashion.

Photo. shows (left to right):—Mr. A. C. Turnbull (Acting - Administrator), Countess Beatty and Earl Beatty.

ATTACK ON COCONUT PEST

Entomological Enterprise in T.N.G.

AFTER overcoming many difficulties, ranging from official inertia to transport obstacles, the New Guinea Department of Agriculture finally succeeded, in October, in introducing a "wog" to attack the "Promecotheca" scourge, which was destroying coconut groves, near Rabaul.

The "Rabaul Times" of January 6, reports: The anti-pest colonies, consisting of two hundred living parasites, were received by airmail in Rabaul on October 6, 1938. Colonies, which have now been bred to the second generation, have been released to plantations and native groves on the North Coast of New Britain, to Ralumbang and district, and throughout the Gazelle Peninsula, as well as to Manus and on the mainland. Colonies have not been released at Lindenhaven, but in native groves at Ring Ring (Gasmata) district.

Mrs. F. P. Foley, of Salamaua, New Guinea, is at present spending three months' holiday at Bondi, Sydney.

NEED FOR PRACTICAL PLAN TO AID COPRA

Discussion By Fiji Council

(Further reference to this subject will be found on page 51).

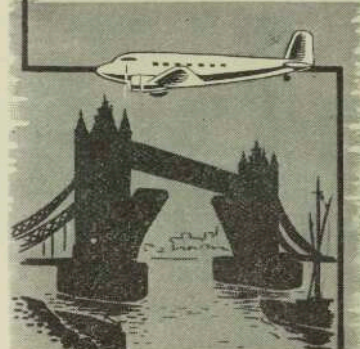
EAGERNESS to help the copra industry, if some practicable plan could be developed, was expressed by members of the Fiji Legislative Council, during the December sessions.

Commenting upon the Government's plan to spend, mostly on public works, about a quarter of a million pounds out of an accumulated surplus of £365,000, Mr. Alport Barker urged that copra producers, who had contributed through taxation to the accumulation of that surplus, should receive some direct substantial benefit from its expenditure. The prices of sugar and copra were low; the gold industry was not large yet; the banana industry could not be expanded any further; the pineapple industry was only in its infancy—it would be a wise policy to give copra-producers a larger measure of security.

Mr. Ragg urged that more help be given the gold mining industry. He thought that, if the conditions governing prospecting and mining were made

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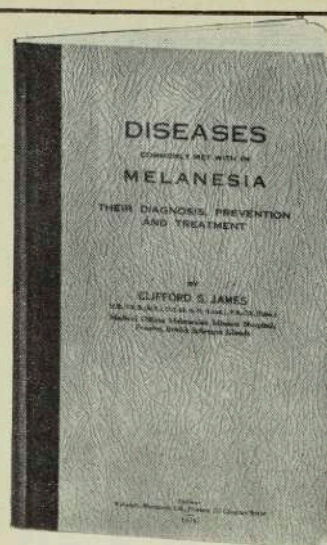
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more liberal, gold production could be increased. He expressed a pessimistic view regarding cotton-growing. The Indians did not take much interest in it now, and the world markets were against it—it might be opportune to consider whether it was advisable to give any more encouragement to cotton.

Mr. Gibson quoted Sir Frank Stockdale in support of his contention that the Government should give copra-growers a guaranteed price, and take over the marketing of the Colony's production of copra. Copra-growers would thus be benefited, just as New Zealand dairy farmers had been benefited by a guaranteed price and central marketing of butter.

Mr. Trotter said that, before seriously talking about subsidising and marketing their copra production, members would be wise to come to the Council with a practical, concrete scheme. He did not know of any scheme which would put an oil producing product on a stable basis. Copra, unfortunately, had to be transported to distant markets overseas, and the overhead left nothing for the producer. Their greatest buyers were Continental buyers and the latter were endeavouring to absorb enormous quantities of ground nut and palm kernel oils, which made it more difficult than ever to market copra.

Mr. K. B. Singh deprecated any discouragement of the cotton industry at this stage. He had formerly urged that the Government should encourage the production of cotton by the Indian farmers; and now, with sugar and copra prices low, every effort should be made to continue encouragement of this alternative crop. Certainly, there should be no discouragement of cotton-growing without the closest inquiry.

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THE notable patrol, under the command of Mr. J. Taylor, which has gone right through the centre of unknown New Guinea, from the Purari tablelands, via Mt. Hagen, to the headquarters of the Sepik River, is now nearing completion.

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From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, N.G., Jan. 4.
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Cargo from the "Macdhui" waited while two Guinea Airways Ford planes rushed the mail from Salamaua to Wau, and the Post Office was open until 5 p.m. Consequently, Father Christmas had many more good things to distribute than otherwise would have been the case.

Rev. C. V. Longden, who has been engaged in mission work for the Melanesian Mission on the south coast of New Britain, T.N.G., has resigned because of ill health. He left for England by the "Rabaul" on December 20.

Nursing Sister A. E. Samuels has resigned from the Melanesian Mission as the result of ill health, and has returned to her home in New Zealand. She had been stationed at Torgil in the New Hebrides.

Basil Leodoro, a native of Raga, New Hebrides, has been selected by the Bishop of Melanesia to proceed to Fiji, where he will enter the Suva Medical School, eventually qualifying as a Native Medical Practitioner.

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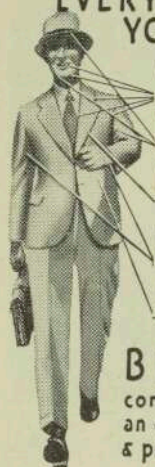
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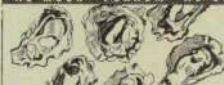
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BISHOP AT 35 YEARS OF AGE

From Our Own Correspondent

TARAWA, Dec. 1.
THE Most Rev. Dr. O. Terrienne, of the Sacred Heart Mission of the Roman Catholic Church, has returned to the Gilbert Islands, where he had previously spent many years as a Reverend Father in the mission field.

Dr. Terrienne has been on furlough to Europe since April last, and was consecrated as Bishop in Cannes (France) last June, at the age of 35.

Mrs. Virisila Tikoigau Maybir, a well-known figure in Suva, died in mid-December from septic poisoning. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Charles Maybir, and a family of seven.

MEN WHO KNEW YESTERDAY**R. W. Gosset's Memories of Rarotonga**

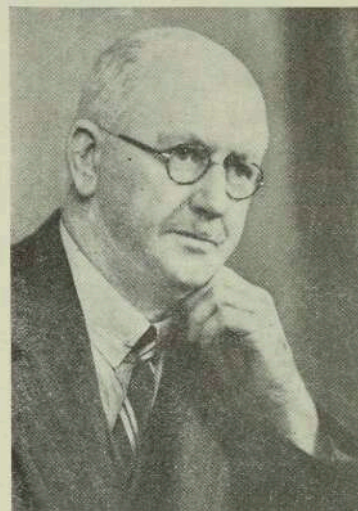
BY ERIC RAMSDEN

THE last of the beachcombers had not left the waterfront when R. W. Gosset landed in Rarotonga in the early part of this century.

The island was then recovering from the turbulent days when F. J. Moss was Resident Commissioner. Moss had been succeeded by Colonel W. E. Gudgeon, C.M.G., son of Thomas Mayth Gudgeon, historian of the Maori Wars. The New Zealander, then nineteen years old, was the new Administrator's nephew.

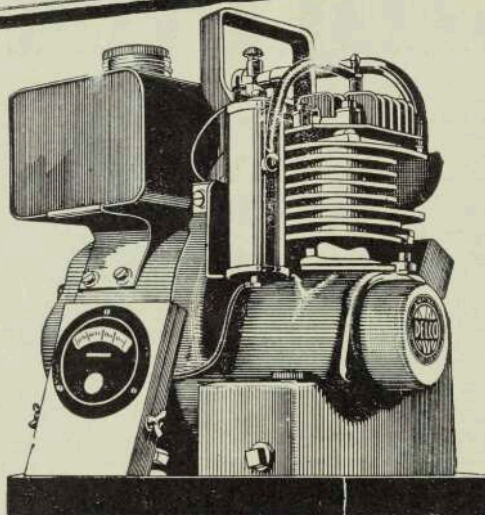
While outwardly religious (as was the

same in other Polynesian communities), the Rarotongans at times felt the missionary yoke a trifle irksome. Sunday's church parade was invariably followed by bush-beer parties in the valleys—to the annoyance of the Rev. J. J. K. Hutchens, of the L.M.S., one of the last of the missionary autocrats. Bibles were put



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aside. The natives, accompanied by more tolerant European neighbours, made for the orange groves.

Queen Makea still held sway, supported by such ariki as her husband, Ngamaru Ariki, of Atiu; Karika Ariki, of Avarua; Kainuku Ariki and Pa Ariki, of Ngatangiia; and Tinomana, of Arorangi. R. J. Seddon, New Zealand's forceful Premier, had landed in state on the island. Makea had also been honoured by a visit from the Governor, Lord Ranfurley. Henceforth, Rarotonga was British. Any possibility of French intervention was removed.

Cook Island waters were still sailed by native-owned and manned schooners that made Pacific history. Vanilla was booming. The last of the old lime and coffee groves were still in existence. Once upon a time the Rarotongans exported quantities of

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limejuice—helped with liberal additions of sea water! The latter was difficult to detect.

Tamarua Metua, last of the tohungas, resided near the ancient marae of Arai-te-Tonga, where he was fed by his great-granddaughter. As he had attended five annual ceremonial feasts prior to the arrival of John Williams in 1823, some indication may be obtained of his age. Tamarua died about 1902.

At Arorangi, John Salmon, a member of the Tahitian-Hebrew clan, descendants of Arii-tainai and Alexander Salmon, a London Jew, dwelt with his wife, Imomana, at what he called the "Royal Palace". Salmon fancied himself as a Prince Consort. On the strength of that title he induced American traders to send him such luxuries as a buggy, then a decided novelty.

Among the sea captains then living were Taylor, a typical Yankee, Piltze and Engeleke, Germans, and Nagle, another American, whose half-caste son commanded the schooner "Maungaroa" when she was lost between Auckland and Rarotonga in 1901. All Avarua lined the beach when Captain Engeleke's bride arrived from Germany. The couple had never previously met. The bridegroom's brother had stood proxy for him. "It was the only time that I ever saw Captain Engeleke look at all self-conscious!" says Mr. Gosset.

The bride spoke no English. But her husband soon made her acquainted with that tongue. However, as his English was more reminiscent of the fo'castle it vastly amused his friends: at times, Mrs. Engeleke's choice of language was even embarrassing!

Alexander McAlister, once chief officer of the N.Z. Government steamer "Tutanekai", resided on his plantation. Hugh McCrone Connal was then Government engineer and surveyor: he was the first man there to run a plantation on scientific lines. Connal also built the first concrete bridge in Rarotonga. Percy Brown, manager for the Cook Islands Trading Company, soon followed his example in establishing a proper plantation.

MR. GOSSET can recall the wreck of the four-masted barque "Saragossa", loaded with 4,000 tons of coal, at Mangaia in 1904. The following year the barque "Thistle" met her end at Palmerston Island: she carried two and a half million feet of timber. He twice visited that island. John Masters, son of the original William Masters, was then living, and he gave the newcomer some information that is not generally known.

For example, few know that Masters was accompanied to Palmerston Island by an Indian, who also did his share in populating the atoll. As the latter limped, he was given the name of Pareka. Pareka's presence explains the dark cast of features and glossy hair, (as distinct from their Polynesian physical characteristics), of some of his descendants. "The blend was a good one", says Mr. Gosset, "some of the Palmerston Island girls were then regarded as very pretty."

A wheat ship, bound from Australia to California, was wrecked there in the 50's. The first the islanders knew of it was when they saw a pair of geese on the lagoon. On visiting one of the smaller outer islands, they found some of the bodies of the 270 passengers. But already the land crabs had made short work of them.

THE loss of the "Maungaroa" between Rarotonga and Auckland is a mystery that has never been solved. The little schooner of forty tons was lost with all

hands. "Tiro" Nagle, a half-caste, was in command.

But a satisfactory explanation was found for the wreck of the "Ngamaru Ariki": she was piled up on the reef at Aitiu and burnt. That was in accordance with Polynesian custom. The schooner bore the name of the island's chief, (and Makea's consort), and on his death it was thought fitting that the vessel, too, should go. Ngamaru is described by Mr. Gosset as "a regular old savage". In his day he had been a cannibal. On marrying Makea, he made Rarotonga his home.

The "Takitimu", another native schooner, was absent for nine months. The women had wailed and cut their hair. But she turned up again. Mr. Gosset was once on another native craft that took three weeks to reach Aitutaki! Captain Tuana had some knowledge of latitude, but longitude was quite beyond him. The

island was passed in the night. Because of the presence of a tere on board, of about sixty people, the situation became alarming: there was a serious shortage of fresh water. But Tuana sailed back along the latitude and eventually made Aitutaki.

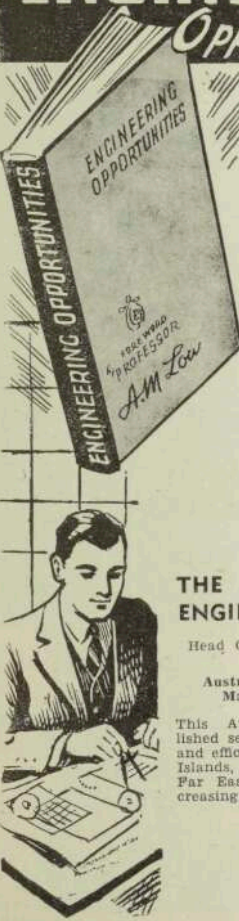
A friend of those days was Captain Frank Worsley, then in command of the "Countess of Ranfurly", (which was subsequently sold and wrecked in 1910 at the Isle of Pines). Worsley later went to the Antarctic with Shackleton, made a name for himself as an author, and secured a D.S.O. in the Great War.

He can also recall the period when the Grice Sumner vessels from Melbourne called at Rarotonga to collect labour for Malden Island. "Iti" Strickland, a gigantic member of a well-known Titutaki family, was overseer: he ruled the recruits for the guano deposits with an iron hand. "The boys used to return, after their in-

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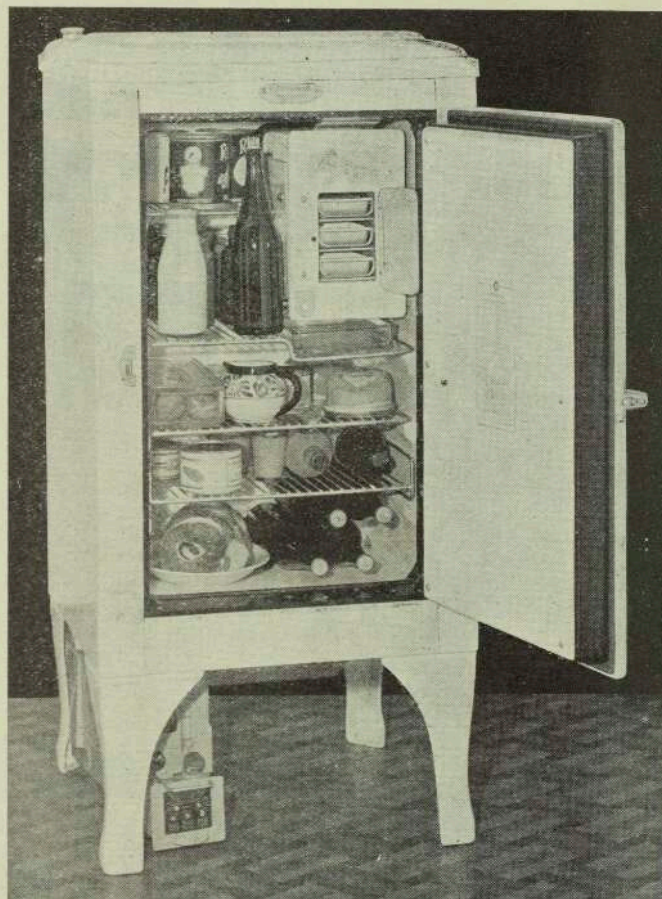
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denture, burnt black", says Mr. Gosset. "There was no shade on Malden!"

Norwegian sailing ships were chartered in those days at a low price, both for labour and guano. The last of these vessels he remembers at Avarua was the "Jerfalcon". "The smell in the holds was appalling, and there the natives had to sleep, on mats, on top of the guano!"

Makea Arikini-nui Tinirau, O.B.E., now the principal Rarotongan chief was well-known to Mr. Gosset as a young man. He was closely related to Queen Makea. Many a time the New Zealander accompanied Tinirau, "a splendid specimen of Polynesian manhood, handsome, with all the dignity and courtesy of his race", to gather plantains in the mountains.

WHILE on Rarotonga he made a collection of artifacts, particularly stone axes and sling-stones. At one time, Mr. Gosset had more than 200 of them. Also, at Lord Ranfurly's request, he collected specimens of bird life, which now repose in the British Museum.

The Ara Metua, the old paved road which ran round the island (and known in former times as Ara-Nui-o-Toi) interested the visitors. Parts were then still in a good state of preservation, though constructed 700 years ago by Toi and his followers. Mr. Gosset, who is a surveyor by profession, regarded it as "a great engineering feat".

But equally impressive was the ancient irrigation system, fine examples of which were found in Connal's bush. Taro fields were irrigated on a succession of terraces fed from the mountain streams. Later, he saw similar work at Kulambangra, in the Solomons, also wrought, he believes, by Polynesian hands. "Their formation showed that the natives had a sound knowledge of engineering generally, and of hydraulics in particular. This is a sphere of Polynesian activity in Rarotonga into which there should be more research."

Pa Arikini took him to the site of the murder of Anne Butcher, one of five European women who visited Rarotonga in the "Cumberland" under the command of Captain Goodenough in 1814. She was eaten at Ngatangia, that year, because some of the crew in their search for sandalwood cut the sacred nono trees at the marae. W. C. Wentworth, later the Australian statesman, was also a passenger on that vessel. Anne Butcher was on shore with a native family: for that act of desecration by her companions she was eaten.

In the summer the swamps near the foothills used to dry up. The natives knew that eels hibernated there. So they watched the pigs root for them in the mud, and, as they appeared, they would grab them.

One day Mr. Gosset saw some strange birds flying overhead: they had also been observed by the local poultry. The latter at once made for cover, as instinct told them that the new arrivals were predatory. Mr. Gosset shot two, which he sent to the Auckland Museum for identification. They were New Zealand hawks, blown from their homeland.

A hitherto unrecorded incident that occurred during Mr. Seddon's visit is remembered by the New Zealander. Traveling with the Prime Minister was Edward Tregear, the Polynesian scholar, famous for his dictionary. By some mistake, at the ceremonial giving of gifts, Tregear's name was called after certain other people he considered of lesser standing.

Well aware of Polynesian etiquette, he waited until the mats were placed in front of him. Then he rose, spurned them, and walked away. The Rarotongans

understood the significance of his act. But Mr. Seddon was definitely annoyed. "Tregear was right", says Mr. Gosset, "and Makea herself said so."

G. H. MASSY-BAKER DEAD IN PAPUA

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Jan. 6.

AN old Papuan identity, in the person of Mr. G. H. Massy-Baker, died at his home at Kerema on December 18.

Mr. Massy-Baker, who was born in 1868 in England, had served in the British Army in India, and retired with the rank of Captain before coming to Papua in December, 1908.

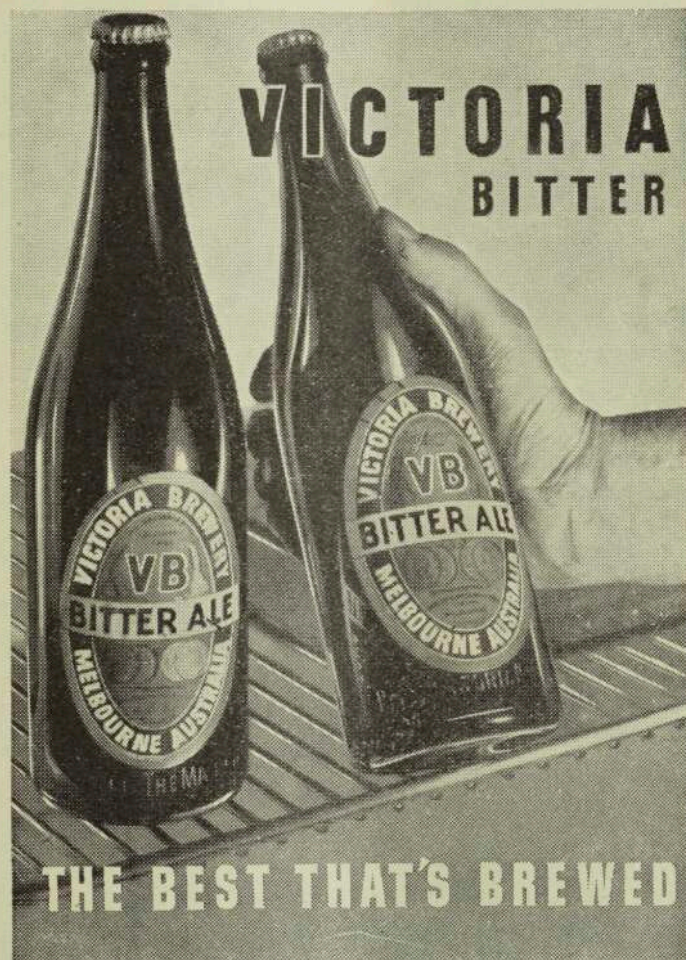
In that year, he joined the Government Service as a surveyor's assistant, and was made an Assistant Resident Magistrate in 1911, and Resident Magistrate in 1912.

In 1911, he led one of the expeditions in search of the Hon. M. S. C. Smith, who had left Kikori with the intention of travelling overland to the Strickland River. Mr. Baker ascended the Strickland on that occasion, beyond the furthest point reached by the famous Everill expedition.

In 1913, he did a great deal of patrolling on the Fly and Bamu Rivers, and on one of his journeys discovered Lake Murray, which has its outlet into the Strickland, from the north.

Mr. Baker retired from the Government Service in 1919, and settled near Kerema, where he had been stationed as Resident Magistrate of the Gulf Division for the last five years.

Mr. A. Armstrong, an engineer with W. R. Carpenter & Co. Ltd., Rabaul, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney by the December "Bulolo". After a short holiday, he will return to the Mandated Territory.



MYSTERIOUS RUINS

On Island of Suwarrow

MEMBERS of the crew of the yacht "Ngataki", who went treasure-hunting recently in the Northern Cook Group, told the "New Zealand Herald" (December 19) that they found mysterious ruins on the atoll of Suwarrow:—

Evidence that the place had at one time been populated by a European race was found among the tangled undergrowth, which covered most of the islands, all of them uninhabited. Here and there the searchers discovered the ruins of ancient houses or forts, made from a mixture of coral and lime. But although, said Mr. Wray, the generally accepted theory was that the atoll had been used in the 16th century by wandering Spaniards as a base for their enterprises, the origin of the ruins were still clouded

in mystery. Support for the suggestion that they were of Spanish construction was given, however, by tales of old Spanish doubloons and gold pieces of eight having been found there.

The yacht "Crusader", Capt. J. Evans, arrived at Papeete, Tahiti, in November. This handsome vessel is from New London, Connecticut, U.S.A., and is owned by Mr. A. K. Macomber, of 24 Place Vendome, Paris. The owner and six guests—Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Woodbury, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morgan, Miss H. Woodbury, and Mrs. Elsie Louer—are making a round-the-world cruise. The "Crusader" departed later for Samoa and the western islands. Her next objective port is Singapore, whence she will sail for the Mediterranean and Monte Carlo.

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Epidemic In Duke of York Group

THERE has been a serious epidemic of pneumonic influenza among the natives in the Duke of York Islands, which is a small group in the Territory of New Guinea, between New Ireland and New Britain. In many cases, it is reported, the natives died only two or three days after contracting the sickness.

There is a total population in the group of about 3,500, and over 100 deaths occurred within a short time.

A European medical assistant visited the group at the end of December and was then distributing medicine among the natives. We understand that, at that date, there were indications of the abatement of the epidemic.

SAMOAN FAIPULE FINED FOR CREATING SCENE

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, Dec. 23. A LEADING Samoan Faipule, Autagavaia, of Palauli, Savaii, who is a member of the Samoan Parliament and a leading orator of his district, recently invaded the office of Mr. A. Schaafhausen, of the Public Works Department, and demanded gelnite for fishing purposes. Meeting with refusal, he created a scene in the office, using obscene language and threatening the official with his walking stick. He seemed to be under the influence of alcohol and had to be forcibly removed from the office by police.

Charged with the use of threatening and insulting language, whereby a breach of the peace might have been occasioned, the Samoan chief appeared in Apia High Court, and was sentenced to two fines of 10/- each.

Mr. W. Potter, a well-known Madang planter, who had been for 17 years at Boroi estate, died at Bogia mission station, New Guinea, on December 13.



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TRANS-PACIFIC AIRMAILS

No Sign of Early Start on Hawaii-Auckland

From Our Own Correspondent

HONOLULU, Dec. 12.

It is believed that, if the route for Pan American Airways service between Hawaii and New Zealand is re-surveyed, Canton Island (in the Phoenix Group, north of Fiji) will be used, and Pago Pago abandoned.

Despite occasional press statements, however, there is no real indication that the P.A.A. service to New Zealand is scheduled for an early start.

The Pan American spokesmen in San Francisco on November 26 were quoted by national news services as declaring:

The first of the forthcoming Boeing clippers (after radical alterations at the direction of government experts) will be service tested on the North Pacific and then flown across the United States to its Atlantic base in New York harbour. It will make several scheduled flights on the New York-Bermuda run before inaugurating the long-delayed Pan American service across the Atlantic to England. Two of the six new Boeings will be required on the Atlantic, and, according to Mr. John Cooper, two more will be flown in the North Pacific service.

NORTH ATLANTIC SERVICE FIRST

The company spokesmen could not say anything definite about the N.Z. run, but they said that the North Pacific and the North Atlantic must be taken care of first.

In view of the fact that Imperial Airways soon will be bringing New Zealand into the Empire scheme, P.A.A. may leave the route from Hawaii to Auckland to Imperial, and negotiate with the Australian Government for the admission of P.A.A. directly into Australia, from Canton Island and Noumea, the company spokesmen said.

But there are lots of "buts" about the Pacific division story. Mr. Cooper, in his statement, said that unless the requested increase in government aid was forthcoming the company would have great difficulty in financing its obligations to the Boeing company. The factory has worked for three years already on the first Boeing clipper. Costs against it must be terrific, and out of all proportion to any practical values it may possess.

Aviation observers are wondering, too, what will be the outcome of the suit for \$300,000 damages which Mrs. Cleo Musick, widow of Captain Edwin Musick, who was killed in the Samoan Clipper disaster, has filed in Federal Court against Pan American Airways. According to the records, Mrs. Musick charges that the company was "reckless and negligent" in its operation of the clipper.

TRANS-TASMAN SERVICE

It is not likely that there will be a regular trans-Pacific airmail between New Zealand and Hawaii until there is also a regular airmail connection between Australia and New Zealand; and a conference of weather men, who recently considered the latter service, declared that there could not be regular flying across the Tasman Sea until better weather information services are available.

Direction finding equipment is to be placed at two points on the New Zealand coast—near Auckland, and in Westland—

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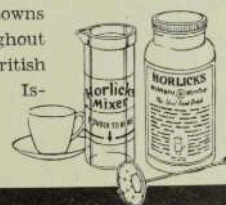
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and further meteorological equipment will be placed on Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands. The High Commissioner for the Western Pacific is being asked to co-operate by arranging for the despatch of radio weather reports from various Pacific Islands on seven days of the week. Many stations already send out weather reports—but they close up at week-ends!

Union Steamship Co., of New Zealand, Ltd., which own the Central Pacific inter-island motorship "Matua" and operate the C. and A. Line's trans-Pacific vessels "Aorangi" and "Niagara", earned a profit of £172,262 for the year ended September 30, compared with £175,938 the previous year. Ordinary dividend was increased from 5 to 6 per cent., and required £80,000. The preference dividend of 5½ per cent. absorbed £110,000, leaving £115,299 to be carried forward against £113,037 brought into the accounts.

From "Bone Nothing" to Fatness

Employment Conditions in New Guinea

CERTAIN areas in the Sepik District of New Guinea are now "closed"; that is to say, no native can be recruited from such an area. Moreover, he cannot do so of his own free will, no matter how he may desire to take a job.

Recently I saw a line of about 60 Sepik men, women, and kiddies, who were waiting for the "Macdhui" to take them home.

What struck me most was their good condition, both as regards cleanliness and physical appearance. The "Marys" (women) were well clothed, and the chil-

dren were like other children, up to all the mischief imaginable—a bright and happy lot, reminding one of the old "Plantation Songs", and Uncle Tom's Cabin.

They had been employed by a well-known mining company, under good

CERTAIN political gentlemen in Australia, recently, have said that employers of indentured labour in New Guinea "exploit the poor natives", and impose conditions of something approaching slavery. There are a few companies and individuals in New Guinea who ought not to be allowed to employ natives; but the overwhelming majority treat their native employees very well, and the natives benefit enormously under European conditions.

This article is part of a letter written privately (not for publication) to the editor by a well-known New Guinea trader; and it throws an interesting light upon this question of native indentured labour.

conditions as regards food and accommodation, with the best of medical attention. Many Sepik boys refuse to return home, as they would sooner live under European conditions than in their Sepik swamps, infested with mosquitoes in millions.

It seemed a pity that they were compelled to return. Here is an extract from a letter from the agent who saw them on their way, and this should be enough evidence that the natives are not so ill-treated by us Australians as some of our Federal members suggest in Parliament:—

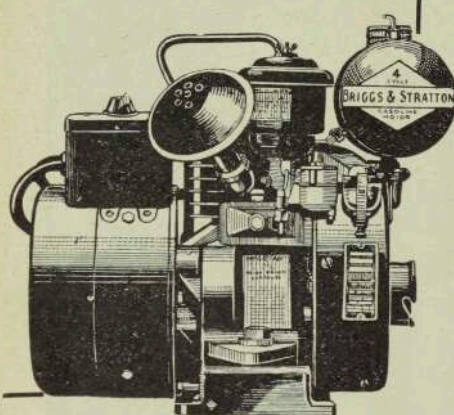
"All those Sepiks arrived and, as you say, there are some nice lads among them. It is a great shame, however, to go back and see them living in dirt and filth and getting bone nothing again, within a very short time. It does not take them very long to get back to that kanaka state. Canvas beds, lamps, etc., are soon discarded and forgotten. Where those "Marys" come from, is a watery cesspool of filth. They use the same water almost to drink and wash sak-sak with; and then, when necessity calls, it is their lavatory—it must be sweet!"

Apparently, we both think the same regarding the native who works under conditions even better than some of our own people. They have learned to use the white man's commodities, such as lamps, canvas stretchers, mosquito nets, foods, blankets, soaps, etc., and to return them to such a place as the Sepik, by order of the Administration is, to say the least, a scandal, and not doing the best for the native, who desires to live under more healthy and congenial conditions.

Many other employers of labour take a pride in their "line". Dripping and marmite are issued to certain boys in certain areas, above certain altitudes. A boy arrives "bone nothing" (skinny), and returns home a good example of European contact—irrespective of what others may say who have never seen a native and know nothing about him.

The cruise ship "Katoomba" sailed from Sydney on December 27 with 450 passengers. She was bound for Norfolk Island, Tonga, and Fiji.

A monster Xmas Tree and Fancy Dress Ball for children was held at the Tivoli Theatre, Apia, Samoa, on December 15, when over 500 youngsters, accompanied by their parents, spent some happy hours of delightful and merry entertainment. Features of the evening were presents of toys, comic acts, a Punch and Judy show and dancing and singing.



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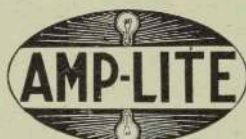
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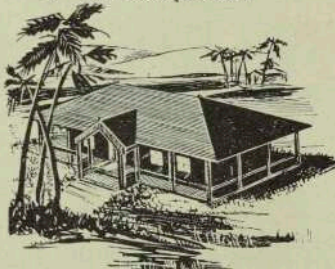
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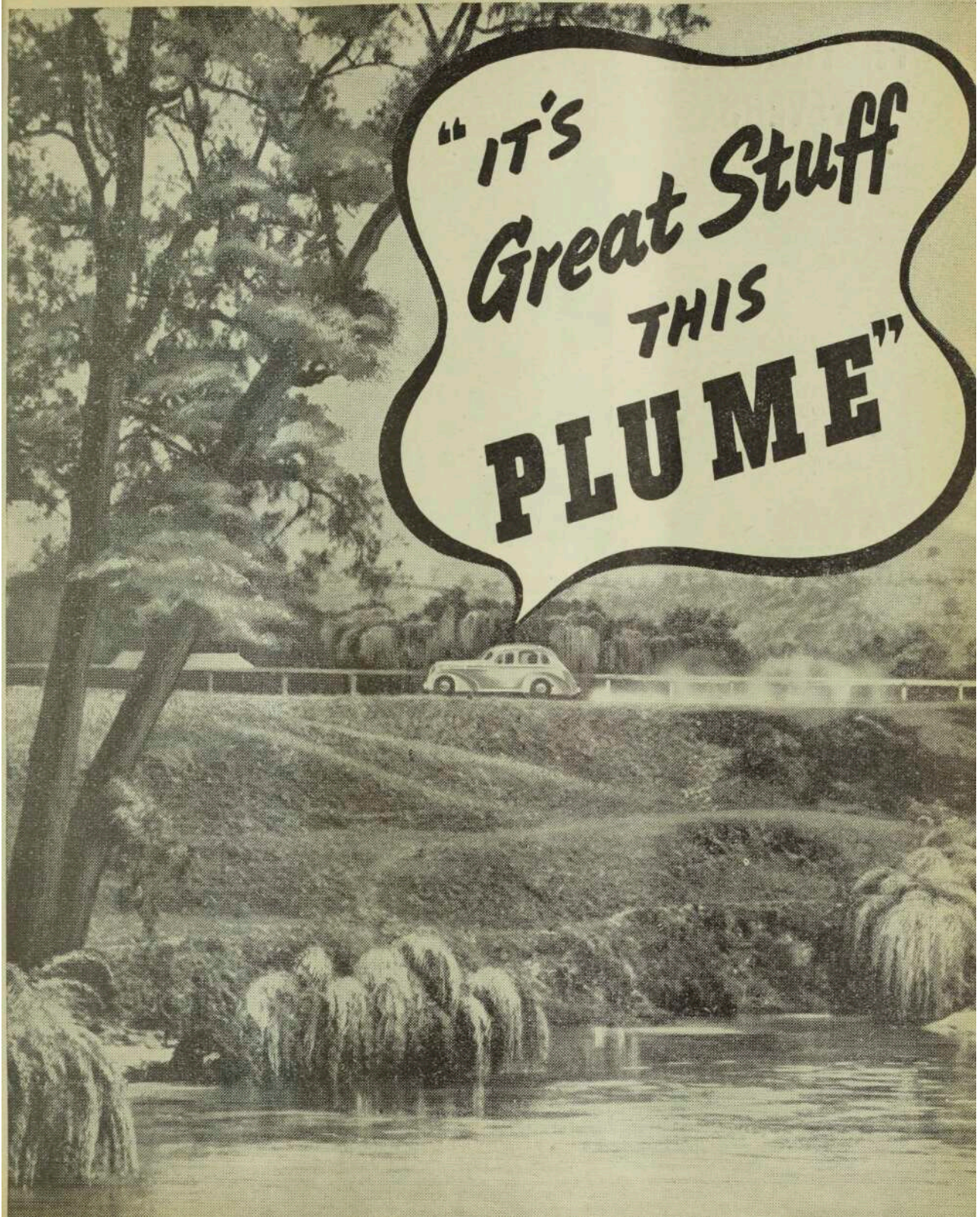
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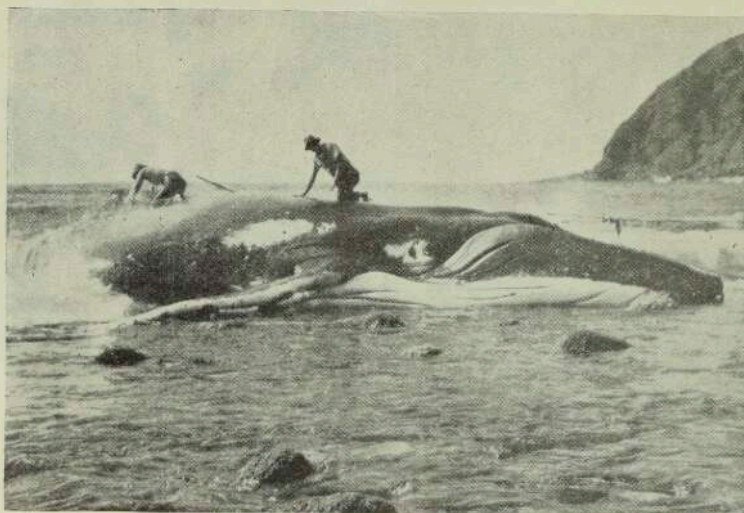


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NORFOLK IS. REVIVES WHALING INDUSTRY

THE whaling industry at Norfolk Island has been revived, writes Mr. D. R. Scott, manager of the N.I. butter factory, in the "Hawkesbury Agricultural College Journal", and the attached photograph shows the first whale caught by the Islanders for over 13 years and brought into Ball's Bay. Its length was

thirds of its length being visible in the photograph, attracted numerous sharks, and sharking is carried on by the Islanders as a side-line. The method of catching whales and sharks employed by the Islanders is by means of a hand-thrown harpoon, which has a movable head, which is kept in place by a wood-



over 50 ft., while it was 8 to 10 ft. thick. Four tons of oil were produced from the blubber, treated in the old iron cauldrons of the convict days.

The mouth was from 10 to 12 inches in length each side from the front and contained thousands of wide flexible bones, which on the outside edges shred off into long hair-like threads, the purpose of these being to sieve their food from the water. These are the bones which formerly were used in the manufacture of corsets.

The carcass of the whale, only two-

en peg until driven into the animal, when the peg breaks and the movable head moves to right-angles with the main part of the harpoon. It is then impossible for it to fall out, and it remains fast. The men then wait their opportunity to drive lances into the body and cut some artery, and so kill the whale.

The catching of big sharks is an exciting and dangerous operation. Recently a 15 ft. shark attacked one of the boats and broke off quite a few of its teeth in an attempt to bite the boat. The fins of sharks are valued by the Chinese, and are readily sold, while oil is obtained from the liver, which has many commercial uses.

There are about 50 men employed in the industry, working as a co-operative company, and three boats are in operation.

Mr. J. J. Griffiths, manager of the Grand Pacific Hotel, Suva, arrived in Sydney from Fiji by the "Aorangi" in mid-December on sick furlough. He is being relieved at the G.P.H. by Mr. Charles Brown, chief steward of the Union Co.'s motor vessel "Matua", who is well-known in the Colony.

Mr. Leslie Trevor Jones, formerly a member of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. in Fiji for 25 years, died in Sydney recently. He retired six years ago.

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DWINDLING LABOUR SUPPLY IN NEW GUINEA

Is Introduction of Coolie Labour the Solution?

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE future commercial development of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea depends to a great extent on an adequate labour supply being available for the man who is prepared to take up land for agricultural purposes, or to work mining leases.

Although the present labour situation cannot be described as one to create immediate apprehension; it is, nevertheless, one which should be given consideration before it becomes a vital problem. For it is at this stage when far-sighted employers are beginning to realise that the demands on the man-power of the Territory, plus the changing economic conditions, are indications of an approaching problem which should be forestalled and some scheme prepared, ready to be put into operation when the problem becomes acute.

A survey of the Territory's male indigenous population as at June 30, 1938, shows that there are approximately 200,000. Of this number nearly 42,000 are indentured labourers. Compare these figures with those of 1914 when the total native population was put down in official figures as 230,000 (including 78,000 estimated). Of this number, 57,115 were enumerated males and of the 78,000 estimated it would be safe to take 40,000 as males, making a total of 97,115, with 17,000 indentured labourers. The comparison shows approximately twice as

many indentured labourers used in 1938, in the ratio of native male population, as in 1914. The increase is easily accounted for by the greater extent of planted land on the various estates and the development of the gold industry. Latest figures show 20,855 labourers employed on plantations and 7,189 in mining. There is an increase of 1,600 labourers in 1938, as compared with the figures at June 30, 1937.

EMPLOYERS of large numbers of native labourers state that each year they are experiencing greater difficulty in obtaining fresh supplies of workers. Official figures show that the number of workers renewing their contracts are becoming less each year. Take the following figures for four years as an indication:—

Period.	No. of labourers renewing contracts.
1924-25	9,477
1935-36	7,244
1936-37	6,330
1937-38	5,581

These same employers are of opinion that conditions will become worse as the years go by, and there is no reason to doubt such an assumption. One of the main contributing factors to the decrease in the renewal of contracts is the lack of economic pressure which compels the indigenous native to work.

Unlike the Malay or the Javanese, where there is a dense population and the necessities of life are not so easily obtained, the New Guinea native is abundantly supplied with his every need, without the necessity of working to any marked degree and also he can procure all his ordinary requirements without money. The ground is so prolific that all his food can be grown with the minimum of energy; the sea is full of fish; or, if inland natives, the jungle is full of small game to supplement the vegetable diet. Native tobacco grows profusely—he either makes his own pipe out of clay or he utilises the dried banana leaf in which to roll his cigarette; the beaten out bark of certain trees provides him with suitable clothing and the ubiquitous coconut and betel-nut palms supply building and household materials. Why, he asks, should he work?

THAT is a question which I, too, have often asked and the answer seems to be that it is only the spirit of adventure, the urge to visit the unknown, the inquisitiveness of the human that sends him hundreds of miles away to bind himself in an agreement for years and often to return empty-handed, yet with a brain filled with greater knowledge and a changed outlook upon life in general. In a lesser degree one might compare this urge to that which prompted the young country lad from the Australian bush to enlist and go overseas during the Great War. He returned with a greater knowledge and a broader vision.

With no economic necessity to force the New Guinea native into the labour market, it follows that when his natural curiosity has been satisfied then the number offering for indenture will con-

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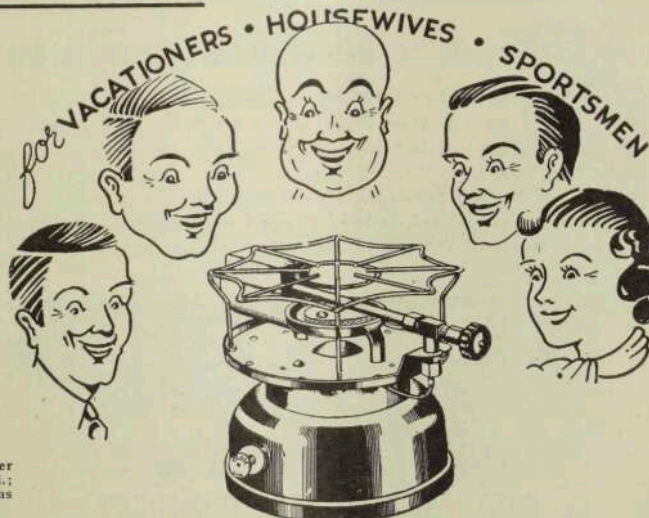
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siderably decrease. Admittedly, each year the enumerated population increases, thus making more eligible for employment; but the end must be reached some day. Added to this is their improved economic condition as a result of the higher prices they obtain for their produce since the introduction of legislation whereby they sell their copra direct to the exporters, receiving ordinary market prices. By this means many of the natives in the more thickly-populated districts, and where there are good roads, have purchased their own motor lorries, erected their own hot-air kilns and work independently of the white or Asiatic trader who, at one time, served as the middleman in the tropics.

In the not too-distant future commercial and agricultural undertakings in New Guinea will be forced to restrict their development on account of labour shortage at the present rate of native prosperity, decrease in extension of contracts and increase in the demands for labour.

THE most practical solution of the problem which suggests itself is that the supply of indentured native labour should be taken over by the Government, and an official Labour Bureau established to control the supply of plantations, mining activities, commercial, and other interests requiring native labour.

Unfortunately, Article 3 of the Terms of the New Guinea Mandate includes the clause: "The Mandatory shall see that the slave trade is prohibited, and that no forced labour is permitted, except for essential public works and services, and then only for adequate remuneration". This is a hurdle which presents a difficulty hard to surmount from a legal point of view, though from a common-sense and practicable point of view it cannot but be agreed that natives, after having served one or two terms under a contract of service, leave no doubt as to the benefits they derive from nourishing and regular food, medical attention, hygienic surroundings and mental advancement together with the general moral improvement as a result of discipline and a regular mode of living. In fact it may safely be said that the employers of native labourers are really doing a greater work in educating and improving the New Guinea native physically than is generally appreciated. His praises are seldom sung; more often one hears only of the isolated cases when some unsuitable individual has trouble with his employees, and some unknowing person treats it as a general occurrence.

FAILING the supply by the Government, the other solution lies in imported labour from one of the Eastern countries where the dense population and economic conditions compel the masses to seek unskilled work at a low rate of pay. It has been argued that New Guinea plantations and other activities would not be able to stand the cost.

This is a debatable point. The world points to our present "cheap labour". That is also open to argument. The average labourer here, recruited and indentured, costs the employer about £15 a year or 25/- a month for a type of labourer far down on the efficiency scale. The coolie class would perform at least twice as much work as the average New Guinea native, who invariably has to be given the strictest supervision to obtain results. Here again the lack of economic pressure in New Guinea is demonstrated for the employee has no fear of dismissal, it carries neither stigma nor destitution for, unlike the coolie, he

is able to subsist comfortably from the provisions of a bountiful Nature.

It would be Utopia in New Guinea with coolie labour—for the planters to be freed of the ever-constant problem of obtaining fresh recruits for his labour line; to be freed of the never-ending urging on of unwilling workers who so often seek the slightest opportunity to escape the duties allotted to them. There would be a decline in the number of neurotic cases amongst the whites and a tendency for a higher standard of living.

N. Hebrides Old Identity Passes

Death of "Dick" Collins

MR. RICHARD ("DICK") COLLINS, for long years a trader on the Island of Aoba, New Hebrides, died in the Paton Memorial Hospital at Vila on December 6, and was buried in the Roman Catholic cemetery the following day. He was 69 years of age.

Prior to coming to the New Hebrides some 40 years ago, Mr. Collins was a concert artist in his home town, Glasgow; and, later, he toured the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. He knew Harry Lauder in his struggling days.

A bout of pneumonia in Sydney in the early nineteen hundreds ruined "Dick's" voice and ended his stage career. He then went to the New Hebrides; first as an employee of Burns Philp (S.S.) Co., on the old inter-island steamer, S.S. "Tambo". He later started as a trader on Aoba. In 1932, due to his increasing years, and the trade depression, "Dick" gave up his trading station and carried on (not very successfully) as a small contractor at Vila.

During all his years in the New Hebrides, "Dick" Collins was held in the highest esteem by both British and French, and his word was known as his bond. His death marks the passing of another of the old-timers of the British community, now sadly reduced in numbers. He left a widow.

AUTHOR FRISBIE RETURNS TO PUKA PUKA

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Dec. 13.
THE new B.P. inter-island vessel "Matafele" left Apia on December 9 for Puka Puka and Nassau Islands, at which latter place she is to lift about 200 tons of copra. Passengers on board were the well-known American author, Robert Dean Frisbie and his wife and child, and Pastor R. Reye, of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission.

On her return, the "Matafele" will take up running in an inter-insular service in Fiji. She is under the command of Captain Tanner.

Rt. Rev. W. H. Baddeley, D.S.O., M.C., M.A., Bishop of Melanesia, left the Solomon Islands early in January on board the mission vessel "Southern Cross" to visit the Melanesian Mission stations on the island of New Britain in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

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Captain Gilbert Symons, M.C., who was A.D.C. to the late Sir Eyre Hutson during his term as Governor of Fiji from 1925 to 1929, died recently in England.

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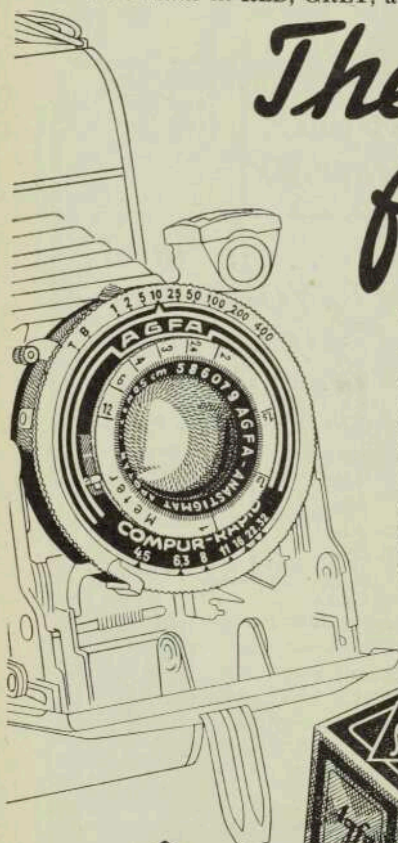
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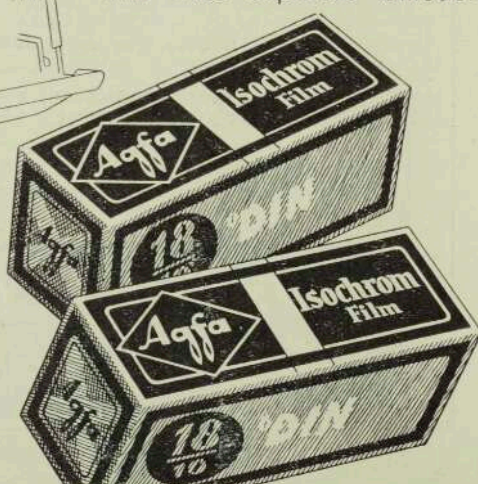
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FAREWELL TO DR. HARPER, FIJI

GREAT regret was expressed by all
classes of the community of Lautoka,
Fiji, when it became known that
they were to lose the services of their
most popular Resident District Medical
Officer, who has also been in charge of
the Lautoka Hospital, in the person of
Dr. Philip Harper (says the "Fiji
Times"). He had been nine years at
Lautoka and had proved himself a very



Dr. Philip Harper, with Native Medical Assistants
of the Lautoka District.

capable as well as a very willing and
sympathetic medical man.

After nearly 30 years' service with the
Government, the Doctor decided to take
his well-earned rest and retire on his
pension. He has left for England.

Before his departure, he and his wife
were "farewelled" at many public func-
tions, and received several valuable pre-
sents.

There was a farewell function at-
tended by the whole community in the
Colonial Sugar Refining Company's So-
cial Hall at Lautoka, on Sunday, No-
vember 27. The Doctor and his wife left
for England to join their children on
December 2.

Dr. Worger has taken the place of
Dr. Harper.

BAD DROUGHT IN MARQUESAS GROUP

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Dec. 15.

THE schooner "Denise" (Captain Mer-
vin), arrived at Papeete from the
Marquesas Islands on November 30.
Captain Mervin reports a long-contin-
ued and devastating drought in all the
islands of the Marquesas—especially
Nukuhiva.

Already, seven months have passed
without even a shower of rain. Coconut
groves which barely survived the pro-
longed drought of 1937 have succumbed
this year.

Droughts in the Marquesas Islands
continue for one and even two years,
when a rainless season overtakes those
latitudes. They are situated in the dol-
drums where there are very different
climatic conditions from those prevailing
in the islands further south.

The native Marquesans in times of
plenty, guard themselves against the
long drought by storing breadfruit in
deep pits. The breadfruit so stored be-
comes with time a fermenting sour
paste called mahi—not acceptable to Eu-
ropean palates. It being the only source
of food supply (outside of fish and im-
ported tinned meats) available during
the rainless seasons, the physical con-
dition of the Marquesan natives becomes
very deteriorated if the drought is pro-
longed.

Are There Nazis In New Guinea?

Letter to the Editor

RESIDENTS of Rabaul were startled when they heard, per medium of the radio press, that Mr. Dave Davies, president of the local Property Owners' Association, had been making somewhat sensational statements in Sydney about the activities of the German Nazis up here, and the relationship between the Germans and the natives. We presume that our friend Mr. Davies allowed himself to get into the hands of some of the irresponsible reporters of the sensation-loving Sydney newspapers, and the things that he said were wildly exaggerated. We refuse to believe that he said the things attributed to him.

There is no Nazi problem in this Territory. All this wild talk about German spies being at work in New Guinea is so much rubbish. The comparatively small number of Germans in the Territory—and especially those in Rabaul—are the essence of tact, and they do nothing at all to give offence to the British official class. Generally speaking, they are likeable men and good neighbours—Britishers and Germans get along very well together.

These attempts by sensational newspapers to stir up belief in a spy system in New Guinea are very much to be deplored.

I am, etc.,

RABAULITE.

Rabaul, Jan. 2.

HAPPY SOCIAL FUNCTION IN RABAUL

ONE of the pleasantest and most enjoyable social gatherings of the year took place in Rabaul on December 19, when Mr. W. H. Carpenter entertained at dinner the players of the six cricket teams of the Rabaul Cricket Association, together with the officials. The function was designed by Mr. Carpenter to mark the close of the cricket season, and also as a token of his appreciation of the enjoyment he has had from following cricket matches during the competitions.

The proceedings were marked by a spirit of harmony and happiness. Short speeches were made by the host (Mr. Carpenter), the Acting Administrator (Mr. Harold Page), the president of the Cricket Association (Mr. J. E. Savage), the captain of the Administration team (Mr. A. Schmidt), Mr. R. Melrose, the president of the New Guinea Club (Mr. R. L. Clark), the president of the Rabaul Club (Dr. Brennan), the president of the Kokopo Sports Club (Mr. J. A. Ewen), the secretary of the Association (Mr. R. Stevens), and various others.

The whole gathering, at the end, heartily cheered Mr. Carpenter and praised the fine gesture he had made in bringing all the cricketers together in this happy fashion.

Major Clive Brewster Joske has received cabled advice to the effect that his assumption of the family name of Brewster was formally enrolled at the College of Arms in London on November 19. As the change of name, which has been known to be pending for some time, is now effective, he desires to be known in future by the surname of Brewster.—"Fiji Times".

GILBERT AND ELLICE NOTES

From Our Own Correspondent

TARAWA, Dec. 1.

THE M.V. "Moamoa" (Burns Philp South Sea Co. Ltd.) has returned to its headquarters at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, after transporting a large number of lepers, on behalf of the Medical Department, to the up-to-date Fiji leper station at Makogai, near Suva.

The "Moamoa" underwent a general overhaul on the slip whilst in Suva, and collected copra throughout the Ellice Islands on the return trip.

The "Moamoa's" chief engineer, Mr. J. A. Harris, joined the ranks of the benedicts whilst in Suva, being quietly married to Miss Clara Reiher, daughter of Mr. Henry Reiher, of Tarawa.

A new auxiliary vessel, the "Kiakia", built for the Colony Government, has arrived from the shipbuilding yards in Hong Kong, to be placed at the disposal of the Medical Department as a travelling medical officer's vessel in the Group.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE

The Government vessel, "Nimanoa", brought the Acting Resident Commissioner (His Honour R. H. Garvey) from

Ocean Island to Tarawa, where the various District Officers of the Colony assembled for the purpose of an Administrative Conference.

DROUGHT

Drought conditions have prevailed in the Southern Gilberts, leaving the natives in certain districts without one of their staple foods—the coconut.

The R.C.S. "Nimanoa" has made two special trips with full cargoes of nuts from other parts of the Group for delivery as food relief in the drought-stricken districts, on behalf of the Government.

PERSONAL

District Officer E. R. Bevington, late of Beru, has been transferred to Ocean Island, and Dr. K. R. Steenson has been

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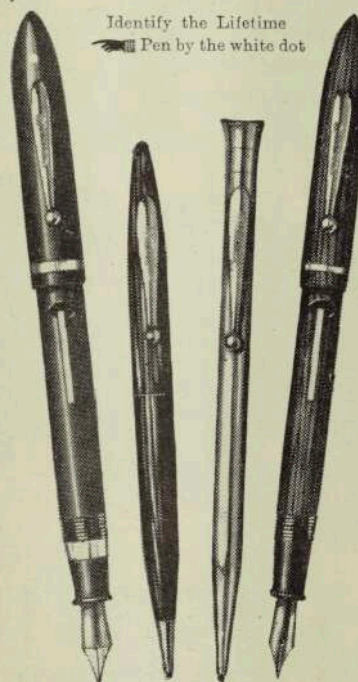
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appointed to Beru as Resident Medical Officer and Administrative Officer.

Mr. P. D. Macdonald, Secretary to the Government at Ocean Island, proceeds in January to Fanning Island to relieve as Administrative Officer at that centre. It is understood that Major C. A. Swinbourne, O.B.E., late Senior Administrative Officer at Tarawa, Central Gilberts, may be permanently appointed to Fanning Island on his return from furlough in a few months' time.

For the first time for over 20 years there have been enough Europeans gathered together at one time at Tarawa, other than crews from visiting warships, to justify a visit in force to Bairiki to engage in a challenge cricket

match against the Bairiki (native) Boys' High School. The occasion was the recent visit to Tarawa by the Acting Resident Commissioner, His Honour R. H. Garvey, and the simultaneous assembling of all Colony Administrative Officers for Conference.

The visiting cricketers were royally entertained by Captain F. G. L. Holland (Superintendent of Education) and Mrs. Holland, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent, both in the field and at the pavilion.

Rev. H. T. Shotten, M.A., of the Methodist Mission at Kiriwina, Papua, arrived in Sydney with Mrs. Shotten and their child by the December "Macdhui". Owing to his wife's ill-health, Mr. Shotten will retire from the mission field, after six years of service.

Mr. Herbert Rushton, C.B.E., who was Colonial Treasurer in Fiji from 1922 until 1929, when he was transferred to Kenya, died recently in England, at the age of 62.

Dr. Monier, of the 13th Regiment of Colonial Artillery, has been appointed Director of the Gaston Bourret Institute in New Caledonia. He is due in Noumea this month by the "Commissaire Ramel".

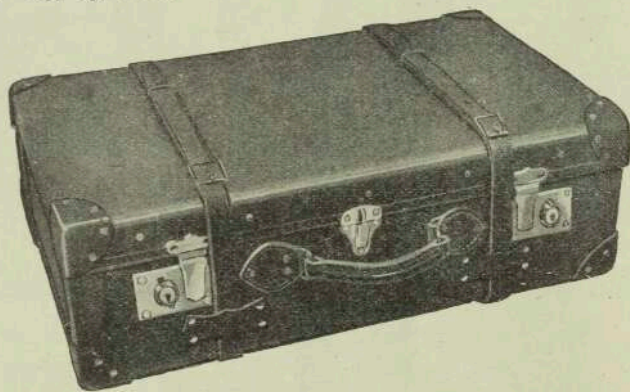
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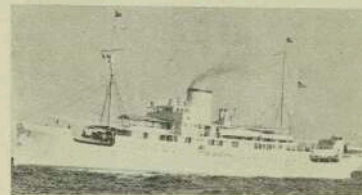
Married On Cruising Yacht

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Dec. 8.

A CHARMING wedding — having the added interest that it was solemnised at sea—was the marriage of Made-moiselle France Lucas, daughter of the late Captain Emmanuel and Madame Lucas, to Mr. Ralph Chapman, on board the yacht, "Moana", on November 20.

Mr. Chapman is a young man of Tahiti, who entered the service of Mr. William B. Leeds, owner of the "Moana",



The luxury yacht "Moana".

when Mr. Leeds visited the island in 1927.

The wedding ceremony was celebrated, while the "Moana" was voyaging from Tahiti to Moorea, in the presence of His Excellency, the Governor and Madame de Gery, who, with their children, were guests of Mr. Leeds. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman are to make their home in New York. They sailed on the "Moana" when she departed for Honolulu on November 29.

A CORRECTION

Letter to the Editor

AN article in the "P.I.M." of November (which, apparently, is a summary of an article published in a Sydney newspaper) purports to describe my life; but contains some errors.

Firstly, I have never been a resident of the Isle of Pines, in New Caledonia.

I have little, or no recollection, of the interview with the Sydney reporter, as I was in hospital, and suffering great pain at the time, and more or less under the influence of drugs. I deny that I said that we would be better off in the hands of Australia or the United States. In many ways we are better off as we are—such as the status of educated half-castes. They now have full citizen rights. What chance would they have under American or Australian rule?

I am, etc.,

J. PETERSEN.

Waverley, Sydney.
30/12/1938.

CHINESE GIRL'S SHORTHAND SUCCESS

MISS BICK LIN, a Chinese girl born and reared in Rabaul, who had been taught shorthand in the local convent, successfully undertook the senior grade shorthand examination conducted by a well-known business college in Melbourne. She obtained a pass with no less than 88 per cent. of marks, and won the college diploma. Probably this is the first time that any resident of New Guinea, taught by mail—and certainly the first Chinese—has won this distinction.

On a world cruise, the U.S. tourist ship "Stella Polaris" will visit Samoa on February 22.

NEW BISHOP OF TAHITI

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Dec. 8.
A MESSAGE from Rome has made known to the Church in French Oceania that Pere Paul Mazet, Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, has been designated Vicaire Apostolique de Tahiti, in succession to Monseigneur Amedee Nouailles, who died in August, 1937.

Like his predecessor, Pere Paul has ministered during many years to a parish of widely scattered atolls in the Tuamotu Archipelago. His principal station has been the atoll Reao, where is situated the leper colony of Eastern French Oceania.

In recognition of his services in the establishment of this colony, and of his many years of devotion to the care of its inmates, Pere Paul has been awarded the Cross of the Legion of Honour.

JAPANESE LUGGER CONFISCATED

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT VILA, Dec. 8.
ON November 21 the New Hebrides police, at Port Vila, received information that a strange vessel was anchored off Terama, on the south coast of the island of Efate. The police proceeded immediately to the spot and took possession of the vessel, and brought it to Vila, which is the port of entry for the Territory.

It proved to be a Japanese lugger called the "Taian Maru", under the command of Captain Kanaya. The captain was charged in the Court of First Instance with entering and anchoring his vessel, and landing at a place other than the correct port of entry. The court imposed a fine of £20 sterling and ordered the confiscation of the lugger and cargo.

The captain of the lugger has now appealed to the Joint Court against the judgment of the Court of First Instance.

"MAUI POMARE" SPRINGS A LEAK

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Dec. 12.
AFTER the arrival of the N.Z. Government motor vessel, "Maui Pomare", on November 30, it was found that the ship, during the very rough trip from New Zealand, had sprung a leak. In consequence two pumps, one of them the motor pump of the Apia fire brigade, were pumping continuously for several days.

Although about 2,000 cases of bananas were lifted, she left behind a large number of passengers, mostly Government officials. Most of these people will leave Apia to-day by the "Matua" for N.Z.

37 Years as Papuan Missionary

Rev. R. L. Turner Retires

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Dec. 15.
THE Annual Conference of the London Missionary Society, in Papua, has come to an end, and missionaries will be returning to their stations this week.

The principal event to be recorded is the retirement of Rev. R. L. Turner, after 37 years of service in Papua.

Mr. Turner, who was also a member of the Legislative Council, was stationed at Delena. His place there will be filled by Rev. Percy Chatterton, who has done so much in past years for native education. Mr. Chatterton's work as educationist will be carried on at Metoreia by Rev. Stuart Lade, B.A., of Adelaide, who is a newcomer to Papua.

Rev. John Gilkison, also a new arrival, will be stationed at Mailu, and Rev. H. Brown, M.A. at Moru.

Rev. D. E. Ure, L.Th., who has been in charge of the head station near Port Moresby, goes on long furlough, and will be relieved by Rev. O. G. Parry, B.Ec.

A farewell dinner was given to Mr. and Mrs. Turner, at Metoreia, on December 7. The Lieut-Governor was present, as were also Hon. W. H. Champion and Mrs. Champion, Hon. A. P. Lyons and Mrs. Lyons, Hon. F. J. Williams and Mrs. Williams, Hon. H. L. Murray, Mr. C. Brough, and Mr. J. Spychiger.

Miss J. March and Miss E. E. Brabin, B.A., of the Methodist Mission at Vunaira, New Britain, T.N.G., have announced their intention of retiring this year.



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A Chinese storekeeper named Hong Lee, alias Lee On, was fined £80 in the police court in Suva recently for supplying a bottle of whisky to a native. The police stated that this Chinese trader was an old offender. He had been previously fined £50 for selling liquor without a licence, and £30 for supplying liquor to a native. The magistrate added the £50 and £30

together, and thus imposed a fine of £80 for the third offence—in default, 6 months' imprisonment.

An advertisement in the "Rabaul Times" gives the official announcement that the old partnership existing between Messrs. F. O. Cutler and V. A. Pratt, who carried on business as planters and traders, has been dissolved.

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TAHITI'S ANCIENT HOSPITALITY

Dies Under a Heterogeneous Civilisation

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, Dec. 11.

PERHAPS the most cherished memory carried away by visitors to Tahiti in the old days, was the hospitality bestowed in unstinted measure by the natives of the island.

Maximo Rodriguez, journeying around Tahiti in 1775, records in his diary:—"It dawned clear, and with wind from S., fresh. I started for the district of Papara, which adjoins that of Atehur. I proceeded on until the middle of the night, with the object of getting close up to a bad stretch of water that lies about the middle of said district, where the Ari'i resides. He received me with much kindness, and gave me a nice house to lodge in, and I passed the night without incident."

The translator, Doctor B. Glanville Corney, adds this footnote:—"I take this opportunity of recording the pleasure and satisfaction I experienced 133 years after Maximo, in accepting hospitality from the Ari'i of Papara, chief of the Teva and President of the District Council, who received me with much kindness, and gave me a nice house to lodge in, where I passed several nights without incident, other than of a felicitous kind, and enjoyed many interesting and instructive conversations with my host on the subject of Maximo and his wanderings, and his native contemporaries."

One could have hoped that Tahitian hospitality had survived, with all the gracious charm of spirit and usage to which these two bear witness. But, about twenty years ago, new Wallaces and Captain Cooks came to re-discover the South Seas. Following them came the missionaries of the New Civilisation—authors, writers, scribes, doctors of science, doctors of tropical medicine, professors, anthropologists, cinema actors, artists, painters, rovers, adventurers, treasure-hunters, sun-bathers, refugees from prohibition, rum runners, poets, dreamers—a grave and reverend company, sometimes, but always a trifle too heterogeneous for the Polynesian mind to comprehend.

During subsequent years many things have happened to convince the Tahitian of the wisdom of his European brother in regarding his house as his castle.

Gradually, the portcullis has been dropped and the drawbridge elevated in Tahitian homes, and the wayfarer no longer hears the hearty "Haere Mai, Tamaa" (come and dine with us) as he passes through the countryside.

New Capital For Papuan Co.

AN issue of approximately 20,000 ordinary shares in Steamships Trading Co. Ltd., of Papua, has been offered to shareholders in the proportion of one for every six held on November 28. The new capital will be used for general business expansion, and in particular for extensions and improvements to the slipway at Port Moresby.

Rev. T. G. Paul, of Camden, N.S.W., has accepted the position of Commissary in Australia to the Bishop of Melanesia, Right Rev. W. H. Baddeley.

PIDGIN IN THE MISSION PRESS

WE have received three interesting products of the Lutheran Mission Press, at Madang, New Guinea. They comprise a catechism, a hymn book, and a small newspaper, compiled for the use of the natives who are being taught by the Lutheran Missionaries to read and write.

The typography and general character of the work are really excellent—it is hard to believe that so high a standard

PAPA BELONG MIFELA

Papa belong mifela ju i stap antap, ol tambuem nem belong ju. Pasin belong ju i kam loj olples. Maus belong ju tasol ol bi-hainem, loj kelaut loj geraun tu. Kaikai belong mifela belong de nau ju giwem mifela. Trobel belong mifela ju no moa tiptip; mifela tu no ken tiptip alog trobel ol mekem alog mifela. Ju no brigem mifela loj sam-tip belong traie mifela. Ju lusem mifela alog han belong Satan. Kingdom em belong ju tasol, ju strog fela, ju gat nem oltaim. Tru!

could be reached by native compositors and printers in this isolated part of the Pacific.

At first we were intrigued by the language employed. We assumed that it was some kind of Northern New Guinea dialect, spelled in European characters. Then a phrase or two caught the editorial eye, and it became apparent that, actually, these books are written in Pidgin English, but according to the phonetic method of spelling applied by the Lutherans. The combination is interesting, and a page, which appears to be the "Lord's Prayer", and which is the introduction to the "Sing Sing Book" (or, as they call it, "Sinsin Buk") is reproduced herewith. It will be noticed that the mission typographers are using a symbol like an "n", with its tail turned in, to designate the sound "ng".

Burglars broke into the general store of W. R. Carpenter and Co., Ltd., in Mango Avenue, Rabaul, in mid-December, and about £74 was stolen from the strong-room, as well as a quantity of goods from the store. Some of the circumstances surrounding the robbery were peculiar, and a number of local people were convinced that it was an "inside job".

LAND OF NO LOCKS OR CLOCKS

BY DON GORDON

"BUT aren't you going to lock up before you go?" I asked my host, as we descended the verandah steps of his island home in New Guinea. We were bound for the steamer's port-of-call, some 30 miles away, and would be absent three or four days.

My host laughed. "Lock up?" he repeated. "How can I lock up when there are no locks?"

And then I realised that none of the doors had locks; in fact many of the doorways did not even possess doors!

We simply walked out of the house and left a young "monkey"—as the 12-years-old house-boy was called—in charge of the silver forks and spoons, rare brassware and clothing; to say nothing of the canned food in the pantry, and the suites of cane furniture.

And not half a mile away stood a native village with some 200 sons and grandsons of cannibal raiders!

As we stepped into the launch my companion nodded to an ugly-looking six-foot black.

"Me go now. You look out good along house", he remarked casually, and the six-foot chief grunted.

"Aren't you taking a bit of a risk?" I suggested, astonished at his casualness.

He shook his head. There was no risk.

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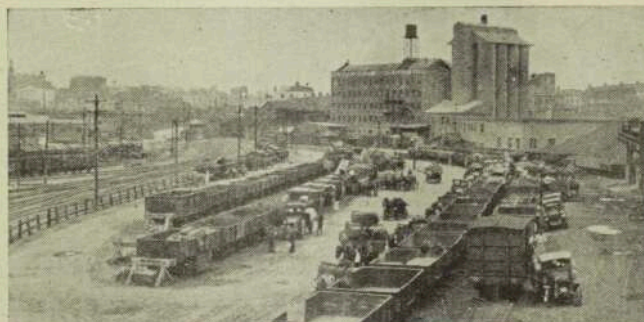
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at all, he assured me. For two weeks, before his house was built, his packing cases of trade goods, provisions, trunks and furniture had lain in various native houses in the village. Not even a newspaper had been stolen. And newspapers are greedily sought after by the natives for rolling cigarettes.

"They're not civilised enough yet", Mine Host explained. "The native is naturally honest, and naturally moral. It is only after contact with the more populated seaports and their civilisation that he starts thieving; where he sees articles worn by other natives and his vanity craves for possession. It's human nature all the world over".

"I wonder when the steamer will be in?" I enquired, later, as the launch ploughed its way through the waters by the coast of a picture-book tropic island, with its coral beds and waving palms stretched out over the gleaming strip of white sand beach.

"The steamer? . . . Oh, either to-day or to-morrow; possibly next day. She's seldom on time. But what's the difference of a day or two in this country? I think we'll have something to eat, eh?"

"What's the time?" I asked.

"Haven't the vaguest idea". Then, glancing up at the sun, which rises around about six and sets at six in the evening, with only a variation of some 11 minutes from January to December, he replied: "I should say it's about one o'clock. But why worry about time?"

We both laughed. Yes, why worry about such a small thing as time? There were no trains to catch; steamer sailings had a charming uncertainty extending over 18 hours. There was work to be done: One continued the job until it was finished—to-day, to-morrow or next week. What did it matter? Clocks were unnecessary chains to a civilisation whose advantages were doubtful in this

Land of No Clocks or Locks. One ate when one was hungry; one slept when one was tired. Hours were never mentioned.

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PENETRATION OF UNKNOWN PAPUA

"WE had a very interesting flight to Lake Kutubu, in the uncontrolled area, last month", says a Papuan official, in a private letter.

"The lake itself is as beautiful as Lake Windermere, and the other English lakes. The shores are not swampy and grass-fringed, such as one might expect, but are as clear-cut as the shores of Neutral Bay, Sydney. I found it hard to realise that I was not standing on a salt-water shore.

"There are five officers of the Papuan Administration now at this new station on Lake Kutubu, and they use the lake as a base from which to make patrols into the uncontrolled area".

This is an indication of the manner in which the administration of Papua is steadily extending Government control over the hitherto unknown interior—still marked on the latest maps as unexplored and uncontrolled.

POSTAGE STAMP ERROR

A CORRESPONDENT of the "Stamp Lover" draws attention to an interesting error on the part of the artist responsible for the design of the current Fiji 1d. pictorial postage stamp. It will be noted that a native canoe is featured on the 1d., 1d., and 3d. values, but whereas the 1d. value shows a boat manned by three natives and the 3d. value by one native, the canoe in the 1d. value is sailing merrily along without any member of the crew being in sight.

It is suggested that perhaps the crew has gone below for dinner, but, in view of the apparent proximity of reefs shown on the stamp, we are rather afraid that in that case the canoe would be in imminent danger of shipwreck.

The Melbourne Stock Exchange has granted official quotation to 933,298 contributing shares of 5/-, fully paid, in Oil Search, Ltd., which has interests in Australia, New Guinea and Papua. Subscribed capital is £334,012, in 1,333,298 fully paid shares of 5/-, and 2,748 contributing shares, paid to various amounts. Directors are Messrs. W. A. Freeman, A. J. Gibson, S. N. McLean, E. F. Griffin, J. Mackay, H. G. Foxall, and W. D. Wharton.

HEROIC RESCUE

Very Quick Work Saves Lives in Papeete

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Dec. 8.

THE deep channel between Tahiti and Moorea is the meeting place of strong currents of the sea.

The high mountains of both islands deflect the winds to stir up the surface of the waters. Even on a day of comparative calm, a crossing on the little craft that carry wares and passengers is an uncomfortable experience for those who are not good sailors.

When a boisterous toerau storm blows from the north-west, it lashes the channel to a fury of towering waves which, in endless procession, crash on the barrier and dash on, pouring their waters into Papeete Harbour. This causes a strong current to flow out of Toata Pass. The outflowing current meeting the waves causes them to curl and crash in the entrance of the Pass, and the surf there is as violent as on the reefs at either side.

Through such a storm the small power-schooner, "Tiare Avaro", loaded with passengers, came from Moorea, on November 26.

It was a terrifying crossing which should never have been attempted through such seas in so small a craft.

The "Tiare Avaro" captain must have known the risk he took in heading for Toata Pass. Even the big liner "Eridan", lying in Papeete Harbour, would not essay the boiling inferno of cross waves, crashing breakers and battling currents at the Pass, and delayed her departure until the storm abated.

But the "Tiare Avaro" captain chanced it, and disaster overtook him. The vessel, caught on the crest of a towering wave, with her rudder and propeller in the air, was thrown broadside as the wave curled to break against the current, and capsized as the wave crashed, throwing her passengers into the water.

Those who saw the accident believed everyone on board would be speedily drowned.

Mr. William B. Leeds, whose yacht "Moana" lay at anchor in the lee of a small islet near the Pass, had been watching the "Tiare Avaro". When he saw her capsize, he jumped into his motor launch and, ordering his other motor launch and a ship's boat to follow, dashed out through the Pass to the rescue.

Closely following, the Government power-schooner "Tamara", with the Governor of French Oceania on board, fought its way out. His Excellency had been at the quay and, seeing the accident, had gone aboard the "Tamara" to direct the work of rescue.

They were in time. All the "Tiare Avaro" passengers save one (who was carried away by the current and

overwhelmed before help arrived) were rescued, and hurried ashore to the hospital, where they were cared for until they had recovered from the shock of their terrifying experience.

On November 29, in the "Bulletin du Presse", the Governor, in a special announcement, expressed his warm thanks to those who assisted to rescue the people from the "Tiare Avaro"; and especially to the captain and crew of the American yacht "Moana", who acted so quickly and effectively.

JAVANESE BURGLARS

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Nov. 24.

TWO Javanese labourers, suspected of numerous burglaries of business premises in Noumea, were hunted down by the police. One was shot dead, and one captured.

Both men resisted savagely, and many shots were exchanged with the police. A native policeman was shot dead, and two other natives, assisting the police, were wounded.

The Javanese who was killed was carrying two revolvers, and a large bunch of keys.

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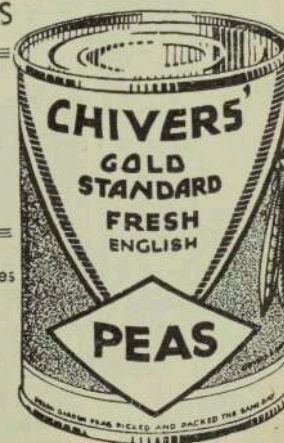
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Mr. W. T. Clark, a missionary with the South Sea Evangelical Mission in the Solomon Islands, left Sydney for Auckland, by the "Mariposa" in December to spend three months' furlough. Mr. Clark works among the Kiokoio natives on the east coast of Malaita.

HOW NEW GUINEA GOVERNMENT TREATS GOLD PROSPECTORS

Letter to the Editor

I AM obliged to the "P.I.M." for the publicity given to the treatment accorded to Mr. R. W. Tebb and myself on our prospecting trip into the Middle Ramu River area of New Guinea. Mr. A. E. Green, who brought the matter up in Federal Parliament, appears to have done more for the small miner in N.G. than any ten previous visiting politicians.

If such matters receive widespread publicity it may awaken the New Guinea Administration, and Canberra, to the fact that if the hinterland of N.G. is worth opening up at all, either for minerals or agriculture, some day it is going to be done. Certainly, a strict supervision should be kept on the type and capabilities of the men allowed into the interior, but those who are allowed in should not be hindered in their work.

The kind of man who goes prospecting or recruiting in N.G. is not the man who will ask assistance from the Government, unless he has excellent reasons for doing so.

Mr. Tebb and I had a well-found and well-armed outfit, and intended to remain at least six months prospecting in the foothills of the Aioime Mountains. We were on excellent terms with the surrounding natives and we knew that they were subjected to periodic raids from the mountain Kanakas. When we, too, were

molested, one of the local head-men came to us and suggested that we join with them and go and punish the raiders. Of course, we could not consider such an offer. A sharp lesson would no doubt have saved us from any further trouble; but we also knew that word of it would be sure to get out—we were only a day's walk away from a mission station and Kanaka talk travels fast—and what the



Pygmies of the Aioime Mountains, Middle Ramu District, New Guinea. They are both over 20 years of age and stand 4 ft. 1 in. and 4 ft. 2 in. Mr. R. W. Tebb is behind them. Photo is by H. W. Forrester.

There was much scientific discussion of these interesting pygmies a few years ago. Lord Moyne claimed to have discovered them; but his claim was successfully challenged by Father Kirschbaum.

Government could have done to us, had we been found mixing in native warfare would have been a shame.

We were in controlled country, so considered we were fully entitled to ask for a patrol. We were also in an interesting and thickly populated area, which is sure to be opened up sometime. It would have been as much to the Government's advantage to assist in opening it up as it was to ours.

We were very surprised to get the District Officer's orders to vacate our location at once and the threat to include the area within the uncontrolled country. This would have rendered us liable to the severe penalties of being there without a permit; so we had no option but to obey. We were forced to abandon con-

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siderable quantities of supplies, mining gear, etc., that we had had carried out there at high airfreight cost.

At that same time, the Government was spending £8,000 to £10,000 of public money in conducting an expedition into the country beyond Mount Hagen. No mining men were included in this expedition. Beyond collecting reams of data for reports, and possibly material for a travel book, little value would appear to have come from it. When this party got into trouble with hostile natives, two Ford aeroplanes were at once chartered, and ample assistance was rushed to them within a few hours.

However, the gold prospector is a super-optimist. He has to be, or he could not be a prospector. But even he is liable to stop and wonder when he knows that, after spending hundreds of pounds in money and weeks of time in preparation and months in the bush, he is liable to be bundled out with as scant ceremony as if he were a drunk from a pub. But, being what he is, he will probably come at it even then.

I am, etc.,
M. W. FORRESTER.

Bulolo, T.N.G.
23/11/38.

FAR EASTERN WAR AFFECTS PHILIPPINES

From Our Own Correspondent.

HONOLULU, Dec. 2.
TROUBLES never come singly, even for countries. Scared out of their wits are Filipinos about the forecast expansion southward of Imperial Japan. Last week more bad news was officially announced.

For the first nine months of 1938, exports from the Philippines have slumped owing to low world prices for the major exports, sugar, hemp, lumber and coconut oil.

Since the war began in China, Japan, usually the best customer for hemp and lumber, has slashed purchases in the Philippines.

This year will see the first Philippines unfavourable trade balance in 17 years. That is, with foreign countries. Trade with the U.S.A. remains slightly in the favour of the Islands.

"GERMAN HARRY"

MR. F. ANTHONSEN, of Whawatane, N.Z., writes, in reply to the inquiry for "German Harry", published in October, to say that in 1918, in Papeete, Tahiti, he met Captain Harry Christensen. The latter was a Dane, a big, tall man, about 65, and probably was the man sought for.

Another correspondent, a planter in the Trobriand Islands, says that "German Harry" was for long a boat-builder in Sydney, where he died in 1913.

It would appear that there were two notable sailors named Christensen in the Pacific about the same time.

The details have been sent to the inquirer, who will forward them to Denmark.

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Andrew arrived in Sydney by the December "Macdhuil" from Port Moresby, Papua. Formerly chairman of the Papua district for the Methodist Mission, Mr. Andrews has now resigned and will not return to the Territory.

NEW OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF PAPUA

A NEW edition (making the fifth) of the Official Handbook of Papua, written and compiled by Mr. Lewis Lett, has just been issued by the Government Printer in Port Moresby. Many years have passed since the last edition, and this new compilation is not only timely, but is exceedingly well done. There is a complete description of the history, geography, administrative machinery and economic condition of the Territory; while the various laws and regulations under which land settlement, farming, trading, mining, etc., are carried on are fully and authoritatively described.

An up-to-date map of the Territory is included in the Handbook, and there are also numerous illustrations from

photographs taken by Messrs. A. and K. Gibson.

This Handbook—which, incidentally, is a credit to the typographical art—will be useful to every resident of Papua and to all business firms having dealings with the Territory.

Mr. T. Webb, a member of the administrative staff of New Guinea, stationed at Lae, has suffered a great deal of sickness since he came south on furlough a year ago. He has just completed a spell of about four months in hospital. He is going to Townsville this month to spend a short holiday before returning to New Guinea.

Mr. V. E. Aveling, of the staff of Burns Philp (S.S.) Co. Ltd., Apia, returned to Samoa in December after several months' holidays in Australia.

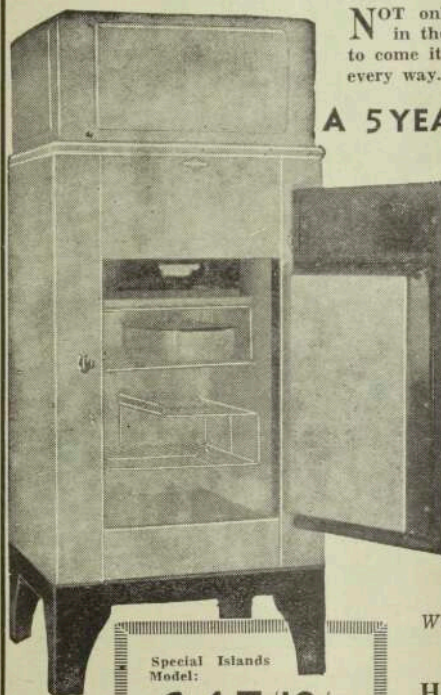
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"GUBA" MAKES A RECORD

Adventures in Unexplored New Guinea

THE large flying boat "Guba", which is operated by the Archbold scientific expedition—now located at Hollandia, in the northern part of Dutch New Guinea—made history by flying from Port Moresby to Sydney in one day, early in November. The following day it flew on to Melbourne, where it remained for some time at Williamstown, undergoing an overhaul of certain equipment.

On December 14 the "Guba" attempted to make more history by flying from Melbourne to Port Moresby in one hop. She left Melbourne shortly after 4 a.m. on December 14, but had to come down at Townsville (Northern Queensland) to receive some slight attention to the engine. The "Guba" flew on to Port Moresby the following day, and then went back over the top of New Guinea to Hollandia.

The "Guba" brought four well-known Port Moresby residents from Port Moresby to Sydney—namely, Mrs. G. O. Higgins, Miss McKenzie (matron of the European Hospital at Port Moresby), and Mr. and Mrs. Frank, of A.W.A. staff. On its return trip it carried Mrs. Higgins and her two children (who have been at school in Melbourne), and Miss McKenzie.

The extent to which the Archbold expedition, in the wilds of New Guinea, is relying on radio was described in Melbourne by Captain Russel R. Rogers, pilot of the "Guba". Captain Rogers explained that parties from the expedition leave the base at Hollandia and travel through unknown country, often peopled by hostile natives. Their business is to collect insects, mammals, plants and geological specimens.

The expedition has installed an advance base inland, at Lake Habbema, at an elevation of over 11,000 feet above sea level, in the vicinity of Mount Wilhelm. Personnel and equipment for this base are flown in from Hollandia, on Humboldt Bay, the flying boat alighting and taking-off from Lake Habbema. From this advance base, several land parties have been sent out into the interior. These advance parties are supplied with provisions by flying boat, which, in cases where landing is impossible, drops stores and petrol by parachute.

The advance base and the land parties are equipped with small wireless transmitting and receiving sets to enable them to keep in touch with each other and with the main base at Humboldt Bay. Much of this equipment has been supplied to the expedition by Amalgamated Wireless—principally that company's teleradio equipment, five of which installations have been supplied.

The expedition proposes to conduct scientific investigations in the vicinity of Lake Habbema for the next six months.

THE ARCHBOLD 1936 EXPEDITION

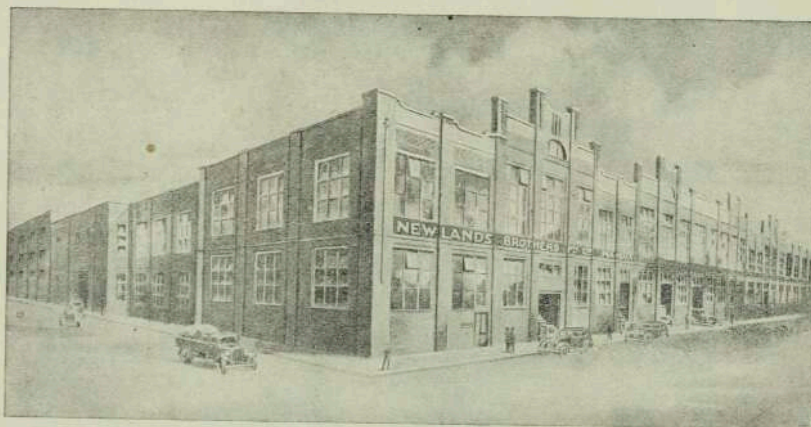
In 1936, Dr. Archbold conducted a similar expedition to Papua, where the party operated in the Upper Fly and Strickland Rivers, with a base at Daru. This expedition used a Fairchild "Clipper" flying boat, which eventually was sunk in Port Moresby harbour and was a total loss.

When this happened, a party of 70 was established at Mount Mabion, and was dependent on the flying boat for provisions. They had rations sufficient for only eight or ten days, and the nearest supply was at least 14 days' journey to the Black River, where they had made a cache. The Mount Mabion party, which was then also equipped with an A.W.A. teleradio set, was informed of the loss of the flying boat and the necessity for immediate evacuation, provided supplies were thought sufficient to reach the Black River.

The party replied that supplies were insufficient to enable them to reach the Black River safely. Arrangements then were made for a plane to fly from Lae, over previously unexplored and unmapped territory, to the camp of the stranded explorers.

Mr. Aubrey Koch, pilot of the relief plane, was directed by Captain Rogers. They could not find the party, owing to rain and fogs on the mountains, but Captain Rogers' experience enabled him to judge where the expedition should be. There, fourteen bags of rice and two gallons of petrol were dropped. The petrol, which was needed to provide power for the tele-

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radio equipment, was in gallon tins attached to parachutes. Twelve of the bags of rice and all the petrol were recovered by the stranded party, and the stores were sufficient to keep the party alive until they reached their cache on the Black River, whence they proceeded by raft to the Fly River, where they were picked up by a relief vessel chartered by Dr. Archbold.

"Guba", the name of the present expedition's flying boat, is a Motu word meaning "North-west wind-squall".

During the establishment of the base at Lake Habbema, the "Guba" has made frequent trips, carrying in over 100 of the personnel, with six months' supplies, including many modern amenities such as electric light and wireless equipment, food storage and refrigeration and heating equipment.

Wherever the members of the Archbold expedition travel, however far they penetrate into the wilderness, Captain Rogers said, they keep in touch by wireless with the main base of their expedition which, in turn, is in touch with the A.W.A. radio stations at Port Moresby and other New Guinea centres.

Throughout the recent non-stop flight from Moresby to Sydney, and back again, the "Guba" was in direct touch with the A.W.A. Port Moresby radio station on the one hand, and Sydney radio station on the other. The "Guba" was also in direct touch with its own main base at Humboldt Bay, and also with San Francisco.

ACTIVE OIL SEARCH IN PAPUA

From Our Own Correspondent.

PT. MORESBY, Dec. 18. INDEPENDENT observers, "secret service agents", and others, inform us that great activity is going on in the Kanosia district, where the Papua Oil Development Co. are at work.

The Company appear to have abandoned their western areas, though whether because they have or have not discovered oil is not known.

The presence of oil in the Kanosia district has been unsuspected hitherto; but the keen activity of the Company's geologists and field staff suggest that they have definite hopes.

A.P.C. village, though not yet complete, is partly occupied. The mess-room and several cottages were placed in commission last week, and other buildings are still in course of construction.

Mr. E. G. Baker, 52, who was killed in a garage accident in Sydney in November, was Government Printer in Papua for 25 years, and retired in 1934. He founded the Port Moresby newspaper (now the "Courier") in 1910. He was a man of great energy, with scores of interests and hundreds of friends.

Mr. Rupert Bellville, an English amateur airman and his wife, arrived in Sydney from Spain by the "Strathnaver" in mid-December, en route to Tahiti.

Pacific Japanese Celebrate "Victories" in China

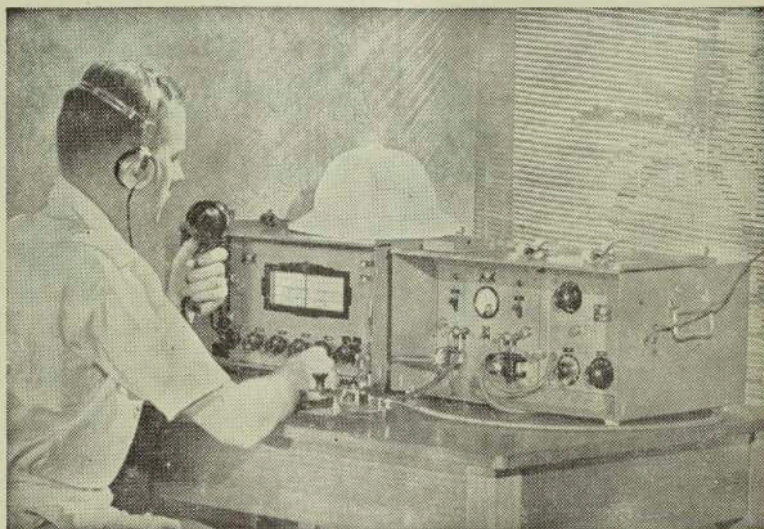
IT will be of interest to British people in Pacific Territories to know that the capture of the Chinese cities of Canton and Hankow by the Japanese armies was very joyfully celebrated by Japanese citizens right in the centre of the Pacific.

There were gay doings throughout the Japanese Mandated islands on October 28, when the fall of the two ancient Chinese cities was announced. The "Rising Sun" flag of Japan fluttered gaily in the breeze from every flag pole in the town of Jaluit in the Marshall Islands. After sunset, practically the whole population, young and old, Japanese and natives, marched around the town of Jaluit, carrying paper lanterns suspended at the end of short rods. They sang patriotic songs and, at inter-

vals, they gave a united and lusty shout of "Banzai".

To British people the rape of China by Japan is a horrible thing, serving mostly to give us a warning, here in the Pacific, of the danger which we ourselves may have to face at not too distant a date. But to the Japanese colonists in the Marshall Islands it is a matter for great rejoicing when the well-equipped and well-trained armies of Japan over-run the ill-equipped and untrained troops of poor old China.

Rev. C. W. Whonsbon-Aston, of the Anglican New Guinea Mission at Mukawa, Papua, who is at present on sick leave in Australia, has been doing temporary duty at All Saints', East St. Kilda, Victoria. During December he was instructed by the doctor to cease work entirely for some time.



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SOCIAL INEQUALITIES AND
THE PAPUAN NATIVES

From Our Own Correspondent.

PT. MORESBY, Dec. 20.
A BOOK of unusual interest to sociologists, students of native custom, and the ordinary reader, is "The Origin of the Inequality of the Social Classes", by Gunnar Landtman. (Kegan Paul, 1938. 21/-).

Dr. Dandman, who made a close study of the Kiwai Papuans during the years 1910-12, is nothing if not thorough. The 325 pages of text are supported by nearly 3,000 references to published works, while the authorities quoted number more than 900.

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It is packed with interesting detail concerning the beginning and cause of social distinctions among primitive peoples; and, once opened, is not easy to put aside, until the last page has been read.

The section on "Priesthood", under which the author includes sorcerers and sorcery of all kinds, throws much light on the perplexing problem of native superstitions, and makes it clear that the practice of black and white magic has been inseparable from the early stages of social and economic development in every country of the world, and is one of the commonest causes of early social differentiation.

Mr. Joseph McWhinney has been appointed Registrar of the Court of Norfolk Island succeeding Mr. L. V. Brose, formerly an officer of the Papuan Public Service.

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AS one travels about the Islands of French Oceania (and Polynesia generally) he finds everywhere—at cross-roads and here and there beside the highway—the little shops of Chinese merchants.

They are all of them much alike—square, whitewashed wooden buildings with a narrow verandah across one side. Within, some shelves of tinned foodstuffs, bolts of bright coloured dresswares, cigarettes, packets of matches and, in a little showcase (crowded at one end of the counter against the high, fenced top-desk, where the owner keeps the books and abacus of his accountings), soap, perfumes of Paris, mouth organs and odds and ends of mercery, compose the stock-in-trade.

Nearby, on a stand, a big copper samovar (in which coffee is continually brewing) and some benches and tables scattered about, complete the furnishings.

The Chinese proprietor does not, however, exhaust his energies in store-keeping. In an outbuilding is a brick oven where, nightly, he bakes the loaves of bread he delivers at dawn about the district, from his ancient two-wheeled cart, drawn by a decrepit horse; announcing his coming with blasts from a conch-shell trumpet. In addition, he buys and cures vanilla beans, and most—if not all—of the copra of the district passes through his hands.

His shop is frequented at all hours. The women gather daily, to buy bread and coffee for the household, chaffer with the merchant over lengths of cotton print and, most of all, to exchange the gossip of the district; the men, to sit about tables before steaming bowls of coffee and to talk of fishing, wild-pig hunting in the hills, the price of copra, the affairs of the island world, and the district gossip.

Outside the young people drape themselves along the edge of the verandah and sing and chatter and laugh to the accompaniment of guitars, accordions and mouth organs.

The shop of the Chinaman has become, not only the economic, but also the social centre of the community.

This latter distinction, not so very long ago, was held by the fare putu-puturaa (the meeting houses attached to the Protestant church of the district), until the edict went forth that the singing of Bible verse to native music—a custom since the memory of man knoweth not the contrary—would no longer be tolerated in the churches.

We were most sorry to hear of this edict, for we knew it would eventuate in the breaking up and final disappearance of those meeting places.

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puturaa were in their prime, we frequently went to hear really fine oratory (spoken in the pure language of the islands then, as now, rarely heard outside those precincts), and to listen to the beautiful, joyous, unique native choruses and the singing of quaint old hymn-tunes chosen for the beauty of their melody and the dignity of their rhythm.

Remembering a message sent by a venerable pastor from his place of retirement in France, to the fare putuputuraa of the islands—"E Himene A, E Himene A" (Sing on, sing on), we ventured to ask our friends who direct the Mission, why they had done this thing. They smilingly replied that it was in keeping with the March of Progress.

We grant that we should have been duly impressed by this ponderous pronouncement; but we were not.

For some time we have been

examining this thing called Progress, which latterly has compelled and is still continuing to compel us to dance to some very strange tunes. Standing on our place of observation in the tangled forest of established custom we hear the blare of trumpets, the thumping of many drums and see multitudes of our fellow beings tripping—with ever-increasing momentum—along a highway which, to our myopic vision, seems dangerously inclined ad tenebarum. Moreover from our far past school days comes a Cumean warning: "Facilis Descensus Averno", which constrains us to tether ourselves to the nearest trees lest the siren sounds draw us, against our will, to follow in their train.

After many years in the Islands we know something of the native mind. The Tahitian does not like to cavil with white men; especially reverend white men. He will conceal his inner thought and openly conform. But, as

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time passes, he will progressively become flu (fed up), and one day the place of his abiding will know him no more.

The "Duff" missionaries started off with some pretty dismal hymnology; but they learned better, later on. They awoke in time to appreciate that the native Tahitian—whose every act and thought is intertwined with song and laughter—could not be led "O'er the gloomy hills of darkness" to murky valleys of harmonic despair.

We have been moved to cite ecclesiastical history; of how the Early Fathers took ancestral ceremonies, festivals and usages; exorcised their excesses; expurgated the pagan allusions of their symbolism; adapted, moulded and sanctified them to con-

form to the New Faith; and on such foundations erected the stately edifice which has endured the storms, the lightnings, the earthquakes of two milleniums.

But, alas, in our efforts through the years to preserve this priceless jewel of unique music, we have been a lone voice crying in a wilderness where there is not even locusts and wild honey to give us comfort.

Meanwhile the Chinese merchant has been waxing fat; and in due time will inherit the earth.—A.C.R.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Howell, of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission at Vailala, Papua, reached Australia from Port Moresby by the "Bulolo" at the end of December.

HE MADE A BOLT FOR IT!

Memories of Jack London and Other Polynesian Authors

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Dec. 8.

THE recent publication in the United States of a biography of Jack London recalls to old residents of Tahiti his voyage to the islands on board the "Snark" in 1907.

These memories are not very pleasant. The personality revealed in the biography accords with the appraisal made by residents during Mr. London's sojourn at Papeete and Moorea.

He, and another American writer who came six years later, established the precedent of satisfying their anger over real or fancied grievances, by directing, from the safe haven of a distant country, libellous attacks against residents of the islands. Mr. London's publishers were forced to make a very abject apology to avoid an action against them for libel. The litigant, after receiving this apology, was satisfied with holding the attack in the same measure of contempt that he felt for its authors; and so the matter passed.

The second writer was not so fortunate. He had been imprudent enough to return to Papeete after the publication of his book.

Soon after his landing, some wag informed him that the man he had libelled had engaged a company of burly longshoremen to waylay and give him a thorough beating up.

The author was terrified. He fled for refuge to the house of a fellow countryman, whence he sent frantic appeals to the U.S. Consul for protection.

The Consul—who privately wished the threats were real, and could be carried out with thoroughness and despatch—assured the author he would be safe so long as he did not venture out-of-doors. The author obeyed, to the letter, the injunction of the Consul; neither the sun by day nor the moon by night beheld him until the sailing of the next steamer for San Francisco.

The day of departure was filled with alarms. The wag sent word that spies, having seen his luggage carried aboard, the burly longshoremen had assembled to seize the author on his way to the wharf.

The author's host had his Ford car ready, its top raised and storm curtains fastened down. At the second whistle, he bundled in his quaking guest, made a record run to the wharf, and deposited him at the foot of the gang-plank; up which he fled like an antelope pursued by lions.

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the U.S. Courts. The verdict was 2,000 dollars and costs.

Later, we heard, this author went to Samoa. According to an eye witness, he left there in agitated haste, after a whole district of Samoans had threatened to "stop his mouth with stones". He never visited the South Sea Islands again.

DUTCH ACTIVITY IN NEW GUINEA

MR. T. L. Sefton, who has lived in Papua for nearly 30 years, and who is one of the best-known planters and traders there, arrived in Sydney on December 19, on furlough.

A statement made by Mr. Sefton to reporters, that Australia should try to take over Dutch New Guinea and thus exercise control over the whole island of New Guinea, was given considerable prominence in the Sydney newspapers. Mr. Sefton's argument, that very little has been accomplished by the Dutch authorities to develop their half of New Guinea, will be strongly contested by the Dutch people, who can truthfully say that, during the past three or four years, they have been even more active than the British in developmental enterprises of all kinds.

Miss Mavis Green, a trained nurse, has been accepted by the Methodist Mission for service in the Islands.

INTERESTING FIJIAN WEDDING

AN interesting wedding of popular people took place on November 26, in the Church of England at Lautoka, Fiji, when Filimone Rokotavaga Rasigatale, a Native Medical Practitioner, attached to the Lautoka Hospital, married



The wedding group.

Alanieta Siganiucu Koroibulleka, a nurse attached to the same hospital.

The bride was dressed in white voile, and carried a spray of cream roses, while the bridesmaids made a pretty picture in pink voile, carrying posies of pink roses. Mesulame Ravuki, Native Medical Practitioner, of Nadarivatu, acted as best man, while Ratu Alivate Dovi was groomsman. The hymns were sung in Fijian.

A heavy rainstorm caused some inconvenience, so that the reception was held in the "newly-weds' new home, instead of in the shelter which had been prepared in the grounds of the hospital.

The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the Rev. C. S. Ball and that of the bridesmaids by Mr. W. R. Scott.

Mesulame, responding to the latter toast, pointed out that the wedding was unique, in so far as it was the first native wedding to be carried out in full European custom.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Harper, the Matron of the hospital, Miss Hughes, Mr. J. H. Tiffen, Mrs. N. A. Perry, Mr. R. B. Fyfe and Mr. Sykes.

PT. MORESBY GOLF CLUB

FOLLOWING the usual teams match, which the Captain's team won by a narrow margin, members of the Pt. Moresby Golf Club enjoyed their annual dinner on December 10, the President's team, as losers, acting as hosts. For the first time, dinner was served on the club's own premises, and, the evening being hot and fine, the innovation was highly successful.

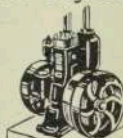
The Club Championship Cup was won by Mr. Bolte—who seems to be a keen collector of such things. Mr. G. J. A. Moore walked away with the A.I.F. Cup for the second year in succession; and the Gore, Guttridge, and Fitch Cups were won by "dark horses" in the persons of S. Smith, Senr., E. Way, and A. L. de Groen.

Mr. J. Provan, of the New Guinea Customs Department, in which he has served since the Military Occupation, arrived in Australia by the December "Tanda" from Rabaul to seek medical treatment. He was accompanied by Mrs. Provan.

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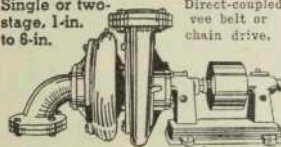


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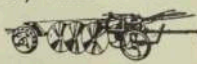


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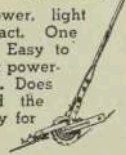
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NEW SAMOAN COUNCILLORS

Status in the Government

From a Special Correspondent

APIA, Dec. 11.
RATHER more importance than it deserves is being given to the result of the poll, held in Western Samoa on November 26, to elect two members of the Legislative Council. The Legislative Council is not a legislative body, but actually and legally is merely an advisory body. As a matter of fact, under present conditions, a good deal of notice is taken of recommendations made by the Legislative Council; but neither the Administrator nor the New Zealand Government is in any way bound by the resolutions of the Council.

The election of Mr. O. F. Nelson, at the top of the poll, did not surprise anyone acquainted with the conditions here. He has a great many friends, relations, and well-wishers among the European-Samoan population—who now have the same franchise as Europeans—and they worked very hard for the return of the man whom they regard as having sacrificed a good deal for a more representative form of Government in Samoa.

It is hard to say, at this stage, what effect the appearance of Mr. Nelson on the Legislative Council will have; but it is at least certain that his influence will be all in favour of a more aggressive insistence on the rights of the native Samoans to a larger share in the government of the country.

The election of Dr. G. M. Dawson has given satisfaction to all sections of the community. He is a very popular medical practitioner who has done a great deal of good work without reward, among the poorer classes of Europeans, European-Samoans and natives. Dr. Dawson has resided in the Polynesian islands for over 30 years. In the beginning of the Great War he came to Samoa first as chief medical officer for the New Zealand expeditionary force. After that, he went to Palestine as a member of the famous Anzac Mounted Division, and he was specially mentioned in the despatches of the British Commander-in-Chief. After the war, Dr. Dawson went to Tonga and occupied for 14 years the position of chief medical officer in that island kingdom. A few years ago, he moved from Tonga to Western Samoa, and he has been ever since engaged in private practice in Apia.

The defeat of Mr. A. G. Smyth by a small margin of votes caused general regret. Mr. Smyth, over a long period of years, as a member of the Legislative Council and as a private individual, has worked very hard for the general benefit of Samoa, and especially for the European-Samoans and the native Samoans. His experience, and his willing service, will be missed.

Lieutenant-Commander L. W. S. Wright formerly of the Royal Navy, was in Melbourne at the end of December awaiting the British Phosphate Commission's vessel "Triona" which was to take him to Ocean Island, headquarters of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, where he will join the staff of the Administration as secretary for the Colonial Office. He was formerly in the Solomon Islands and his transference to the new post has followed a visit to England.

SALAMAUA TO LAE

Air-Line, 20 Miles; Road Route, 45 Miles

WE wrote to Canberra about a statement made in the Australian Parliament on November 24, that a road from Salamaua to Lae, New Guinea, would be 45 miles long. We suggested that 25 miles was meant.

The Secretary of the Prime Minister's Department has replied, courteously, that "an accessible route for a roadway between the two places would probably be about 45 miles, as stated. The distance, in a direct line, is about 20 miles. The coast line between the two places is about 32 miles in length. To obtain a suitable site for a bridge across the Markham River, it is necessary to go inland for some miles, and the route for a roadway must be located back from the coast in order to avoid swamp area near the mouth of the Markham River".

TAXES FOR NATIVE BENEFITS

From Our Own Correspondent

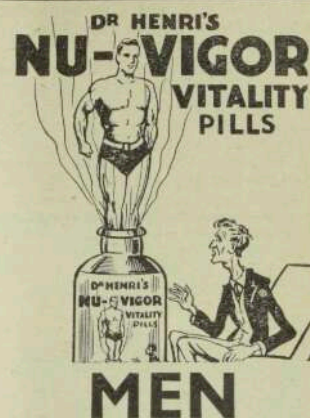
PT. MORESBY, Dec. 20.
THE recently published account of the Native Taxation Fund shows that the total collected during the year ended June 30, 1938, was £14,647. This leaves a nett revenue for the Fund of £12,600. Of this amount £4,299 goes to the Native Education Fund, and the balance of £8,301 to Native Benefits.

Since the inauguration of the tax, a total of £305,859 has been collected at a cost of £42,351.

In all, £100,642 has been expended on Native Education, which sum includes £959 excess of expenditure over receipts for Agriculture, and £144,829 on Native Benefits, i.e., Medical Services, Family Bonus, and Anthropology.

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Miss Thynne has joined the nursing staff of the Government Hospital, Apia.



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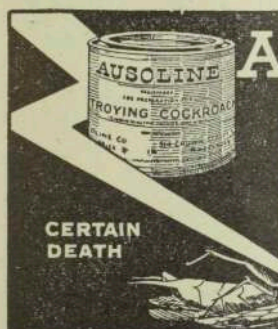
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Mr. A. Richards, of Rabaul, New Guinea, who has been associated with the copra industry for many years, reached Melbourne in December on his way back to the Mandated Territory after an extensive tour abroad. He visited Berlin, Brussels, Holland,

Paris, the Somme battlefields, and England.

Hon. George Finau Matekitoga Ulukalala, a Noble of Hihifo, Vavau, and Speaker of the Tongan Legislative Assembly, died in November.

Mr. E. J. Frame, manager of the British New Guinea Trading Co., Papua, arrived in Australia by the December "Macdhui" to seek medical attention. He will return to Port Moresby at the end of January.



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MEMORIAL FOR POMARE V.

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Dec. 8.

A COMMITTEE has been formed, under the presidency-of-honour of the Governor of French Oceania, M. Chastenot de Gery, to collect funds by popular subscription, to erect a statue in memory of Pomare V., the last reigning sovereign of Tahiti.

It has been recalled that memorials have been erected in the island to Bougainville, Capt. Cook, and Pierre Loti, and that the broad main highway through the New Papeete has been named Avenue Prince Hinoi; but, as yet, no suitable memorial to King Pomare V—who voluntarily ceded the islands to France—is in existence.

The committee, besides His Excellency, includes two high chiefs—Teriierooiterai, of Tahiti, and Taurai Mataitai, of Moorea—the Mayor of Papeete, M. Georges Bambridge, and several other representative citizens, with M. Edouard Ahnne as Executive President.

Mr. W. H. H. Thompson, Assistant Resident Magistrate at Kairuku, Papua, is at present on leave. He sailed from Port Moresby by the last "Tasman".

Sister Estelle Field, a New Zealander, who is on the staff of the Melanesian Mission in the Solomon Islands, departed from Sydney for B.S.I. by the "Malaita" on January 7. She had just completed furlough in England.

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Two Americans' Adventures in Western Pacific

AFTER some risky cruising in the Western Pacific, two Americans, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wright, reached Auckland in December by the "Tasman".

They had wandered around in Australia and then, at Cairns, they bought a 30 ft. auxiliary, the "Mutare", and cruised on the Queensland coast.

"Finally, we decided to sail to New Caledonia, and got along without trouble until the engine failed. As we had a steady wind against us, it would have taken three months to make the trip by sail alone, and our food and water were not sufficient for such a time, so we changed our plans and made for Port Moresby, where we planned to have the motor repaired.

"We had no charts of these waters, but decided to follow in Captain Cook's footsteps. On the 19th day out from Cairns, off Hood Point, Papua, the steamer "Montoro" passed us, and we signalled for some charts. A bundle was dropped overboard, but it promptly sank."

Mrs. Wright said that in his eagerness to secure the bundle of charts, which had been wrapped in canvas, Mr. Wright launched the dinghy, leaving her on board. The yacht had been becalmed, but a few minutes later a light breeze came, and the yacht, on the wrong tack, started sailing smartly away from where Mr. Wright was rowing, still trying to find the charts. Alone, she had the utmost difficulty in bringing the yacht about, but eventually succeeded and picked up her husband.

"In spite of the lack of charts, we carried on toward Port Moresby, and about four o'clock in the afternoon we saw a steamer, apparently at anchor in the quarantine station", Mrs. Wright continued. "We made for it, deciding to anchor under her lee for the night, but as it grew dark and the ship showed no lights, we became concerned, and made up our minds to stand out to sea for the night.

"Just at this moment Mr. Wright, who was on the look-out, shouted that there were breakers dead ahead. We put about, but the current caught us and carried the yacht right on the reef.

"We went on with a couple of heavy bumps, and then the 'Mutare' heeled over on her side and the waves came right over her. We gathered the ship's papers, put on life belts and just dived into the dinghy, which was half full of water. I rowed eight miles to Port Moresby, with Mr. Wright baling.

"We found that the steamer we had seen was the wreck of the 'Pruth' which has been 14 years on the reef, but is still fairly intact. Her masts and funnel are standing, and the clouds give an appearance of smoke coming from the funnel. There is a warning about her in the New Guinea Pilot, but since we had no local charts or books of reference, we fell into the common error of taking her for a ship at anchor."

In the dark, wet and deprived of all their belongings except the sodden clothes they were wearing, Mr. and Mrs. Wright rowed into Port Moresby and stayed there for seven weeks. The morning after their wreck they went out to try to salvage the yacht, but could find no trace of her.

When the American yacht "Vanora" called at Port Moresby, Mr. and Mrs. Wright joined her and sailed to New Caledonia, calling on the way at many islands. They spent three months in New Caledonia and joined the "Tasman" there for Auckland.

Mr. Frederick Storek, of Suva, recently married Miss Norah Marr, of Korovou, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Suva, Fiji. Rev. Father Orove performed the ceremony.

Mr. S. Love, a Melbourne mining engineer, returned to Australia at the end of December from New Caledonia by the "Tasman", after spending four months in the Colony inspecting chrome mines.

SAMOAN POLICEMAN AS "CATTLE RUSTLER"

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Dec. 12.

TWO Samoan policemen, Fauatea Lei and Vaela'a, appeared before His Honour Chief Judge W. C. Harley in the Apia High Court recently, charged with the theft and use of two head of cattle belonging to the Tafaigata Prison Farm, where the two accused were employed as warders.

Fauatea, the main offender, had killed the beasts and used the meat for his own use. He pleaded guilty, and was given a cumulative sentence of six months' imprisonment. The charge against the second man was dismissed.

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Lae's Bid for Levien Trophy

From a Special Correspondent

LAE, Dec. 16.
LAE is making a very determined effort to retain the Levien Athletic Trophy, donated in memory of the goldfields pioneer, the late Cecil J. Levien, for annual competition in all sports between Edie Creek, Wau, Salamaua and Lae. Last week-end the local team (Guinea Air-

ways, Ltd.) overwhelmingly defeated Wau at cricket, after having previously beaten Edie Creek. The tennis team has won every match, likewise the billiards players. Only the snooker games have been lost.

Mr. C. R. Turbet, Senior Veterinary Officer in the Fiji Government, is at present on his way to England with his wife, on long leave. They will return to Suva via America.



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AGENTS THROUGHOUT THE ISLANDS.

AITA!**The Vicissitudes of Housekeeping in Fr. Oceania**

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Dec. 23.

EUROPEANS who contemplate house-keeping on Tahiti should be of sound temper and unshakable faith; for failing these, their religion and self control—even though they survive the ordinary exasperations of domestic economy—will sooner or later crumble in shattered fragments, like the walls of Jericho, before the sound of the word Aita.

The soft, gently sounding Tahitian negative, Aita, does not, however, possess the dynamic force (as did the massed trumpets of Joshua) to cause a cataclysm. Its action is relentless erosion, like "a continual dropping in a very rainy day", until the foundations of sweetness and light are dissolved.

At feraoraora (the twilight hour before the dawn), the first Aita comes to herald the new day.

The hand maiden whose duty it is to attend the early morning market has not (Aita) remembered the instructions for the day's provender, and must awaken the housewife for their repetition. On her return, it is discovered that there is Aita coffee. The hand maiden knew of this the night before, but forgot to mention it. This was overcome by a trip to the tinito (the neighbourhood Chinese shop)—a journey, depending on the zeal of the messenger, of from ten to fifteen minutes. Coffee is brewed. The hand maiden then discloses there is Aita sugar. Another expedition to the tinito.

At long last, the table is ready. Coffee and toast are brought in, and the cover of the butter-dish is raised to reveal—Aita butter. This, also, the hand maiden knew, but she preferred to leave the discovery to be the thrilling climax of the morning's drama. One more expedition to the tinito—the spoil being a tin of half-rancid butter; the freshly packed Australian product being available only at a distant emporium—and the first repast of the day is achieved.

Aita continues to punctuate the day's happenings like commas—including the infuriating semi-colon, Aita Ravea—until eventide brings the happy intelligence of Aita Mori (no kerosene) which compels the fourth expedition of the day to the tinito for a litre bottle of that illuminant.

Aita Ravea deserves a special monograph to expose fully its deeper meanings and possibilities as an irritant. On the lips of the average Tahitian, it expresses the helpless impotence of beings fettered, bound in chains and cast into the very nadir of the impossible. Aita Ravea is usually supplied in abundance by the man-of-all-work, in the presence of any undertaking apart from his routine duties of pulling weeds and chopping firewood.

And so the days lengthen into weeks, and the weeks into months until one day the foundations crumble and the walls fall with great rushing of winds and terrifying thunders. And when the dust and the debris have settled down there is nothing left save a great big Aita. The hand maiden and the man-of-all-work have been blown by the concussion into the bosom of their families in a remote district—never to return.

Mr. A. F. Ellemor, B.A., of Victoria, has been accepted by the Methodist Mission for service in the Pacific Islands.

SUBSIDISE THE COPRA INDUSTRY

Interesting Plan Urged By Resident of Fiji

A PLEA for assistance for the copra industry, based on sound and vigorous reasoning, is made by Mr. S. H. Wilson, of Savu Savu, Fiji, in an article in the "Fiji Times" of December 10.

Mr. Wilson points out that, apart from copra, there are at least two great industries in the Islands—sugar-production and gold mining. But, in each case, the profits of those industries go directly to shareholders who do not live in the Islands; whereas the whole proceeds of the copra industry are spread through the Islands communities.

Also (proceeds Mr. Wilson) copra keeps fully 75 per cent. of all inter-isular shipping in regular employment. Wages, ships' stores, and repairs are all paid for in the town centres. Thus copra helps very considerably in the economic stability of those places.

We hear loud-voiced acclamation about the justice of the democratic form of Government, but we are apt to overlook a very unjust and dangerous form of autocracy which is allowed to exist within our democracies, and that is the autocratic rule of the big buying combines. These are allowed to plunge primary industries into despair and misery, when they think it can be done with not too much risk to themselves, keeping most of the profits within the orbit of their own organisations, rarely ever giving the consumer-buyer any of the advantages of the lower prices which they are able to force the producer to accept for his raw material.

These forces are an economic danger and are the root cause of low prices in industries, that are in themselves disunited or unable to protect their interest collectively on account of the scattered nature of the places of production. Such a one is copra.

Mr. Wilson reminds us that the Islands territories now are becoming highly important units in the plan for defending the European-Pacific countries against the future southwards thrust of Asia. The best way to make those Islands bases stronger is to increase the European populations and guarantee them security, by assisting and protecting their main industry, copra-production. Other industries have had much Government protection; but practically nothing has been done for the copra industry. Why not? A measure of general assistance at the present time would make a world of difference to the economic condition of the Islands communities.

Mr. Wilson makes a practical suggestion: That the Fiji Government advise the Home Government to grant some preference to Empire copra on the British market, as against the huge importations of foreign oils and oil seeds. This policy would be equally advantageous to both the inhabitants of these Islands and British industries, as all the extra money earned by copra would be spent on imported goods of British origin.

He presents the argument also in this way: These Islands should be helped to a better trading position by those countries who will benefit most through the strategic position of these bases on their trade routes. Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain are the countries that will benefit most, therefore is it unreasonable to look to these Governments to give some assistance to the main, and, in some cases, the only means

of gaining a livelihood by the people of these Islands groups?

It is to be hoped that this sound presentation of facts, in favour of assisting the copra industry, will be considered by the British Empire governments concerned. Three things appear to be essential; and, in their order, they are:

1.—An exchange of views by the Empire governments concerned, with a view to joint action.

2.—Consideration of ways and means of beating the powerful and merciless combines, which now control the copra market, and which would try to grab any benefit designed for the copra producer.

3.—Discovery of a practical method of giving preference, in British markets, to Empire-grown copra.

All the foregoing arguments and considerations are based upon a plan for giving help to European copra-growers in the Pacific, south of the equator. In this connection, it must be remembered that the quantity of copra produced south of the equator, while large in it-

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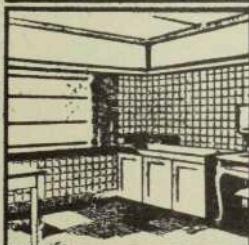
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Tuboutoa, Crown Prince of Tonga, who has been a law student at the University of Sydney for a year, is at present at home in Nukualofa. He will return to the University this year, and take a course in anthropology under Professor A. P. Elkin.

A LUCKY THOUGHT

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From Our Own Correspondent

HONOLULU, Dec. 12. WHEN Richard Archbold and his companions flew off from Hawaii on June 6 for New Guinea, via Wake Island, Russell Rogers stuffed in his pocket 20 "covers" (stamped envelopes) given to him by a group of enthusiastic (and lucky) Honolulu philatelists.

Each cover was addressed to a person in Honolulu, and a 2-cents U.S. postage

stamp was affixed to each. The covers all bore the notation "First flight—Hawaii to New Guinea. Archbold Expedition, flying boat Guba, June, 1938".

After some haggling, the Honolulu post office was persuaded to postmark each "Honolulu, 1 p.m., June 6, 1938".

A newspaper reporter waited until the last minute, until Russ. Rogers had the Guba's engines warmed up, and he was about to set off. Then anxiously, hurriedly, the reporter appealed to Russ.:

"Say, fella, please take these along and mail them when you get to New Guinea", he beseeched.

Richard Archbold had turned down every other request, from all over the U.S. mainland and even Europe, but good-natured Russ. looked around to see if Archbold was looking, and he wasn't, so Russ. pocketed the bundle, and so off they went!

It took the "covers" exactly three days to reach New Guinea—that is, by air—but it took them five months and 19 days to get back to Honolulu—because they came by steamer via the Orient.

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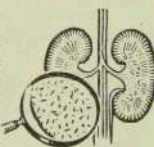


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Exporters Pty. Ltd. have their office and warehouse at 35 Circular Quay West Sydney. The directors are Messrs. W. M. Reid, D. Gillespie, and A. A. Haworth. Mr. Haworth is the managing director of the business, which embraces all forms of buying and selling on behalf of Island residents.

Master Alan ("Bill") Imlay, son of Captain and Mrs. N. G. Imlay, late of the Treasury, Port Moresby, Papua, created a record for the Willoughby Primary School, N.S.W., at the recent High School Entrance examinations by being the only boy under 11 years of age to win the coveted position of Dux. He will continue his studies at North Sydney Boys' High School.

Fiji Pineapples

Good Prospects for New Industry

THE opinion that pineapple canning was destined to become the most important industry in Fiji was expressed to "New Zealand Herald" by Major C. Brewster, managing-director of the Fijian firm of Brown and Joske, Limited. From the progress already made he visualised an eventual output of about 500,000 cases a year, he said.

Fiji was prospering in spite of talk of world depression, Major Brewster added. Gold production was expanding. There had been a satisfactory season for sugar. Crops had been good, and there was every prospect that they would be the same next year. The copra market was depressed, but he was quite certain that it would rise again whenever reasonable prices returned for primary commodities generally.

Major Brewster, who is president of the Banana Association in Fiji, said that it had been understood that the introduction of the New Zealand Government's marketing scheme for banana imports would reduce costs of distribution. Yet, in spite of the low prices paid to the shipper in Fiji, the housewife in New Zealand still had to pay high rates for bananas. One result of the marketing scheme had been the formation of a co-operative organisation among shippers in Fiji with a view to more effective bargaining and better control of shipments.

LIFE OF ADVENTURE ENDS

Death of Jens A. Fabricius

A LIFE crowded with adventure ended with the death in New Zealand in October last of Mr. Jens A. Fabricius, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Fabricius, of Apia, Western Samoa. His remains were embalmed and taken by the "Matua" to Samoa, where they were laid to rest in the Tufulopa Cemetery, the funeral being attended by representatives of the Administration and commercial houses, and friends.

Jens Fabricius received his early education in Apia and later went to New Zealand, where he attended King's College. Returning to Samoa, he worked for a time in his father's business, P. C. Fabricius, Ltd. As a lad he was always keen on assisting on every occasion when there was a ship in port. Especially was he helpful during the civil trouble in Samoa in 1839, and was a willing worker with the British and American wounded marines at the dressing station temporarily erected opposite the present firm's premises on the beach in Apia.

No doubt all this gave him a spirit of adventure and in 1912 he left Samoa to "see the world". The next that was heard of him was that he was packing fruit in California, U.S.A. Tiring of this, he proceeded to Alaska for the salmon packing season. Later, he joined the United States Marine Corps, seeing service in the Philippines, Peking (China), and then back to Philadelphia. Trouble then broke out in the San Domingo Republic in West Indies and young Fabricius was ordered there on active service, taking part in some heavy and particularly gruesome fighting.

In 1917 he was discharged from the Marine Corps and returned home to Samoa. It was immediately apparent that

he was suffering from the effects of his experiences in San Domingo and that his mind seemed obsessed with the frightfulness of things witnessed during the short campaign. He remained in Apia but a few months, and then proceeded to New Zealand for medical attention. He had been in Auckland ever since, up to the time of his death on October 14.

The surviving members of the Fabricius family now are Mr. P. C. Fabricius (managing director of P. C. Fabricius, Ltd.), Mrs. E. Dusterdieck, and Mrs. Chas. Hellesoe, all of Apia.

Rev. R. J. Maddox, accompanied by his wife and three children, reached Sydney from Western Samoa on December 23, on six months' furlough. He is Chairman of the Methodist Mission in Samoa.

Hon. Dr. C. M. Dawson, who recently was elected a European member of the Samoa Legislative Council, reached New Zealand late in December by the "Matua" from Apia. He was on a brief holiday, recuperating after a severe bout of influenza.

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DECORATION FOR FRENCH WAR VETERANS

From Our Own Correspondent

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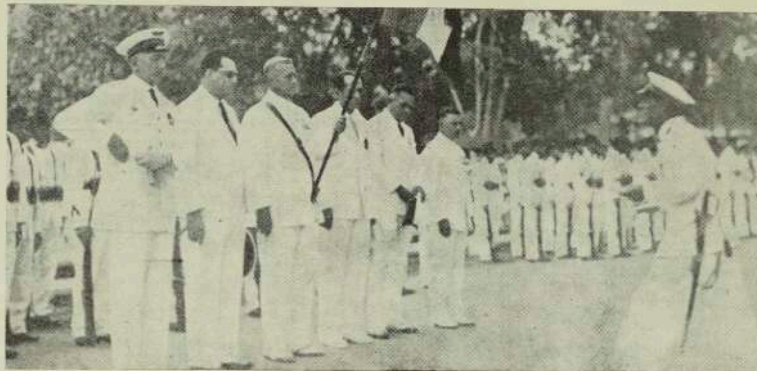
THE cenotaph at Papeete is placed in the centre of a wide avenue, leading inland from the harbour to the entrance of a beautiful valley. It is flanked on either side by ancient and stately trees.

Along its eastern border are the lawns and gardens of Government House; along

At the review of the soldiers of the garrison, after the placing of a wreath of remembrance at the Monument aux Morts by His Excellency the Governor, six veterans of the Great War were decorated with the Croix du Combattant Volontaire:

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Monsieur Ardan.
Monsieur Bohl.
Monsieur Emile Lagarde.
Monsieur Tehuitua Huioutu.
Monsieur Arihoro Paepae.

The investiture was conducted by Com-



Six French war veterans being decorated by Commander Brachet on November 11.

the western side, the substantial buildings of the Government services, erected in a far off day when such structures were built to endure. The compounds about which they stand are planted thickly with flamboyant trees—at this season of blossoming, masses of scarlet splendour.

It was in this setting that the solemn ceremonies of Armistice Day (November 11) were enacted; more solemn than usual, in this year of grace, because of the shadow which, apparently, had just passed by.

mandant Brachet, the senior officer of the military, naval and aviation services in the Colony.

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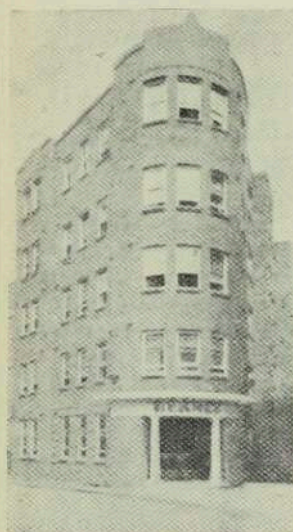
AS usual, the last issue of the New Guinea Agricultural Gazette contains a large number of articles of unusual technical value.

The Department's entomologist, Mr. John L. Froggatt, contributes articles on "Measures for Control of Coconut Tree Hopper" and "Weevil Pests of Cocoa". The artificial control of insect pests is dealt with in an article by Mr. B. A. O'Connor; while Mr. G. E. Bliss has an interesting contribution on "Local Timbers for Plantation Building", in the course of which he describes the character of the rapidly expanding timber trade in New Guinea. Mr. R. E. P. Dwyer, the Department's economic botanist has, as usual, a valuable contribution in "Coconut Improvement by Seed Selection and Plant Breeding".

If one may judge from the practical and valuable character of the contributions in the Department's magazine, one would say that the Agricultural Department of the New Guinea Administration is one of the most useful organisations of the kind in the Pacific.

Mr. Hector Wales and Mrs. Lily Hunter were married at Wau early in November by the district officer, Mr. E. Taylor. Mr. Russell Smith was groomsmen. Mr. Wales is one of the best known "old hands" of the Morobe goldfield.

Mrs. F. Stewart, proprietress of the Bulolo Hotel, Wau, arrived in Sydney by the "Bulolo" in November. She brought with her her little daughter Flora, who is to attend school in Australia.



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New Hebrides Planter's Outcry

Why Are Surplus Funds Being Spent in Vila?

Letter to the Editor

THERE are a few thousand pounds in the Condominium Treasury and our two local dictators proceed to allocate its expenditure.

Is it to be voted towards the establishment of a suitable and efficient medical service, with a hope of dealing with the alarming increase in the rate of depopulation of the natives; or for the comfort of mind and care of the white population of the Group? It is to be devoted to the creation of main roads on the various islands, and to their upkeep? Is it to be used to provide lights for the various ports and anchorages and prominent danger spots, in places outside Vila? Is it to be used for establishing schools for the white children of the Group? Is it to be used for any other useful purpose, devised so that those who supply an overwhelming proportion of the revenue should get some share and benefit from the taxes they pay—for instance, in engaging extra surveyors so as to hasten the land surveys.

No! Who thinks of such heresy? It is to be used to supply teleradios for the various District Agencies, to give Vila a water supply system and electric light, and to supply Vila and the exceedingly well-paid, comfortably housed, and not over-worked officials, with extra comforts.

Nobody doubts that Vila needs a water supply. So, also, I am sure, do hundreds of other more important centres.

The planters and traders can do without electric light, water systems or teleradio, or pay for them themselves.

The rest of the Group—and, in particular, the north—contribute directly and indirectly, nine-tenths of the revenue; that is, these districts supply the produce which pays the revenue. The natives contribute their share by their consumption of dutiable goods and the production of copra, etc.; but, for convenience, their share is included in that of the traders.

We are constantly being reminded by our well-paid and privileged officials, that we should be grateful, as we are one of the lightest-taxed people in the world. As the measure of taxation, is not the amount paid in taxes, but the benefits received in exchange, it is not difficult for us to prove we are among the most highly-taxed peoples—as, excepting the people in Vila, and the few officials outside that collection of mansions and hovels, we get absolutely no share of the money collected, and the natives less than nothing.

For ordinary administrative purposes, the centralising of authority in the hands of officials, is beyond doubt, the best system, for places like this Group, and the phases of "civilisation" found here. For the administration and allocation of finance, it is about the worst. Those who provide the money should have a voice, and a loud voice, in the way and direction the money is spent. They have been dumb, hitherto, and they are inarticulate, because it is designed that they should be inarticulate. Officials do not want outside interference regarding the supply of extra comforts and conveniences for themselves and for the centre of Government, where most of them live.

Until essential services are supplied to

the Group as a whole, and the revenue expended equitably, things like teleradio and the rest are in the category of luxuries.

Wake up, you worms. Combine and agitate, and look to your rights!

I am, etc.,

ONE OF THE WORMS.

New Hebrides, 7/12/1938.

Mr. T. W. Ellis, who has been in the Lands and Mines Department at Rabaul for 20 years, arrived in Sydney by the December "Tanda" from New Guinea to spend four months' leave in Australia.

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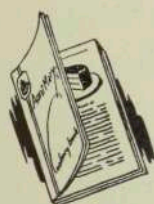
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From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Dec. 19.
AN audacious burglary was committed in the evening of December 14 at the German School at Vaimea, when during the absence of the teacher (Mr. P. Hessmann), a thief forced an entry into the locked residence and with a hammer opened a trunk where a sum of £32 in notes was kept.

Apparently the crime was committed by someone with a knowledge of the locality. Prints of bare, muddy feet found on the premises point to native Samoans as the malefactors.

Mr. Richard W. Fugle, plantation manager, Purdy Islands, Manus, died recently in New Guinea.

Vigorous Development

Policy of Government of French Oceania

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Dec. 8.
THE VEA MAOHI reports a speech made recently before the Council of Finance by His Excellency, M. Chastenet De Gery, Governor of French Oceania. He reviewed the work of the Administration and outlined a very extensive programme to increase and extend the services of the Departments of Education, Medicine, Agriculture and Public Works.

Since the beginning of the year, the services of education have been co-ord-

inated and measures adopted to increase efficiency, not only on the larger islands, but in the remote parts of the Colony.

The same is true of the medical service. Additional doctors, and general and maternity nurses are to be made available for regular service among the more distant archipelagoes. A new power schooner—the "Tamara" (now nearing completion)—is to take the place of the "Muette" (wrecked on Amanu), and smaller craft will be provided for inter-island medical inspections and services in the several groups.

The prospectus of the Department of Public Works includes a new concrete wharf at Uturoa, Raiatea (now under construction); other wharves in the Leeward Islands and in Moorea; the laying of new and the extension of old water systems in various parts of the Colony; the hard surfacing of the main road around Tahiti; new road-making, and the reconstruction and strengthening of bridges and culverts on Tahiti, Moorea and Raiatea.

The Department of Agriculture is being equipped to offer practical instruction to young people in cultivating scientifically the indigenous food plants; to conserve and extend forests; and to regulate and limit the cutting down of large trees.

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FIJI ADMINISTRATION

Two Out of Five Districts Defined

THE Colony of Fiji, in accordance with decisions made last year, has been divided into five administrative districts, known respectively as Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western and Central.

A recent gazette defines the Western and Central districts, as follows:—

Western—provinces of Lautoka, Nadi, Nadroga, and Colo West, the Tikana of Komave, the coastal islands adjacent, the Yasawa and Calolo groups, and Vatulele island. Mr. A. E. G. Howard to be Provincial Commissioner in charge, assisted by Mr. K. V. Macquire.

Central—provinces of Ba, Colo North and Ra, and coastal islands adjacent. Mr. C. V. Caldwell to be Provincial Commissioner, assisted by Mr. C. C. Legge and Mr. R. A. F. Wallis.

ISLANDS SCOUTS AT SYDNEY JAMBOREE

THE Pacific Islands were represented at the Seventh World's Scout Jamboree held at Bradfield, Sydney, in December, by native scouts from the Loyalty Islands and Nauru and by French boys from New Caledonia.

The seven broad-shouldered Loyalty natives attracted much attention—they were garbed in blue and white sarongs and wide-brimmed straw hats, and wore no shoes. The islanders were in charge of Rev. Father Benignus, of Loyalty Islands, and the whole French contingent, numbering 42, was under the command of M. Andrew Annette, assistant commissioner at scout headquarters in Paris for French colonies.

The Nauruans were a section of the young natives who are now undergoing technical training at Geelong, Victoria.

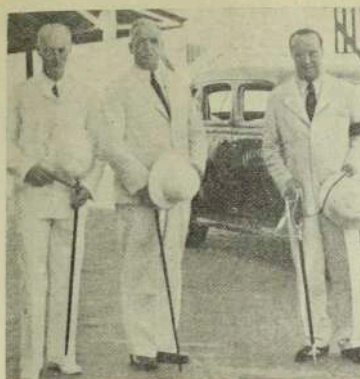
It was originally intended that a group of Fijians should attend the Jamboree, but that idea was passed over in favour of sending a contingent to the next Jamboree, which will be held in Wellington, New Zealand, at the end of this year.

FIJI COMPLAINS**Service By Shipping Line**

THE quality of the service provided by the Canadian-Australasian Steamship Line was criticised recently by the members of the Fiji Legislative Council, and the Governor of Fiji undertook to discuss the matter with the Union S.S. Co., before the contract to pay an annual subsidy of £5,000 is renewed next September.

Mr. Alport Barker introduced the subject. He pointed out that Fiji now is dependent only on the C.A. Line, the Matson Line, the "Matua" (running between Auckland and Central Pacific ports) and the cargo steamers; whereas, 20 or 30 years ago, half a dozen notable shipping lines called at Suva, and gave direct connection with Australia, as well as with Europe, America and New Zealand. Now, during certain periods of the year, it was very difficult to get passages from Suva to Auckland and Sydney; all the best accommodation was booked out before the liners reached Suva, and Fiji had to take the poorer berths that were left. He quoted an experience recently, when he was charged £75 for a return passage between Suva and Honolulu and then found, on the same ship, people travelling, also first class, between Auckland and Honolulu, for £57 return.

Mr. Barker said that this was not only a severe inconvenience to Fiji people—it represented an economic loss, as it was clear that prospective tourists would not go to Fiji owing to the doubt about get-

FIJI GOVERNOR VISITS SAMOA

In his capacity of High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, Sir Harry Luke, C.M.G., the new Governor of Fiji, visited Tonga and Western Samoa in December. He is shown in Apia, being welcomed by the Acting Administrator of Samoa, Mr. A. C. Turnbull (centre) and Chief Judge Harley (left), after landing from the "Matua".

ting suitable berths on the return trip.

Messrs. H. B. Gibson, H. H. Ragg, J. Trotter, K. B. Singh, Hasan and Vishnu Deo supported Mr. Barker's plea for better treatment by the only British shipping company now serving Fiji.

HUGE EXPENDITURE**Proposed by Fiji**

IT was announced, at the meeting of the Fiji Legislative Council in December, that the Government's financial estimates for 1939 were as follow:—

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Estimated Revenue	854,148
Estimated Expenditure	847,928
Surplus	6,220
Special Expenditure	242,459
Excess of Estimated Expenditure over Estimated Revenue to be met from Surplus Funds	236,239

The special expenditure is represented mostly by numerous public works.

All the unofficial members of the Council objected to the dispersal of the Colony's surplus funds on special expenditure, in this manner, during 1939—they urged that, at least, the special expenditure be spread over two or three years.

The Governor finally undertook to refer the point to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Captain Innes, of the P.O.D. motor vessel "Mulga", was admitted to Port Moresby hospital in December suffering from severe malaria. After a few days, as his condition had not improved, he was sent by air to Cairns, with a nurse in attendance. Latest reports are that he is on the way to recovery.



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MAN DISAPPEARS IN FIJI RIVER

AN extraordinary accident occurred on the Rewa River, in Fiji, near Suva, on December 14, as a result of which Mr. George Bright, aged 35, chief officer of the Suva Fire Brigade, lost his life.

Mr. Bright was spending the day with a friend, Mr. Dick Freeman, on the latter's launch, and Mr. Freeman was travelling along the Rewa River, buying bananas for the market. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Bright had been sitting on top of the launch, and then Mr. Freeman went below. He heard a splash and returned on deck. Mr. Bright had disappeared, the only sign of him being his hat, floating on the water nearby.

The aid of natives was enlisted, and subsequently the police were called in,

and a very thorough search of the whole locality was made; but the body of the missing man was not found until the following day, 14 miles downstream.

He apparently was a healthy man and there is nothing to show why he fell into the water. Apparently the cause of death was drowning. Mr. Bright came from Auckland and joined the Suva Fire Brigade in 1928, and became chief officer in 1930. He was well-known and highly respected, and was not married.

Mr. H. Hall, formerly of the Agricultural Department in Western Australia, arrived in Suva by the December "Niagara" to join the Fiji Civil Service as veterinary officer.

Mr. P. Oates reached Sydney from Bulolo, New Guinea, where he is employed by B.G.D. Ltd., by the motorship "Bulolo", on December 19.

Five Generations of Fijians



THIS photograph of five generations of one family, resident at Tokou, near Levuka, Ovalau, Fiji, indicates that there is no decadence here (writes Mr. J. A. Sword).

The photo. was taken at Loreto Mission Station a few months ago, very shortly before the decease of the oldest of the group—who was 82 years of age at the time of her death.

The parties represented are:—Left front—Irena (aged 82 years); right front—Mario (great grand-daughter of Irena, with Irena's great-great grand-son in her arm); back right—Akeneta (daughter of Irena); back left—Serafina (grand-daughter of Irena).

The island of Ovalau, and particularly Levuka, is recognised as the most healthy place in Fiji, and this may in some measure account for such a healthy group of matrons.

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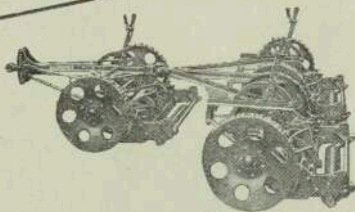
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NEW HEBRIDES WEDDING

CCARRYING a shower bouquet of frangipanni, and wearing a softly fitting gown of off-white chiffon velvet and silver lame, with her exquisite veil of hand-made lace (which is a family heirloom), Miss Ida Russell Malone, of Boort, Victoria, made a charming bride for her marriage to Mr. Donald Wilkinson, of Tanna, New Hebrides.

Miss Malone was attended by Miss Maude Rankine, Matron of the Paton Hospital Vila, who wore a frock of ice-blue satin with a redingote of tulle to tone, and carried a bouquet of deep pink roses.

The ceremony, which was conducted by Rev. H. M. Bell, of Whitesands, assisted by Dr. W. Armstrong, of Lenakel, was celebrated in the Presbyterian Church at Lenakel.

After the service Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong entertained the wedding party and a few intimate friends at the Mission House.

Escape to the South Sea Islands

How to Live Happily in a Tropical Paradise on \$50 a Month, for Two

Condensed from an article in "The American Mercury" by Phillip Aquila Kempster.

I SHOULD like to be on a liner ploughing southwest through the Pacific. As the water became a more and more brilliant blue each day, as the smooth trade wind became warmer, I should be filled with an inner content.

I should feel, despite the fact that my native city lay half a world behind, that I was coming home.

The legend of the South Seas has persisted for generations. Almost everyone has been touched by the alluring vision of an island paradise, particularly when modern life becomes most oppressive. It is strange that only the merest handful have realised their dream. But there have been a few . . .

Some time ago, my wife and I decided that we weren't getting as much out of life as we should, so we packed up and followed the sun. We lived for nearly two years on the island of Moorea, 12 miles across the channel from Tahiti. Our home, which we rented for \$6 a month, was in a setting of exquisite beauty—green mountains towering at our back, coconut palms around the house, and a stretch of white sand and turquoise water in front.

The house consisted of one large room, about 30 feet by 20, built off the ground on stilts. There was a little verandah in front, facing the beach, with overhanging eaves of palm thatch. The walls were plank for three feet, and above that, young bamboo reeds through which sunlight and fresh air filtered constantly.

We partitioned off the place with curtains. From packing cases we built bookcases, shelves, etc. Two beds, a table, a few odd chairs, a gasoline lamp and a secondhand oil stove about completed the furnishings. The lot didn't cost more than \$30.

We lived in what would probably be called a primitive style, but I wonder if you in the big cities, and you who are hard put to it to make ends meet in rural areas, are, despite the conveniences of your so-called civilisation, any happier. In our island home we had just about everything we wanted, and we spent no more than \$35 a month after the first month. They were the happiest two years we have ever known.

There is just one catch to pulling up stakes and coming to these French-owned islands—you can't make a living down there. Therefore, your first requisite is a certain amount of cash or an assured income. But dollars stretch a long way, with the franc so cheap. Your greatest outlay will be steamer fare. The French authorities insist that you either have a return ticket or deposit \$90 when you land—to be returned when you leave. This is insurance against the islands being overrun with penniless beachcombers.

When you arrive in Papeete (a sleepy little French village of about 4,000 souls) you will probably go to a hotel for a week until you get your bearings. A comfortable room will cost 60 cents a day. In a week you'll meet most of the foreigners worth knowing and hear all about the rest. You probably will solve

the transportation problem by purchasing a secondhand bicycle for \$10.

Meals at the hotel cost about 40 cents, but you can get good meals at the Chinese restaurants for 20. Your breakfast, consisting of coffee, rolls, butter and fruit, will cost about 6 cents.

The early morning open-air market will be a revelation to you. Natives and Chinese travel all night, bringing their produce for sale. The fishermen display a rare assortment, from the large meaty food fish, to octopus, and a sort of sea-centipede which looks horrible but is a delicacy to the Chinese.

Out in the country, where it is cooler, and rents less expensive than in town, you probably will pay 10 or 12 dollars a month for a house in which you can live

comfortably. It will be fairly well furnished in simple style. Water will be piped from a mountain stream to a shower bath and the kitchen sink. There will be an outhouse in the rear.

You need not become accustomed to strange foods. You can get pretty much the same as you're used to at home. Meat and ice will be delivered at your door every other day. From a nearby Chinese gardener you can buy for 10 francs enough vegetables for a week. Tropical fruits cost next to nothing. Avocados, mangos, papayas, bananas, oranges and breadfruit are plentiful.

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Your house will be only a stone's throw from the sea, and the swimming in the

lagoon is as fine as any in the world. The waters teem with game fish. You can catch them with hook and line or get a pair of goggles and a spear and go out with the natives. There's a knack to it that way, but you'll have a lot of fun learning.

All this can be yours at a cost of \$50 a month—for two. If you are single, you can get by on \$35. If you have a bit more money you can rent a furnished house with two or three bedrooms, fancy plumbing, electric lighting and all modern conveniences in Tahiti for \$40 a month.

The Polynesian natives are a lovable, charming, if somewhat decadent people. Treat them right and they are your friends for life. Their ways may be different from yours but—look around and see which is happier.

Language will be no obstacle. Much English is spoken, and you'll soon pick up enough French and Tahitian words to get by. Practically all the storekeepers speak a little English and you will learn quickly to bargain with the Chinese in a pidgin dialect.

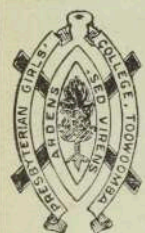
You will not find much night life along the unpaved streets of Papeete. You can go to the one motion-picture house for a couple of francs and see films of yesterday, resurrected to delight the Polynesian audience. Boxing programmes and horse races are staged frequently. On your \$50 a month you will be able to enjoy these little luxuries.

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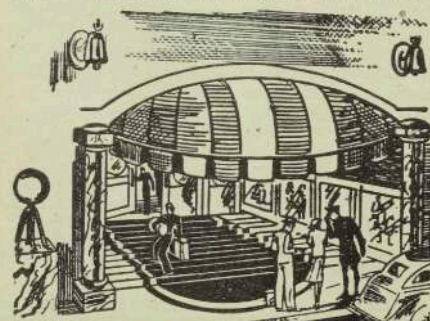
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THREE men left Honolulu at Christmas in a modernised 100-year-old Samoan canoe for what is described as the white man's first attempt to make a trans-Pacific outrigger canoe trip. They are:

U. A. Woodbury, of Elsinore, California; Don Hall, of Long Beach, California; and Charles Kern, of Providence, Rhode Island. They believe that they can sail from Honolulu to Pago Pago, American Samoa, 2,000 miles, in 20 days.

The sides of the 32ft. canoe have been built up and the hull strengthened by metal ribs and transverse rods. A keel has been added. The outrigger is a galvanised iron case, containing a supply of fresh water.

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Father Gerard Tigreler, a new recruit for the Marist Mission, sailed from Sydney for Tulagi, British Solomon Islands, by the "Malaita" on January 7.

OPENING OF NEW L.M.S. CHURCH ON NAURU

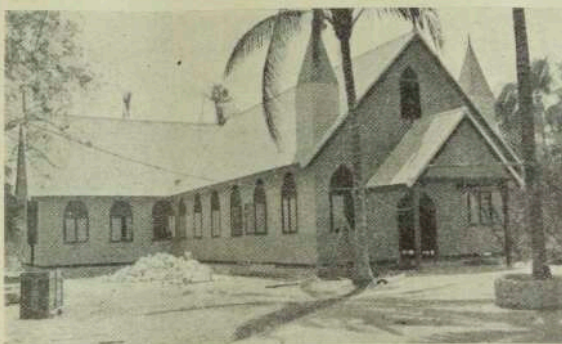
ON Sunday, December 11, there took place on Nauru the opening and dedication of the new Nauruan Protestant Church, under the auspices of the London Missionary Society. The Mission ship, "John Williams V", had arrived on the previous Friday, with Rev. G. H. Eastman (Beru), Rev. J. H. Spivey (Abaiang) and some Gilbertese teachers and boys from the neighbouring islands.

The most historic figure was Timoteo Tabwia, who is 82 years of age, and was the first man to bring the Christian message to the shores of Nauru. Last year a monument was erected on the site of his landing to commemorate the Jubilee.

All Nauruan Protestants were present, together with a large muster of Europeans. His Honour the Administrator and Mrs. Chalmers attended, with the staff of the Administration. The British Phosphate Commissioners were represented by the Nauru manager and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bott), and the assistant manager and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. Kirk).

After appropriate sentences had been read by the presiding Minister (Rev. Clifford L. Welch, resident in Nauru),

Rev. G. H. Eastman received the key from John Harris and led the old man Tabwia to turn the key in the lock, and open the doors. Then followed the dedication service at which Rev. G. H. Eastman preached. A statement was made by Senior Head Teacher J. Aroi in English, and in Nauruan by Head Chief T. Detudamo. They said how much the Nauruans had appreciated the assistance



Nauru's new Protestant Church, opened in December.

which had been so gladly given by Mr. A. Harold Gaze (General Manager of the British Phosphate Commissioners at Melbourne office) and the Nauru manager, Mr. W. V. Bott, the assistant manager, Mr. R. B. Kirk, and during his absence on furlough, Mr. W. Allen. The B.P.C. carpenter (Mr. Ward) had super-

vised the main structure, and carried out his contract faithfully and enthusiastically. All the B.P.C. staff had shown willingness to give of their time and knowledge to help, where such help had been needed. The sympathy of the Administration was greatly appreciated in the freeing of John Harris (carpenter) to work on the building with the assistance of 12 others.

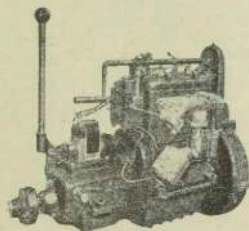
A feature of the church is the stained glass windows over the altar, which were designed by Mr. W. Frater, of Yencken and Co., Melbourne. The local scenery is adapted to the design which has native birds, flowers and people drawn from photographs.

The building has cost in the neighbourhood of £3,500, raised on Nauru by the people.

WEDDING IN RABAUL

MISS JEAN BIGNELL, daughter of Mrs. Charles R. Bignell, licensee of the Hotel Rabaul, was married on January 5, in Rabaul, to Mr. Dudley L. Roberts, at the Methodist Church. Miss Jean Bignell, a pretty and charming girl, accompanied her mother to Rabaul when the latter took over the Hotel Rabaul in 1937. Mrs. Bignell and her two daughters, Margaret and Jean, previously had lived in the Solomon Islands, where the family still are the owners of a coconut plantation.

Mr. S. D. Anderson, accountant of the Kavieng branch of W. R. Carpenter and Co. Ltd., arrived in Sydney by the December "Bulolo", and proceeded to Victoria and, later, Tasmania, to spend three months' furlough.

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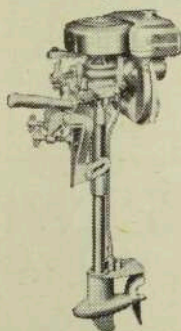
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Mrs. Roger Greene, wife of the accountant of the British Phosphate Commission at Ocean Island, was killed recently in a motor accident at Narrabri, N.S.W. She was formerly Miss Isobel Irwin, and before her marriage was matron of the hospital at Ocean Island and was previously in New Guinea. Mr. Greene's family is well-known throughout the Central Pacific—his father was secretary to the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (Sir Cecil Hunter Rodwell) some 15 years ago, and his brother, Mr. T. A. Greene, is serving now in the Western Pacific High Commission.

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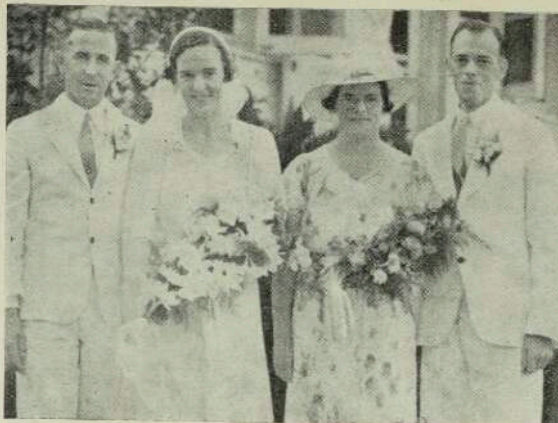
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PRETTY WEDDING IN SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent



Mr. and the late Mrs. S. Clendon, of Wellington, N.Z., was married to John, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. C. Walker, Pahlutua, of New Zealand.

The bride is a member of the teaching staff of Ifi Ifi Government School, Apia, while the bridegroom is on the Custom House staff of the Administration.

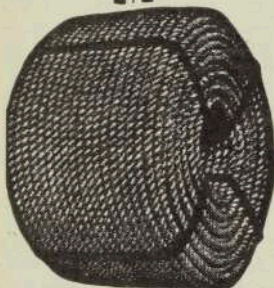
The wedding reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malone, of Valala, and the young couple left shortly afterwards on the "Matua" to spend their honeymoon in N.Z.

The wedding group, from left to right, shows: Mr. Walker (bridegroom), Miss Clendon (bride), Miss Aitken (bridesmaid), Mr. Clark (best man). Photo is by A. P. McFarland.

APIA, Dec. 20.
A QUIET, pretty wedding was solemnised by the Rev. H. S. Perkins at the L.M.S. Church, Apia, on December 12, when Nancy Claire, daughter of

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TENI HURI IS DELAYED

From Our Own Correspondent

HONOLULU, Dec. 12.
IN "P.I.M." for October, it was reported that Teni Huri, a youth from the village of Takaroa in the Tuamotus, was leaving here with ping-pong sets to compete with Uawana, who runs a billiards table which is a favourite with the Takaroans.

Teni Huri duly set off in September, with the Northrup Castles, Honolulu folks who own the cutter "Laila". They visited Washington, Palmyra, Fanning and Christmas Islands. While at Christmas the Castles received bad news from home by radio, so they were forced back to Honolulu, and abandoned their plans for a prolonged tour of the South Seas (as reported in October "P.I.M.", also).

Teni Huri remained at Christmas Island, where he will await the call of a copra schooner that periodically comes from Tahiti. This is only delaying the agony of Uawana. Teni still has the ping-pong sets, and is protecting them jealously. He won't be happy until he has cleaned up in Takaroa!

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American Yacht "Malabar"

From Our Own Correspondent

TRAGEDY and misfortune have followed the U.S. yacht "Malabar", of Los Angeles, since she entered the seas of French Oceania in September.

On her voyage south, one of the sons of the owner was drowned in the most tragic of accidents.

After remaining some weeks at Papeete, the "Malabar" departed for Honolulu by way of the Tuamotu Islands. At sunset, November 18, when about ten miles north of north-west of Kaukura, the vessel was overtaken by a dead calm.

The sea currents among the Tuamotu atolls are strong and rapid. One of these laid hold of the "Malabar" and carried her toward Kaukura. With no wind, her sails were useless; and, as so often happens in a crisis of this kind, the auxiliary motor failed.

At 4.30 a.m. the yacht—notwithstanding every effort to keep her off—was carried into the surf and thrown on the reef of the isle Vehi Vehi. By rare good fortune all on board got safely ashore.

Like many of the atolls of the Tuamotu, Kaukura is not a continuous circle of land, but a chain of islets of various sizes set along the course of the reef. Vehi Vehi is one of these. It is uninhabited, and distant about 18 miles from the main settlement.

Apparently, no one at the village knew of the wreck until November 23. The "Malabar" party had, therefore, to make camp with such materials they could gather together, until they were rescued and carried to the main island. Stormy weather prevented departure until December 1. The only vessel available was a small cutter used heretofore only to navigate the waters of the lagoon.

The "Malabar" party, impatient to get away, took the chance of sailing on this tiny craft, and arrived safely at Papeete on December 4.

FOUR DEATHS IN FIVE DAYS
Well-known Morobe Mining Men

From Our Own Correspondent.

DEATH has been busy in the Morobe District, New Guinea, and reaped a harvest of four well-known mining men, who all died within a few days of each other.

Mr. Russell Valentine Wilde, who had been prospecting in the Territory for many years, contracted blackwater fever on the Watut and died in Wau on December 12, despite valiant efforts by Dr. Giblin and Dr. McKenna and volunteers who offered themselves for blood transfusions. Known everywhere in Morobe as "Russ", he arrived in New Guinea in 1929, and for a time was with the Administration. He served in the Great War as a sergeant in the Australian 8th Battalion and was awarded the Military Medal. His funeral was attended by the largest assembly of mourners yet seen in Wau.

On December 14, Mr. Wilfred Schultz, a member of the staff of New Guinea in the Australian 18th Battalion and was buried the same day. He was a Yorkshireman, and his twin brother is also employed by N.G.G., Ltd.

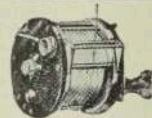
The following day, Mr. William ("Farmer") Brown, who had been in New

Guinea for over 12 years, died in Wau hospital. In the early days of the Morobe goldfield, he was associated with the "Big Six", and regularly made the overland journey from Salamaua to Edie Creek with their carriers. Recently he was working with Mr. Fred Smith, mining on the Bulolo, after having spent several years on the Watut. Mr. Brown was 51 years of age.

Mr. Frank L. Lovegreen, of Bulolo Gold Dredging, Ltd., met a tragic death on December 16, while waiting in a truck

at Bulwa. A huge tree suddenly crashed down without warning and fell on top of him. A companion who was sitting beside Mr. Lovegreen was not touched.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johns arrived in Sydney from Salamaua, New Guinea, by the December "Bulolo". They will spend three months' furlough in Sydney before returning to the Morobe goldfield, where Mr. Johns is employed by B.G.D. Ltd.

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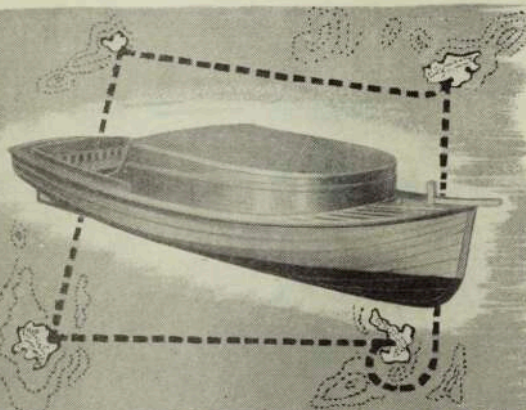
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P.I.M.

Mrs. F. Leetch, of Milne Bay, arrived in Sydney from Papua by the last "Macdhui", accompanied by her two children, Eric and Geoffrey. They will spend six months in Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Howell, Seventh Day Adventist Missionaries, who have just completed eight years' service at Vailala, Papua, arrived in Australia by the "Macdhui" early in January, with their two small children, Barrie and Glen. After a short holiday at Wahroonga, N.S.W., they will leave for New Zealand.

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From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Dec. 8.

MR. WILLIAM B. LEEDS, of New York, who is visiting Tahiti on board his yacht, "Moana", has given a handsome sum to the leper station at Urufara.

When Mr. Leeds first visited the island, about ten years ago, he became deeply interested in the leper colony. On his departure he arranged with the proprietor of the local cinema theatre to exhibit, at regular and frequent intervals, the latest pictures in the assembly hall of the leper station, and has provided funds for this service ever since. It is reported that he is about to have installed in the assembly hall an apparatus for exhibiting talking pictures.

The leper station, unlike most of those in other island archipelagoes, is not situated on a separate island, but in a beautiful valley in the district of Mahina on Tahiti itself. Though isolated, it is easily accessible for the relatives and friends of the patients.

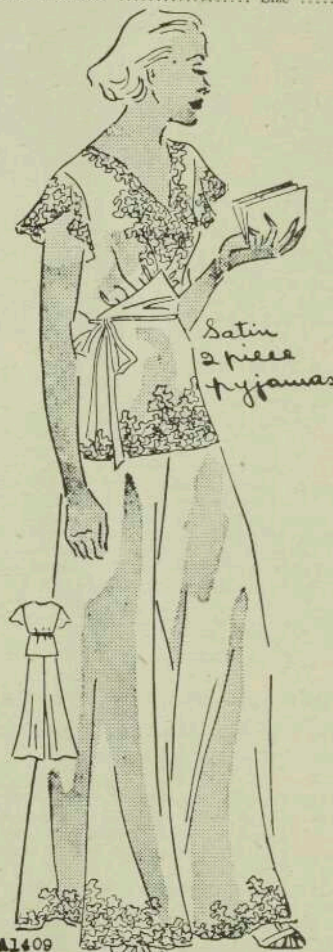
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Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Karius, of Kikori, Papua, arrived by plane in Sydney on January 7. Mr. Karius is a magistrate at Kikori, and he and his wife plan to spend a month in Sydney before leaving on a tour of the East.

Miss Joan Love, of Melbourne, formerly of Papua, returned to Australia, by the January "Macdhui", after spending a holiday at Gili Gili plantation, Eastern Papua, which was originally her home.

Fashion Hints for Islands Women

By Therese

THE passion for wide hats, slender outlines and modern contours continues unabated and the Edwardian story is modernised to suit the times.

While summer persists, virginal cottons will take the place of silks and you will go forth in the evening clad in tier upon tier of Nottingham lace. Sweet simplicity is the keynote and is expressed charmingly in summer field flowers growing madly on a white background of cotton material. It makes the most delightful frock for festive hours and since cotton is the dernier cri for every occasion success is assured.

Bits and pieces are important again. Eyes sparkle under the fancy forward tilt of a befeathered Edwardian hat. The ostrich feather boa is to match. How quaint to see its return! In true Edwardian manner a flower is attached to a slender ribbon and worn at the throat. All this, of course, goes with the new upward coiffure, without which one hardly dares face the light of day. The hair is piled deliciously off the brow, and off the ears, accentuating the charming oval of your face.

SLEEK dresses and sleeker suits are for all day time occasions; but there is a feminine air about them. Blues and pinks, violets and petuna merge and blend. Lovely real flowers are worn with them whenever possible.

White is news for day and night, since the Queen has set her approval on it. For day, touch it with colour—blue, scarlet and even black; and for night choose the softer colours, always wearing flowers—old fashioned prim bunches or large clusters.

Blouses for evening are foolish, lovely fripperies made of ribbon and strips of tulle, multi-shaded and draped enchantingly. Lace, too, is used and when black lace goes over pink it becomes completely devastating. Lace is popular also, and the skirts with which it is worn are slender.

Day blouses, of course, are different. They are made with tiny box pleats set in rounded yokes, or gathered fully and several varieties of collars are sported.

THE bouffant skirt for evening vies with the slender silhouette in popularity, and if you are slim you can wear the bouffant styles with great success. They may be hooped, or of such stiff material that they will stand out unaided. With the full skirts go drop shoulders and tight little bodices cut with deep or low strapped décolletages and with these frocks all the Edwardian accessories are worn as a matter of course—flowers, lace mittens, and, let it be whispered, "even shawls". If you are slender and still a trifle scared of this style choose a figure moulding gown that makes you as slim as a column.

Lace is delightfully on the up-grade. Lace frocks are always useful, especially when travelling, as nothing packs quite so easily and comes out so fresh and uncrushed as this lovely material, which is presented in the most exquisite designs. Lace is right for every occasion, which is but another of the many good reasons why at least one lace frock should be included in your wardrobe.

The mixing of materials gives scope for ingenuity. There's really nothing that can't be put together—colour and

plain, print and plain, and so on. Plain dresses have flower printed sleeves, and printed yokes are added to plain frocks, which is a very happy state of affairs altogether.

Spots and stripes take their place in the scheme of things and even spots and stripes are blended so cleverly that the unusual is readily accepted and appreciated. A spotted afternoon frock has a striped coat; but a wiser plan is to line your coat with the spotted material. It makes a grand effect. Spots and stripes for trimming on plain frocks are exceedingly chic—cuffs and collars and even revers are treated in this fashion.

JACKETS are in wider variety than ever. Mid-thigh length is the newest and they are perfectly straight; and worn over pleated skirts. Hip-length cut-aways are worn over contrasting skirts and blouses. Coats, the length of a man's lounge suit coat, have deep lapels and are fastened with one link or button. Plain jackets are worn with striped frocks and vice versa.

Hats are in all varieties, some so small they can scarcely be seen and when seen are scarcely to be believed; others are almost as wide as a cart-wheel. The discriminating choice lies mid-way. Some shapes are flat as pancakes or you may choose sailors, wide or narrow, or modern Dolly Vardens



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Miss H. Warner was a passenger on the last "Macdhui" for Rabaul, New Guinea, to spend holidays after attending school in Australia.



Mrs. E. M. Turner, of Salamaua, New Guinea, sailed for the Mandated Territory by the December "Macdhui", after spending some time in Sydney.



Mrs. A. M. Patterson, of Rabaul, departed from Sydney recently by the "Macdhui" for N.G., after a short holiday in Australia.



Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Paton, of the Presbyterian Mission, Ambrim, New Hebrides, are at present spending furlough in Melbourne. They will later visit Tasmania.

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PRO-JAPAN

Former Union Leader Pleads Case
for Invader of China

THE pro-Japanese and, inferentially, anti-British character of "The Sino-Japanese Conflict", a small book just published by Messrs. Angus and Robertson, Ltd., Sydney (3/6), arouses a host of interesting speculations, when it is noted that the author is Tom Walsh, who was for many years a Labour official of extreme views, connected with the Australian Seamen's Union.

A Sydney knight, whose knowledge of international affairs cannot be treated with respect, says in a foreword that the author has sought "to present an accurate and unbiased picture of the relations of China and Japan with the Powers". Actually, he has presented, simply and effectively, the case for Japan. It may be accurate, but it is certainly not unbiased. Having seen a good deal of the childish rubbish issued as propaganda from the Japanese Consulate in Sydney, in support of Japan—offered, naively, as a serious attempt to clarify a confused situation—we should not be surprised to learn that this author has been in frequent consultation with Japanese officialdom. There are the same earmarks.

Of course, there is an excellent case for Japan. The Japanese, in China, were attacked savagely, and frequently, and murderously, by the undisciplined Chinese. In the areas under Chinese control, there often were lawlessness, stagnation and disorder. In those parts of China where Japan rules, there are orderliness, cleanliness and security. The Japanese, under intense provocation in China, displayed great restraint, and usually avoided giving offence to Europeans. Mr. Walsh devotes 100 pages to proving all these things, which few dispute; and he concludes:

"To those who look upon a legalistic solution of human relationships; it may be possible to prove Japan technically in the wrong; but it is impossible to do so on the higher plane of morality and humanity. On moral grounds, China can no more be left to herself than India or Africa could, once the Europeans intruded".

The latter claim, of course, is entirely a matter of opinion. China, in recent years, was being welded slowly into a united nation. The process may need another century; but surely the Chinese, like any other race, are entitled to self-determination. One may not blame them if, feeling the strangling grip of Japan upon them, they fell furiously upon the Japanese, wherever they found them.

The main—and, in fact, the whole—point is that Japan is the invader of China. Japan has been trying, for long years, to get control of the Chinese Empire; has already gobbled up Manchukuo and the Northern Provinces, and made of them a close preserve for Japanese people and institutions; and, finding her slow, smothering penetration sporadically resisted by Chinese nationalism, in July, 1937, she suddenly threw the whole of her military strength against China. Japan is trying to get her merciless boot upon the neck of the Chinese nation; and the sympathy of the whole world goes naturally to the Chinese, who have put up such a remarkable resistance.

Mr. Walsh argues apparently that Japan has some racial or cultural or inherent right to go in and conquer China, and control that nation for the

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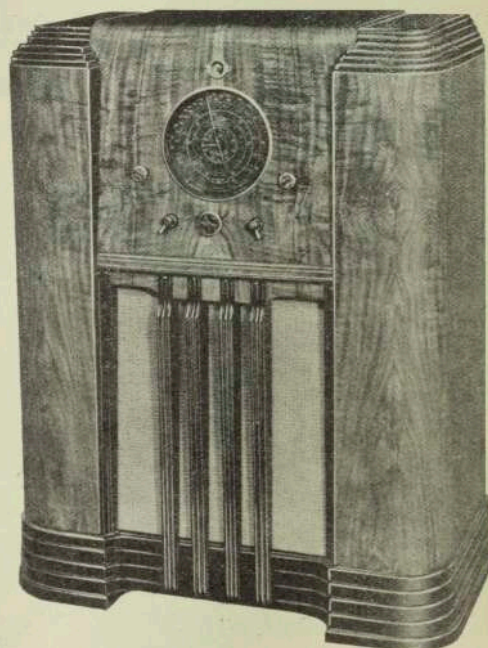
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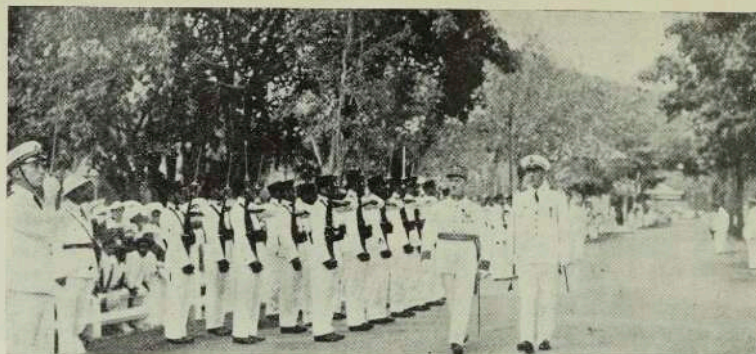
Well, Mr. Walsh argues alone. We agree with all the nice things he says about the Japanese; but there is not one word in the book to alter our belief that Japan's invasion of China is an international crime, and that Japan's domination of China is only another step forward in her plan to dominate the Pacific—to the exclusion of all European races and institutions, including Mr. Walsh.—R.

Mr. G. A. Joy, British Resident Commissioner in the New Hebrides Condominium, will depart on long leave early in 1939.

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Monsieur Chastenet de Gery, Governor of French Oceania, reviewing the troops of the garrison at Papeete on Armistice Day (November 11, 1938).

Rev. E. Clarke, of Scone, N.S.W., has joined the New Guinea Mission.

PT. MORESBY "MARYS" TRY SHOP-LIFTING

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Jan. 6. SHOP-LIFTING is a comparatively new industry in Port Moresby; and the efforts in that direction of two dark-skinned ladies of Poreporena, last week, were not very successful. Whether they had heard of the shopping methods of some of their white sisters in London or Sydney, or whether their procedure was the outcome of a widespread feminine instinct, was not made clear.

They attended a sale at one of the smaller stores in the town, one carrying a large umbrella which was closed but not rolled, and the other a wide-mouthed bag.

In the crowded store their quiet movements might well have escaped notice; and, from the lavish array of goods displayed for sale, the few trifles that they dropped unobtrusively into bag and umbrella might not have been missed.

But the eyes of Commerce are keen, in these competitive days; and on the following Thursday the enterprising pair found themselves facing an unsympathetic Magistrate. Not only were the fruits of their industry torn from them, but they were also fined 2/6 each, with the alternative of seven days.

GERMANS IN NEW GUINEA

SCARE-HEAD reports, in a section of the Australian press, that Nazi activities were causing embarrassment to the Administration of New Guinea, are flatly denied by the officials, and by responsible residents of the Territory. It is stated that the Germans in New Guinea have behaved with tact and discretion.

The Australian Minister in charge of Territories stated that in 1936-37 only 101 Germans arrived in New Guinea and 137 departed. In 1922-23, 267 Germans arrived and 159 departed. In 1937-38, the total number of German residents of New Guinea was 473, of whom 412 were missionaries. He added that, in view of the relation between the churches and the Nazi authorities the fact that so many of the German residents of New Guinea were missionaries was a clear indication of the unreliability of statements about Nazi activity.

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MINING NEWS

From Fiji

EMPEROR MINES, LTD.

THE manager of Emperor Mines, Ltd., Tavua, Fiji, reported on December 30:—

	Four weeks ended			
	Nov. 2.	Nov. 30.	Dec. 28.	
Ore treated, tons	13,183	13,085	11,854	
Head value, dwt.	6.81	6.9	6.8	
Gold, oz. fine	4,109.4	4,110	3,744	
Residues, dwt.	0.5	0.53	0.47	

New mill head value 6.8 dwt. per ton. Pilot plant head value 0.47 dwt. per ton. New mill residues 0.47 dwt. per ton. Concentrates from pilot plant estimated to contain 10.5 oz. fine gold stored for further treatment.

Plant closed three days for Christmas holidays and two days owing to severe storm.

LOLOMA (FIJI) GOLD MINES, N.I.

Loloma production for the last three clean-ups has been:—

	Nov. 2.	*Nov. 30.	†Dec. 28.
Mill ran, hours	624	618	483
Ore treated, tons	2,125	2,115	1,655
Head value, dwt.	28.41	28.51	28.32
Gold, fine oz.	2,852	2,944	2,240
Dwt. a ton	26.84	26.9	27.1
Silver, fine oz.	663	654	491
Residues assay, dwt.	1.57	1.62	1.25

*Flotation plant started last week, residue values slightly higher owing to disorganisation in plant caused by strike. †Plant closed down Dec. 23 for overhaul and installation new conveyor.

MT. KASI MINES, LIMITED.

Yields from the Mount Kasi Mine, Vanua Levu, Fiji, for the past four months, are compared in the following table:—

	Oct. 5.	Nov. 2.	Nov. 30.	Dec. 28.
Ore, tons	2,778	3,318	3,272	2,909
Gold, fine oz.	662	695	671	636
Value (£A)	5,792	6,081	5,871	5,565

From New Guinea

SUNSHINE GOLD DEVELOPMENT, LTD.

THERE are at least 15 years of profitable life to the company, and this term will probably be extended by further acquisition of other areas, said the chairman of Sunshine Gold Development, Ltd. (Mr. F. W. Torrington), at the annual meeting in Sydney on December 21. We are about to sluice a considerable quantity of overburden, preparatory to opening out a new paddock to the east of the present workings. This overburden is comparatively poor, richer values lying at depth, but this is the most economical method of attack. While we do not, therefore, expect large yields during the early stages of this work, subsequent returns should even up the average, he added.

Additional pipes will be carried across a new suspension bridge to open up the western area of the property. The manufacture of the pipes will be put in hand immediately and should be delivered in about March next. When this work is completed the scope of operations will be greatly extended and will result in benefit to the company.

December clean-up resulted in 451 oz.; six days' work was lost owing to repairs to race.

BULOLO GOLD DREDGING, LTD.

Production of the Bulolo Gold Dredging Co.'s dredges in New Guinea from September to November last was:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Cubic yards	1,138,000	1,260,000	1,210,000
Bullion, oz.	15,271	19,547	20,491
Gold, fine, oz.	10,537	13,487	14,139

VALUE—

Aust. currency*	£92,199	£118,011	£123,716
Working profit	£63,875	£77,192	£82,609

*At £A8/15/- per fine ounce.

No. 2 dredge was digging in low values throughout September to reach a new location.

SANDY CREEK GOLD SLUICING, LTD.

The mine manager of Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing, Ltd., New Guinea, reported early in January that recent yields compared as follows:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Cubic yards	19,644	16,073	19,154	17,206
Gold, oz.	339	368	445	486
Per cubic yard	2/9	3/5½	3/6	4/2¾
Working cost	1/0½	1/2½	1/3	1/4½

NEW GUINEA GOLDFIELDS, LTD.

Shareholders in New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd., at the annual meeting in Sydney on December 22, were told by the chairman (Mr. J. Kruttschnitt) that the most important feature of the alluvial operations of the company was the progress made with plans for actively working the Wau or Koranga alluvials and the Kaili 4 lease on the Bulolo River.

Completion of an equitable working agreement with Koranga Gold Sluicing Co., he said, ensured the efficient and economic exploitation of the overlapping holdings of both Co.'s. Through the purchase of the assets of the Bulolo Gold Deposits, Ltd., the Co. acquired the volume of water necessary for working the Koranga area alluvials on a large scale.

No new ore in measurable quantities was exposed in the Edie section, Mr. Kruttschnitt said, but what appeared to be a new vein at a point where a landslide had occurred was discovered. The position at Upper Ridges, including Anderson's Creek, was more encouraging than a year ago.

In addition to reserves estimated at 43,000 tons, averaging 0.43 oz. gold, prospective tonnage in addition was estimated at 50,000 tons of slightly lower grade.

The last production report issued on December 19 showed:—

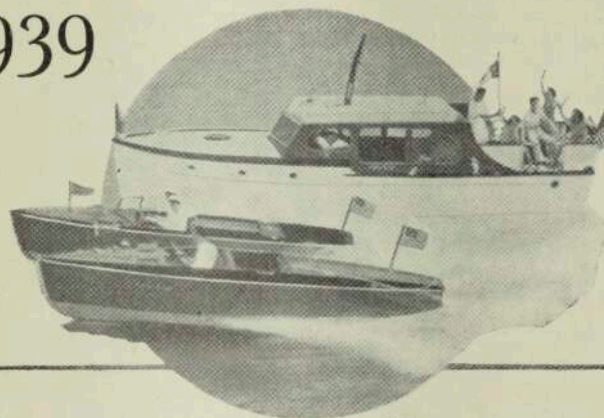
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Alluvial—			
Pine gold, oz.	785	863	849
Pine silver, oz.	572	636	612
Edie Creek Mill—			
Pine gold, oz.	1162	870	1129
Pine silver, oz.	3734	3781	4679
Golden Ridge Mill—			
Pine gold, oz.	401	554	879
Pine silver, oz.	542	647	928
Alluvial profit	£2391	£2957	£2633
Edie Creek profit	£3071	£743	£3257
Gold Ridge loss	£300	£222	—
Gold Ridge profit	—	—	£1302

BULOLO GOLD DEPOSITS, LTD.

As soon as the transfer of the leases has been completed, Bulolo Gold Deposits, Ltd., will receive £21,300 in cash for the sale of its New Guinea assets to New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd. When the deal has been settled finally, shareholders will be called together to express their views on the future of the company.

After providing £222 for depreciation, a loss of £1,251 is shown for the year ended June 30.

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and a credit balance of £580 brought forward is converted to a debit of £671 carried forward. The net value of gold won from the Bulolo Terraces, Morobe Alluvials, and Morobe Deposits properties was £6,873, and mine expenditure was £7,129. From June 30 to November 3, when

the properties were handed over the treatment of 47,300 cubic yards yielded 641.05 oz. gold, of a net value of £2,933. Cash items at June 30 were £722.

PLACER DEVELOPMENT LTD.

Placer Development, Ltd., showed a profit of 956,493 dollars (£A.251,709) for the year ended April 30, 1938, after providing for income tax and 101,488 dollars for property inspection and testing expenses. Dividends absorbed 876,000 dollars, leaving a credit balance in profit and loss of 1,309,574 dollars, as against 1,229,081 dollars at the beginning of the year. The Co.'s major shareholdings are a 30 per cent. interest in Bulolo Gold Dredging, Ltd. (New Guinea); 41 per cent. in Asnazu Gold Dredging, Ltd.; 35.93 per cent. in Pato Consolidated Gold Dredging, Ltd.; 64 per cent. in Rutherglen Gold Dumps, Ltd., and 83.33 per cent. in Gold Dumps, Proprietary, Ltd.

From Papua

OIL SEARCH LTD.

THE directors of Oil Search Ltd., believe that the recent formation of Australasian Petroleum Pty., Ltd., means that the search for oil in Papua and New Guinea will be pursued without interruption until finally is reached. In their annual report they refer to the formation of Australasian Petroleum to acquire the interests of Oil Search, Ltd. The shareholders are, indirectly in each case, Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., Ltd., Standard Vacuum Oil Co., and Oil Search. In the event of Oil Search, being invited to subscribe additional capital in Australasian Petroleum, the directors of Oil Search, Ltd., believe that shareholders of Oil Search would be glad of the opportunity of supporting the company.

Expenditure of Oil Search, Ltd., during the

year ended June 30 amounted to £36,788. Administration account now stands at £58,374, and field operation account at £118,013. Current assets are £29,989. Licences and concessions are valued at £100,000. Creditors are owed £2,410. Paid-up capital is £331,809, including £100,000 of vendor shares.

YODDA GOLDFIELDS, LTD.

The management of Yodda Goldfields, Ltd., Papua, reported early in January that the yield for December was 62 oz. 3 dwt. gold.

CUTHBERT'S MISIMA GOLDMINE, LTD.

Figures for the monthly clean-up on December 23 from Cuthbert's mine on Misima Island, Eastern Papua, compare with the previous two months as follows:—

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Treated, tons	2,895	2,900	2,905
Bullion, oz.	2,575	2,609	2,850
Gold, fine oz.	782	799	779.5
Silver, fine oz.	1,723	1,738	1,987
Est. value at £A8 ..	£6,345	£6,493	£6,354
Value per ton	43/10	44/10	43/8

ORION OIL, LTD.

The directors of Orion Oil, Ltd., which, through its shareholding in Oil Search, Ltd., is interested in Australasian Petroleum Co. (Papua), state that they believe that the value of this holding has been considerably enhanced by the arrangement. The directors state that the shareholding in Orion Explorations, Ltd., is not likely to prove productive owing to the failure of the operations of Hill End Alluvials (Pty.), Ltd.

PAPUAN APINAIFI PETROLEUM CO., LTD.

The Papuan Apinaifi Petroleum Co., Ltd., reports that the new issue of 150,000 contributing shares of 5/- each has been fully subscribed, bringing the total issued capital to 250,000 shares.

Mr. Launcelot Owen, advised by radio on January 10 that the No. 2 Olapu bore had reached a depth of 377 ft., and that continuous traces of oil were struck at 330 to 372 ft. Casing had been set in formation at 356 ft.

GOLD MINES OF PAPUA, LTD.

Comparative monthly returns from Gold Mines of Papua, Ltd., Misima Island, show:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Crushed, tons ..	2,750	2,540	2,378	2,903
Gold, oz. fine ..	396	334	316	281
Silver, oz.	1,749	1,220	997	929
Value	£3,620	£3,050	£2,925	£2,625
Residues, gr. ..	7	6	6	6

MANDATED ALLUVIALS, N.L.

Mandated Alluvials, N.L., reports that owing to shortage of coke during November, due to the Australian strike, the sixth shipment of matte from Papua was much reduced. The seventh shipment has now been made, the combined contents, subject to check assay, being: Fine gold, 468 oz.; silver, 800 oz.; and copper, 15 tons. The total value is expected to exceed £4,800. A reserve of coke is now being accumulated.

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Emperor Mines ..	b12/4	b12/9	b9/11
Loloma	b21/6	b24/4½	b20/6
Mt. Kasl	b4/5	b4/4	b4/-
Tavua Dev.	b2d	s6d	b2d
Vatu Kasia	s1/6	s2/-	b1d

NEW GUINEA

Bulolo Deposits ..	b11½d	b8d	b8d
Bulolo G.D.	b£6/15/6	b£6/10/-	b£7/3/-
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Day Dawn (Pd.)	—	—	b2d
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Guinea Gold	b14/5	b12/-	b15/2
Mt. Kaindi (Pd.)	—	s6d	s6d
N.G.G. Ltd.	b1/5½	b1/4½	b1/10½
Oil Search	b7/6	b8/3	b5/11
Placer Dev.	s£4	s£4	b£3/14/-
Sandy Ck.	b1/2	b1/3	b1/7½
Sunshine Gold ..	b10/4	b8/-	b8/1

PAPUA.

Cuthbert's	b17/8	b17/9	b16/9
G.M. of Papua ..	b6/10	b4/2	b3/-
Mandated All.	b2/3	b1/9	b2/8
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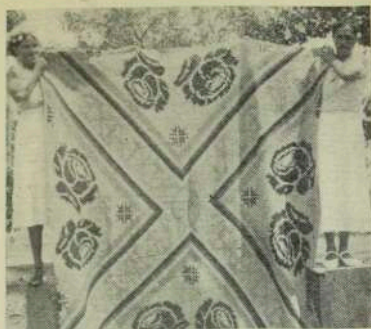
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GERMAN AND AUSTRALIAN GOODWILL

Letter to the Editor

SINCE 1935, first in Germany, then out here in the Pacific Islands, I have been a reader of your magazine, "Pacific Islands Monthly", and must say that I always appreciate it. In the October issue you publish: "Was there cruelty in German Colonies", and you are quite right with your Editorial Note to it.

I lived in foreign countries since 1931 (first in Portuguese East Africa, Kenya, Tanganyika and now in the Pacific Islands) and must say that I always had the very best understanding with Britishers. And just to show you how a friendship between Australians and Germans can be and should be with a little goodwill of understanding, I beg to refer you to the Benefit Concert given by our Australian friends in favour of our Miss von Ziegler on November 8, 1938, in Rabaul. I, and I can say with me my countrymen, owe to our Australian friends our deep esteem and thankfulness for what they have done for Miss von Ziegler, and we will never forget this. This has shown that there certainly can be found a way of friendship between Australians and Germans.

I am, etc.,

A GERMAN.

Rabaul, November 18, 1938.

Miss M. Shannon returned to Sydney from Rabaul by the "Bulolo" on December 19, after several months' holiday in New Guinea as the guest of Mrs. V. B. Pennefather, Topia Plantation, Kokopo.

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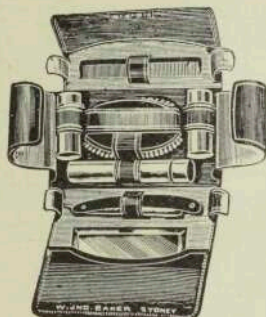
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JANUARY 22 TO FEBRUARY 18

Jan. 22 (Sun.)—7.30 p.m. Harry Bloom's Orchestra; 8.15 Play—"Victoria and Disraeli"; 9 H. G. Wells; 9.30 Spivakovsky Duo; 10 "Great Orations".
Jan. 23 (Mon.)—1.30 p.m. Ascot Races; 8 Serial; 9 Topical Revue; 9.30 Vocal Recital; 10 Modern Compositions.
Jan. 24 (Tues.)—1.30 p.m. Kilmore Races; 8 A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra; 9 Talk; 9.15 Ladies' Hour; 10.15 Musical Recordings.
Jan. 25 (Wed.)—1.30 p.m. Pakenham Races; 8 Requests; 8.45 "Emma and Erbert"; 9 Variety Programme; 9.35 Jascha Spivakovsky; 10 Harry Bloom's Band.
Jan. 26 (Thurs.)—1.30 p.m. Woodend Races and Tennis Championships; 8 Opening of 4QR, Brisbane; 8.30 Play; 9.20 Vocal Recital; 9.45 Orchestral music; 10.50 Harry Bloom's Band.
Jan. 27 (Fri.)—1.30 p.m. Tennis at Kooyong; 8 Jim Davidson's Band; 8.30 Community singing and musical programme.
Jan. 28 (Sat.)—8 p.m. Summer Orchestral Hour; 9 Story; 9.20 Zigeuner Light Ensemble; 9.45 Mancel Kirby (Harpichord); 10 Wireless Chorus; 10.20 Comedy Harmonists.
Jan. 29 (Sun.)—10.15 a.m. Book Review; 7.30 p.m. "Mantle of Melody"; 8.15 Play; 9.30 Spivakovsky Duo; 10.10 Lotte Lehmann (Soprano).
Jan. 30 (Mon.)—1.30 p.m. Williamstown Races; 8 Serial—"Singapore Spy"; 9 Topical Revue; 9.30 Instrumental Recital; 10 Modern Music.
Jan. 31 (Tues.)—1.30 p.m. Sheffield Shield Cricket; 8 A.B.C. Wireless Chorus and Symphony Orchestra; 9.30 Vera Bradford (Pianiste); 9.50 Harry Bloom's Band.
Feb. 1 (Wed.)—1.30 p.m. Bendigo Races; 8 Request Items; 8.45 "Emma and Erbert"; 9 Variety Programme; 9.35 Studio Orchestra.

Feb. 2 (Thurs.)—1.30 p.m. Bendigo Races; 7.40 Talk; 8 Play; 9.15 Orchestral Programme; 10.15 Instrumental Trio.

Feb. 3 (Fri.)—1.30 p.m. Musical Programme; 8 Jim Davidson's Band; 8.30 Community Singing; 10.50 Music.

Feb. 4 (Sat.)—1.15 p.m. Epsom Races; 8 A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra; 9 Story; 9.20 Ballad Concert; 9.50 John Morley Quintet; 11 Dance Music.

Feb. 5 (Sun.)—7.30 p.m. Harry Bloom; 8.15 Play; 9.15 Talk; 9.30 Piano and Violin duo; 10.10 Peter Dawson.

Feb. 6 (Mon.)—1.30 p.m. Kyneton Races; 8 Serial; 8.30 Military Band; 9 Topical Revue; 9.30 "Young Australia"; 10 Modern Composers.

Feb. 7 (Tues.)—1.30 p.m. Sheffield Shield Cricket; 8 Musical Programme and Community Singing; 11 Recorded Feature.

Feb. 8 (Wed.)—1.30 p.m. Geelong Races; 8 Request Items; 8.45 "Emma and Erbert"; 9 Jack Dale (Entertainer); 9.30 Brass Band Music; 10 Vocal Recital.

Feb. 9 (Thurs.)—1.30 p.m. Pakenham Races; 7.40 Talk; 8 Play; 9 Brass Band; 9.30 Ballad Concert; 10.15 A.B.C. Wireless Chorus.

Feb. 10 (Fri.)—8 p.m. Jim Davidson's A.B.C. Dance Band; 8.30 Desmond Tanner (Electric Organ); 9.15 Sketch; 9.45 Choral Programme.

Feb. 11 (Sat.)—1.15 p.m. Williamstown Races; 8 Concerto; 9 Story; 9.20 "February Frolics"; 10 Harpichord Recital; 10.20 Comedy Harmonists.

Feb. 12 (Sun.)—7.30 p.m. Orchestral and Chorus Music; 8.15 Play; 9.15 Talk; 9.30 Spivakovsky Duo; 10.10 Peter Dawson.

Feb. 13 (Mon.)—1.30 p.m. Ascot Races; 9 Topical Revue; 9.30 Instrumental Recital; 10 Modern Compositions.

Feb. 14 (Tues.)—8 p.m. A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra; 9 Arthur Little (Baritone); 9.15 Talk; 9.30 Harry Bloom's Band.

Feb. 15 (Wed.)—1.30 p.m. Moonee Valley Races; 8 Request Items; 8.45 "Emma and Erbert"; 9 Variety Show; 9.30 Orchestral Selections.

Feb. 16 (Thurs.)—1.30 p.m. Yarra Glen Races; 8 Play; 9 Brass Band; 9.30 Male Quartet; 9.45 Piano Recital; 11 Dance Music.

Feb. 17 (Fri.)—1.30 p.m. Musical Programme; 7.40 Talk; 8 Musical Programme.

Feb. 18 (Sat.)—1.15 p.m. Caulfield Races; 8 "Summer Orchestral Hour"; 9 Story; 9.20 "High-brow Variety"; 11 Dance Music.

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Kenya, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt.—No. 1 quotations: (New season prompt shipment)—Grade "A", 60/-; grade "B", 58/6; grade "C", 55/-; Triage, 39/-, No. 2 quotations: New season's supplies are not yet available. Last quotations obtained were: Grade "A", 59/-; grade "B", 48/-; grade "C", 52/6; Triage, 39/- (drought coffee), No. 3 quotations: Grade "B", 56/-; grade "C", 50/-.

Mysore, f.a.q., Jan.-Mar. shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt.: No. 1 quotations: Grade "A", 62/-; grade "B", 54/6. No. 2 quotations: Grade "A", 58/-; grade "B", 54/-; Triage, Jan. shipment, 47/-.

Arabian (Aden) Hodeldah, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney—No. 1 quotation, July-Aug. shipment: 56/- per cwt. No. 2 quotation, 68/- 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-January were: Average Java 7 27-32d. per lb., and prime Japara, 7 7-16d. per lb.

Cocoa

Quote No. 1: Cocoa beans, £30 per ton.
Quote No. 2: New Guinea cocoa £30 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: December 16, 4.75d. lb., January shipment; December 23, 4.88d. lb., January shipment; December 30, 4.90d. lb., February shipment; January 6, 4.92d. lb., February shipment.

Ivory Nuts

No. 1 quotation: £6 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. sacks, £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 £.

Green Snail Shell

Green snail shell, good quality, was quoted by Sydney buyers in mid-January at £50 per ton.

Exchange Rates

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THE following exchange quotations, gathered in Sydney, show the rates existing in mid-January:—

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.	Franks to £
Average for week ended 19/12/38	139.20	Australian
Average for week ended 26/12/38	138.86	
Average for week ended 2/1/39	138.67	
Average for week ended 9/1/39	138.56	

	Australia on Noumea	Franks to £
Average for week ended 19/12/38	139.05	Australian
Average for week ended 26/12/38	138.71	
Average for week ended 2/1/39	138.52	
Average for week ended 9/1/39	138.41	

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:—

Buying: T.T. £A125 equals £stg. 100.
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.

NEW CALEDONIA—THROUGH FRENCH BANK

Drafts, Sydney-Noumea and Noumea-Sydney, are on basis of current rate of exchange on Paris, less ¼ 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 January 13, when the Australian £ was nominally worth 140.95 francs, £100 Australian would purchase a draft in Noumea of 14,015 francs.

WESTERN SAMOA—THROUGH BANK OF N.Z.

Exchange, Australia on Western Samoa, basis £100 Samoa—buying £A100, selling £A100/10/-.

Exchange, Samoa on London, basis £100 in London:—

	Buying.	Selling.
Telegraphic transfer	£123 0 0	£125 0 0
On Demand	123 0 0	124 17 6
30 days	122 15 0	124 15 0
60 days	122 10 0	124 12 6
90 days	122 5 0	124 10 0
120 days	122 0 0	124 7 6

"New Guinea is a logical stepping-stone between Japan, the Carolines and unguarded North Australia. If Great Britain and the United States were once engaged with troubles elsewhere, the Japan of the future might find it an easy matter to step in from the north". —From "Men and Birds of Paradise", a new book on the Western Pacific, by A. J. Marshall.

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Deposits with the Bank of New South Wales have grown steadily until to-day they stand at over £100,000,000. These funds have played an important part in the development of Australia, and now, as in the past, any money placed on deposit with the Bank of New South Wales will be wisely used to further Australia's interests.

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Market Quotations

Copra

London	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
June 7 ..	£11 15 0	£12 7 6
September 6 ..	£9 17 6	£10 17 6
December 6 ..	£12 17 6	£14 0 0

London	South Sea, Smoked, to Genoa and Marseilles, Per ton, c.i.f.	South Sea, Sun-Dried Per ton, c.i.f.	Plantation, Hot-air Dried, Rabaul Per ton, c.i.f.
Jan. 3, '36 ..	£13 2 6	£13 15 0	£14 0 0
Mar. 6 ..	£11 15 0	£12 15 0	£13 0 0
June 5 ..	£11 10 0	£12 0 0	£12 17 6
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. 29 ..	£10 17 6	£11 0 0	£12 0 0
May 6 ..	£10 17 6	£10 17 6	£11 17 6
May 27 ..	£10 0 0	£10 0 0	£10 15 0
June 3 ..	£9 15 0	£9 15 0	£10 12 6
July 1 ..	£9 17 6	£9 17 6	£10 17 6
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
Nov. 18 ..	£9 2 6	£9 5 0	£10 2 6
Nov. 25 ..	£9 7 6	£9 7 6	£10 5 0
Dec. 2 ..	£9 5 0	£9 5 0	£10 2 6
Dec. 9 ..	£9 10 0	£9 12 6	£10 10 0
Dec. 16 ..	£9 7 6	£9 7 6	£10 2 6
Dec. 23 ..	£9 10 0	£9 10 0	£10 5 0
Dec. 30 ..	£9 7 6	£9 7 6	£10 2 6
Jan. 6 ..	£9 12 6	£9 15 0	£10 10 0

Rubber

London	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.	Oct. 14 ..	8d.	8 17-32d
January 4, 1935 ..	5d.	6½d.	Oct. 21 ..	8d.	8½d
July 5 ..	5d.	7½d.	October 28 ..	8d.	8½d
December 6 ..	6½d.	6½d.	November 4 ..	8d.	8 7-16d
January 3, 1936 ..	6½d.	6½d.	November 11 ..	8d.	8½d.
June 5 ..	9d.	7½d.	November 18 ..	7½d.	8d.
December 4 ..	1/-	9 1-16d.	November 25 ..	7½d.	8d.
January 8, 1937 ..	1/2	10½d.	December 2 ..	7½d.	8d.
June 4 ..	11d.	9 5-8d.	December 9 ..	7½d.	7.9½d.
September 3 ..	9½d.	9 1-16d.	December 16 ..	7½d.	8d.
October 1 ..	9½d.	8 9-16d.	December 23 ..	7d.	8½d.
November 5 ..	8d.	7½d.	December 30 ..	7d.	8½d.
December 3 ..	7½d.	7½d.	January 6 ..	7d.	8½d.
January 7, 1938 ..	7½d.	7½d.			
February 4 ..	6½d.	6½d.			
March 4 ..	6d.	7½d.			
April 1 ..	5½d.	5 7-16d.			
May 6 ..	5½d.	5½d.			
June 3 ..	5½d.	5 9-16d.			
July 1 ..	6½d.	7½d.			
August 5 ..	7½d.	7 11-16d.			
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.			

Mr. A. V. P. Ford, barrister and solicitor, of Rotorua, has been appointed Resident Agent at Aitutaki, Cook Islands. He will leave for Rarotonga at an early date to take up his duties. Mr. Ford has had a wide experience of Native Land Court advocacy and practice in New Zealand.



Shipping Services in the Pacific

Sydney — T.I. — Darwin — Singapore

	Merkur.	Marella	Merkur.
Sydney	Feb. 6	Mar. 9	Apr. 6
Brisbane	Feb. 8	Mar. 11	Apr. 8
Townsville (opt.)	Feb. 11	Mar. 14	Apr. 11
Thursday Is.	Feb. 13	Mar. 17	Apr. 14
Darwin	Feb. 17	Mar. 21	Apr. 18
Sourabaya	Feb. 22	Mar. 26	Apr. 23
Samarang	Feb. 23	Mar. 27	Apr. 24
Cheribon (opt.)	Feb. 24	Mar. 28	Apr. 25
Batavia	Feb. 25	Mar. 29	Apr. 26
Singapore	P. 27-M. 31-A. 4	A. 28-M. 4	
Batavia	Mar. 7	Apr. 7	May 7
Samarang	Mar. 8	Apr. 8	May 8
Sourabaya	Mar. 9	Apr. 9	May 9
Darwin	Mar. 14	Apr. 14	May 14
Thursday Is.	Mar. 17	Apr. 17	May 17
Townsville (opt.)	Mar. 19	Apr. 19	May 18
Brisbane	Mar. 22	Apr. 22	May 22
Sydney	Mar. 24	Apr. 24	M. 24-25
Melbourne	Mar. 27	Apr. 27	May 27

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U.S.A.—South Seas

A new shipping service between the Pacific coast of America and the South Sea Islands was inaugurated on January 5, when the Norwegian motor ship Thor I. left San Francisco on January 5. She will be followed by the Velox sailing from 'Frisco early in February. Both vessels have accommodation for about twelve passengers. Probable ports of call are: Central Pacific ports, Noumea, Townsville, Rabaul, Lae, Salamaua, and Port Moresby. The Australasian agents are Messrs. Birt and Co. Ltd., 4 Bridge Street, Sydney.

Sydney — Noumea — Tahiti Service

Subject to alteration without notice.

Mails and passengers from Sydney for Tahiti may connect with Messageries Maritimes liners at Noumea, per Pierre Loti (see Sydney-Noumea-New Hebrides service). The M.M. liners run between Marseilles and Noumea, via Panama Canal.

	Strasbourg	Eridan.	D'Amiens.
Papeete	Mar. 1-2	Apr. 8-9	M. 21-22
Raiatea (opt.)	—	—	—
Suva (opt.)	—	Apr. 17	—
Vila	Mar. 13	Apr. 19	May 31
Noumea	M. 15-22	A. 21-29	June 2-9
Vila	Mar. 25	May 2	June 12
Raiatea	Apr. 3	May 9	June 19
Papeete	Apr. 4-6	M. 10-12	J. 20-22

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES CO. LTD., Agents.

Japan — N.G. — Noumea — New Zealand

Owing to a temporary re-arrangement of their shipping services, Messrs. Birt & Co., Sydney agents for the O.S.K. and Yamashita Lines, announce that the call at Noumea, New Caledonia, has been deleted from the schedule. The vessels will now make only one call at an islands port—Rabaul, New Guinea—before proceeding to Australia and New Zealand. The next call at Rabaul will be by the Sydney Maru on February 10, followed by the Tokyo Maru on April 8.

OSAKA SHOEN KAISHA AND YAMASHITA LINE.

Noumea — Australia

The small steamer Neo Hebridaie (Societe Maritime et Miniere Hagen) carries on a monthly service between Noumea (New Caledonia), and Newcastle and Sydney (N.S.W.). The round trip occupies about 17 days.

The three vessels of the Societe Le Nickel, Cap Tarifa (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.

Fiji Inter-Island Services

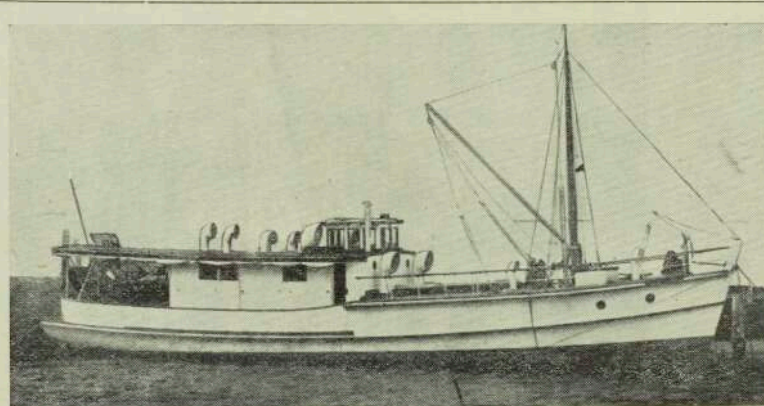
S.S. Malake, 736 tons (Burns Philp (South Seas) Co. Ltd.), under contract with Fiji Government. Regular four weekly itinerary comprises: Two trips Buca Bay, returning by same route to Suva—trip occupying 8 days. Two trips each Suva to Lautoka, returning to Suva direct or via Ellington—trip occupying 3 or 4 days. On the arrival of M.V. Matafele at Suva from Western Samoa towards the end of January, the S.S. Malake will be withdrawn from the service, the former taking over her run.

M.V. Yanawal (Burns Philp (South Seas) Co. Ltd.) makes regular trips from Suva to Labasa, via Levuka and Macuata ports, then returns to Suva.

Trip A: Suva-Labasa, via Levuka and Macuata ports, returning to Suva by the same route. Duration of voyage, 8-10 days. Trip B: Suva-Labasa, via Levuka and Macuata ports, then calling at the ports on the coast beyond Labasa, Natewa Bay ports, Levuka, and Suva. Duration of voyage, 10-12 days.

M.S. Adi Rewa (Morris, Hedstrom Ltd.) makes trips from Suva to Levuka and Labasa via Macuata ports—trip occupies 8 days. Leaves Suva and proceeds to Levuka, Nabouwalu, Lekutu, Dreketi, Naduri, and Labasa. Returns to Suva by same route. On alternative trips she returns from Labasa via Naduri, Nakalao, Dreketi, Naisereawaqa, Lekutu, Galoa, Nabouwalu

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and Levuka. The latter round trip from Suva occupies about 10 days.

M.S. Tui Kauvaru (Morris, Hedstrom Ltd.) operates from Suva to Levuka, calling at Lau-toka and Ellington. Voyage takes 4 days.

M.V. Tui Cakau (Morris, Hedstrom Ltd.) operates from Suva and makes regular inter-island trips throughout the Colony.

Hong Kong – New Guinea – Solomon Islands

Subject to alteration without notice.

S.S. Friderun (cabin, third-class and deck passengers) runs from Hong Kong to New Guinea and Solomon Islands ports. In the Solomons she calls at Tulagi, Rere, Fulakora and Meringe.

	S.S. Friderun.	
Hong Kong	Jan. 25	Mar. 16
Madang	Feb. 9	—
H.S.I.	—	—
Rabaul	Feb. 17	Apr. 8
Hong Kong	Mar. 9	Apr. 28

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Sydney – Noumea – New Hebrides – Indochina

Subject to alteration without notice.

	Pierre Loti	
Sydney	Mar. 11	June 15
Noumea	Mar. 16-18	June 19
Mare	—	July 3-4
Vila	Mar. 19	July 5
Luganville	Mar. 20	July 6
Le Dart	Mar. 21	July 7
Norsup	—	July 8-9
Saigon	Apr. 3-5	July 9
Haiphong	Apr. 8-11	—
Zamboanga	A. 16-17	—
Luganville	Apr. 28	—
Le Dart	Apr. 29	—
Vila	A. 30-M. 1	J. 10-11
Mare	—	July 12
Noumea	May 2-5	June 20
Sydney	May 9	June 24

As the result of losing a propeller when nearing Saigon in the middle of December, the Pierre Loti is at present in Saigon awaiting the arrival from Marseilles of a new one. She will therefore not leave Sydney on January 20 and February 16 as scheduled; her next voyage from Sydney commences on March 11.

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New Hebrides Inter-Island Services

S.S. Mirani (Burns Philp (South Sea) Co. Ltd.) connects every six weeks at Vila with S.S. Morinda from Sydney, then proceeds on southern trip, calling at the islands of Efate, Erromanga, Tanna, Anietyum, and returns to Vila—trip occupying 7 or 8 days. After 2 or 3 days at Vila, departs on northern trip, calling at the islands of Efate, Mai, Tongoa, Epi, Paama, Ambrym, Maikula, Aoba, Malo, Santo and returns to Vila, trip occupying 25 to 28 days. Vessel extends to Banks Group every second trip equivalent to about every six weeks.

M.V. Polynesian (Messageries, Maritimes Ltd.) maintains a service from Vila to northern and southern ports as well as occasional trips to Wallis and Futuna Islands. The service comprises the following:—

Wallis and Futuna Is.—Leaves Vila on June 7, calling at Siguave, Mata Utu, and returns to Vila on June 24.

Northern run: Leaves Vila on Feb. 5, calling at N'Guna, Mai, Tongoa, Diamond Bay, Ringdove, Nelson, Paama, Port Sandwich, Craig-cove, Olai, Rhanone, Wanour, Baie Homo, Pointe Truchy, Melisai, Namarang, Lolong, Lolouque-pue, Nengire, Lone, N'Dui-N'Dui, Port Patteson, Port Olry, Hog Harbour, Baie des Requins, Baie des Tortues, Mate Wulu, Saramy, Sarautout, Surrenda, Aisse, Luganville, Malo, Barclay, Malo Pass, Baie Benier, Vao, Walla,

Norsup, Sarmette, Rensari, Banam Bay, Ouesso, Port Sandwich, Lamap, Sakau (Maskelines) and returns to Vila on February 20.*

Southern Run:—Leaves Vila on July 25, calling at Lenakel, Ibock, White Sands, Waississi, Erromanga, La Teouma, Mele, and returns to Vila on July 30.

*The Polynesian leaves Vila on February 25, making a special trip to Brisbane, calling at La Teouma, Mele, Waississi, White Sands, Lenakel, Ibock and Noumea, arriving back at Vila on April 10.

Saigon – Java – South Seas – N.Z. – Sydney

Subject to alteration without notice.

	Maet-suycker.	Roggevaen.	Tasman.
Saigon	Feb. 15	Mar. 14	Apr. 13
Singapore	F. 17-18	M. 16-17	A. 15-16
Batavia	F. 20-22	M. 19-20	A. 18-19
Samarang	Feb. 23	Mar. 21	Apr. 20
Sourabaya	Feb. 24	Mar. 22	Apr. 21
Pt. Moresby	Mar. 3	Mar. 30	Apr. 28
Samarai	Mar. 4	—	Apr. 29
Salamaua	Mar. 6	—	May 1
Rabaul	Mar. 8-9	—	May 3-4
Vila	—	Apr. 4	—
Noumea	—	Apr. 5-7	—
Auckland	Mar. 16	Apr. 11	May 11
Wellington	Mar. 22	Apr. 17	May 17
Sydney	M. 27-29	A. 22-25	M. 22-24
Pt. Moresby	Apr. 3	May 1	May 29
Sourabaya	Apr. 10	May 9	June 5
Samarang	Apr. 11	May 10	June 6
Batavia	A. 12-13	M. 11-13	June 7-9
Singapore	Apr. 15	May 15	June 11
Saigon	—	—	June 13

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N.G. Inter-Island Services

S.S. Maiwara and M.V. Mullama (Burns, Philp & Co.) make regular round trips from Rabaul to New Ireland and Bougainville ports; New Britain-Manus-Witu; and New Guinea mainland ports.

S.S. Coombar, M.V. Desikoko, M.V. Duranbah, S.S. Mako (W. R. Carpenter and Co. Ltd.) make sailings from Rabaul every two or three weeks to various ports in the Territory.

PLANTATION FOR SALE

SITUATED within 50 miles of Vila, on the Island of Emae (some times called Mail) and with a splendid anchorage. Contains about 700 acres, of which about 480 acres are planted with about 24,000 coconut palms, at ages ranging from 18 years to one year.

At present, producing about 100 tons of copra per year, which should increase to over 200 tons within the next few years, when the younger nuts come in to bearing. 100 acres in cotton, planted 1936-1937, producing this year about 20 tons, which should increase considerably next year (as cotton always produces better crops after cutting back or pruning). 20 acres of cocoa planted in 1937 and doing well. The plantation is subdivided in three paddocks, securely fenced with 4 barb-wire, and is clean, and free from noxious weed.

BUILDINGS include dwelling of two rooms, with verandahs, kitchen and dining-room, good kiosk, store, good roomy dock, and workshop, bake-house (with 2 bakers' ovens), smoke house, underground tank with pump, etc., 10 labour houses and cook house, milk sheds, cart shed, etc.

PLANT includes launch and dinghy, carts and working bullocks, and all tools necessary for the working of the plantation.

LIVESTOCK: 100 odd cattle, 7 horses, fowls, pigs, etc.

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Brisbane	Feb. 10	Feb. 27	Mar. 20
Townsville	—	Mar. 1	—
Cairns	—	Mar. 2	—
Pt. Moresby	Feb. 14	Mar. 4	Mar. 24
Samarai	Feb. 15	Mar. 5-6	Mar. 25
Rabaul	F. 17-18	Mar. 7-8	M. 27-28
Kavieng	—	Mar. 9	—
Lindenhafen	Feb. 19	—	Mar. 29
Salamaua	—	—	—
Lae	F. 20-21	M. 10-11	M. 30-31
Madang	Feb. 22	Mar. 12	Apr. 1
Alexishafen, Opt.	Feb. 22	Mar. 13	Apr. 1
Wewak	Feb. 23	—	Apr. 2-3
Borani	—	—	—
Madang	Feb. 24	Mar. 13	Apr. 4
Finschafen, Opt.	Feb. 25	Mar. 14	—
Salamaua	F. 26-27	Mar. 15	Apr. 5
Kavieng	—	—	Apr. 6-7
Pondo	—	Mar. 17	—
Rabaul	Feb. 28	Mar. 18	Apr. 8
Salamaua	Mar. 1	—	Apr. 9
Samarai	Mar. 3	Mar. 20	Apr. 11
Pt. Moresby	Mar. 4	Mar. 21	Apr. 12
Cairns	—	Mar. 23	—
Brisbane	Mar. 8	Mar. 26	Apr. 16
Sydney	Mar. 10	Mar. 28	Apr. 18

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	M.V. Malaita.		
Sydney	Feb. 18	Apr. 1	May 13
Brisbane	Feb. 20	Apr. 3	May 15
Townsville	Feb. 23	Apr. 6	May 18
Cairns	Feb. 24	—	May 19
Tulagi	—	—	—
Makambo	F. 28-M. 1	A. 10-12	M. 23-24
Gavutu	—	—	—
Domma	—	—	—
Su'u	Mar. 2	Apr. 13	May 25
Tasavarong	—	—	—
Mamara	Mar. 3	—	May 26
Aruligo	—	—	—
Lavoro	—	—	—
Mamara	—	—	—
Tasavarong	—	Apr. 14	—
Aruligo	—	—	—
Meringe	—	—	—
Hilvo	—	Apr. 15	—
Yandina	—	—	—
Banika	—	—	—
Ufa	Mar. 4	Apr. 16	May 27
Falami	—	—	—
Younger	—	—	—
Pepesala	—	—	—
Lingatu	—	—	—
West Bay	Mar. 5	—	May 28
Somata	—	—	—
Gizo	Mar. 6	Apr. 17	May 29
Faisl	Mar. 7	Apr. 18	May 30
Kieta	Mar. 7	Apr. 18	May 30
Arigua	—	—	—
Numa	Mar. 8	Apr. 19	May 31
Teopasino	—	—	—
Soraken	Mar. 9	Apr. 20	June 1
Rabaul	M. 10-11	A. 21-22	June 2-3
Soraken	Mar. 12	Apr. 23	June 4
Kieta	Mar. 13	Apr. 24	June 5
Faisl	Mar. 14	Apr. 25	June 6
Gizo	Mar. 15	Apr. 26	June 7
Tetipari	Mar. 16	Apr. 27	June 8
Russell Is.	—	—	—
Gavutu	M. 17-18	A. 28-29	J. 9-10
Makambo	Mar. 23	May 4	June 15
Brisbane	Mar. 25	May 6	June 17
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Honolulu	Feb. 6	Mar. 6	Apr. 3
Pago Pago ..	Feb. 11	Mar. 11	Apr. 8
Suva	Feb. 14	Mar. 14	Apr. 11
Auckland	Feb. 17	Mar. 17	Apr. 14
Sydney	Feb. 20	Mar. 20	Apr. 17
Melbourne ..	F. 24-27	M. 24-27	A. 21-24
Sydney	Mar. 3	Mar. 31	Apr. 28
Auckland	Mar. 6	Apr. 3	May 1
Suva	Mar. 9	Apr. 6	May 4
Pago Pago ..	Mar. 10	Apr. 7	May 5
Honolulu	Mar. 15	Apr. 12	May 10

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Honolulu	Jan. 25	Feb. 22	Mar. 22
Suva	Feb. 3	Mar. 3	Mar. 31
Auckland	Feb. 6-7	Mar. 6-7	Apr. 3-4
Sydney	Feb. 11	Mar. 11	Apr. 8
Sydney, dep. ..	Feb. 16	Mar. 16	Apr. 13
Auckland	F. 20-21	M. 20-21	A. 17-18
Suva	Feb. 24	Mar. 24	Apr. 21
Honolulu	Mar. 3	Mar. 31	Apr. 28

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Cook Is.	Feb. 4	Mar. 4	Apr. 1
Nukualofa	Feb. 8	Mar. 8	Apr. 5
Vavau	Feb. 9	Mar. 9	Apr. 6
Apia	F. 9-11	M. 9-11	Apr. 6-8
Suva	F. 14-16	M. 14-16	A. 11-13
Auckland	Feb. 20	Mar. 20	Apr. 17

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Sydney – New Guinea – Hong Kong**M.V. Neptuna.**

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Salamaua	Jan. 25	Apr. 1	June 7
Rabaul	Jan. 27	Apr. 3	June 9
Cebu (opt.)	Feb. 3	Apr. 10	June 16
Manila	Feb. 6	Apr. 13	June 19
Hong Kong	F. 8-12	A. 15-19	J. 21-25
Saigon	Feb. 18	Apr. 25	July 1
Madang	Mar. 1	May 6	July 12
Salamaua	Mar. 4	May 9	July 15
Rabaul	Mar. 7	May 12	July 18
Sydney	Mar. 14	M. 19-20	July 25
Melbourne	M. 17-20	M. 23-24	July 28

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Europe – Suva – N.Z. – Sydney – New Guinea

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M.V. Salamaua.	S.S. Suva.
London	London Apr. 19
Rabaul	Panama May 7
London	Apia May 29
M.V. Rabaul.	Suva May 31
London	Rabaul June 12
Rabaul	Capetown
London	London Aug. 13

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	Nellore.	Tanda.	Nankin.
Hong Kong	Feb. 3	Mar. 4	Apr. 1
Manila	Feb. 6	Mar. 7	Apr. 4
Rabaul	Feb. 14	Mar. 15	Apr. 12
Brisbane	Feb. 20	Mar. 21	Apr. 18
Sydney	Feb. 22	Mar. 23	Apr. 20
Melbourne	F. 27-M. 4	M. 27-A. 1	A. 24-M. 3
Hobart	Mar. 6	Apr. 3	May 5
Newcastle	Mar. 9	Apr. 6	May 8
Sydney, dep.	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 13
Brisbane	Mar. 17	Apr. 17	May 15
Rabaul	Mar. 23	Apr. 23	May 21
Manila	Apr. 1	May 2	May 30
Hong Kong	Apr. 4	May 5	June 2

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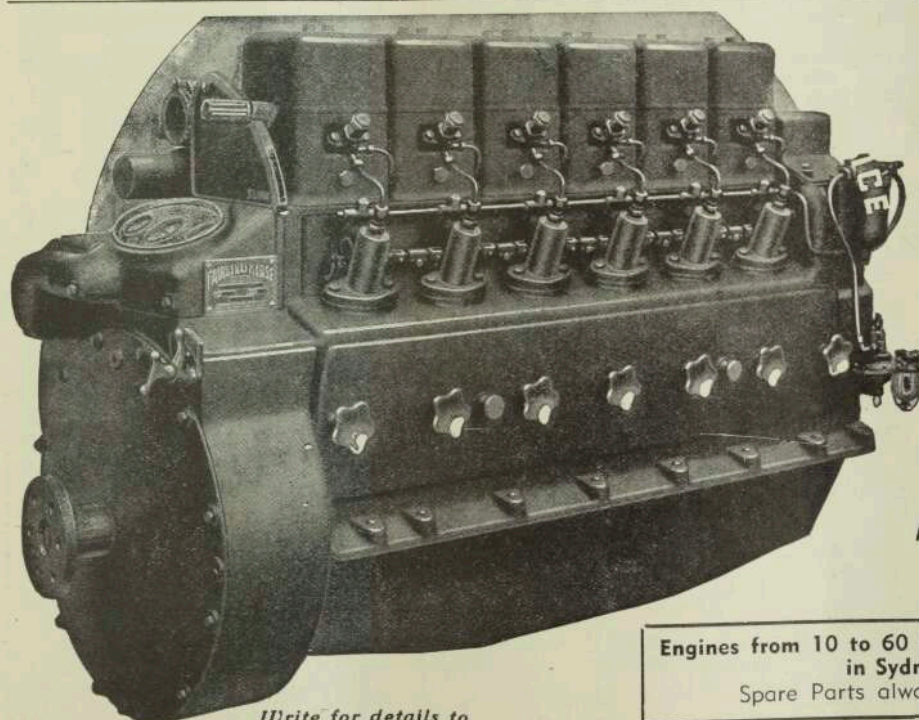
Wellington	Feb. 21	Mar. 21	Apr. 18
Apia	F. 28-M. 2	M. 28-30	A. 25-27
Niue	Mar. 4	Apr. 1	Apr. 29
Lyttelton	M. 13-14	A. 10-13	May 8-9
Wellington	Mar. 15	Apr. 13	May 10

Sydney – Norfolk Is. – New Hebrides

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	S.S. Morinda
Sydney	Jan. 28
Lord Howe	Jan. 30
Norfolk Is.	Feb. 1
Vila	—
Bushman's B.	—
Malo	—
Tangoa	—
Segond	—
Aoba	—
Hog Har.	—
Norfolk Is.	Feb. 2
Lord Howe	Feb. 4
Sydney	Feb. 7

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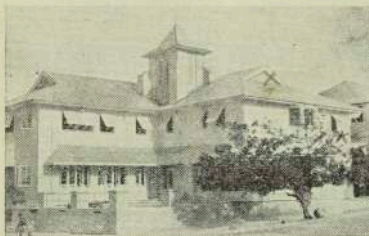
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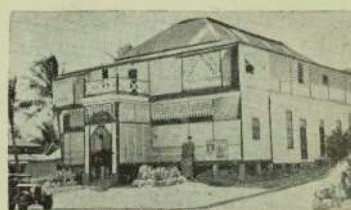
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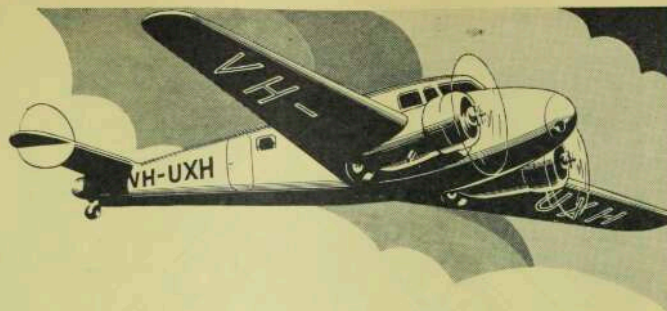
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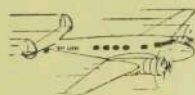
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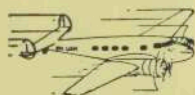


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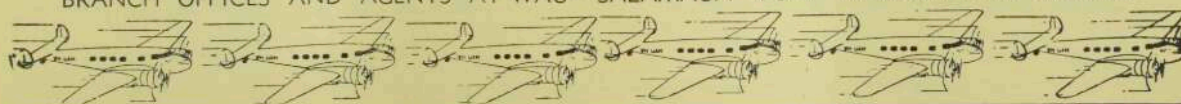
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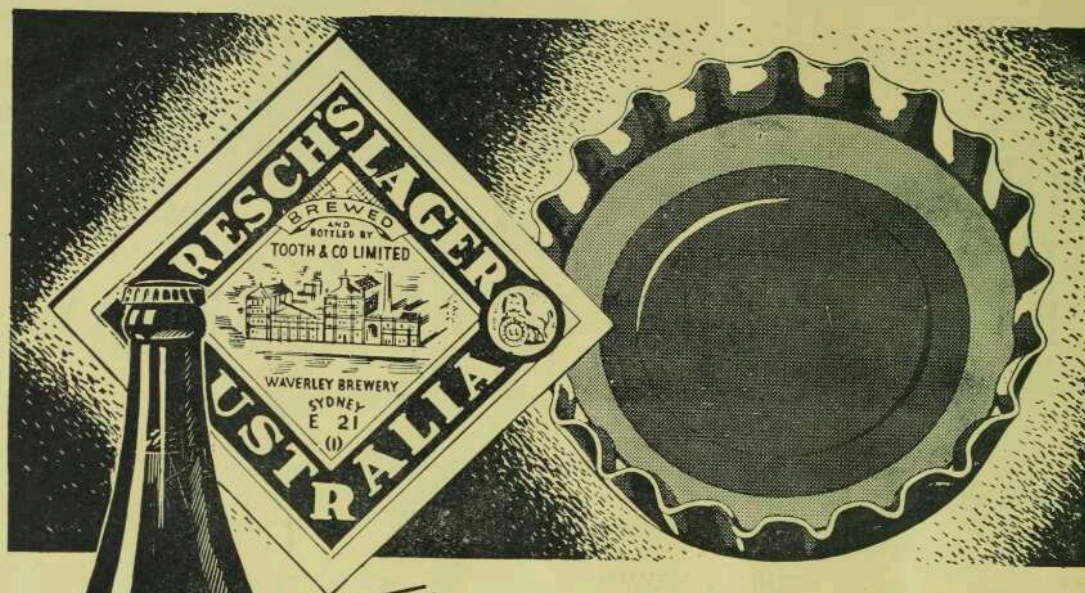
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