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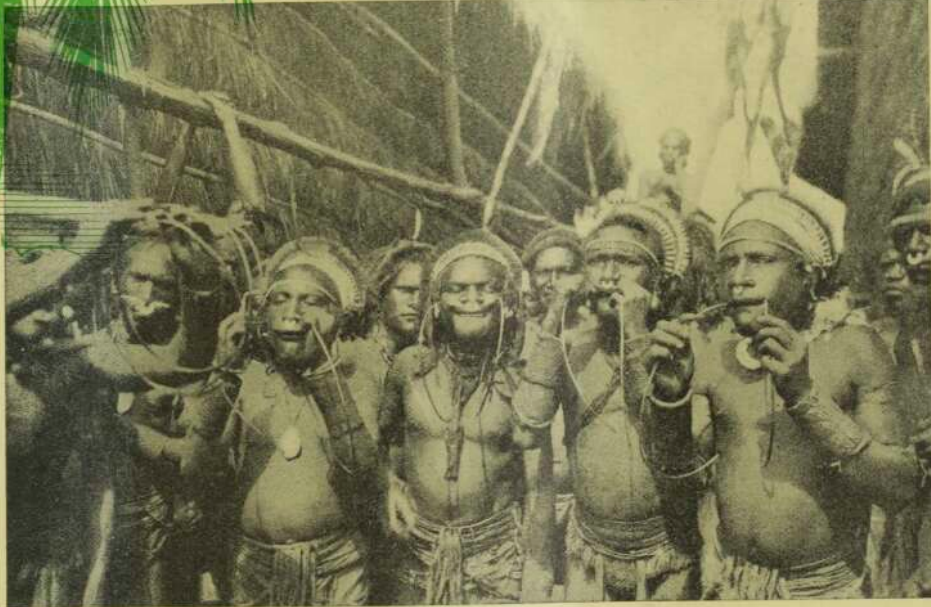
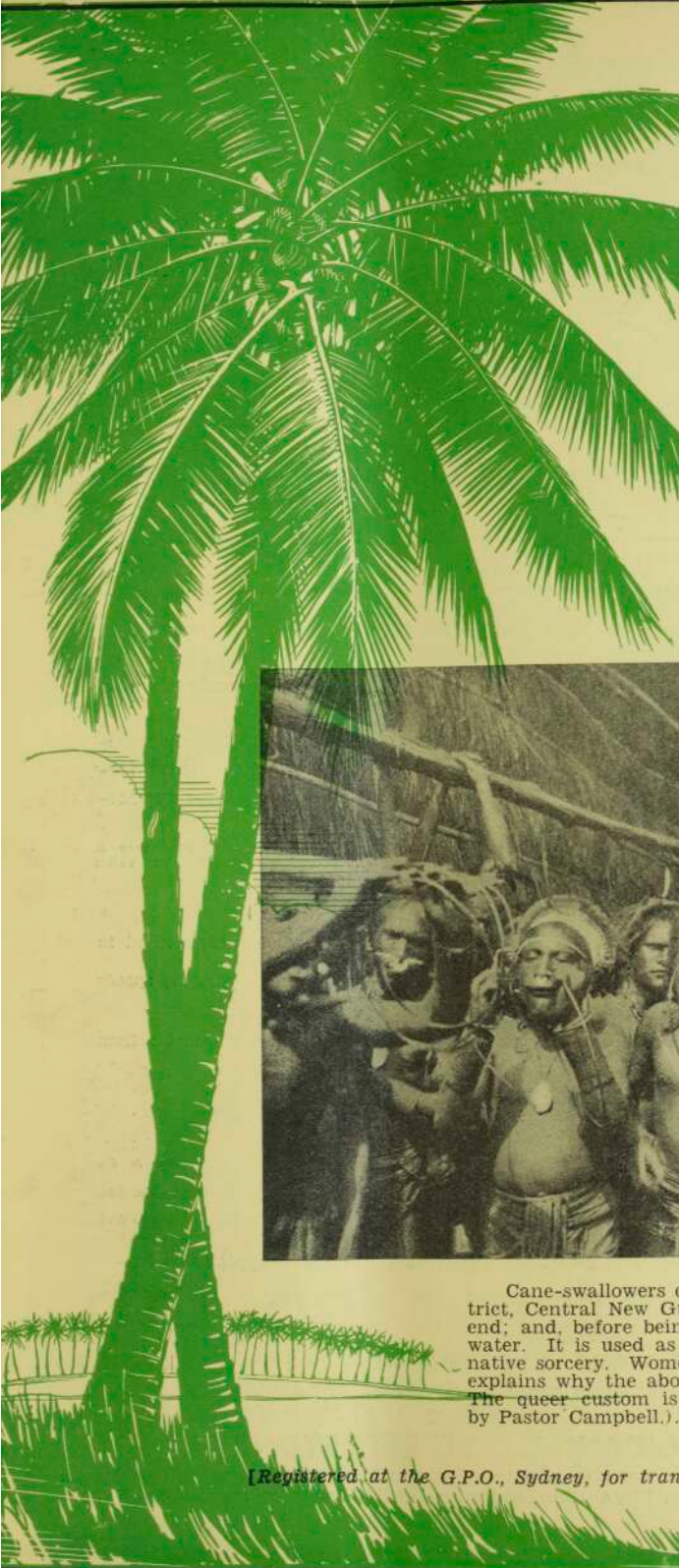
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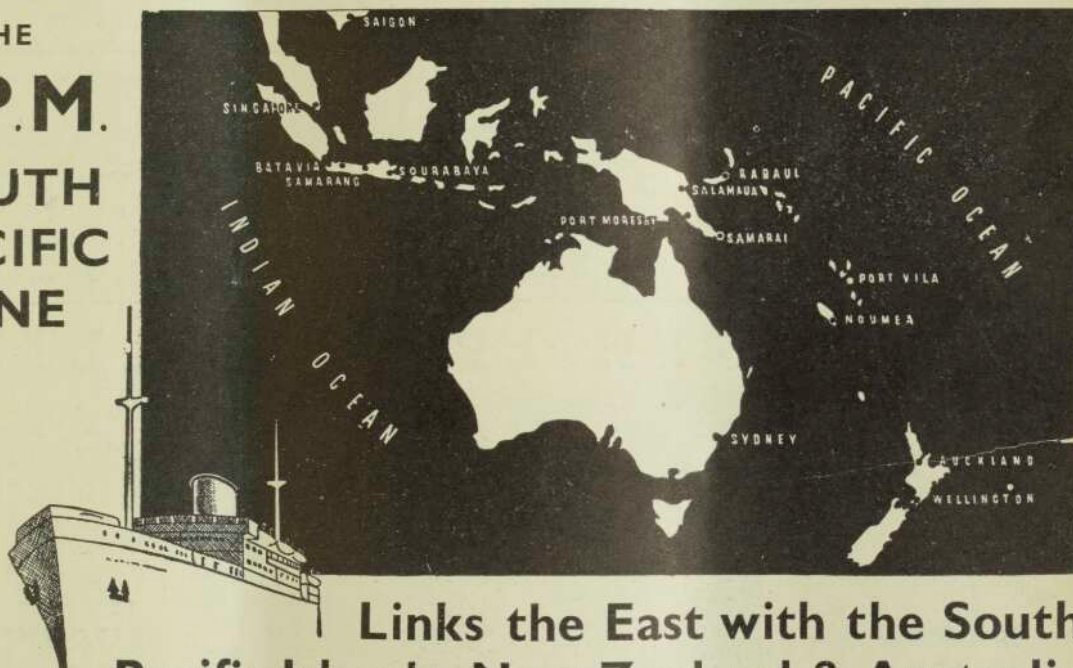
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Amalgamation, Inertia, and Australian Politicians

IF amalgamation means a continu-
ance of the procrastination, pre-
varication and general inertia which,
for two years, have marked Can-
berra's control over New Guinea and
Papua, Territories residents may well
pray to be saved from the new
Australian Minister's new plan.

On the grounds only of efficiency
and economy—especially the latter—
there are reasons for amalgamation.
On broader grounds—based on Mr. W.
M. Hughes' dictum that "the nation
which controls this protective fringe
of Pacific Islands controls Australia"
—there are some weighty arguments
to support the proposal that the two
Territories should be placed under one
vigorous administration. But if the
change means merely that an ex-
panded bureaucracy will have in-
creased opportunities for sleeping on
the job, then the last condition of the
Territories may well be worse than the
first.

It is nearly two years since Rabaul
was threatened with volcanic extinc-
tion, and it was decided to remove the
capital immediately to a safer place.
It is a year since the Griffiths Com-
mittee recommended that Lae be the
new site. It is nine months since Mr.
Hughes said that the new capital

should be at Salamaua, and that a
new road would be built forthwith
between Wau and Salamaua. It is
over three months since the Minister
announced that an expert committee
would be appointed at once to investi-
gate a plan of amalgamation, which
embraced a new capital site, and
methods of defence, development and
settlement.

Just before going to press, we in-
quired of Canberra whether anything
had been done in regard to the
amalgamation committee, the road,
or anything else; and we were politely
informed that the various months'-
old proposals still await the sanction
of Cabinet.

It is a situation deplorable beyond
words. Both Territories, at an early
date, should be fitted into the Aus-
tralian plan of defence. Both are
ripe for well-directed developmental
activities—and the rank and file of
both public services are composed
mostly of intelligent and keen young
Australians, eager to be up and at it.
The finances of both Territories need
a general overhaul—especially New
Guinea, where there has been an
alarming, unexplained and apparently
inexcusable drift into a condition
where current expenditure is much in

excess of current revenue. There are
a score of separate problems, as apart
from these general conditions, de-
manding governmental attention. And
not a thing has been done.

It may not be fair to blame the
new Minister. He does not have full
Cabinet rank; and he appears to have
done his best to get decisions made,
in accordance with his own business-
like formula; and, anyway, he is not
responsible for the gang of squabbling
politicians which masquerades at
Canberra as a National Government.

Logic, and the demand for increased
efficiency in the Territories adminis-
tration, and the imperative need for
building up defences against the
southwards-thrusting Japanese, pro-
vide a strong case for amalgamation,
and, moreover, suggest the extension
of that plan to the Solomons and the
New Hebrides—as explained else-
where. That is the theory of it. But
there is another side. The Australian
governmental record of the last two
years, in relation to the Territories,
provides one very good reason why the
Territories should resist any closer
ties with the Australian politicians
and the inert bureaucracy which they
allow to exist.

Indications are that the committee
eventually will be appointed, and will
make a leisurely tour of both Terri-
tories—and probably of Northern
Territory, Nauru and Norfolk Island
—and take copious evidence. Very
many months will pass, and much

money will be spent before a report is made.

Meanwhile, Territories residents will have ample opportunities of arguing amalgamation, pro and con. Already, it is apparent that there is much to be said on both sides.

Broadly, and in theory, this journal is in favour of amalgamation. But when it sees the kind of administration which Australian politicians so far have given the Territories, it is inclined to say that the less the Islands have of Australia, the better.

WHAT IS THE "MALO"?

Pertinent Questions About Samoa

A TOUGH task was given to Dr. R. M. Campbell, economic adviser to the N.Z. High Commissioner, when he submitted the Western Samoa annual report to the Mandates Commission of the League of Nations at Geneva in January.

Some apparently well-informed members of the Commission asked a series of questions—especially relating to the activities in Samoa of Mr. Nelson and his family—which Dr. Campbell was unable to answer.

M. Palacios said that, while everything seemed to indicate that the Mau held a predominant position in the territory, and were regarded with favour by New Zealand, the Commission had received reports and information, mainly from the press, mentioning an anti-Mau movement called the Malo. He asked whether it was true that the Malo was as strong in numbers and influence as "the organisation dominated by Mr. O. F. Nelson and his son-in-law, Tamasese".

Dr. Campbell replied that, in general, the political situation was calm and normal. It appeared that the new Mau had been over-publicised and did not, at present, represent more than 3½ per cent. of the Samoans. The Mau was still the organisation representing the greater majority of the native Samoan population.

It would be interesting to hear the opinion of a few men in Apia, concerning Dr. Campbell's answer. It has been stated, repeatedly, that the Malo is nearly the equal of the Mau. To say the Malo is only 3½ per cent. of the Samoans, while the Mau is 51 per cent. (the "greater majority") seems to indicate that there has been vigorous lying, somewhere.

N.G. Govt. Airmail Contract Goes to Guinea Airways

THE new Government contract for the aerial transport of mails, goods and passengers in New Guinea—tenders for which closed early in February—has gone mostly to Guinea Airways Ltd. The Salamaua-Madang section remains with Mandated Airlines.

The contract, after being held for a long time by Guinea Airways, was secured about four years ago by the newly-arrived aeroplanes of Carpenter and Co. (now Mandated Airlines Ltd.); and it has been held by the latter ever since.

Mr. A. F. J. White, formerly District Commissioner at Ra, Fiji, was committed for trial at Suva on February 18 on charges of stealing £155, from public funds. Mr. White was on leave in England, but returned immediately to Fiji when informed, in December, that there appeared to be irregularities in his accounts.

U.S.A. IN PACIFIC

Significance of Guam Proposal

AS was forecast in the "Pacific Islands Monthly", in February, the American plan to spend £1,250,000 sterling on the fortification of the island of Guam (in the Caroline Islands, near Japanese territory) has been having a rough passage in the American Congress.

On February 24, the House of Representatives, by 205 to 169 votes, rejected the plan to fortify the island on the grounds that it would be provocative to Japan; but it was announced on March 7, when the defence estimates were before the American Senate, that high American naval officers were making an urgent plea for the reinclusion of the proposal to fortify Guam, on grounds of general policy.

If the proposal is restored by the Senate, as is considered likely, it is possible that the Representatives' decision will be over-ruled and that the plan will become law, as is desired by President Roosevelt.

U.S.A., to an increasing degree, is displaying determination to stand by the democracies against the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo triangle; and, apparently, a part

of the new foreign policy of the United States is to take all necessary steps to check the southward thrust of Japan. The fortification of Guam Island and a slowing up of the programme of withdrawal from the Philippines appear to be part of the new foreign policy.

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Status of Australian Planters in Solomons

THE Solomons might be more prosperous if we planters there were not treated as foreigners", said Mr. C. R. Bignell, of Fulakora, B.S.I., when interviewed by newspaper reporters in Brisbane in February.

"We are ruled from Fiji; they don't know much about the country there, and they don't seem to care.

"We have beautiful soil, capable of producing bananas, citrus fruits, and timber, and of raising good cattle. But we have no encouragement, such as is given in other island groups, to go in for anything but copra. We are not allowed to ship bananas or citrus fruit to Australia. Restrictions confront the planter at every turn.

"Gold miners have the greatest difficulty in getting land titles from the authorities in Fiji".

FIJI GOVERNMENT BENEVOLENCE



The White-Haired Boy (as usual) Gets the "Hand-Out"

(The Fiji Government, being richly endowed with accumulated surplus funds, is spending lavishly on public works. The copra industry, which helped materially in the accumulation of those funds, and which at present is going through an apparently recurring period of low prices, has asked in vain for a small Government subsidy.)

—Cartoon by Rox, FIJI.

New Port, Town and Settlement

Effect of Gold Industry's Growth in Fiji

WHEN the new Carpenter steamer "Suva" berthed at the new wharf at Vatia Point, on the north coast of Viti Levu, Fiji, in February, and discharged 1,600 tons of fuel oil and 300,000 super ft. of timber, all for use at the new gold mines, a few miles inland, another stage was marked in the very rapid development of the Crown Colony of Fiji.

It may be noted that the value of the gold produced in Fiji is now equal to about £750,000 per annum, and most of this comes from the new field near Tavua. To produce this huge treasure, a large staff of men and enormous equipment are now employed; and the new wharf at Vatia Point has been built to allow for the quick and easy transportation of supplies. It is expected that, every month, hundreds of tons of supplies for the mines will be landed from lighters, from the small coastal steamers, and from three or four overseas steamers which will make regular calls.

The new gold-mine industry has, not only created a busy little town at Tavua—it was only four or five buildings at the road junction four years ago—but the provision of a good road and a new port has stimulated land settlement in the district, and agricultural and pastoral industries are increasing. A new timber-getting industry also is developing.

It would seem that Tavua, with its port at Vatia Point, is to become an important Fijian town.

As the "Suva" was making her maiden voyage, and was the first steamer to tie up at the new wharf, Messrs. W. R. Carpenter and Co. Ltd., owners of the "Suva", celebrated the occasion by giving a party aboard the "Suva" at Vatia wharf. Amongst those who attended were:—

Mr. N. E. Nilsen (general manager, Emperor Co.), and Mrs. Nilsen, Mr. H. J. Harrison (acting manager, Loloma Co.), and Mrs. Harrison, with Mrs. W. Gourley (Perth, Western Australia), Mr. R. P. Kay (manager, Tavua Power Pty. Ltd.), Hon. H. H. Rags, M.L.C., Mr. J. Allen (C.S.R. manager, Barawai), with Mrs. Allen, District Commissioner N. C. Caldwell, and Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. A. Farquhar (C.S.R. manager, Lautoka), Mr. Griffiths (C.S.R. manager, Penang), Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Mr. Tiffin (district engineer), Mr. W. Pinlayson, Mr. Rourke, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwards. The party was entertained on board by Captain F. E. and Mrs. Laloe and Major C. Brewster.

18 WALLIS ISLANDERS ADRIFT

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Feb. 22. A WIRELESS broadcast from Suva, Fiji, states that two canoes from Wallis Island (Ue'a), a French possession, some 500 miles north of Samoa, have been missing since February 19.

The canoes contained 18 natives. It is possible that they have been driven to Samoa. Wallis islanders often have arrived at Falealupo (the westernmost point of Savaii) having been carried there by the prevailing current and wind.

Mr. J. J. Griffiths, who for the past six years has been manager of the Grand Pacific Hotel, Suva, Fiji, has retired. Mr. C. Brown, formerly chief steward of the "Matua" and "Aorangi", has been appointed to the vacancy.

Japanese Active In New Caledonia

A JAPANESE syndicate is engaged in negotiating the purchase of an important mining property in New Caledonia, owned by two residents of the island (said the "Bulletin du Commerce" late in February). The transaction will represent a sum of more than 20 million francs (about £150,000). Three Japanese experts left Japan by the "Naniwa Maru" on February 26, for Noumea, to study the mining property.

The Oceania Mining Company (already operating in New Caledonia) has just received 1,500 tons of equipment and eight experts from Japan, wherewith to modernise the nickel workings at Ouloulie and Yamato, at Kua.

PAPUA'S NEW MILITARY AERODROME

Australian Air Force officers, who arrived in a bomber, early in March, selected an area beside the Rouna Road, about 7 miles from the town, to be the new military aerodrome, and part of the defence organisation now being rapidly introduced to Port Moresby.

MILITARY EXPERTS IN PACIFIC

An inspection in Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Feb. 22. A PLAN for the defence of the Central and South-west Pacific has been receiving the attention of the Imperial naval and military authorities.

Under special charter, the motor vessel "Yanawai", owned by Messrs. Burns Philp (S.S.) Co., Fiji, arrived here on February 17, with a party of British experts. She had called at various islands in the Central Pacific recently; and she remained here for a short time while the experts examined possible landing-places for aeroplanes and seaplanes.

No information whatever was released regarding the vessel or the nature of her activities. She left the same day for an unknown destination.

The Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand, with high naval and military officials, are expected to attend a conference in March, to co-ordinate plans for defence of British Territories in and around the Pacific.

DEATH OF ROYAL TAHITIAN

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Feb. 20.

WE regret to announce the death, on February 13, 1939, of Princess Tetuanui Moearu Pomarearii-i-Taraho, daughter of the late Prince Terihinoia-tua Pomare, sister of Prince Ariipaea Pomare, and wife of Monsieur William Cowan.

Princess Tetuanui was by blood the grand-niece, and by adoption the granddaughter of King Pomare, of Tahiti; her father having been the nephew and adopted son and heir of the King.

She died at the ancient royal home-stead at Outu Aiai, in the district of Arue; the favourite demesne of her ancestors for many generations.

In making this announcement we are giving expression to the profound sorrow that is felt in the islands for the passing of this beloved and gracious member of the royal family.

The interment was at the royal burial ground, Ahutoru, in Arue, in the presence of His Excellency, the Governor of French Oceania, many officials of the Government and high chiefs, and a large assemblage.

The high chief Teriero'oitera'i, of Papenoo, delivered the funeral oration.

Princess Tetuanui is survived by her husband and seven children—four sons and three daughters.



Front Row (left to right): The late Princess Tetuanui Moearu Pomare; the late Prince Ariiaue Hinoi Pomare II; Princess Louise Ariipaea Pomare (wife of Prince Ariipaea Pomare).
Back Row (left to right): Prince Ariipaea Pomare, Monsieur Willie Isala Tapoa Cowan (husband of the late Princess Tetuanui Pomare).

"MACDHUI" PASSENGERS



Mrs. Trenchard Smith, together with her husband, who is a member of Guinea Airways, Ltd. staff of Wau, N.G., left Sydney for Port Moresby, Papua, by the "Macdhui" on February 25, after spending leave. Later, they proceeded to Wau by air.



Mr. F. B. Phillips, Chief Judge of New Guinea, returned to Rabaul, T.N.G., by the February "Macdhui", after several months' recreation and sick leave.



Mrs. A. Taylor sailed from Sydney for New Guinea by the last "Macdhui" to join her husband, who is employed at Kavieng.



Mr. R. Ashwell, a member of the staff of Bulolo Gold Dredging, Ltd., returned to New Guinea by the February "Bulolo", after furlough in Sydney.

MATA'ABA TITLE

Interesting Case In Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Feb. 10.

AN important case is at present being heard before the Land and Title Commission at Mulinu'u.

This is a claim for one of the oldest and highest titles in Samoa, the Mata'afa title.

The former holder of the Mata'afa title died last year, and there are two claimants for it—the former holder's son, and High Chief Faumuina Flame, formerly a native leader and now Inspector of Native Police.

The hearing will occupy several weeks.

Mr. G. A. Joy, British Resident Commissioner in the New Hebrides, arrived in Sydney by the "Morinda" on March 9.

CAN COPRA PRODUCERS BE ORGANISED?

Letter to the Editor

IS it not time that copra producers of the Pacific, with producers in other parts of the tropics, realised there is not likely to be any real improvement in the London market price of copra unless and until they organise, and tackle the matter?

Beyond all doubt, our troubles are chiefly due to the machinations of the Unilever Combine. The market was untroubled up to the time the Lever group amalgamated with the Dutch Margarine Union. Then came the buying up of the multiple retail provision stores throughout England. This occurred at the peak period of 1929, and therefore everything was valued high; and it is the general opinion they have had to depress the price of raw materials in order to pay dividends on the capital which was enormously "watered" at that time. Customers of their retail goods would desert them if they raised prices too high; whereas the producers of raw materials cannot leave the only market they know, although aware it is dominated by the Combine.

Apparently, then, we are caught in a trap, and the only way out is to organise.

If each Pacific Group—the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, Papua, New Caledonia, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Tonga, etc.—formed strong local Planters' Associations, and these linked up with each other and with similar organisations in India, Ceylon, F.M.S., Dutch East Indies, Philippines, etc., between them they should be able to support a Representative or Commissioner, or Commissioners, in London, possessed of legal training and of high standing to represent them, to investigate the methods of marketing, and make proposals for fighting the forces that are against us. Investigation should be directed to discover what other buyers there are on the London market apart from the Combine; and, if there are any, whether they are free from the influence of the Combine, or are dummies, or are in collusion.

The present Lord Leverhulme is merely a large shareholder and is used as a figurehead. Now that some nations are taking action against the Jews, it would be a good time to inquire whether Jews are connected with this Combine. The help of Parliamentarians might be enlisted, and questions asked in the House of Commons, and so publicly expose the Combine's activities. If it is found that these activities offend Anti-Trust Laws action could be threatened or taken. Propaganda in the press, as suggested in an excellent letter recently published by you, from Mr. G. A. Loudon, could be resorted to.

Reasons for the low values have been published (inspired, of course) from time to time—over-production; whale oil; soya beans; world's unrest; tariffs, etc. These have all been used, and yet shown to be meaningless when, in late 1936 and early 1937, for some reason known only to buyers, they caused the market price to reach high figures. We all know that by-products of copra-milling (cattle cake, glycerine, etc.) are sold to dairy farmers, makers of explosives, and others, for more than the market price for whole copra! What, then, happens to the oil?

When rubber producers found they were being exploited by the big tyre companies and others combining against them, they promptly organised and kept power in their own hands. Admittedly, copra is a perishable article and less easily managed, but still there must be some better way of marketing copra than just shipping it to London to take care of itself!

If not, we might as well cut out our palms and plant something else. We did not settle in the tropics for the benefit of our health.

I am, etc.,

J. G. MUNT.

Nivani Is., Samarai,
Papua, 22/2/39.

YOUNG PEOPLE FROM SAMOA

Migration to New Zealand

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Feb. 28.

AN increasing number of Euro-Asian youths and girls are travelling from Samoa to New Zealand, in search of employment. There is already a large and growing colony of these attractive young islands people in Auckland, and a smaller group in Wellington.

It is stated that most of the youngsters succeed in getting good and well-paid work in New Zealand and are adapting themselves very well to New Zealand conditions.

Ratu Deve Toganivalu, L.S.O., died at Bau, Fiji, on February 21, aged 75. Joining the Civil Service as a Native Tax Inspector in 1888, he rose to the positions of Native Stipendiary Magistrate and Governor of Matanivanua, and was appointed Roko Tui Bua in 1909. He retired from the Service in 1927. After being a member of the Legislative Council for 13 years, he resigned in 1938. He was awarded the Imperial Service Order for faithful service to the Government in 1928.



A group of well-known Fiji residents photographed on the "Monterey" just before she sailed for Suva on March 8. From left: Mr. J. M. Aitken, of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co.'s field staff at Penang; Mrs. J. Scott; Mr. J. Scott, chief engineer at the C.S.R. mill, Nausori; and Mrs. C. W. Pinkerton, whose husband is an employee at the Nausori mill. Mr. Aitken returned to the Colony after furlough in Sydney. Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Pinkerton are at present on leave in Sydney.

Hon. C. J. T. Barton, Colonial Secretary of Fiji, took part in a conference with the New Zealand Government in February which dealt with the price and quota system of Fijian bananas shipped to the Dominion. With Mr. A. B. Ackland, Inspector of Produce in Fiji, he returned to Suva by the "Aorangi" late in February.

STORM DAMAGE IN SAMOA



Scenes near Apia after the heavy rains in Western Samoa in January and early February. Floods were general and the damage very extensive.

Photos show:—Top: Pipes of the Apia water supply, on the Vaisigano River, broken by floods.

Second and Third: Flood scenes on plantations near Apia.

Bottom: The damaged Vaisigano Bridge.

Australian Amalgamation Plan May Include B.S.I. and N. Hebrides

Territories Wait Patiently While Canberra "Dithers"

ALTHOUGH there has been a certain amount of quick action in regard to the "fortification" of Port Moresby (described elsewhere), other matters in relation to the Australian Pacific Territories have moved with appalling slowness—or not moved at all.

Away back in November, there was to be immediate action to "amalgamate" Papua and New Guinea. Not a thing has been done, since then.

It is known that, for months, Mr. Harrison has had his plans ready for Cabinet sanction. But Cabinet, hopelessly torn by internal dissension and public criticism, has ignored these matters, along with scores of other things equally or more important.

In order to get the attitude of Australia into focus, in relation to Pacific Territories affairs, it is necessary only to give a few facts and dates.

The Rabaul eruption occurred in May, 1937. The Federal Government consulted scientists, and announced, most definitely, in August, 1937, that the administrative establishment must be removed from Rabaul at the earliest possible moment. After months of unexplained delay, the Griffiths Committee was appointed, in January, 1938, to find a new site for the capital. In April, 1938, it recommended Lae. In June, 1938, Mr. Hughes (then Minister in Charge) announced that he had rejected Lae and selected Salamaua. He announced, also, that a new road would be built at once, between Wau and Salamaua. In September, 1938, the selection of Salamaua, owing to public criticism and opposition, was abandoned. In October, 1938, Mr. Harrison took Mr. Hughes's place as Minister in Charge of Territories, and soon afterwards announced a policy of amalgamation, details of which were to be worked out by an expert committee.

It was presumed that the search for a new capital for New Guinea would now become part of the amalgamation plan. The Wau-Salamaua road plan was presumed to be unaffected.

But nothing has been done. New Guinea is just carrying on. Rabaul has settled down again as the capital of the Territory.

THE WAU-SALAMAUA ROAD

THERE is no official explanation of the extraordinary delay in getting on with the Wau-Salamaua road: but the facts are given in an article on another page.

SIR HUBERT MURRAY AND SIR WALTER McNICOLL

THERE are indications that, if and when amalgamation becomes effective, the administrative control of the two Territories will be revised: and it is presumed that the present two Administrators will be asked to retire.

It has been a matter for comment that, while two newspapers which are believed to have access to Ministerial sanctums have announced "the early retirement" of Sir Hubert Murray (who has been a mild critic of amalgamation) nothing has been said about the retirement of Sir Walter McNicoll (who has been a consistent advocate of the plan).

Sir Hubert Murray has stated, publicly and privately, in the last month, that he has no intention of retiring.

No serious issue is likely to arise, anyway. On present indications, both Administrators probably will have been removed by Anno Domini long before the amalgamation plan is likely to function. The expert committee probably will spend at least a year travelling around Papua and New Guinea, "investigating". In the year after that, it will report. A slow-moving Cabinet probably will dither over the report during many more long months; with the likelihood that some major trouble—a change of Government, a war, a depression—will cause the indefinite shelving of the whole plan. On past history—especially in relation to Islands affairs—chances are 10 to 1 in favour of something like that occurring.

If the unexpected happens, and the plan functions soon, and there is a moving round of high administrative officials, people who are most likely to appear prominently in the picture (in addition to present Administrators) are:—

Mr. Harold Page, Government Secretary at Rabaul, New Guinea.
Mr. Leonard Murray, Official Secretary at Port Moresby, Papua.
Major-General Sir Charles Rosenthal, Administrator, Norfolk Island.
Mr. J. R. Halligan, Officer-in-Charge of Territories Affairs, Canberra.

SOLOMONS AND NEW HEBRIDES

IF and when the new plan functions, it is likely to have a wider application than Papua and the Mandated Territory.

Speaking at a public luncheon to Sir Hubert Murray, in Sydney, on February 22, Mr. R. W. Robson (editor of the "P.I.M.") pointed out that the main impetus of the move towards amalgamation undoubtedly came from Australia's sudden, belated recognition of her defence needs. Australia was subverting everything to defence: and an essential part of the defence scheme was the distribution of mobile naval and air forces through the islands to the north and north-east. That rendered necessary a more efficient control over Papua and the Mandated Territory: and it also called for a more definite plan of development and settlement.

But, he continued, if that were true in relation to Papua and New Guinea, it was equally true in relation to the Solomons and New Hebrides. It would be

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illogical and absurd to place a defence organisation in Papua and (to the limits permitted by the Mandate) in New Guinea, and do nothing in the Solomons and New Hebrides which, from the defence angle, were just as important to Australia.

It could be taken as certain, he said, that if there was to be an inquiry into an amalgamation plan, that inquiry must eventually be extended to the future of the Solomons, and of British interests in the New Hebrides.

Mr. Harrison, during the month, again referred to his vision of a large, competent Australian Colonial service, governing all the Australian tropical Territories as a single unit. No over-ripe imagination is needed to see the now undeveloped and miserably financed Territories of Solomons and New Hebrides being brought within the orbit of the new Australian Colonial service, as part of the defence plan.

If the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific were to surrender his B.S.I. and New Hebrides responsibilities to Australia, and take over from New Zealand responsibility for the Mandated Territory of Samoa, it would be nothing more than a logical, long-awaited, and apparently inevitable development.

Apart from officials, there now are no purely British interests in the Solomons or New Hebrides. The British Imperial interests there—commerce, planting, shipping, currency, mission activities—are at least 95 per cent. Australian.

How Solomons, Hebrides and Fiji Come Into the Picture

THUS Earl Beatty, a British naval officer, speaking in Sydney on February 15:—

"Day by day Australians see the encroachment of a Great Power to the north. They see her steadily advancing down in their direction. We must see that those islands in our possession are made strong enough to prevent this encroachment.

"A number of harbours suitable naturally and strategically must be chosen and put in a state of defence. We must have bases from which the cruisers defending our merchant convoys can operate, and where our merchantmen can rendezvous.

"The strengthening of Singapore has strengthened Australia's position. The fortification of Darwin and Port Moresby is excellent as far as it goes. But there must be extension of these bases further to the east—a chain from Singapore to Fiji, outposts of our defence.

"We have much to do in that direction. It is one of the principal necessities to the defence of this country, for not only would these outposts serve as naval bases, but as severe deterrents to any raiding force. Such a force must see that its lines of communication are free before it can venture, and these bases would act as forceful deterrents."

New Guinea Plane Damaged

THE engine of a Guinea Airways single-engined Junker machine, on a test flight, cut out just after leaving Wau aerodrome on March 8. Pilot Jack Robins could not get back, so he very skilfully landed in a cleared area nearby. The plane hit an obstruction and was badly damaged. No one was injured.

Mr. H. Hunt, of N.Z., has married Miss G. Acraman, of Fiji.

Attacked By Crocodile

How Brave Papuan Saved a Child

WRITING on February 16, Mr. F. W. Burke, of Orokolo, Papua, sends the following remarkable account of a native's bravery:—

A few weeks ago a little Papuan girl, of Iari village, in the Great Delta Division, went to the river to draw water. No sooner had she stooped, than a huge crocodile swept her from the river bank with its tail, and dragged her below.

Immediately on hearing her cry, her uncle, Arko, who was close by, dived



Nurse Nolan, with the injured girl and her rescuer.

into the river and came face to face with the crocodile. Without hesitating, he plunged his bone dagger into the crocodile's eye thus making it relinquish the child.

Arko brought the girl to the surface, placed her in a canoe and paddled to the Seventh Day Adventist Mission Hospital at Orokolo, a distance of about 45 miles. Here, the child was found to be suffering from a broken leg and deep wounds across her back and sides, caused by the crocodile's frightful talons.

Without a whimper the child had her leg set and the wounds cleaned and sterilised. Under the care of Nurse Nolan, the child's wounds healed quickly. The leg is still in plaster, but the child is well and very much alive.

FIJIAN TAKEN BY SHARK

A FIJIAN boy aged 11, was taken by a shark, while bathing in the Sigatoka River, in Fiji, early in February. He was returning from school, with other children and, disregarding the warnings of Fijian workmen, who said that they had seen sharks in the river, the boy dived into deep water from the Lomawai Bridge. He did not reappear and the water presently became bloodstained. The body was recovered the following day, in a condition which showed that it had been partly eaten by a shark.

Defence Work At Pt. Moresby

Building of Fortifications Already Begun

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Feb. 23.

EVIDENTLY to prepare for the use of Port Moresby as a base for naval units and military aircraft (to be part of Australia's advanced defences), the fortification of the port already has begun.

A gang of 60 prisoners is at work on the summit of Paga Hill, overlooking the port, excavating and levelling the site for the proposed battery of (it is understood) six-inch guns.

A road has been surveyed from the end of the existing road at Paga Point, up the western flank to the summit.

A site at Konedobu has been occupied by the Defence Department for the erection of temporary barracks, and a contract for the building has already been let.

Another site, for permanent barracks, aerodrome, and the necessary adjuncts, has been selected on the flat land beyond the top of the "three-mile" hill. Artisans are expected to arrive on the next two trips of the "Maedhui" for the constructional work.

To provide temporary accommodation for the men, pending the completion of the barracks, the trustees of the Library Institute have been told officially that the hall will be required by the Defence Department for several months, as from March 24.

Major K. D. Chalmers, of the Royal Australian Artillery, arrived in Port Moresby by air late in February for work in connection with defence arrangements. How far the details of the scheme have been decided is not yet made public; but the promptitude with which work has been begun suggests that the plan is fairly complete.

Garrison of 35

THE Australian Minister for Defence told the newspapers late in February that an artillery unit of about 35 men would be placed at Port—no infantry would be sent, at present.

This is the sort of statement for which Australian Ministers are famous. Of course, no infantry will be sent to Port Moresby—under what possible combination of circumstances would they be of any use there? It is, in fact, difficult to see the value of the artillery unit.

If the Japanese—our potential enemy in the Pacific—want to take Port Moresby, the presence of a battery of 6-inch guns, and 35 artillerymen is not going to delay them very long.

The real plan, one may presume, is to make Port Moresby a base for an outer screen of light naval craft, for which it is admirably suited. Those small, fast ships, in the event of war, would be far out in northern New Guinea waters, watching for an enemy approach. They would be assisted by aeroplanes, and the latter, probably, would be based also on Port Moresby.

Those craft would give Australia early advice of an approaching enemy, and would retire on Port Moresby and, in due course, upon the Australian coast.

In such circumstances, the 6-inch guns on Paga Hill, operated in conjunction with searchlights, would be useful in keeping hostile raiding craft away from

the base. But the artillery unit, as well as the naval and air craft, would have to retire on Australia if a powerful enemy force entered New Guinea waters.

NATIVE MILITIA IN PAPUA

SIR HUBERT MURRAY caused some discussion when he publicly made the suggestion in Sydney in February that a militia force of native Papuans be recruited in Papua. He suggested that this method of giving service to the European Government would be welcomed by the natives and he thought that, as the natives under good training and discipline had made such admirable policemen, he saw no reason why they should not be equally admirable soldiers.

The newspapers asked the Prime Minister and the Minister for Defence about it, but both gentlemen side-stepped very carefully and considered it a matter for Cabinet. Mr. Hughes, however, who is the bad boy of the Cabinet and says always what he thinks, pointed out that no man was better qualified to speak on such a subject than Sir Hubert Murray. "He understands these natives perfectly", said Mr. Hughes, "and he would not make any suggestion which he thought would not be received favourably by them".

It may be taken as certain that, if a considerable defence organisation is to be placed in Papua, a large force of native Papuan militia will be recruited to carry out at least such services as are usually performed by the army service corps, labour corps, etc.

NEW GUINEA'S DEFICIT

Finances in Extraordinary Position

DURING the seven months of the financial year (July, 1938, to January 31, 1939) the public finances of New Guinea were:—

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Expenditure	293,660
Revenue	258,773
Excess of expenditure .. .	34,887

The Territory's accumulated surplus, which in July was over £50,000 was down to £24,765 at the end of January.

One naturally looks for some extraordinary condition to explain so unsatisfactory a position: but the only explanation offered by the Administrator, at the Council meeting on March 2 (according to the "Rabaul Times") was as follows:

"His Honour pointed out the various contributing factors of the decreased revenue as compared with the previous year, and said that the Territory was now feeling the effects of a reduction in trade, which is common to almost all countries in the world, and is attributed by economists to the nervous tension that exists everywhere".

This, with all respect to His Honour, is not very convincing. The Territory, in addition to the usual revenue from the usual sources, has a very substantial income from the 5 per cent. royalty on gold exported and, instead of running at a loss, it should be accumulating a large surplus for necessary developmental works. There certainly has not been sufficient recession in trade to justify such a bad financial position.

Rumours about New Guinea finances—mostly to the effect that there has been too lavish spending in many directions—have been current for some time. It is indicated that an inquiry by a financial authority is overdue.

TROPICALITIES

TO all coconut planters the word "whale" is anathema; but, some time ago, a planter in the New Hebrides had insult added to injury by one of these little pests. He was anchored off a small island, in his cutter, during a recruiting trip, and he was taking forty winks below. Suddenly the craft began to tremble and shake. He wondered what his crew were up to; then he thought it was an extra violent earthquake. He went on deck and glanced ashore; all seemed still and peaceful. Then he looked forward, and saw one of the crew, with eyes like saucers, staring over the side. One look in that direction was enough! He spent the next five minutes holding his breath and praying that no one on board would sneeze and frighten the sixty odd feet, and hundred tons of whale, which was lazily scratching the barnacles off its hide on the side of his cutter.

It is reported in Sydney that the energetic military officers sent to Port Moresby to push on with the work of quickly fortifying that port came into collision with some sections of the Papuan administration who are imbued with the Canberra spirit.

The Canberra spirit, in case you do not know, is spelled "procrastination". The thing, in the tropical Territories, which it is thought will be done within a month or two, generally takes a couple of years to accomplish. This is the result of the relationship between officials in Canberra and others in Port Moresby and Rabaul.

But these military officers cared nothing for tradition and less for hide-bound bureaucracy. They wanted a road built to the top of Paga Hill (which is the high point overlooking Port Moresby Harbour on the seaward side) and they wanted it quickly. There were interviews with certain people in which, it is alleged, skin and hair flew; but, finally, the officers found a man of action in Mr. C. P. Dolan, well-known in Sydney military circles, and who recently

became chief gaoler at Port Moresby. The military officers seized gratefully upon Mr. Dolan, and the latter has now been given a free hand as regards carrying out urgent work for the Defence authorities. With a gang of 140 prisoners he is making rapid headway with the road, and with important work of excavating and levelling the hill-top for gun emplacements.

The work at Port Moresby was in hand and nearly completed almost before Australia knew that the fortification of the Port was even seriously contemplated. It is a tribute to the efficiency of the Defence Department. If it had been left to other Departments which customarily deal with the Territory the various officials would still have been writing each other letters about it.

IF the general manager of one of those life insurance companies which "load" the rates of policies taken out by Islands residents had been in the Hotel Metropole, Sydney, on Monday morning, February 20, he would have hung his head in shame. At one table, there was Sir Hubert Murray, lean and vigorous and alert, despite the fact that more than 30 of his 76 years have been spent in Papua. Opposite him sat Mr. A. C. English, healthy and lively after no less than 54 years in Papua. In a corner, sternly guarding a tall glass of excellent brew, was Mr. George Arnold—46 years in New Guinea and Papua. "They've been doing a little alluvial mining in my inside", he said, "but you can tell the

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boys in Wau that I'm pretty well, and I'll be back soon". With him, fit and brown, was Mr. C. B. L. Wilde, who has shown Australia that Wau can grow the world's best coffee. He has been 30½ years in New Guinea. At another table, chatting to Mr. and Mrs. Loudon, of Port Moresby, was Mr. Les. Joubert, Mr. Arnold's old "mate" on Morobe. Mr. Joubert is somewhere in his fifties, 31 of those years were spent in the roughest parts of New Guinea and Papua; but he still has all his hair and teeth, and a figure and an outlook which place him in the ranks of permanent youth.

NEW GUINEA'S Administrator, Sir Walter McNicoll, used fruity metaphors on March 2, when describing to his Legislative Council the unprotected state of New Guinea. He said that the Territory "hangs like an over-ripe peach over the fence of the Australian orchard, waiting to be picked by some passing marauder. It is to be hoped that the orchardists' watchdogs will be able to keep the marauders at a distance. It would be better still if the fence could be extended and strengthened so as to include the overhanging branches".

Which seemed to be another way of

saying that he hoped that Australia soon would annex the Mandated Territory.

Sir Walter has committed a sort of lese majesty. In the minds of all Mandate officials, the Mandate system is holy and untouchable. It now is to be expected that a platoon of long-haired monsters from Geneva will arrive presently in Rabaul and tear out the toenails and otherwise mutilate the body of His Disrespectful Honour, the Administrator.

TRANS-PACIFIC AIR SERVICE

Meteorological Station at Noumea

IT would appear that the plan that Pan-American Airways shall run a sea-plane service across the Central Pacific from Hawaii to Australia via Canton Island and New Caledonia is being steadily proceeded with.

Details of the plan were given in the last issue of the "P.I.M.", and it then was stated that a contract had just been signed between the Government of French New Caledonia and Pan American Airways, under which the latter were to establish a fortnightly return service between North America and Australia, via Noumea, before June 30, 1939. The island of Nouville, which lies opposite the town of Noumea, is now being prepared as a suitable aeroplane station.

It is reported in the "Bulletin du Commerce" of January 28 (published in Noumea) that Monsieur Suraud left Marseilles on January 23, by the "Ville de Strasbourg, for Noumea. He is a meteorological engineer, and he is bringing with him complete equipment, wherewith he will establish a meteorological station at

Nouville, and will direct its operation when it commences to function in connection with the P.A.A. trans-Pacific service.

Although the terms of the agreement between the French Government and Pan American Airways have been published nothing at all has yet been said by Pan American Airways; and, so far as is known, that company is still committed to the plan under which it is to run a service from Hawaii down through the Samoan Islands to Auckland in New Zealand. The "Bulletin du Commerce", says that up to January 28 the American company has made no official announcement concerning its plans for the organisation of an aero-port at Nouville.

BOEING CLIPPER'S MAIDEN FLIGHT

Pan-American Airways' giant flying-boat, the Boeing Clipper, which is of a similar type to those intended ultimately for the South Pacific service, arrived at Hong Kong on March 5 on her maiden flight across the Pacific from San Francisco.

EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE IN SOLOMONS

A VERY brief message from Rev. J. F. Goldie, head of the Methodist Mission in the Solomons, says that in mid-February damage amounting to £500 was caused by very severe earth tremors which destroyed the buildings of the mission station at Gizo, in the Northern Solomons. No one was injured.

Rev. J. P. Jarman, L.Th., of the Methodist Mission Station at Bunama, Papua, has been compelled to resign owing to ill-health. He returned to Australia on February 20.

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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. **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 8 p.m., at Hotel Carlton, Sydney.

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ABOUT ISLANDS PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Higgins spent a fortnight on furlough in Australia in February, and returned to Port Moresby early in March. Mr. Higgins is the general manager there of Papuan Oil Developments Ltd. He expressed considerable surprise on learning that there were in circulation in Australia rumors that the operations of P.O.D. in Papua were decreasing; and that P.O.D. was abandoning the search for oil in Papua. He said that it was true that the search had been completed in certain sections, but the operations of P.O.D. in Papua were going on without any check or restrictions, and with the same confident hope that oil ultimately would be discovered.



TOP:—Mr. and Mrs. J. Pyke sailed from Sydney by the "Macdhui" on February 25 for Port Moresby, Papua, and later proceeded by air to Wau, T.N.G., where he is connected with Mandated Airlines, Limited. They had been in Sydney on leave.

BELOW:—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith and their son John, returned to Wau, New Guinea, by the February "Bulolo" after short furlough in Sydney. He is an employee of New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd.

Rev. C. S. Bull, of the Anglican Church, Lautoka, Fiji, was in Victoria in early March spending furlough, with his wife. He formerly was vicar of a parish in the Ballarat diocese.

Mrs. McLelland, wife of Rev. R. McLelland, of Mapoon Mission, has been in Thursday Island hospital seriously ill. In early March her condition was much improved.

Rev. H. M. Bell, of White Sands, Tanna Island, is at present in Melbourne on furlough with his wife and young son. They are maintained in their work in the New Hebrides by the John G. Paton Fund, founded in memory of the late Dr. Paton, a pioneer missionary in the Condominium.

Mr. W. C. Foskett, after 39 years in the service of Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd., will retire at the end of March. During this long association he has seen the Islands' Orders Department, with which he has been connected, grow from a staff of one (himself) to the large organisation which that section of the B.P.

trade calls for to-day. His many friends and well-wishers throughout the Islands, and in Australia, will be pleased to know that he retires in the best of health, and that he looks forward to many future years of leisure.

Mr. E. L. Baker, Senior District Commissioner in Fiji, is now on short leave prior to retirement. Joining the service in 1901 as a clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Department, he rose to be Acting Colonial Secretary and a member of the Legislative Council. During recent years he had been stationed at Rewa.

Mr. G. G. Ord, of Burns, Philp and Co.'s Witu branch, returned to New Guinea by the "Macdhui" on February 25, after spending furlough in Sydney.

Mrs. E. C. Skelly, well known resident of Samarai, where her husband is connected with Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd., returned to Papua by the last "Macdhui" after several weeks' holiday in Australia. While in Brisbane Mrs. Skelly received medical treatment, but now has recovered.

Mr. C. Soderman, captain of the Anglican Mission schooner "MacLaren King", returned to Samarai, Papua, by the February "Macdhui", after a visit to Sydney, during which he underwent medical treatment.

Mr. A. McCarthy, of Invercargill, New Zealand, who for some years was judge of the High Court in Samoa, has been appointed judge of the Native Land Court in the Cook Islands, with headquarters at Rarotonga. On March 8 he travelled to Gisborne, N.Z., to spend three weeks with the Native Land Court before taking up his new appointment.

A guest of honour at the March gathering in Sydney of the Pacific Islands Club was Miss Margaret Hetherington Carruthers, of Apia, daughter of Mr. I. H. Carruthers, a well-known identity in Samoa, and for many years a member of the Legislative Council. A talented singer of Island melodies, she has been heard over the air since her arrival in Sydney. For the past year she has been residing in Apia with her family.

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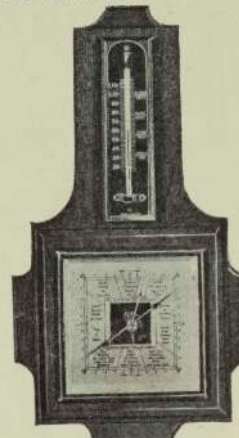


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FIJI'S RICHES

**Gold Production in 1938 Worth
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THE following table shows the trade of Fiji for the calendar year 1938.

The figures show also the 1937 totals, for comparison. The comparison is misleading, however, 1937 was practically a "boom" year. The 1938 totals, while showing a slight swing-back compared with 1937, do nevertheless indicate a very healthy condition of trade.

Sugar has about held its own. Copra and trocas have felt severely the fall in world prices.

The most interesting development is the growth of gold production. The effect of this is to markedly increase the total value of Fiji's exports, so that they now are £860,000 in excess of imports—and Fiji's overseas debt is negligible. That excess does not remain in Fiji, of course—much of it goes to the shareholders of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co., and some, maybe, to the promoters of the Emperor and Loloma gold mines. Nevertheless, enough remains in Fiji to make it the best-endowed territory in the Pacific.

EXPORTS

	1937.	
	Quantity.	Value.
Sugar (tons) ..	129,692	£1,388,681
Copra (tons) ..	30,001	407,354
Bananas (cases) ..	152,347	80,071
Gold (oz.) ..	21,407	166,115
Molasses ..	—	19,673
Trocas (tons) ..	144	12,273
Other ..	—	139,040
Total exports ..	—	£1,760,744

Total imports .. — £2,213,657

	1938.	
	Quantity.	Value.
Sugar (tons) ..	134,415	£1,388,183
Copra (tons) ..	33,475	270,915
Bananas (cases) ..	149,395	73,578
Gold (oz.) ..	89,354	701,252
Molasses ..	—	22,881
Trocas (tons) ..	140	7,731
Other ..	—	120,469
Total exports ..	—	£1,675,437

Total imports .. — £2,535,029

SAMOAN AIRPORT

Preparations Near Apia

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Feb. 27.

SOUNDINGS are being taken and a survey made of the western Upolu coast, within the reef, between Mulifanua and Magia. This is to obtain information regarding the suitability of the area for the landing of seaplanes.

At Vailele, east of Apia, preparations are in progress for the creation of a landing ground and aerodrome for land planes.

There is a growing probability that Western Samoa will be at least a commercial airport of importance in the near future.

Mr. Ben Jannif, manager of Caine's Studios, Suva, Fiji, married **Miss Amina Khanum Raheem** early in February. This being a Moslem wedding, the bride retains her own name.

Attack on New Guinea Air Mail

Plea by "Combine" That Townsville be Terminal

WHEN it became known that established airlines in Australia (usually called the "Combine" lines) were putting pressure upon the Commonwealth Government, to cut off the New Guinea-Australia airmail at Townsville, there was indignation in Papua and New Guinea.

The "Combine" lines (unsubsidised) run services from Sydney to Townsville, and they objected to Carpenter Airways (non-"Combine" and subsidised) running between Sydney and Townsville. They urged that the Carpenter service should stop at Townsville, and thus avoid duplication and that passengers and mails should come on by the other airmails.

It is as if the coastal steamship lines demanded that the P. and O. and Orient Lines should stop at Fremantle, and their passengers and freight be taken on to eastern ports by coastal liners.

Townsville as the terminal instead of Sydney would cause expense and inconvenience to Territories residents.

As soon as Mr. H. T. Allan, president of the New Guinea Mining Association, arrived in Sydney on March 6, he inquired into the position, and then he sent the following telegram to the Prime Minister:—

"As reported in newspapers that Cabinet considered aviation matters and possibility of stopping New Guinea airmail service at Townsville, I on behalf of residents of Morobe section of New Guinea strongly oppose any alteration in Sydney terminal of air service from New Guinea. All Territory residents consider service urgently needs augmentation rather than restriction. Will make personal representations in Canberra next week".

There is a growing demand for the duplication of the New Guinea air-service. Passengers complain that they cannot get berths unless they book three and four weeks ahead.

The Copra Market In Europe

By Our Special Correspondent

LONDON, February 28.

THE Copra market is firm, and during the last two months has advanced about £1 per ton.

The reason is that there has been a very good demand from consumers and, at the time of writing, this demand continues. In the opinion of Messrs. H. M. P. Faure and Co., of London (and others, too) values will be at least maintained. This applies not only to Britain, but also to the Continent, as the demand has been from both.

Now, as regards competitive factors.

The new Whale Oil catch, which is now arriving, is much inferior in quantity to last year, and private estimates put the reduction at about 30 per cent.

With regard to Soya Beans—the main buyer is Germany, who has for some time been buying from the East on a barter basis.

Concerning Palm Kernels, quantities arriving from the West Coast of Africa have been much smaller than usual, and what quantities have been available, have been readily absorbed by crushers.

Germany continues her policy of buying on a barter basis whenever that is possible. Naturally, this has, broadly speaking, the effect of making a rather nominal market with such articles as Soya Beans.

The reduced Whale Oil catch will, in the view of merchants in London, undoubtedly have an effect on the Copra market and the recent rise is very largely attributable to this.

So far as Europe is concerned, America for the time being is out of the market. So far as Faure and Co. can see, the position is at the moment, that America has sufficient supplies of her own and will not find it necessary for some months to come at least, to import oil bearing material. This has had the effect of turning Philippines Copra towards Europe.

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N. G. GOLDFIELDS ROAD**Engineer Recommends Bitoi Route**

AFTER carrying out most difficult inspections of the proposed routes for the Salamaua-Wau road, Mr. Field (Director of Public Works in New Guinea) finally reported that there were only two routes for practical consideration:

1.—The short route, via the Bitoi (about 50 miles), as recommended by the Wau community.

2.—The long route (Salamaua-along coast to Markham-up Markham to Wam-pit-thence to Bulwa, Bulolo Valley and Wau). This is over 100 miles, and is advocated by those who wish the road to have permanent value in developing the Ramu hinterland.

It is understood that the estimated cost of each route is about £200,000. Because it provides a much shorter route for goldfields traffic, Mr. Field has recommended the Bitoi road.

It is believed that Mr. Field's report reached Canberra about the end of February.

Meanwhile, Mr. H. T. Allan has informed the Minister that the survey party sent out by the N.G. Mining Association had gathered data to prove that the road, via Bitoi, could be built for the original estimate of £150,000. Mr. Allan urges an early start on the construction of the road because:

Much of the survey work already is completed.

Miners and contractors, with at least 1,000 native labourers, are available to start work now, but may be dispersed within a few weeks.

A road along the Bitoi Valley will open up new gold-bearing country for development.

Early completion of the road will allow an early start by the Bulolo Valley timber interests, who are going to provide valuable back-loading.

It is thought in some quarters that the choice between the two routes will be referred to the Amalgamation Commission—which, of course, will mean a long delay.

BETTER CATTLE**Beef and Butter in Fiji**

THE cattle-farming industry of Fiji continues steadily to improve.

There now are numerous dairy farms in Fiji and, up until 1934 Fiji was not only supplying all its own requirements in butter, but was exporting a substantial surplus. It then became apparent that it was possible to convert the surplus of Fijian butter into an article called ghee, which is much in demand by the Indian population; and from that time onwards the exports of Fijian butter and the imports of Indian ghee were cut out.

Mr. J. T. Bayly, of Sigatoka, Fiji, who is the foremost breeder of cattle in the colony, has just imported into Fiji two Red Poll heifers and a yearling Red Poll bull, of the famous Haddon Rig stud at Warren, New South Wales. Mr. Bayly, using these newly-imported cattle, proposes to establish at his Sigatoka estate a high class stud, from which he will breed a better class of bulls for his various herds.

"THEY'RE COMING SOUTH"

American Professor on Future Policy of Japan

"THEY'RE coming south!" was the frank statement of Dr. Tyler Dennett, professor of international affairs at Princeton University, U.S.A., when he arrived in Melbourne from China, Japan and the Philippines on February 15, and was asked by the Melbourne "Herald" to comment on the Japanese occupation of Hainan Island.

Dr. Dennett is visiting Australia under the auspices of the Carnegie Corporation.

A second, and still more important thing, he said, was the question: What are the French—and the British—going to do about it? Japan in Hainan threatened French and British communications. It was an ideal air base, 300 miles from Hong Kong, and an important factor in Japan's evident expectation to control the whole China Coast. Another factor was Japan's military line, stretching 2,700 miles from Canton to Tientsin, back of Hankow.

Japan was not looking beyond Hainan to Australia, said Dr. Dennett; at least, not for the present.

It was obvious that General Chiang Kai-shek must stress the ultimate possibility of attack on Australia, in his attempt to draw Britain and France into the Sino-Japanese struggle. It was just as obvious that Japan must strenuously deny any such intention.

China, he said, was very optimistic. It had great capacity for resistance. China was not going to organise a great campaign to retake Nankin, Hankow, and Tientsin; but its unlimited man-power gave the country an illimitable staying power. From now on, the battle would be between the Japanese yen and the Chinese dollar—and the dollar now was better money than the yen.

The foreign merchants' day was over in Japan and China, said Dr. Dennett. Whichever side won would exclude the foreign trader. This was apparent in China years before the trouble with Japan. Chinese politicians had made their way by kicking the foreigner around, although just now they were very fond of him. There was no reason to believe the war had brought a permanent change of heart.

Dr. Dennett said he found in the Philippines that the political leaders, who had been galloping furiously towards independence for more than 50 years, were now trying to swap horses, and go just as furiously in the opposite direction. The public, trained to shout for independence, was not inclined to applaud the change of policy.

Thoughtful leaders believed that to complete secession by 1946, according to the U.S. legislation which provided for withdrawal from the Far East by that time, would be to hand the Philippines over to Japan. Some effort would be made to revise the Philippine independence policy, but whether this would be achieved it was hard to say.

Politicians in the Philippines had thrived on abuse of America and assertions that she had not fulfilled her promises. Now they were going to try to educate their own people back to the idea of dependence on the United States. At the same time they would like to educate the American people back to where they were before the policy of withdrawal from the Far East. In both

these re-education efforts they would have to race against time.

THREAT AGAINST EAST INDIES

A DEMAND that Holland should sell Dutch New Guinea to Japan was voiced by the newspaper "Osaka Asahi", in February. It said that the Dutch Pacific possessions are the next area to be conquered after China.

In a truculent editorial the "Asahi" warns Holland that "she is expected to become conscious of the new situation in the Pacific".

Foreign correspondents believe that the "Asahi" reflects the Government's intentions more accurately than Mr. Arita,

who said that the bases on the island of Hainan (off the coast of Cochin China, and recently seized by the Japanese) were to be used against China only.

ATTITUDE OF DUTCH

The Netherlands Government is taking steps to strengthen its defences in the East Indies.

Dr. A. E. Briggs, of Sydney University, who recently spent some time in the East Indies, found that the Dutch were anxious to deal with the problem of Japanese penetration into Dutch New Guinea. They were no longer prepared to grant concessions to the Japanese, who had leased areas in the north for cotton growing.

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Rearrangement in New Guinea and Norfolk Island

AN anomaly which has existed for a long time is the division of the Mission activities of the Church of England in the Western Pacific.

The Melanesian Mission (headquarters in the Solomons) has had responsibility for the Solomons, the New Hebrides, Norfolk Island, and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea. The Bishop of New Guinea (head of a Queensland diocese) has had charge of Anglican Missions in Papua, but not in New Guinea.

It now has been arranged that the Bishop of New Guinea shall have charge

of the whole of the mainland of New Guinea, but the islands of New Britain, New Ireland and Bougainville (part of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea) remain the responsibility of the Melanesian Mission.

Responsibility for Norfolk Island (once the headquarters of the Melanesian Mission) has been transferred to the Archbishop of Sydney.

There is doubt as to whether the Bishop of New Guinea has funds or facilities for undertaking mission work among the New Guinea natives. It is expected that he will limit his activities to the European community, for the present.

Mr. E. G. Theodore, well-known executive of the major Fiji gold companies, arrived at Suva by the February "Mariposa".

ON FURLOUGH FROM NEW BRITAIN



REV. A. STANLEY JONES, L.Th., of the Methodist Mission, arrived in Sydney from Rabaul, New Guinea, by the "Bulolo" on March 9. He was accompanied by Mrs. Jones, and they will spend three months' furlough in N.S.W. For the past three years, Mr. Jones has been stationed at Kabakada, New Britain, in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

A "DEAD" MAN ARISES

Embarrassing Situation In Rarotonga

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, Feb. 15.

TWO days ago a Rarotongan native was seriously ill, and when he sank into a state of coma his relatives thought he was dead.

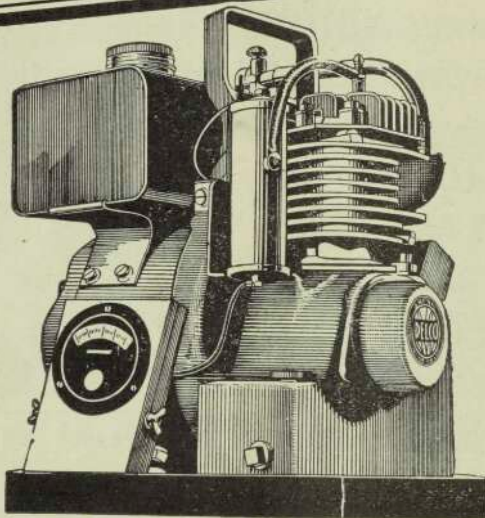
As it is the usual custom, when someone dies, to have the burial the same day, immediate preparations were made for this man's funeral. Being short of ready cash to buy the coffin, the family sold many of his personal effects.

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TONGANS IN TROUSERS AND TOP HATS

Embarrassing Errors of Early Missionaries

BY JULIAN DASHWOOD

A NUMBER of books, giving prominence to early missionary work in the Pacific, have appeared recently, causing, according to their particular slant, approbation or disapproval among those competent to judge.

In all such works the author's own bias colours his recital of facts and, however unemotionally he records these, it will obtrude like a thin film over the whole book. In some, it is almost impossible to separate the truth from those prejudices which cement his writing. Conversely, in many books written by missionaries themselves, one is often unable to distinguish between the narrator's enthusiasm for his subject and the real value of the work performed.

Perhaps no fairer method of criticism could be devised than to draw upon the various societies' own journals, always remembering that these were written at a time when the religious life of the world generally moved at a different tempo than it does now.

THE most powerful society was — and still is — the London Missionary Society, launched in 1794 as a child of that evangelical revival originated by Whitefield and Wesley, and which swept England as a popular reaction to the neighbouring revolution in France.

In an address by Dr. Haweis to assembled ministers at Spa Fields Chapel on September 22, 1795, the former remarked that "... we desire to carry the glad tidings of this salvation to the distant lands, sunk deep in heathen darkness and covered with the shadow of death".

Dr. Haweis was referring to Tahiti, an island of which he—in common with those associated with him—knew very little; although Bougainville, writing in 1768, with the wider vision of a man of the world, stated that in Tahiti he "seemed to be transported into the Garden of Eden". In fact, according to Havelock Ellis, the view spread by early missionaries, that the Tahitians practised "the worst pollutions of which it was possible for man to be guilty" requires, in the light of modern knowledge, serious modification.

At this meeting it was indicated that if educated men were not forthcoming, then the Society would select uneducated ones; and indeed, from the whole tenor of the address, it would appear that these were even favoured, although there were some who realised the folly of such a course.

"There have not ceased to be men of influence in the Society who sincerely think that the best education for missionaries is none at all, and the next best is that which consists in teaching them to make wheelbarrows or plant turnips". (History of the L.M.S., Vol. 1, page 73).

The sailing of the mission ship "Duff" is familiar history. But a singular reticence has been observed regarding the subsidiary details. Out of the 30 who composed the original batch of evangelists, 23 ceased to have any connection with the Society shortly after their return to England, following the capture of the "Duff" by a French privateer; and out of the second 30 who finally reached Tahiti, only nine were still within the fold three years later.

A sublime disregard for local conditions went hand in hand with almost incredible stupidity in the selection of those to undertake the work. The Rev. John Eyre, a young man of 25, was accompanied by his wife, a lady of 64, while another, named Cover, brought along a small boy in the last stages of consumption! The child died while the ship still lay at Portsmouth.

ON March 5, 1797, the "Duff" reached Tahiti, where it was at once apparent that the newcomers would not share the rhapsodies of Bougainville.

"... For the first time, those sent to begin, on behalf of the Society, the glorious work of preaching Christianity to the heathen, came into direct contact with the human beings they sought to bless. ... When the first ceremonies were over we began to view our friends with an eye of enquiry; their wild disorderly behaviour, strong smell of coconut oil, together with the tricks of the areois, lessened the favourable impression we had formed of them. Neither could we see aught of that elegance and beauty in their women for which they had been so greatly celebrated. ... we endeavoured

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to make them understand that this was the day of the Atua, and that on it we durst not trade, but their women, repulsed, occasioned even greater wonder among them". (From the official Journal kept on board the "Duff").

And yet in J. R. Forster's "Observations Made on a Voyage Round the World", published in 1778, we find a charming description of Tahiti, and its people. "In short, their character", he concludes, "is as amiable as that of any nation that ever came unimproved out of the hands of Nature. Whenever we came to this happy island we could perceive the opulence and happiness of its inhabitants".

Turnbull, who visited Tahiti in 1830, writes that "their manner of addressing strangers, from the king to the meanest subject, is courteous and affable in the extreme. . . . They certainly live amongst each other in more harmony than is usual amongst Europeans".

Yet these were the same people of whom the chronicler on the "Duff" could find little or nothing to praise, and to whom the pilgrim evangelists sang their sombre and prophetic hymn, beginning "O'er the gloomy hills of darkness".

FROM the outset, arguments arose as to the wisdom of entering either the political or commercial fields. In

1837 we find the missionary J. M. Orsmond writing that "we are a set of trading priests, our closets are neglected and our cloth disgraced".

Politically, too, the Society soon found itself unable or unwilling to refrain from interference with secular affairs. First in Tahiti and Raiatea, then in Rarotonga in 1826, a code of laws was drawn up by the missionaries in consultation with the leading chiefs, and subsequently ratified by the people generally. In this manner, as will readily be understood, the Society not only strengthened its spiritual authority, but also obtained a temporal hold over those islands on which it was represented.

The severity of many of these laws and their puritanical insistence on the preservation of moral standards led, in 1891, to Mr. F. J. Moss, first British Resident at Rarotonga, including the following remarks in his report for that year on the conditions in Mangaia:

"... There is no regard for personal liberty, nor any pretence to such a regard. At sunset a bell rings from the Mission House, and the streets of the two adjacent villages are at once paraded by policemen, each with a native drum, who warns the people to remain in their own premises, which they cannot then leave unless with a lighted torch in hand. After sunset, the streets are thoroughly deserted, except by the police, who prow about secretly and enter any house, at any hour, to satisfy themselves that no improper proceedings are going on within. These policemen number 150—about one to every twelve of the population. Their only qualification is church-membership, and the night duty is done by detachments selected weekly. . . . Women are said to have been exposed in dark holes, and with little or no clothing, to the attacks of mosquitoes; men are said to have been hung up by the feet; and similar means taken to extort criminal confession and its attendant fine".

That these methods had not earned unanimous approval is clearly demonstrated in a letter, from Tahiti, by the missionary Howe, in 1848:

"Having registered the lands as national property, the Governor passed a law . . . that the people should keep the schools, chapels and missionary premises in repair . . . out of 80 delegates there were only seven in favour of his motion, those who spoke said that we had got enough out of them already! Such things are excessively painful to hear".

BUT perhaps the worst indictment which can be levelled against the Society is the inoculation of the peoples under its influence with a fear of death and a sense of sin—innovations which in the case of the Tahitians had as far-reaching results as the opening of Pandora's box. That neither existed formerly has been amply established. In Cook's "Third Voyage of Discovery, 1776-1780", occurs the passage: "I never saw

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them, in any misfortune, labour under the appearance of anxiety after the critical moment was past. Neither does care ever seem to wrinkle their brow. On the contrary, even the approach of death does not appear to alter their usual vivacity".

To compare with this we find, in the "History of the L.M.S., Vol. 1, pages 268-269":—

"A generation trained in heathenism could not thus have come under the power of the Gospel without in many cases passing through the deep waters of spiritual experience. Pomare himself was an example of this. Fear of eternal punishment as the only fit reward for crimes such as his, and hope that in some way Christ would deliver him, seem to have alternately tortured and soothed his darkened mind. . . Civilisation, apart from the Gospel, could never have started such questions as these and could certainly have held out no comfort to any such troubled souls".

NO review, however brief, would be complete without some mention of the sweeping changes wrought by the Society in the domestic life and customs of the people generally, often to the detriment of health and happiness.

These attempts to transplant Victorian niceties to the South Seas were most clearly seen in Tonga where, by the close of last century, the population had been dizen out in old bonnets, shapeless gowns, trousers and swallow-tailed coats for Sunday, and where, in place of the cool spaciousness of their former homes, houses had become receptacles for accumulated rubbish, the chairs covered with hideous antimacassars and the tables loaded with round worsted mats. Punishable too, by fine and imprisonment: (a) To wear native clothing; (b) to play at ball; (c) to bathe on Sunday; (d) to wear a garland of flowers; (e) to build a native-fashioned house.

And when one pauses to think that out of a total revenue of over £6,500,000, a large proportion was expended in bringing about a state of affairs similar to that just described, one is not only inclined to deplore such misplaced zeal but also to endorse the words of the late Lord Stanmore, a former Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner of the Pacific, who said, apropos of conditions in Tonga that "men in such circumstances are ripe for revolt, and sometimes the revolt comes".

N.I.'s TROUBLES

SAYING that they had been unable to obtain a reasonable living in spite of all their efforts, 27 residents of Norfolk Island reached Auckland on February 13, in the steamer "Tasman" in search of work in New Zealand. About 15 of them are former New Zealanders; the others have spent their lives on Norfolk Island. They said that a change from Australian to New Zealand control and more frequent shipping services were necessary before the island could hope to flourish. One hundred settlers had left in the last three months.

Mr. A. J. Peadon, a well-known New Guinea miner, suffered a painful accident in the Ramu district in February. He was working on his claim, when a large stone rolled on to him and badly cut his leg. He was brought to Sydney by aeroplane, and placed under expert treatment, in the hope that the broken bones may be made to grow together again.

Mr. E. C. Monck, who is well-known in New Guinea, left Sydney for Rabaul, by the February "Bulolo", "looking", as he expressed it, "for further investments". A few years ago, Mr. Monck took over the lease of the famous Ah Chee Hotel in Rabaul and re-named it the Cosmopolitan Hotel. Then he sold it and returned to West Australia. A little later, he made the trip by air from Perth to Wau, in New Guinea, in the Hercules aeroplane bought in West Australia by Mr. E. Stevens. Mr. Monck went on to Rabaul, and took over the lease of the Hotel Rabaul. He sold out on May 15, 1937, to Mrs. C. R. Bignell and left for a trip up East. Exactly a fortnight later, in

Hong Kong, Mr. Monck received news of the Rabaul eruption, wherein so much property was destroyed. He since has visited China, Japan, Singapore and the East Indies, and has spent some time in Western Australia.



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A PICTURESQUE ceremony took place at the February meeting of the Polynesian Club, when a gift of mats from Mrs. Wetzel, of Samoa, sister of the Faatonu Taisi, O. F. Nelson, was presented to the Club by Mrs. Augusta Lembke, of Randwick, Sydney. Mrs. Lembke, who is the daughter of Mrs. Wetzel, replied to an address of welcome by the President, Mr. Leonard Moran, and unrolled the mats herself, being the first to sit down on them, and wished the Club success.

A kava-making followed, at which Mrs. Lembke was the chief guest. This ceremony was supervised by Mr. Richard Hahn, and was made by Mrs. Wakainga Tipene, a chieftainess of the Ngapuhi (N.Z.). The kava was also presented to Mrs. Vika Lamacraft (Tonga), Mr. Hamuera Ormsby (a rangatira of the Maniapoto people, N.Z.), Mrs. Ruth Tareta Beckman (Avarua, Rarotonga), Mrs. Daisy Strachan (Butaritari, Gilbert Islands), Miss Olita and Mr. R. Hahn (Tonga), Mr. Victor Tipene (Wellington, N.Z.), Mr. John McCoy (Norfolk Island), and Mrs. Petch (Pitcairn Island), both descendants of men of the "Bounty". Others present who partook of the ceremonial drink were Madame Antoinette Mourin (formerly of Makatea), Mr. Hemi Hokena (Hawkes Bay, N.Z.), Mrs. Katarina Ormsby (Rotorua, N.Z.).

Another gift of finely made long and short Maori "poi" was received from Mr. Julian Waretini, of Rotorua. In the absence of Mr. Waretini in N.Z., Mrs. Wiki Byron, the Club's senior Arawa representative, partook of the kava as a compliment to her fellow tribesman. After the kava, a fine programme of Polynesian folk dances was presented by the members, among them being the Samoan "Ma'ulu'ulu" and the Maori dance commemorating the voyage to N.Z. of the famous canoe, Te Arawa.

Mr. Royston Raymond Leslie Foulkes, Government Medical Assistant at Namatanai, T.N.G., died on February 13, aged 44. He had spent nine years in the New Guinea Public Service. At one time, he was engaged in medical work in Persia and later took part in the Great War.

Sir Hubert Murray on Native Policy

"We May Have Gone a Little Too Far"

SIR HUBERT MURRAY, Lieutenant-Governor of Papua, was likened to Lord Lugard, of Nigeria, and the latter's pupil Sir Donald Cameron, of Tanganyika, by Dr. H. Ian Hogbin, when presiding at a luncheon arranged in his honour by Pacific Islands Club members at the Carlton Hotel, Sydney, on February 23.

Both Lord Lugard and Sir Donald Cameron are regarded as outstanding native administrators, and recognised authorities throughout the Empire on Colonial problems. "Because of his long experience and eminent gifts," said Dr. Hogbin, "Sir Hubert takes rank with them!"

Those who attended (including leading Sydney business men), were interested to hear an important statement from Sir Hubert: "In a place like Papua one has to deal with Europeans as well as natives, and the latter need just as much protection as the Papuans. I have always endeavoured to hold the scales evenly between both peoples. Because one is pro-native, there is no necessity for one to be anti-white. I contend that one can be both pro-native and pro-European!"

There was sometimes a danger that an administrator, he said, might be carried away by his duty to the natives and forget what he owed to the European members of the same community. "I do not say that it always exists," Sir Hubert added, "but one has to guard against the possibility".

Sir Hubert recalled the time when any person who took an interest in natives' cultures was regarded as a crank. If employers clothed and fed their native employees in an adequate manner, it was solely in the interests of themselves: adequately garbed and housed natives were a better business proposition. But with the advancement of anthropology, the whole outlook had changed. "I am wondering whether we may not have gone just a little too far in looking after the natives", he said.

Sir Hubert told some interesting and amusing stories of his early days in Papua.

Sir Hubert's appearance at the P.I. Club was his last in public for some time. Soon after, he entered St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, to undergo treatment for malaria. He left hospital on March 3, and is now resting in the country.



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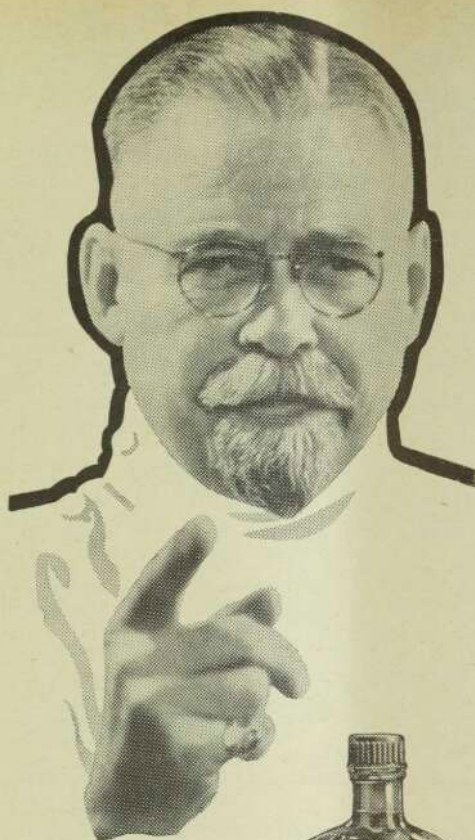
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Mr. James George Ashley, manager of the Royal Hotel, Levuka, Fiji, died on February 13, at the age of 45. He was well-known in the Colony, having been associated with the Metropole and Melbourne Hotels for many years.

His Honour Mr. Douglas R. Stewart, C.M.G., Administrator of St. Kitts-Nevis, West Indies, who was for many years connected with the Fiji Civil Service, died recently at the age of 52.

Mr. Trafford Smith, of the British Colonial Office, has been seconded to the Fiji Government Secretariat for two years. He took up his duties in February.

PAPUA PROSPERS

Oil-Rubber-Coffee-Defence Works

AS a result of oil prospecting operations and the high price of rubber, Papua is experiencing new commercial prosperity, said Sir Hubert Murray (Lieut.-Governor of Papua) on his arrival in Sydney in February.

The rubber plantations, owned by Europeans and worked with native labour, now covered a total area of about 70,000 acres, 50,000 acres of which had been taken up in the last two years. The entire output of the plantations was absorbed by Australia.

The coffee plantations were also prospering. Unlike the rubber plantations, they were owned and worked by Papuans. The Administration assisted the owners by remitting taxation, supplying seed, and instructing the natives how to cultivate their holdings, stipulating that they should work a certain number of days in the week. The crop was marketed by the Administration, which returned the natives half the proceeds of sale, and with the other half maintained a fund reserved expressly for native purposes, such as the establishment of hospitals and schools.

This year the coffee crop was sold for £2,000, of which the natives received £1,000. Several hundreds of natives were now engaged in coffee production.

With the prospect that the production of petroleum would soon be added to Papua's many valuable exports, the adequate defence of the country assumed an even greater importance, said Sir Hubert Murray. Considerable significance, therefore, attached to the recent visit to Papua of three Australian defence ex-

perts. This mission had selected a site for a base for the mobile naval and air forces which the Federal Government intended to establish at Port Moresby. Fixed defences would be provided there and the base would be used as a station for flying-boats.

KAURI FROM FIJI

New Export Trade

THE Fiji Kauri Timber and Land Company Ltd. made its first regular shipment of kauri logs to Australia by the steamer "Tambua" in February (says the "Fiji Times"). The company has an agreement for a year's supply of kauri logs to Australian manufacturers who are interested in veneer work.

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Mr. J. C. Barley, Resident Commissioner in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, arrived in Sydney on February 23, after 5 months' absence on furlough in Europe. He is accompanied by Mrs. Barley. Mr. Barley has been Commissioner, with his base at Ocean Island, for six years. Previously he was for many years in the British Colonial service in the Solomons. With his wife, Mr. Barley will board the first steamer leaving Australia to load phosphates at Ocean Island.

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A Top-Dressing In The Tropics

BY "AMEL."

IN Suva, the business of having one's hair attended to is a simple matter. For the male of the species, European, Indian and Japanese barber shops offer a varied choice to suit most tastes and pockets; and, if you cannot decide which to patronise, you simply "eenie, meenie, minie, mo" them!

For the female of the species, who naturally desires more twiddle-bits to her hair-dressing, there is an up-to-date and well-appointed establishment, where, in an atmosphere of coolness and peace, it is possible to be shampooed, bobbed, shingled, bingled, dyed, waved or curled. Such an enchanting, inviting array of possibilities to tempt the feminine mind! No wonder so many of them fall for things they shouldn't!

But, wait! The scene changes to a humble copra plantation, on an island a couple of hundred miles from Suva. Delicately-scented hair-dressing emporiums are lamentably distant, and one's hair grows at an alarming rate—due, no doubt, to the outdoor life and the "wide open spaces". When it reaches an uncontrollable length, and mosquitoes and heat are driving one crazy, the following procedure is adopted.

One chooses a Sunday morning (this is the favourite time) when Father has himself comfortably established with spectacles and book. Then one approaches him somewhat diffidently, and says, in a half-bantering tone, "Oh—er—um—Dad . . . I suppose you couldn't spare half an hour or so, could you?"

Down goes the book, and one is treated to a very cold glare.

"What for, eh? Hrrrmph! Want your hair cut, do you? Oh, well, all right. Never saw such people . . . can't leave a bloke alone for five minutes. Are you all ready? Got the clippers and scissors and comb, and something to tie round your neck?"

"Come along, then. Sit here. And don't slump like that . . . haven't you got a spine?"

"Now, how much do you want taken off? A goodish bit here, but not too much there? You women are too darn finicky. What a nuisance these ears are! Here, hold that one down while I trim around it. Hang the mosquitoes! There . . . that will do you. It looks all right. For goodness sake clear out now, and don't ask me to cut your hair again for another six months!"

One thanks Father—it really was good of him—and then hovers uncertainly around the nearest mirror for half an hour, anxious to have a look, but without courage to take that first peep.

And now let's have a look at a Fijian female getting her hair ready for a meke-meke.

When she decides to give her hair a

"doing", she does the thing properly. No half-pie measures for her. She dons her oldest sulu, and smears her head (and half her face) with a priming of wood-ashes mixed to the desired consistency with water. (This is to kill off some of the livestock!) When this nauseating mess has been on for several hours, giving the wearer a somewhat haggard appearance, she pours over it a delightful concoction of black dye and swamp mud . . . guaranteed to grow whiskers on a billiard ball!

After a decent period has elapsed, Milady deigns to wash her besmeared head. Then she dries it, combs it, trims it neatly, massages it with coconut oil, and, presto, she is ready to face the social whirl!

Dr. G. H. Vernon, who sold out his interests at Daru, in Western Papua last year, and moved to Round Hill, in Eastern Papua, where he proposed to grow kapok, has accepted a Government position as medical officer at Misima, and took up his residence at that busy mining centre in January. Dr. Vernon has not given up his plantation at Round Hill, but he has abandoned the kapok plan and has turned the property over to rubber-growing. He intends to remain indefinitely at Misima, where he finds the work and associations very congenial. Incidentally, he has had a good deal of work to do since he arrived there, owing to recurrent epidemics of sickness among the native labourers at the mines.

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From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Feb. 20.
HON. H. W. CHAMPION, C.B.E.,
Papua's Government Secretary and
the senior member of the Executive
Council, has been sworn in to act as
Lieutenant Governor of the Territory
during the absence on furlough of Sir
Hubert Murray.

This is the fifteenth occasion on which
Mr. Champion has been Acting Adminis-
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ure of the office amounts to several
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ISLES****Story of Disillusionment**

BY "TAUATA."

LONG ago, some writer or college of
writers composed the Legend of
the Tropics. Conceived to adorn a
tale of some voracious traveller, per-
petuated to embellish torrid romance
and travel agency brochures, it seems
destined to live forever.

Between the Tropics of Cancer and
Capricorn, Nature conducts herself in
a most extraordinary way. The sun,
in the morning, rushes up like a
rocket, and at evening disappears be-
hind the western horizon with the
speed of a falling meteor. Light and
darkness explode over the world with-
out the gracious ceremonies of dawn
and twilight.

Absolutely every writer of travelogue
or romance who leads his reader to
the Torrid Zone, wedges into his text
some sentence to faithfully carry on

the myth: "Night fell suddenly like a
sable curtain over the palpitating
tropic world" or some phrase of
similar import.

Islands—"emerald jewels set in the
enamel of a sapphire sea"—invariably
shimmer, and are full of mystery.

Nature is ever bountiful. The native
of these fortunate latitudes toils not,
neither does he spin. He has but to
shake a tree or extend his hand from
his couch of flowery ease, and his
table and wardrobe are supplied.

The sea is equally generous. A
canoe floated from the beach is soon
filled with flying fish seeking refuge
from pursuing enemies. The larger
fish leap in after their prey. The
native stuns them with a few well
directed blows of his paddle, and his
marketing for the day is accomplished.

LIKE everyone born in the Tem-
perate Zones, we believed these
things until we came to the islands.

At the hour of sunset of our first
day on Tahiti we repaired to a wooden
bench, under the trees of the water-
front, to witness the thunderous
descent of night—of which we had
read so much. Instead, we saw the
banners of the hosts of Saint Michael
filling the western sky and reflecting
their crimson and royal purple, and
colours no man can name, on the
cloud masses of the firmament. Gradu-
ally these faded to a gentle twilight.
In the faint afterglow we saw the
planet mercury. That was all.

Our next disillusionment was the
fortunate native.

At Feraoraora (the twilight before
the dawn), our Tahitian neighbour is
off to the mountains for Fe'i (the
mountain plantain). The Fe'i plan-
tations are in distant branch valleys,
far up on the flanks of the moun-
tains. The sun is high in the heavens
when he returns, bearing a load that
would break the back of the average
white man. A dip in the river, and
it is time to prepare the ahimaa
(native oven). When prepared and
covered, the ahimaa needs no atten-
tion; so our neighbour refreshes his
weary body by taking a nap.

This is usually the hour the explor-
ing tourist appears on the scene to
take notes on the effortless and care-
free life of the tropics.

After his repast, our neighbour goes
to his coconut plantation, and the
back-wearying task of making copra,
which need not be described here.
Next, his taro patch demands his at-
tention—a labour of no small diffi-
culty as he stands in the deep mud
under the burning rays of the sun.
During the late hours of the after-
noon, we see him occupied with the
hundred and one small chores of the
farmstead. Perhaps he has an hour
or two of repose after the sun has
gone down. Then, the sound of a
conch-shell trumpet summons him to
the shore—the hour for fishing is at
hand.

THE lore of the fisherman in these
waters is as intricate as the art
of the astrologer. The nights of the
moon, the ebb and flow of the sea,

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the run of certain fish, the lurking place in coral pockets of other species, the types and materials of hooks and lines, the varieties of bait and lures, are elements which must be acquired by study, observation and practice. They are the fruit of centuries of ancestral experience.

Our neighbour is learned in the wisdom of the sea; but it is midnight before he returns to shore, laden with a supply sufficient for his family and, perhaps, a string or two of fish to send to market or to distribute among his less fortunate companions.

He is happy in his life and what that life bestows upon him. He differs from his white brother in that he goes about his tasks with easy grace, with contentment in his heart and a song upon his lips, instead of filling the forums, newspapers and hoardings of his community with the clamour of his woes.

There is one matter about which the travelogues and brochures do not err: The islands shimmer—from electric lights by night, and from the glass windows of European houses along the coast by day. And mystery there is in abundance; not the least of which is the mystery of how—with low prices of copra and other Islands products—the hundreds of latest type streamline motors which crowd the highways, are financed. But to speculate on anything connected with modern finance is to fish in very deep waters, too profound for our understanding.

POSTAGE STAMPS GIVE COOK GROUP A SURPLUS

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, Feb. 15.

THE annual report of the Cook Islands shows a surplus of £9,391, and it would seem that the finances are in a healthy state. That is not so, because, included in the income, is the sum of £11,000, being a grant from the N.Z. Government for education and hospital. Also, sales of new postage stamps are shown as £22,277, an increase of £16,704 from last year. This was due to the enormous sale of Coronation Stamps.

Therefore, without the N.Z. grant and the Coronation Stamp windfall, the finances would have been in a bad position. The report states that, without these sums, it would be impossible to carry on, as by Act of Parliament the Administration is required to supply free medical attendance and hospital accommodation for all Maoris, and also free education.

There has been a substantial increase in trade as the following figures show:—

	1936.	1937.
Imports	£72,567	£86,534
Exports	67,556	86,333

The main exports compared as follows:

	1936.	1937.
Citrus fruits, cases .. .	75,390	69,369
Bananas, cases .. .	49,431	39,910
Tomatoes, cases .. .	38,546	34,390
Copra, tons .. .	689	1,629

Government control of the handling, exporting and marketing of all oranges came into operation from May 1, 1937. The year's operations (as at March 31, 1938) resulted in a surplus of £461, in addition to which there is a reserve fund of £252 and an amount standing to the

credit of a growers' debt redemption fund of £936.

There are now 24 schools in the Cook Group, with 3,014 pupils and 99 teachers.

There was no serious crime. Out of the total of 1,236 cases, there were 798 for consuming intoxicating liquor, 143 for animal trespass, 26 for failing to register a dog, and 26 for cohabiting.

Miss J. Bennett sailed from Sydney in mid-February by the "Nankin" for Rabaul, New Guinea, to visit Mrs. Phillip Woodhill, wife of the Assistant Crown Prosecutor.

Mr. J. W. Dodd arrived in Sydney from New Guinea by the "Macdhui" on February 21 on holidays. He is engaged in prospecting and mining on the Upper Ramu.

OIL SEARCH IN NEW GUINEA

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Feb. 25.

CARPENTER'S airliner Carinthia last week brought from Sydney Mr. C. Saunders, general manager of the A.P. Co. Mr. Saunders was joined by Dr. Gray, the company's chief geologist, and by Mr. Temple Watts, the general superintendent. They proceeded with him by air to Salamaua, whence they will visit the company's concessions in New Guinea.

Constable Tryhorn, of Thursday Island, is at present in Australia on three months' sick leave.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Anderson, of Rabaul, T.N.G., received many congratulations on the birth of a daughter on February 19.



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Norfolk Island And New Zealand

A SUGGESTION packed with merit was made in Auckland lately by Mr. C. W. Jordon, after a visit to Norfolk Island:

Norfolk Island should be brought under the administration of New Zealand. It would be a valuable asset, because of its prolific production of oranges, bananas, pawpaws and kumaras. And the Islanders would get a chance to make a reasonable living. Nothing but abject

poverty awaits them now. Lack of a reasonable steamer service to New Zealand prevents them from competing on a less congested produce market than Sydney.

There is no future for N.I. while it is tied to Australia. Australia already has too much tropical territory of its own, and therefore has no place for the products of N.I.

But nothing is likely to be done about it. N.I. is likely to have an important place in the Australian defence plan, and therefore Australia will wish to retain control.

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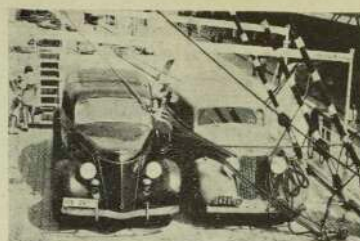
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Five shining motor cars, including a latest model Ford V8 sedan and 1939 Dodge utilities, were shipped as dock cargo from Sydney to New Guinea by the "Bulolo" on her last outward voyage. One car (top) bore the T.N.G. number plate—being taken back to the Territory by a resident who used it extensively in Australia while on furlough.

GERMANY AND VERSAILLES

Letter to the Editor

IN my opinion, all this unrest in Europe can be traced directly to the unjust Treaty of Versailles. There is one group of nations which seeks to get rid of the bad sections of that Treaty, and another section which will not give up any of the advantages it gained at Versailles.

In consequence, the situation will remain, as you once said in the "P.I.M.", "We hold what we have" versus "We get back all that we lost". Each side presents its arguments to the world and, remarkably enough, the get-back side seems to be more convincing. A number of strong nations are about to become allies.

Hitler's Germany is by no means the war-mongering monster she is described by a good deal of the world press. Hitler will never claim Alsace-Lorraine. He offered France a 25 years' non-aggression pact; he always asked for Britain's friendship or, at least, her understanding. But Britain should definitely give up the one-sided Treaty of Versailles, and the corresponding policy. All nations suffered by Versailles.

Will you blame Germany (1) For the experiences of her post-war history (Democracy with 38 parties! Jewish Rise, Disarmament). (2) For her attempt to look round for friends. (By the way, how many allies had Great Britain in 1914?) (3) For British obstinacy in regard to the Colonial question.

I am, etc.,

P. HESSMANN.

Apia, Samoa, Feb. 2, 1939.

Constable J. Fairburn, of the Western Samoa Police Department, returned to the Territory recently by the "Maul Pomare", after leave in New Zealand.

NEW GUINEA'S INLAND TIMBERS

Permit For One Firm Only

DESPITE Opposition protests, the Federal Government proposes to go ahead with its plan to grant to one firm (by tender) the exclusive right to cut 50,000,000 super feet, in the Bulolo forests, New Guinea. Mr. Curtin, Mr. A. E. Green and others, urged that, instead of one permit, the area and the quantity should be divided among several permits.

The Minister has advised that, after consultation with the Inspector-General of Forests, he has been influenced by the following reasons:—

The Bulolo forest is a comparatively small area.

The mill proposed is not as large as many in Queensland and smaller than the majority in Western Australia.

The position of the permit area necessitates very heavy expenditure, both as regards the saw-mill and its branch (the ply mill) and a battery of kilns, and also in the provision of communication to the coast. This expenditure can be borne only by a reputable firm attracted by a reasonable quantity of raw product.

Marketing of timber from New Guinea presents problems which are most efficiently solved by firms already in the business who have the necessary well-organised sales branch.

Supplies of Hoop Pine in Australia will be exhausted in about seven years and it is therefore, important that a strong reputable firm start the industry in New Guinea, which must, as time goes on, be the supplier of Australia's needs in this quality of pine and cabinet woods.

Forestry will be best served both as regards reforesting the area and enforcing forestry regulations if the area is let to one strong firm rather than to a number of small men.

The proposal is to grow the pine in plantation formation as the mill cuts the timber out, thus more than making good the wastage, for the second growth will yield more timber to the acre than the virgin forest. The rotation is 40 years, so that when the last of the 200,000,000 super feet of pine, now estimated to be in the Bulolo Valley, has been converted, the plantations first made will be ready for cutting. This system, which is in force in all countries where forestry is understood, results in a sustained yield for all time.

No reliable estimate of the Bulolo Valley cedar is available, but it is thought to be no less than 250,000 super feet.

Strength of Sugar Cane Fibre

SYNTHETIC building materials made of sugar cane fibre have been proved to be stronger than wooden boards used for similar construction, according to tests made at Columbia University, by William J. Krefeld, associate professor of civil engineering at the University. The tests were witnessed by engineers of the Building Department of New York City. The cane fibre, according to Mr. Krefeld, has been accepted by the engineers as a substitute for wood in frame construction. Cane fibre board, it is stated, is 330 per cent. stronger than wooden boards when used horizontally for sheathing. It can be produced more cheaply than wood and is three times more effective as an insulator.—***

Captain Rose has taken charge of the Government ketch "Melbidir", at T.I., as successor to Captain Booker.



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Epidemics In N. Hebrides

A PLANTER of Epi, New Hebrides, writing at the beginning of February, said that there had been a severe epidemic of influenza and dengue fever in that part of the group recently, and that many natives had died. There have been a number of reports of this character lately, suggesting that there has been much mortality among the natives of the New Hebrides. Maybe the time is opportune for the British authorities to inquire into the character of the medical services in the group.

The Methodist Mission auxiliary ketch "St. Nicolas" will be transferred from North Australia to Misima Island, Papua, about the middle of the year.

VOICE-LESS AND
VOTE-LESSSad Condition of Papua and
New Guinea

THE European residents of Papua and New Guinea—especially the non-official class—have little hope of escaping from the shackles of bureaucracy. They are doomed, it seems, to live permanently in the power of officialdom, without representation in the Government, and without recourse.

Australia proposes to amalgamate the two Territories. As the plan vitally affects the interests of thousands of private people, Sir Hubert Murray suggested that it might be submitted to a referendum of Europeans in the two Territories.

The Australian Minister for Territories (Mr. Harrison) said that that was "unnecessary". He said that the committee which would be appointed by the Government to advise on the amalgamation, could take evidence from anyone who desired to give it.

The Minister's attitude gives point to certain emphatic views expressed recently by the "Rabaul Times". Commenting on the indifference of New Guinea residents regarding a proposed new appointment to the Legislative Council (which is advisory, composed non-officially of the Administrator's nominees, and dominated, in any event, by the block vote of departmental heads who sit there ex officio) the newspaper says:

"Admittedly, little more can be accomplished in a Chamber with a packed official vote, which is always carefully in the majority. Under present circumstances, we can expect little else whilst Canberra controls the minutest detail of administration policy, leaving nothing for the local legislators to decide on their own initiative. It would be an embarrassing position if, during one bright session, the official members failed to vote 'en bloc' and the Government suffered a defeat on some important issue framed to further some Canberraistic scheme, originated for the edification of the Geneva critics—which is the 'raison d'être' of half our legislation".

Because residents of the Northern Territory of Australia must pay Australian taxation, they are given a vote-less representative in the Federal Parliament. He may speak, but he may not vote; and it is an interesting commentary on politicians and their ways that the Ministers practically ignore the Northern Territory representative and his representations.

As Papua and New Guinea do not pay Australian taxes, they are not regarded as having any claim to Australian Parliamentary representation. No one could quarrel with that—if the Territories had any kind of local self-government. Nominally, the Territories are governed from Port Moresby and Rabaul by Administrators accessible to the lightly taxed European residents—a system that might have much to commend it. Actually, they are governed from Canberra, by a bureau of capable but hard-boiled and unsympathetic officials.

The voices at Moresby and Rabaul are the voices of Murray and McNicoll; but the hands which hold the reins are the hands of Australian bureaucrats, whose names, even, are not known.

It is an extraordinary condition of affairs. Little wonder that New Guinea residents are quite indifferent about their Legislative Council.

FRENCH COPRA FOR FRANCE

THE French Government has promulgated a regulation concerning the importation of copra into France.

This regulation provides that where copra is subject to a provisional quota, French buyers must first of all prove that they have imported a certain quantity of copra from French Colonies before they are able to import copra from countries other than French Colonies. For the present, the proportion of French Colonial products has been fixed at 80 per cent., so that for every 20 tons imported from a foreign country the importer must prove that 80 tons have been imported from French Colonies.

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Samoan Legislative Council

Views of Hon. O. F. Nelson

From Our Own Correspondent

TWO new European representatives (Hon. O. F. Nelson and Dr. C. M. Dawson) and two new Samoan representatives, Hon. Asiatia Muese and Hon. Paalava'au, were welcomed at the Legislative Council meeting by the Acting Administrator (Mr. A. C. Turnbull).

Mr. Turnbull said that the heavy damage done to roads and bridges by the recent heavy storms and floods had to be provided for. Fortunately, the revenue of the territory is expected to be sufficient to meet the expenditure until the end of the financial year. Considerable damage has been done in outside districts, particularly in Savaii. He commended the Public Works Department and the director (Mr. Schaaffhausen) for good work in speedily restoring road and water services, and the Health Department for measures to prevent disease from flood refuse and stagnant water.

The principal business before the Council was "Building Construction Ordinance 1939" which is to establish within the municipality a concrete area, where new buildings have to be built in concrete or brick. This is a sequence of the disastrous fire a year ago, when Messrs. Burns, Philp's large wooden copra shed, containing 1,000 tons of copra, was destroyed. This shed has been replaced by a shed of concrete and iron.

The Administrator said that the larger business concerns are already building in concrete. It was claimed that the new ordinance would impose undue hardship on persons possessing small capital, by forcing them to replace old buildings with concrete structures. Mr. Turnbull assured the Council that there was no desire on the part of the Administration to cause any hardship to any individual whatever. The Administrator under Clause 8 of the Bill has discretionary powers to grant relief from the provisions of the Ordinance in cases of hardship. On the other hand there would be a very considerable saving in insurance rates and also in maintenance cost for concrete and brick buildings.

The storage of copra in wooden premises within the business area constituted a great danger and it is proposed to legislate to meet the situation.

Hon. O. F. Nelson, in a long address, gave an outline of the long-standing dispute regarding his candidature as representative of the Samoans on the Council, and stated that his political views had been distorted by press propaganda. He said that it was the late General Richardson who had invented the slogan "Samoa for the Samoans" and that he had adopted this slogan, including in the term "Samoans" all permanent residents of Samoa, who have made their homes here, or who have interests here for themselves or others.

Mr. Nelson admitted that a fire-proof concrete area in Apia would be of commercial advantage, and he would support the Bill—if it were brought in when people were in the financial position to meet the additional cost. He read letters of protest from the Apia Chamber of Commerce and the United Progressive Party, which said that the new law

would impose hardships on the small business people of Apia, especially at the present time, but that some regulations regarding storage of copra in Apia sheds would be welcomed and supported. Insurance on the present wooden buildings would in no case be nearly sufficient to rebuild in concrete. The ultimate result of the Ordinance would be to drive the small business man out of business.

Mr. Nelson strongly opposed any discretionary powers being granted by the present or any other Ordinance to the Administrator. He said such a delegation of power and authority is "bad law" and that through it he personally had been subjected to hardships, humiliation, degradation and irreparable losses.

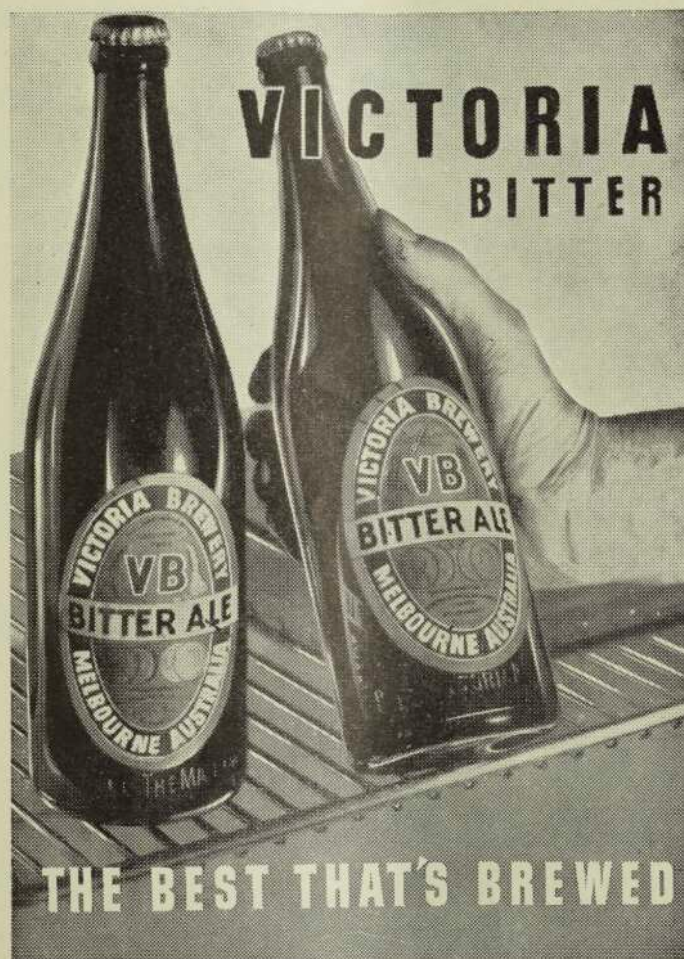
The Samoan members expressed agreement with Mr. Nelson.

The second reading of the Bill was postponed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bower arrived in New Zealand on leave by the February "Maui Pomare" from Apia, Western Samoa. He recently has been Acting-Inspector of Produce in Samoa, during the absence in N.Z. of Mr. H. S. Newton on furlough.

Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Warren, of B.S.I., have resigned from the Melanesian Mission and have returned to England. Mr. Warren has been head of the boy's school at Maravovo since 1921, and Mrs. Warren has been actively engaged in mission work for the past 19 years.

Mr. P. Coote, manager of Burns, Philp and Co., Ltd., at Rabaul, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney by the February "Macdhui" to spend three months' furlough. "Rabaul is just the same as ever", he said on arrival, "and trading conditions are quite good, despite the depressed copra market."



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NATIVE FANATICS

A New Sect in N. Hebrides

WRITING in the "Southern Cross Log", the magazine of the Melanesian Mission, Dr. Fox describes an extraordinary sect that has appeared among Christianised natives in the N. Hebrides.

"A kind of sect has arisen among the bush people of Raga, though there is as yet no actual separation from the Church.

"It began with a teacher named Daniel (now dead), who heard heavenly 'voices', which gave him instructions. This was a year or two ago, but the Moemera at Qatnapni had been greatly influenced by the Danielites (of whom there are six villages) and had come to accept their teaching. Their leader now is one Edwin Buletik, an old Norfolk Island boy.

"Their teaching seems strange enough to us: three Trinities, one in the God-head, one in Man, and one in the

Devil. . . They call the Church of Rome the 'Coconut', the Baptists 'The Owl', and the Church of England 'The Brand', while the Danielites are 'The Torch'.

"Daniel's old wife is soon to have a child, who will be holy and baptised with fire. Daniel has been appointed keeper of the gate of the heavenly Jerusalem and will let in only Danielites. It is wrong to eat or keep a pig, buy wives, to drink kava, to smoke, and to use a walking stick. These sins cannot be forgiven, and anyone who practises any of them cannot go to prayers or Communion, or be buried with a prayer.

"Weeping for those who die is forbidden, cheerful songs should be sung. Unmarried men and women may go freely together into the bush, for they cannot sin. A married woman must not live in the same house as her husband. Dancing is forbidden. Clergy and teachers must not be paid.

"The heavenly voices continue, but now in a woman. Some while since the heavenly voice told the Danielites to kill all their fowls and make a great feast on a certain Friday, for our Lord would return on that day. They were to await him in the churches, which they did in silence for thirty-six hours.

"Probably one could find parallels in Africa to the teaching of the Danielites. They are intensely in earnest and willing to give up everything to do what they believe is the will of God".

A CORRECTION

Letter to the Editor

WE refer to your article on page 4 of the October, 1938, issue, under the heading of "New Pacific Shipping Service", in which you state that the vessels of Thor Dahl will take the place of our vessels in the South Sea trade on account of our vessels being sold.

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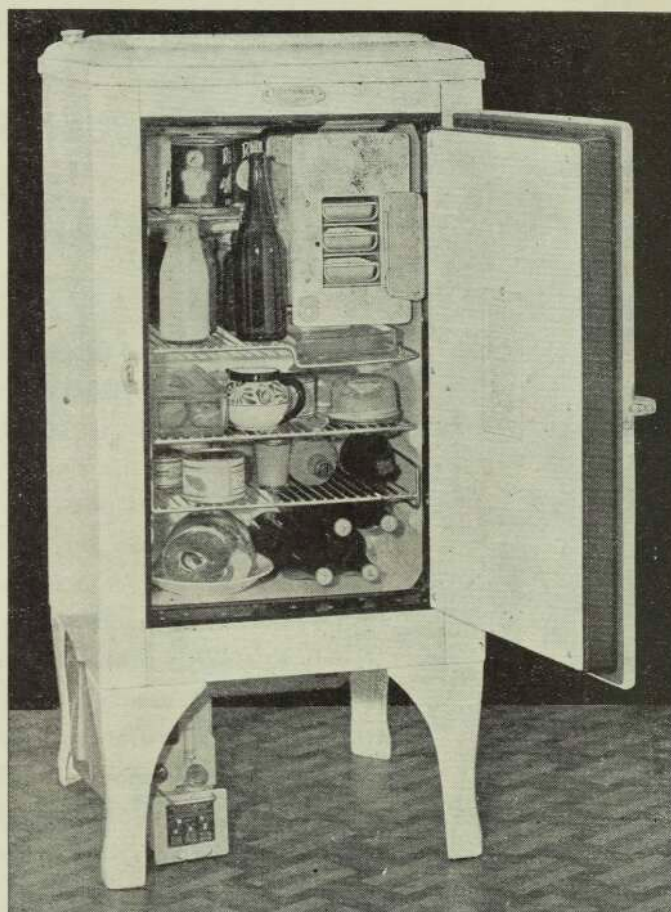
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THE CALL OF THE ISLANDS

Crowding Memories of Papua

From a letter by Henry Dexter, late of Milne Bay, Papua, who writes feelingly of his comfortable, snow-covered house in England—but wants to know "what is happening in Papua!"

"**GERMAN HARRY,**" a well-known identity about the coast of Papua, twenty-five years ago, knew what he was talking about when he told Jack McLaren:—

"Once you hear that call you have to answer it. I tried to turn deaf ears to it and failed. Four times I cast the sands of the Islands off my feet, finally and for ever, as I thought; and four times I had to return. At Moresby they said that I was making a habit of it.

"While you are in the Islands, theatres, pretty women, good cooking, horse-racing, and all the rest of it looked jolly fine; but, somehow, when you got among those things it wasn't the same.

"A man soon gets fed up with city life. For one thing, there's so much hustle. You see a chap twirl round a corner on one leg merely to buy a packet of cigarettes. And there is always such a thumping noise going on, and fellows trying to take you down for all you've got, and the people seem unreal, artificial-like. And very soon the pretty women don't seem so pretty, and you get tired of young skirts, and old faces.

"That sort of thing is no good to a fellow accustomed to knocking about with easy-going cannibals, and after a while you'll be nosing around the shipping office, seeing about a passage back, and calling yourself a goat for ever having left. It is the Call getting to work.

"You take my tip, and get out of this country as soon as you can. Its damned unsettlin', I can tell you."

Yes, "German Harry" was right—the Islands get hold of a man. And if, from force of circumstances, one is away from them, how eagerly one looks for news from the place which one probably cursed while in it, but can never forget.

Take that little group who assemble every Thursday morning at a cafe in Sydney. All ex-Papuans, they are men who were planting, trading, or storekeeping. An ex-Commissioner for Native Affairs, an ex-Government Storekeeper, or Commissioner for Public Works. They meet to talk of

old times, and with the hope that someone on furlough will turn up to give them news of the old spot. Listen to some of the tales of the old days.

THE "Laurabada" is lying alongside the wharf at Samarai. Sir Hubert Murray was on board, also the Commissioner for Public Works. The island is to have its electric light installed. There has been a lot of argument about installing a light on the wharf. The idea was strongly supported by the local R.M., but just as strongly vetoed by the C. for P.W.

Darkness comes on, the C. for P.W. has a dinner appointment ashore. He appears on deck in all the splendour of a white tropical suit, a lighted cigar in his hand, and an umbrella. He steps on what he thought to be the wharf, but is really only a shadow. In a moment he is swimming strongly. The boys haul him aboard, still grasping the cigar.

One can just hear H.E. saying, in his dry way: "Well, I suppose the R.M. will now get his light on the wharf".

That these men are sportsmen is proved by the fact that it is the ex-C. for P.W. himself who tells the tale.

Now they are talking of an old-timer known as Jimmy. Jimmy had a plantation in Milne Bay. He owned a small motor boat. Occasionally he ran over to Samarai for a bender. Although one of the quietest of men when sober, he was one of the most objectionable after he had had one over the eight. He'd accost a stranger, and roll off the most vile language. When it ended in a row, as it sometimes did, he was one of the poorest exponents of the noble art.

A COPRA ship was loading at the wharf. One of the crew, a decent little fellow, had come ashore to have a pot of beer. Jimmy was there, well primed. He looked at the sailor and opened fire.

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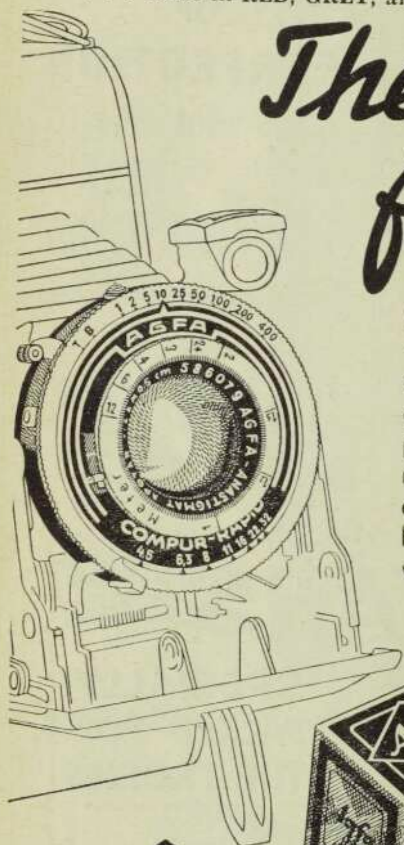
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then he knocked Jimmy down. Jimmy refused to get up. "You can't hit a man when he is down", he said.

"No," replied the little man, "but I can get down, too". Suited the action to the word, he lay down alongside the bigger man, and knocked seven bells out of him.

Now, Jimmy always stored this up, as a grievance. Seven months passed, and the same ship was loading at the wharf. Fletcher was in charge of the hotel. Jimmy appeared, and ordered a long-sleever of beer. Having dealt with this, he stood waving his arms in the air.

"Why the physical jerks, Jimmy?" asked Fletcher.

"I'm going looking for him," was the reply.

An hour later, Fletcher went along the street, by the B.P. store. There, in a doorway, was Jimmy. He was sopping a bloody nose, and his eye was rapidly closing. "I see you found him, Jimmy", was Fletcher's only remark.

"GERMAN HARRY"

Letter to the Editor

I SEE that inquiries have been made for a certain "German Harry"; and, in the January issue, it is stated that a Captain Harry Christensen, a Dane, was known to be at Papeete in 1918.

The "German Harry" known about Cooktown and Papua, since long before 1900, was well-known to me from 1898, and I think that he may possibly be the man inquired for. The "Harry" and "German" were only nicknames, as his real name was Soren Christensen, and he was a Dane. We were partners for a time in the beche-de-mer industry, so I naturally got to know him very well indeed, and he made no secret of his past life, which had been full of adventure and romance.

I am pretty sure that this "G.H." was never in Tahiti. He died in Sydney about 1916 or 1917.

I am, etc.,

C. O. ANDERSON,

s.s. "Papuan Chief."

Port Moresby,
11/2/1939.

MAORI SOCIAL CLUBS ON RAROTONGA

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, Feb. 15.

THANKS to the generosity of Mr. Chambers, a retired merchant from India, a much-needed want is being met and two native social clubs have been formed, one at Arorangi and the other at Ngatangia—each with a membership of over a hundred.

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THE MISSING LODGE

Fruitless Search for Rich Copper
Vein on Rurutu

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Feb. 12.
THE mirage of Golconda has flickered over many an island of the South Seas and has drawn men from afar to seek not only Inca gold and the buried hoards of long dead buccaneers, but fabulous riches of mineral treasure reputed to lie in the heart of mountains, awaiting the prospector and the miner.

During the past quarter of a century, the descendants of traders, sea-faring men and planters (who, during the preceding 70 years, had visited and traversed the phosphate island, Makatea, without suspecting the riches lying just beneath the jungle roots), have been seeking consolation by ransacking the mountainous interior of Tahiti for a possible vein of some precious metal. Now and again rumour has carried the story of gold or platinum in some remote valley; but never has anything tangible come out of these reputed discoveries and it has long ago been accepted that the mountains of Tahiti conceal no treasure of metals or mineral wealth.

IT was with no little surprise, therefore, that the watchers on the wharf one day beheld two U.S. mining engineers descend from a mail steamer, bearing the paraphernalia of their profession. They did not disclose their errand. It was not long, however, before the cloud of mystery which shrouded their comings and goings became luminous with forked lightning and clamorous with angry cries. Presently from its murky depths emerged two of the most indignant citizens who had ever breathed the air of these latitudes.

They stormed into the United States Consulate with a story of ore samples equal in richness to the highest grade copper ore from mines in the Peruvian Andes, represented to them as having been taken from a large ore vein in the mountains of Tahiti. They had voyaged all this distance to verify and explore this ore body, and now the man who had sent the specimens was refusing to reveal the secret of its location. Where was that ore vein? Did the Consul know? They wanted satisfaction, damages, vengeance—and so on for hours, until the Consulate quaked with the violence of their fury.

The harassed and bewildered Consul could offer no aid or consolation. Nor could the mountains and the sea to which the engineers addressed daily orations of masterly composition. Finally, the steamer arrived and they departed. The owner of the house where they lodged complained bitterly that his walls were so blistered and scorched it was necessary to have them scraped and repainted. Inhabitants of the north coast of Tahiti reported that after the steamer had passed, a thick, purple mist had hovered over the ocean long after the vessel had vanished beyond the horizon.

WHEN cosmic balance was restored, some local magnates instituted an investigation. The ore specimens which, in their wrath, the mining engineers had hurled on the floor of the Consulate, were examined and found to be, indubitably, copper ore of very superior quality. The man who had sent the samples to California reluctantly con-

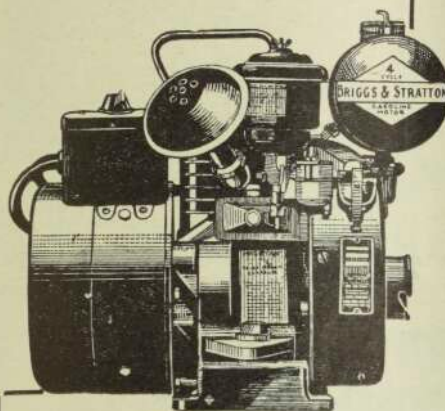
fessed he did not know the place whence they came.

A native had brought them in, he explained. This native had told him of great quantities of the same kind of rock lying about; but was crafty and would not disclose the precise location. Believing that he could persuade or bribe the native, at some future date, to impart more information, he had sent the specimens to friends in California. Then, without warning, these two mining engineers had descended upon him. The native had disappeared. One could well imagine his consternation when these engineers shook the ore samples in his face and demanded to be led to the place whence they had been taken: after what he had been through he felt, and presumed he looked, like the sole survivor of a volcanic disaster. If the magnates wished for the ore specimens they could have them; on the one con-

dition that copper and copper mines should never again be mentioned in his presence. The magnates agreed.

In due time they found the native and by virtue of largess added to rich promises, garnered the intelligence that the ore specimens had come from the island of Rurutu. An expedition verified that there was a lot of the same kind of rock lying about.

NOT long afterward, watchers on the Papeete wharf beheld, descending from a ship, a mining engineer. He was welcomed joyously by the magnates, refreshed after his long voyage, and despatched with his paraphernalia aboard a schooner to Rurutu. For months he delved and pick-axed and drilled and tunneled. He found pockets of manganese of high quality, hectares of paint rock, and slight traces of many metals;



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but no vein of copper. He returned to Papeete and departed.

After a season, another and more eminent mining engineer arrived. He was received, refreshed and packed off by schooner to Rurutu. He delved and pick-

axed and drilled and tunneled. He found pockets of manganese, hectares of paint rock, traces of many metals; but no vein of copper. The magnates were bewildered, but resolved to try once more.

The third expert, with his other paraphernalia, took to Rurutu a sound knowledge of Polynesian languages—acquired after a residence of many years in the islands. He found manganese, paint rock and traces of many metals. In addition he unearthed a venerable ancient of Rurutu who remembered things the careless younger generations had long forgotten.

This patriarch told many a tale of the olden time to his sympathetic listener. One was of a white man's ship which came from a land far beyond the rising of the sun and was driven by a storm on the reefs of Rurutu. She had been laden—much to the wonderment of the natives—with ofal (rock). They were curious ofal; different from anything found on Rurutu. The wind and seas had broken up the ship and tossed these strange ofal on the shallows and beaches.

When the engineer heard this story he awoke to the fact that to arrive at the mother lode of all this scattered ore, he would have to drive a tunnel four thousand miles to the eastward! He packed his belongings and came with all haste to Papeete.

RECENTLY, the discovery of gold in Fiji raised hopes and started exploring activity in all the mountainous islands of the Pacific—except Tahiti. On

that island the winds of promise did nothing more than stir ashes of dead hopes in which no spark of adventure remained that could be fanned into even a faint semblance of a glow.

KAPOK-GROWING IN PAPUA

Planters Want Channel To The Market

IF the Commonwealth Government is sincere in its policy of encouraging new settlement and new production in the Territories of Papua and New Guinea, it should examine the position in relation to the cultivation of kapok in Papua.

A number of planters in Papua have been encouraged to produce kapok, and the Commonwealth Government pays them a bounty of 2d. per lb. But more than that will have to be done if this industry is to be established.

There definitely is a world demand for this product, at a profitable price; but the trouble is the absence of an organised market. There appears to be only one firm in Australia which regularly buys kapok, and this firm usually offers 4½d. per lb., with the indication that "you can take it or leave it". The unfortunate planter, having no other channel open, has to take it.

The experience of one planter in Papua is typical. He started with 18 acres, from which he did well so long as the local market in Papua could absorb his product. He was so pleased that he laid down another 100 acres and started to export kapok. He sent one consignment to Sydney, and discovered that kapok is handled there by only one firm, who offered him the usual 4½d. per lb. He knew that the true market rate was in the vicinity of 7d. per lb., so he decided to fight. He searched around, and finally he was able to sell his kapok to a firm of furniture manufacturers in Brisbane for 9d. per lb. But he could not get any further orders on a firm basis, so he has turned most of his kapok plantation over to other things.

Under present conditions, there are only two alternatives for the Papuan planter—to sell to the "take it or leave it" firm in Sydney at 4½d. per lb., or to incur expense and uncertainty in trying to find a regular channel to the world market.

If the Commonwealth Government intends seriously to assist and encourage primary industries in Papua and New Guinea, it should form some sort of organisation which will enable the planters to find a direct track from their plantations to world markets, where they can get the best available prices for their product. No planter worthy of the name will allow himself to be consistently victimised by the "take it or leave it" type of merchant.

Mr. D. Jones, of the Samoa Public Works Department, has returned to New Zealand after completing his term of service at Apia.

Sister Butler, who is in charge of the hospital at Avarua, Rarotonga, is now spending her leave in New Zealand, the land of her birth. During her residence of several years in the Cook Islands, she has co-operated actively with Dr. E. P. Ellison in child welfare work.

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Photo shows (left to right):—Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, Miss Marion Burnett (bridesmaid), Mr. D. Harper (best man), and little Maureen Murphy (flower-girl).

—McFarland Photo.

WHO IS BEING EXPLOITED?

Native or European

FREE casual labour is one of the trials of the householder in Rabaul, New Guinea. It appears that there are a considerable number of natives in Rabaul who are not subject to the indenture system, and who hire themselves out as they please to householders on a weekly basis. Frequently, after they have been employed for a few weeks, and have received the usual rations in advance, they suddenly disappear, and the householder is left with his domestic arrangements in confusion, in a country where house-servants are a necessity.

Critics in the "Rabaul Times" insist that this is the outcome of the official system of molly-coddling natives. They say that the latter have no proper comprehension of the nature of a contract; and, when they walk out and leave the master, the latter has no legal remedy. Officials say hopefully that as the native becomes more accustomed to European ways, and acquires a little education, he will behave in a more satisfactory fashion, but the critics, who have to put up with all the inconvenience, simply jeer. There is much evidence that the officials in New Guinea, in their sincere attempt to properly protect the primitive natives against European exploitation, have gone to the other extreme and are permitting the more or less sophisticated native to exploit the European.

Mr. G. G. Manning has taken up duties as senior teller of the Bank of N.S.W. at Suva, Fiji, relieving Mr. H. A. Major, who returned to Sydney by the "Mariposa" at the end of February.

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Hoisting the Flag at Papua in 1884

An Early Report of Papuan Gold

An old resident of Tonga, Mr. F. T. Goedicke, who was present at the flag-raising ceremony at Port Moresby, Papua, in November, 1884, writes in a Letter to the Editor:—

AS far back as 1770, Captain James Cook visited the south-east coast of New Guinea, and in 1775 an English officer, Forrest by name, spent some months on the north-east coast in search of spices. In 1793 New Guinea was annexed by two of the East India Company commanders, and Manasvari, an island in Geelvink Bay, was for a time held by their troops.

In 1845 Captain Blackwood discovered the Fly River and Yule Island was named by Captain Yule in 1846. The most important survey work along the coast of New Guinea, however, was done in 1873 by H.M.S. "Basilisk", under the command of Captain Moresby, who discovered the now famous harbour of Pt. Moresby.

In 1883, the Queensland Government hoisted the British flag there and formally annexed their huge neighbour, but

this act was subsequently repudiated by the Home Government.

Towards the end of 1884, it was decided to announce a formal protectorate over a large portion of the southern shores of New Guinea—over what is now known as Papua. The official ceremony took place on November 3, 1884, at Port Moresby. Five British men-of-war were present—"Espingole", "Raven", "Swinger" and "Harrier", besides Commodore Erskine's flagship, "Nelson". James Elphinstone Erskine, Commander of the Australian Fleet, read the proclamation, surrounded by his staff. The hoisting of the flag was performed by Flag-Lieutenant Gaunt, an Australian. Behind the Commander stood the Deputy Commissioner (Mr. Romilly), the L.M.S. missionaries, Rev. Dr. Lawes and his wife, Rev. James Chalmers, Mr. Andrew Goldie, Mr. Arbuthnot Hely, and myself, and in the background crowded the natives.

To Boe Vagi, the chief of the Port Moresby tribe, was entrusted the responsibility of upholding the authority and dignity of Great Britain in the island. He was presented with an ebony stick, into the top of which had been let a florin, with the Queen's head uppermost. Dr. Lawes conveyed to Boe Vagi the meaning of the Commodore's words when he gave him the stick. However the writer doubted very much Boe Vagi's ability to uphold the authority and dignity of Great Britain because he came the day following the ceremony with the stick—minus the coin—and offered it in exchange for twist tobacco.

Four years later, on September 4, 1888, Sir William MacGregor, M.D., C.M.G., arrived at Port Moresby in H.M.S. "Opal" to proclaim the Protected Territory of New Guinea to be part of the Queen's Dominions, and the Royal Standard was again hoisted, to be saluted by the guns of H.M.S. "Opal".

I left Papua for Newcastle on November 27, 1884, by H.M.S. "Swinger", and arrived on December 1. Two days later, when I was staying at the Great Coffee Palace, in Sydney, I heard the newspaper boys calling out: "Sunday Times, Extra Edition—all about gold in New Guinea!"

Buying a paper I read: "Gold in New Guinea.—Brisbane, Wednesday. A correspondent on Thursday Island telegraphed to the 'Courier' as follows: 'Observe telegram reporting the arrival at Newcastle from Port Moresby by H.M.S. 'Swinger', of Dr. (?) F. Goedicke, with a splendid sample of gold obtained about 20 miles inland from Port Moresby. Dr. Goedicke arrived here from Port Darwin, and went over to Pt. Moresby in B.P. Ltd.'s schooner 'Elsa' with Mr. Hely, the Queensland Government Agent'."

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For the former, Amalgamated Wireless has set up a teleradio at Beru, and for the latter a similar equipment at Tarawa.

These stations enable the missionaries to speak with the radio station at Ocean Island, thus establishing contact by wireless with the rest of the world. The teleradio at Beru also works with the L.M.S. vessel "John Williams", which visits the Society's various mission fields.

THE VITI CO.

Interesting Experiment In Fijian Native Trading

(By Gilchrist Alexander, in "From the Middle Temple to the South Seas", dealing with a period of about 20 years ago.)

I WAS much interested in a movement among the Fijians, which appeared to be an effort on the part of some of them to emancipate themselves from the control of the white man in the disposal of native produce.

For centuries, the Fijians have been dominated by their chiefs. At one time, the control of the chiefs was absolute, and their privileges in respect to lala and other matters were immense. It was all the more noteworthy that the movement of which I speak appeared to be directed by a commoner—one Apolosi Nawai, who, however, was credited by the more superstitious with possessing almost divine powers.

Apolosi was the managing director of the Viti Company, Ltd.—"Viti" being the native form of "Fiji". The company was in the nature of a co-operative society, whose main object was the sale of native produce, principally bananas, for the benefit of the many native shareholders. Unlike the similar society in Tonga, the Kautaha, which was obviously engineered by white men for personal purposes, the Viti Company, Ltd., seemed to be a genuine effort on the part of the natives to conduct their own business.

Apolosi published the following notice in the European newspapers:—

"To all the population of the Colony of Fiji:

"This is my confession letter to you all, my brethren.

"Before I commence my business I will let you know first the foundation of my work. 1.—I shall love all my brethren. 2.—I shall honour all the chiefs. 3.—I will honour the King through all his subjects. 4.—I will fear the Lord our God.

"These are the foundations of my work at present.

APOLOSI R. NAWAI."

A week or two later, notices appeared headed: "Viti Company, Ltd. To all you gentlemen who buy bananas", and signed, "Apolosi R. Nawai, Managing Director".

The new company was in difficulties from the beginning. It incurred the hostility of the white planters and merchants, who strongly resented the appearance of a united body of native rivals in business. The Wesleyan Methodist Mission suffered a huge financial loss, when large numbers of natives transferred the contributions which they would ordinarily have given to the mission to the new company.

To the Government, Apolosi was anathema. He had come into conflict with the police at the Yasawas, and

had suffered a term of imprisonment. He was regarded as a dangerous man, and his extraordinary power over the people was feared.

That Apolosi's power was real was evident when a meeting of the company was held in the Town Hall of Suva. For days before the meeting, natives flocked to Suva from all over the Colony. Sleeping-room was at a

premium, and certain wanderers during prohibited hours were accommodated perforce in the lock-up.

Seven hundred natives congregated in the Town Hall on the day of the meeting. Apolosi, attired in a well-fitting tussore silk suit, made by a Sydney tailor, drove up in a smart motor car, and was received with almost regal state. His address to the

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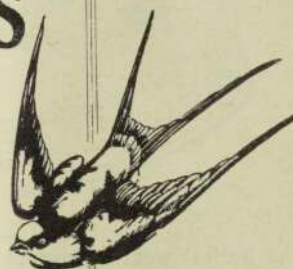
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natives differed as much from the speech of a City of London chairman of directors as the South Seas differ from London, but it had the secret of success. He played upon the mentality of his audience with the skill of a Lloyd George. With business details he had little concern. Loyalty to the company and support for himself were the keynotes of his theme, and he adroitly wove into his speech an appeal to his followers to respect the Government.

This experiment in native co-operation was almost foredoomed to failure. Without experience of business habits and methods, and with a thriftlessness and extravagance seemingly inherent in those trained in communist ideas, the native directors of the company soon involved themselves in a hopeless tangle. Under the law which enacted that where a contract was entered into between a native and a non-native party for more than £20, the non-native party must submit a memorandum to the Magistrate of the district, the affairs of the company came under my notice. I had a good deal of sympathy with the objects of the company, but it soon became apparent that it was not properly constituted, and the technical obstacles to natives trading on a large scale were almost insuperable.

Added to all this, Apolosi and some of his followers lacked moral stamina. They could not be trusted with large sums of money, and were constantly involved in drunken brawls in the town. I have recollections of a case in which a European butcher, incensed at Apolosi's insolent intrusion into his shop, had used by way of a boxing-glove a large and juicy piece of raw meat.

The ultimate end of the Viti Company, and of its managing director, did not come under my personal observation. After I had left the Colony, Apolosi got into serious trouble with the authorities and was eventually deported to Rotumah, an island dependency of Fiji somewhat distant from the main group. And so ended what I have always thought might, under sympathetic and skilled guidance, have been a useful lesson and training to native Fijians in the conduct of industrial affairs.

Professor Peter H. Buck and Professor Radcliffe Brown have been honoured by the Anthropological Society of New South Wales by being elected honorary members. Dr. Buck is back at Yale University, U.S.A., for a year, though he is expected in New Zealand for the centenary celebrations towards the close of 1939. Dr. Radcliffe Brown occupies the Chair of Anthropology at Oxford, England. Both have had long experience in Pacific research.

Dr. H. Ian Hogbin, president of the Pacific Islands Club in Sydney, will not seek re-election at the annual meeting in April. Under Club rules the president can only hold office for two years in succession. Members, generally, will receive this intimation with regret, for he has proved a most capable president. He will, however, continue his association with the Club he assisted in founding.

SAVING BABIES IN POLYNESIA



The Baby Welfare Clinic at the Vaiola Hospital, Nukualofa, Tonga. Sister Mouldale in centre of group. Note the twin infants held by the nurse in the front row. (Photo by Hettig.)

Euronesians Are "Non-Aryans"!

Some Facts For "Nazis" In Samoa

Letter to the Editor

IT may be considered a strange anomaly that some of our local-born residents, of mixed German-Samoan descent, seem to be still under the illusion that they will be accepted as full-fledged Germans under the Nazi regime, and they are in favour, therefore, of the return of Germany to Samoa.

The writer has had access recently to some official documents, issued by the Nazi authorities in Germany, in which it was expressly stated that anybody having a Samoan mother or grandmother is treated as a "Non-

Aryan", under the Nazi racial policy. From this fact, our Euronesian-Nazi enthusiasts, who "Heil Hitler" so excessively—especially after having enjoyed the good cheer of a party—may form some idea of their fate, if Samoa is ever to see the Swastika flag hoisted. It is fortunate for them that this possibility is remote. They may console themselves by remembering the European status and full liberty they enjoy under the protection of the Union Jack.

I am, etc.,

HAPPY JACK.

Apia,
February 10, 1939.

Ratu Sowami Puamau, M.B.E., late First Native Medical Practitioner (retired) in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony service, died recently in the Lau Group, Fiji. He was latterly Roko Tui Lau.

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BANANAS UP—COPRA DOWN**Planters' Life in Samoa**

From Our Own Correspondent

AP^{IA}, Feb. 15.
AFTER the very adverse weather conditions of January, Western Samoa is enjoying a period of quiet sunshine and warmth.

Owing to the complete loss of the coming cocoa crop, cocoa planters are in bad straits. Four recently gave up their holdings.

During the week of rain and floods in January, one plantation in the hills near Apia measured no less than 80.88 inches. This was Tapatapao plantation (N.Z.R.E.).

The hurricane destroyed so many banana crops in Fiji, Tonga and Rarotonga that the New Zealand Government quotas for banana shipments from Western Samoa have been raised. The last "Maul Pomare" took 7,700 cases; the "Matua", leaving to-day, lifts 8,000 cases; while the following "Matua" will probably lift 10,000 cases for New Zealand.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA**Notable Progress Reported**

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Feb. 20.

IN view of the present activity in Netherlands, New Guinea, it does not appear likely that that Territory's absorption by Australia, as advocated by Mr. T. L. Sefton ("P.I.M.", January, 1939), will take place.

Returns for 1937, which are the latest available, show that the Dutch Colony is growing fast in economic importance.

Imports for the year amounted in value to £A288,000, an increase of £94,000 over the previous year, while exports increased by £72,000 to £186,000. The excess of imports over exports (£102,000) is accounted for by the great activity in exploration and prospecting, and by the fact that many plantations inaugurated in recent years have not yet reached the producing stage.

Copra export is still small, at 4,327 tons. Timber is produced on an increasingly large scale, and is almost wholly absorbed locally by the Government and the Netherlands New Guinea Petroleum Co. Production is steadily increasing, and the question of export of timber to Papua and Mandated New Guinea is under consideration.

Exports of copal and damar gum amounted to 2,574 tons, an increase of nearly 1,000 tons on the previous year. Nutmeg and mace increased from 502 tons to 652; and cotton from 68 tons to 297.

Exploration by the gold and oil interests is still proceeding vigorously, and the American-Netherlands Archbold Expedition has furnished a great deal of information of which full advantage is being taken; while the newly-formed Netherlands Company of New Guinea, with its large capital and its strong Government backing, is paying full attention to agricultural development.

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**COOK ISLANDS R.A.****Appointment to Aitutaki**

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, Feb. 5.

THE appointment of Mr. Alan Victor Penberthy Ford, barrister and solicitor, of Rotorua, New Zealand, as Resident of Aitutaki, Cook Group, has been made by the Public Service Commissioners.

Mr. Ford has had a wide experience of Native Land Court advocacy and practice. He joined the Native Department in 1913 and, later, entered the legal office of Messrs. Earl & Kent, barristers and solicitors, of Auckland, specialising in Native Land Court practice. Later he practised in Rotorua for 20 years as a native land conveyancing specialist.

It is understood that there were over 50 applicants for this position, including a number of local residents.

PURPLE DAYS IN OLD SAMOA

How Sailor-Men Found Entertainment In Apia
Fifty Years Ago

GEORGE E. L. WESTBROOK (a descendant of an East Anglian family, which claimed descent directly from Henry VII, through the Earls of Bridgewater) died in Samoa on January 31, aged 78. Sailor, trader, merchant, writer and politician, he was one of the few men left who remember the Central Pacific Islands as they were before the European nations fastened codes of laws upon them. In this article, which he sent to the "P.I.M." about five years ago, Mr. Westbrook draws a vivid picture of Old Apia, as he saw it when he settled down there in the 'eighties.

WHEN I first visited Samoa, there were many people still living who could tell very interesting and amusing stories of their early days there, when the township of Apia was called the "Sailor's Paradise".

Many of the notable characters floating around in those days were always called by their nicknames. "Cranky Jack" was an Englishman of good family. "Gentleman Jack" was also an Englishman, and the grandson of a bishop. Then there were "Monkey Jack", "Three-fingered Jack", "Whistling Jack Smith", "Scandalous Jack Smith", "Lying Jack Smith", and "Ugly Jack Smith". "Flash Petersen" was a Dane.

"Charley Squarehead" and "Charley the Russian" both claimed Heligoland as the land of their birth. This brought them under the control of the British Consul, giving them both the dignity of being classed as British

subjects, although one was really a Russian and the other a German. It was the custom in those days, before Heligoland was exchanged with Germany for some concession in Africa, for many foreigners shipping in English ships to say that they came from the small one-mile-square rock in the North Sea, at the mouth of the Elbe.

"Charley the Rooster" was another queer kind of individual, and was nicknamed the Rooster from a habit he had, when walking down the street, of putting his head forward, and beating his elbows against his sides.

There were also the two Mikes, Spanish Mike and Irish Mike. "Flash Harry" had a habit of showing sailors around, and pointing out to them certain properties on the beach of which he said he was the owner. There were a number of other people, all of whom were never called by any-

thing other than their nicknames, such as "Billy Bones", "Paunchy Bill", "Dinkum Dunlop", "Crooked-eyed Bill", "Sweet William", and "Billy the Steward" (William Lowther), who hailed from Pimlico, London.

Billy, who kept a diary, which he first started when he as a boy ran away to sea, and had been recording nearly everything that had happened during his adventurous life, was a man worth listening to, and, when relating a story regarding himself would produce a volume of his diary, and prove by day and month that he was not romancing. His diary would have filled a fair-sized book-shelf. He made several voyages with Bully Hayes, and afterwards settled down in the Gilbert Islands, where he died, a very old man, more than 20 years ago. What became of his diary, nobody knows. It was very carefully written in a fine, legible hand.

IN those days, Samoa had a big, floating population, and the township of Apia must have had a bigger white population than it has now. It was certainly not the calamitous place it is as at present, governed by New Zealand, under the Mandate from the League of Nations, nor was it over-staffed with officials, nor top-heavy with by-laws and taxation without representation.

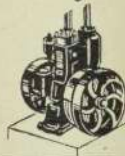
The place in those days was apparently well governed by the Samoans themselves, in accordance with their own manners and customs.

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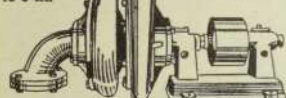
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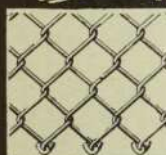


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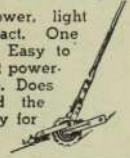
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Life was free and easy. Many of the so-called "lawless" characters and South Sea rovers made Apia a regular port of call, where they could have a good time. They were no more, after all, than boisterous, ebullient persons.

On account of this, the harbour of Apia was crowded with shipping of all kinds. There were fine Auckland-built schooners and brigantines, fitted

out with trade rooms in charge of supercargoes. Sydney traders fitted out the same way. Whaleships with very motley crews aboard, hailing from all the countries under the sun. Most of these whalers were under the American flag, sailing out of Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, and Eastern ports. There were also a number of whalers sailing out of

Hobart Town, Sydney, New Zealand, and the Hawaiian Islands, under the old Hawaiian flag.

In addition to this there were the "blackbirders", such as the "Carl" brig and the schooner "Daphne". The "blackbirders" in those days, were to an extent slavers, making good money by "inducing" Melanesians and any natives they could get hold of to take service on the plantations of Hawaii, Queensland and Fiji.

WITH such a big floating population it was only natural that there were a fair number of sailors' boarding houses and places where men could get an honest drink. These were kept mostly by darkies, who had found their way to Samoa and settled down by marrying Samoans. The darker strain of their descendants can still be seen in some of the Samoans today. "Black Tom", "Bill Henry", "George Washington", "Bill Williams", "Bruce the Fiddler", and "Old Bob", were negroes in full colour and characteristics.

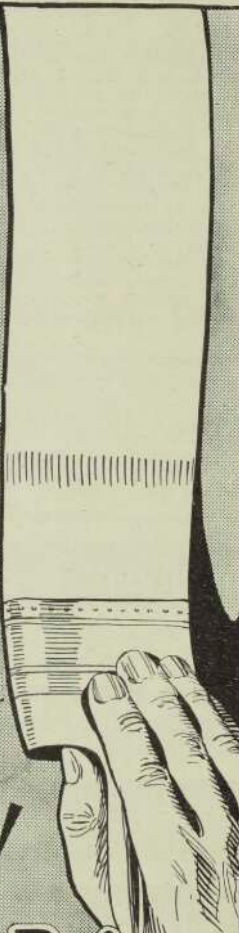
There being no European Government, no taxes or customs dues were collected, drinking saloons paying no license. A case of Green gin could be purchased in those days for three Chilean dollars (about 8/- English money), all liquors being cheap in proportion, and were sold at 10 cents per nip, out of which the dispenser made a rattling good profit.

All that was necessary at the time to start a drinking saloon was the purchase of a few dozen glasses and a case or two of grog. Get hold of a girl who could play "Champagne Charley" or some other topical airs of the day on the accordeon, and everything would be set, and the guests would flock in.

Even in those days it was considered best not to give the Samoan males drink, and they were never allowed to enter the bar rooms. With the women, of course, it was different, and there were quite a number of them who made it a practice to visit the various saloons at night and entertain the sailors. They were not all Samoans, but included Hawaiians, Gilbert and Marshall islanders, also a number of Tongans and Rarotongans. Some of the women also had nicknames, such as "Ugly", "Fatty", "Venus", "Pretty", "Greasy", "Sissy". The sailors, however, addressed them by their nicknames, till such times as they knew them all as "Mary".

The American Consular Agent was very obliging in those times (depending upon his fees) and would marry any of those who thought they were in love with their dusky sweethearts for the sum of 5 dollars cash, and for double that amount would grant them a divorce at the same time, which proved that those who married in haste were in those days not compelled to repent at leisure.

THERE were two native damsels, one a Samoan, and the other a Hawaiian, who, I suppose on account of their bewitching looks and pleasant manners, were regularly married and divorced to some newcomer, every two or three weeks. The class of



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sailors who then visited Apia must have made their money easy, and, therefore, spent it freely, buying all kinds of fal-de-lals for the girls they admired.

The first thing was to give their newly-wedded bride an outfit, which she, nothing loth, accepted, so as to dress in harmony with the white ladies, and would obtain from her new hubby a long skirt, as worn in those days, a pair of corsets, shoes and stockings, and a large hat trimmed



Papasea—The "Sliding Rock."

with feathers of Gainsborough proportions.

Having obtained this fashionable and up-to-date outfit, the next step was the picnic to Papasea (the "Sliding Rock"). No marriage in those days appeared to be complete without the picnic to the Sliding Rock. It was amusing to see them starting, the ladies decked out in all their newly-acquired finery, and then to afterwards meet them on their return journey home. The shoes and stockings would probably be under one arm—or the bearer might still be wearing the stockings without the shoes, as they did not pinch her feet—while the corset would be under the other arm, and the long skirt, or the remains of it, would be tied up with a hitch around the waist like a lava-lava. In some instances the Gainsborough hat would be carried (by the string to tie it under the chin) like a handbag to hold the shoes and the corset.

After this, more especially if sailor hubby's cheque was drawing to an end, and he had sobered up in consequence, he would commence to realise how foolishly reckless and extravagant he had been. He would explain his predicament to his dusky wife, who would tell him that he had better go and look for a ship, while she was looking out for another husband to love and cherish her. Thus would end their brief courtship, marriage picnic to Papasea, and divorce, and ex-hubby would leave for foreign parts fully convinced that Samoan damsels are even bigger "leg-pullers" than their white sisters. It would not

even be a case of "Tofa mine frene", as Mary had already formed a fresh connection with the supercargo of a New Zealand trading vessel, and was busy getting everything prepared for her coming marriage and the sending out of invitations for the picnic to Papasea.

Mr. Peter Rasmussen, latterly of the Bacteriological Department of the Apia Hospital, Western Samoa, joined the staff of the Auckland Hospital, New Zealand, in February to undergo further training.

Mr. Waverley Hall, of Thursday Island, is at present en route to England via Japan and Canada, to spend his vacation leave.

Mr. Bertie St. J. Fisher, Registrar of the Supreme Court, Suva, has retired from the Fiji Civil Service.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Strong, Bishop of New Guinea, arrived in Port Moresby by the "Macdhui" on February 13 and left again by the "Bulolo" on the morning of the 15th. Many residents (says our correspondent) knew nothing of his visit; and it is hoped that he will be able to devote more time to the town on some occasion in the near future.

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Makea Ariki, of Rarotonga, Goes To His Rest

By a Special Correspondent.

RAROTONGA, Feb. 10.

THE death of their paramount chief, Makea nui Tinirau Ariki, O.B.E., a man respected and loved by both the European and Polynesian communities, was a great shock to the Rarotongans. The funeral ceremonies were notable.

The body of the Makea was brought from his residence at Pokoinu to the ancient, sacred tribal marae of Tapu-tapuata on January 26, and lay in state at the Palace until the 27th.

The Mataiapos and Rangatiras assembled and directed the native customs pertaining to the death of an Ariki. The same evening, the other Arikis of Rarotonga came to the marae, with their people, to mourn

and to pay tribute to their departed friend.

The Polikitaau (High Priest) of the Ngati Makea received and welcomed them in traditional fashion.

In accordance with native custom, the people of the different districts, under their arikis and chiefs, assembled in some thousands to pay their tribute in song to the departed. The singing also conveys a comfort to the hearts of the sorrowing family; and, as each district ceases its song, the leader pays a special tribute to the departed ariki and sympathy to the mourning family. After the speech, he presents gifts from the district to the widow and family.

The songs and speeches continued throughout the night, until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, when Makea nui Tinirau Ariki was borne to his last resting place.

The coffin was carried, first, by the members of the Ariki family, from the palace. As a mark of respect and appreciation to Makea nui, who had played a great and important part in creating the friendship and brotherhood at present existing between the two races, the Europeans then carried the bier, on which the coffin was placed, to the people representing the Islands of Atiu, Mauke and Mitiaro. These people, the Enuamanu, carried the bier to the Palace gates, where the Puaikura (Arorangi people) received and carried it to the London Missionary churchyard entrance.

Here, the Takitumu representatives—who, in accordance with native custom, prepare the grave for the arikis and chiefs of the Makea nui family—bore the bier to the church entrance, where it was once again taken charge of by the members of the Makea family, who carried it into the church.

After the funeral service, which was conducted in English and Maori by the Revs. Cater and Challis, the late Makea was carried to his grave to lie beside the Tupuna, or ancestors, of this famous and noble family.

After the burial service the people, in accordance with native custom, took part in singing and native dancing. Later in the day, the division of food from the family to the other tribes was made.

In the evening, singing and native dancing continued; and this was prolonged for seven days and nights.

A POLYNESIAN NOBLE.

Makea nui Tinirau Ariki succeeded to the Ariki title in 1921. From the time of his accession until his death he was staunch, loyal and outstanding in his support for his Government and his King. He always had the welfare of his people at heart, and the memory of his kindly hospitality to all, both Maoris and Europeans, will remain as a monument to his greatness. He was a strong supporter of the London Missionary Society Church. He received the Jubilee and Coronation Medals, in addition to the O.B.E. (1933).

Makea nui was a descendant of Queen Makea, who was chief of the

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Federal Government when the island was annexed in 1900. Through this line, he traced his ancestry back through the famed Karika Ariki of Manua, Samoa, who, according to tradition, settled in Rarotonga with Tangia, of Tahiti. He also was a descendant of Tinomana Rurutini, whose elder daughter, Vainu, married Pepehia, the first missionary to Rarotonga, who landed from the ship when John Williams, in 1823, found the long-looked-for island of Tumu-te-varo-varo (the ancient name of Rarotonga).

LATE MAKEA HELD LIFE-SAVING MEDAL

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, Feb. 7.

The late Makea Ariki held, not only the O.B.E., and the Jubilee and Coronation Medals, but he also had been awarded the Royal Humane Society's Medal, for saving life. Some years ago, in a heavy storm, an elderly native fisherman was blown out to sea in his canoe. The Makea, with his crew, in a motor launch, went out to the rescue, and after a long and hard fight against mountainous seas, the fisherman was saved.

The late chief, who was 65 years old, is survived by a widow and two married daughters, Mrs. Love and Mrs. Cowan. Among messages of condolence received were messages from the Governor-General of N.Z. and Lady Galway; Prime Minister Savage; Queen Salote and Prince Tugi, of Tonga; Lady Pomare; Sir Apirana Ngata; Mr. Langstone (Minister for the Cook Is.); Mr. Robinson, M.P.; and Mr. Turnbull (Acting Administrator of Samoa).

HOODOO ON YACHTS

Accidents In Eastern Polynesia

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Feb. 10.

SUPERSTITIOUS people are becoming firmly convinced that some malignant spirit broods over the waters or lurks under the sea in the South Pacific, in wait for yachts. Whether it be a Tuputupua (demon of the Night World) or Tuaraatai (the shark god) or old Neptune Ruahatu himself, they do not know.

It is certain, however, that when a yacht enters these latitudes something like this usually happens.

The yachting party breaks up in an explosion of wrath and fury;

The crew becomes mutinous;

Some structural defect develops which compels a long delay for repairs;

Someone aboard breaks an arm or a leg;

The funds give out and the boat gathers barnacles in Papeete Harbour;

The yacht leaves her bones on some coral reef.

Not long ago, the ill-fated yacht "Malabar" was wrecked on the Tuamotu

atoll, Kaukura, and her passengers experienced some of the privations of Robinson Crusoe, until rescued.

Word has just been received at Papeete that another yacht, the "Nani", a smart little craft belonging to Doctor Audemard, of Papeete, has gone ashore at precisely the same spot and is being broken up by the waves on the Kaukura reefs, beside the remains of the "Malabar".

Mr. D. Odegard, of the Cook Islands Trading Co. Ltd., arrived in New Zealand recently by the "Matua" from Rarotonga, en route to Norway to visit his father who has been seriously ill.

NEW GUINEA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OWING to the departure from New Guinea of the Rev. F. J. Lewis, head of the Methodist Mission in New Guinea, a vacancy has occurred in the non-official ranks of the Legislative Council. The Administrator took the somewhat unusual course of inserting an advertisement in the "Rabaul Times", stating that a vacancy exists and asking that individuals or associations in the Territory make suggestions to him for the filling of the vacancy. He has power to appoint whom he wishes to the

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vacant position in the Legislative Council.

The non-official members of the Legislative Council of New Guinea are supposed to represent the three main interests of the Territory outside the official classes—namely, commerce, mining and the missionary bodies. Mr. Lewis was a representative of the mission interests, and it is expected, therefore, that his successor also will be connected with the missions.

Mr. Frank Waddingham, who arrived in Fiji in the 80's of last century, died recently at Nadi, aged 71.

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MONEY MYSTERY EXPLAINED

"Dollars" and "Reals" In Tahiti

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Feb. 9.

VISITORS to Tahiti are likely to be mystified by the terms used in trading transactions at most of the shops about Papeete.

The official currency is the money of France—francs and centimes. Yet, when inquiring the cost of some piece of merchandise, one usually is told that the price is one dollar two quarters, which signifies seven francs, or one dollar three reals, if the price is six francs fifty centimes.

Now, by what magic of arithmetic has a unit of money (the five franc note) been endowed with five quarters instead of four? The stranger in the islands remains bewildered until he learns the history of Moni Manu (bird money).

During the greater part of the nineteenth century, the commerce of

Tahiti and its adjacent islands was conducted through Valparaiso.

The House of Brander—which in the sixties became established as the major factor in the commerce of the islands—had a line of ships carrying cargoes between Papeete and Valparaiso, where transshipment was made to and from sailing vessels voyaging around the Horn.

Easter Island was under lease to the House of Brander as a hacienda for stock-raising.

The money of Chile became the medium of exchange and dollar (tara), quarter (toata) and real (raera) the customary terms of value among the island natives.

The coins of Chile carried the effigy of an eagle—its wings outspread—and was named "Moni Manu", to distinguish it from the silver coinage of many other countries—Greece, Italy, Spain, Mexico and even the ancient Papal States—that circulated in Islands commerce.

After Tahiti and dependencies were ceded to France, the money of France and Moni Manu continued side by side in Islands commerce (at an average exchange of two and one-quarter Chile dollars for five francs), through the first decade of the nineteenth century.

When Chilean money was finally excluded as a medium of exchange by Government decree, the price of food-stuffs advanced 225 per cent. overnight! Transactions at the market of Papeete had always been based on Moni Manu. Consequently, when Moni Manu was abolished, on a fixed date, the natives calmly demanded a quarter Moni Farani (a franc) for the same weight of fish or vegetables priced at a quarter Moni Manu, the morning before.

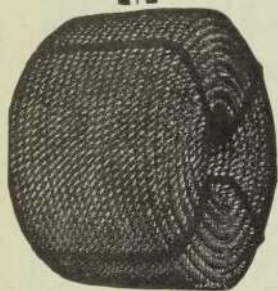
Although Chilean money vanished from the market place on that date, the names of its coins remain. Five francs notes are tara, or dollars; franc pieces are quarters; and fifty centime coins are raera or reals, to the present day.

Rev. H. W. Whyte, formerly of India, has taken up duties with the London Missionary Society in Western Samoa. He has replaced Rev. H. S. Perkins, who spent the past nine years in Apia.

Mr. J. Bennie, of the N.G. Administration's Stores Department, Rabaul, arrived in Australia on leave in mid-February by the "Macdhui".

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LORING ANDREWS, FISHERMAN

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, Feb. 14.
WHILE in the United States Mr. Andrews not only made arrangements for the publication of his next book (so far, he has two to his credit, "The Horizon Chasers" and "Isles of Eden");



Mr. and Mrs. Loring Andrews.

but he also found a charming bride, who has returned with him to Rarotonga.

Loring Andrews has a reputation that he is justly proud of, and that is that he is the best spear fisherman in Rarotonga. He considers that the most exciting sport is night fishing, with a waterproof electric torch and a 20ft. spear, and going hunting after the fish under the coral reef six fathoms down.

DIRECTOR OF N.G. NATIVE DEPARTMENT

AS indicated in the "P.I.M." in February, Mr. E. W. P. Chinnery was appointed, late in February, to be director of the newly created Commonwealth Department of Native Affairs, at £1,200 per annum.

He was formerly Government Anthropologist in New Guinea, and in later years was in charge of Native Affairs and District Services.

Mr. Chinnery left Melbourne at the end of February for New Guinea, to clear up his official affairs there, and he will then proceed to his Darwin headquarters.

One of his first tasks will be to organise in the Northern Territory a system of district and patrol officers similar to that in New Guinea and Papua.

An assistant director of native affairs, who will probably be an official of the Department of the Interior, with personal knowledge of North Australian conditions, is also to be appointed.

The report that Mr. Chinnery, in his new post, would have some control over native affairs in Papua and New Guinea, apparently was inaccurate.

Mr. and Mrs. Clive B. Stocks, who were married in Sydney on February 4, will make their home at Lautoka, Fiji. The bride was formerly Miss Geneva Moffitt.

JAPAN DUMPING WHALE OIL**May Affect Copra Market**

THERE are indications that action by Japanese whale-oil interests will tend to depress the copra market during the next few months.

The London "Daily Telegraph's" Oslo correspondent, on February 24, reported: "The Japanese have sold 30,000 tons of whale oil at the low price of £13/10/- a ton sterling, compared with the normal price of £15 sterling."

"The newspaper 'Dagbladet' understands that Germany is Japan's biggest customer, and that prices are actually higher than those published because Germany wishes to depress the market. Japanese production of whale oil this season is estimated at 80,000 tons."

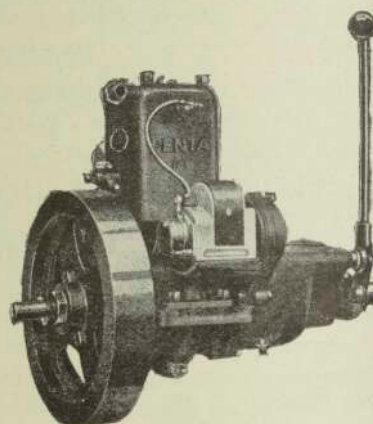
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Up to February 14, Japan's six whaling factory ships in the Antarctic treated 7,140 whales, and won about 10 tons of oil from each. This was stated by officers of the catcher "Seki Maru No. 2", which reached Fremantle from the Antarctic on March 1. She was forced to leave the Antarctic because a propeller blade broke off.

Mrs. H. F. Ayson, wife of the Resident Commissioner of the Cook Islands, recently arrived in New Zealand by the "Matua" from Rarotonga.

Mr. H. Sulter, of Bulolo Gold Dredging, Ltd., on the Morobe goldfield, T.N.G., arrived in Sydney by the last "Macdhui" on leave.

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HOW SHALL WE TREAT THE NATIVES OF NEW GUINEA?

Australia's Problems In Her Pacific Territories

(An address by Mr. J. R. Halligan, of the Australian Prime Minister's Department, read before the Anthropological Section of the Scientific congress, held in Australia in January. Mr. Halligan is virtually the liaison officer between the Australian Government and the Administrators of Papua and New Guinea.)

THE natives of New Guinea are distributed in relatively small linguistic groups throughout practically the whole of the main island and the archipelagoes. Their regular habitations have been found at altitudes between sea-level and 8,000 ft., and sometimes even higher.

I have no definite figures as to the population in Dutch Territory; but the enumerated native population (under Government control) of the Mandated Territory on June 30, 1938, was 581,342. In addition, it is estimated that there are more than 200,000 natives inhabiting the great plateau country south of the Bismarck Ranges, between the head of the Ramu River and Mt. Hagen.

These people, who were discovered in 1933, have been visited frequently since that date, and a number of administrative posts have been established at various places on the plateau. A great many of the natives of the area may now be considered partially under control, and in two or three years, it is probable that they will be enumerated.

Similar additions will also be made to the census of Papua, which in 1937 was 231,000, when many of the numerous groups discovered in that Territory during the last four years will have come sufficiently under control to be recorded on the census.

The New Guinea peoples vary greatly in type, language and culture. Ethnologists, especially Seligman, speak of them as Papuans.

Differing so widely from one another, they present many complicated problems to the Administrations. Their diversities of type, language, social organisation, material culture, religious beliefs and fears of magic, present a wide range of problems which require to be closely studied by officials charged with the responsibility of the administration and development of the Territories.

DUAL RESPONSIBILITY

THE Administrations have a dual responsibility, i.e., the welfare and uplift of the native inhabitants and the economic development of the area. The blending of these objectives presents an absorbing study.

The Mandate under which New Guinea is held by Australia enjoins that the Mandatory Power shall promote to the utmost the material and moral well being and the social progress of the inhabitants of the Territory. The Commonwealth Government at all times is alive to the serious obligations it accepted with the Mandate, and its policy in regard to the treatment of the natives has always aimed to carry out to the fullest degree its trusteeship. This policy makes provision for the safeguarding of the natives in all circumstances—namely:

The natives in their primitive state.
The natives in their villages.

Native labourers.

The task of bringing natives from savagery to control is one of the most important functions of the Administration and one that requires much skill and patience upon the part of the officials entrusted with the work.

In the initial stages of contact, homicidal activities, such as head-hunting, cannibalism, immolation of widows, infanticide, and inter-tribal warfare, which exist in some form or other in country not under control, have to be suppressed before the Administration can proceed successfully to lay down an organisation. These practices disappear as the people gradually merge into avenues that lead to development upon lines formulated by the Administration.

This, however, produces new problems that require the most careful direction by the Administration officers. It may be said that the work of officials is never done. The adjustment of to-day creates the problem of to-morrow, and right throughout the two Australian Territories officials are faced with a never-ending variety of human problems, ranging from the primitive activities opposed to European standards, to struggles for adjustment in the new conditions where natives are expected to take their part in the administration of their own groups and changing economics.

BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT CAME

BEFORE the coming of the Government and the establishment of control, the natives lived in a state of constant inter-group warfare. Even now, in uncontrolled areas, one may sometimes see spearmen, or bow and arrow-men, hotly engaged in the no-man's land between the villages. In uncontrolled country, the villages are either perched in the most inaccessible places, or are situated at strategic points, for protection against attack. Usually they are surrounded by



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high stockades, and are guarded by spear-pits, or their approaches are sown with sharp bamboo stakes, so skilfully hidden that they are invisible to the stranger. Many native police have their feet pierced by these stakes, when patrols are approaching villages in uncontrolled country.

In the old days some of the tribes stoutly resisted the advance of Europeans, and attacked them when they penetrated beyond Government control.

All coast-lines are now considered safe, but there are still many parts of the interior, which the Government will not allow Europeans to enter, until officials now engaged in exploring them, have established an adequate measure of control.

Most of the past attacks on trading vessels, or trading stations, were probably for loot. Europeans travelling in districts not thoroughly under control, have still to be on their guard against looting. A European party carries so many things, tomahawks, knives, etc., of use to natives, that it is just tempting providence to display them unnecessarily. Many Government patrols know what it is to have such things snatched from the hands of their carriers while passing through crowds of otherwise friendly natives, waiting for them on the tracks; it is always a very difficult and delicate business to get them back again without trouble. Most of the experienced native police and carriers know this, and if they have any valuables at all, they usually keep them out of sight, when passing through districts not under control, as none know better than they, not long removed from savagery themselves, what a steel tomahawk or large knife means to a native who has only a stone tool to work with.

Apart altogether from reasons of loot, Europeans have always to be careful in travelling through districts not entirely under control. These natives are fighters, and there is always something happening in the villages to upset them. They are saturated with fears of sorcery and attribute all sickness and distress to someone's magic. They regard strangers with suspicion and are likely to relieve their disturbed feelings by attacking them especially if their social and religious codes require some pressing act of ritual homicide, just at the time strangers are passing through.

LANGUAGE DIFFICULTY

THE presence of all these diverse tribes in New Guinea, is one of the great ethnological problems of the world. Why are there so many languages for instance? Trained investigators, especially missionaries, are working on the languages, but so far little is known of their origin or development.

There appears to be no doubt that successive movements of immigrant peoples have influenced New Guinea. The presence of the loom, the blow-gun and dart, betel-chewing, cremation, the linguistic influences and various other things prove that, and it is equally certain that the introduction of these cultures was accompanied by racial mixture as well. But a great deal more research will have to be made before we can hope to lift, even partly, the veil of the past.

As already stated, the diversity of natives and the native culture, though extremely interesting to the traveller and the scientist, set up many complicated problems for the Administration. The chief difficulty is that of language. How are we to communicate with these widely

different groups? How are they to communicate with one another when the whole country is under control?

The missions are attacking this problem in various ways. Frequently, it is necessary for each missionary to study the language of the people among whom he is working and as none of these languages has a very wide distribution, the question is full of difficulties especially as it affects mission literature. The Lutheran Missions of the Morobe District have concentrated on two main languages, one of the so-called Melanesian languages of the coast and one of the so-called Papuan languages of the bush. These two languages are now used in mission publications and are being taught in the mission schools throughout the whole districts.

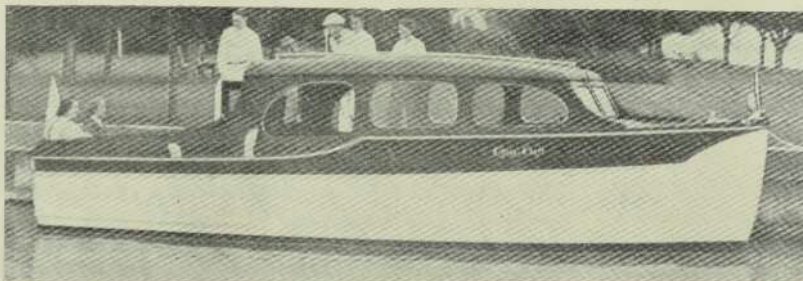
In the New Britain and New Ireland districts the Roman Catholic and the Methodist Missions are printing and using the language spoken by the natives of the Rabaul district.

USE OF "PIDGIN" ENGLISH

FOR the purpose of contact between the natives and Europeans, however, the most widely used method of communication is "pidgin" English, which has become a "lingua franca" throughout the Mandated Territory for there are very few villages in areas penetrated by Europeans where the requirements of ordinary contact cannot be expressed in "pidgin".

Miners, recruiters, planters and Government officials would find it impossible to transact their business if it were not for "pidgin" English. Native labourers from different parts use it in conversation with one another, and on their return to their villages, they spread it far and

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wide. The tribes, as a rule, know very little of the language of their neighbours and the distribution of "pidgin" has been of great value to them as well. It is also the common medium of communication between Europeans who do not understand the languages of one another.

The "pidgin" English vocabulary includes many words from various New Guinea languages and other languages as well as English. It has a workable grammatical structure and with usage is improving as a means of communication for the ordinary, everyday things of life. It is spreading daily and anyone who can speak it has little difficulty in making himself understood for ordinary purposes in most of the villages which have been visited by Europeans.

SYSTEM OF ADMINISTRATION

THE Australian Government realised the extreme difficulties of developing these numerous varieties of primitive peoples who differ so widely from us, and so widely from one another as well, and in 1921 an important step was taken in native administration when the Lieutenant-Governor of Papua, Sir Hubert Murray, appointed a Government Anthropologist to conduct researches and advise the Administration in regard to native problems. A few years later, the Commonwealth Government subsidised a school of Anthropology in the University of Sydney for the training of officials and missionaries taking part in native development and simultaneously created a cadet system in New Guinea for the training of officers charged with native administration.

Under this system, young officers with a suitable background of education and character are carefully selected and appointed on probation to the district services of the Mandated Territory. After 21 months' training in district work under experienced officers, during which time the cadets are able to decide whether the service itself and the conditions of the country offer a suitable career and the Government is able to determine whether they are likely to be the type for work among the natives, the successful cadets are sent to the University of Sydney for a specially arranged course in Anthropology and other subjects likely to be of use during their service. On their return to the Territory they become permanent officers of the Administration and with the rank of Patrol Officer take a responsible part in the administration of the natives of the Territory.

From this position they may rise to Assistant District Officer, District Officer, and other positions available to officers of their training and experience.

This system was established in 1925 and 79 have been appointed of whom there are now 62 officers in the service. The quality of the work being performed by these officials has proved ample justification for the establishment of the system.

NATIVE POLICY

FUNDAMENTALLY, there is no difference between the native policy of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea and the Papuan Administration, the basic purpose of which is the moral and material improvement of the natives of the Territory. For intensive Administration, each Territory is divided into administrative districts, which in turn are further subdivided for closer control. Each district is in charge of a district officer who is responsible to the head of the Department of District Services and Native Affairs.

These men have magisterial powers and are stationed in a suitable place accessible to the natives under their authority. Each district station also has a force of armed native constabulary, the non-commissioned ranks of which are filled by volunteers of suitable physique and character recruited from various villages throughout the Territory and trained in drill musketry and other duties. The general responsibility of the district officer consists of patrol work during which new territories are gradually pene-

trated and the inhabitants pacified and brought under control, together with innumerable duties connected with their welfare and development once they come within administration influence.

Associated with the district officers in this work of native welfare, is the Health Department which has hospitals and staff on each out-station. The medical officials make regular patrols throughout their district, mapping out morbidity and carrying out treatment. By the system

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of patrol work and intensive administration, district officers and medical officers are kept in suitable touch with life, health and progress in the villages. By a policy of appointing suitable natives nominated by the villagers themselves to accept responsibilities in village administration, the European officers have established liaison which keeps them in touch with the health and problems of the community and enables them more easily to introduce ideas and activities of value to their progress.

An important phase of administration is the supervision and control of natives who elect to work on plantations, in the mines, and in other commercial activities conducted by Europeans.

The essence of the native labour policy is that it must be voluntary and no

forced labour is permitted. The system under which such labour is made available is regulated by the Native Labour Ordinance which provides safeguards during all phases of the native labourer's existence—i.e.:—

Recruitment.
Medical examination.
Execution of contract.
Transport to the scene of work.
Period of labour (maintenance of hours of relaxation).
Termination of contract.
Repatriation.

RECENT EXPLORATION

THE discovery, in 1926, of rich gold-fields in New Guinea and the expansion of plantation areas throughout the Territory, created a demand for a larger supply of native labour, and

led to the penetration of new districts, and districts hitherto only partially known. Simultaneously, an intensive system of patrol work was introduced in the great central ranges in the mainland between Mt. Chapman and Mt. Hagen.

By 1933, most of the villages between Mt. Chapman and the Kratke Mountains of the Mandated Territory had been visited on more than one occasion and friendly contact established with many of the groups inhabiting them.

In 1932, a Government post was established on plateau country at the head of the Ramu River and in 1933 an Assistant District Officer of the N.G. Administration carried out an extended patrol westerly between the Ramu Station and Mt. Hagen, where a population of approximately 200,000 people was discovered. Additional stations were subsequently established at Bena Bena and Chimbu for the continuing intensive work and last year a third station was established at Mt. Hagen itself.

Extensive patrols were also made in the Sepik and Madang districts of the mainland where friendly contact was established with many thousands of peoples who had not before been visited by Government patrols. A patrol, especially organised to examine the country between Mt. Hagen and the Dutch border has been operating since March, 1938, and has now reached its objective.

It is interesting to note that Central New Guinea is probably one of the last unexplored regions of the earth.

In Bougainville, the unknown interior was successfully penetrated in many parts and to-day there is scarcely a portion of this large island which is not known to the Government.

PATROLS IN PAPUA

IN Papua, special patrols operating in the head-waters of the Fly, Strickland and Kikori Rivers during the past few years have discovered numerous groups of interesting peoples hitherto unknown to the Administration. One patrol which proceeded to the head of the Strickland River in 1934 discovered at Tari Furoro large numbers of people who resembled in type and culture the people of Mt. Hagen, 100 miles to the southwest, discovered by N.G. officers a year before.

The work of exploration and gradual penetration is steadily proceeding in both Territories and there is every reason to believe that within the next few years practically all of the native groups of the two Territories will have been visited by Government officers.

AREA UNDER CONTROL

THE following gives an indication of the amount of work performed by the Administration since the establishment of the present administration in New Guinea in May, 1921:—

Of the 93,000 sq. miles of the Territory, approximately 37,370 are under complete control, and a further 18,000 under influence or partial influence. The extent to which the natives have been brought under control can be judged from the figures of the recorded native population and other statistics as follows:—

	1913.	1922.	1938.
Population—			
European	968	1,288	4,508
Natives under control (counted)	152,000	251,017	581,342
	1913.	1921-22.	1938.
Exports ..	£ 402,000	£ 499,197	£ 2,980,360
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Ellice Islander Wins P.I. Club Prize

EACH year the Pacific Islands Club in Sydney presents a medical work for competition at the Central Medical School in Suva, Fiji. The winner for 1938 is Meauke Kuresa, an Ellice Islander. Previous recipient was N. M. P. Geoffrey Kuper, who is now doing excellent work in the Solomon Islands.

Meauke, who is just 22 years old, entered the Central Medical School in January, 1935. Before that he had studied at the King George V. School at Bairiki on Tarawa, in the Gilbert Group; though he was born on the island of Nui, in the Ellice Group. Tema, his father, still resides at the latter place.

Writing to the secretary of the P.I. Club, the Principal of the Central Medical School (Dr. Hoodless) said: "Meauke has always obtained a good average mark at his class examinations, and he has acquired the respect of all his fellow students by his quiet manner, and good conduct. . . We feel certain that wherever he may be stationed, there you will find him doing good medical work in his own quiet way".

Meauke has also distinguished himself in sport: he played hook in the forward line of the C.M.S. Rugby team during 1936-38, and he was captain of the C.M.S. cricket team during 1937-38. Under his captaincy, the Medical School won the Sir Walter Carpenter challenge shield.

He qualified as a native Medical Practitioner in December, 1938.

TONGA'S CROWN PRINCE To Be Law Student in England

From Our Own Correspondent

THE Crown Prince of Tonga, Tuboutoa, who has been a student at Sydney University for the past two years, passed through here on the "Matua" today. He is on his way to England, where he will study law, for the next two years.

There is another report, to the effect that the Crown Prince will resume his studies at the Sydney University, where he has been an Arts student for two years.

THE names of half the leading men in New Guinea have been sent in to the Administrator, as suggested appointees to the Legislative Council vacancy (see page 47). The Morobe community insists that it should have another representative, to assist Mr. Norman Neal; and "round robins" will assist the nominations of H. T. Allan, C. C. Judd, and other goldfields men. New Guinea hopes that this may be the first step in the introduction of more representative government. Mr. Ollerenshaw, in the Legislative Council in March, referred to the speech made by Sir Charles Marr six years ago, when opening the new Council. Sir Charles then expressed the belief that the nominative system would in due course give place to an elective system. Mr. Ollerenshaw con-

tended that the time now is ripe to introduce a system of appointing non-official members to the Council by public election.

This system is followed in other similar territories—Western Samoa, for example.

NEW GUINEA'S SALVATION AND CURSE

"GOLD", says a recent writer on New Guinea, "is at once New Guinea's salvation and its curse". It has trebled the white population in a few years, brought prosperity to the Mandated Territory—and blinded its people to everything but gold.

Java, with a population of 200,000 Europeans, has a rich export trade in tropical products, rubber, tobacco, sugar, tea, coffee, cocoa, rice, quinine, and spices. With a sound policy of agricultural development, New Guinea might become the East Indies of Australia.

Mr. R. S. Willis, Government Medical Assistant in charge of the Port Moresby Native Hospitals, returned to Papua by air early in February from three months' vacation leave spent in Queensland.

Mr. William Eady, of Tanna, New Hebrides, died recently. He was one of the best-known of the old-time British planters, and established himself originally on a plantation in the Bay of St. John.



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Mr. R. H. Stracham has relieved Mr. V. G. Tisdall at the Suva branch of the Bank of N.S.W. The latter returned to Australia from the Colony at the end of February.

Mr. R. McLaughlin arrived in Sydney in February by the "Macdhui" on three months' furlough. He is employed in the shipping department of B.P.'s branch at Rabaul, New Guinea.

Mr. and Mrs. Alport Barker, well-known residents of Suva, celebrated the 30th anniversary of their wedding on February 8, and to mark the occasion Mr. and Mrs. F. I. A. Ryan entertained a large number of guests, including His Excellency the Governor, Sir Harry Luke, at their residence in St. Fort Street, Suva. Many tributes were paid to Mr. and Mrs. Barker. Mrs. Barker was born in Fiji, and Mr. Barker has lived in the Colony since he was a boy.

TURNED DOWN

Jewish Colony Plan for New Guinea

THE Australian Prime Minister announced in February that, because the Australian Government was opposed to any group settlement plan for alien migrants, it had refused to consider the suggestion that the plateau country, on the mainland of New Guinea, should be used for the establishment of a Jewish colony. A similar suggestion, in relation to Western Australia, was rejected by the Government for the same reason.

As the Lyons Government probably is the most visionless administration that ever has held office in Canberra, it appears useless to pursue this subject further.

ther. But, for the information of many intelligent people who displayed an interest in the plan to place a large colony of Central European refugees on the central tablelands of New Guinea, it may be pointed out that this is a region very suitable for white settlement; that it is virgin country and therefore, may be organised as a new colony without interfering with established interests; that Jewish societies interested in the plan were prepared—provided that an expert survey justified the expenditure—to make available any sum up to £15,000,000 to assist the settlement; that Australia very urgently needs development and settlement in New Guinea, if her hold upon that country is to be confirmed in the future; and that the Australian Government is not apparently capable of organising colonies in Australia itself, let alone in New Guinea.

There may be good reason for preventing the establishment of alien European communities in Australia, but that cannot possibly apply to New Guinea. It is much better to have a European population there, established under conditions which will ensure that the next generation will be taught the English language only, rather than that the country should be occupied by Japanese.

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"SUVA" ON MAIDEN VOYAGE

In Fiji and New Guinea

THERE was much interest in Pacific Islands ports in February in the new Carpenter steamer "Suva", which on her maiden voyage visited Samoa, Fiji, New Guinea, etc.

The "Fiji Times" of February 8 said:—The "Suva" returned to Suva last night from Lautoka and Vatia Point. Her cargo included a large consignment of timber for Lautoka which was, as usual, discharged in the stream. At Vatia Point 1,600 tons of oil was pumped into the new tank recently completed by Tavua Power Pty., and in addition, a big consignment of lumber was landed for the mines.

Major C. A. Brewster, of Suva, accompanied the ship to Lautoka and Vatia and said afterwards that she was a good solid honest British cargo carrier, and would serve Fiji and New Guinea to great advantage, being admirably equipped for handling a bulk cargo such as copra. The ship could maintain a speed of 12 knots, and so make three trips a year between Europe and the Pacific Islands.

PAPUA'S FINANCES

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Feb. 18.
PAPUA'S total revenue for the half year ending December 31, 1938, amounted to £78,087. This is £15,472 less than the revenue for the corresponding months of 1937; the difference being accounted for by reduced sales of postage stamps and a falling off of £1,902 in Customs dues.

Expenditure during the period was £77,223. The details show an increase in the expenditure on the Government Secretary's Department and on Public Works, and decreases in practically all other directions.

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The position recently held by Rev. F. G. Lewis, as chairman of the Methodist Mission Society in New Guinea will be occupied by Rev. L. MacArthur, B.A., Dip.Ed., who has been stationed at Vunairima. Other

changes are: Rev. Howard Pearson to Kabakada and later to open a new station in the Baining; Rev. G. J. Platten to Namatanai; Rev. C. W. J. Mannering to Vunairima, where he will be in charge of the education section there.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Carlson arrived in New Zealand by the "Matua" on February 19 from Tonga, where Mr. Carlson is manager of the Vavau branch of Burns Philp (S.S.) Co. Ltd. They will spend their vacation in N.Z. and Australia before returning to Tonga.

Fashion Hints for Islands Women

By Therese

AUTUMN and winter showings nowadays are as full of colour as summer modes. The new dahlia shades are really lovely and range from the richness of royal purple to the definite cyclamen shades. Taffeta is a delightful medium for these glowing shades. Plum, wine, red cabbage and grape red find their most delightful expression in velvet.

Evening frocks are sequin spangled or bead embroidered, and filmy silk nets have exotic flowers lacquered over their surface in shades of peacock, shocking pink, sea green, or cyclamen. Pastel nets are scattered lightly with gold and silver flowers and make the loveliest frocks for debutantes.

Lames and lacquered angelskin satins patterned in brilliant colours, go to the making of evening coats and wraps. One of the most exquisite coats seen was a floor length of white taffeta cloque, hand painted in falling leaf design in green and gold. The sleeves were almost reminiscent of the leg o' mutton and the coated fitted snugly at the waist and hips from whence it flared widely to the hem. It was a perfect triumph of simplicity and sophistication.

Frocks are featured rather than ensembles in the new designs, and the most popular shades seem to be wine and teal blue. When there is a combination of colours they are strongly contrasted and mixed with a lot of black. A stunning pink jacket is trimmed with bright blue and green soutache and worn with a black skirt.

Afternoon dresses are simple in effect, but full of lovely embroideries. Skirts are shorter and fuller than previously, with the exception of the strictly tailored garments and these, though short, retain the slim line. Shoulders are wider, too, which tend to make waists look smaller.

COSTUME jewellery is still popular but requires to be chosen with the greatest discrimination. See that it is worn with a reason—either because it is just the right thing poised on one portion of your frock, or the frock needs a necklace or some such ornament to lift it to the heights, and not merely because everybody else is wearing it and you simply must follow their example.

Hats are a tremendous thrill. Nearly every one of them, whether small or large, sports a feather trim of some description. Some continue with the definite Edwardian note and hoist an ostrich feather aloft. The feathers are thrust at all sorts of different angles—some perch precariously on the side of a pill box, others soar heavenwards. The bird's wing is particularly attractive on a boater hat, and bows of stiffened ribbon also appear on this type of hat with great success.

Every clothes-conscious woman pays great attention to accessories. They are the "sauce piquante" to the more or less solid fare.

Artificial flowers are very popular in Fashion's scheme of things, and the variety presented—from quaint little posies of patent leather to exquisite French flowers—is really amazing. Great shaggy carnations are delightful for both day and evening and they, like the huge clusters of French flowers, are worn thrust at the waist or pinned at the low décolletage.

Stockings are a matter of importance.

There are so many shades from which to choose that it makes the choice almost a bewildering one. Colours are, of course, affected by price range and the more sophisticated shades—the new rusty browns and brownish blacks—are only suitable for the sheerest weights. A nice beige that is "not too pink and not too sandy" is what the average woman calls for, allowing her imagination to run riot only for formal occasions and evenings. Two pairs of one shade is almost a generally accepted method of purchasing stockings these days that proves itself a marvellous economy.

BENEATH the swing of our short and flaring skirts shoes take on a new importance. They march to the front of Fashion's parade and there is a whole regiment of designs. Suede looks like being first favourite with calf a good second. It appears also as though skin shoes will stage a comeback. Crocodile makes

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attractive, good wearing walking shoes, but it regrettably remains expensive as ever.

Lots of the new shoes are showing perforations. Some are punched all over while others display geometric designs. There are no freak fashions in the new showings of shoes, they just are charming and simple, relying on good workmanship and design for interest. Though still cut high in front, the newest shoes are not quite so high as last season's.

Lots of wine red shoes are now seen, and there is something quite Edwardian about some of them faced with deep red kid and fastened on the collar with two tiny buttons. More of the suede shoes are piped with kid or patent leather.

TROPIC dwellers who visit cooler climes during the next few months will be confronted with the problem of keep-

ing warm—the solution is woollen underclothes! It savours of grandma's days and red flannel, but don't be misled. Woollen underwear is one of the present season's popular stories. The froth of wool chiffrons and voiles is every bit as attractive as the summer variety; they are as soft as down, as light as silk, and of almost cobweb fineness. Satin and silk appliques are featured on lingerie and the shades are heavenly.

The lacy woollen negligee is really lovely, and one of white lined with the palest shade of blue satin has heavy cords to draw up the neck and the fullness at the waist. The new wool chiffrons have such wonderful draping possibilities for negligees and house-gowns.

Modern woman is indeed fortunate, and the lovely gay collection of clothes for every occasion gives her the opportunity to develop her individuality along what-

ever lines she thinks most suitable. In the ballroom, the street or in her boudoir, Fashion has pandered to her every whim and she chooses her clothes with an intelligence that ensures her immediate success wherever she goes, and whatever the occasion.

DEATH OF MRS. A. C. ENGLISH —A PAPUAN PIONEER

THE death occurred in Sydney on February 23, in a private hospital, of Mrs. Daisy Evelyn English, wife of Mr. A. C. English. She was aged 61.

Mr. and Mrs. English had been actively associated with Papuan life for the past 35 years. Mrs. English and the wife of the missionary were the only white women in Rigo when Mr. English first made his home there, and for years she devoted her untiring efforts to assisting the natives, by whom she was held in the highest esteem.

At the funeral service, held at St. John's Church, Darlinghurst, where she was married 35 years ago, the Rev. O. C. J. Van said that hers had been a life of victory. She had happily faced a strange land at a time when for a woman there must have been many difficulties, but she had steadfastly set a standard and maintained it, and that was the greatest memorial that there could be of her.

Mrs. English is survived by her husband, Mr. A. C. English, two daughters (Miss Marjorie English and Mrs. F. B. Godson) and one son, Mr. Louis English.

GOLF IN NEW GUINEA

From a Special Correspondent

LAE, Feb. 23.

YOU may like a few details about the "Waterhouse Cup"—

We decided on a general competition, each club entering a team of eight, each team to play every other team. There are eight singles and four four-ball matches in each inter-club match. Last week-end Bulolo played Bulwa at Bulolo (we have six holes now in play) and Bulolo won all games (18 holes, of course). Next week-end, Wau plays Bulwa at Bulolo, and Bulolo plays Edie Creek at Wau.

Edie Creek have been very keen. The Cup gave them a stimulus and they have forty members. They have renovated Golden Ridges course and are likely to put up a good show. Salamaua are at present trying for a few holes and will have a team ready to enter the competition when the present series is finished. All the middle-markers in all the clubs are flat out trying to qualify for the teams and two new clubs have developed and a good time is being had by all. Wau is most likely to be the winner, on present form.

We need more golfers, however. Sixty-eight is Bulolo's membership and twenty-seven Bulwa's.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Upton, of the Grand Hotel, Thursday Island, arrived in Australia by the "Changte" on March 7 to spend a holiday in Melbourne.

Miss Julie Lippingwell arrived at Rabaul, N.G., by the February "Bulolo", and was later married to Mr. Jack Cleary, of Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd.

Mrs. Edgar Munson, who is related to President Roosevelt, passed through Sydney in February, en route to Tahiti.

Sir Maynard Hedstrom, head of Morris, Hedstrom Ltd., and Lady Hedstrom, left Suva, Fiji, by the February "Mariposa" for America. They will spend three months in California.



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INGRATITUDE

BY H.J.E.S.

MR. GALLFULL seemed annoyed. He was, generally. His face always looked as though he was smelling something. At this moment his expression was of one suddenly faced with a dog, long dead.

He was holding, in each hand, an ear of two black youths. They had been enjoying an old-time fight, and still were at it, in spirit.

Gallfull dragged them along the road. "You'll come to the Government", he gasped. "Attempted murder, that's what I'll charge you with, Ezekiel. You were trying to kill Jacob! Cain is the name I should have given you".

The boys writhed along, reluctantly, two hands trying to readjust loin cloths and the other two wiping blood from crescent noses. Gallfull pulled them up the steep steps to the magistrate's office. He forced Ezekiel into the presence of the man-of-law, who was busily typing tax returns.

"I charge this boy with attempted murder", declared Gallfull, dramatically. "Poor Jacob was almost strangled when I came up".

The magistrate took his fingers from the keys. "Oh, boys of that size never finish each other, Mr. Gallfull", he said. "I don't think they feel so murderous towards each other as we whites do sometimes. Why not call it a case of common assault? I'll deal with it to-morrow; I'm terribly busy now".

"I don't want to keep a murderer on my place for 24 hours", cried Gallfull. "I want the case tried now".

"Believe me, if there are any murderers around here, you won't keep them with you", said the R.M., quietly. "At present, I can't take the case, so I will hand it over to my assistant, Mr. Hopeful".

A sturdy young man stepped from the next office. "Take up this matter", began the magistrate, "and see——".

"I protest!" interposed Gallfull. "I won't be turned over to an office boy! The case is serious".

"Mr. Hopeful is the Assistant Magistrate of this District, Mr. Gallfull", said the R.M. "I understood you knew that. Please take the parties into the courtroom, Mr. Hopeful".

"I refuse to be dictated to as to how I am to charge my own boys", spluttered Gallfull.

"If the case is as you claim you have no say in the matter at all, Mr. Gallfull. If Jacob or anybody claims that Ezekiel tried to kill him, then the matter is out of your hands altogether".

The R.M. stood up. "What kind talk you make along this boy, Jacob. Ezekiel try to kill you finish?"

"O, no, we play along ground. Taubada he talk we die. We no die!"

Gallfull seemed to smell two dead dogs. "Don't lie before me", he shrieked, "I saw you clutch——".

"Now, Mr. Gallfull", said the magistrate, "I will see that no lies are told to me—that is the most important part of this matter. If Jacob wants to make court against Ezekiel, I'll hear him—or any other patriarch or prophet in Papua—and there will be no lying".

"I know what I saw", screamed Gallfull. "Do you imply that I lie?"

"Now, now, Mr. Gallfull", replied the R.M., "I think that when you come into this court you should be sober!"

"I'm drunk, am I? I'll have you up for libel!" bellowed the infuriated man.

"Oh, no. I don't imply that you are drunk. I mean that one should come into a court with a sober mien, not overwrought with fury".

"I'll show you how sober I am", stutted the informer. "I'll write to headquarters. My complaint will be clear enough".

Gallfull moved to depart with dramatic dignity. Unfortunately, his pose was so perpendicular that he could not see the steps. The top one was nearer than he thought. He was uttering a prophecy of retribution. It broke suddenly into a yell of wonder, as his feet skidded over the edge of the verandah, and his body bumped down the stairs.

Hurriedly the magistrate descended to assist the sprawling, little, fat form; but

with groanings which, fortunately, could not be uttered, Gallfull squirmed unaided to his feet. He gave an ungrateful glance at his would-be helpers and, without a word of farewell lurched up the path.

"Well, well", exclaimed the R.M. "I don't think that Ezekiel could have felt so like Cain as Gallfull looks".

A sound of smothered laughter came from above. The men of law looked up and saw Ezekiel and Jacob clasp each other in an ecstasy of mirth.

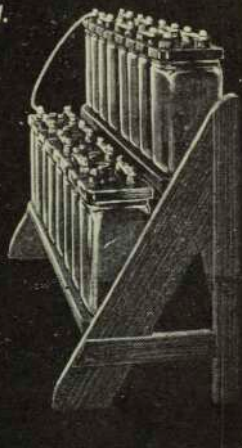
"Good!" said the A.R.M. "Mr. Gallfull has settled that case splendidly, after all".

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Kilner received numerous congratulations on the birth of a son, **Peter**, at Namanula, New Guinea, early in February.



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FIJIANS ADRIFT ON A RAFT

WHEN, during the cyclonic weather at the end of January, heavy floods came down the rivers on the south coast of Viti Levu, in Fiji, a number of native families escaped on rafts and boats.

One family, consisting of a father, mother, five young children and a young Fijian man, hurriedly piled all their household goods upon a raft and floated away on the flood waters in the Navua River. The current was so strong that they were swept out to sea. When they reached the broken water, at the reef, the raft toppled about so much that they were forced to throw everything overboard, except their mats.

During the next three days they drifted eastward along the south coast of Viti Levu, and round past the island of Ovalau, seeing in the distance the towns

of Suva and Levuka. During the days they were blown close to the land, but the breeze at nights always blew them to sea again. They were in desperate straits, owing to lack of food and water, but they found coconuts floating far out at sea, and these sustained life.

When the raft was near Mubulau, the young Fijian swam ashore, and gave the alarm, and the family was rescued after four days and nights at sea. All were taken to hospital, where they made a good recovery.

After more than 25 years' residence in the Cook Islands, Mr. Robert McKegg, well-known as managing director of Cook Islands Trading Co. Ltd., Rarotonga, has decided to live in New Zealand in future—probably in Auckland. He will leave Rarotonga this month. He will retain his interest in the Cook Islands Trading Company.

B.G.D.'s GENERAL MANAGER RETIRES

MR. L. J. JOUBERT has retired from the position of general manager of Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., and left New Guinea early in March for Sydney, where he will join the "Mariposa" for San Francisco. Mr. Joubert re-



A recent photograph of Mr. L. J. Joubert and his wife.

turned from a long vacation in America only recently, but his health was still far from satisfactory, and when he arrived in New Guinea he made up his mind to resign and live in retirement. He made many friends in New Guinea during the years in which he has carried out important executive duties for Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., and his departure will cause general regret. Mr. Hart, who was acting as general manager during the recent absence of Mr. Joubert, and who has been his assistant for some years, will again act as general manager.

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PREPARING FOR DEFENCE

New Organisations in the Islands

IT is an interesting commentary on the development of international relations that reports from various British Territories in the Pacific Islands announce the formation of defence corps of European volunteers.

Rifle Clubs and organised troops of militia have been formed during the past month among the European residents in Port Moresby (Papua), in Rabaul (New Guinea), and in Western Samoa.

Already there is a considerable defence organisation in Fiji and it is reported that this is being strengthened and re-equipped.

New regulations were issued in New Zealand on March 3 for the establishment of a volunteer defence force in Western Samoa. It is proposed at present to restrict membership to Europeans, but it has been announced that if the Samoans desire to participate provision for their inclusion will be made.

Mr. E. F. Moates, Chairman of Directors of Noyes Bros., (Sydney) Ltd., left Sydney on February 22 by the R.M.S. "Orcades" for Britain. Accompanied by Mrs. Moates, he will spend some months in the United Kingdom.

NEW GOLD AT WAU, N.G.

Development of Sluicing Industry

AN important new phase of the New Guinea gold industry has developed during the past couple of years, said Mr. H. T. Allan, in a chat with the editor of the "Pacific Islands Monthly".

Mr. Allan is president of the New Guinea Mining Association and he himself, as a tributer of New Guinea Goldfields Ltd., is now the active head of a successful sluicing enterprise near Wau.

"The day of the man with the box and the pan and a few boys has definitely gone", said Mr. Allan. "Under those old conditions about half the gold that was washed out was lost downstream, and only very rich patches could be made to show a profit.

"But there is rich gold all along the hills on either side of the Bulolo River and that applies especially to the hills on the western side near Wau, and along towards Edie Creek.

"During the past two years a number of enterprises based on sluicing, and using the most modern methods, have started up in this latter area, with the result that profitable gold is being won in increasing quantities. These developments have changed the whole outlook of the Morobe gold industry. There appears to be a very large area of country capable of treatment; but the work must be undertaken by men or by small companies with sufficient capital to buy the right equipment, and with sufficient knowledge to employ modern methods. Then the reward is likely to be rich.

"If these developments are possible

under the severe handicap imposed by aerial freight, just think what the possibilities are if we could get a road from the coast and could get the benefit of cheap transport. Such a condition would make profitable many areas which now are regarded as unprofitable, because it costs too much to work them.

"Under present conditions the gold industry in and around Wau has a definite life, but probably a short one; but if we were given cheap transport—which we have been promised—a bigger and a highly profitable gold industry will continue in this district for a long time to come".

LIFE SAVED BY RADIO

ARADIO amateur in Wellington, N.Z., recently heard an American wireless operator on Canton Island (in the Phoenix Group, north of Fiji) trying to communicate with Honolulu, and asking for assistance for a man on Canton Island who was seriously ill with appendicitis.

There are two parties on Canton Island—British and American. Both nations claim Canton Island as a suitable station in the contemplated trans-Pacific aeroplane services and, as no agreement has been reached, it apparently has been settled that so long as each country maintains an official party there, each country has an equal right to use the island as an aeroplane base.

As the Canton Is. operator was unable to contact Honolulu, the New Zealand amateur communicated with the American Consul-General at Wellington, who immediately sent a cablegram to the responsible officials in Honolulu.

As a result a vessel left immediately for Canton Island (a distance of 1,500

miles) and the sick man was taken to Honolulu and has since recovered. Radio and the prompt action taken by the N.Z. amateur probably saved his life.

Hon. G. H. Murray, Director of Agriculture in New Guinea, left Rabaul by the last "Nankin" on a visit to Japan. He has been suffering from ill health for some time and the trip is in the form of sick leave.

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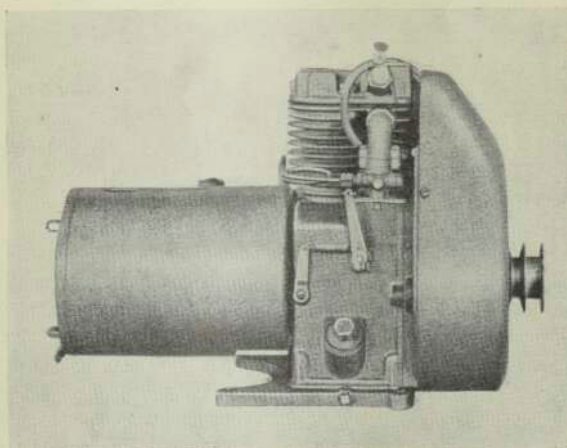
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PACIFIC PEOPLE

(Key to photographs in adjoining column)

TOP.—Left: Mr. R. A. Bennett returned to Sydney from Port Moresby, Papua, by the "Macdhui" on February 21, after completing his term of employment with Papuan Oil Developments at Daru. Right: Mrs. C. H. Karius, together with her husband (who is well-known in Papua as Resident Magistrate at Kikori) sailed from Sydney for a holiday in the East by the February "Nankin".

SECOND ROW.—Mrs. J. Hayes and her daughter Peggy returned to Port Moresby, Papua, by the "Macdhui" on February 25, after seven months' holiday in Australia. Mr. Hayes is connected with the B.N.G. Co., Ltd.

THIRD ROW.—Left: Rev. E. K. Clarke left Sydney for Samarai, Papua, by the last "Macdhui". After a short stay there he continued on to the Anglican Mission's head station at Dogura. Right: Mr. A. H. Fletcher, of the Melanesian Mission, returned to Tulagi, B.S.I., by the February "Malaita" after furlough in New Zealand.

FOURTH ROW.—Mr. and Mrs. F. Cook departed from Sydney for Salamaua, New Guinea, by the February "Bulolo" after several week's holiday in Sydney. Mr. Cook is connected with "Cliffside" gold mine in the Morobe district.

BOTTOM ROW.—Left: Mr. J. Hayston, a pathologist at Sydney University, returned to Sydney from Port Moresby, Papua, by the "Macdhui" on February 21. He had been engaged in veterinary science work around Fife Bay and Port Moresby. Right: Mrs. F. Winterford, accompanied by her husband, who runs a gold treatment plant at Mt. Kaindi, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney by the last "Macdhui", en route to England on six months' leave.



Quotations for Mining Shares

Fiji

Mid-Aug. Mid-Nov. Mid-Feb.

Emperor Mines	b13/	b10/-	b8/8
Loloma	b24/7½	b22/	b21/3
Mt. Kasl	b4/2	b4/5	b4/4
Tavua Dev.	b3d	b1d	b5d
Vatu Kasia	—	s1d	—

NEW GUINEA

Bulolo Deposits	b10d	b7½d	b8d
Bulolo G.D.	b£7/4/	b£6/5/	b£7
Day Dawn Sth.	s2½d	b1d	—
Day Dawn (Pd.)	b1½d	s4½d	s3½d
Enterprise of N.G.	b7/6	—	b30/
Guinea Gold	b15/4	b14/	b14/
Mt. Kaindi (Pd.)	s6d	—	s6d
N.G. Co., Ltd.	b1/8	b1/6	b2/4
Oil Search	b9/1	b6/4	b6/
Placer Dev.	b£3/16/3	b£3/13/	b72/6
Sandy Ck.	b1/5	b1/3½	b1/6
Sunshine Gold	b8/3	b9/	b7/3

PAPUA

Cuthbert's	b16/6	b17/9	s16/
G.M. of Papua	s5/1	b3/6	b2/
Mandated All.	b2/	b1/9	b2/
Oriomo Oil	b14/	b9/	b9/9
Papuan Apinaipi	b8/2	b5/	b6/6
Yodda Goldfields	b4d	b8d	b7d

MINING NOTES

From Fiji

EMPEROR GOLD MINING CO., LTD.

EMPEROR GOLD MINING CO., LTD., Tavua, Fiji, advises that the first shipment of fuel oil, amounting to 1,582 tons, was satisfactorily discharged into the bulk oil tank at Vatia Point in February. The erection of the wharf at Vatia Point is approaching completion.

As announced in their annual report the Emperor and Loloma companies entered into an agreement with the Fiji Government to provide a mole and wharf near Vatia Point, approximately 17 miles from the mines, at Vatukoula. The expense of this undertaking is being borne by the companies, the Government having an option to purchase for three years from the date of completion, at the actual cost price, for use as a Government wharf.

The last Emperor production figures showed:—

	Dec. 28	Jan. 25, Feb. 22
Crushed, tons	11,854	13,502
Head value, dwt.	6.8	6.13
Yield, oz. (est.)	3,744	3,807
Dwt. a ton	6.32	5.64
Residues, dwt.	0.47	0.45
Concentrates, tons	2	5
Containing, oz. (est.)	10.5	29.4

Plant closed 3 days for Christmas holidays and 2 days owing severe storm. Production suspended 24 hours owing storm; drop in grade due continuous heavy rain throughout period diluting ore with overburden.

MT. KASI MINES, LTD.

Yields from the Mount Kasi mines at Vanua Levu, Fiji, for the past four months, are compared in the following table:—

	Nov. 30	Dec. 28	Jan. 25, Feb. 22
Ore, tons	3,272	2,909	2,977
Gold, fine, oz.	671	636	597
Value, £A	5,871	5,565	5,224

LOLOMA (FIJI) GOLD MINES N.L.

A satisfactory feature of recent returns from Loloma (Fiji) Gold Mines N.L. has been the steady rise in the recovery grade, and the fall in the gold content of the residues. The latest return, for the four weeks ended February 22, shows that 2,305 tons were treated, the highest monthly throughput to date, for 3,120 oz. fine gold, which is also a record.

	Dec. 28	Jan. 25, Feb. 22
Mill ran, hours	483	495
Ore treated, tons	1,655	1,795
Head value, dwt.	28.32	28.3
Gold, fine oz.	2,240	2,436
Dwt. a ton	27.1	27.13
Silver, fine oz.	491	502
Residues assay, dwt.	1.25	1.15

Plant closed down December 22 for overhaul and installation new conveyor. Plant closed down December 29 to January 1, inclusive, owing overhaul; also 24 hours lost owing storm. Inc. 14 oz. from retreatment of old residues.

From New Guinea

BULOLO GOLD DEPOSITS, LTD.

THE directors of Bulolo Gold Deposits, Ltd., report that all details of the sale of the Co.'s property to New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd., have been completed and the balance of purchase money has been received by the Co. The amount of cash now held by the Co. represents approximately 11d. per share. A meeting of shareholders will be held to consider liquidation.

NEW GUINEA GOLDFIELDS, LTD.

The following progress report for November to January has been issued by the Mining Trust, Ltd., consulting engineers for New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd.:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Eddie Creek mill—			
Gold, oz., fine	1,129	1,171	944
Silver, oz., fine	4,079	4,312	3,730
Ore, tons	—	3,600	3,011
Alluvial—			
Gold, oz., fine	849	993	1,217
Silver, oz., fine	612	722	908
Golden Ridges mill—			
Tons treated	—	2,329	2,136
Gold, oz., fine	878	943	938
Silver, oz., fine	928	1,229	1,228
Operating profit—			
Eddie Creek, £	3,257	3,525	2,069
Alluvial, £	2,633	2,960	3,884
Golden Ridges, £	1,302	1,514	1,832

BULOLO GOLD DREDGING, LTD.

Production of Bulolo Gold Dredging Co.'s dredges in New Guinea from November to January was:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Cubic yards	1,210,000	1,302,000	1,196,000
Bullion, oz.	20,491	27,116	17,778
Gold, fine, oz.	14,139	18,709	12,268
VALUE—			
Aust. currency*	£123,716	£163,704	£107,345
Value per c. yd.	/24.5	/30.1	/21.5
Working profit	£82,609	£111,851	£75,810

*At £A £8/15/- per fine ounce.

No. 1 dredge was closed down for three weeks during January to instal a new digging ladder. The Morobe Warden's Mining Report for January shows that during that month a total cargo of 910,716 lb. (455 short tons) for 160 trips was carried by the Bulolo Co.'s big G.31 Junker planes between Bulolo, Bulwa, and Wau. Jobs completed by the B.G.D. building department: Residence for Burns, Philp store manager; Administration Post Office; Hydraulic Elevator Flume change; Coffey Dam—No. 1 Dredge Reconstruction; furniture for new married quarters

and Post Office. At the end of the month the staff was:—Whites, 321; Chinese, 11; Asiatics, 3; natives, 1,340 (including 11 Marys).

DAY DAWN SOUTH (N.G.) N.L.

Shareholders of Day Dawn South (New Guinea), N.L., at an extraordinary meeting in Sydney on March 10 decided that the Co. should be wound-up voluntarily. The balance-sheet as at December 31 shows cash at £1,322. Leases, plant, etc., valued at £12,873. Mine development account

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SUNSHINE GOLD DEVELOPMENT, LTD.

The following figures have been made available by Sunshine Gold Development, Ltd.:—
Quarter ended February 28.

	Cub. yd.	Hrs.	Gold, oz.
December	18,094	500	451.85
January*	—	—	—
February	38,831†	487	135.1
Total	56,925	987	586.95
Previous quarter	56,778	1,638	1485.05

*Sluicing suspended. †Mostly overburden.

SANDY CREEK GOLD SLUICING, LTD.

The mine manager of Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing, Ltd., New Guinea, reported early in March that the last four yields compared as follows:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Cubic yards ..	19,154	17,266	14,196	16,482
Gold, oz. ..	445	486	293	445
Per cubic yard ..	3/6	4/294	3/1	4/0½
Working cost ..	1/3	1/4½	1/5¼	1/5

From Papua

PAPUAN APINAIFI PETROLEUM CO., LTD.

PAPUAN APINAIFI PETROLEUM CO., LTD., reported in mid-February that the drilling plant had been transferred to the site of the No. 3 bore, five miles south-east of the No. 1 site and two miles south-east of the No. 2 site on the Olapu structure. Heavy rains had fallen, and an adequate supply of water was available. On March 7, a published report stated that the No. 3 Olapu bore had reached 345 ft. Faint traces of oil were struck at 140 ft., and continued intermittently to 345 ft. Casing also had been set to this depth.

CUTHBERT'S MISIMA GOLDMINE, LTD.

Figures for the monthly clean-up on February 23 from Cuthbert's mine on Misima Island, Papua, compare with the two previous yields as follows:—

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Treated, tons	2,568	2,641	3,031
Bullion, oz.	2,850	2,589	2,738
Gold, fine oz.	772.5	672	808
Silver, fine oz.	1,987	1,852	1,915
Est. value at £A8 per oz. ..	£6,354	£5,490	£6,574
Value, per ton	43/8	41/7	43/5

Development for January, 492 ft.; 489 tons of ore won from development, 2,152 tons from stoping, total, 2,641 tons; average assay, gold, 5 dwt. 14 grs. per ton silver, 34 dwt. 12 grs.

MANDATED ALLUVIALS, N.L.

Directors of Mandated Alluvials report that during the early weeks of March the work of the smelter has been much reduced owing to the monsoonal rains and also to a temporary shortage of sulphide ore. This latter difficulty has now been entirely removed by the acquisition of a large mining property already proved to contain more than 200,000 tons of ore. Work on this property is now in progress, and it is expected that considerable quantities of suitable ore will shortly be available. A small shipment of matte—the eighth—containing approximately 130 oz. gold, 300 oz. silver, and seven tons copper, has been sent to Port Kembla from Papua.

GOLD MINES OF PAPUA, LTD.

Comparative returns for the past three months from Gold Mines of Papua, Ltd., Misima Island, Eastern Papua, show:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Crushed, tons ..	2,378	2,003	2,612	2,728
Gold, oz., fine ..	316	281	329	367
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Residues, gr. ..	6	6	6.2	7

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6.45	National News Bulletin.
6.55	Early News Bulletin.
7.00	Physical Exercises.
7.10	Music.
8.00	Australian and Overseas News.
8.15	Music.
9.30	Serial.
10.15	Close.
12.00	Time Signal and Broadcast to Schools.
p.m.	
12.20	Wheat and Grain Report.
12.25	Stock Exchange Reports and London Metal Prices.
12.40	Commentary by "The Watchman".
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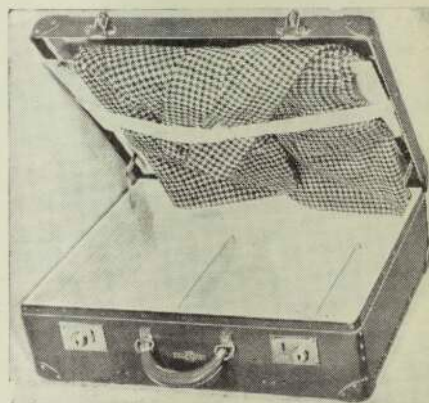
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7.40 Talk.

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11.20 Summary of Day's News.
11.30 Close.

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7.35 Sporting Highlights of the Week.
11.00 Dance Music.
12.00 Close.

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8.10 Sporting Session.
8.20 Musical Programme.
9.30 Summary of Week's News.
10.00 News.
10.15 Book Review.
11.00 Divine Service.
p.m.
1.00 Luncheon Music.
1.30 Close.
3.00 Re-open—Talk.
3.20 Musical Programme.
6.00 Close.
6.15 Re-open.
7.00 Talk.
7.20 News Bulletin.
9.15 Talk on International Affairs.
10.20 News.
10.30 Close.

MARCH 26 TO APRIL 22.

Mar. 26 (Sun.)—7.30 p.m. Harry Bloom's

Orchestra; 8.15 Play; 9.30 Piano and Violin; 10.10 Piano Recital.

Mar. 27 (Mon.)—1.30 p.m. Ascot Races; 8 Serial; 8.30 Jim Davidson; 9 Revue; 10 Modern Music.

Mar. 28 (Tues.)—8 p.m. Orchestra Music; 9 Talk; 9.15 Violin Recital; 10 Wireless Chorus.

Mar. 29 (Wed.)—1.30 p.m. Ascot Races; 8 Request Items; 8.45 "Emma and 'Erbert'"; 9 Variety Programme; 9.40 Violin and Soprano.

Mar. 30 (Thurs.)—1.30 p.m. Bacchus Marsh Races; 8 Play; 9 "Concertos Through the Ages"; 10.15 Harry Bloom's Band.

Mar. 31 (Fri.)—8 p.m. A.B.C. Dance Band; 8.40 Desmond Tanner; 9 Community Singing.

Apr. 1 (Sat.)—1.15 p.m. Warwick Farm Races; 8.10 "April Fooleries"; 9 Orchestral Hour; 10 Ballad Concert; 11 Dance Music.

Apr. 2 (Sun.)—7.30 p.m. Harry Bloom's Orchestra; 8 Play; 9.30 Spivakovsky Duo.

Apr. 3 (Mon.)—8 p.m. Serial; 8.30 Jim Davidson's Band; 9 Revue; 9.45 Instrumental Recital; 10 Modern Music.

Apr. 4 (Tues.)—8 p.m. Orchestral Music; 9 Wireless Chorus; 9.15 Talk; 9.30 Chopin Recital; 10 A.B.C. Band.

Apr. 5 (Wed.)—1.30 p.m. Kyneton Races; 8 Request Items; 8.45 "Emma and 'Erbert'"; 9 Jim Gerald and A.B.C. Dance Band.

Apr. 6 (Thurs.)—8 p.m. Play; 8.45 Tossy Spivakovsky (Violinist); 9 Brass Band; 9.30 Vocal Recital.

Apr. 7 (Fri.)—8 p.m. Instrumental Ensemble; 8.30 Talk; 9.15 Gordon Ireland in Special Feature.

Apr. 8 (Sat.)—1.15 p.m. Williamstown and Randwick Races; 8.10 Lotte Lehmann; 8.50 Studio Orchestra; 9.30 Male Quartet; John Morley Instrumental Quintet.

Apr. 9 (Sun.)—8.15 p.m. Play—"The Flying Swan"; 9.30 Piano and Violin Recital; 10.10 Comedy Harmonists.

Apr. 10 (Mon.)—8 p.m. Serial; 8.30 Dance Band; 9 Revue; 10 Modern Compositions.

Apr. 11 (Tues.)—1.30 p.m. Epsom Races; 8

Community Singing; 10.50 Recorded Feature.

Apr. 12 (Wed.)—1.30 p.m. Randwick Races; 8 Request Items; 8.45 "Emma and 'Erbert'"; 9 Jim Davidson's Band; 9.40 Harp Recital.

Apr. 13 (Thurs.)—1.30 p.m. Mentone Races; 8 Musical Comedy; 9 Mastersingers Quartet; 9.10 Violin Recital; 10.50 Dance Music.

Apr. 14 (Fri.)—8 p.m. Play; 9.30 Vocal Duo; 9.50 Orchestral Music; 10.50 Harry Bloom's Band.

Apr. 15 (Sat.)—8 p.m. Old Time Dance Music; 11 Music.

Apr. 16 (Sun.)—7.30 p.m. Orchestral Music; 8.15 Play—"The Women Have Their Way"; 9.30 Spivakovsky Duo; 10.10 Comedy Harmonists.

Apr. 17 (Mon.)—1.30 p.m. Ascot Races; 8 Serial; 8.30 Military Band; 9 Revue; 10 Modern Compositions.

Apr. 18 (Tues.)—8 p.m. Symphony Orchestra; 9 Vocal Quartet; 9.15 Violin Recital; 10 Talk; 10.15 A.B.C. Band.

Apr. 19 (Wed.)—1.30 p.m. Geelong Races; 8 Request Items; 8.45 "Emma and 'Erbert'"; 9 Jim Gerald; 9.30 Stephen York; 10 Male Choir.

Apr. 20 (Thurs.)—1.30 p.m. Woodend Races; 8 Lotte Lehmann (German Soprano); 8.50 Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

Apr. 21 (Fri.)—8 p.m. "Toad of Toad Hall"—Play; 9.30 Beatrice Tange (Piano); 10 Jim Davidson's Band.

Apr. 22 (Sat.)—1.15 p.m. Race Descriptions; 8.10 Studio Orchestra; 8.45 Male Quartet; 9 Story; 9.15 Lotte Lehmann; 10 John Morley Quintet.

HEAD OF N. GUINEA DISTRICT SERVICES

No Appointment Yet

ALTHOUGH it was announced in Melbourne in February that Mr. R. Melrose had been appointed to succeed Mr. E. W. P. Chinnery as head of Native Affairs and District Services in New Guinea, it now appears that the appointment has not been filled and that various names are under consideration by the Administrator.

Well-informed opinion in New Guinea distinctly favours the appointment of Mr. E. Taylor, the well-known district officer in the Morobe district, who is held in high regard throughout the Territory.

The claims of a number of the senior district officers—including Mr. Melrose—are likely to be carefully examined before the appointment is made. There are men of outstanding ability among them.

It is to be hoped that this principle will be recognised and the system continued of appointing men from the ranks to the higher jobs—especially when the chief administrative positions become vacant.

Mr. Chinnery came in for some sharp criticism during the last session of the Legislative Council in Rabaul. One member said that Mr. Chinnery had spent the greater portion of his time since he became the head of District Services away from the Territory, attending to matters which could not exactly be regarded as New Guinea affairs, and that, as the Territory had had so little of his services, it would not be sorry to see him depart!

Mr. J. Bayly, of Fiji, is at present on holidays abroad.



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CAPTAIN "MYLES" THOMPSON

Prominent N.G. Planter's Sudden Death in Melbourne

ONE of the best-known and most respected planters in New Guinea, Captain George Power Myles Thompson (known throughout the Territory as "Myles") died suddenly in Victoria on February 17. He arrived in Australia from Rabaul at the end of 1938, apparently in good health; but, recently, he entered a private hospital in Melbourne and, shortly after, became unconscious. He did not rally, and died.

Mr. Thompson's first connection with the Islands was as a member of the staff of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. in Fiji before the Great War. In the war, he held a commission and served with the 8th Infantry Brigade, 29th Battalion, A.I.F. He went to New Guinea in 1921 as an overseer for the Expropriation Board, and at the sale of expropriated properties bought several coconut estates. Since then, he had consolidated and increased his holdings, his main plantations being Iboki and Nonga.

Mr. Thompson was a consistent supporter of the Rabaul Amateur Turf Club and other New Guinea sporting organisations. He also was an active and leading member of the Rabaul Club.

Pall-bearers at his funeral, which took place at Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne, were Lieutenant-Colonel H. Cameron (representing Chief Judge F. B. Phillips), Capt. S. Gullett and Capt. L. Brewer (representing the 8th Infantry Brigade, 29th Battalion), Mr. S. Costelloe (R.S.S.I.L.A., Rabaul), Capt. Shaw (Naval and Military Club), and Messrs. W. Samson and S. Best, of Rabaul. Other New Guinea people present included Hon. E. W. P. Chinnery, M.L.C. (representing the Administration), Hon. H. O. Townsend, M.L.C., and Messrs. L. McArthur, A. N. McLennan, and A. Drummond-Thompson.

MR. W. C. GROVES

Educational Work in Solomons

MR. W. C. GROVES, B.A., Dip. Ed., F.R.A.I., who recently retired from the position of Director of Education at Nauru, and who is well-known for his work in native affairs, etc., in the Western Pacific, has been seconded for service in an educational advisory capacity in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

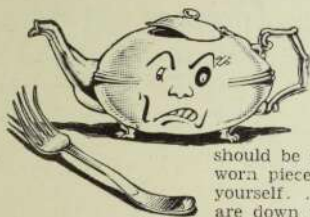
Mr. Groves is an officer of the Education Department of Victoria, and was seconded for educational work in the Territory of New Guinea in 1922-26, after which he was a lecturer on the staff of the Melbourne Teachers' College; and lecturer on Pacific Affairs at the Melbourne University Extension Board. In 1931, after a course in social anthropology at Sydney University, he returned to New Guinea to carry out special anthropological work under a Research Fellowship of the Australian National Research Council, which administered the Rockefeller grant for anthropological research in Australia, remaining there until 1934. He was granted a further year's Fellowship in 1936. He has published a number of papers on applied anthropology and native education, his book, "Native Education and Culture-Contact in New Guinea", published by the Australian Council for Educational Research, being used as a standard reference on native education in British

Colonial circles. Mr. Groves attended the Carnegie Conference on Education in Pacific countries held in Hawaii in 1936. He is a vice-president of Section F. of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science. Mr. Groves will leave Sydney for Tula-

gi, with his wife and three daughters, by the "Malaita" on April 1.

Mr. A. G. Judge, a New Zealander, who has been on Pitcairn Island for the past six months, returned by the February "Mataroa".

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her long term in the Colony served at Rewa, Ba, Suva, Levuka, and Kadavu.

Miss E. Clark, a Pitcairn Islander and daughter of a former schoolmaster there, reached New Zealand by the "Mataroa" at the end of February.

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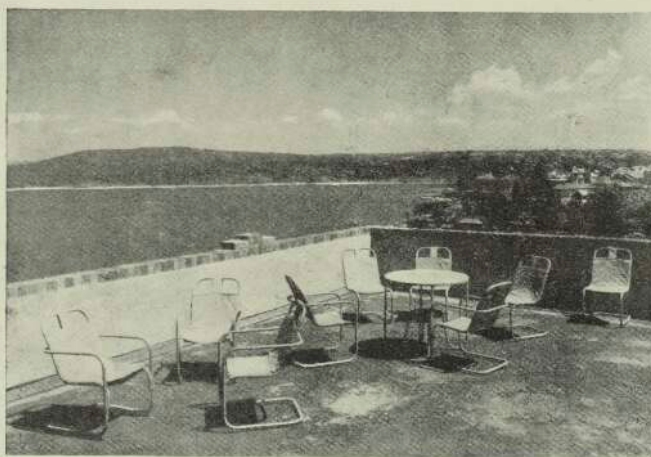
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January 1, 1932 ..	£14 0 0	£14 15 0
March 25	£14 17 6	£15 0 0
June 17	£13 2 6	£13 5 0
September 2	£13 17 6	£14 0 0
December 16	£14 2 6	£14 5 0
January 6, 1933 ..	£13 0 0	£13 12 6
March 3	£11 7 6	£11 10 0
June 30	£10 17 6	£11 0 0
September 29	£9 7 6	£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
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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

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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
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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 13 6
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Dec. 3	£12 10 0	£12 12 6	£13 7 6
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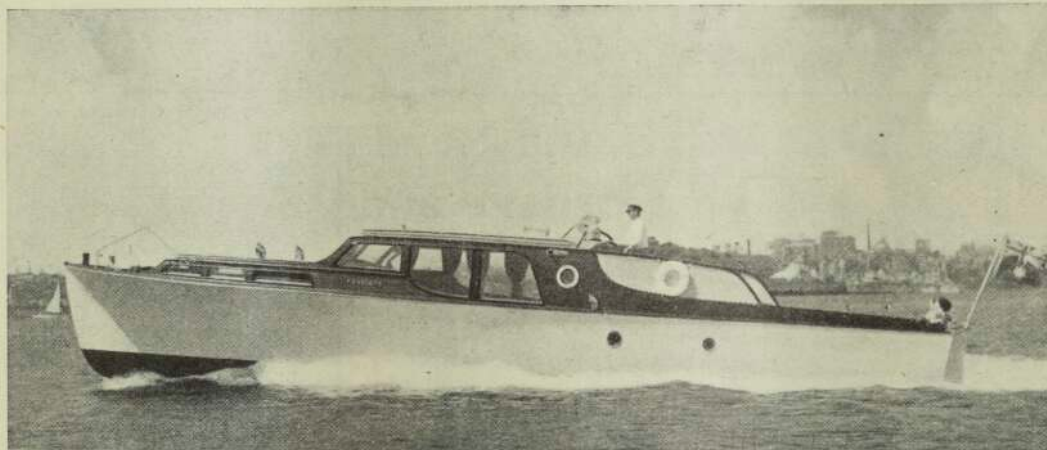
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"B", 56/-; grade "C", 55/-; Triage, 39/- No. 2 quotations: Grade "A", New season's supplies are not yet available. Last quote was 60/-; grade "B", new season, 56/-; grade "C", new season not yet available—last quote, 53/-; Triage, 40/- (drought coffee), No. 3 quotations: Grade "B", 54/-; grade "C", 48/-.

Mysore, f.a.q., March-April shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt. No. 1 quotations: Grade "A", 61/-; grade "B", 53/- No. 2 quotations: Grade "A", 59/-; grade "B", 53/6; Triage, 51/-.

Arabian (Aden) Hodeidah, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney—No. 1 quotation, July-Aug. shipment: 66/- per cwt. No. 2 quotation, 67/- 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-March 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 £26-28 per ton.

Quote No. 3: Accra, good fermented, March shipment, £22 per ton, c.i.f., Sydney.

Cotton

London c.i.f. cotton prices during the month were: February 17, 4.83d. lb., March shipment; February 24, 4.86d. lb., March shipment; March 3, 4.96d. lb., March shipment; March 10, 5.05d. per lb., April 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, £12/19/- 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.

(a) Trochus shell, No. 1 grade	£69
Trochus shell, No. 2 grade	£60
Trochus shell, No. 3 grade	£44
(b) Trochus shell, No. 1 grade	£70
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 nominally by Sydney buyers in mid-March at £50 per ton.

Exchange Rates

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THE following exchange quotations, gathered in Sydney, show the rates existing in mid-March:—

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
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	Australia on Papeete.	Francs to £ Australian
Average for week ended 20/2/39	136.65	
Average for week ended 27/2/39	138.67	
Average for week ended 6/3/39	138.60	
Average for week ended 13/3/39	138.38	

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Average for week ended 27/2/39	138.52	
Average for week ended 6/3/39	138.45	
Average for week ended 13/3/39	138.43	

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Selling: T.T. £A125/10/- equals £stg. 100.

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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 March 13, when the Australian £ was nominally worth 140.75 francs, £100 Australian would purchase a draft in Noumea of 13,975 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		£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 0
90 days	122 5 0	124 10 0
120 days	122 0 0	124 7 6

Shipping Services in the Pacific

Sydney – N.Z. – Fiji – Samoa – Hawaii

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	Monterey.	Mariposa.	Monterey.
Honolulu	Apr. 3	May 1	May 29
Pago Pago	Apr. 8	May 6	June 3
Suva	Apr. 11	May 9	June 6
Auckland	Apr. 14	May 12	June 9
Sydney	Apr. 17	May 15	June 12
Melbourne	A. 21-24	M. 19-22	J. 16-19
Sydney	Apr. 28	May 26	June 23
Auckland	May 1	May 29	June 26
Suva	May 4	June 1	June 29
Pago Pago	May 5	June 2	June 30
Honolulu	May 10	June 7	July 5

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Sydney – N.Z. – Fiji – Hawaii

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	Aorangi.	Niagara.	Aorangi.
Honolulu	Mar. 22	Apr. 19	May 17
Suva	Mar. 31	Apr. 28	May 26
Auckland	Apr. 3-4	May 1-2	M. 29-30
Sydney	Apr. 8	May 6	June 3
Sydney, dep.	Apr. 13	May 11	June 8
Auckland	A. 17-18	M. 15-16	J. 12-13
Suva	Apr. 21	May 19	June 16
Honolulu	Apr. 28	May 26	June 23

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Sydney – Noumea – Tahiti Service

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.

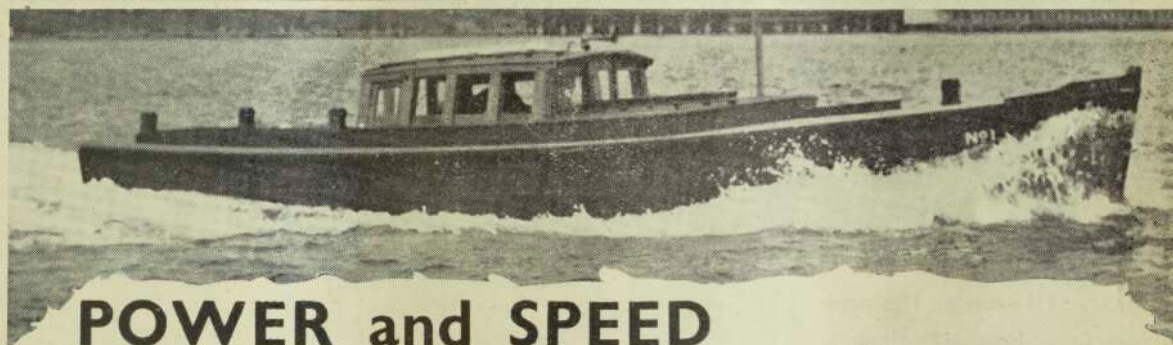
	Eridan.	Sagittaire.	D'Amlens.
Papeete	Apr. 8-9	M. 21-22	J. 2-3
Suva (opt.)	Apr. 17	May 29	—
Vila	Apr. 19	May 31	July 12
Noumea	A. 21-29	June 3-9	J. 14-21
Vila	May 2	June 12	July 24
Raiatea	May 9	June 19	July 31
Papeete	M. 10-12	J. 20-22	A. 1-3

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES CO. LTD., Agents.

Sydney – Rabaul – Hong Kong

	Nankin.	Nellore.	Tanda.
Hong Kong	Apr. 1	May 5	June 3
Manila	Apr. 4	May 8	June 6
Rabaul	Apr. 12	May 16	June 14
Brisbane	Apr. 18	May 22	June 20
Sydney	Apr. 20	May 24	June 22
Melbourne	A. 24-M. 3	M. 29-J. 3	J. 26-Jy. 5
Hobart	May 5	June 5	July 7
Newcastle	May 8	June 8	July 10
Sydney, dep.	May 13	June 14	July 15
Brisbane	May 15	June 16	July 17
Rabaul	May 21	June 22	July 23
Manila	May 30	July 1	Aug. 1
Hong Kong	June 2	July 4	Aug. 4

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Sydney - Papua - New Guinea

	Bulolo.	Macdhu.	Bulolo.
Sydney	Mar. 18	Apr. 6	Apr. 26
Brisbane	Mar. 20	Apr. 8	Apr. 28
Townsville	—	Apr. 11	—
Cairns	—	Apr. 12	—
Pt. Moresby	Mar. 24	Apr. 14	May 2
Samarai	Mar. 25	Apr. 15	May 3
Rabaul	M. 27-28	A. 17-18	May 5-6
Kavieng	—	Apr. 19	—
Lindenhafen	Mar. 29	—	May 7
Salamaua /	L. 30-31	A. 20-21	M. 8-9
Lae	—	—	—
Madang	Apr. 1	Apr. 22	May 10
Alexishafen, Opt.	Apr. 1	Apr. 22	May 10
Wewak	Apr. 2-3	A. 23-24	May 11
Madang	Apr. 4	Apr. 25	May 12
Pinschafen, Opt.	—	Apr. 26	—
Salamaua	Apr. 5	Apr. 26	May 13
Kavieng	Apr. 6-7	M. 14-15	—
Pondo	—	Apr. 28	—
Rabaul	Apr. 8	Apr. 29	May 16
Salamaua	Apr. 9	—	May 17
Samarai	Apr. 11	May 1	May 19
Pt. Moresby	Apr. 12	May 2	May 20
Cairns	—	May 4	—
Brisbane	Apr. 16	May 7	May 24
Sydney	Apr. 18	May 9	May 26

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Europe - Suva - N.Z. - Sydney - New Guinea

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M.V. Salamaua	S.S. Suva.
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Rabaul	Panama
London	Apia
London	Suva
London	Rabaul
London	Capetown
London	London

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Central Pacific Services

M.V. Matua.		
Auckland	Mar. 28	Apr. 18
Rarotonga	Apr. 1	Apr. 22
Outer Islands	—	A. 23-26
Rarotonga	—	Apr. 27
Nukualofa	Apr. 5	—
Apia	A. 6-7	—
Suva	A. 10-11	—
Auckland	Apr. 14	May 2

The cargo vessel "Talton" will depart from Sydney on March 27 (approximately) for Suva and Lautoka (Fiji), Papeete (Tahiti), and then on to North American ports. She will carry a limited number of passengers in addition to mails and general cargo. The next vessel from Sydney will be the cargo vessel "Limerick" (8,724 tons), which will depart for Fiji, French Oceania, and North American ports early in May.

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Sydney - Solomon Islands - New Guinea

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M.V. Malaita.			
Sydney	May 13	June 24	Aug. 5
Brisbane	May 15	June 26	Aug. 7
Townsville	May 18	June 29	Aug. 10
Cairns	May 19	June 30	Aug. 11
Tulagi	—	—	—
Makambo	M. 23-24	July 4-5	A. 15-16
Gavutu	—	—	—
Suva	—	—	—
Tasavarong	May 25	July 6	Aug. 17
Mamara	May 26	—	Aug. 18
Aruligo	—	—	—
Lavono	—	—	—
Mamara	—	July 7	—
Tasavarong	—	—	—
Aruligo	—	July 8	—
Mering	—	—	—
Hivo	—	—	—
Yandina	—	—	—
Banika	—	—	—
Ufa	May 27	July 9	Aug. 19
Faiami	—	—	—
Younger	—	—	—
Pepesala	—	—	—
Lingatu	May 28	—	Aug. 20
West Bay	—	—	—
Somata	—	—	—
Gizo	May 29	July 10	Aug. 21
Falsi	May 30	July 11	Aug. 22
Kieta	May 30	July 11	Aug. 22
Arigua	May 31	July 12	Aug. 23
Numa Numa	—	—	—
Teopasino	—	—	—
Soraken	June 1	July 13	Aug. 24
Rabaul	June 2-3	J. 14-15	A. 25-26
Soraken	June 4	July 16	Aug. 27
Kieta	June 5	July 17	Aug. 28
Faisi	June 6	July 18	Aug. 29
Gizo	June 7	July 19	Aug. 30
Tetipari	—	—	—
Russell Is.	June 8	July 20	Aug. 31
Gavutu	—	—	—
Makambo	J. 9-10	J. 21-22	Sept. 1-2
Brisbane	June 15	July 27	Sept. 7
Sydney	June 17	July 29	Sept. 9

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S.S. Morinda				
Sydney	Mar. 18	Apr. 29	May 11	
Lord Howe ..	Mar. 20	May 1	May 13	
Norfolk Is. ..	Mar. 22	May 3	May 15	
Vila	—	—	M. 18-19	
Bushman's B. ..	—	—	May 20	
Malo	—	—	May 20	
Tangoa	—	—	May 20	
Segond	—	—	May 20	
Aoba	—	—	May 21	
Hog Har.	—	—	May 22	
Norfolk Is.	Mar. 23	May 4	May 25	
Lord Howe ..	Mar. 25	May 6	May 27	
Sydney	Mar. 27	May 8	May 30	

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S.S. Friderun.				
Hong Kong ..	May 2	June 19	Aug. 7	
Madang	May 13	June 30	Aug. 18	
Salamaua	May 15	July 2	Aug. 20	
Tulagi	M. 20-22	J. 7-9	A. 25-27	
Rabaul	M. 25-30	J. 12-17	A. 30-S. 5	
Lorengau	June 1	July 19	Sept. 7	
Hong Kong ..	June 12	July 30	Sept. 18	

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**Sydney – New Guinea –
Hong Kong**

M.V. Neptuna.

Sydney	M. 22-25	M. 26-31	Aug. 2-5
Salamaua	Apr. 1	June 7	Aug. 12
Rabaul	Apr. 3	June 9	Aug. 14
Cebu (opt.) ..	Apr. 10	June 16	Aug. 21
Manila	Apr. 13	June 19	Aug. 24
Hong Kong ..	A. 15-19	J. 21-25	A. 28-30
Saigon	Apr. 25	July 1	Sept. 5
Madang	May 6	July 12	Sept. 16
Salamaua	May 9	July 15	Sept. 19
Rabaul	May 12	July 18	Sept. 22
Sydney	M. 19-20	July 25	S. 29-30
Melbourne ...	M. 22-24	July 28	Oct. 2-4

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**Saigon – Java – South
Seas – N.Z. – Sydney**

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Maet-suycker.				
Saigon	Tasman.	Apr. 13	May 17	June 14
Singapore	A. 15-16	M. 19-20	J. 16-17	
Batavia	A. 18-19	M. 22-24	J. 19-21	
Samarang	Apr. 20	May 25	June 22	
Sourabaya	Apr. 21	May 26	June 23	
Pt. Moresby ...	Apr. 28	June 2	June 30	
Samarai	Apr. 29	—	July 1	
Salamaua	May 1	—	July 3	
Rabaul	May 3-4	—	J. 5-6	
Vila	—	June 6	—	
Noumea	—	June 7-9	—	
Auckland	May 11	June 12	July 13	
Wellington ...	May 17	June 17	July 19	
Sydney	M. 22-24	J. 21-23	J. 24-26	
Pt. Moresby ...	May 29	June 28	July 31	
Sourabaya	June 5	July 5	Aug. 7	
Samarang	June 6	July 6	Aug. 8	
Batavia	June 7-9	July 7-10	A. 9-11	
Singapore	June 11	July 12	Aug. 13	
Saigon	June 13	July 14	Aug. 15	

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M.V. Maui Pomare.				
Wellington ..	Mar. 21	Apr. 18	May 16	
Apia	M. 28-30	A. 25-27	M. 23-25	
Niue	Apr. 1	Apr. 29	May 27	
Lyttelton	A. 10-12	May 8-9	J. 5-7	
Wellington ..	Apr. 13	May 10	June 8	

**Sydney – Noumea – New
Hebrides – Indochina**

Pierre Loti.

Sydney	Mar. 25	June 3	June 29
Noumea	M. 29-31	J. 7-8	J. 3-4
Mare	—	June 9	July 5
Vila	Apr. 1	June 10	July 6
Luganville	Apr. 2	June 11	July 7
Le Dart	Apr. 3	J. 12-13	J. 8-9
Norsup	—	June 13	July 9
Saigon	A. 16-18	—	—
Haiphong	A. 21-24	—	—
Zamboanga	A. 29-30	—	—
Luganville	May 11	—	—
Le Dart	May 12	—	—
Vila	M. 13-14	J. 14-15	J. 10-11
Mare	—	June 16	July 12
Noumea	M. 15-18	J. 17-18	J. 13-14
Sydney	May 22	June 22	July 18

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Additional supplies of bananas soon reached New Zealand from Samoa, the Cook Islands and Tonga, so that what has been Fiji's severe loss has been a welcome gain for the other territories.

Mr. C. Branster, S.D.A. missionary, Fiji, reached Sydney in February, on leave.

PACIFIC TRAVELLERS

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.)

Phillips, Kennedy, Purchell, Theckston, Osborne, Smith, Ord, Clayton, McKay, Hides, Topping, Hunter, Ferries, Soderman, Dudley, Edney, Sweetman, Osborne, Crisp, Cameron, Miller, Shields, Field, Paolini, Strathearn Milne, Young, Maguire, Grant, O'Connor, Everett, Johnson, Robinson, Garwood, Spence, Buzzachi, Judge Phillips, Rev. Dixon, Rev. Clarke, Mesdames Smallwood, Clay, Hilder, Day, Burns, Hartley, Wardrop, Speedie, Skelly, Theckston, Taylor, Thomas, Pyke, Trenchard, More, Austen, Holle, Ferries, Dixon, McDonald, Willis, Maguire, Misses Rudd, Kirby, Hawkes, Major, Wheelan, Adams, Goldberg, Hayes, Brennan, Wombell, Mill; Sister Irwin.

PER AIRLINER TO N.G. ON FEB. 28: Messrs. Burke, McConnon, Hitchcock, Probert, Bentzinger, Marbell, Condon, Neal, Allen, Haling, Miss Lloydell.

PER AIRLINER FROM N.G. ON MARCH 3: Messrs. Allen, Challis, Haling, Neal, Anderson, Ougley, Laidley-Cay, Yaincey. Mrs. Mills.

PER AIRLINER TO N.G. ON MARCH 7: Messrs. Murray, Howard.

PER "BULOLO" FROM PAPUA & N.G. ON MARCH 9: Messrs. Bailey, Bishton, Browne, Beattie, Bullock, Brown, Blakey, Bennett, Coleman, Castle, Coutts, Cooney, Edwards, Elwyn, Gaden, Griffiths, Giblin, Hodgekiss, Hill, Harris, Houston, Hall (2), Joubert, Johnston, Keenan, Kalbfell, Keogh, Lewis, Lang, Loundon, Maxwell, Mainwaring, McLaren, Moloney, Orr, Page, Pack, Ray, Ross, Sherry, Stengel, Shellabear, Thompson, Walshe, Wild, Woods, Wilkie, Clark (2), Jones, Moore (2). Mesdames Bishton, Coleman, Challis, Clark, Donaldson, Fryer, Healy, Irving, Jones, Joubert, McCarthy, Maxwell, Mainwaring, Marshall, Moore, Perkins, Ray, Ross, Tait, Woods, Ward. Misses Bennett, Boag, Cooper, Hinde, Harford, King, Lynn, Maye, Sharpe, Schwabe.

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PER AIRLINER FROM N.G. ON MARCH 11: Messrs. Staley, Gray, Saunders, Bentzinger, Sinclair, Carter.

PER AIRLINER FOR N.G. ON MARCH 14: Messrs. Gray, Greenham, Buckridge, Mowbray, Mesdames Hore-Lacy, Foley, Miss Taylor.

Mrs. Milton Craig, an old identity of Fiji, died at Tailevu on February 23. Born 75 years ago, she spent some time in New Guinea and other parts of the Pacific before finally settling down at Lodon, Tailevu.

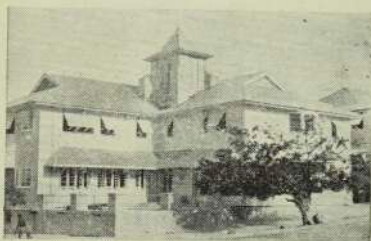
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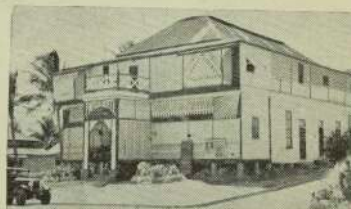
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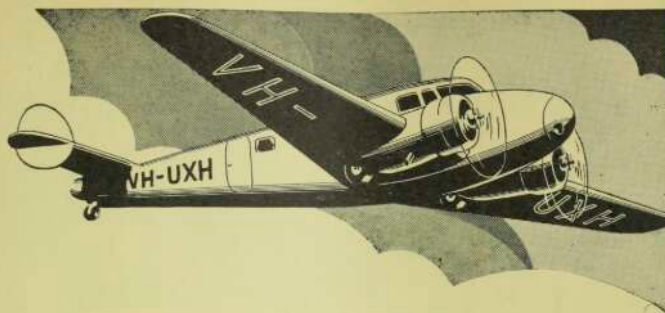


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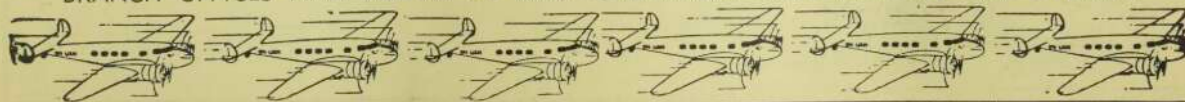
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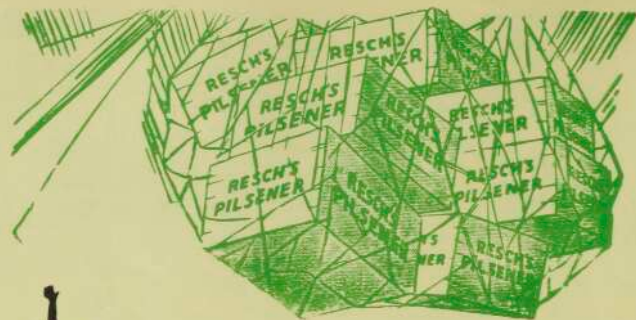
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