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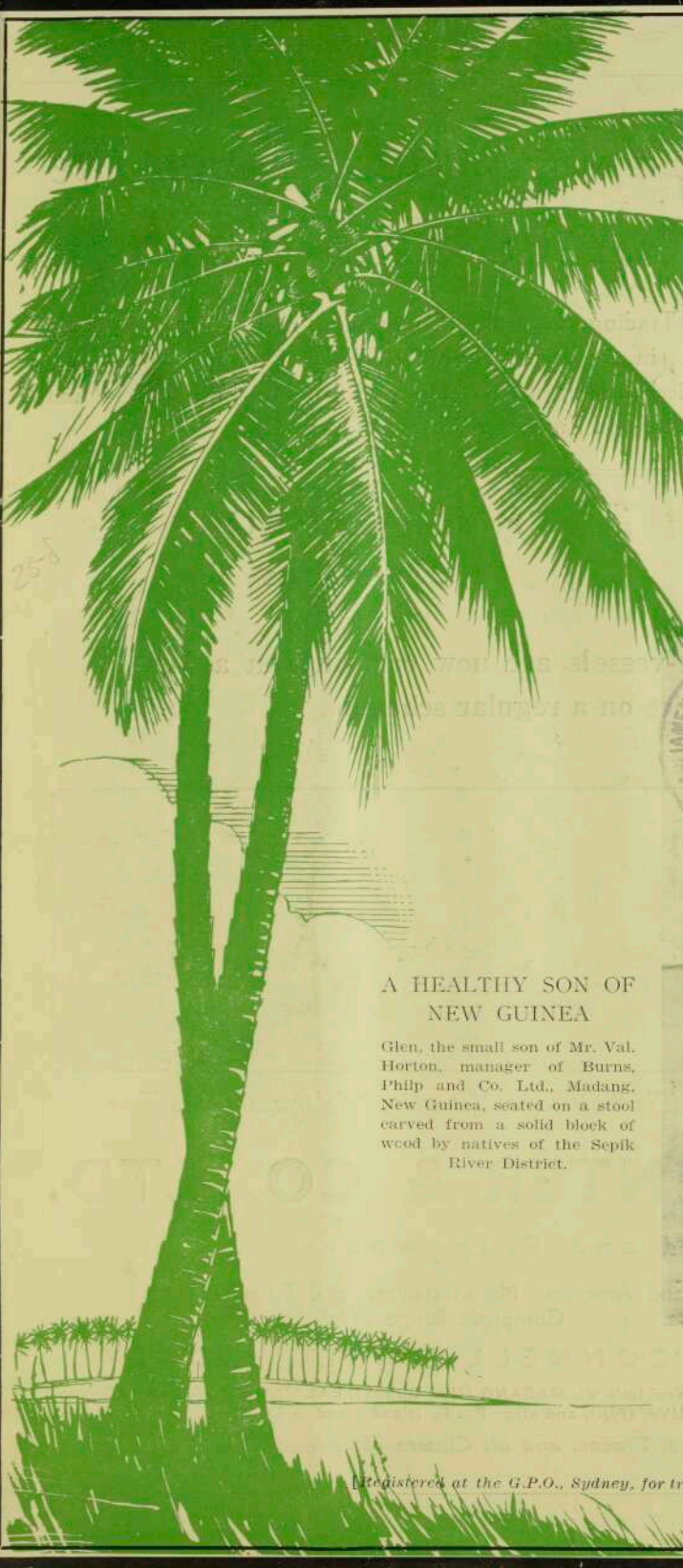
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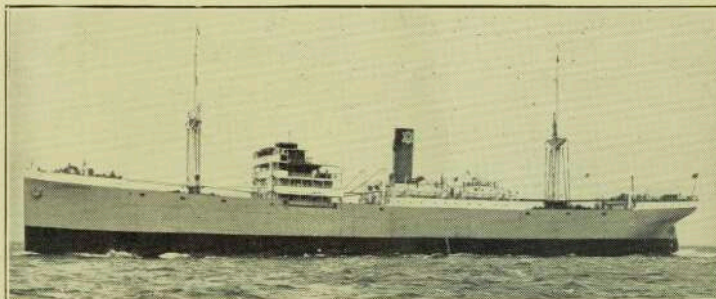
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The Bedevilment of Pacific Trade

PUBLIC servants—in Australia, at any rate—actively resent the fact that the commercial community, hard-working and "hard-boiled," regard the public services with feelings ranging from kindly tolerance to outspoken contempt. The bureaucrats have only themselves to blame.

In this issue, we recount the experience of an Islands trader. He obtained an order for Australian meat for New Guinea—and the man who can beat the ruthless, price-cutting American interests in this field has to "go some"—only to find the business held up in Australia by some pettifogging export regulation, and a Department incapable of rising above the printed letter of the regulations.

It was the same public service which virtually killed the Fiji-Australian banana trade. Fiji buys goods worth £1,250,000 annually; and, owing to the exchange position (the Australian £ is 25 per cent. under sterling, while the Fiji £ is only 12½ per cent. under) was willing to take more Australian goods. But Fiji said: "This must not be too one-sided. You, in return, must buy some of our products." After much argument, Australia agreed to lower its tariff somewhat to admit, annually, £40,000 worth of Fiji bananas. The trade commenced—bananas in exchange for Australian foodstuffs. But it lasted no time at all. Australian Departments threw everything at Fiji bananas except the Prime Minister's dog-kennel—

primage, sales tax, income tax, and various other imposts apparently devised for the bedevilment of trade. Some of these taxes were reluctantly removed when Fiji threatened tariff retaliation; but the new trade has not flourished. Fiji still buys largely in Australia; but that is due to the exchange position, and not love; and we know what to expect when the currencies are revalued.

Australia's nearest neighbour, New Caledonia, has an overseas trade turnover of nearly £2,000,000 annually. Last year (1935), the big French colony bought Australian goods worth £296,000, and sold Australian goods worth £14,000! This is the same Australia which is howling its head off because the United States are selling Australia about ten times as much as they are buying! We know what to expect if and when France goes off the gold

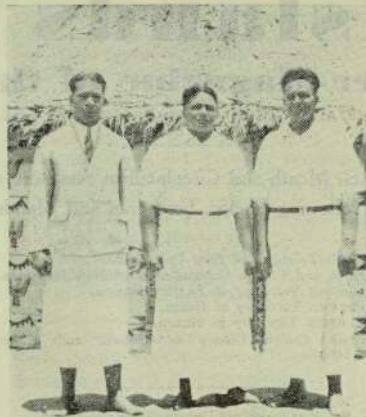
standard. That N.C. trade will disappear in a night. And serve us right!

Not long ago, the Australian Governmental authorities invited tenders for the supply of rice to New Guinea. The contract—an important one—went to Chinese interests, whose price was very slightly less than that quoted by the Australian trading firms. Yet the whole political barnyard in Australia is in an uproar because Messrs. Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd. have suggested that, for the very same reason (a saving in costs) they may build a couple of little ships in China.

We could continue to multiply instances, but those will suffice. Australia, officially, wants overseas trade, and is spending huge sums annually in chasing it. Yet here, right at her doors, in the rapidly developing Pacific territories, is a rich market, of which it may be said that it belongs to Australia by geographical right. Because the Australian pound is at a discount, Australia now virtually commands much of that trade; and one would suppose that advantage would be taken of this favourable circumstance to build up harmonious reciprocal relations with the Pacific territories, and bind this valuable traffic to the Commonwealth for all time, so that it will not fade away when currency values are altered. But, no! There is no coordination of overseas trade effort—there is not even a comprehensible policy governing overseas trade. Each Department is "on its own;" each little bureaucrat is fiercely and jealously observing the letter of his little set of regulations; and each Minister, who ought to be controlling his Department and coordinating Government policy, is either worrying about the next election, or dreamily picturing himself in Court breeches at King Edward's coronation.

Mr. Leslie V. Waterhouse, technical director of Placer Development Co. Ltd., arrived in England early in May, after visiting America. Mr. Waterhouse has been having a busy time; he spent three weeks in San Francisco with his associates, then left for New York, making visits to South and Central America by air to inspect the workings of Placer Development Co.'s subsidiary concerns. Mr. Waterhouse's plans in Europe are indefinite; but he intends to look over the Junker aeroplane works at Dessau, in Germany.

DEATH OF TONGAN PRINCE



Prince Tuku'aho, the second son of Queen Salote, D.B.E., and H.R.H. Prince Tugi, died at Nukunono, Tongan Islands, on April 28, after several weeks' illness. The prince, who was only 16 years of age, is shown on the right of the above photograph. Crown Prince George Taufa'ahau is on the left of the picture, and in the centre is the youngest member of Tonga's Royal Family, Prince John Gu.

WHEN we learned of the unfortunate death of Prince William Tuku'aho, of Tonga, we communicated with Prince George Taufa'ahau (Crown Prince of Tonga), who is a student at Newington College, Sydney; and the future ruler of Tonga very courteously replied as follows:—

"WILLIAM TUKU'AHU was my brother's name. He was 16 years old when he died, and he was just completing his education at Tubou College, at Nafualu, Tonga, when he was attacked by a heart illness to which he has been subject in the last few years. He died at the Palace on the night of April 28. He was the second eldest of the three of us. My younger brother is still at the College.

"My brother's death was felt deeply by every Tongan, and was the severest blow my family has yet suffered. Although he was only young, for some time past he had been making a thorough and complete study of the intricacies of native custom, tradition, etiquette, and social problems. Consequently, his knowledge of the Tongan native, and the phases of the gradual adaptation of Western civilization to his needs, was one which would have filled any Tongan with pride. The greater part of my mother's work in connection with important native social undertakings (in the last five years, at least) passed through his very young but very capable hands.

"When Fusibala, my aunt, died in Sydney in 1933, his skill in carrying out the necessary ceremonies and traditional consultations with the Chiefs of Tonga was brought to the test. Needless to say, he accomplished his task with all credit. Thus, he won not only the admiration of those versed in the intricate structure of Tongan society, but also the love of every Tongan heart.

"So one can see the great loss that his death means. Undoubtedly it was a great family loss. But, it was a much greater loss to the country as a whole.

"Recently, there has occurred the death of the Samoan High Chief, Mata'afa. It would not be a departure from fact to say that my brother's death was as great a loss to Tonga as was the death of the respected Mata'afa to the Samoans, who are our cousins."

ABOUT ISLANDS PEOPLE

Mr. J. C. M. Scott, manager of Messrs. Burns Philp (S.S.) Co. Ltd., at Makambo, returned to the Solomon Islands with his wife by the Malaita from Sydney on May 16.

Sister Svensen, who is on the staff of Tulagi Hospital, B.S.I., will resign shortly to marry Mr. E. Farmer, a well-known resident of the Solomons. Mr. O. Svensen, at an early date, is to marry Miss Clarke, daughter of Mr. Douglas Clarke, of Levers Pacific Plantations, Ltd. They are the daughter and son respectively of Captain Svensen, well known in the Central Pacific.

Mr. K. W. Steedman, legal manager of Upper Sepik Gold Syndicate, N.L., has completed the company's business in New Guinea. He returned by the Macdhui which reached Sydney on May 21.

Mr. J. J. McHugh, who has been Government Printer in Fiji for 32 years, left Suva early in May on furlough prior to retiring from the service. Mr. H. R. Craigie has been appointed Acting Government Printer.

Mr. C. H. Karius, Assistant Resident Magistrate in the Papuan Public Service, sailed from Sydney with his wife for Samarai by the May Montoro.

Mr. William Buddie McEwan, of Suva, died on May 4, at the age of 56. A Scotsman, he went to Fiji via Australia about 25 years ago, joining Henry Marks and Co. and continuing with the firm when it merged with Morris, Hedstrom Ltd. Mr. McEwan was well-known in the Ba District, where he spent most of his time, though during the last four years he had lived in Suva.

Mr. William C. Groves, of Melbourne, a research fellow in social anthropology under the Australian National Research Council, has been visiting Sydney to confer with Dr. A. P. Elkin, Professor of Anthropology at the Sydney University. He has delivered a series of lectures on Melanesian culture to groups of missionaries and cadets from the New Guinea administration. On May 19 he lectured before the New South Wales Anthropological Society on "The Secret Beliefs and Practices of a Melanesian People." Mr. Groves, who spent several years in anthropological research work in New Guinea, is writing a book dealing with his observations in the territory.

P.I.M. Editor's Visit to Samoa and Fiji

THE Editor and publisher of the *Pacific Islands Monthly*, Mr. R. W. Robson, F.R.G.S., will visit Samoa and Fiji in June and July, and will be glad to meet subscribers who have matters of public interest to discuss. Mr. Robson's itinerary will be approximately as follows:—

June 23.—Arrive in Apia, Western Samoa, by Maui Pomare from Wellington, N.Z.

July 2.—Leave Apia for Pago Pago, American Samoa, to connect with steamer for Suva.

July 7.—Arrive Suva, Fiji. To visit chief towns in Viti Levu during ensuing week.

July 31.—Leave Suva for Sydney.

Mr. Robson's address, in Apia, will be the Casino Hotel; and, in Suva, the Grand Pacific Hotel. It will be possible to communicate with him through the local managers in both Fiji and Samoa, of Messrs. Burns Philp (S.S.) Co. Ltd., and Messrs. Morris Hedstrom, Ltd.

A CASINO FOR NOUMEA

With Aerial Service to Brisbane

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, May 12.

IT has been announced in the local newspapers that a company has been successfully formed to establish a Casino in Noumea.

It is also announced that a new air service connecting Noumea and Brisbane is to start operations at an early date.

It is believed that these two enterprises, working in conjunction, will bring many visitors to New Caledonia from Australia. There is no doubt that the establishment of a Casino, conducted on good lines such as are well-known in Monte Carlo and Nice, will be an attraction to the game-loving Australians, and it is confidently expected that the launching of these enterprises will mark an important step in the development of the tourist industry of New Caledonia.

M. MERCIER IN SYDNEY

In anticipation of the proposed establishment of a Pacific Monte Carlo at Noumea, New Caledonia, by a £500,000 Sydney syndicate, M. Edouard Mercier, a member of the Legislative Council of the French colony, has been in Sydney investigating the possibilities of tourist traffic.

The tourist resources of Sydney, the Barrier Reef, New Zealand and New Caledonia could be grouped in the common cause of attracting a stream of tourist traffic from the Continent and from America, if the Casino were established, he told the *Daily Telegraph* on May 1.

First applicants for permission to conduct a gambling institution in Noumea, he added, were the original promoters of Tattersall's Sweep, but when the French Minister for Colonies refused the application the late Mr. George Adams went to Tasmania. Now the application of the Sydney syndicate had been granted, and it was hoped that Noumea would become one of the greatest tourist centres of the world.

EDITORIAL NOTE: Australians are gamblers; but it is to be presumed that even those who love to take a chance will not be in a hurry to undertake that 700 miles flight over empty ocean between Queensland and New Caledonia. Most people will want to be assured about the efficiency of the proposed air service before they make any plans to visit the attractive Casino.

Another difficulty to which we hope our French friends have given consideration is that of exchange. France and her colonies still adhere in determined fashion to the gold standard, so that the Australian £ is worth less than 10/- in French territories. Gamblers are very reckless people, but even they are human enough to prefer to lose their money on roulette, or chemin de fer, or boules, rather than sacrifice 50 per cent. of it in exchange.

It has been announced quite recently that Monte Carlo has lost colossal sums in recent years. That, of course, is due to the exchange position—foreign tourists nowadays will not go to gold-standard France and lose so much of their money in exchange.

Mr. Harry Buckland, a worker for the Australian Board of Missions in Papua, departed from Sydney for his station at Eroro by the *May Montoro*.

Brigadier-General Sir Herbert Hart, of New Zealand, who was for some years Administrator of the Mandated Territory of Samoa, has been appointed by the New Zealand Government to be a member of the Imperial War Graves Commission.

LEVER BROS. RECORD PROFIT

MESSRS. LEVER BROS. LTD., manufacturers of soap, perfumery, and margarine, and owners of enormous palm plantations and crushing mills, and one of the units of the mighty Unilever combine, made a record profit in 1935. Pacific Islands planters and traders, who always include Unilever in their prayers—and not necessarily to invoke blessings upon monopolists!—will be interested in the figures.

Lever Bros. report profits for 1935 as £648,000 higher, at the record amount of £6,951,000. After providing £4,738,000 for dividends on preference and preferred shares, the remaining profit of £2,213,000 equals 26 per cent. on ordinary capital, which was increased by £2,000,000 to £8,500,000 during the year.

Ordinary dividends, unchanged at 15 per cent., require £1,275,000, or £300,000 more than last year.

Profits include the company's proportion of profits, less losses, of subsidiary and allied companies.

S.I. CURRENCY MYSTERY

TULAGI, April 26.

BY a recent copra steamer arrived a large consignment of silver, all newly minted. Three days after its arrival, silver was absolutely unprocurable. It is a standing mystery, what happens to all the silver that is imported into this Group.

Business with natives has to be done in silver, as the native has an aversion to notes, and naturally does not care for a cheque, but no one appears to know what happens to the silver when it gets into circulation.

The local note issue had the advantage that it mostly remained in circulation locally. Silver seems to fade right off the map, and gold, as elsewhere, is only a tradition.

25 DEAD!

Influenza's Toll on Manihiki, Cook Group

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, April 19.

HARBINGERS of bad news, the schooner *Tiare Taporo* and *Tagua* berthed here almost simultaneously early on April 16, after their annual hibernation in Penrhyn lagoon.

Imagine hearing that 5 per cent. of the population of Australia had lost their lives in an epidemic. Nearly half a million people dead! The figures would startle and appal the world. But a lonely atoll may lose 25 of its 500 inhabitants and not a whisper of the tragedy ever reach a single newspaper reader.

Carried north by one or other of the schooners on her last trip before the hurricane season, influenza germs wrecked havoc among people unaccustomed to and incompetent to deal with European diseases. In Manihiki 25 died, including the Resident Agent (Captain J. McCulloch) and on the neighbouring island of Rakahanga a further five.

With these more primitive folk, death is a portentous affair, frequently involving a full year's residence beside the grave of the deceased, the burial of many valued possessions and occasionally the adoption by the survivor of the departed's wearing apparel. Not so long ago the strange spectacle was witnessed in Rakahanga of a gaunt elderly man who for months went about his affairs wearing the garments of his late wife.

Hon. A. A. Wright, who has been Secretary for Native Affairs and Acting Colonial Secretary in Fiji and for a space Acting Governor of Fiji, has been appointed Administrator and Colonial Secretary of St. Vincent in the Windward Islands, in succession to Mr. A. F. Grimble.



Fine specimens of young Cook Islanders. The winners (from left to right) at the recent baby show at Avarua.

Native Medical Practitioners

Splendid Service in Islands

THE work that is being done at the Medical School in Suva in training native medical practitioners for service in the various territories continues to prove its value.

Mrs. Kathleen Bignell, wife of a well-known planter at Fulakora, Ysabel, Solomon Islands, writes:

"Last month I became seriously ill with an attack of blood-poisoning. My sister and I were entirely alone on the plantation at the time, with no vessel available. She did all in her power, but she could not arrest the poison. She sent for help to our District Officer, who came to us at once, accompanied by Eroni Leauli, a native medical practitioner who had been trained in Fiji and sent to do work among the Solomon Islanders.

"Although he had only a limited supply of medicines, Eroni fought the poison, and undoubtedly saved my life. I was much impressed with his unfailing courtesy, his kindness, and his undoubted skill. I consider that every credit is due to him and to the Medical School that can turn out such men."

CASE FROM NEW HEBRIDES

Rev. J. S. Jaffray, a Presbyterian missionary, who has spent 28 years on the island of Malekula, in the New Hebrides, reached Sydney by the *Morinda* on April 25, and told the *Sydney Morning Herald* of a wonderful service rendered to the population of the island by a Fijian native medical practitioner a few months ago.

In December a disastrous hurricane swept the island, laying crops in ruins and wiping out what promised to be a bountiful harvest. This was followed on January 9 by a second visitation, which destroyed what was left of the crops. These disasters were followed by an acute shortage of native food, in the wake of which came a peculiar epidemic, from which natives were dying in alarming numbers. When the missionaries saw that they could not cope with the outbreak, they asked for aid from the authorities, who arranged for a native medical practitioner from Fiji to visit Malekula.

The practitioner, Mr. Jaffray said, displayed uncanny skill in dealing with the situation, and he had the epidemic well in hand in little more than a week.

New British Consul at Tahiti

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, April 16.

MR. F. G. Gorton, for many years H.B.M. Consul General in Saigon (French Indo China), arrived recently by the *Ville d'Amiens* to take charge of the British Consulate in Tahiti.

Mr. Gorton, who is now on the retired list, passed most of his official career in Siam, Dutch East Indies, Indo China, and other places in the East. He is, therefore, a man of cosmopolitan experience who may be expected to fit into Tahiti's peculiar conditions, and it is sincerely hoped that his stay will be a long and happy one.

The former British Consul at Tahiti was Dr. W. J. Williams, who retired owing to continued ill-health.

UNEASY SAMOA

Politics and Epidemics

LETTERS from Western Samoa, dated May 1 and May 7, indicate considerable uneasiness and discontent there at the present time.

The Prime Minister of New Zealand has radio'd, asking for the good-will and co-operation of the Samoan people, and adding that his Government "is prepared to facilitate the return of Mr. O. F. Nelson," the exiled Mau leader. This gesture, unfortunately, was robbed of much of its effectiveness by the receipt of a radiogram a week earlier from Mr. Nelson, in which he said that he had been assured by the Prime Minister of his unconditional return to Samoa.

It has been learned since that the N.Z. Government is sending a Cabinet Minister and one other member of the Government party to Samoa to study conditions there and advise the Government; and, while there is much speculation there concerning the result of their visit, wide preparations are being made for their reception there about June.

It is pointed out that the Prime Minister himself cannot issue a pardon to Mr. Nelson. It is assumed that Mr. Nelson will be included in a general amnesty which may be granted by His Majesty the King on his birthday in June.

MYSTERIOUS SICKNESS AMONG SAMOAN MISSIONARIES

Meanwhile, Samoa is in the grip of severe epidemics of sickness. Much whooping cough and dysentery is reported; but the really serious thing is a mysterious epidemic brought to the islands by the steamer *Cape York*, which on April 14 landed a party of Samoan missionaries who had returned from Papua via Sydney. Soon afterwards, several cases of sickness appeared among the new arrivals, and the whole party, together with some 40 other people, were removed to the Apia quarantine station. The sickness was first diagnosed as measles, and subsequently as "a kind of yellow fever."

Then a disease described as measles appeared in two coastal villages; meanwhile, the jaundice or yellow fever was reported in other places. The medical authorities are trying to isolate these outbreaks.

Bitter blame has been placed upon the Samoan officials who permitted tubercular cattle and horses, shot on the Reparatation Estates at Mulifanua, to be dragged out to sea, instead of buried. The carcasses, in a decomposing state were carried by strong currents to the beaches at Mulifanua and Monono districts, creating a great nuisance, attracting many sharks, and it is believed causing some of these epidemics.

The American authorities have imposed quarantine regulations at Pago Pago, which have stopped all passenger and cargo traffic between Apia and Pago Pago.

DEFIANT MAU PARTY

Among the Mau followers, the most fanatical section are the people of the Palauli and Salailua districts, on the south coast of Savaii, under the leadership of the High Chief Autagavaia, an old firebrand and strong opponent of the New Zealand Administration.

On May 1, a flotilla of 10 *fautasis* (rowing boats) from the Savaii district

arrived on Apia beach, flying Mau flags and bringing about 600 people, men, women and children from Savaii to Apia.

On their arrival, a Government medical officer and the Chief of Police explained to them that infectious disease, and especially measles, had broken out in Apia and Upolu and that, therefore, by order of the Government, all communication between the two islands was to be stopped. They should therefore not return to Savaii before three weeks.

High Chief Autagavaia replied that they should have been told of that before their departure. He also stated that they were already suffering from the same disease in Savaii. "Besides," he added, "why have your doctors allowed the measles to be brought into Samoa from the steamer in the first instance? If you want us to remain in Apia for three weeks, the Government will have to supply our 600 people with food during the period."

On Saturday, May 2, the Palauli and Salailua districts gave a great *ta'alolo*, or ceremonial dance and feast, to the Mau Committee at Vaimoso village, in celebration of the impending return of Mr. O. F. Nelson. Full Samoan ceremonial was observed and, after the dances, the *kava* ceremony and various speeches, an elaborate and abundant dinner was spread out for the large gathering. Over one hundred large pigs formed part of the feasting.

In the evening the Savaii visitors gave some additional singing and dancing performances for the benefit of their Apia hosts.

On Tuesday, May 5, the Savaii *fautasis* departed from Apia on their homeward voyage to Savaii.

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B.S.I. SEAPLANE GOES DOWN

(Contributed)

TULAGI, April 20.

OUR local airman (Mr. S. Masterman), after months of hard work and tedious preparations, got his seaplane afloat early on Sunday morning, April 19.

He warmed the engine up a bit by steaming around the harbour in circles and successfully waking up all hands—the majority of people thinking that at least Mussolini had arrived with some of his bombers for practice here. They were quite relieved to see "Monty" enjoying himself by getting used to the joy-stick.

At last, with a roar and a long run across the harbour, the plane rose gracefully enough. But it did not seem to be just right, and had a decided wobble; and when Monty was about two miles out she came down suddenly with a great splash, stood on her head, and then rolled "starboard side over."

Speculation was rife. Where was Monty? However, after a while a bulky figure was seen climbing on the floats.

A Chinese craft dashed to the rescue, doing two knots per hour and, after weathering the submerged wings, took Monty aboard. By this time the Government launch, with some of the "leading hands," put out and, after sighting our nautical aviator, brought him safely ashore—wet, sadder, but much safer.

Where is the plane? Ask Monty. History relates that Monty that day played the best game of golf and billiards since his arrival in the Solomons many years ago.

B.P. STEAMERS

No Building Order Yet Placed

AS yet Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd. have not ordered two new steamers for inter-island service in New Guinea to be built in Hong Kong or elsewhere. A statement to this effect was made by the vice-chairman (Mr. R. J. Nosworthy) at the annual meeting of shareholders, held in Sydney on May 14, in reply to a question by a shareholder. He said that inquiries were being made in various parts, and the company would see that all interests would be protected.

Mr. Thomas Horne, of Messrs. Walter Horne and Co. Ltd., arrived in Suva by the May Aorangi from Australia, where he had been on a business visit since December.

Young Priest Gets Five Years' Gaol

Unfortunate Victim of Uncontrolled Sectarianism

A SERIES of extraordinary incidents in New Guinea ended at Rabaul on May 8 when Rev. Father Anthony Cranssen, a young Dutch priest, and a member of the Society of the Divine Word Mission, which has its headquarters at Alexishafen, was sentenced to five years imprisonment for the crime of arson.

Father Cranssen arrived in New Guinea in 1932, and in 1933 he was sent out from Alexishafen into the Ramu country, at the back of Madang, where he opened a mission station for work among the recently-discovered tribes.

It appears that last year Father Cranssen's mission came into conflict with the Lutheran Mission, in the same locality, and there appear to have been quarrels and bitter jealousies between the missionaries and their adherents. Finally, Father Cranssen heard of a plot against his life, and about December 25 he sent an armed party of natives to attack two Lutheran native mission teachers, and burn down their houses.

Proceedings were taken against the priest and he was brought to trial in the District Court at Madang early in April on a charge of incendiarism. He was committed to the Supreme Court in Rabaul, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to five years in gaol by Chief Judge Wanliss. It is reported that the Judge in passing sentence "made scathing remarks on the priest's actions as unbecoming to a member of a religious order."

SECTARIAN STRIFE IN PAPUA

It is a coincidence that in the same mail we have received information about an equally deplorable condition of affairs in one of the districts of Papua. It appears that difficulties are being created there by the zeal of certain Seventh Day Adventist missionaries, who insist that Saturday and not Sunday shall be observed by the natives as "the day of rest and worship."

The S.D.A. missionaries, of course, have a right to teach their own peculiar beliefs—the imminent end of the world, observance of Sunday on Saturday, and so forth—but when they teach their native adherents to jeer at the native converts of other missions who observe Sunday on Sunday, and persuade the former also to refuse to work for planters and other European employers on Saturday, then a certain amount of irritation is created; and the intelligent natives of Papua are privileged to witness the de-

lightful spectacle of so-called Christians squabbling among themselves.

Sir William Macgregor, when he was Governor of Papua, established a system of dividing Papua among the different missionary bodies, and not allowing one to trespass upon the territory of the other. Sir Hubert Murray has followed that wise plan—but it seems to be breaking down. We have heard, on two or three occasions lately, of industrial trouble and bad feeling caused in Papuan communities through missionary jealousy, and especially of trouble caused by S.D.A. missionaries and their mixed-up week-ends.

Editorial Note

IF Judge Wanliss had directed his "scathing" remarks against the Administration, rather than against this unfortunate victim of an ill-balanced system, he might have achieved some good.

Incidentally, is it not time that some official notice was taken of certain sentences imposed by the Chief Judge of this jury-less Supreme Court of New Guinea. There is a growing impression that they have a quality that is not consistent with the decisions of British judges elsewhere. British justice, usually, is coloured by the element of mercy. Five years' gaol for an act of incendiarism committed in the peculiar circumstances disclosed, seems to be an excessive sentence.

Attention has been directed again and again to the stupidity of a native administrative policy which permits teachers of the Christian religion to go out among primitive natives in New Guinea and there fight bitterly with each other for the privilege of saving those primitives' souls.

Within the last two or three years, on several occasions we directed attention to the jealous competition reported among missionaries for the apparent advantage of getting in first among the newly-discovered tribes of the Ramu-Purari region; and we said then that if the missionary bodies could not see that those natives were better left alone in their age-old condition of primitive freedom and comparative happiness, the missionaries might at least appreciate the fact that sectarian fighting was undesirable.

We suggested that if the natives had to be Christianised, it was more important that they should be Christianised with a respect for the white man's religion, rather than that they should be presented with a choice of creeds, with all the deplorable circumstances of sectarian jealousy and strife. Commentators on those occasions repeatedly made the plea that the Administration should parcel out this new territory among the different missionary bodies, so that there should be no conflict; and if that had been done—as it has been done in other territories—this unfortunate case of Father Cranssen would not have occurred.

We have no hesitation in saying that the incident directs attention to a condition of affairs in the New Guinea missionary field which is discreditable to the Administration.

We are quite sincere in declaring our unqualified admiration for the valuable work, nobility of character, and readiness for personal sacrifice found among missionaries in the Pacific; but we can say, with equal fervour, that there is nothing in the mission field more detestable than sectarianism. The great majority of mission bodies and of missionaries are not sectarian fanatics; but there is a poisonous minority who not only distribute their Christianity as if they were distributing a competitive brand of tea, but they also try to set their native converts against the converts of other denominations. Such men should be kicked out of the Islands, as a menace to good government, and a negation of all that is best in Christian teaching.

Mr. A. R. Dick, who graduated in Agriculture at Melbourne University in March, will leave for the Solomon Islands in June to become soil analyst for an Australian firm which is interested in copra and by-products from the coconut palm.

FIRST 'PLANE ON NEW MADANG AERODROME

The Junker 'plane of the Lutheran Mission at Finschhafen made aviation history in New Guinea. It was the first machine to land on the newly completed aerodrome at Madang, on March 9.



Bulolo G.D. Takes Over Upper Watut

THE new arrangement just completed in Melbourne, under which Upper Watut Gold Alluvials N.L., have formed a close working relationship with Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., is an interesting development, reflecting much credit upon the Chairman, Mr. Colin Mackay, and the consulting engineer, Mr. D. J. McClelland. Bulolo G.D. is the most successful operating company on the N.G. goldfield; and the re-arrangement certainly means that, if there is profitable gold in the U.W.G.A. leases, the shareholders will get the full benefit of it.

This is a sluicing proposition, operated by hydro-electric power. The Co. was formed in February, 1935, to acquire from the Mt. Lawson Prospecting Syndicate options over Leahy's, Wales's and the Mainko leases, comprising 16 million cubic yards on the Upper Watut River. The Co. has a nominal capital of £200,000 in 5/- shares, 600,000 shares being issued. Mt. Lawson Prospecting Syndicate received 200,000 fully paid up, and rights to 187,500 more. The directors were: D. J. McClelland, F. T. Leahy, Colin Mackay.

Details are given in our mining notes. Bulolo G.D. Ltd. will put £100,000 into Upper Watut G.A., and receive, at par, 400,000 newly-created 5/- shares. The latter are quoted at between 7/- and 8/-.

Captain G. B. Nasmyth, harbourmaster at Levuka, arrived in Sydney from Fiji by the Niagara on May 16. Accompanied by his wife and daughter, he sailed for London on extended leave by the Ormonde on May 20.

COPRA MARKET

COPRA prices have fluctuated during the past few weeks, but within a margin of only 10/- or 12/- per ton.

Uncertainty about the international situation—which certainly is ugly enough to scare the most optimistic buyers—has checked buying in Europe. German consumption has fallen, because German finances are in a very bad way, and they cannot get foreign credit. Constitutional troubles in U.S.A. have very seriously dislocated business in oils and fats.

The statistical position is very good, however, and copra producers should not worry. The Americans, especially, must come into the market before long—their stocks are nearly 25 per cent. under normal.

Most market students expect higher prices before the end of the year.

Surveys In Torres Strait Waters

From Our Own Correspondent

THURSDAY IS., May 4.

THE Australian survey vessel H.M.A.S. *Moresby* is operating in the Torres Strait waters for a while. Two officers and four sailors are working in the immediate vicinity of Thursday Island with a launch, and the *Moresby* is working further afield.

Several "spots" have been reported by the Torres Strait pilots during the past few years that need investigation and charting.

Mr. Donald Henry Tudor, who had been prospecting in New Guinea, died suddenly at Wewak on May 6.

NEW CALEDONIA

Big Increase in Export Trade

THE main feature of the trade of New Caledonia during 1935 was a large rise in the value of exports, allowing the French Colony for the first time in several years to show a surplus of exports over imports. The increase went mainly to France, U.S.A., and Australia.

Imports rose from £872,983 in 1934 to £890,966, the United States, Japan, and Australia scoring at the expense of France, Holland and the Dutch East Indies. A new freight service between Japan and New Zealand, via Noumea, was responsible for opening a new outlet for N.Z. goods to New Caledonia, worth £1,920.

The following trade figures were courteously supplied by Mr. N. Hagen, of Noumea. Values are in Australian currency, conversion being at the rate of 60 francs to the Australian £.

	IMPORTS.		EXPORTS.	
	Tons.	Value £	Tons.	Value £
1933 ..	92,651	961,833	42,388	766,566
1934 ..	114,996	872,983	49,472	777,950
1935 ..	121,922	890,966	94,492	900,450

PRINCIPAL IMPORTS AND EXPORTS IN DETAIL.

	Imports.				Exports.		
	1933.	1934.	1935.		1933.	1934.	1935.
	£	£	£		£	£	£
France	460,150	421,566	376,400		416,200	429,500	641,183
Australia	299,400	284,033	296,000		24,500	73,265	184,700
French Colonies	33,333	50,830	69,920		66,300	43,730	34,800
United States	30,350	26,180	41,350		9,600	10,166	14,000
Japan	18,633	15,266	29,900		8,416	13,400	6,100
Great Britain	37,400	16,530	18,733		10,983	5,050	4,500
Dutch E. Indies	17,066	18,660	14,133		3,660	5,400	4,250

IMPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA.

The following table shows the comparative value of Australian goods imported into New Caledonia during the last three years:—

	1933.	1934.	1935.
	£	£	£
Coal	133,450	122,000	126,200
Flour	28,000	24,210	35,500
Condensed Milk	7,250	8,000	8,600
Timber	720	4,000	7,750
Tea	6,300	7,000	6,600
Hardware	5,550	5,600	5,000
Tobacco (trade)	6,200	5,050	5,000
Oils	5,675	6,000	4,350
Tobacco, cigarettes	4,300	3,540	4,000
Potatoes	4,000	4,060	4,060
Vegetables	2,150	2,150	3,600
Beef	2,350	3,700	3,000
Woodwares	950	3,150	3,000
Rice	2,200	2,400	2,200
Paper	3,750	2,250	2,100
Leather	1,500	2,000	2,000
Sugar	4,000	2,350	1,700
Benzine	15,900	6,150	1,700
Salt	520	965	1,650
Machinery	2,800	3,300	2,250
Music Instruments	570	850	1,250
Leatherware	950	1,300	1,150
Chocolates	950	1,300	1,150
Household articles	2,350	3,100	1,050
Potteries	700	750	1,000
Cordage	650	1,300	1,000



The above photograph of a wedding ceremony, which took place recently in Ocean Island, gives an interesting sidelight upon Polynesian life. In the centre is the bride, Eritabeta (Elizabeth), next to her (right) is the bridegroom, who is a son of Mr. Morning Star.

Special interest lies in the fact that the bridegroom's father, a full Polynesian, is one of the most respected men in the Central Pacific. He was Postmaster at Ocean Island (Administrative

centre of the Gilbert and Ellice Group) for many years. A Sydney business man, who sent the picture, writes: "Mr. Morning Star, whom I have known for the past 25 years, is one of Nature's gentlemen, being a good husband and a good father. His name is known throughout most of the ports of the world, because ships go to Ocean Island from everywhere and there was never a more courteous official to attend to the needs of ships' officers than Mr. Morning Star, late Postmaster of Ocean Island."

Miss Daisy Coltheart, who has been for some months in Tasmania on sick leave, sailed from Sydney for Salamo, Papua, for the Methodist Mission on May 9. Formerly she was a teacher at the Methodist Mission's Chinese and half-caste school in Rabaul, New Guinea.

Australian Firms Fight to Hold Islands' Trade

Hampered by Restrictions and Traders' Apathy

"AUSTRALIA is fighting grimly to hold her Pacific Islands trade," said Mr. W. M. Reid, well-known Sydney exporter, on his return from a visit to New Guinea and the Solomons by the *Malaita* on May 8, "and I cannot condemn too strongly the red-tape restrictions placed upon firms trying to build and strengthen Islands trade for the Commonwealth."

"I obtained a contract from the N.G. Administration for the supply of Australian tinned meat. Though a lower price was offered by interests selling meat from other countries, the Administration gave the contract to Australia because of loyalty to the Government at Canberra."

"The price quoted was for unlabelled tins, but the suppliers were later notified by a Government official in Melbourne that export would not be allowed unless the tins were labelled. This meant an additional 8d. a case, and, without that, Australian meat was already 1/6d. higher than that of other countries."

"It is hard to understand this red-tape attitude of some Australian officials—the meat will not be offered for sale, but will be issued by the Administration to the natives, who know that the tins contain meat. Anyhow, they can neither read nor write, so the label means little to them."

"With the exception of New Guinea, the Pacific Islands are very extensively supplied with meat from foreign countries," continued Mr. Reid. "Those interests obtained this trade by undercutting prices—and Islands traders display a marked indifference towards Australian goods when the question of price is a consideration. They are not interested in the country of origin, but mainly in the margin of profit."

CHANCE FOR AUSTRALIAN FLOUR

Mr. Reid urged that the Federal Government, in conjunction with the New Guinea Administration, should attempt to foster the export of Australian flour, which could form part of the rations issued to native labourers. At present they are given rice grown in Java and Saigon.

"The ordinances governing rations make provision for the issue of flour (ordinary and wholemeal) in lieu of rice," he stated, "and where flour as a ration is now optional, it could be made compulsory. The natives are not averse to flour; in fact, most white housekeepers have their supply under lock and key to prevent the 'boys' from stealing it to make dampers."

"Papeete, in French Oceania, imports some 260 tons of Australian flour a month. Rabaul takes only 20 tons. The native population in the New Guinea centre is much larger than Tahiti's (and the white population is almost the same) so it can be readily seen that there is a big opening for Australian flour, if once it is introduced with the native ration issue. The cost would be about the same as rice, but the nutriment would be greater, and the flour rations could be cooked in a dozen different ways—it is only a question of introducing it and explaining how it should be used."

"I am told that at present Carpenters' Pondo Estate is practically the only plantation in New Guinea giving its labourers flour with their rations, and it is usually made into bread."

ODD CORNERS OF THE PACIFIC

Written for the Pacific Islands Monthly by Dwight Long, an American University man who is circumnavigating the globe in his ketch "Idle Hour."

HAVING completed 8000 miles of my world-encircling cruise, I landed in Tahiti with a broken hand.

I was unable to get assistance from the hospital, because I couldn't speak French, and I accepted an invitation to be the guest of the French Commander of the *Zelée*. I could not speak any Tahitian and no one on board could speak English—anyway, not the King's English. From a couple of the lads I found out that we were going to Toua Atoll, to pick up the remainder of the ship's crew who were making a chart of a small cove in the coral reef.

Mr. Dwight Long, the young American who is navigating the tiny ketch "Idle Hour" around the world, left Sydney on May 8 for the North Queensland coast and Port Moresby (Papua). Thence he will make his way, via the East Indies and the Suez Canal, to Europe.

The commander spoke very little English and understood less. At each meal I tried to be friendly. The six-course meal—everything from soup to nuts—took a long time to serve, and a word now and then tended to break the dead silence.

Solomon, a gigantic Tahitian, could speak a little English, so I conversed considerably with him. Noticing my swollen hand, he declared it needed a massage. With his powerful hands he grasped it and applied French ointment. His 190 pounds of glistening muscles meant well, but I doubted his knowledge concerning the proper treatment of my case. After a fortnight, I found I had two broken bones.

TOUA ATOLL

From the masthead at dawn we could see a row of coconut trees on the skyline. As we came closer, I could see the submarine reef fringing the lee side of the lagoon, with only a few inches of water covering the treacherous but beautiful formation. Fifteen fathoms were paid out as the anchor was let go.

The remainder of the crew were a wild-looking bunch, with stubble-covered faces, after their month's stay on uninhabited Toua Atoll. No natives lived on this island, owing to its poisonous fish. Inhabitants of neighbouring islands, however, occasionally go there to make copra.

As the *Zelée* was scheduled to sail immediately after the equipment was all aboard, I decided to see what was to be seen. No place on the land was over eight feet above water. Hermit crabs were crawling all over the land, many living in fallen coconut husks, which covered the ground. The tropical foliage was so dense that I proceeded very slowly. There was no soil and the palms grew right out of the coral, which is all the atoll is made of.

Having gone as far as I dared without danger of being left, I returned toward the cove where the *Zelée* lay anchored.

I came upon a large open space that was overgrown with tropical grasses. On either side I found stone foundations, which I later learned from the crew were the remains of native dwellings along a street deserted for over a century. It is commonly believed the natives died from eating the poisonous fish in the lagoon.

The boats were hoisted and anchors

lifted. Back to Tahiti, and on through the remainder of the Society Group in the *Idle Hour*.

MAUPITI

No island in this group was as interesting as Maupiti, at the extreme northern extremity of the archipelago. It is seldom visited, due to the treacherous pass, the only entrance into a shallow lagoon dotted with coral heads.

During the regular trade-wind weather, it is impossible to get in or out of Maupiti Pass, as it is on the windward side of the island. Waves break completely across the narrow channel. As we approached the pass I could have sworn there was none there for, apparently, I could see no bite in the waves. It is very deceiving. One of the reefs extends out in front of the other. As I was sitting in the cockpit I could have thrown a peanut on the reef on either side! Surging violently to starboard, and then to port, we emerged into the coral-studded lagoon.

No sooner were we anchored than the natives wanted to trade. As we were the first visitors they had had for over a year, and their two local cutters were out of commission, no flour or sugar could be had on the island.

Many of the deals became very complicated, as you might imagine. I traded Woolworth jewellery and perfumes for curios and coconut oil. For example, I gave a native a necklace, and in return we got two bunches of bananas and two dozen pawpaws. Another time, I traded a tiny bottle of perfume for a quart of coconut oil and three dozen oranges. Then a chicken for three lbs. of flour; and many

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a time we would trade a cent box of matches for an egg.

It was fun at first; but, after hours of dickering, with the natives continually changing their minds, we would have to just say that that was all for the day, and ask them to go.

As Maupiti is well off the beaten path, trading schooners do not even call. Here the natives live more true to primitive life. There is not one white resident on the island. The women go bare-breasted—and why not—they know no shame. There is no such thing as vice on a remote island like Maupiti. They all live a natural life, close to nature.

We climbed the summit of the rocky butte that covers all the central island. From our point of vantage we could see the coral formations which have grown up so rapidly in recent years that Maupiti is now the most treacherous lagoon to navigate in the Society Group. We could also see the narrow bite, through which we had entered.

The trades were setting in and we readily observed it would be necessary to get out of the lagoon and through the pass as soon as possible, before the seas piled up so high that it would be impossible.

LONELY PENRHYN

So on in the *Idle Hour* to Penrhyn, 700 miles to the north-west, the remotest atoll of New Zealand's colonial possessions. It was the most difficult landfall I had made to date, as it is 300 miles from its nearest neighbour, and is in the midst of the doldrums where currents, varying continuously, tend to throw one off the course.

But worst of all was the fact that Penrhyn is only 10 feet above sea level, and was only visible from our deck at four miles distance.

After eight days, we sighted the coconut trees which appeared to grow out of the sea. As we came closer, we could distinguish the *motus* near the mouth of the west passage.

We shot in through the pass, like a bullet, as the tide was with us. Anchored safe inside, Mr. Philip Wootton came aboard, making his official call; he was the Resident Agent at Penrhyn. He made us his house-guests and put everything on the island at our disposal.

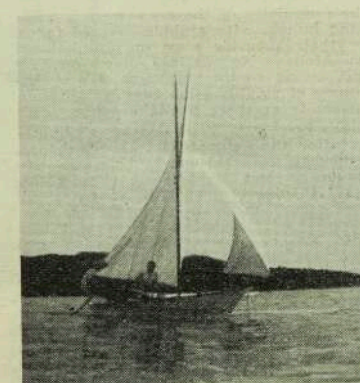
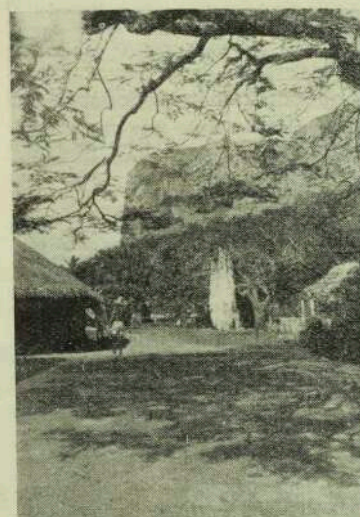
All the houses are well kept. The streets are white coral, bordered with white stones. All the dwellings are either white-washed or recently painted. There are native dwellings on the outskirts; but in the village all the houses are European style, for the fire hazard is too great in the dry season, with grass-houses built so close together.

We went to dinner that evening at the Resident Agent's house. He informed us that Penrhyn is the largest atoll in the entire Cook Group. No leprosy, or elephantiasis—in fact, no diseases of any kind. There is one church in the middle of the village, which is the centre of community life.

Here, for the first time I had seen in the South Seas, the church is an asset to the natives. The New Zealand representative has wisely seen to it that only one creed, with one church, may be taught. He can regulate this, in an indirect manner, by not letting other missionaries settle on the isle. (He told me that when some other creed wishes to establish some church he can boost the price of land or building materials or tax it so it would be very unfavourable for it to try even to get started.) Thus, in the small villages, there is no friction and the nearest thing to Utopia has been achieved.

Until recently, copra was at such a low price that it was not worth making. Thus, hardly any money is handled. All have plenty to eat, as they own the land. The

Government wisely protects its subjects for they cannot sell their property. There are plenty of fish in the lagoon and on the reefs. They have a surprisingly great variety of dishes which they make from the various fish and coconuts. Occasionally, a man will get a valuable pearl from



Top: The isle of Toua, as seen from the deck of the French gunboat "Zelee."

Middle: A village street on the island of Maupiti. Typical, steep bluff in the background.

Lower: A glimpse of the low-lying island of Penrhyn.

the lagoon. The women busy themselves making hats, some of the finest in the world. They are so finely woven that when the hat is completed, it weighs hardly an ounce.

We were informed that the pastor was returning to Rarotonga on the morrow. A huge native feast was prepared for him and his family. A table of six pieces of corrugated iron, placed on five oil drums, was piled high with plates made of woven coconut leaves, laden heavily with food.

After feasting for two hours, the *himene* started. Natives from the village of Omoka arrived from across the lagoon. One group would sing a *himene* and immediately the other group started another one, before the final chords of the former *himene* were completed. This continued on and on until 6.30 next morning. A native interpreted the Biblical theme of each *himene*. One group would sing about The Creation; the other about Daniel in the Lion's Den; the first group about Cain Killing Abel; and the other about the Lord's Supper; and so on. Literally, hundreds upon hundreds of verses are memorised.

My native friend told me that over 300 incidents have been thus memorised. All the dances became faster and more exciting, accompanying the singing. I could see the pagan of 70 years ago. The thin veneer of Christianity and civilization was apparent.

We were in Penrhyn for over a fortnight, and we had to draw our visit to a close. As you may imagine, it was very difficult to tear ourselves away from this remote isle, far off the beaten paths of our 20th century civilization.

ISLANDS SERVICES

Shipping Tenders Invited

TENDERS for the Pacific Islands services were invited in the Commonwealth Government's Gazette in April, to close on August 31. The present services are conducted by Messrs. Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd. under an extension of the contract which expired two years ago.

The following services are involved:—

Papua: One sailing a month by a 12-knot steamer, from Sydney by way of Brisbane, to Port Moresby, Samarai, and other Papuan ports, returning to Brisbane and Sydney.

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British Solomon Islands: One sailing every six weeks. A 12-knot steamer.

Norfolk Island and New Hebrides: One sailing by a 12-knot steamer every six weeks, with partial alternative sailings by Lord Howe Island.

New Hebrides inter-island service, connecting at Vila with the service from Sydney.

This tender provides for a five years' contract in each case, and lays down conditions for the carriage of mails and the development of the islands.

Mrs. W. V. Quinn, wife of the manager of the Pacific Aerial Transport Company at Wau, New Guinea, paid a brief visit to Australia in April. She came South by the Macdhuil, arriving on April 8, and sailed again for the Territory by the same vessel a week later, in company with her sister Miss M. Cain, of Elizabeth Bay, Sydney. Mrs. Quinn, who believes that "life at Wau is becoming too civilised", has lived in New Guinea for eight years.

TROPICALITIES

MR. JOHN PARER, who is well-known as the owner of a hotel and other interests on the Morobe goldfield, New Guinea, was "front page news" in Sydney on May 3 when the *Sunday Sun* gave prominence to the fact that he had been five times to Monte Carlo and that he had lost altogether £10,000 in testing out a special "system" there. He said that the system itself was not at fault—the fault was his own in not taking the table at the proper time. Mr. Parer said that the system was worked on the law of averages, based on the results showing on the table, and if the man with the system played it correctly, it was a winner. The difficulty was to know when and how to attack the table.

"**PIDGIN** as She is Spoke" could be the title of many funny incidents which occur when the newcomer to New Guinea tries to give instructions to his boy.

An epicure sat down to lunch in the Bulolo Co.'s mess one day, when along came the boy with a plate of rabbit.

"What's this?" asked the epicure.

"Pussy," said the boy.

"What!" shouted the diner.

"Im 'ere, Pussy," said the boy.

Exit the epicure with a rush.

Hearken to a tale of a misunderstanding between a newly arrived overseer and his boy, shovelling gravel onto the road.

"Alright, plenty," said the overseer. Whereat the native continued to shovel. "Plenty," said the white man raising his voice slightly.

Slightly faster went the shovel.

"Plenty," shouted the overseer, becoming rather annoyed.

The speed of the shoveller increased noticeably.

"PLENTY," he shrieked, his temper rising fast.

Gravel and sweat began to fly in all directions.

"PLENTY, you ————."

The native, by now thoroughly terrified, shovelled faster than he'd ever done before, when suddenly a boot landed with a thud on his posterior.

At last the boss-boy came to the rescue. "Enough," he whispered to the frightened worker.

"Ah, me savvy now," grinned the native, and departed for a safer place.

THE Samoa Herald (incorporating the *Samoa Times*, which was established in 1901) was taken over at the end of March by Mr. J. W. Liston and a new company. Its name has been changed to *Western Samoa Mail*; and it has been given a new typographical dress, and a new journalistic standard. Mr. Liston, the editor, has been for 12 years a resident of Samoa—most of the time as a missionary. The assistant editor, Mr. W. Tarr, is a well-known South Seas journalist. Western Samoa seems to have entered upon a new era of prosperity, and we hope that the *Samoa Mail* will prosper with it.

The *Herald*, for some years, had been controlled by Mr. Alport Barker, the Suva newspaper-owner, but it was not a satisfactory arrangement. He necessarily had to leave publication authority in the hands of others, and some of the latter allowed themselves to become too deeply immersed in parish-pump politics, and local likes and dislikes, to be good journalists.

There should be plenty of scope in Western Samoa for a well-conducted publishing house.

LADS who were born and spent their earlier days in the Pacific Territories have been distinguishing themselves lately.

J. B. Hagen, the 18-years-old son of Mr. Nicholas Hagen, well-known resident of New Caledonia, was a member of the rowing eight of St. Ignatius (Riverview) College which put up the school's finest performance for years in the G.P.S. Regatta on Nepean River, N.S.W., on April 18.

Hagen arrived in Sydney from Noumea two and a half months ago to attend Riverview so that he could be taught English. Impressed by his splendid physique and ideal proportions, the rowing master tried to explain to him the rudiments of rowing. Being French, Hagen could not understand the English terms, so the coach demonstrated the action and technique to him by signs.

In the big race, Hagen, rowing bow, was a polished oarsman and, though finishing sixth, the crew made a remarkably good effort.

Frank H. Boileau, who obtained his B.Sc. degree at the Sydney University last November, has received an appointment at the Cranbrook College, Rose Bay, Sydney, as Science Master under General MacKay. He is a son of Mr. J. Boileau, well known as Engineer for Telephones and Electric Light in Papua.

There does not seem to be anything wrong with those "tropical boys," rendered immortal in the song which Boileau, *senior*, has made famous.

THE last mail from the Solomons brought another parcel of 11 different books produced at what apparently is the busiest printing press in the Pacific—namely, the Melanesian Mission Press at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, under the active management of Mr. Fred. R. Isom. Three of the books are in English, seven in native dialects, and one is partly in

English and partly in native. They are all well printed and attractively bound, and reflect the greatest credit upon their indefatigable authors and upon the printing office. It may be assumed that the increasing productiveness of this mission press indicates the spread of education among the natives of Melanesia.

AN experienced recruiter in the Solomon Islands writes: "The game is slow and fees are only £7 a head landed in Makambo; I cannot understand why this lower price should rule, now that wages are only 10/- per month and boys so much harder to get."

Jack Hides's Book Welcomed in London

THE London Press prominently reviews the book by the Papuan Assistant Resident Magistrate, Mr. Jack Hides, entitled "Papuan Hinterland," published by Blackie and Co. Ltd., said the London correspondent of the *Sydney Telegraph* on May 12.

The *Evening Standard* says:—"This modest account of a journey which has been acclaimed as the most notable of modern times adds pages to Australian history. It tells the story of eight months of struggle against obstacles, including battles against cannibals, starvation, sickness, and the terrible limestone barrier."

Mr. Hides carried out an arduous survey of an unknown country between the Strickland River and the Purari River.

Rev. A. Stanley Jones, L.Th., left Sydney for Kabakada, New Britain, for the Methodist Missionary Society by the April Macdhui.

Mr. F. E. Williams, anthropologist to the Papuan Government, will leave Port Moresby in June to represent Papua and New Guinea at the Conference and Seminar of Education in Pacific Countries to be held in Hawaii from June 27 to August 7.

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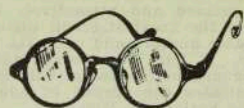
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ABOUT ISLANDS PEOPLE

Mr. Victor B. Pennefather, a well-known planter of Kokopo, New Guinea, married Miss Mavis Lamb in Sydney at the end of April. They left Australia for Japan on their honeymoon by the Nankin on May 13.

Mrs. Doris Booth, who is very well-known on the New Guinea goldfields, where she was one of the pioneers, sailed from Brisbane for New Guinea by the Montoro on May 11.

Mr. William Cadzow, manager of the Thursday Island branch of Messrs. Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd., arrived in Sydney recently to spend his furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sherry sailed from Sydney for New Guinea by the Montoro on May 6. Mr. Sherry is attached to the stores department of Messrs. Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd. at Rabaul.

Mr. E. L. Leembruggen, Government Secretary at Ocean Island, in the Gilbert and Ellice Group, arrived in Australia early in May to await steamer connection for Fanning Island where he has recently been appointed Administrative Officer.

Mrs. I. Catalan, wife of the Belgian Consul for New Caledonia, reached Sydney by the Laperouse on April 29. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss D. Catalan, and her son, Mr. M. L. Catalan.

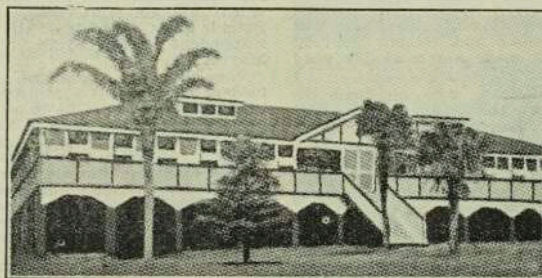
Rev. Father Edward Meyer, a Marist missionary in Samoa, arrived in Sydney after a visit to his native France by the Narkunda on May 14. "For 27 years I lived in Apia," he said, "then came the opportunity to go back to France for a holiday, so I went—and found a new country. I am now returning to Apia, content to spend the rest of my days among the Samoan people."

Mr. Robert A. Clinton died in a private hospital in East Melbourne, Victoria, on May 9 at the age of 46. He was a well-known mining engineer and was in Papua for some time at the end of last year in connection with the activities of Lakekamu Goldfields (Papua) Development N.L. He had only recently returned to Australia from a business visit to New Caledonia.

Mr. A. A. Koch, of Guinea Airways Limited, Lae, New Guinea, arrived in Australia recently by the Neptune. He was accompanied by Mrs. Koch, their two children, Jennifer and John, and his wife's sister, Miss Olive Grant, of Melbourne. They will spend three months' holiday in Victoria. During her stay in New Guinea, Miss Grant became engaged to Mr. Ken. Robinson, and their marriage will take place in Melbourne later in the year. She will make her home at Bulolo "within short flying distance" of her sister.

Mr. Frank Hambridge, a prominent figure in Sydney mining and business circles and who is connected with several Pacific Islands gold companies, became dangerously ill during April. He was taken to St. Luke's private hospital, Darlinghurst, and latest reports indicate that his condition is much improved. Mr. Hambridge was to have departed shortly for Misima Island, Eastern Papua, in connection with the operations of Cuthbert's Misima Goldmine Ltd., of which he is managing director. Pending the recovery of Mr. Hambridge, Mr. C. G. Rutledge, the Company's technical adviser, will leave at the end of May to act as resident managing director and general manager at Misima.

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Mr. H. W. Storer, manager of Messrs. Morris, Hedstrom Ltd., of Nukualofa, Tonga, was married in Nukualofa recently to Miss Sybil Laurence, also of Nukualofa. They at present are on a visit to Melbourne, which is Mr. Storer's home town.
—Hettig photo.

Messrs. T. F. Nutley and C. Dustin arrived in Sydney from America by the Makura on May 5 en route to New Guinea to join the drilling staff of Bulolo Gold Dredging Limited.

Mrs. Frank Hocking, of Thursday Island, arrived in Australia with her small daughter, Peggy, by the May Changte.

Mr. C. V. Widdy, manager of Lever's Pacific Plantations Pty. Ltd. in the Solomon Islands, who has been in Australia on furlough since February, departed for S.I. by the Malaita on May 16.

Miss E. Downs, principal of the Papauta Girls' School conducted by the London Missionary Society in Western Samoa, joined the Monterey at Pago Pago on April 8 for four months' vacation in the United States. Mrs. C. M. Dawson is acting as principal during her absence.

Mr. Cornelius O'Leary, Deputy Chief Protector of Aborigines, sailed from Thursday Island for Brisbane by the Changte on May 12. For four months he has been on an official visit to the Torres Strait Islands.

Captain John Robertson, Harbourmaster at Thursday Island, will shortly leave for Townsville, Queensland, to take the place of Captain H. G. Murdy, Townsville Harbour Pilot, who has been transferred to T.I.

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Mr. A. Richards, inspector of expropriated plantations in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, has been spending furlough in Melbourne.

Mr. Albert Anderson, secretary of the Churches of Christ Foreign Mission Society, returned to Adelaide early in May from an official visit to mission stations in the New Hebrides.

Mr. Dave Symons, who was formerly steward of the Wau Club Limited, New Guinea, and who has now taken up the position of manager of the Salamaua Hotel, made a quick business trip to Sydney early in May.

Mr. J. M. Croger, engineer attached to the Fanning Island station of the Eastern Extension Cable Co., reached Sydney by the Niagara on May 16, on leave.

Mr. Carl Edwin Emmanuel Neilson, of Noumea, died suddenly in New Caledonia on April 14.

MARRIAGE

On March 29, at St. Augustine's, Wau, by the Rev. V. H. Sherwin, Olga, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Johnston, of Toorak, Melbourne, to Geoffrey (second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. W. Bliss, of Lane End, Bucks, England), of Upper Watut, Wau, New Guinea.

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AIR TRANSPORT IN NEW GUINEA

ALTHOUGH a cloud of uncertainty concerning future control and regulation hangs over the aerial transport services of New Guinea, there have been activity and new developments on the part of the principal parties concerned.

Messrs. Guinea Airways Limited have just sent two new Stinson planes to New Guinea, and have ordered three more—a Taifun, which has a pay-load capacity similar to the Stinsons (850lb.), and two Lockheeds. One is a Lockheed Electra, with a pay-load of 3,400lb., and the other is a Lockheed 12A, with a pay-load of 2,400lb. Each is engined with two P. and W. Wasps, and each is capable of an air speed of 200 miles per hour.

SYDNEY-NEW GUINEA LINK

Meanwhile Sir Walter Carpenter has publicly announced his determination to start a weekly aeroplane service between Sydney and New Guinea in June. It is reported that the Commonwealth Department of Defence has refused to give Messrs. Carpenter and Co. Ltd. permission to inaugurate this service on a variety

of grounds; and that Sir Walter Carpenter is prepared if necessary to challenge the authority of the Defence Department in this matter. There are indications of lively developments.

Discussion and argument concerning the proposed merger of aerial transport interests in New Guinea are still proceeding. The matter is in the hands of the Federal Government, and many reasons for and against the merger plan have been advanced.

Up to date it appears that the honours rest with those who contend that some substantial measure of regulation of this important industry is necessary. Air transport is carried on now in nearly every country by powerful chartered companies under Government control.

OVER 40 AIRCRAFT IN NEW GUINEA

Information has been sought by the Federal authorities concerning the number and value of the aeroplanes available in New Guinea for transport purposes; and the following summary, made from the details available, discloses the interesting fact that there are over 40 aircraft in New Guinea, either operating or on order.

Type.	Age. (years).	Engines.	Payload lbs.
GUINEA AIRWAYS			
Junker G31	5	3	5800
Ford 5AT	5	3	3700
"	5	3	3700
Junker W34	6	1	1800
"	5	1	2000
Junker F13	6	1	1800
DH61	10	1	1800
Stinson	New	1	850
"	New	1	850
DH Fox Moth	3	1	600
Moth	7	1	350
Taifun	New	1	850
Lockheed Electra	New	2	3400
" 12A	New	2	2400
HOLDEN'S AIR TRANSPORT			
Ford 4AT	5	3	2500
"	5	3	2500
DH50	10	1	1100
"	10	1	1100
Waco	9	1	800
DH Moth	7	1	350
CARPENTER AIRWAYS			
DH Fox Moth	3	1	600
"	3	1	600
"	3	1	600
DH Dragon Moth	2½	2	1400
"	2½	2	1400
"	2½	2	1400
Fokker Type	8	3	1600
Reported Purchase			
Ford 5AT	5	3	3700
STEPHENS' SERVICE			
DH61	10	1	1750
DH61	10	1	1750
DH50	10	1	1100
DH Hercules	10	3	3700
DH Hercules	10	3	3700
P.A.T. SERVICE			
Junker	6	1	1200
Fokker*	10	1	1400
DH50	10	1	1100
DH50	10	1	900
DH Moth	7	1	350
DH Moth	7	1	350
MENDHAM SERVICE			
Avro-Avian	6	1	350
Spartan	10	1	300
RAY PARER			
Fairey Fox	6	1	800
CENTENARY SYNDICATE			
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Rev. C. E. James, who at one time was a Methodist missionary in the Tongan Islands, died at Wahroonga, N.S.W., on May 15, aged 76.

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Air Merger—Pro and Con

ON May 7, the following letter was published in the *Sydney Morning Herald*:
NEW GUINEA AIR POLICY

Sir,—After reading the reports of the protests by representatives of the whole community against the Senator Pearce proposed compulsory merging of air transport companies in New Guinea under Government control, I am forced to ask whether the Commonwealth Government desires to introduce State Socialism or Sovietism in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea and Papua.

Prior to the competition which eventually brought rates down to /24, and in some cases /2, per pound for the carriage of cargo, one airways company had the field practically to themselves and charged rates which enabled the payment of exorbitant dividends. If at that time any Government representative had suggested that air transport should be merged with trading interests and put under Government control it is safe to surmise that that company would have resisted such action to the utmost.

Anyone experienced in New Guinea air transport knows that it is the best conducted service in the whole world, as accidents are rare and carriage enormous, as the following figures show for the year 1935:—Number of flights, 18,475; hours flown, 15,723; passengers carried, 16,672; merchandise carried, 19,797,437lb.; mails carried, 108,650lb.

Competition is a vital necessity for progress, and competition was solely responsible for a reduction of rates which made it possible for many low-grade mining areas to be worked; yet a visiting Senator, who spent only a few hours at the Wau, finds it necessary to check competition and adopt a policy of compulsory merger which can only result in monopoly and increased rates, followed by the rendering of inferior service to the community.

It is absolute nonsense to argue that well-managed air transport is not profitable at present rates, and competition forces operating companies to keep their "planes up to standard so as to earn support, while the authorities see to it that 'planes are airworthy; so why should a representative of the Commonwealth Government interfere and endeavour to force upon the public a monopoly which is distasteful.

I am, etc.,

J. A. CARPENTER.

Edgecliff.

April 28.

On the following day, May 8, the same newspaper published the following article on the subject of air transport in New Guinea, based on an interview with the chairman of Guinea Airways Ltd.:

NEW GUINEA AERIAL TRANSPORT—FIVE NEW PLANES

Aeroplanes of the latest types, and of a total value of more than \$40,000, have been ordered for service in New Guinea by Guinea Airways Ltd., within the past two months. Mr. C. V. T. Wells, of Adelaide, who is chairman of Guinea Airways Ltd., is visiting Sydney at present, and made this statement yesterday. He also commented on the Commonwealth proposals for the merging of air transport companies in New Guinea and Papua under strict Government supervision.

Two new Stinson single-engined monoplanes, for small aerodrome work, were shipped to New Guinea by the Montoro on Wednesday, said Mr. Wells. The company recently ordered from Europe a single-engined Taifun monoplane, of a capacity similar to the Stinsons. Last week, the board of Guinea Airways ordered from America two of the newest type of twin-engined Lockheed aircraft—an Electra, capable of lifting approximately two tons, and a 12A, with a somewhat smaller lift. The Lockheeds have an air speed of more than 200 miles an hour. Mr. Wells added that all these aircraft are of a type not hitherto seen in Australia or New Guinea. There is one Stinson already in Australia, but none of the latest single-engined type.

"Guinea Airways pioneered and developed the aerial transport industry in New Guinea," said Mr. Wells, "and we have been for some years the largest air freight transport company in the world. We claim, furthermore, that we have a record that is probably unique, in the way in which we maintain regularity of service over extremely difficult country, and in our comparative freedom from accident. This probably is because it has been our policy, ever since we began operations in 1927, to keep our aircraft abreast of the most modern construction developments, and also to build up, at the same time, a sound and dependable ground organisation. We have made it our business progressively to reduce freight rates, so as to assist the Administration in establishing the new gold industry, and developing the Mandated Territory of New Guinea generally.

"It has been said that competition reduced aerial freight rates in New Guinea. The best answer

to that are our published records of the past eight years. It has always been our deliberate policy to reduce rates to the lowest, point consistent with safety and efficient service."

Mr. Wells claimed, however, that the aerial transport industry of New Guinea, which had been established with so much credit to Australian enterprise, was now being gravely threatened by irresponsible and uncontrolled competition. While the responsible companies were buying only new aircraft, and maintaining first-class ground organisation, smaller concerns were entering the Territory with old, second-hand aeroplanes, and, without adequate ground organisation, were competing for the cream of the traffic by rate-cutting. In recent months, a considerable number of aeroplanes, some 10 years old, which had seen much heavy service in Australia and elsewhere, had been introduced to the Territory; and if this development were to continue unchecked, it was inevitable that the margin of safety would be wiped out, and the aerial transport industry of New Guinea would be menaced.

Mr. Wells said that proposals had been made by the Minister in charge of the Territories (Sir George Pearce), with a view to the better regulation of the industry. One proposal was that the aerial transport concerns should be merged, and should operate under Government control regarding rates, time-tables, opening up of new routes, etc. This had brought forth the protest that competition was vital to progress, and that a monopoly would mean inferior services and increased rates. All experience had shown that this, as applied to a public utility was the negation of the truth—as had been proved in shipping services, railways, and other forms of communication. Irresponsible competition, if allowed to continue in New Guinea and Papua, inevitably would destroy the efficient, dependable services that had been created.

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serve will increase that item to £1,050,000, and £25,000 is again transferred to special depreciation from the company's copra plantations. Against £39,089 brought forward, £31,068 is carried forward.

Gross profit was £860,118, showing an increase of £67,277. Expenses of administration (including taxation) increased by £48,679, and the amount allowed for depreciation, bad debts, and losses was higher by £12,626.

	Year ended March 31.		
	1934.	1935.	1936.
	£	£	£
Net profits	203,257	211,006	216,979
Div., 10 p.c.	150,000	150,000	150,000
To reserve	25,000	25,000	50,000
Special depreciation—			
Copra plantations ..	25,000	25,000	25,000
Carried forward ..	28,083	39,089	31,068
Expenses, etc.	427,786	459,839	508,518
Depreciation, etc. ...	104,542	121,995	134,621
Gross profits	735,586	792,841	860,118
LIABILITIES—			
Capital paid up ..	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Reserve fund	950,000	975,000	1,000,000
Insurance, reserve etc.	516,418	517,775	535,268
Cash credits	36,167	144,626	58,256
Bills and foreign drafts	400	180	821
Open liabilities ..	1,474,924	1,528,105	1,568,263
ASSETS—			
Merchandise, copra, advances	707,867	715,427	850,360
Cash in hand	123,046	164,852	113,508
Property, shipping, and shares ..	3,060,818	3,215,210	3,065,818
Sundry debtors ..	739,261	783,285	813,991

The stock market now values this company's £1 shares at 68/-. The following are extracts from Melbourne *Herald's* review of the balance-sheet:—

"Sixty-three years of trading, marked by sound management, has enabled the

shareholders to participate in a greater measure of prosperity in the last five years, than those holding scrip in many other industrial companies in Australia.

"An example of the soundness of finances was provided in 1933, when the directors decided to write down the company's copra plantations to offset the decline in the prices of copra. To date £100,000 has been clipped off their value, without showing any signs of discomfort.

"The feature of the past year's trading was an increase in gross profits by £67,277. Of this amount, however, only £5973 found its way into net earnings. Expenses were £48,678 higher at £508,518, and depreciation and bad debts took an additional £12,626. In other words, for every £1 increase in gross profits, expenses and depreciation moved up by 18/3.

"This policy of restricting dividends to 10 per cent, and storing up large surpluses for the future has been carried to such a point that reserve funds now total 21/6 for every 20/ of capital.

"In addition to its merchandise department, where a substantial increase was recorded in sales, the company benefited from the improved market for copra, and the better trading conditions existing in Papua and the Mandated Territory.

"Associated interests form an important contributor to earnings. The company holds two-thirds of the capital of Burns Philp (South Sea) Co. Ltd., from which £25,000 was received in dividends and one-half of the Queensland Insurance Company's capital, which brought in £30,000; so that these two investments alone provided one-third of shareholders' dividends.

"In addition to paid capital of £1,500,000, there are reserves totalling £1,616,338 at work, while outside liabilities account for £1,627,311. Apart from cash, £113,508, stock £850,360, and debtors' accounts for £813,992, the remaining assets, including investments, property, and shipping interests are grouped together in one item valued at £3,065,818."

NO "BEACH-COMBING" IN THE SOLOMONS

From Our Own Correspondent

TULAGI, April 28.

THE regulation prohibiting non-natives from residing on native-owned land is being enforced stringently.

A very desirable regulation in itself, it could be used with a little more discretion, as it causes some hardship to missionaries who are not desirous of owning land, but merely wish to be convenient to the natives they serve (and who probably have no wish to alienate their ground); and to a few other old and valued residents who have been hard hit in recent years.

It can be safely said that no one in the Group is "beach-combing" or lowering the European prestige, or battering on the natives. This last possibility, to anyone who knows the Solomon Islander, is positively humorous.

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Fiji's Oldest Inhabitant Is Wistfully Reminiscent

AT the recent unveiling of the Cession Memorial Stone at Nasova, Levuka, Fiji, by the late Governor of Fiji, Sir Murchison Fletcher, K.C.M.G., C.B.E., one of the most notable and venerable native figures was the ex-cannibal, Chief Takalaigau.

It was at this historic ceremony that Takalaigau, for the third time in his long life, sounded the drum beat known as the *derua*, when the British flag was raised near the site on which the Deeds of Cession were signed by the chiefs, on October 10, 1874, and Fiji became a British Crown Colony.

The three occasions on which he executed this official duty were:

First, as an upstanding warrior under the rule of Cakobau, the then recognised King of Fiji, when Sir Hercules Robinson (Governor of New South Wales and provisional Governor of Fiji) accepted the Cession on behalf of Queen Victoria.

Second, as a grey-haired civilised subject of the late King George V. at the 50th anniversary of this important event, celebrated on the same spot, in 1924.

Third, on the occasion just noted.

The fact that Takalaigau has officiated at such outstanding events in the history of the Colony is in itself a great record. But this human relic of a past barbaric age can also lay claim to other noteworthy distinctions.

In the first place, he is undoubtedly the oldest inhabitant in the Fijian Group—and is extremely proud of the fact. Indeed, so much so, that he adds a few more years to the undoubted one hundred each time an interested visitor inquires.

Takalaigau's title, interpreted, means "Chief of Gau." But he is not an hereditary chief, although he takes precedence of place in his district. This honour was conferred on him by his compatriots in the early uncivilised days, when communities fought fiercely for supremacy. He was the imposing head-man of the conquering town of Sawaleke, and assumed lordship over the southern portion of the island known as Gau. That name now applied to the whole island, is charted on the map of Fiji as "Ngau." Ngau is the fifth largest island in the



The Cession Memorial Stone at Nasova, Levuka, Fiji.

Group, and lies about 40 miles due east of Viti Levu, and almost within sight of ships off Suva.

The present *buli* (Mayor) of Sawaleke remembers, when a lad, the demise of his aged grandmother, who, as a young girl, was presented by Takalaigau as a peace-offering between the warring towns—a fact which fully justifies Takalaigau's claim to be a centenarian.

His eyesight appears good; his hearing unquestionably is so. Except for a slight stoop, and the settling down of his fine torso into his once stalwart frame, he still presents a dignified figure. His lean legs get along as quickly as do most people's over the island's rough tracks, and he still retains the inherent poise that will take him safely over the insecure and perilous one-log bridges, which so often span the island's swiftly running rivers. He glories in this ability, and contentiously answers all enquiries thereupon.

But Takalaigau mouths a grievance. He has lost his sound, strong teeth and cannot partake of all the tasty crustaceous delights that a native feast provides. There are many family feasts, for Takalaigau's particular genealogical tree has descended in flourishing numbers to his youngest great-great-grandson, who is his constant companion.

His other distinctive claim—that of being a one-time cannibal—may perhaps be regarded as somewhat of a doubtful quality. But it is a memory which he regards with wistful fondness. Anyone

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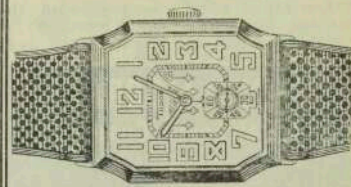
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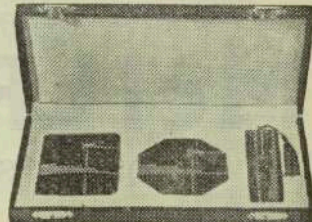
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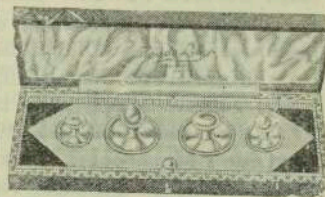
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"I was born in the native town of Sawaieke where I now live," he began, tucking his legs crosswise underneath him. "When a child about so high," indicating the height of a child about seven years of age, "I was taken by my parents to Bau Island. Here I grew up, and remained for forty years, fighting under Cakobau in the many tribal wars. Those were good times," he sighed. "We took many prisoners."

When asked what was done with the prisoners, his answer came startlingly:

"We killed and ate them. Much good

food we had then for our feasts." And, warming to this gruesome subject, he said, leaning eagerly forward and peering up weirdly out of his excited, faded eyes, "I will tell you about it.

"Prisoners of war," he emphasised, "were food for the big chiefs only. This food was *tabu* to commoners, on pain of death. But Cakobau would sometimes delight to honour the lesser chiefs and the bravest of warriors. I have eaten from the hands and feet," he whisperingly confided.

"When food was needed for a great celebration, one or more prisoners, bound hand and foot, were lifted bodily and killed by striking their heads forcibly on large stones, previously placed in position for that purpose. These stones were then added to the long line of the town's boundary fence. One stone, one life," added the old cannibal, sententiously.

"The bodies, when cooked and taken from the *lovu* (pit oven), were decorated with evergreens and presented with much ceremonial procedure to Cakobau.

"Man's flesh is good, very good," he continued, appreciatively. "It is *dregadregata* (glutinous) and good eating."

Asked whether, if there were no Government or mission to stop them, they would

eat human flesh again, the ancient gentleman made answer:

"I do not know, but I think so. Even now there are *kai-colas* (bushmen) of whom we hear strange things. Civilisation is good for the younger generation.



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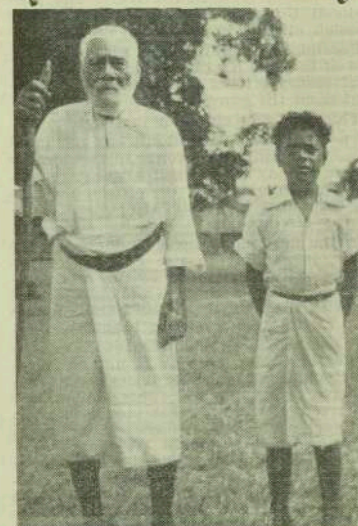
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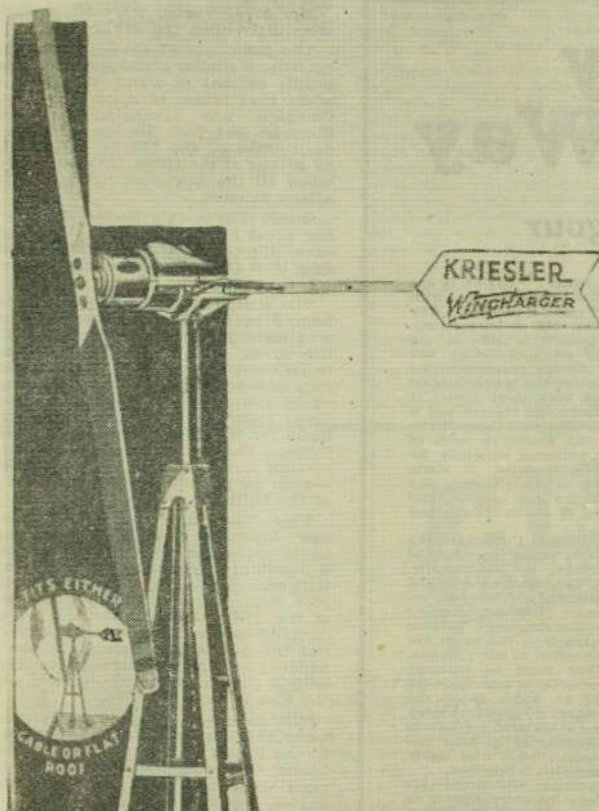
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ment, there came pulsating through the warm evening air, the sound of a booming *lali*, summoning the dusky worshippers to the roughly coral-lined church building—an erection which stood incongruously,

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The old man, courteously asking permission to leave, unfolded himself and walked silently away towards the outward sign of his accepted faith, and the symbol of his people's progressive civilization.

Now that the old bad regime has given way to more civilized conditions, under the co-operation of Government and missionary effort, the Fijian race have not only been saved from extinction but will continue their peaceful progress, and Fiji's Cession Day will mark the yearly milestones in the annals of an unconquered people.

—E. M. FRY.

THAT MALAYAN CANAL

What It May Mean To North-West Pacific

IT has been reported that Japanese interests are to build a canal through that portion of Siam that lies athwart of the stem of the Malaya Peninsula.

Look at a map of Asia, and try to visualise the effect that such a waterway would have upon Far Eastern sea traffic, and upon the strategical position in the north-western Pacific generally.

Mr. A. J. Vogan, F.R.G.S., writes interestingly upon the subject:—

The pendulum of change seems to be entering a similar atmosphere for English people to that of about the year 1580, when that prince of spies and plotters, Campion, was arranging—as Richard Simpson has just disclosed for us—the destruction of the "Tight Little Island" by means of the Great Invasion scheme—when all the European nations were to attack at once.

Queen Elizabeth's Secret Service and her great Foreign Minister, Walsingham, saved the occasion; and the failure of the first step (the vast Armada) broke the scheme into pieces.

The similarity of the two periods is enhanced by the fact that the said Armada was eight years in preparation, and that the great Canal de Kra, in Siam, is to be completed in eight years, when the Japanese will be able to avoid passing our vast gun-emplacements at Singapore, thus rendered obsolete, when moving fleets for the appropriation of the Sunda, Borneo, Philippine and other Islands connecting Australia with the Indian Empire—such as is the well-authenticated plan of the Militarist Party of Japan.

This "Back-door to Burma," as the new Japanese canal has been conveniently called, however, was not missed as a possibility by our wonderful Naval Intelligence when reporting upon Singapore, and Siam's boundary-line lies east of the *Point d'appui*, which is an easily fortified range of Burmese country, forming the northern entrance to the bay which the Japanese propose to connect with a similar one on the eastern side of the Kra Isthmus.

The Japanese obtained permission to make this canal through the influence of Luang Pradit Mannndharm, the democratic leader (communist?) of the anti-European element in Siam and neighbouring States.

A recent French newspaper, commenting upon what our Australian sheets keep so silent about, says:—"The great English settlement of Singapore will be hard hit, both in its role as military, and as commercial autocrat of the Malacca Straits. The new canal will change the whole defensive system established in the Extreme Orient by the English, and is viewed by them with extreme inquietude. The same view is taken by the Dutch. France has her interests in Indo-China which will be effected—perhaps beneficially, who knows?"

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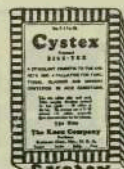


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NEW GUINEA'S WASTEFUL, FEEBLE RECORD IN NATIVE EDUCATION

Scandalous Treatment of Asiatics and Half-castes

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ONCE again that tropical question, bristling with difficulties — Native Education—is to come up for discussion and if possible for solution.

The announcement was made at the close of the last stormy meeting of the Legislative Council, by the Administrator, that he had appointed a number of gentlemen to tackle the question with zest. He evidently means business, this time.

As early as May, 1921, when the destinies of the Territory dropped into the hands of General Wisdom, a policy of native education was among the urgent matters to claim the attention of the Administration. Geneva wanted the natives educated, so Canberra and Rabaul must get busy.

General Wisdom had tried his hand at many enterprises, but he had no experience as an educationalist. The late Harry Cardew, the then Commissioner of Native Affairs, was to be the first lieutenant in the new project. Harry who was, prior to the war, an engineer, had no aptitude and little taste for such a matter as native education. However, after some hard thinking, it was deemed opportune to begin.

A start was made at Kokopo, the seat of the old German Administration, 18 miles south of Rabaul. After many difficulties and much delay, natives drawn from different and distant villages were assembled in temporary quarters near the

town. These would, it was fondly hoped, constitute the nucleus of a future native educational system.

The first difficulty came from the native parents, who could not fail to see the lunacy of their children leaving the village schools, where they were being taught by the missionaries, in the only way they ever will be taught—through the medium of the native language. By teaching the native children in their own villages, village life could be preserved and improved, while children would remain with their parents.

There were scores of large villages where missionary influence, through lack of means, had not yet penetrated, and one would naturally have expected that a Government scheme would have begun in them and worked in co-operation with the missionaries. But, no! This would have been wise, but not spectacular and the important thing at the moment was not whether the natives were being educated, but how to convince Geneva that they were being educated, which is something quite different.

When the first barrier had been crossed and a number of native children had been gathered together, the next move was to engage the services of William Groves, a Victorian State school teacher and, of course, an ex-soldier (no one else had a chance in those days). The choice was an excellent one. "Billy," as he was affec-

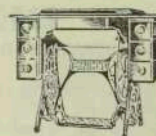
tionately called, was a skilled teacher, and a man of high moral qualities. He was interested in his work and was happily free from that aversion to the black men which is an unfortunate characteristic of so many otherwise good Australians. If any educationalist could succeed in the peculiar circumstances that person would be the popular Will Groves; but hopes were far from bright.

None of the poor homesick natives knew English; and, of course, "Billy" Groves, moving in Melbourne's classical circles, had no opportunity of acquiring a knowledge of the native language. So ideas must pass from one mind to another through that nebulous medium, Pidgin.

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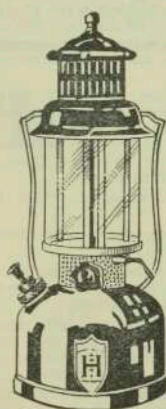


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engaged and, like all young ambitious men, anxious to rise in the teaching profession, he retired from the Territory and area of Rabaul, and adjoining the wharf, was marked off for a permanent native boarding school. Numerous buildings were planned and constructed, much to the annoyance of the ordinary taxpayer, who rightly looked upon the sorry business as a useless waste of public money. Old missionaries, who knew the limited capacity of present day natives, laughed silently at a system of education above the present capabilities of the natives.

More teachers were brought from Australia and, more promises were made each July at Geneva, and so the system expanded—certainly in expenditure, but not in proportionate usefulness.

After a time, however, the sane and sensible happened. "Billy" Groves became

returned to his old Department in Victoria.

Succeeding teachers—I knew them all—came, had a look around, and departed. Birds of passage, they had no wish to become tied up in a system offering no prospects of promotion.

CRITICISM

Meanwhile, as was anticipated, criticism, both within and outside the Territory, had grown to alarming proportions. A wild cat system of trying to educate a handful of natives (approximately 100) through Pidgin at such enormous cost (£10,000 a year), was obvious to all; and yet Geneva was asking why more schools had not been established.

One day, the Administrator sent for the Head Teacher and asked if a few of the ripe fruits of the system were not ready even for light service. But he was

assured that he was rather premature in his demand.

Progress, however, could be reported when it was announced that Mr. Groves, the retiring head teacher, had taken away with him to Melbourne two intelligent native lads to continue their education at one of the Melbourne State schools. Their former teacher was now to be their guardian and was to be remunerated by the New Guinea taxpayer at £50 per boy per year, which sum, of course, was to be used partially for their maintenance.

Glowing progress reports were from time to time appearing in the *Rabaul Times*. Geneva was happy, but not entirely so. What had been done was good, but too small.

A number of other native pupils were actually being measured for outfits to go to different schools in Australia when—providentially, I presume—the lamentable "strike" upset the whole plan. It was, of course, no more than a harmless little formality taught to the local natives by West Indian natives from a visiting steamer, but it had the happy effect of reducing the extravagant and useless expenditure. No more natives would go to Australia and the two already there must return.

MR. McKENNA'S VISIT

What next to please Geneva? A happy inspiration! Mr. McKenna, Queensland's Director of Education, was invited to come up and report on this vexed question of native education. He did actually come, after some delay, but on account of pressing duties in Queensland he had little time to spare in the Territory. Yet the two short weeks, that he spent in Rabaul and its environs soon convinced him that there was a large margin left for improvement. Mr. McKenna visited the training colleges of the missions and, according to his report, was very pleased with what the missions were gratuitously doing for native education. He prepared an excellent report, clear, concise and constructive, but none too flattering, as to what he saw.

General Wisdom, with Mr. Cardew in attendance, listened with attention to the reading of the report and at its close he asked Mr. McKenna where he thought the money was going to come from to put such a scheme into motion.

Mr. McKenna retorted: "Get it from Australia!"

General Wisdom answered: "You try to get it!"

And so the expensive proposition of bringing Mr. McKenna all the way from Queensland was profitless.

When Mr. McKenna left the room, General Wisdom remarked that he would close up what already existed as a waste of public money, if he could.

Strange to narrate, a few months after this meeting, Geneva was informed that the erection of other schools was contemplated and, as a matter of fact, a start was actually made at Nodup and Kavieng.

GENERAL GRIFFITHS' EFFORT

When General Wisdom departed, a new phase of native education was anticipated.

General Tom Griffiths, keen, enthusiastic energetic, was a fine type of Administrator. The question of native education and the Administration's neglect of the education of the native-born Asiatics engaged much of his time and attention. But, unfortunately, great arrears of work had accumulated, and Tom Griffiths was far from young. He realized at a glance the futility of trying to find anything

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like an adequate supply of funds to carry on even a very limited native education system, so he sought to combine some Administrative effort with the gratuitous services given by the missions, in order to secure the maximum amount of mental development for the natives, with the resources available.

The missions are to-day freely educating over 40,000 native children. They purchase the land for schools, erect the schools, train and afterwards pay teachers, in order to provide for education of native children.

Tom Griffiths realized and appreciated their contribution but, unfortunately, he did not remain long enough for his schemes to mature.

AND NOW—WHAT?

We arrive at the beginning of 1936 and, estimating matters by the usual standards, we must admit that an enormous amount of public money has been wasted on a wild-cat scheme that can never, according to present methods, yield anything like an adequate return. The gain to the natives has been negligible. How long will the waste continue?

Native education has been the graveyard of reputations. Will the new Administrator build one up on the ruins of the past? He has had years of teaching experience and will have the assistance of H. H. Page who has likewise been a teacher.

Mr. Editor, the deliberations of the next few months will be interesting. If the general public are admitted, I shall keep you in touch with events. What we all are hoping is that the real issue—that is, finding money to finance a scheme—will not be evaded or avoided.

In my opinion a crying shame on the Administration of this Territory for years has been the criminal neglect of providing education facilities for the local-born children of Asiatics and half-castes, who are becoming more numerous every year.

The parents of these poor children are full contributors to the taxes paid into the Treasury, out of which an extravagant system is provided for the children of the Europeans, who can benefit by it, and a useless and expensive system is offered to a few natives, who cannot respond to it. But the poor Asiatic or half-caste, after being forced to pay his share towards the free education of white and black, must provide for himself as best as he may, with the assistance of the missions.

Only ignorance can permit the continuance of this injustice in a Mandated country.

NOVELIST HALL TO TOUR SCANDINAVIA

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, April 12.

MR. JAMES NORMAN HALL, author in collaboration with C. E. Nordhoff, of many popular books, including the *Bounty* trilogy, left Tahiti for the United States by the *Makara* in March.

It is understood that Mr. Hall, who was accompanied by his family, will leave the latter in California, and then proceed to Europe on a tour of the Scandinavian countries, Iceland, and other places he has been planning to visit for some time past. He will probably return to Tahiti by way of Africa and the East Indies in about a year's time.

Mr. A. Hyde, Mining Registrar of the Morobe goldfield, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney by the last *Neptuna* on long leave.

Dr. Nuttall, of the Shell Company, arrived in Port Moresby, Papua, by the *Pinna* from Borneo on April 12. He left a week later for Sourabaya by the Shell Co's vessel *Havre*.

MOVE TO CHECK SMALL TRADERS IN SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, April 12.

THE Apia Chamber of Commerce has submitted a proposal to the Administration to enforce regulations framed some years ago that every trader, before being licensed, should show proof of possessing sufficient capital. The Ordinances also fixed a minimum amount of stock to be carried in every trading station.

These regulations tend to prevent the opening of trading stations, especially in country districts, by small independent traders with limited means, and favour the large commercial concerns with their many branch stations.

A deputation of the independent traders has waited upon the Acting Administrator to voice their objections to the proposal of the Chamber of Commerce.



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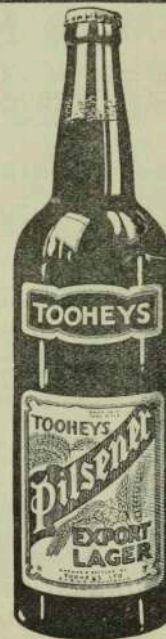
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This is all the more surprising since it is generally known that Dr. Brass, one of the most popular and brilliant men formerly appointed to the Group, is only too anxious to visit us again in his official capacity. Dr. Brass is remembered as a new broom which swept particularly clean in shady corners and his return, even for a few months, would be greatly welcomed by many residents.

Right Rev. W. H. Baddeley, Bishop of Melanesia, who has been visiting England, will arrive in Auckland by the Aorangi on June 8 from Vancouver, and will spend a brief period in New Zealand before going on to Sydney.

Through Unexplored Western Papua

Route of Mr. Ivan Champion's New Expedition

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, April 22.

MR. IVAN CHAMPION, A.R.M., left Port Moresby on April 1 by the Government vessel *Vailala* for Daru on the first stage of his forthcoming expedition. At Daru he will complete the final arrangements for his long journey into the interior of Western Papua with Patrol Officer C. J. Adamson.

Mr. Adamson recently journeyed to Rigo to recruit carriers for the expedition. He was unsuccessful, however, and 30 native volunteers have been selected from Koki gaol. They sailed for Daru by the *Papuan Chief* on April 17, Mr. Adamson having left for that post in Mr. Archbold's amphibian 'plane earlier in the day.

The proposed route will take the party up the left branch of the Bamu River to its source, from where they will proceed N.N. West making for what appeared, from the recent aerial reconnaissance, to be a thickly populated valley system. Thence they propose to strike in an easterly direction for Lake Marguerite—the large sheet of water reported and named by the Government aerial party in their flights from Mt. Hagen.

The party will then proceed N.E., crossing Mr. Jack Hides's route near the Waga. After passing through the thickly populated grass country to Mt. Gilua, they will strike eastwards to the Kangel River (an affluent of the Purari) and eventually make for the coast down the main stream to the sea.

Mt. Gilua, which the expedition will visit, is a well known landmark to airmen. It is situated on the border of Papua and New Guinea and lies approximately 15 miles due south of Mt. Hagen.

Lake Marguerite was visited recently by the Archbold Expedition. They tried to land the amphibian there but found it was impracticable.

A close view revealed that Lake Marguerite is a wide sheet of water approximately 10 miles in length, studded with many small islands. On one of these stood a large village and beyond the fir-clad slopes of the lake different stages of cultivation were observed which suggested that the district supported a fairly large population.

His Excellency the Governor of French Oceania (Monsieur H. Sautot) left Papeete by the *Ville D'Amiens* on April 5 for a tour of inspection of the Marquesas Islands, and returned by local schooner at the end of the month. During his absence affairs were taken care of by Monsieur Aumont, Chef du Service d'Administration Generale et des Finances.

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By Nell Murray, writing to the "Melbourne Herald" from Los Angeles on March 31

BEGINNING last November, every two weeks a giant flying boat, weighing 25 tons, now thunders out above the Golden Gate at San Francisco. For four months now the *China Clipper* and her sister ship, the *Philippines Clipper*, have bridged the 9,000 miles of ocean tempest between California and the Orient in just 65 flying hours!

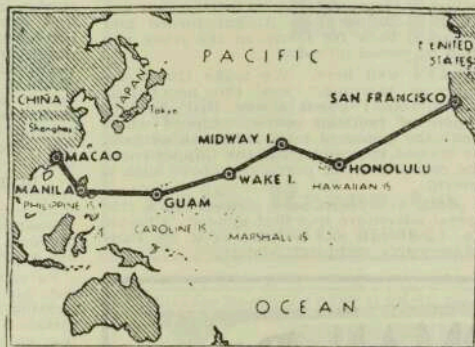
The romance of the project, the sheer wonder of these vast ships braving typhoon and hurricane across the trackless wastes of the Pacific, has caught the imagination of the American public. The movements of *Clipper* airships are front-page news.

Guam, Wake and Midway are tiny dots of islands in the Pacific, and six months ago their names were unknown to the average person. To-day every American is aware of their significance. It may not be long before Australia, too, claims them as household words. An official of Pan-American Airways told me that the ultimate intention of his company was to link the service with Australia.

Whether a subsidiary line would be run down from Macao, in China, to link up with the

England-Australia, or the alternative taken of establishing a separate exclusive service, branching off from Guam direct to Australia, is a matter which his company has not decided yet.

For the immediate future, organising and experimental work is still being carried on, with the object of fitting up the bases for accommodation of passengers on



The route the giant machines take in their conquest of the North Pacific.

the existing mail route. So far, no passengers have been carried, but there is a waiting list of more than 2,000 Americans who want to be among the first 52 passengers to experience the thrill of following in the wake of the Yankee sailing clippers of long ago—annihilating time and distance for thousands of miles in the sky.

AWED IN WONDER

All California seemed to have mustered in San Francisco when, at the end of last November, the *China Clipper* took off on her inaugural trip with mails. It so happened that I sailed for China out of the Golden Gate the same afternoon, but by precise steamer route.

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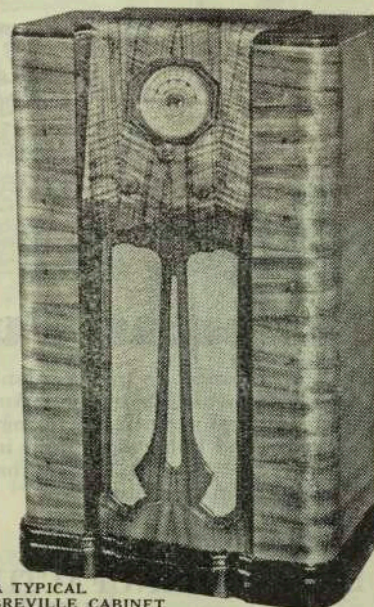
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of the uncompleted structure of the San Francisco-Oaklands Bay bridge. . . .

Captain Edwin C. Musick, famous pilot of the ship, performed the spectacular feat of swooping below them—actually breaking the law by doing so—although few of the fascinated onlookers could have realised it at the time.

I saw the *China Clipper* once again in Honolulu, thundering past Diamond Head with all her great engines in full blast, glinting silver against the tropic greenery of the hills, and the turquoise blue and dazzling whiteness of the sea.

I heard of her again 3,000 miles further across the Pacific, riding at ease high in the sky 200 miles south of the spot where our 20,000-ton ocean liner lay helpless in the grip of a five-day typhoon. Our radio operator talked with hers—told the *Clipper* and its crew of the appalling storm through which we were passing, so intense that our liner could not face it, but turned and steamed back for hours on the route she had traversed already.

"All's well here. We make Guam tomorrow morning," was the nonchalant reply. As I gazed across that desolate waste of tumbling water, whipped white with the spume of a 100-mile-an-hour gale, it seemed incredible that the *Clipper* could be zooming along peacefully above such a storm.

Only five years have elapsed since this great adventure was first mooted. Charles A. Lindbergh had a hand in it, as Pan-American's technical adviser.

FOUR YEARS' LABOUR

Two other men, Andre Priester (Chief Engineer) and Juan T. Trippe (President of Pan-American Airways) worked patiently with him for four years, until at the end of that time, the requisite machines had been designed and manufactured—six of them, at a total cost of more than £185,000.

In the meantime, pilots had to be trained in navigation never before attempted in the air. They had to be grounded in international law, taught at least one foreign language in addition to English, and qualified in innumerable different ways.

Then, just a year ago, the supply ship *North Haven* stole out of San Francisco Harbour unobtrusively, laden with 6,000 tons of cargo. She was off to put Midway, Wake and Guam on the map of commerce. Midway, up till then, had been a cable station inhabited by only a few men. This tiny island, on the northern tip of the Hawaiian group, automatically became American territory when Hawaii became voluntarily annexed at the end of last century.

Only lonely sea birds cried and swooped above Wake, a mere dot in the huge Pacific, until the coming of the supply ship. No one has ever been known to live there.

ROBINSON CRUSOES OF THE PACIFIC

Guam came into America's possession at the end of the war with Spain, and has but a primitive population.

So small is Wake that its whole area does not cover one square mile. Electrical lighting and water systems have had to be installed in all three bases. The men working on the islands at present are like modern Robinson Crusoes—for so far "civilisation" has not advanced far enough to permit their wives and families to join them.

There is adequate accommodation for the giant mail clippers and their crews as they come winging in from the ocean hops to rest and refuel—and before long a "chain" of three hotels will have been built. Prefabricated wooden ones have been shipped out to Guam, Wake and Midway, and will be erected soon to provide every modern American comfort which the discerning traveller desires.

Each one will consist of 24 large double rooms, each with private bathroom, hot and cold running water, and other luxurious fittings. Tennis courts are even being built, and swimming pools complete with cocktail bar at the edge!

Midway will have a small fleet of beach automobiles to convey passengers from the aerodrome to the hotel. These are shod with outsize balloon tyres in order that they may travel easily over the soft coral sand. One of the few sewing machines in those parts is located at Guam, complete with a spare belt and 100 needles.

The company will have to face soon the problem of obtaining a domestic staff for their hotels, for even the most adventurous of cooks and housemaids might flinch at the prospect of taking a post in the midst of the Pacific Ocean! At present, the men engaged in construction work are catered for by Filipino cooks.

NATURALIST'S TASK ON GUAM

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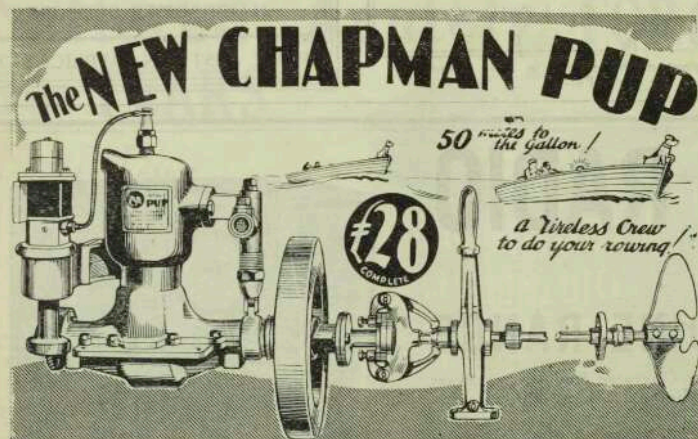
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of enterprise. The American Government, for instance, has just despatched a noted naturalist to Guam, instructing him to make a thorough study of the flora, fauna and native customs, so that they be placed on record at the Bishop Museum, Honolulu, which is recognised as the world's most complete collection relating to Polynesian life.

Philatelists, too, have found that the establishment of the new airways system was swift to affect the stamp market. Ordinary dollar stamps which were sold for the inaugural flight and affixed to letters addressed to Honolulu were valued within three days of arrival at 25 dollars.

For the first four months of the mail service, the terminal point in the Orient has been Manila. Throughout its inception, Japan had strenuously objected to every move, and it is because of the tension between China and Japan that China has been slow to grant permission to land at Macao. Officials are confident, however, that permission will come at any time now, and that soon the *Clippers* will be landing on Chinese soil.

Next . . . business men boarding the planes in San Francisco and waking up in Honolulu next morning. On to Midway, Wake, Guam and Manila—with the huge trade possibilities of closer contact with China opening up before them.

Nine hundred dollars from San Francisco to Macao is the tentative passenger fare fixed upon for a beginning. This works out at 10 cents a mile—about 7½d in Australian currency.

"CHINA CLIPPER" SPEAKS WITH AUSTRALIA

A record in aerial communications on the 600 metres band is believed to have been established recently when the Sydney and Townsville coastal stations of Amalgamated Wireless exchanged communication with the aeroplane *China Clipper* in flight at a distance of 3,000 miles from Sydney. At 5.1 a.m. the plane, which was flying from Manila to Guam, was heard calling all stations and announcing her name. The *China Clipper* then called Hong Kong and a minute later the A.W.A. station at Sydney sent a call to the aircraft enquiring, "Are you receiving me, and if so can you hear me distinctly?" A minute later a similar enquiry was made by the Townsville station, and the aircraft replied: "Good morning, we are receiving you O.K.; the *China Clipper* here." For a few minutes the stations worked each other and the *China Clipper* concluded with "We are due at Guam in four hours. Good morning."

Miss Jean Elizabeth Fairlie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fairlie of Norfolk Island, arrived in Sydney by the *Morinda* on April 25 to enter the Prince Alfred Hospital to continue her training as a nurse. She commenced training in the Norfolk Is. Hospital.

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FRENCH PLANTER'S DEATH AT EPI, N. HEBRIDES

M. AUGUSTE LANCON, a pioneer French planter of Epi, New Hebrides, died suddenly at his plantation Allobroges on March 15. He had been resident in the Condominium for almost 40 years.

As one of a party of French settlers he arrived in the Group in 1897 and, acquiring property, developed two fine coconut plantations. Unfortunately, between 1931

and 1936, six hurricanes swept Epi, destroying practically all his work.

M. Lancon was made an Officer of the Legion of Honour for his work in introducing Tonkinese labourers into the New Hebrides to work plantations.

He is survived by a widow and a daughter (Madame Brossier), who are at present in France, and a son, M. Eugene Lancon, who is a planter at Mallicolo.

Mr. E. J. Ifould, a plantation owner of Wewak, New Guinea, has been spending holidays in Australia.

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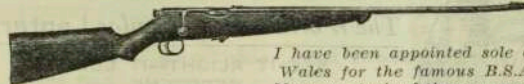
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FRUIT BUYERS REBUFFED

C.I. Growers' Association
Refuses to Pick Orange Crop

From Our Own Correspondent
RAROTONGA, April 19.

THE orange season commenced this month with an unprecedented unanimity among growers, and local buyers who as usual were inclined to pooh-pooh the likelihood of any unanimous action have learnt that it is not always safe to count upon native *laissez-faire*.

At meetings convened by the recently formed Growers' Association (comprising some 80 per cent. of the island's producers) it was decided not to pick the crop unless a fair and reasonable price was offered—opinion setting this between 5/- and 6/- a case. Since similar resolutions have been passed by different districts every year and nothing has ever eventuated beyond the last minute collapse of such resolutions, buyers were again cynical and unresponsive.

But as the day for picking arrived and passed and the various packing sheds remained comparatively empty it was real-

ised that the sympathetic attitude of the N.Z. Labour Government towards primary producers had already bred a new self-confidence among Rarotongan growers.

The prices offered—and rejected—were from 1/9 to 3/9 according to size, and represent 1/- a case lower all round than the prices offered at this time last year. Yet, on the "unofficial wireless", it was learned that during the current month the consumer value of a case of oranges in New Zealand was as high as 26/-.

As a result of this determination not to sell locally only 711 cases left the island instead of an anticipated 3,000, those shipped being either fruit on consignment or the property of non-members of the Association.

ROADS REPAIRED AT ARORANGI

Other good work performed by the Association during the month has been the renovation of four interior roads in the district of Arorangi. Five hundred men were engaged on the work, each putting in a single day without pay while the Administration provided free rations.

That a new spirit is abroad in the island today was evinced by the fact that although the Government has the authority to call upon inhabitants to repair the interior roads of their district, it cannot force them to bring transport or other tools. Nevertheless, six motor truck owners voluntarily brought their vehicles to assist in the work.

DELEGATES TO ATTEND N.Z. INQUIRY

The date for the hearing of evidence before the Parliamentary Committee detailed to investigate the Cook Islands fruit industry is believed to be early in June. Although this has not yet been officially confirmed, delegates from Rarotonga are preparing themselves to leave by next month's mail steamer.

Owing to the opposition raised by the Administration some months ago when it was proposed to send a deputation and pay their expenses out of money standing to the credit of the various packing-sheds, the Growers' Association has now collected sufficient money among its own members for this purpose. It firmly opposes any suggestion that their opponents—to whose policies, rightly or wrongly, the Administration is popularly believed to lean—should be financed from any public funds.

EXPORTERS' ASSOCIATION WANT NEW DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE

At a meeting of the Exporters' Association held during the month a resolution was passed to ask that a Director of Agriculture be appointed who was thoroughly conversant with the citrus industry.

The obvious inference is that the present Director, Mr. W. T. Goodwin, lacks that qualification. The insinuation might command some attention in quarters where it was not known that Mr. Goodwin, since his arrival in Rarotonga last September, has been the driving force behind the suggested Fruit Control Board and that members of the Exporters' Association form the bitterest bloc of opponents to the Board in question!

Mr. and Mrs. D. Coulter Harman, of Thursday Island, are at present spending holidays in Cairns, North Queensland.

Mr. Robert Brett, who was for several years in charge of the Thursday Island police station some time ago, died in a private hospital at Summer Hill, N.S.W., on April 5, aged 79.



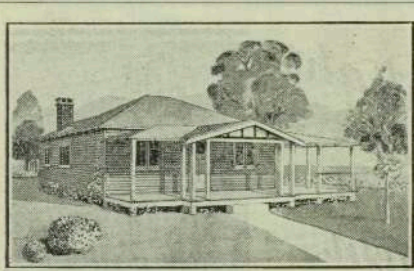
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Entomological Research In the Marquesas

THE Marquesan project of the Pacific Entomological Survey, of which Mr. E. F. Mumford (one of this year's Leverhulme Research Fellows) was appointed Director in 1928, is now nearing its most interesting stage. Over a hundred taxonomic papers have been issued in connection with the work as a whole, and Mr. Mumford is now in the Hope Department at Oxford, working on an extensive summary and review of the work as a whole.

Patterned to some extent on the classic researches of Dr. R. C. L. Perkins in Hawaii, the Marquesan investigations consist essentially of a primary ecological survey, or study of the insects in relation to their environment—physical and biotic. The Marquesas Islands are among the most isolated in the world, and were described by Perkins as "the choicest part of the oceanic islands of the Pacific after Hawaii."

The final work may be of interest, not only to entomologists, but to geographers, botanists, meteorologists, and ethnologists. The interior of many of the islands was mapped for the first time, series of host plants collected, meteorological observations initiated (Univ. Calif. Public in Geography, Vol. 6, No. 4, pp. 147-172, Berkeley, Calif., 1933) and native names of animals and plants, as well as place-names, collected.

A preliminary report was received in *Nature* (Vol. 130, pp. 797-798). A brief account of the terrestrial and fresh-water fauna appeared in *Ecology* in January, but Mr. Mumford's final report is still to come.—*Discovery*, February, 1936.

"Morinda's" Dash to Save Islander's Life

THREE days late, the *Morinda* arrived in Sydney on April 25, after being delayed partly by heavy south-west weather and partly by a vain attempt to save the life of Mr. Wade Robinson, of Erromanga, New Hebrides.

Steaming in the vicinity of Erromanga, the *Morinda* received a wireless call for aid and altered her course accordingly, arriving at the island at midnight. Mr. Robinson had been injured in a fall from a horse and fever had followed the injuries. He was taken aboard in a critical condition.

The ship's doctor attended to the patient until Norfolk Island was reached and it was possible to place him under other medical care. The steamer was subsequently advised that Mr. Robinson had died the following day.

Mrs. J. S. Jaffray, wife of the Presbyterian missionary at Alulua, Malekula, though seriously ill, had to be carried 110 miles by launch through heavy seas to Vila in order to catch the *Morinda* for Australia where she had been ordered for expert medical attention. She was taken by ambulance from the ship at Sydney to the Melbourne express for Victoria where skilled physicians awaited her.

Mr. C. H. Penrose, late manager of the Bank of New South Wales at Wau, New Guinea, died there on April 17.

Mr. Eli Paul Curry died in Apla Hospital, Western Samoa, on March 22, after suffering for several weeks from influenza. He was only 23 years of age.

N.G. AGRICULTURAL GAZETTE

THE January issue (No. 1, Vol. 2) of the *New Guinea Agricultural Gazette* has just come to hand. This is the second number produced by the Department of Agriculture, the first being published at the end of last year.

In the present issue there are altogether nine informative articles by officers of the Administration which should prove helpful and instructive to planters.

"Recent Experiments in the Curing of N.G. Cocoa" by Mr. E. C. D. Green gives results of drying and fermentation experiments carried out at Kabaira and Vunakambi Plantations. Mr. John L. Froggatt, B.Sc., contributes "Entomological Notes," recording observations on some of the important pests of economic crops in New Guinea. Mr. Froggatt has also compiled a detailed list of pests recorded in the Territory.

Though copra prices have been trending upward recently, the general quality of the N.G. product has taken a downward turn in many cases. The article on "Copra Drying" by Mr. F. O. Moody, who has had over 20 years' experience in copra curing, should assist materially in improving the standard of the Territory's copra.

Other contributions include: "Notes on Flowering Trees in the Botanic Gardens, Rabaul" by Mr. L. E. Hanson, "Warts on Cattle" by Mr. C. C. Marr, "Control of Rodents" by Mr. J. L. Froggatt, and "Meteorology" by Mr. B. G. Challis.



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From Our Own Correspondent

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Another interesting consignment comprised pheasants and owls for liberation in New Caledonia.

A party from Oxford University, including the son of Sir Ernest Shackleton and Mr. A. J. Marshall, of Sydney, will visit New Guinea on anthropological research work this year.

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How Low-Class Whites Contribute to New Guinea's Native Problem

Written for the P.I.M. by M.G., who has had lengthy experience in handling New Guinea Native Labour

SO much has been written lately for and against corporal punishment for the disciplining of natives in T.N.G., that one wonders whether many of the writers have stopped to consider the subject before expressing their opinions so definitely.

One says it is necessary for discipline and prestige; another that it is inhuman and "un-British." I conclude from years of residence in this Territory, and from fairly extensive reading on the subject, that both parties are wrong—neither qualify their statements.

Some say, and rightly, too, that the natives here, particularly the indentured labourers in Rabaul and on the Goldfields, are out of hand, dangerously so. They point out the continual molestation—actually attempts to rape—of white women and children, most of which are kept "dark." They point to the insolence, disobedience and wilful destruction of minor property by natives, and the killing and

maiming of horses and cattle around Wau.

No one can dispute these accusations. They are true. In fact, one could fill this journal with the list of misdemeanours and crimes committed in one week in any main centre in T.N.G.

But is this any argument in favour of the application of the "cane"? Will the use of the cane alone put matters right? I doubt it.

The cause of the trouble with the natives indubitably is lack of prestige. And will the cane re-establish prestige?

The Administration are always blamed for the lack of respect shown by the natives to the "whites," as though respect was a Government monopoly. Occasionally, someone may bracket the missions with the Government as the sole cause of lost prestige.

But rarely—very rarely—does one hear any blame attached to these who are primarily responsible:—

1. The drunks—i.e., those who become helplessly intoxicated in view of natives.
2. The profligates—i.e., Europeans who live with mistresses, or misconduct themselves with other men's wives. Natives know what is going on, and it reflects no credit on our morals.

3. The slum type—i.e., those who habitually are low and dirty in their persons, and live in filthy homes. Products of the slums, their greatest amusement here is in telling filthy jokes to, or in the presence of, natives, and saying obscene things (as apart from cursing and swearing) about themselves or their own womenfolk. They never let a native woman pass without some odious remarks being made to her.

4. The curs—i.e., white men who at heart are "scared stiff" of the natives—a much more numerous type than might be supposed. They are afraid to give a native an order, except in an appealing and apologetic manner, and are afraid to demand of their native servants that cleanliness and respect which servants should give their employers the world over. Above all, they always evade the issue when they are defied by a native.

5. The psychologically unfit—men who are unsuited by their psychological make-up to be in contact with natives. It shows up in many forms. Some are just perverts. Others are over-developed in their parental instinct, and treat all natives as their own children. There is one official I have in mind who is a glaring example of this type. He could not possibly be just, for every native—however hardened or habitual a criminal he may be—raises that "mothering" instinct in him so that he protects that native against the punishment he merits, even as a mother will protect her child from the law. This type is often found among the missionaries.

6. The missions with their conflicting denominations, and the "all men are equal" theory. Their "Brothering" mode of address does not protect the "white prestige."

7. The Government, for allowing undesirable white types to remain in the Territory—for ineffective police work where petty theft is concerned—and for their failure to set a standard of conduct for all Europeans to follow.

There is yet a worse offender, but I do not know where to catalogue him. That is the decent, well-behaved citizen who places the whole blame on the Government and missions, and who treats the undesirables as the equal of himself, thereby

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informed. The cane is and always must be used as an indispensable aid to discipline. Every race, of every creed and colour, must undergo a period of discipline—that is part of the evolutionary system. The New Guinea natives have no hope of building up a national character without knowing something of discipline, and it is our duty—"our sacred trust"—to teach them. But we should not undertake such an important task unless we ourselves are worthy.

WAU MINERS OFF TO BERLIN

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, April 20.

A NUMBER of Wau's more fortunate miners will be taking their long-promised holidays in a few months' time. A party of them are already discussing their prospective trip to the Olympic games, to be held in Berlin in August.

What they are going to do when they get there would fill volumes—according to them—and their proposed South Sea dinner with Herr Hitler as the guest of honour is only one of the events they are looking forward to.

Mr. K. G. Fuller has joined the staff of Messrs. Morris, Hedstrom Ltd. at Apia, Western Samoa.

Concern Among Solomon Is. Planters

Administration May Increase Minimum Native Wages Rate

From Our Own Correspondent

TULAGI, April 2.

SOME concern is felt among Solomon Islands planters at the approaching discussion of the amended wages rate.

Apparently the Administration is still only scantily supplied with information as to the cost of copra production. The recent price of a little over £10 per ton appears to be regarded officially as eminently profitable, and warranting an increase in the amended wages rate.

Cannot it be impressed on these people that £10 per ton yields a very bare profit, which would take a decade to recoup the losses of the last few years? That £10 per ton is not the minimum price of copra—there is no minimum price, the planter being at the mercy of the market—but the present wage rate is a minimum only. There is no limit to the increased wages that may be given. If, however, the present minimum is increased, a fall in the copra price will reproduce the situation of the last few years.

Officialdom has at its disposal the list of plantations abandoned in recent years: surely that should suffice to warn it against interference with the present arrangement. If planters would supply the Administration with facts about their difficulties, perhaps they might dispel that deep-seated impression of the wonderful time the planters, and plantation companies, have.

RENEWED INTEREST IN ASTROLABE FIELD, PAPUA

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, April 17.

RENEWED interest centres round the Astrolabe Mineral Field in Papua. On April 1 four applications for mining leases were lodged with the Warden in Port Moresby, amounting in all to 610 acres. Applicants were Messrs. A. M. Westhoven, and Alexander Christie, the leases being known as Ventura No. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Three syndicates, for exploiting the field's resources, have recently been formed in the Territory. The field comprises a wide area, approximately 1,600 square miles, with the Astrolabe range at its southern limit. To the east it extends as far as Mt. Obree, on the main range.

Mandated Alluvials, No Liability, which recently exercised an option over the Moresby King Mine, near Sapphire Creek, was registered early in April as a foreign company under the local Companies Ordinance, with Mr. R. D. Bertie, solicitor, as Public Officer in Port Moresby.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnston, of the British Consulate, Noumea, New Caledonia, recently received many congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. P. F. Parkes, of Messrs. W. S. Tait and Co. Ltd., Islands merchants of Sydney, made a business visit to New Caledonia and New Hebrides in April.

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TAHITI'S WATERLOO

How Pomare II. Discarded Paganism to Battle for a Kingship

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, April 7.

THE year 1815, which witnessed the downfall of Napoleon at Waterloo, was also a memorable one in Tahiti. In that year the second of the Pomares at last became paramount over the island—an ambition for which both he and his father had striven ruthlessly for years, only to be thwarted again and again by the warriors of the powerful Teva clan of Papara. This second Pomare was Tahiti's first real king, his father merely the first of his name.

Tu (the second Pomare) won his Waterloo as much by cunning strategy as by direct action on the field of battle. In pitting one force of Tahitians against another his father had failed to achieve the long sought objective; the son devised a better plan.

The disturbances which caused the English missionaries to flee from Tahiti in 1808 also forced Pomare II to seek refuge in Moorea. There, he who had from the commencement resisted Christianity and held stubbornly to his ancestral faith suddenly declared for the new Gospel—but the records show that to the end his conversion was only skin deep. To him it promised great things; pagan against pagan his father and he had both failed, but pagan against Christian would be another matter. He would now have the sympathy of white men and their

active assistance with the necessities of battle, and could call to his aid those of his own people on outlying islands who had discarded paganism and become enthusiastic worshippers of the white man's God.

So it was: Tahiti's Waterloo became, to the majority on Tu's side, a battle for Jehovah as against Oro, but to the man Tu the issue was still the same—that of kingship over his native land.

The fore-going facts—attested by missionary records and by Tu's own letters—enable us to follow with interest the accounts of the fight of November 12 as given by the two opposing sides. Of necessity these accounts are prejudiced and we must judge for ourselves between the story given by the victors and the vanquished of Tahiti's Waterloo.

From a letter written by the missionaries to their London headquarters dated August 13, 1816 (before they returned to Tahiti to resume the work of evangelisation) it appears that a long series of quarrels had resulted in the complete subjugation of the warriors of the Taarapu peninsula who were driven into the mountains. A prospect of peace being thus established, the people, who on account of their religious beliefs had fled to Moorea to save their lives, were invited to return to Tahiti and take repossession of their lands.

The letter continues:

"On the arrival of the King (Pomare II) and his followers at Tahiti the idolatrous party appeared on the beach in a hostile manner to oppose his landing, but by the King's order their fire was not returned. Instead a message of peace was sent to them which was productive of the exchange of several messages, and at last apparently issued in peace and reconciliation.

"In consequence of this several of the people returned peaceably to their different lands, but still fears and jealousies existed on both sides. This state of things continued till Sabbath day, November 12, 1815, when the heathen party, taking advantage of the time when the King and people were assembled for worship at Punaavia, made a furious and unexpected assault. . . . They approached with confidence, their prophet having assured them of an easy victory. In this, however, they were mistaken. We had warned our people before they went to Tahiti, of the probability of such a stratagem—in consequence of which they attended worship under arms—and though at first they

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were thrown into some confusion, they soon formed for repelling the assailants. The engagement became warm and furious, and several fell on both sides. ... Those who had a few moments of respite fell on their knees, crying to Jehovah for mercy and protection, and that he would be pleased to support His cause against the idolatry of the heathen.

"Soon after the commencement of the engagement, Opuhara, Chief of Papara, and principal man on the side of the idolaters, was killed. This threw the whole of his party into confusion, and Pomare quickly gained a complete victory. The vanquished were treated with great leniency and moderation, and Pomare gave strict orders that they should not be pursued, and that the women and children should be well treated. The bodies of those who fell in the engage-

ment, contrary to the former barbarous practice, were decently buried, and the body of the chief of Papara was taken in a respectful manner to his own land, to be buried there."

So said the victors. The story of the vanquished may be gathered from the memoirs of Ariitaimai, and there are considerable discrepancies between the two accounts.

Tati, Opuhara's elder brother, who had been deposed from the chieftainship of Papara, was in Pomare's camp, and saw that inevitably Christianity would gain the mastery over paganism. He diplomatically kept close to his brother's rival. Opuhara had yielded so far to Tati's ideas to permit the Christians to return to Tahiti, along with Tu himself, but beyond that he would not go.

Suddenly with both land and sea forces

Tu took up a position near Punaavia, where his followers were massacred in 1807. This time he had the Christians of Tahiti and other islands at his back. On the way from Papara to join battle Opuhara was met by his brother Tati who had been sent by Tu to secure the submission of the pagans.

"Peace I want with you my brother," said Tati. Opuhara turned upon him. "Go traitor," said he, "Shame on you! You whom I knew as my brother I know no more, and to-day I call this spear *Ourihere* (brotherless), beware of it for if it meets you hereafter it meets you as a foe. I bow to no other gods but those of my fathers. There shall I stand to the end, and never will I bow to Pomare or the God of the white faced man."

So the fight was on—the battle known in Tahitian history as the *Fei-pe* (ripe banana) a fierce encounter in which neither side made progress until Opuhara, breaking through the front ranks to where the leading warriors were grouped, confronted his foe Tu standing in a war canoe beyond. A rank outsider, a native Christian from another group of islands, raised his musket and fired, and Opuhara fell. With his death his forces broke and retired unpursued.

Tu gained his end by the death of this one man. With the disappearance of Opuhara the opposition of the Teva clan ceased, and Pomare II became not only Chief of Chiefs, but in European language King. He and his were from that day Royal.

The *Fei-pe* was indeed a Waterloo.



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HAWAIIAN TOADS

Experiment in Fiji

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, April 4.

SEEKING more efficient control over garden and cane pests, the Department of Agriculture has embarked on an interesting experiment, and by a recent steamer, a shipment of 67 toads of the species *Bufo marinus* arrived from Honolulu.

This experiment is a result of a suggestion put forward in the Legislative Council recently by the Hon. Alport Barker.

These toads are described as being most voracious eaters of insect pests, and are particularly effective in dealing with the rose-leaf-cutting beetle, and the banana borer.

This first shipment has been sent to Lautoka, where there is said to be an ideal breeding ground, and as they breed very quickly, it should not be long before there are sufficient to distribute all over the Colony. It is reported that they have done wonderful work in Honolulu, where they were first introduced from Porto Rico about four years ago.

[EDITORIAL NOTE: Fiji should seek some information from the Department of Agriculture in Queensland. The Hawaiian toads were introduced there; and it was reported recently that country residents there were objecting to the further propagation of the creatures, for some reason.]

Mr. Colin Mackay, chairman of directors of Upper Watut Gold Alluvials N.L., returned to Victoria from a visit to America in connection with the management of company by the Mariposa on April 24.

"Puritans in the South Seas"

American Writers Indict Early Missionaries

DR. Louis Wright and Mary Isabel Fry have compiled in this ably written book an astoundingly frank indictment of the old missionary system in Oceania.

The value of "Puritans in the South Seas" lies in the fact, however, that it is written without bias and without sentiment. The collaborators commence with that motley, ill-equipped, though well-intentioned band of *Duff* missionaries who arrived in Tahiti in 1797, and conclude their authenticated story with the inglorious, despotic career in Tonga of the Rev. Dr. Shirley Baker. In fact—to use an Americanism with which the authors may or may not be familiar—they have "debunked" the early missionaries in Tahiti, Rarotonga, Samoa, and Hawaii.

One cannot help regretting, nevertheless, that the writers had not made use of the historic material available in the Mitchell Library in Sydney. In the main, their facts have been compiled from already published sources. An invaluable series of letters, journals, and other documents relating to this subject are still awaiting the attention of the historian.

"The evangelists to the South Seas were for the most part honest, sincere, humourless men, inspired by zeal to do good to the heathen," say the collaborators in an epilogue to the L.M.S. missionaries. "If their efforts produced more misery than happiness, it was the result of the Puritan definition of felicity. The solemn tradesmen and shopkeepers who dedicated their lives to the missionary cause were convinced that every idolator who died before he heard the Gospel message dropped precipitately into a hell blazing with brimstone."

Thousands of natives were swept into eternity by contagious disease following the visits of early missionaries. Women were no longer permitted to wear flowers in their hair; female heads were hidden under "coal-scuttle" straw bonnets; those of the opposite sex were decorated with stove-pipe hats. Cricket became an offence. In fact, the old missionaries, often with the highest of ideals possible, wrought havoc in the native culture, and in not a few instances replaced a natural, charming people with a race of hypocrites.

In almost every instance, the attempts to transplant provincial Victorian England into Polynesia were a failure—not financially, perhaps, but certainly disastrous to the hospitable, invariably generous "heathen."

Men of the type of Henry Nott, of Tahiti, and a few others, are given full credit for faithful service. The authors are by no means unfair; they realise that the missionaries cannot be held responsible for the ultimate plight of the Polynesians. As they say: "They merely hastened a process that was inevitable. The doom of these dwellers in the 'Islands of the Blessed' was sealed when Europeans first discovered them. Whalers and other trading ships were already calling at some of the islands when the missionaries arrived, and these emissaries of commerce would in time have contaminated them, if the missionaries had kept out."

Rarotonga, perhaps, is one of the few islands where the missionaries retained their influence. In Tahiti, of course, their

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intolerance towards the Roman Catholics was responsible for French rule there to-day.

"If Christian Rarotongans did not have full bellies it was not the fault of their spiritual leader," declare the authors. "Brother Buzacott beamed with pleasure at the sight of his people sitting deftly on chairs, feasting on pork, chicken, turkey, or duck, with civilised vegetables, over all of which a long and pious grace had been said."

But, most perversely, the population continued to diminish because "the people were often afflicted with gripings in their stomachs and died of strange diseases, in spite of the physic which their missionaries dealt out to them."

"Puritans in the Pacific" is a mad, sad story of men who, in the main, were often temperamentally and educationally unfitted for their task. On occasion, the missionaries were themselves the most pathetic victims of the system.

To-day, the missionary is better equipped in every way for his work (particularly those who have the good sense to take courses in anthropology and ethnology) and mistakes of the past are less likely to be repeated.—Eric Ramsden.

PURITANS IN THE SOUTH SEAS, by Louis B. Wright and Mary Isabel Fry (Henry Holt and Coy., New York). Price, \$3 (17/- Australian approx.).

Miss Gladys Hennessey has been appointed secretary of the Torres Strait Hospital, Thursday Island, in place of Mr. E. J. Hennessey, who has retired after many years' faithful service.

"Jim" O'Malley — An Appreciation

Contributed

COMPARATIVELY little has been heard of Mr. L. James O'Malley, the young patrol-officer who accompanied Mr. Jack Hides on his recent world-famous patrol into the unknown interior of Papua.

Mr. O'Malley, who is of a retiring and unassuming disposition, has been to some extent a "sleeping partner," almost unseen and unheard, since the party returned from the wilds; but he did very little "sleeping" whilst the partnership was in active operation among the active, unknown natives of the interior. He shared every danger, hardship, forlorn hope, and anxiety, with his leader, Mr. Hides.

Each supported the other in the lonely, nerve-shattering task before them, and they formed an ideal combination. "Jim" O'Malley waxes enthusiastic over the qualities of leadership and bush-knowledge possessed by Jack Hides, and says: "He was the best pal a man could have on a job like that."

"Jim" O'Malley is quite a young man. He was educated at Holy Cross College, Ryde, near Sydney, and has been in the service four years. But, although he is young, he had seen "life as she is lived" in Papua, before he went off on that patrol and the discovery of those fertile valleys and their untold thousands of inhabitants. He had accompanied Jack Hides, as second in command, on a patrol into the dangerous Kunimaipa country, seeking various murderers who were "wanted" by the Government. Jack Hides' report of his courage, endurance, and sagacity was placed on record.

Out of all the young officers available, His Excellency Sir Hubert Murray chose Mr. O'Malley to share with Mr. Hides the perils of this later trip, which has appealed to the imagination of much of the civilised world, and brilliantly did O'Malley justify His Excellency's choice. —W.

N.G.'s NEW COINAGE

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, April 4.

NEW sixpences for issue as the Territory's own coinage, recently arrived at the Treasury, Rabaul, by the *Neptuna*. Three-penny pieces will be sent up from Australia and distributed at a later date.

These new coins have proved to be very disappointing. They appear cheap and shoddy, and are reminiscent of fruit-machine chips.

The first consignment of £75,000 worth of shillings reached New Guinea last October. At the end of the year £39,400 worth had been issued. Though the coins present an entirely new appearance to the natives, by reason of the hole in the centre, there seems to have been no difficulty at all in their acceptance of them.

Mr. Peter Pianta, who formerly owned and operated a gold claim on Merri Creek, New Guinea, returned to Salamaua by the April Macdhui after furlough in Australia.

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By JULIAN HILLAS

The Tragic Story of Rosa Cruickshanks

NINETY years ago the island of Manihiki was unknown save for a few uncorroborated rumours. Even to-day, after nearly a century of resident traders and visiting missionaries, much that belongs to the past still clings to its surfringed shores.

Civilisation may have taken the venom out of paganism but it has never quite succeeded in removing the sting, and life, stripped of its cruder aspects, is lived much as it was prior to the arrival of the first white man. Beneath a polished veneer of Christianity superstition is rife and there yet lingers on a belief, if not in the actual existence, then certainly in the power of the old heathen gods.

To Manihiki, in the early 70's, came Rosa Cruickshanks and her tubercular husband. Why they chose this lonely atoll so far removed from the beaten track will never be known, nor the manner by which they induced some schooner captain to carry them thither. But come they did and Rosa, young, full-blooded and of good family, was unquestionably the first white woman to land there. That they were people of some station and refinement—with no intention of deliberately dropping their former standards—seems fairly certain from the cutlery, the silver fish forks and pearl-handled fruit knives that they brought with them to a community which used its fingers exclusively.

To the islanders they were a constant source of wonder and interest. It is difficult to imagine their first impressions. Food must have caused Rosa many worries during those early days, for the island could only provide fish, coconuts and fowls, with an occasional piece of fresh pork.

How many years passed before her invalid husband passed away are unrecorded, as is the precise way in which

husband and wife lived, beyond that they kept a native male servant. But from subsequent events one is led to think that at the time of his death their money was either expended or ceased automatically.

Be that as it may, Rosa did not leave Manihiki immediately; and for what happened next there were probably reasons and excuses of which we are ignorant. Picture her, still young, alone on that flat coral riband with no other companionship than the company of six or seven hundred natives whose contact with Europeans dated back a matter of five and twenty years.

Day after day, the trade-wind played its melancholy music among the palm fronds and streamer-like leaves of the pandanus. Every morning the sun climbed slowly above the vivid blue water of the lagoon and every night it sank down below the horizon in a crimson welter of colour. Rosa Cruickshanks must have lain awake in her empty house with its lattice-work walls and high thatched roof, staring at the moving mosaic of moonbeams on the floor and listening to the ceaseless diapason of the surf running its magic fingers over the mighty keyboard of the reef.

In the village of Tukao there was often dancing and then the rhythmic stamp of feet and the rumble of shark-skin drums would rise above the hoarse guttural chorus of the *himene* singers in an adjoining house. Strange scents would fill the air, the aromatic odour of coconut-shell fires and the cloying honey-sweet perfume of the flowering *ara*.

Day and night the island breathed its silent invitation to Rosa Cruickshanks.

In the end, her erstwhile house-boy became her lover. Perhaps there slumbered in the refined and cultured Rosa a subconscious urge to the primitive; perhaps it was simply loneliness and a sense of social values, deadened by long separation from her own world, that caused this strange liaison.

Such an ill-balanced association could not and did not last. But Rosa, once

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A white woman was a novelty, a rarity, and the young men competed for the distinction of possession. Again and again she postponed the letter to her relations

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which would bring release from Manihiki. One visualises her, confronted by the increasing difficulty of keeping up her old standards, gradually letting slip first one and then another of these. Dependent now upon her neighbours for the daily supplies of fish and coconuts which comprised her principal diet, Rosa Cruickshanks must have been unable to preserve that invisible line which formerly divided her from the islanders.

At length, forced either by circumstances or the weight of local missionary opinion, she married a native from the Austral island of Rurutu. Her husband, Faareva, had come north on one of the trading-vessels which were then numerous, and after a time he not unnaturally wished to return home.

At this juncture, Rosa might yet have

extricated herself from the net which Destiny was slowly drawing about her. The captain of the schooner on which they were to take passage was a man of wide and generous understanding. None knew better than he that the white woman who has married a native is socially dead—a pariah among her own people and an object of contemptuous pity among those she has adopted. With every argument at his command, he urged her to leave the Islands, even offering to provide the means from his own pocket.

But Rosa had a queer pride which forbade acceptance and also prevented her communicating with her own folk. Perhaps she thought that, in Rurutu, things would be different, and perhaps she believed the specious promises of her new husband, the sailor Faareva.

In Rurutu, she was again the focus of an interested curiosity, and for a time Faareva basked in the publicity which surrounded his strange marriage.

But as the novelty of the situation wore off, its disadvantages became evident. The fine dinner service and the pearl-handled knives were no more—gone long since in exchange for everyday necessities. Nothing remained to boast about except a past, which threw no shadows on the present. Rosa also began to worry him and their inability to converse freely only widened the rift between them.

Friends, and particularly girls who had grown up in the expectation that he would choose one of their number, now twitted him on his wife's lack of accomplishments, her ignorance of hat or mat-making, and of preparing native food. He began to neglect Rosa; and soon there were nights when he did not come back to the ramshackle hut which was their home.

As time passed, Rosa's good looks faded, exposure to the sun darkened her face and arms, and the rough salty winds coarsened her skin. A stranger in an alien land, she must often have thought of that world she had renounced and to which her pride always closed the door of return.

Occasionally, there visited her the same schooner captain who had brought them to Rurutu. Always he urged her to leave and always Rosa refused. Then came the day when Faareva told her, with brutal candour, she was a useless encumbrance and that he would live with her no longer. In future, she could fend for herself.

Cold, indeed, are those who sit alone beside the ashes of romance; and when the friendly captain next visited Rurutu he found a changed and submissive Rosa, who listened willingly enough to his advice.

But where to go, and what to do? Back to her own people was now out of the question.

Diffidently, the kind-hearted captain suggested marriage—divorce from Faareva would be easy—but again Rosa refused. Go with him she gladly and gratefully would, but not as his wife. That, she argued, would be taxing friendship too heavily.

So to Penrhyn, his next port of call, the captain carried her; and, after seeing her comfortably settled there, continued on his way.

Penrhyn, in the late 70's, was the gathering-place of as hard-drinking and hard-living a set of pearl-buyers as could have been found anywhere. Two stores served their needs, and trading schooners from Rarotonga and Tahiti made frequent visits. The arrival of such vessels provided a ready excuse for a wild carouse, and the little settlement of Omoka would then echo with the rum-crazed shouts of the revellers, and bottles and glasses were broken underfoot as the evening which had begun in conviviality ended in a drunken brawl.

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rutu or Manihiki. Never before had a white woman lived among them; and, at first, there were some who openly resented her presence.

But Rosa troubled nobody. She sought only peace and forgetfulness. The grey burden of the past rested on her like a pall. The future, blank and interminable, hung before her as a trembling opaque curtain. Spiritually weary and prematurely aged, she soon sank into a listless decline, from which death came as a welcome release barely eighteen months later.

Nearly sixty years have elapsed since then, and time has almost obliterated the memory of her rake-helly contemporaries.

Rosa Cruickshanks sleeps under the sparse sandy soil of Penrhyn. Over her grave is a rough-hewn headstone of coral rock, on which the faded initials R.F. are faintly legible. A few more years, and the wind and rain and the sea-spume will wipe away even this last record of a lonely woman—

"Whose perplexed heart did evil, foolishly.
A long while since and by some other sea."

SAMPAN WRECKED

31 Japanese Reach Thursday Is.

From Our Own Correspondent

THURSDAY IS., April 24.

IN four unpainted boats fitted with sails and a short steering oar, 31 Japanese reached Thursday Island on April 7 after their sampan *Fukujyu Maru* had been wrecked four days earlier west of McArthur Island, near Shelburne Bay, Cape York Peninsula.

Captain Shinichi Miyara said that the boat struck a reef and a hole was torn in the bow. The vessel filled up and sank, the crew taking to the 14ft. boats which are like square-nosed canoes.

On their trip to Thursday Is., the crew were very poorly clothed and suffered great privations, camping on beaches at night and subsisting mainly on fish. One man had had his arm bitten off by a shark ten days before the wreck and had not received medical attention.

The survivors decline to give any information about their movements or what class of produce they were seeking.

Technically the seamen are prohibited immigrants, but they are being allowed to remain here until they return to their own land in May. They missed the last Japanese steamer by only two days. In the meantime they are staying at one of the several local Japanese boarding-houses, and the Japanese Society is making itself responsible for their maintenance.

Rear-Admiral R. Byrd, the famous American explorer, who returned to the United States in April from the Antarctic, has announced that he is seeking to launch an expedition to explore South America and some unknown parts of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

Miss Valesca Schultze, who for 26 years was principal of the London Missionary Society's Girls' School at Papauta, Western Samoa, recently died in Germany at the age of 76. She was born in Germany and educated there. In 1890 she went to Samoa for the L.M.S. to found the Girls' School and remained at Papauta until 1916. Miss Schultze was the authoress of several educational works.

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"THERE have been many misleading statements concerning Baker, Howland and Jarvis Islands," said Mr. Harold Gatty, the aviator, who arrived in Sydney by the *Mariposa* on April 20. "Most of these statements were current at the time I visited the islands to survey them. It was thought that they were to be used as bases for the trans-Pacific air line."

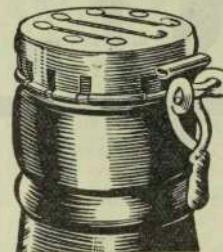
"Actually the islands are useless for airports, and the only spot which will be used is Kingman Reef, midway between Honolulu and Pago Pago. As to the other islands Great Britain now acknowledges them as United States territory."

Mr. Gatty stated that he was going to live in Australia, and would act as Australian agent for Douglas air liners.

Mr. Edouard Mercier, a member of the Council-General of New Caledonia, and also an alderman of Noumea, arrived in Australia on a visit to Sydney by the April Laperouse.

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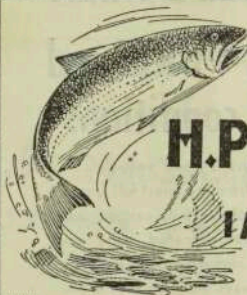
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FROM SPANISH WRECK?

Very Old Coins at Wau,
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SPANISH coins and a remarkable bowl with human figures as a border decoration impressed around the rim were reported recently to have been found on a mining claim at Wau, New Guinea, it was stated in the March issue of the *Pacific Islands Monthly*. The finds suggested that at some period people, possibly Europeans, had discovered and worked the goldfield.

Another theory has been advanced that the coins were originally taken from a wrecked Spanish vessel, and passed from tribe to tribe from the coast into the interior. Colour is lent to this by the fact that Spanish coins and other articles from sunken ships are reported to have been discovered among the natives on islands in the Torres Strait, south of New Guinea.

In the *Melbourne Herald* on April 4, Mr. E. K. Patterson, dealing with the subject of Spanish wrecks in Torres Strait, wrote as follows:—

Most people in Australia usually associate sunken treasure with other parts of the world, little realising that there is said to be much wealth of this type under our own seas, particularly our tropical seas.

The coral seas of Torres Strait are probably richer in sunken treasure than any other part of Australian waters. The Strait is a veritable graveyard of ships. Since the very earliest days of Australia, long before the continent was known by that name, countless vessels of all nationalities met their doom in these reef-studded waters.

Northern Australia is full of fascinating stories of ancient mysterious wrecks, said to have been located by pearl divers, the vessels, in most cases, being now almost entirely covered with thick coral. It is thought that many of these mysterious wrecks are the remains of Spanish ships, which, centuries ago, used the Strait when voyaging to and from the then Spanish colony of Manila, in the Philippine Islands and the East Indies.

Forty years ago, beneath the anchor of one of these wrecks, the late Frank Jardine, a well-known northern fisherman, found a small fortune in ancient Spanish gold dollars.

Similar coins are said to have been found on many of the islands in Torres Strait. A number are reported to have been picked up on Murray Island, near the far northern end of the Great Barrier Reef. These discoveries coincide with a story which has been handed down among the Murray Island natives for generations, that many, many years ago, a ship was wrecked on the reef surrounding the island.

The natives say that the survivors managed to bring some boxes of coins and gold ashore before the wreck slipped down into deep water. That night, however, the natives killed them all, and distributed the gold and coin amongst themselves.

Some years ago a diver, who went down to see if he could locate the old wreck, found that it had been almost entirely covered by coral.

Another allegedly rich wreck in the Strait is believed to lie on the sea-floor somewhere off Prince Edward Island. About 40 years ago Captain Kane, a pearl diver, while exploring the island, came across a cave almost hidden by dense undergrowth.

He entered the cave, and some distance from the mouth found the skeleton of a

tall man, alongside which lay a huge rusted sword of ancient Spanish design. This is now in the possession of a Thursday Island resident. The skeleton was obviously that of a Spaniard—the survivor of a shipwreck near the island—who sought shelter in the cave to escape from the natives, ultimately dying there from starvation.

A few years after the discovery of the skeleton a native sold a gold goblet of peculiar design to Captain Brown, another pearler, who was later murdered in the Gulf of Carpentaria. The native said he had found the goblet on the beach of Prince Edward Island.

Lonely Booby Island, a little-known rocky speck, 30 miles west of Cape York, is alleged to be another treasure island, but the treasure in this case is believed to be buried on the island. In the days before Captain Cook named the island, Booby was the headquarters of the only pirates Australia has ever known. These were a band of Asiatic cut-throats, who plundered the Spanish vessels.

Only a few years ago a number of ancient Spanish gold coins were reported to have been picked up on the island, and this discovery has given rise to the belief that some of the pirates' treasure may still be hidden there.

Did Spanish Adventurers Penetrate "Isla del Oro"?

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, April 10.

THE reported discovery of Spanish coins in the wash on the Morobe goldfields, New Guinea, is interesting to residents of Papua, as some time ago similar coins were found at Misima Island among the money presented by natives when paying their tax.

How they came to be on Misima is a complete mystery, though it has been suggested that they were remnants of money given in exchange for commodities by Captain Dumont D'Urville, who visited the Louisiades in the French corvettes *L'Astrolabe* and *La Zeelee* during his last voyage around the world, before making his passage through Torres Strait.

This idea had its basis in the fact that Lieutenant Kops, in the war schooner *Circe*, when visiting the N.W. coast of New Guinea to open up the country for Dutch settlers, discovered the natives of Port Dorey manufacturing rings, bracelets and ear ornaments from Spanish coins. The natives explained that these were obtained from the survey ships *L'Astrolabe* and *La Zeelee*, in return for foodstuffs.

There have been, and will be, many theories (possible and impossible) to account for the Spanish coins recovered at Wau, but it is quite probable that they were relics of a Spanish party which ventured into the unknown inland of the island which was called by the fantastic name of "Isla del Oro"—Island of Gold.

The Spaniard Alvaro de Saavedra, a relation of the great Cortez (discoverer of Mexico), after searching for the missing expedition of Loyasa (1525) made two attempts to return to Mexico and failed. In both attempts he landed on the northern shores of New Guinea (1528-29) and found traces of gold all along the coast. On his return to the Moluccas he bestowed the name of "Isla del Oro" upon the strange land.

This name must have attracted attention. One can suppose that enterprising young Spaniards set forth to try their luck and wandered far into the interior in search of its hidden wealth, much the same as Australians have done in recent years. There is nothing to suggest that the Spaniards would have been behind in that respect. Having recently spoiled the Incas of Peru, they were greedy for gold, and wanted more.

In 1536, Gryalva from Peru put in along the coast of New Guinea, after landing reinforcements from Mexico to help the Spaniards against the Incas. Then came De Retez, in 1545, and Louis de Torres in 1606.

New Guinea was known to a dozen fearless navigators of the Pacific, and it seems likely that some of their men would have been driven by the spirit of adventure to push further afield than the coast lands.

Mr. S. Reilly, chief surveyor to the Administration of Papua, left Sydney with his wife by the *Esperance Bay* on April 4 for a tour abroad.



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SUDDEN DEATH OF SAMOAN MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, April 9.
WHILE on a medical tour with the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Monaghan, the Samoan senior medical practitioner, Ielu, of the Government Hospital, died suddenly at Amaile, Aleipata, on March 27.

For long years Ielu had served the Ad-

ministration in the Medical Department, having entered the service as a cadet in 1921. He had been trained at the Central Medical School, Suva, Fiji, where he distinguished himself by passing his examinations with honours in 1931, when he returned to Samoa, to be senior medical practitioner.

He was a very capable and efficient worker, extremely popular with the Samoans of all factions and with his superiors and the staff of the Apia Hospital.

FOR A CHANGE!

Praise for a Department

IT is usual to hear criticism of Governments, Government Servants and Government Departments. For once, let us give praise.

The Territory of New Guinea was for long cursed with a number of over-zealous D.O.'s, A.D.O.'s, and similar gentlemen. Swaddled in red tape, puffed up with their own importance, they propounded a half-baked knowledge of the Law where only commonsense was needed. Thinking themselves each solely responsible to the League of Nations for the protection of the natives, they thought every other resident possessed no sense of responsibility or knowledge of natives.

Gradually these zealots have disappeared or have mended their ways. Only a few, mostly minor officials, make themselves unpleasantly felt nowadays. Commonsense partly has conquered red-tape.

The Goldfields especially have been fortunate with Government officials for some years and most people would rather do business in those busy offices than in any other in T.N.G. Occasionally, some new official makes himself unpopular, but he soon falls into tune with the efficient and pleasant manner of the older members of the staff.

The staff of the Warden's Office are particularly helpful to the public. One must appreciate they are not to blame for the faults in the Ordinances they administer. Hundreds of questions of all kinds are fired over the counter to the Mining Registrar daily, and are answered with clarity and helpfulness seldom associated with Civil Servants. A pegging boom or even a small "rush," like that to Wampit, means enormous additional work for the Warden's Office; yet they never lose their sang-froid, and one rarely has to wait for attention.

Recognising the anomalies of the Mining Ordinance they do their best to mitigate them.

Some earlier Wardens by no means escaped scathing criticism; but the present Acting Warden and his predecessor have a remarkably good name amongst the miners. Yet they were the least experienced officers to take that position since it came into being in 1923.

The present Acting Warden—Mr. E. A. Feldt—was well known as a very capable District Officer before he accepted his present position, and the good name then established has been maintained as a Warden. His success at settling minor disputes between miners outside the Court has not only saved that body many hours of sitting, but has saved the miners many pounds in costs. His handling of the Wampit "rush" was particularly noteworthy.—M.G.

Mr. Frank Norgate, of Thursday Island, has been relieving Mr. Carter as light-keeper at Goode Island lighthouse, Torres Strait, while the latter has been receiving treatment for a leg injury in the Torres Strait Hospital.

Mr. H. T. Atchison, who has been appointed refrigerating engineer on the Union S.S. Co.'s new Islands fruit steamer Matua, passed through Western Samoa in April on the Maui Pomare. Mr. Atchison was studying the machinery and carriage of fruit on the latter vessel as similar equipment is to be installed on the Matua.

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The Mysterious Fish of the Vari-Vari Islands

By H. DEXTER

IN 1901, I was bound from Port Moresby to the Aroa River. The vessel of which I was in charge was a small steam launch, Butler, second engineer of the *Bentlack*, was with me.

Astern, we had a large ship's boat, in which we were towing a party of about 25 Goaribari recruits. Five of them had served a sentence of five years for being concerned in the killing, and eating, of the well-known missionaries, Chalmers and Tomkins.

There had been delay in getting away from Port Moresby, and, as it would be dark ere we reached the bar of the Aroa River, I decided to land the Goaribaris on the Vari-Vari Islands for the night, and go on in daylight.

Early next morning, my crew went ashore and brought off the recruits. We made the boat fast, and got under way again.

After we had run a mile or two, Ken, a Vabakori boy, who was at the wheel, called my attention to a big fish that was right ahead. As we approached it, I rang off the engines. We slowly passed it, at a distance of a few feet—in fact, so close that the Goaribaris threw pieces of dunnage on to its back.

About thirty feet of it could be seen above the water. In colour it was yellow and brown mottled. Its head and tail were not visible. It had no dorsal fin. Its back stood about three feet out of the water.

On my return to Port Moresby I was told that this fish had been seen at dif-

ferent times by the Lieutenant-Governor, Rev. Mr. Dauncey, Mr. J. Fowler, Capt. Kunson, Messrs. Archie McAlpine, Mackenzie, and others. None of them had been able to identify it.

During 1911-1914, I was continually travelling these waters, but in spite of a good look-out, the fish was not seen again.

While on my recent visit to Papua (1935) I heard of its being seen last year by Louis Clunn; and a year before he saw it it was spotted from a plane, the occupants of which were interested enough to fly close to it.

Now, in 1896, three pearl-divers were fishing the water immediately east of Red-scar. All was going well, and shell was plentiful. Suddenly the life-line and air-tube of one of the Japanese divers was cut as if with a knife; another diver was sent down, but the man had disappeared.

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I passed the spot in 1925. The late Mr. Dauncey was a fellow-passenger and I told him of my experience. "And you, too, saw that fish!" said the reverend gentleman.

He then told me that on one occasion he and the two missionaries, Chalmers and Tomkins, were beating up from Yule Island to Port Moresby in a small cutter when the fish came up astern of them, head on. "It really looked as if it would take us, cutter and all, into its mouth," he said.

Strange Cargo From Papua

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, April 6.

PYTHONS, snakes, lizards and tree-climbing kangaroos left Port Moresby by the *Macdhui* in March for Sydney. They had been collected by Rev. O. G. Parry, of Lawes College, Fife Bay, in the East of Papua, for the Toronga Park Zoo.

The pythons were huge and appeared to have no qualification beyond that of mere size, but the snakes of a vivid green colour were remarkably beautiful. The lizards were unusual, as were also the tree-climbing kangaroos, which are small and of a rich brown colour.

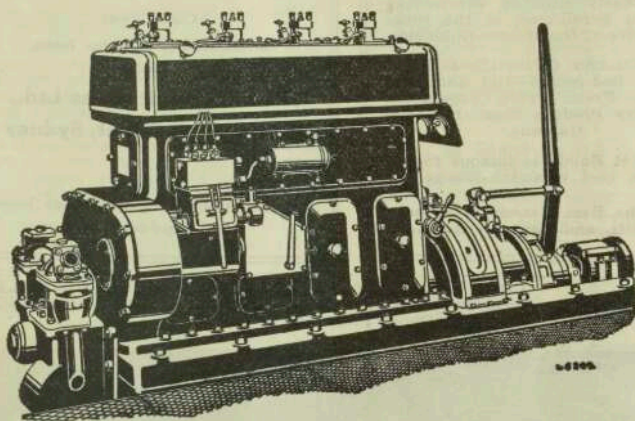
Mr. S. G. Knibbs, Commissioner of Lands and Crown Surveyor in the British Solomon Islands, accompanied by Mrs. Knibbs, left Sydney for England on furlough by the *Moreton Bay* on April 24.

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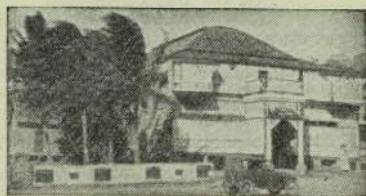
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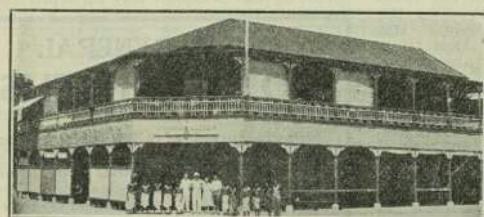
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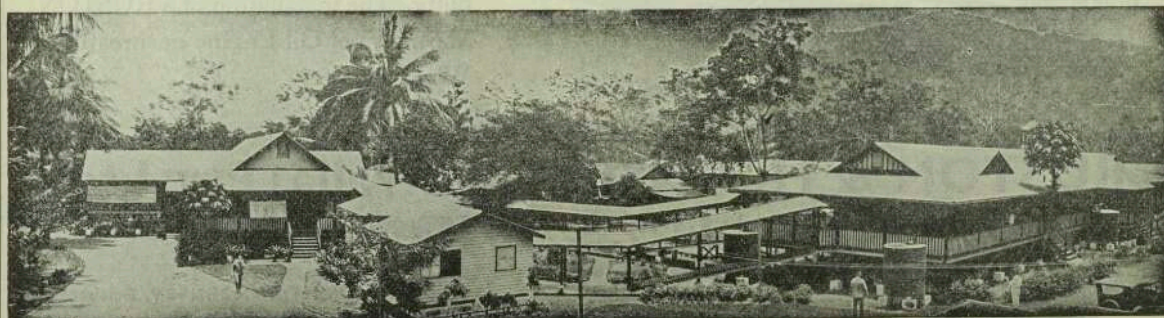
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THIS advertisement tucked away in a corner of the *Pacific Islands Monthly* a year or so ago represented the end of adventure and the beginning of contentment for a long, lean American and his Japanese wife. It meant that Henry William Kinney, whose exploits in Eastern and Central Asia had won him legendary fame as the "Lawrence of Manchuria," had decided to escape the stress of civilisation and seek rest and peace in the South Seas, after weary wanderings over a map he had had a hand in making.

Early this year Mr. and Mrs. Kinney, with their son, sailed out of San Francisco on board the *Makura* for Tahiti, to take up permanent residence on their recently-purchased private island, at Mataiea.

The following extracts from a Californian newspaper give some indication of Kinney's colourful and breezy life in Hawaii and Asia:

Born in Hawaii, grandson of the first missionary to South Hawaii, and of English stock, he was educated in the United States and Denmark, but chiefly in England, concluding with postgraduate work at the University of California.

His education complete, Kinney returned to Hawaii and commenced a career in which he was school-teacher, timekeeper, chemist, detective, plantation manager, pursuer, editor, correspondent, novelist and semi-diplomat.

In Hawaii, he contracted the first of two strange marriages, marrying a part Hawaiian girl, a direct descendant of King Kamehameha, the great monarch who first united the Sandwich Islands.

His Hawaiian wife died in 1920, and when he went to Peking as a correspondent five years later, he took with him, as evidence of a sincere affection for the Japanese people, his present wife, Teru Hirose, member of an old Samurai family, and a painter well-known in Japan for her artistry.

In 1925 Kinney became foreign contact man for the South Manchurian railway, which is actually the active manifestation of the Japanese Government in Manchuria. At the time of the Mukden incident in 1931, which led to the severance of Manchuria from China and the creation of the new State of Manchukuo, Kinney served as liaison man between the Japanese military and the world.

Many Asiatic observers consider that Kinney was for a decade the principal link between Japanese statesmen and the public of other countries, the true "Lawrence of Manchuria." Among his numerous decorations this quizzical American, who is more at home in many foreign lands than his own, numbers the only medal ever pinned on a foreigner by the new State of Manchukuo. It was awarded for "valuable assistance in establishing the empire."

Then followed service in Geneva as adviser to the Japanese delegation during the stormy session which led to Japan's withdrawal from the League. A tour of the European capitals, with his finger on the pulse of public opinion in London, Paris and Berlin comprised his next diversion.

Returning to his headquarters in Dairen, Kinney for a couple of years moved almost continuously about his Far Eastern theatre of operations, welcomed by diplomats, statesmen and business men, who accorded him their trust and confidence.

Kinney understands the Japanese better, perhaps, than any living foreigner. None is more familiar with their problems, economic, political and military. But he would not discuss those details when he passed through San Francisco on his way to his mid-Pacific Eden. His mind was occupied with fences to build, a house to paint, an electric generating plant to install under his own 90-foot Tahitian waterfall, and coconuts to open.

P.M. Congratulates Brave Papuan Women

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, April 6.

MRS. H. GRANVILLE and Miss D. Irwin, the two women who nobly went to the assistance of their sick neighbour, Mrs. W. Blundell, in the east end of Papua last September, under exceptional circumstances of bravery, have been congratulated by the Prime Minister of Australia (Mr. J. A. Lyons) for their courage and enterprise.

"The courageous qualities displayed," wrote Mr. Lyons, "in undertaking such a journey through the night are worthy of the highest commendation. . . . I should be glad if you would kindly accept an expression of my keen appreciation of the splendid manner in which you responded to the call for assistance."

As reported in this journal last year, Mrs. Granville and Miss Irwin, living at Mogubu Plantation, off Amazon Bay, on hearing news of the serious illness of Mrs. Blundell, wife of the manager of Mamai Plantation, Port Glasgow (35 miles distant) travelled throughout the night over extremely difficult country to assist her. Happily they arrived in time to save the patient from the dreaded disease of Papua—blackwater fever.

Capt. A. Campbell, and Messrs. J. S. Spiers, C. V. Widdy, and C. Younger have been appointed members of the Solomon Islands Agricultural Committee.

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Mr. Stanley E. Watkin has joined the board of directors of Enterprise of New Guinea, N.L.

Mr. A. J. Tattersall, Apia's popular photographer, and a well-known identity on the Beach, celebrated his 70th birthday on March 29 (writes our Samoan correspondent). One of the few New Zealanders resident in Samoa before the Great War, he came to Samoa from Auckland 49 years ago, and, after a few years, established himself in his trade. He is still very active, and is well and favourably known to all visitors to Samoa.

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N.G. COCOA-BEANS IN EUROPE

GROWERS of cocoa-beans, in the Islands, will be interested to learn of an experiment made recently by a New Guinea grower.

He sent a small consignment of beans to Germany, and he now has been advised, by a Hamburg firm, under date of February 14, that the quality of the beans is regarded as good. The quality is similar to that of the Trinidad cocoa-bean, and the New Guinea consignment is valued at \$5/- per cwt., ex wharf, sold in bond.

The consigner, however, was informed that, owing to serious import restrictions, it was not possible to sell the beans in Germany, but that it would be possible to sell them in England, where there were not so many "restrictions and difficulties."

Mr. R. G. Edwards recently arrived in Western Samoa from New Zealand to take over from Mr. W. Blennerhassett the managership of the Apia branch of the Bank of New Zealand. Mr. Blennerhassett returned to Auckland by the April Mariposa.

OIL IN PAPUA AND N. GUINEA

OIL prospects in a wide area extending from Jokea westwards to the Fly River in Papua and, in particular, the coastal region of the Gulf Division, offer very definite possibilities, according to Mr. J. Nason-Jones, a prominent geologist who has done much survey work in Papua and New Guinea, in a letter to the editor of the *Sydney Morning Herald* on April 19.

"I am convinced that with care and the exercise of modern geological knowledge a suitable structure could be located in this area, in which the only known species and oil indications occur," he said.

Comparing the petroleum possibilities of New Guinea with Papua, Mr. Nason-Jones said that he was geologist in charge of the joint Commonwealth and Anglo-Persian survey in the Aitape district which concluded its fieldwork in 1929. That area appeared to be more promising than any other examined within the confines of the Mandated Territory. The "promise" was only relative, however, and an examination of the anticlinal features discovered and mapped revealed no structures really suitable for the accumulation of oil in commercial quantities.

Referring to the reported oilfield found in Dutch New Guinea, he said that the Federal Government should arrange for Dutch geologists to examine the mandated areas as the relationship between the Finsch Coast (Aitape area) and that of N.W. Dutch New Guinea was clearly demonstrated. Alternatively, he suggested that Australian geologists should "proceed across the border to confer with the Dutch scientists, to pool their knowledge, to examine the drilling evidence, and to study *in situ* the stratigraphy and structure of a proved petroliferous series."

The men best fitted to undertake and profit by such a study would undoubtedly be Messrs. G. A. V. Stanley and J. N. Montgomery, who have had wide experience in New Guinea and who are at present in the employ of Oil Search Ltd., working in the Aitape District, added Mr. Nason-Jones.

"I believe that Australia's interests from the points of view of both defence requirements and commerce, may yet best be served by chemical rather than geological science—by attention to her oil-shale deposits and their development, irrespective of cost or initial losses. Half such "losses" exist only as a figment of the bureaucratic imagination of the Treasury, Customs and Excise Department who foresee the need for curtailing the absurdly high taxation on overseas petroleum products," he concluded.

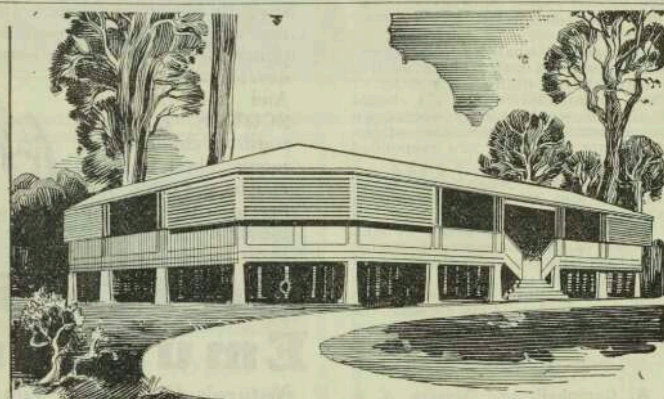
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Mr. Trevor W. Wignall, surveyor in the Lands Department of Fiji, has been spending furlough in Sydney with his wife.



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THE story of the ship-wrecked Chinese, whom the Papuans fattened and ate as required, has become almost a legend, and has been somewhat discredited.

Therefore, we are under an obligation to Dr. C. M. Deland, of New Guinea, who very kindly has sent to us a newspaper cutting which he received from his father—and the latter, in turn, found it in an old book of newspaper cuttings. It is from the *Adelaide Register* of February, 1859, which newspaper had copied it from the "*Sydney Morning Herald*," and it is as follows:

"THE Chinese passenger of the *St. Paul*, who was rescued by the steamer *Styz*, and arrived on Tuesday, has furnished us with the following account of the massacre of the Chinese passengers by the *St. Paul*, wrecked on Rossel Island, through the medium of Mr. H. Leau Appa, who acted as interpreter.

"The ship went on shore during the night, and when she struck the passengers all rushed on deck, making a great outcry, upon which the captain drove them all below again. When daylight broke, we landed by means of the boats on an island, where we remained two days without any water, when some of us went on board the ship again to get some, as also provisions.

"The captain left in his boat with some of the crew, and we were not disturbed by the natives for a month after he was gone. Then they came over from the

mainland, distant about three-quarters of a mile, and made an attack on us.

"Some of us had double-barrelled carabines, but we got frightened, and threw them away. The only white man with us, after the departure of Captain Pennard, was a Greek, who, having armed himself with a cutlass, fought desperately, and killed a great many of the natives before he was overpowered.

"They then took all our clothing, etc., which they partly destroyed. Any valuables that they found, such as sovereigns, rings, etc., they placed in a net bag which each man carried round his neck. A watch particularly excited their attention, as they were continually opening it to observe the reflection of their faces in the glass.

"At night, we were placed in the centre of a clear piece of ground, and fires lighted in several places, the natives keeping a regular watch over us.

"During the day, they would select four or five Chinese and, after killing them, roast the flesh, and eat it; what was not consumed being deposited in their nets.

"Their mode of proceeding was as follows: The victims being decided on, they were taken out, and beaten all over (excepting the head), with a kind of club, and then dispatched by ripping the stomach open. The body was then cut up in small pieces, and divided—the fingers, toes, and brains being eagerly sought after. The bones were then collected, and either burnt or thrown away.

"I saw 10 of my fellow-passengers killed in this way.

"On one occasion, some of the Chinese took a boat which belonged to the ship, and went over to the mainland at night to get some water, but never returned, so we thought they had been killed.

"Every day they brought us coconuts, or some wild roots to eat, and appeared to be quite friendly with us. This state of things continued until I was taken off the island.

"When I left there were only four Chinese and the Greek alive, all the rest having been killed. I saw these five the day the steamer came in sight, but when the natives saw the boats coming on shore, they took them up the mountains.

"I was sick and lame, and they would not carry me, so that I watched my opportunity and contrived to conceal myself among the rocks until the boat came on shore.

"They are very numerous, but do not appear to have any chiefs among them.

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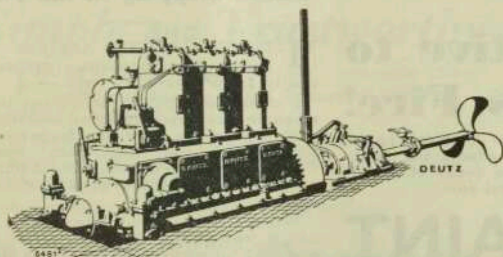
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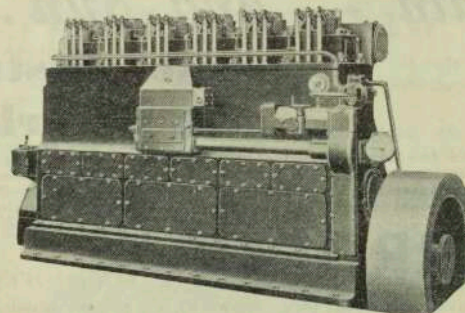
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They live on coconuts, of which there are large quantities, and a kind of yam, which they roast before eating. But beyond a few dogs I saw neither animals nor fowls of any kind."

The narrator of the above horrible details is quite a young man, particularly intelligent in appearance. Several of his relations were on board, but all have perished.

Captain Pennard, of the *St. Paul*, came up in the *Styx*. He states that he was 62 or 63 days on board the *Prince of Denmark* before being landed at New Caledonia; that he begged of Captain McKeller to take him to some place at once so as to obtain assistance, but he refused to do so, giving as a reason that he had a party at an island gathering beche-de-mer, who would be out of provisions did he not attend to them first.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank May, of the Aboriginal Industries' store on Badu Island, Torres Strait, recently returned from lengthy furlough in Australia.

Captain Musick, who commanded the Pan-American Airways' flying boat China Clipper on its first flight across the North Pacific Ocean from San Francisco to Manila in November last, has been awarded the Harmon Trophy for the "world's outstanding feat of aviation."

BUS CRASHES INTO RIVER

Samoan Youth Killed

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, April 13.

CRASHING through a wooden railing on the Letogo Bridge, the passenger motor bus No. 3, owned by the Gold Star Transport Co., fell into the river on April 6. A native youth Fatioli, 19, of Solo Solo village, was killed instantaneously. The driver Su'a Tuitaufusi, sustained a broken rib, and a passenger a broken arm.

The bus had left Apia for Falefa, on the coast east of Apia, with 18 passengers, including Captain C. Doughty, of the B.P. vessel *Makoa*, and Father J. B. Doumeizel of the R.C. Mission. After passing through the Reparation Estates plantation at Vailele, it reached the steep incline of a hill, at the foot of which the road turns on to a small wooden bridge over the Letogo River, flowing into the sea. Apparently the vehicle gained impetus down the hill and the driver turned on to the bridge a bit too late. The heavy bus raced through the railing and shot into the river, which though almost at full tide was not very deep at this particular place.

Captain Doughty and those who had escaped injury pulled the survivors from the debris and out of the river. The whole of the superstructure of the bus was torn off and smashed to matchwork. The unfortunate passengers, who were drenched to the skin and mostly suffering from cold, had lost all their belongings and provisions. They were taken back to Apia, where the injured received hospital treatment.

The driver has had 20 years' experience as a driver, but had lately, on receiving a chief's title, retired from work and gone to his plantation at Fasitito. This was his first trip since he resumed work after a lengthy rest. His wife, who was also a passenger on the unlucky trip, is Fa'agase, a Safune (Savaii) girl, who was the heroine of the famous Flaherty film "Moana of the South Seas."

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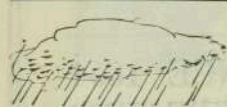
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I should be glad to be quoted in your magazine as agreeing most heartily with your comments (October issue) on the actions of the Australian Seamen's Union, and as expressing my admiration of your courageous criticism of an iniquitous situation.

When I first visited Australia 11 years ago it was at the time of a strike which had tied up some thirty overseas ships in Sydney harbour and was causing untold losses to all sorts of interests. I observed there something of the work of the stupid, bullying, ignorant Australian labour leaders, especially the leaders of the maritime workers.

I have observed more of it many times since then, and apparently it is still going on. That being the case, your suggestion as to the measures suitable to be taken with the type of human being who most resembles that despised of all animals, the hyena, is sound and pertinent.

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Kurukuru Grass**

DOCUMENTS were lodged with the Registrar of Companies at Canberra on April 28 for the registration of British Australian Pulp and Paper Co. Ltd., with a nominal capital of £3,000,000 to erect pulp mills and manufacture paper pulp from the Kurukuru grasses of Papua and New Guinea, both for export overseas and for use in Australia, and to manufacture fine writings and printings in Australia.

This flotation is the outcome of the activities of a series of companies which have been interesting themselves in the two territories—especially Papua—for years past, but without achieving anything notable in the way of developmental enterprise or production. As far as we are aware the interests which have combined to register this £3,000,000 company are: Commonwealth Hemp Corporation Ltd., registered in Sydney, which at one time had a plan to grow sisal hemp in Papua; Fibres Limited, which was registered in Papua; and British Australian Fibre Co. Ltd., which was registered in New Guinea. The new company is registered in Canberra.

Particulars of these companies were published in the March issue of the *Pacific Islands Monthly*.

Mr. P. R. Higgins (chairman of Standard Portland Cement Ltd.), who will be chairman of the new company, told the newspapers that the first issue of £1,000,000 for

the erection and working of the pulping plant in Papua and for paper mills at Port Stephens, N.S.W., is entirely reserved for overseas interests which are behind the enterprise. There will be no issue of shares in Australia.

During the last two years developmental work has taken place by the parties concerned with the use of Kurukuru grass produced in the Territories for the manufacture of paper pulp. It is claimed that it has now been proved that pulp suitable for the manufacture of fine writings and printings of the highest quality and similar to esparto papers can be manufactured from this grass.

Lands required have been secured from the Administration of Papua, and include 45,000 acres at Collingwood Bay, in the north-eastern division. These lands are sufficient, it is claimed, for the establishment of at least three units of plant, producing an output of 60,000 tons of pulp a year. Extensive areas in the Mandated Territory have been surveyed, and are in course of being secured for extension.

The company's engineers are said to be at present engaged in preparing the final plans and specifications of plant. In conjunction, it is added, with one of the oldest and most distinguished firms of paper engineers in Great Britain. The company's output will be used largely for export to paper manufacturers in other countries.

The company says that it has, in addition, however, secured 690 acres of land at Port Stephens for the establishment of paper mills for the manufacture of fine writings and printings, and proposes as a section of its undertaking to manufacture this class of paper for the Australian market.

In view of the cheap cost of production of the pulp in Papua, those concerned with the incorporation of the company state that the Commonwealth Government has been

informed that no tariff protection, bounty or Governmental assistance will be sought for the establishment of the industry.

The company itself will be a holding company. Operations will be carried out by subsidiary companies.

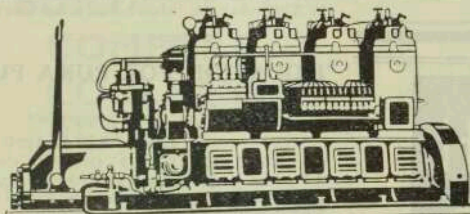
Subscribers are: A. G. White, of Scone, grazier; A. H. Stevenson, Forbes, grazier; H. H. White, Mudgee, grazier; E. R. White, Sydney, grazier; A. J. McLachlan, Sydney, solicitor; G. S. Holburn, Gordon, company director; G. L. Sly, Rose Bay, company director; W. J. Fullerton, Neutral Bay, company director; H. H. White, Denman, grazier; F. Bragg, Aberdeen, grazier; M. Scott, Narromine, grazier; J. M. Campbell, Mendooran, grazier; A. Banks, Sydney, law agent (Scotland); P. R. Higgins, Rose Bay, barrister; M. Spiegel, Sydney, company director; and Johnston Tait, Croydon, paper engineer.

Mr. Erich Retzlaff, a pioneer German planter of Samoa, left Apia recently by the Nordic to spend his first holiday in the Fatherland for 23 years.

Mr. William Heinike, of Wau, New Guinea, married Miss Juanita Wilde, youngest daughter of C. B. L. Wilde, an old identity of the Territory, during April. Rev. V. H. Sherwin performed the ceremony.

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CAPT. STEPHENS' BIG 'PLANE DELAYED IN PAPUA

From Our Own Correspondent

W.A.U., April 20.
CAPTAIN E. J. Stephens received a warm welcome on April 16, when he arrived at Wau with his Co.'s three-engined Handley-Page "City of Adelaide," previously the property of West Australian Airways. Mr. Stephens flew the machine from Perth, calling at Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Cootamundra, Townsville, Cairns, Somerset (Cape York), and Port Moresby.

Mr. Stephens had taken off for a direct flight from Somerset to Wau, but owing to bad weather was forced to turn back within a short distance of the landing ground, and make for Port Moresby. Heavy weather delayed his departure for New Guinea for two days.

This new machine is capable of carrying 18 passengers. It has a wing span of over 79 feet and the top wings are 18 feet from the ground.

The Stephens Co.'s "Apollo" will soon be ready to take the air again after receiving attention in the workshop for many weeks, as the result of striking a trestle when taxi-ing into the hangar.

CRUSOE OF THE NORTH

Billy Turnbull of Hicks Island

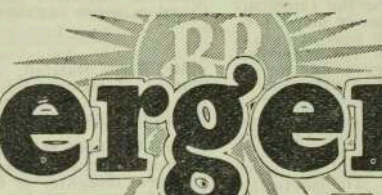
DURING April Mr. W. (Billy) Turnbull, lessee of Hicks Island, off Cape York Peninsula, announced that if Japanese poachers did not cease their activities in his part of northern Australia, residents would have to use firearms.

"Billy Turnbull is a tall, thin Australian, with a drawl and a slow smile. Known throughout the Coral Sea as the Crusoe of Hicks Island," wrote Mr. Ion L. Idriess in the Melbourne Herald on April 22. "He is a quiet chap, well educated, and a kindly man. Together in other years, he and I have often watched strange craft sail by his lonely island."

"When I visited Hicks Island Billy had just found a sapphire mine, but they were very few and very small, and so he went back to his coconut growing and his experimental sheep and garden. His idea was to form an Australian coconut plantation, and while the trees were maturing to grow produce for the pearling fleets of Thursday Island. He also had a cutter, and before it was wrecked used to collect trochus from the reefs, with an occasional lucky find of pearl shell."

"Billy's little castle on the sea is a tiny house built on stilts. It is painted white, and peeps out from among the dark green mangroves on the tiniest of beaches. The high tides creep up under the house, and with them sometimes a big crocodile."

"It is a lonely group, the Home Group. A cluster of little islets about 12 miles from the mainland of Cape York Peninsula. No whites on the mainland, Billy's only company a few nomad aboriginals who would occasionally canoe across, and a South Sea Islander on Haggerston Island a few miles away. The nearest settlement is Thursday Is., about 100 miles north."


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ISOLATION FOR PUKA PUKA

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, April 13.

A NEW ZEALAND Order-in-Council has been passed abolishing Apia as port of entry for the island of Puka Puka, which belongs to the Cook Group.

Puka Puka has been served by vessels belonging to Messrs. Burns Philp (S.S.) Co's Apia branch, which vessels called at Puka Puka two or three times a year, selling goods and loading copra. The store on the island has been closed for a few years.

The Makoa will make her last trip to Puka Puka at the end of April.

TIDAL WAVES HIT NAURU

AT the end of February the *Elmbank* en route to Nauru from Australia was delayed several days by a terrific cyclone. When she arrived there the mail could not be landed, as although the sea had calmed down and was like a mill pond, a most extraordinary series of tidal waves suddenly developed.

One particularly high wave completely filled the boat harbour, sinking a launch and cargo lighter. It ran inshore for 150 yards further than any other wave had been for many years. The tidal waves washed a number of cook houses from Chinatown into the ocean.

WESTERN SAMOA'S TRADE RECOVERY

Report of Chamber of Commerce Indicates Improved Conditions in N.Z.'s Mandated Territory.

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, April 13.

THE fourth annual report (1935) of the Western Samoa Chamber of Commerce at Apia was submitted to the last meeting by the President, Mr. R. G. Bruce. It was shown that the trade conditions of the territory have improved considerably and are much brighter than they were 12 months ago.

At the end of January, 1935, the main product, viz. copra, was quoted around £9/7/6 per ton c.i.f. London. It had gradually improved in price during the year until by the end of January, 1936, the figure had reached £14. It may be recalled that the quotation for April, 1934, was only £7. Local copra prices have increased in conformity with the Home market and this has given a much-needed incentive to increased production, the copra tonnage exported being 12,501 tons compared with 8,948 tons for 1934, or an actual increase of 3,553 tons.

The cocoa market has undergone very little change during the year, prices still being extremely low, with quotations around £40/45 for high grade Plantation Samoan Washed cocoabeans, whilst poorer grades have been selling at £30/35 on a very weak market. The principal markets for cocoabeans have as usual been America and U.K., whilst small lots have been sold to Australia

and New Zealand. The cocoa tonnage shipped during the year was 576 tons compared with 1,027 tons for 1934, and is the lowest recorded since 1926.

A comparison of the annual cocoa tonnage shipped would indicate considerable fluctuations, and is no doubt brought about by a carry over from one year to another. The date of harvesting the cocoa crop would also appear to vary—some years the main crop is harvested in December, whilst in other years it is not harvested until January. The large drop in cocoa tonnage shipped is therefore not necessarily a correct criterion of the actual crop.

The banana industry again showed increased exports, the number of cases shipped being 109,000 compared with 96,225 for 1934, an increase of 12,775 cases. This figure, however, was some 7,000 cases lower than anticipated.

The following trade figures for 1935 have been supplied by the Customs Department:—

	Imports	Exports	Total Exports	Excess of Exports
	£	£	£	£
1930	275,355	284,515	559,870	9,160
1931	164,950	194,447	359,397	29,497
1932	150,902	183,028	333,930	32,126
1933	150,856	170,749	321,605	19,893
1934	92,784	128,117	220,901	35,333
1935	135,757	189,298	325,055	53,541

	Copra	Cocoa-beans	Bananas	Rubber
	tons	tons	cases	tons
1930	12,285	1,007	95,867	101
1931	11,062	630	85,225	41
1932	10,879	825	66,715	6
1933	11,526	899	81,983	—
1934	8,948	1,027	96,225	—
1935	12,501	576	109,000	25

The most evident improvement in the trade figures over the previous year's figures are the following:—Imports increased by £42,973, exports increased by £61,181, total trade increased by £104,154, excess of exports over imports increased by £18,208. A very pleasing feature has been the excess of exports over imports, which at £53,541 is the highest shown since 1928, when it stood at £95,622.

It will be recalled that during 1933-34 the Administration remitted 20/- of the export duty on copra in an endeavour to assist the industry. Commencing from March 1, 1935, and immediately after the copra price in London had reached £12/10/-, the Administration saw fit to re-impose the 20/- again bringing the export duty up to 30/- a ton. The Committee of the Chamber of Commerce made strong representations to the Administration to reconsider the matter and submitted suggestions for a sliding scale of duty, but met with no success. Cocoabeans shipped from the Territory are still subject to a refund of the full duty charges laid down in the tariff schedule.

During the year the Administration again submitted to the Chamber for their views drafts of several proposed ordinances before their submission to the Legislative Council. This action of the Administration has been greatly appre-

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ciated and many of the suggested alterations have been adopted. A number of the draft ordinances dealt with by the Chamber during the year are still awaiting finality.

With an all-round improvement in the prices of our primary products, the trade prospects for the ensuing year appear much brighter. With copra at its present level, Samoa should be able to look forward to much more prosperous times. Banana exports will continue to be controlled by the Administration and additional shipping space has been assured.

Owing to a rather severe storm during January this year, the banana crop has suffered considerably in some districts, and it is thought this will reduce ship-

ments for some time to come. The price ruling for bananas during the year has remained at 4/6 per case delivered at Apia. It is hoped in the near future to see better prices ruling for Samoan cocoabeans, for despite the present low prices the quality has been well maintained.

The Chamber of Commerce has elected the following new executives for 1936:—President, G. S. Chisholm; Vice-President, E. F. Paul; Secretary, N. Caldwell; Hon. Auditor, R. G. Bruce; Hon. Solicitors, Messrs. Klinkmueller and Pleasants; Committee, Messrs. I. H. Carruthers, A. G. Smyth, P. Glover, D. Butler, R. H. Brown, and R. G. Bruce.

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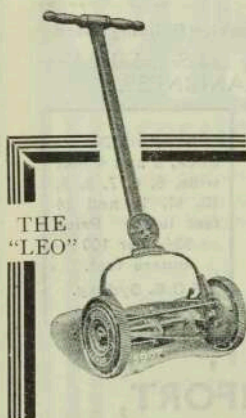
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JAPANESE POACHERS

Little Chance of Prevention, Says N.G. Official

AUSTRALIA'S chance of preventing Japanese sampans from pearl and pearl-shell poaching in Northern Australian waters are extremely remote, according to an official of the New Guinea Public Service, who passed through Brisbane on April 20 by the steamer *Nankin*.

The official, who recently visited Japan, said that as a result of the action taken by the Dutch in seizing sampans recently, the Japanese Government was bound to take an aggressive stand if a sampan was put under restraint in Australian waters.

At Osaka, he said, he learned that the pearl fishing company whose sampans had been operating off New Guinea and North Australia, was delighted with the results of their enterprise, and it openly announced that revenue from pearl and pearl-shell harvests from these regions had enabled the company to convert a debit balance into a substantial profit for last year's workings.

Japanese poachers had been causing continual trouble for years around the Dutch East Indies and the Philippine Islands. Protesting merely seemed to bring about an increase in poaching.

Commenting on the destruction of the property of residents of Purdy Island, off New Guinea, last February, by crews of sampans, the official said he had been given to understand that this was in revenge for the action taken in New Guinea, some years ago, when a Japanese sampan was seized by the Administration.

SCIENCE CONGRESS IN 1937

THE next meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science, at which papers on anthropology (Section F) will be read, will be held at Auckland, New Zealand in January, 1937, according to advice received from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. V. F. Fisher, of the Auckland Museum.

It is believed that the President of Section F will be either Mr. F. E. Williams, Government anthropologist of Papua or Dr. H. Ian Hogbin, of the Sydney University.

The Association's last meeting was held in Melbourne in January, 1935, when valuable papers on anthropological problems and research work were presented by prominent field workers in the Pacific Islands.

Food Shortage In American Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, April 13.

THE *Tutuila*, which left Apia for Pago Pago (American Samoa) on April 6, besides a shipment of four tons of cocoa-beans, carried a full load of oil and Samoan foodstuffs—yams, taro and bananas etc.—to relieve the famine now ruling in American Samoa.

According to reports, Pago Pago stores have completely sold out their staple foodstuffs like flour, rice, sugar and biscuits owing to the shortage of native foodstuffs, which in turn is a result of the ravages of the January storm.

LAKEKAMU FIELD

Guinea Gold, N.L. Withdraws
From Papua

THE attempt made by Guinea Gold N.L. to find payable gold in the Lakekamu district, Central Papua, has been abandoned.

The chairman of the company reported to a meeting of shareholders in Adelaide in March that the final verdict of Mr. G. S. Dyer (an American engineer who had been engaged to report on the Papuan leases) was that the leases were too low in value to be worth development, and the leases accordingly had been surrendered.

Mr. Dyer disposed of the company's testing plant, and he left Papua in April to take up an engagement with a gold-mining company in Australia.

One sometimes hears it said that the rich gold companies are not sufficiently taxed by Governments—that they escape too easily with their easily-won profits. The case of Guinea Gold N.L. in Papua is a good answer to such criticism.

The Adelaide company (which successfully pioneered the Bulolo goldfield) was assured by experts that the Lakekamu area was worthy of investigation; and, after very careful consideration of all available data, it ear-marked a portion of its reserve funds for the work. The survey and testing were carried out in the most efficient manner, and the company satisfied itself thoroughly before it abandoned its enterprise that there was no country in this district carrying payable gold.

Having reached that decision, Guinea Gold N.L. withdrew its staff, sold or stored its valuable plant, and left Papua—and without a complaint. It had taken the

usual risk of a mining company, and in this case it lost.

It has received no vote of thanks—yet thanks are due to it because it has definitely proved that the Lakekamu area is valueless for big-scale operations. If it had not shown enterprise and courage in spending its money in this way the Papuan Government and scores of prospectors in the future might have been involved in further losses in seeking gold there.

Yet if Guinea Gold N.L. had found payable gold in the Lakekamu, and reaped its due reward, various half-baked economists and politicians in Australia and elsewhere would have sat around and cried aloud for heavy taxation "for those monopolistic capitalists."

No Tenders For Apia-Pago Pago
Mail Contract

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, April 13.

FOR the mail contract between Apia, Western Samoa, and Pago Pago, American Samoa, to connect with the Matson liners, tenders had been called for the year starting April 1, 1936. No tenders have been received for the new period and mails, therefore, will have to be despatched by Government launches, if no other boats are available.

For the previous year, Messrs. Burns Philp (S.S.) Co. Ltd. held the contract, using the motor launch *Tiafau*, and later the *Taunafai*.

Mr. G. D. Casbolt, of Messrs. W. R. Carpenter and Co. Ltd., Rabaul, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney on furlough by the *Nankin* on April 22.

NEW PLAN OF PAYMENT

New Guinea Planters Express
Satisfaction

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, April 17.

GENERAL satisfaction is expressed by New Guinea planters at the success which has attended suggestions placed before the Commonwealth Government about the proposed method of payment on expropriated properties as from July 1, 1936.

The president of the Planters' Association (Mr. J. C. Mullaly) was mainly responsible for placing lucid facts before the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, who has announced that payments will be based on a rate of £5 for every £1,000 of principal, when copra is over £10 f.o.b., Rabaul, and an increase of £1 for every £1 rise in the copra price. Interest will commence at one per cent.

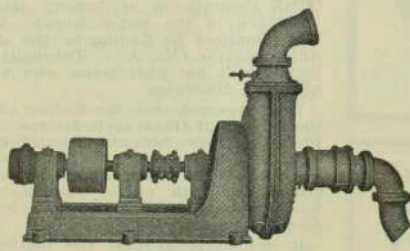
It is a sliding scale which should be able to be met by all planters without undue hardship.

Dr. and Mrs. C. Nicolas arrived in Sydney by the *Laperouse* on April 29 en route to France after residence in New Caledonia.

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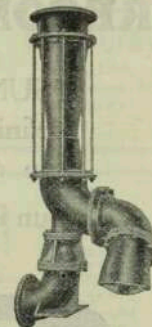
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NATIVE KILLED IN WAU MOTOR ACCIDENT

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, April 21.

A MOTOR accident of a serious nature occurred on April 8 when a motor truck owned by Mr. Wally Corden and driven by a native, was conveying Major James and a party of natives to Wau with a cargo of gold from Edie Creek.

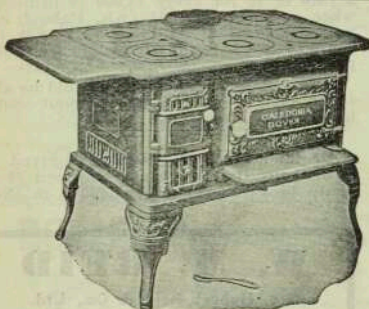
About 100 yards from Wau power house, the steering wheel of the truck failed to act, owing to a loose shackle. After a preliminary wobble the truck careered down the steep slope at the edge of the road, turning a somersault in its descent before coming to rest on a heap of loose earth 150 feet from the road level.

Mr. James was taken to the European hospital suffering from shock and minor injuries. Three natives received treatment in the native hospital, and one of them died later that night.

The gold was recovered from the undergrowth where it had fallen, by executives of New Guinea Goldfields Ltd., who were following in a car.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. R. McKay returned to Apia from furlough in New Zealand by the April Maui Pomare. Mr. McKay is Secretary for Native Affairs in the Samoan Administration.

Mr. M. H. Miller, who for the past six years has been engaged in survey work in Fiji, returned to Auckland by the Aorangi on April 13.



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TROPICAL MEDICINE

New English Research Body

IN consultation with the British Colonial Office, the Medical Research Council has established a Tropical Medical Research Committee. The new body will advise and assist in the direction of investigations into problems of health and disease in tropical climates, and make suggestions generally as to research in this field.

The committee will be a purely scientific body. It will include representatives of the Colonial Office and of the Liverpool and London Schools of Tropical Medicine, with other members appointed as individual experts in tropical diseases.

The following will serve in the first instance:—

Professor J. C. G. Ledingham, C.M.G., F.R.S. (chairman), Professor A. J. Clark, M.C., F.R.S., Dr. N. Hamilton Fairley, O.B.E., Professor W. W. Jameson, Dr. Edward Mellanby, F.R.S., Dr. Muriel Robertson, Major-General Sir Leonard Rogers, K.C.S.I., F.R.S., Dr. H. Harold Scott, Sir Thomas Stanton, K.C.M.G., Dr. C. M. Wenyon, C.M.G., F.R.S., Professor Warrington Yorke, F.R.S., and Dr. A. Landsborough Thomson, C.B. (secretary).

Research in tropical medicine has always been of concern to the Medical Research Council, whose constitutional position under a Committee of the Privy Council leaves its work unrestricted by territorial limitations. The council has, however, not hitherto been able to assist investigations in the tropics except on isolated occasions, although it has regularly made grants for work in England in relation to tropical problems.

The step which is now announced indicates an intention to take a more active part in work in this field.

RESULT OF "TIAFAU" INQUIRY IN SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, April 9.

THE Commission of Inquiry into the wreck of the motor launch *Tiafau* has submitted its finding to the Acting Administrator (Mr. A. C. Turnbull). The finding was not unanimous, one of the assessors dissenting.

It is reported that the finding charges the owners of the launch, Messrs. Burns Philp (S.S.) Co. Ltd. and also the master and the engineer with negligence. This verdict of the Commission is not in accordance with public opinion, which tends to put the responsibility for the disaster elsewhere.

It is understood that the matter has been submitted to the New Zealand Government for their decision, but no reply has been received so far. Messrs. Burns Philp are stated to be desirous of appealing against the finding, and may ask for a new inquiry.

Mr. Basil W. Hill, barrister, of Wau, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney on holidays by the Maedhui on April 9.

Brigadier General W. Ramsay McNicoll, Administrator of New Guinea, accompanied by Mr. H. H. Page, Government Secretary, made a comprehensive tour of the Morobe goldfields area in April.

Tahiti's Trade in 1935

Heavy Deficit Turned Into Good Surplus

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, April 19.

THE commercial statistics of French Oceania for 1935, published in the *Journal Officiel* of March 16, disclose a total business of 50,177,000 francs, an increase of 13,165,000 francs compared with 1934. The total merchandise handled also shows a substantial increase with 169,658 tons, being 46,698 tons more than 1934. Total importations in 1935 amounted to 24,503,000 francs, and exportations to 25,674,000 francs, thus leaving a commercial balance in favour of the Colony of 1,171,000 francs as compared with a deficit of 3,254,000 francs the previous year.

The principal sources of supply for incoming merchandise are shown in the following table:—

	1935 francs	1934 francs	difference francs
U.S.A.	9,209,000	6,061,000	3,148,000
France	5,340,000	5,145,000	195,000
New Zealand	2,905,000	1,946,000	959,000
Australia	2,858,000	2,077,000	781,000
China	1,619,000	2,426,000	807,000
England	845,000	1,210,000	365,000

Exportations, which showed an increase in value of 8,795,000 francs, and in tonnage of 51,243, over the 1934 figures, were sent principally to the following countries:—

	1935 francs	1934 francs	difference francs
France	14,702,000	11,632,000	3,080,000
Japan	6,974,000	3,127,000	3,847,000
U.S.A.	1,052,000	838,000	214,000
Australia	527,000	427,000	100,000
New Zealand	298,000	237,000	61,000

In the report which accompanies the annual statistics the Chief of Customs remarks a progressive increase in the exports to France during the past few years—in 1930 she took only 29.10 per cent. of the total, while in 1935 the percentage amounted to 57.26. This is accounted for to a large extent by the bonus on copra, the whole of which—21,778 tons in 1935—went to France in vessels of the Messageries Maritimes Co.

Exports of vanilla—once an exceedingly remunerative crop—amounted to a mere 87 tons, valued at 2,458,000 francs in 1935, a diminution of 16 tons compared with 1934. In this connection it is encouraging to note a substantial increase in the market value of this commodity, and it may be anticipated that this important factor will result in a renewed interest in vanilla plantations throughout the Islands.

Another satisfactory feature of the export figures is a considerable increase in the amount of pearl shell exported from the Colony during 1935—396 tons valued at 723,000 francs against only 103 tons in 1934. The major portion of the 1935 output went to France.

Export of phosphate from Makatea Island reached a total of 130,353 metric tons, the value of which is given as 7,876,000 francs. Here again a substantial increase of 52,883 tons is recorded. Japan took most of the 1935 production.

Other exports were negligible, those above mentioned totalling in value 23,807,000 francs, and accounting for 92.71 per cent. of the total.

Sixty-nine foreign vessels entered the ports of the Colony during the year with a total tonnage of 270,414. British ton-

nage is given as 149,693; French, 70,756; Japanese, 34,537; Norwegian, Greek, and Panama combined, 15,428. Communication between the various archipelagoes comprising French Oceania was maintained by a fleet of 104 vessels of various categories—mostly auxiliary schooners and sailing cutters.

Mr. Owen Chapman, formerly of the Napier Public Works Department, New Zealand, arrived in Suva early in May to take up a position with the Fiji Public Works Department.

Mr. G. S. Dyer, who was in charge of investigations for Guinea Gold N.L. on the Lakekamu goldfield, Papua, arrived in Sydney from Port Moresby by the April Maedhul.

Anglo-Papuan Plantations Ltd.

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, April 3.

ANGLO-PAPUAN PLANTATIONS LIMITED, registered in London last year, was registered as a foreign company under the Papuan Companies Ordinance in March.

The company has a nominal capital of £20,000, with registered office at Lolorua Plantation, situated off Galley Reach, west of Port Moresby. Public officer is Hon. A. Jewell, and the first directors are Sir George Manners, J. R. Houldsworth, Capt. J. F. H. Houldsworth and Hon. A. Jewell.

Rev. A. H. Williamson, of the Anglican mission at Lautoka, arrived in Sydney from Fiji by the Mariposa on April 20.

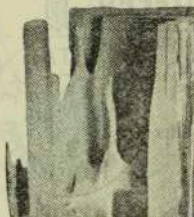
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Govt. Anthropologist Treks
Through Central N. Guinea

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, April 17.

THE Director of District Services, Mr. E. W. P. Chinnery, who is also Government anthropologist, has recently returned from a patrol of the Ramu and Mount Hagen districts, Central New Guinea.

Mr. Chinnery, in company with District Officer E. Taylor, trekked overland from Ramu to Mount Hagen, and during the patrol made some valuable observations. Nowhere did they meet with opposition, although there was the usual inter-tribal fighting. Visits were also made to Chimba and other points where unrest has occurred in the past.

Mr. Chinnery is of the opinion that the number of natives in those uncontrolled areas is greatly underestimated.

Miss M. McCormick, of Apia Government Hospital, returned to New Zealand by the April Maui Pomare. During her stay in Samoa she made many friends by her kindness and devoted nursing.

£600 for Dead Papuan's Relatives

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, April 4.

THE relatives of Barani, a Papuan native employed by Wanetta Pearling Co., of Thursday Is., who last August was taken by a shark near Yule Entrance on the Barrier Reef, have received £600 through the Protector of Papuans at Thursday Is. as compensation under insurance provisions.

In accordance with a regulation passed last year, the Treasurer has been appointed as trustee of the money which will subsequently be applied for their benefit. This ordinance was passed to protect the interests of natives entitled to money or property of the value of £50 and upwards who obviously could not utilise it to their best advantage.

Last year a half-caste girl living after the manner of natives, came into a sum of £2,000 under her father's will, and other natives became entitled to some hundreds of pounds as compensation (under the Queensland Act) for the death of their husbands and fathers in Queensland waters. It was obvious that these natives would squander such large sums of money immediately unless it was settled on them strictly. It was on this account that the Administration made provision for the protection of their interests and other natives in the same circumstance.

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From Our Own Correspondent

TULAGI, April 2.

AGAIN a heavy nor'-wester, which, however, was chiefly westerly to sou'-westerly, has had its little joke with the Solomons.

Quite a little damage was done to buildings, and floods were heavy. Levers' a.v. *Miro*, just off the slip, was wrecked near Bina, on Malaita Is. She is again on the slip for considerable repairs, and, had it not been for the able handling by her skipper, and later by a salvage party, the vessel would have been a total loss.

The very useful green pile light off Gavutu became completely distracted at the news of the loss of the *Miro*, and cast itself into the sea. It is hoped that the pile light, so considerably provided by Levers, will be soon replaced.

Salamaua and Wau Battle For Levien Trophy

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, April 21.

OVER the Easter holidays, the annual contest for the Levien Cup between Salamaua Sports Club and Wau Club took place at Wau. A social event as well as a sporting one, the best of feeling prevailing throughout, and as a result the town was enlivened considerably. Wau retained the trophy, but Salamaua merited much sympathy with their defeat.

The contest consisted of tennis, cricket, billiards and snooker. Wau were victorious at tennis and cricket, but Salamaua won the two other events. Individually, the honours went to Jack Ireland, playing cricket for Wau, with a century, and to Murray Edwards (Salamaua) in the tennis.

TAVUA FIELD

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THE confident belief that the lodes of Tavua goldfield will live down for at least 3000ft., was expressed by Dr. Loftus Hills, consulting geologist to Aloha Central Gold Mine, N.L., at an informal meeting of shareholders of that company on April 30.

Dr. Hills described the lode system on the field and said that from 12 months' study of it he had found that a rock system existed to 3000ft., and that there were favourable indications for a continuation of the depth.

"Ore bodies on the Tavua field," said Dr. Hills, "are made up of beds, each bed having different qualities. Variations are to be looked for, and in some parts we find traces of gold, and in others high values. The beds are of various volcanic substances, the physical and chemical natures of which, determine the values.

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"No hard and fast conditions can be made, however, from the present depths, but the rock formations known to exist reflect favourably on future work at depth."

Rev. C. Moir Smith, of the London Missionary Society at Urika, Papua, departed from Sydney for England by the Mongolia on May 13, on 18 months' furlough. He was accompanied by his wife and young son, Donald.

Mr. Henry G. Wright died at Suva, Fiji, after a long illness on April 10, at the age of 53. An Australian, he had lived in the Colony for some 18 years, being connected in his earlier days with several commercial firms. Recently Mr. Wright had been engaged in the cattle and mining industries.

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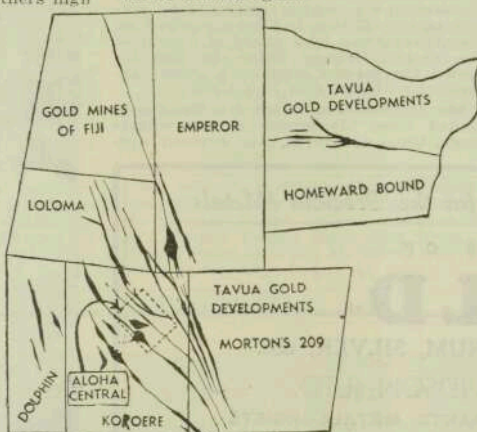
From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, April 23.

THE auxiliary cutter *Tui Navitilevu*, which was sunk off the island of Komo in a hurricane last January, has been successfully raised. She has been brought back to Suva little the worse for her spell on the sea bed.

An incipient growth of coral had commenced on the hull, but there was little other apparent damage when the vessel was placed on the slip. After a thorough overhaul, it is anticipated that the engine will also be fit for use again.

It was while out investigating the wreck of this cutter that the m.v. *Derek* was lost. Salvage work on this wreck has now been completed, and only the broken hull remains on Komo. The engines and all gear have been brought into Suva, and will be utilised again.



Most of the main lode systems known to exist on the Tavua goldfield, Fiji, are shown in the above plan, prepared for Aloha Central Gold Mine, N.L., by Dr. Loftus Hills.

Major the Hon. W. E. Willoughby Tottenham and Mrs. Willoughby Tottenham returned to Fiji from New Zealand by the April Monterey.

Mr. Richard Pierre, a resident of Reunion, the small French possession near Madagascar, arrived in Sydney by the Nieuw Zeeland on May 8 on his way to Noumea, New Caledonia.

Hon. Dr. V. W. T. McGusty, Secretary for Indian Affairs in Fiji, accompanied by Mrs. McGusty, returned to the Colony from leave spent in England by the Port Hobart on April 19.

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An increase of £7,533 on the estimated return is revealed in the Fiji Customs revenue figures for the first three months of 1936. Import duties totalled £24,872, an increase of £8,747. Port and Customs Service import tax realised £6,370, an increase of £1,370. Total revenue was £102,658, being £10,117 more than estimated.

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Picturesque Native Ceremonies Mark Installation of Fijian Official

High Chief George Tuisawau Is New Roko Tui Rewa

From a Special Correspondent

SUVA, April 26.

AN interesting ceremony took place at the native town of Lomanikoro, in Rewa province on April 16, when Ratu George Tuisawau, High Chief of Rewa, was installed by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Murchison Fletcher) as Roko Tui Rewa, a high post in the native administration, which has been vacant since the death in 1934 of Ratu Joni Mataitini, the grand old man of the province. It was estimated that there were 3,000 natives present.

Native ceremonies, which have been customary with these people for hundreds of years back, marked the day. After His Excellency, who was accompanied by several senior officials, had been received on the village green by a guard of honour of the native Defence Force, he was accorded the various ceremonies always associated with the visit of a Chief.

The distance from where His Excellency landed from his launch to the village green, some 400 yards, was covered with



High Chief George Tuisawau.

a woven native mat, all in one piece, a markable specimen of workmanship. Lining both sides of this were native school children and Boy Scouts, and to escort the Governor to the village there was a body-guard of massive Fijian warriors in full costume, complete with spears and clubs.

The first ceremony performed was that of *qaloqalovi*, or presentation of whale's teeth (*tabua*), the greatest honour a Fijian can bestow, and one always accorded persons of rank. This presentation was made by Ratu Etuate Mataitini, Buli Rewa and son of the late Roko. This was followed by the *sevusevu*, or presentation of the root of *yagona*, from which the drink of *yagona* (*kava*) is made. Then came the most impressive ceremony—the making and presentation of ceremonial *yagona*. To the accompaniment of chanting from those assembled round the *tanoa* (bowl) the drink was prepared, and the server, in full native costume and glistening with coconut oil, made his obeisance and presented the first bowl to the Governor. Then came the other officials interspersed with the Chiefs.

After the Roko-designate had taken the necessary oaths, His Excellency presented him with the staff of office, beautifully

made of inlaid native woods. Sir Murchison addressed the assembled people through the interpretation of one of his A.D.C.s, Lieutenant Ratu J. L. V. Sukuna.

His Excellency stressed the importance of the appointment so far as the native people were concerned, saying that the Roko had direct and separate responsibility for the well-being of all Fijians in his province, and that the duties and authority of the Roko and the Provincial Commissioner and District Commissioner were complementary. The Government required the District Administrator and the Roko to advise and assist each the other, thus ensuring good rule.

Continuing, His Excellency referred to the fact that throughout his term of office, Mr. A. J. Armstrong had been Provincial Commissioner of Rewa, and he was glad to have a public opportunity of expressing his appreciation of the good work he had done on behalf of the Rewa people.

The formalities over, several fine *mekes* (dances) were performed in honour of the occasion, and a *magiti* (feast), which had been prepared for the visiting natives, was divided. This *magiti* was in the form of a stockade of native food—bananas, taro, yam, and several pigs, roasted whole, being spaced along it.

The new Roko is a man slightly over 30 years of age, and has for some years been employed in the Department of Native Affairs in Suva, and as an interpreter.

Mr. O. B. Hart, constructional engineer, arrived in Sydney from America early in May. He will sail for New Guinea to supervise the erection of No. 5 Dredge for Bulolo Gold Dredging Limited by the June Neptuna.

FIJI—INDIAN PROBLEMS

Dr. C. F. Andrews to Investigate

From Our N.Z. Correspondent
AUCKLAND, April 29.

A VISIT to Fiji at the request of the Imperial Indian Citizenship Association is to be made shortly by Dr. Charles Freer Andrews, noted Christian leader in India, author and religious mystic, who is at present in New Zealand. He has twice previously visited Fiji in the interests of Indians there.

Dr. Andrews will leave Auckland on May 2, by the *Mariposa*, and will probably remain a month in the Colony. His previous plan was to travel by the *Niagara*, arriving at Suva on May 29.

On his arrival in New Zealand, Dr. Andrews said that he had been asked to visit Fiji to inquire into difficulties in obtaining suitable leasehold tenures of native lands on the part of Indian cultivators, and also investigate the question of franchise. He hoped also to take up the subject of higher education for the very few young people from the Indian community in Fiji who wished to undertake University courses.

Mr. William H. Potts, a young Englishman who recently arrived in Australia by the barque *Parma*, joined the crew of Mr. Dwight Long's ketch *Idle Hour* in Sydney early in May. He sailed with her for Port Moresby, Papua, on May 8.

Carpenter Vessels to Call at Suva

From Our Own Correspondent
SUVA, April 23.

AN INTERESTING announcement in connection with the entry of Messrs. W. R. Carpenter and Co. into Fiji through Messrs. Brown and Joske Ltd., was made the other day, when the firm announced that the W.R.C. vessel *Salamaua* would arrive in Suva in a few days' time.

She will load copra, and, it is understood, then proceed to England via New Guinea. The announcement declared that this would probably mean the institution of a regular service between Fiji and England.

This is of considerable interest to the Colony, as at present most copra is shipped overseas in foreign vessels, Norwegians and Swedes. These foreign ships also pick up a number of passengers, mostly civil servants going on long leave to England. It is pleasing to know that in the near future they may travel in British vessels, which have a good name for passenger carrying.

Rev. A. Stanley Jones, L.Th., who recently was accepted by the Methodist Mission Society for work at Kabakada, New Britain, sailed from Sydney for Rabaul by the April Maedhul.

Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Bock, with their two children, sailed from Melbourne for Fiji by the *Mariposa* on April 25. Mr. Bock has been appointed by the Methodist Mission Society to the Lau circuit.



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Former Fiji Resident Murdered In Queensland

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, April 23.
IT was with great shock that residents of Suva learned recently that Mr. Frank Costello, formerly of Suva, had been one of the victims of a brutal mail train murder in Queensland.

Mr. Costello, who was well-known in Suva and throughout Fiji, was for some years in the employ of Morris, Hedstrom Ltd. He was a prominent footballer during his residence here.

Four of his brothers, Messrs. P., D. B., J., and V. Costello are resident in Suva. Mr. D. B. Costello was in Sydney at the time of the tragedy.

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From Borabora to New Zealand In Motorless Ketch

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, April 19.
FOURTEEN days out from Borabora, in the Leeward group of French Oceania, the pocket-edition ketch *Farys* reached here early this month. Twenty-one feet in length and with a displacement of two tons, the *Farys* is quite the smallest of the several small craft which have lately called in.

Motorless, she is a Tahiti built boat and was acquired there by her present owner, Mr. E. J. Weber, a native of Poland. Prior to his arrival in the South Seas, Mr. Weber had neither knowledge nor experience of small-boat sailing. Practising seamanship in the lagoon at Papeete and studying navigation in the evenings, he gradually acquired sufficient confidence to embark on the first stage of his single-handed voyage to New Zealand, which he proposes to reach via Samoa and Fiji.

And yet there are those who claim that the spirit of adventure is dying out!

His Excellency, Sir Murchison Fletcher, Governor of Fiji, paid a farewell visit to the northern and western districts of the Colony during April, before leaving Suva by the Aorangi on May 1, en route to Trinidad, where he has been appointed Governor.

New Vessel for Lau Islands

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, April 23.

AT the workshops of the Public Works Department there has been built a fine new vessel for service in the Lau Group. It will be chiefly used by the District Commissioner (Ratu J. L. V. Sukuna) for travelling about his scattered island territory.

The new boat might well be called an Empire ship—the hull is of New Zealand kauri, the decks, masts, and spars of Canadian oregon, the keelson of Australian spotted gum, and the knees and stem pieces of Fijian dilo. The engine and all fittings have been manufactured in the United Kingdom.

The vessel, which was designed by the Director of Public Works (Mr. W. Wise), assisted by Mr. Alex. Bentley, of the Public Works Department, is 57 ft. in overall length. She has a beam of 13½ ft., and a moulded depth of 9½ ft. The vessel is powered with a 54 h.p. cold starting Diesel engine. However, she cannot be described as an auxiliary, for she will have full power either under sail or under the engine. She will be ketch rigged, and will have a maximum sail area.

The boat is very up-to-date in her fittings, and consists of three compartments below deck. Forward is the fore-castle, which also has room for a certain amount of cargo. Amidships is the engine room, and aft the main cabin. The after deck has a permanent house over it, and in this will be bunk accommodation. Aft of the deck house is a modern bathroom.

Although the new vessel is a handsome one, and a credit to the boat-building staff of the department concerned. She will probably be in service next month.

"No Hint of Handing Samoa Back," Says N.Z. Prime Minister

From Our N.Z. Correspondent.

AUCKLAND, April 30.
THE attitude of the New Zealand Government toward the returning of Samoa to Germany was referred to the Prime Minister (Mr. M. J. Savage) recently, following discussions as to the future of mandates in the English House of Commons. He made the following statement on the matter: "So far no hint in the direction of handing Samoa back to Germany has come to us from Britain, and I think it would be wrong for me to discuss a possible situation that may never arise."

Dr. F. E. Montague, who has been appointed senior medical officer of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, recently arrived at Funafuti, Ellice Is., from Fiji with his wife by the London Missionary Society's vessel John Williams V.

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Elderly Fijian Woman's
Endurance

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, April 23.

ANOTHER example of the remarkable endurance of the Fijian race came to light recently in connection with a boating mishap.

On a recent stormy Saturday night, an aged Fijian woman and her small grandson set out in a punt to cross from Samabula to Laucala village, some considerable distance in an open punt in bad weather.

Struck by a heavy wave the punt was smashed against the reef and the two occupants were left at the mercy of the sea. The small boy is understood to have disappeared at once, but his grandmother kept afloat, and eventually climbed on to the reef. There she remained until Thursday, exposed to the elements and living on what she could find on the reef.

She covered herself with seaweed, and when a fishing party of natives first saw her they would not approach, thinking the strange figure was a *tévera* (devil). However, she was eventually rescued in an exhausted condition and cared for by her finders. The woman has since made a good recovery.

Mr. J. D. Marshall, of the Customs Department of the N.G. Administration, arrived in Sydney from Rabaul by the *Macdhui* in April en route to Europe on leave.

Season's First Shipment of Fiji
Citrus Fruit

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, April 23.

BY the last *Waipahi*, the first shipment of citrus fruit for the season was sent forward for the New Zealand market,—720 cases of oranges and 694 cases of mandarins.

The fruit is brought to Suva from the growers in good order and condition, and is then packed in fly proof accommodation by male native packers under the supervision of officers of the Department of Agriculture.

The artificial method of colouring fruit, used in previous seasons, has been discontinued this year, and the fruit was exported in its natural condition. There is no doubt about the high quality of Fiji mandarins, and if retailers will impress on customers that this green coloured fruit is really ripe, there should be a good demand for it on the N.Z. market. Generally speaking, mandarins offered for sale in New Zealand are of poor quality, undersized and flavourless.

TOURIST SHIP AT SUVA

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, April 23.

ON Easter Saturday Suva had the first P. & O. liner of the year in port, R.M.S. *Strathaird* arriving with 1,065 passengers from Australia. She remained in port until the Sunday afternoon.

In marked contrast to other occasions when these liners have visited Suva, the weather was perfect. Local people set themselves out to make the visitors feel welcome, and there was a gay scene on the wharf on Sunday afternoon when the liner sailed.

Many visitors took motor drives round the countryside, while there was a native entertainment, including a display by the firewalkers of Beqa. On Saturday evening, there was an enjoyable Islands Nights Entertainment and Ball at the Grand Pacific Hotel, this function being very largely attended.

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**"TIARE TAPORO" VISITS
PAPEETE**

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, April 10.

THE Cook Islands schooner *Tiare Taporo* (Captain Viggo Rasmussen), owned by the firm of A. B. Donald Ltd., of Auckland, N.Z., paid one of her rare visits to Tahiti last month, bringing a cargo of copra from Penrhyn and Manihiki, and also the usual consignment of Pipi pearls from the renowned lagoons of those islands.

After shipping a new mast, which was awaiting her here from San Francisco, the *Tiare Taporo* left again for the Cook Islands on April 7, taking as a passenger Mr. R. Wilkinson, who is the firm's manager at Mangai.

Mr. James J. Hartley, of the Papuan Public Service, will be married on June 6 to Miss Lorne Duncan, of Strathfield, Sydney. Mr. Hartley is a son of Mrs. J. A. Cattell, of the Solomon Islands. Mr. Cattell, who is now stationed at Makambo, was formerly a resident of Port Moresby, Papua.

PATTERN SERVICE

WE have arranged with a well-known Sydney firm of pattern-cutters to publish each month a diagram of a seasonable frock, patterns of which may be obtained by our readers direct from this office, post-free, on payment of the sum stated under the diagram. Address your letter to "Patterns," Pacific Islands Monthly, Box 3408R, Sydney, and enclose a note giving the number of the pattern you want and bust size, and enclose also the price of the pattern in postal note or stamps. The pattern will be sent by return mail.



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Miss Alice H. Mills, B.Sc., returned to New Britain from extended leave by the Macdhui on April 16. She is stationed at the Methodist Mission, Rabaul.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Foldi arrived in Sydney from Papua on 12 months' leave by the Macdhui on April 9. Their marriage had taken place at St. John's Anglican Church in Port Moresby the previous week, the bride being Miss Vera Kershaw, of the European Hospital, Samarai. Mr. Foldi is a Patrol Officer in the Magisterial Service of Papua.

Miss Peace Cohen, a prominent worker for the Anglican Church on Thursday Island, recently left T.I. to reside in Queensland.

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Fashion Hints for Islands Women

By Therese

THE medieval influence has spread to day clothes—broad shoulders, waspish waists and deep ruffs are excitingly adapted for modern needs.

Tunics are important. They burst upon us with all their old charm plus variety of design—Cossack, with high buttoned neckline and tunic flaring to the knee; straight and Chinese; smocked and peasant-looking—all topping slim skirts.

Pleats of every variety, from the fine pin pleating to the bolder accordion, are the *denier cri* for day and evening.

Sunlit days lend added appeal to linens and cottons, gaily and quaintly patterned in flower and animal designs. Even the humble vegetable has not been forgotten and finds an exalted place in the printed materials' scheme of things.

Delicious little smocked confections of dimity, voile, and flowered piques, are gay and unpretentious, and delightful possessions for tropic dwellers, as are the sleeveless frocks with contrasting cape or coat. A spotted sleeveless frock with yoke of contrast, is topped by a spotted coat with contrasting revers. A white panama hat and two tone shoes tell a tale of chic and coolness.

A free-swinging hip length cape throws itself over a spotted blouse. The slim brief skirt is kick pleated in front.

A light weight woollen ensemble to wear when nearing cooler climes, is of navy wool georgette, undeniably chic with its straight skirt flaring slightly at

the hem. Sunray tucks trim its hips and blouse, and white pique flowers nestle at its throat line. Over it goes a deep yoked, swing-back, almost knee length coat of the same material, with tufts of coloured wool scattered over it in most intriguing fashion. Navy hat, gloves, shoes and bag accompany it to perfection. Another light weight woollen frock boasts a wrap-over skirt, its hips slimly braided. The shoulders are braid epaulettes, extending in two panels down the bodice. Sleeves full at shoulder, taper to slimmest at the wrist.

Blouses are numerous and intriguing, presenting themselves the clock round. They justify their existence threefold—morning, noon, and night. Tailored blouses along Peter Pan, shirt, or waist-coat lines are ideal for morning or with tailored suits. Bright colours softly draped, tucked, or pleated, grace afternoon hours. For evening they go all feminine—lovely bits of things—laces, chiffons, georgettes, flower-besprinkled or plain. Shirred, pleated, or embroidered, with or without sleeves, they are a delight.

A blue linen blouse made gay with red stitchings and a scarf attached is attractive when worn with a white suit. Two tone shoes march it on the way to success. This type of shoe absolutely rejuvenates a last season's frock or skirt and jumper, and looks particularly chic with silk and cotton frocks alike.

"White with any colour you like for

coolness and chic," is a slogan well worthy of adoption. It gives one a cool, calm air that is enviable.

Sports clothes take a very important place in the scheme of things. Since a touch of colour is permissible for tennis wear, a two coloured belt, red and blue, encircles the waist of a slim frock. Coloured buttons trim its bodice, and a gay little scarf and coat accompany it for off the court moments.

There are many ways—careless and studied—to wear a scarf. Knotted loosely round the throat; flying gaily in the breeze; cowl effect; sling fashion; and so on, each with a charm all its own.

The ideal tropical golfing attire is the well-cut trouser skirt and short sleeved jacket, with a back pleat to ensure freedom of movement for the perfect swing.

Swimming and idling take on added charm and new meaning with the coming of the new beach wear. A swim ensemble has a lace stitch swim suit with sun tan back. A knee length cape swings jauntily over its wicked briefness. High heeled surf shoes and a pert peaked cap are the beginning and ending of the nautical tale.

A beach outfit with shorts and sun-top, has a wrapped skirt, and wide belt

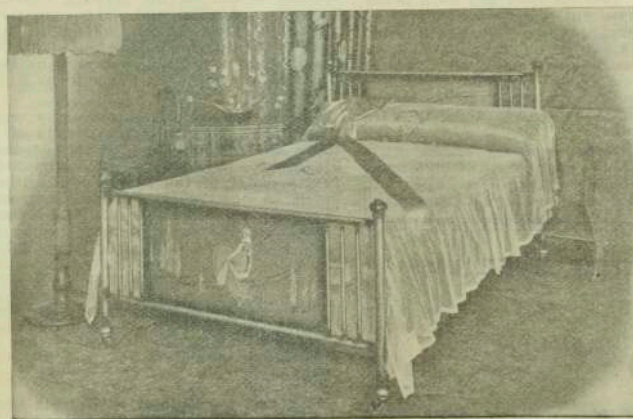
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finished with a large nautical button. Sandals and coolie hat accompany it, and a loose coat is donned for more formal occasions.

A play suit in green and white striped gingham with detachable skirt buttoning its brief way to the knees, is the last syllable in provocation.

Night with its thousand eyes winking approval gives us endless choice for festive clothes—gowns, slim, svelte, and sophisticated; bouffant and romantic as the night itself; draped and classical as some goddess of ancient Greece or Rome—and each requires the perfect foundation for the perfect interpretation. This comes in the garment that reduces curves, and moulds the figure with rhythmic control, having an all elastic weave, smooth and supple, with never a bone to mar the sleek perfection.

Empire period gowns flatter the figure. Wing sleeves and jewelled hip line, give glamour to a gown of ice blue satin.

Cape sleeves and a bustle bow are the proud possessions of a gold threaded fuchsia taffeta frock with deep V-decolletage. A flower in the hair and romance steps abroad.

A Chinese red evening gown spotted with gold, has a hip length tunic, with sleeves, tunic, and skirt hem outlined with Grecian scroll in gold.

Simple but distinctive is that yeoman of the wardrobe, the black frock, plain and well cut. It offers great scope for lightning changes. A draped cummerbund of brilliant colour makes it gay and exciting. Add a lame dinner jacket, and chic and sophistication are yours.

A taffeta dance frock with a low cut strapless bodice veiled provocatively with tulle has slim hips and flaunting skirt. Rhythmic loveliness marks its gracious movements.

Evening wraps are things of beauty and joys for ever. A coat gay as a floral festival, flares out ballerina-fashion to the knees emphasising the pencil slim skirt beneath. A heavy crepe jacket of lovely tea-rose swings out over a black crepe frock. A burst of pleats metamorphoses into a three-quarter coat—feminine and alluring over a softly falling chiffon gown.

Tiers of white organdie edged with rick-rack braid, reminiscent of childhood days, go to the making of a cape that is utterly cool and completely charming,

with its immaculate freshness. It is the direct answer to the tropical call for a light weight wrap.

Flowers retain their charm and popularity. Bouquets tuck into the waist; single blooms adorn the lapel of the tailored suit; coronets, a whole galaxy of blossoms, or single flowers adorn the hair. Newer, however, and much more intriguing and sophisticated is the Geisha lacquered comb with matching fan. It is perfection itself for the brunette of poise and assurance.

Shoes for evenings are delightful, the sandal type being quite unrivalled. They appear successfully for day, along with the court, which justly deserves its popularity. Two tone shoes are full of chic and look unbelievably cool—a virtue for tropical wear that must not be overlooked.

ROMANTIC WEDDING AT RABAU

From Our Own Correspondent

RAUBAU, April 24.

ONE of the most romantic weddings in New Guinea for many a day was celebrated at the Church of England, Rabaul, by Archdeacon de Voil on April 18, when Miss Thelma Monk, sister of Mrs. C. L. Anthony, of Rabaul, was married to Mr. Paul ("Karkar") Schmidt, of Palmalal plantation.

The bride arrived in Rabaul from her home in New Zealand about a year ago on a visit to her sister. While here she became engaged to one of the Territories' confirmed bachelors, "Karkar" Smith, as he is popularly known by his host of friends.

Mr. Schmidt arrived in the Territory some 28 years ago. He it was who planted Karkar Island off the Madang coast before expropriation and, later, spent considerable time on the goldfields. It is over 20 years since "Karkar" left New Guinea for a holiday, but now he hopes to make a visit with his wife to Europe next year.

The ceremony was attended by only a few of the more intimate friends of the bride and groom and later the wedding breakfast was served at Ravuvu. The pretty sister of the bride, Mrs. Anthony, acted as hostess at the breakfast, while Mr. Anthony filled the role of best man. Miss June Even was bridesmaid, and Hon. E. P. Holmes, M.L.C., gave the bride away.

Miss H. Clark left Sydney for Suva, Fiji, by the Mariposa on April 29. She is a worker among the Indian women and children at Nausori for the Methodist Mission.

Mrs. Charles Bennett, of Norfolk Island, is visiting Sydney while her husband is a patient at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett were at one time well-known residents of Hawkes Bay, New Zealand.

Miss I. Knight, Methodist missionary at Kadavu, Fiji, sailed for Melbourne by the Mariposa on April 25 to continue her work among the Fijian girls. She was accompanied by Miss L. B. Tall.

Mrs. W. Pocock, who had been a resident of Fiji since 1907, died in Suva on April 9. She went to the Colony from New Zealand with her husband, who was employed by Mr. L. E. Brown, of Messrs. Brown and Joske Ltd.

PEACE COMES TO THE PRIMITIVES OF THE RAMU

Impressive Ceremony by Administration Welds Tribes of New Guinea's Hinterland

From Our Own Correspondent.

RABAUL, April 24.

DURING his recent official tour to the Morobe district, the Administrator (Brig-General W. Ramsay McNicoll) paid a visit to the Government Patrol Post at Ramu, which is in charge of Patrol Officer T. G. Aitchison, whose duty it is in this large "uncontrolled" area to make peaceful contact—and to maintain it when effected—with 150,000 natives.

The Administrator arrived at Ramu on Easter Sunday, and it was during this visit that Mr. Aitchison had arranged to bring together as many of the Ramu chieftains as possible. He had two objects in view; one, to bring about a more peaceful atmosphere among the Ramu tribes, who were constantly carrying on inter-tribal wars, and the other, to allow the headmen to meet the Administrator. If the peaceful negotiations were successful, a paramount chief, who would have jurisdiction throughout the whole of the Ramu country on the southern watershed, would be appointed.

The arrangements required careful and tactful preparation—the slightest error of judgment or the least mistake in an impression upon the minds of the primitive natives would undoubtedly undo much of the good work already performed in this area by both Mr. Aitchison and his predecessor.

Fortunately, all went well. Hitherto it had been the custom for visiting tribesmen to approach the Government Post unarmed, but on this occasion the visitors were permitted to remain armed and to range themselves in tribes along the *tabu* rope which encircled the Post, past which no local native was permitted to walk.

On Easter Saturday natives from miles around commenced arriving for the assembly. Six of the most important chiefs each brought with them a pig. These were handed over to the Patrol Officer who was to conduct the ceremony to bring about a lasting peace amongst these people—the ceremony which would put a stop to tribal wars and do away with constant carnage.

The following day, the Administrator, with due formality, greeted over a dozen chiefs. He spoke to them of the ways of the white man, of the need for peaceful habits, and of the protection they would receive from the Government.

Then followed the peace ceremony.

The pigs were ceremoniously placed in front of the assembled concourse of people and the Patrol Officer, with a rifle, shot each pig, to the accompaniment of wild, unearthly yells as each shot was fired. Carrying a large bough of the Ramu peace symbol (which is a green and white croton), Mr. Aitchison dipped the leaves in the blood of each pig, and then slowly and solemnly the chiefs gathered around him, grasped the bough and walked towards the hole, in which the croton was carefully planted.

There, close to the Ramu Government Post, now stands this symbol of peace, and from the day of its planting it will be carefully guarded from damage. Its growth will be watched by every native who passes. It will be spoken of in years to come as the outward symbol of the peace which had its birth at the time of the Big White Chief's visit.

And so, on Easter Sunday, another forward step was taken in this "uncontrolled" area of the Ramu—peace had been brought to a dozen tribes in the hinterland of New Guinea and a paramount chief had been invested with his cap of office to maintain law and order, according to the white man's fashion, over tribes with whom he once lived at enmity.

Mr. Cecil G. Abel, managing director of the Incorporated Kwato Extension Association, a missionary organisation at Kwato Island, near Samarai, Papua, has been spending furlough in Australia. Early in May he was staying at the Carlton Hotel, Sydney.

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PURDY Islands, adjoining the Admiralty Group, north of New Guinea, leased by Mr. Chas. Munster, of Lorengau, which have come into the news recently through the Japanese sampan visits and the firing of a house and a copra drier, were also the object of a dispute with Germany in 1872.

The Islands are believed to have been called after John Purdy (1773-1843), the son of a bookseller of Norwich, who, before 1812, succeeded De La Rochette as hydrographer to Messrs. Laurie and Whittle, 53 Fleet Street, London.

A catalogue of Purdy's maps and charts is in the map room of the Royal Geographical Society, including a map of the world in Mercator's Projection (1825).

Purdy's nephew, Isaac, published a chart of the coasts of China in 1865.

Dr. J. S. Purdy, Metropolitan Medical Officer of Health, Sydney, is a descendant of the same family, originally established in Morpeth, Northumberland, after expulsion with the Huguenots from France.

Mr. Thomas D. Harris, general manager of Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., New Guinea, sailed from Salamaua in April for the East en route to San Francisco on furlough. Mr. L. J. Joubert is acting manager during his absence.

Mr. Harry Lockrey, who for some years has been with the office staff of New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. at Wau, recently sailed from New Guinea with his family for Brisbane where he will now reside permanently.

GUSTAV KLINKMUELLER

Death at Apia of Respected German Solicitor

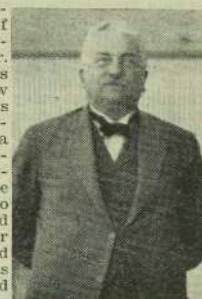
From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, April 9.

THE sudden and unexpected death of Mr. Gustav Klinkmueller, a greatly respected resident of Apia and member of the legal profession, caused general sympathy and regret among all classes of the population, when the news became known on March 21.

Mr. Klinkmueller, who had reached an age of 55 years, was a well-known and popular figure on Apia beach, where he had resided for 27 years. As an official of the German Colonial Service he had served for several years in the West African Colony of Togo, before coming to Samoa, where up to outbreak of the World War, he was the senior official of the German Court in Western Samoa.

In 1920, when most of the German residents of Samoa were repatriated, Mr. Klinkmueller was one of the few German nationals permitted to remain in Samoa and in the post-war period rendered valuable advice and assistance to the New Zealand Administration. For long years he had been working as legal adviser and later founded the law firm now known as Klinkmueller and Pleasants.



Late Mr. Gustav Klinkmueller.

He had been very prominent in Apia's social and sporting life, having for years been president of the Apia Rifle Club and a Past Master of the Apia Masonic Lodge Calliope.

The funeral was very largely attended, over 200 residents gathering to show their respects. Rev. H. S. Perkins officiated at the graveside and in his address mentioned the many sterling qualities of the deceased, who had won the esteem of his co-nationals as well as that of the Britishers.

Mr. Klinkmueller left a widow and one daughter, who is engaged to Mr. J. Adkins, chief accountant of the Apia branch of the Bank of New Zealand.

Tobacco Industry for Rabaul

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, April 17.

A NEW industry has been opened in Rabaul by the Rabaul Tobacco Co. Ltd. at its factory at Malaguna, where native stick tobacco is turned out in large quantities. The factory is in the capable hands of Mr. W. G. Staley.

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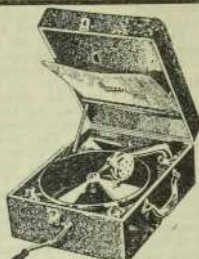


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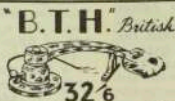


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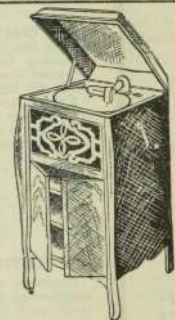
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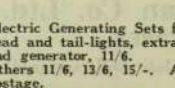
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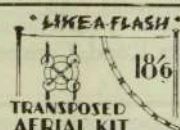
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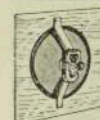


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PACIFIC ISLANDS MINING REPORTS

From Fiji

ALOHA CENTRAL G.M., N.L.

FACED with the necessity of raising £1,500 during the day to retain an option over an area of 30 acres on the Tavua goldfield, Fiji, shareholders of Aloha Central Gold Mine, N.L., at a meeting on April 30, found that, as the number represented in person or by proxy did not form the two-thirds of the members required for increasing the capital, they could take no action. The meeting had been adjourned from April 9 for a similar reason, but at the end of April practically every shareholder present, impressed by a favourable report by Dr. Loftus Hills, consulting geologist, urged that endeavours should be made by the company to retain its options and float the company required to develop the area. It was agreed that a cablegram should be sent to Mr. P. Costello, from whom the company had taken the option, asking for a further extension until May 21.

The chairman (Mr. A. T. Day) pointed out that the alternatives were to increase the capital, exercise the option and work the property, or to wind up. As the capital could not be legally increased that day the company would lose its option, which had really expired on March 31, but which had been extended by Mr. Costello to give shareholders time to subscribe the capital.

In a reply received by Aloha Central on May 2 Mr. Costello pointed out that neither he nor the directors were responsible for shareholders' apathy. The option had expired. He was prepared to receive proposals from the directors and others regarding the property.

The Co's legal manager advised shareholders on May 4 that they had no property, and that funds were exhausted. He said the directors had no other course open but to liquidate the affairs of the company. This matter was in hand, and would be proceeded with as expeditiously as practicable.

Any distribution that might be possible would depend entirely upon the amount realised for the plant.

VEES UNITED N.L.

At a meeting of Vees United N.L. in Sydney, Dr. Loftus Hills, consulting geologist, dealt with the properties, subject to options, held by the company in Fiji. The company, he said, had unlimited resources. Ward's area had not shown the worth-while gold assays and was discarded. Pirie's block showed better gold content and had a promising series of lode formation. Further work was essential. A decision would have to be arrived at regarding the testing of Pirie's block.

LOLOMA (FIJI) GOLD MINES N.L.

Plans and specifications for the treatment plant to handle a minimum of 500 tons of ore weekly for Loloma (Fiji) Gold Mines, N.L., are nearing completion, and are expected by the company to be ready at an early date.

On receipt of the plans, tenders will be invited for the plant construction. Treatment will be by the roasting and cyanidation method.

Because some of the machinery may have to be brought out from England, and as the erection of a plant in Fiji may provide a few small difficulties, the production stage will not be reached until late this year, or early in 1937.

KOROERE GOLD, N.L.

The directors of Koroere Gold, N.L., state in their report for the period February 14, 1935, to January 31, 1936, that a considerable body of millable ore has been disclosed in the Koroere mine, but a final appraisal of ore tonnages and values cannot be made until more is known of the vertical extension of the ore body. Assuming that the ore body extends at least a moderate distance above and below the No. 4 tunnel level, and that there is a reasonable expectation of a northward extension also, a body of ore of an average grade of 4 dwt. a ton or more, ranging between 200,000 and 500,000 tons, might be expected. The estimate

does not take into account ore which may be developed from Nos. 1, 2, and 5 tunnels, or ore from other lodes, or other parts of the 190 acres covered by the prospecting licence. Development on the Cardigan lease, the report states, has indicated that 15,000 tons of ore are available, a considerable proportion of which will average about 1 oz. a ton.

The ore body on the Koroere area is favourably situated for convenient and cheap mining, the directors add. No great capital expenditure will be required to equip the Koroere mine. Treating up to 1,000 tons a week, the costs of mining, milling, and overhead (but not additional mine development) should not exceed 14/ a ton. Prospecting and development expenditure for the period amounted to £11,866, and £150 was received from interest. At the balance date current assets exceeded current liabilities by £1,760.

The chairman of Koroere Gold N.L. (Mr. P. F. Cody), at the annual meeting in Melbourne on May 12, defended the action of the directors in writing to the Stock Exchange recently denying rumours about the field which were then circulating. The directors were surely not expected to remain silent while the interests of shareholders were being jeopardised, he said.

Mr. E. G. Theodore, a director of the mine, said that unfortunately values had not been as high as had been hoped, but a very large body of gold-bearing ore had been proved. Until further development work had been done the policy of the company would not be determined. The large body of ore proved, although of low value, 4 dwt. would by its very size probably prove payable. Mr. Theodore added that an overseas group had been in touch with the board in regard to capital for the development of the property.

EMPEROR MINES LIMITED

In the four weeks to April 18, Emperor Mines Ltd. crushed 1,650 dry long tons (head values 12½ dwt.), for a recovery of 943 fine oz. gold, an average of approximately 11½ dwt. a ton.

In the previous month a crushing of 1,610 tons, of a head value of 13½ dwt., returned 1,008 oz., an average of slightly more than 12½ dwt. a ton.

MOUNT KASI MINES LTD.

Mt. Kasi Mines Ltd. crushed, during the four weeks ended May 10, 1306 tons, total head value 753oz., total tail value 157oz. Clean-up to May 8 yielded 354oz. fine. The mill was closed for five days during the month for repairs and adjustments to treatment units.

FIJI GOLD N.L.

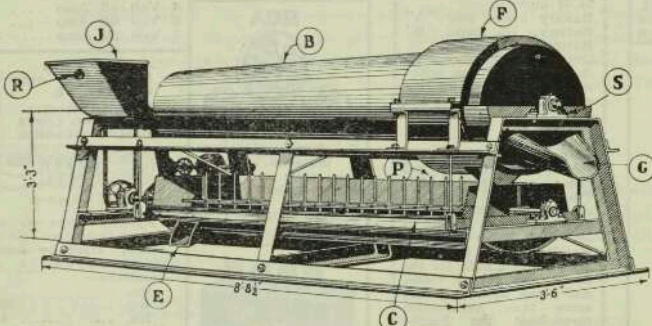
Fiji Gold N.L. has advised Loloma West Ltd. that it has completed four bores on Roskelly's area (covering the ground between earlier bores) with negative results. The drill has now been moved to F. S. Ragg's area.

Fiji Gold, which abandoned all its areas except that known as F. S. Ragg's, arranged to put down three or four bores on Loloma West's Roskelly's block on the eastern boundary, with the object of locating the Loloma lode.

From Papua

CUTHBERT'S MISIMA G.M. LTD.

Directors of Cuthbert's Misima Gold Mine, Ltd., announcing a dividend of 6d per share, absorbing (with staff bonus of 5 per cent.) £7,875, report that mine operations are proceeding satisfactorily, and the mill continues to run smoothly and efficiently. The construction programme is well in hand. Excavation work is being pushed along for the new plant to increase the treatment plant from about 15,000 tons to 40,000 tons per annum. The directors hope to have the enlarged plant erected before the end of the year.



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The secretary on May 12 reported as follows:—Monthly clean-up April 23. Treated 1,790 tons of leads, assay value 7.2 pennyweights, for 2,139 ozs. of bullion. Estimated value, £4,590.

The company was formed in September last with a nominal capital of £200,000 in 400,000 shares of 10/- each, of which 200,000 were subscribed for at par and 40,000 were issued to the vendor company—New Misima Gold Mines Ltd.—which paid a regular monthly dividend for four years. The mine was taken over on October 24, and the mill and treatment plant on October 27 last.

PACIFIC IRON ORE DEPOSITS N.L.

Pacific Iron Ore Deposits N.L. decided on May 8 to increase the company's capital from £1,250 in 500 shares of £2/10/- each, to £3,750, in 1,500 shares of £2/10/- each. Shareholders of the company were entitled to apply within 14 days for one additional share for each share held at £2/10/- a share on application, and one bonus share was to be issued as fully paid to the present shareholders for each share held.

It was stated that the increase was necessary to develop the property, near Port Moresby, Papua, and prove the quantity of the deposits. Assay values were said to have shown the iron content to be highly satisfactory. The company is now awaiting a reply from likely buyers of the iron deposits.

GOLD MINES OF PAPUA LTD.

The directors of Gold Mines of Papua Ltd. announced in the middle of April that they have decided to cease all work at the Kulumadai and Woodlark King mines on Woodlark Island, Eastern Papua, as the prospects are not considered sufficiently attractive to warrant further expenditure.

From New Guinea

UPPER SEPIK GOLD SYNDICATE N.L.

Upper Sepik Gold Syndicate N.L. has taken a free option for three months of 250 acres of river flats on the Upper Watut River, situated between Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd. and Upper Watut Gold Alluvials N.L. The flats vary up to half a mile in width and comprise large yardage of gold bearing wash.

Mr. J. M. Spence has inspected the property and recommends thorough testing by boring. Good gold values are being produced by the vendor. If the option is exercised total consideration to the vendor would be £10,000.

Interest in forfeited share sales—usually limited—was stimulated on the Melbourne Stock Exchange on May 1 when 700 Upper Sepik shares forfeited for non-payment of the first call of £1, were taken by two buyers after keen bidding. There are only 2,000 shares in the company. Previous price for the shares was 25/-. On May 1, 400 ordinaries were bought at 25/6, and 300 vendor shares at 29/6 (cash paid).

NEW GUINEA GOLDFIELDS LTD.

The monthly returns of production and estimated profits of New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. are as follows:—

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar
Alluvial—			
Fine gold, oz. . .	973	1331	1227
Fine silver, oz. . .	691	942	953
Golden Ridges Mill.			
Fine gold, oz. . .	1292	1363	1426
Fine silver, oz. . .	886	829	791
Estimated profit—			
Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	
Alluvial	£4344	£3852	£6045
Golden Ridges Mill	3169	3937	4995
Eddie Creek Mill—			
Tons	—	*3107	†3425
Fine gold, oz. . .	—	1095	1153
Fine silver, oz. . .	—	2715	3918

* From February 14 to March 14. † From March 14 to April 14.

GUM RIVER DEVELOPMENT N.L.

Shareholders of Gum River Development N.L., at an extraordinary general meeting on May 8, were to have considered a resolution to voluntarily wind up the company. Insufficient proxies were received, however, and the meeting lapsed. Two shareholders will confer with the directors on the future of the company. Nominal capital is £25,000, in 125,000 shares of 4/- each, of which 56,000 are issued and are fully paid. It is estimated that in the event of a winding up shareholders would receive 10d a share.

The company was formed last year to test a property on Gum River, near Madang, New Guinea. Mr. J. B. du Faur reported that the area was unpayable and recommended its abandonment.

SUNSHINE GOLD DEVELOPMENT LTD.

The chairman of Sunshine Gold Development Ltd., Mr. F. W. Torrington, reports that heavy

tropical rains delayed commencement of production. The race has held well, no serious damage occurred, and all temporary obstructions in the ditch have been removed. All construction work has been completed.

A cable from the general manager advises that during the testing of the inverted syphon the water passed through the syphon and for a distance of 60 yards beyond the outlet end, when two of the pipes burst at the welded joints. The defective pipes will have to be re-welded.

UPPER WATUT GOLD ALLUVIALS LTD.

Shareholders of Upper Watut Gold Alluvials N.L., New Guinea, at an extraordinary meeting held on May 15 agreed to sanction an increase in the nominal capital to £300,000 by the creation of 400,000 new shares of 5/- each.

In a circular to shareholders, before the meeting, the chairman of directors (Mr. C. Mackay) pointed out that Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., with its exceptional knowledge of working conditions in New Guinea, and its highly trained technical staff, is in a position to provide the management of field operations necessary to obtain the best results for the company's undertaking.

Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd. had intimated its willingness to enter into an agreement to carry out this work, provided it be given the right to subscribe for 400,000 shares at par. The exercise of this right was subject to confirmation of values, the testing of which would be undertaken by Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd. at its own expense. In addition, the property would be tested at depth.

Certain additional advantages were more than likely to accrue if the proposed agreement was completed. That details of these be given at this juncture was not considered as being in the interests of shareholders. Recent developments in alluvial mining had been instrumental in greatly reducing working costs and increasing outputs.

The new capital introduced would be applied primarily to the installation of the additional machinery required to provide for increased output which, in the opinion of the directors, would reduce working costs materially below those estimated in the prospectus. The adoption of the directors' proposal would not interfere with the immediate programme as set out in the prospectus. The constructional work was well advanced and was not far from completion. Transfer books were closed from May 8 to May 15 to decide the list of shareholders.

DEVELOPMENTS (NEW GUINEA) N.L.

Systematic testing has been commenced by Developments (New Guinea) N.L. of the large dredging area secured by the company in New Guinea. The property is situated in 'uncontrolled' territory on the Lower Duntuna River near the Purari River, New Guinea. Messrs. Spence and Smith, the company's engineers, state in a preliminary report that the area consists of 860 acres, mainly large flats, with high terraces up to 100 feet in height of wash.

The property is a dredging proposition, the wash being fine and small, the largest stone seen being only 10 inches in diameter. Values obtained in a few preliminary pits were very encouraging, no bottom having been reached.

Mr. G. Annesley (American mining engineer) has also inspected the property, and considers it a dredging proposition, and that values of 1/- a yard will be profitable. The company's engineers estimate a minimum of 20 million yards in the main lease, with the possibility of additional areas.

Developments (N.G.) also has under offer other areas in the territory, details of which will be announced later.

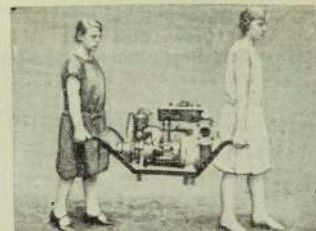
Mr. A. R. Dodson, a director of the company, who has just returned from New Guinea, is optimistic in regard to the dredging areas possibilities.

Advice was received on May 12 from the engineers of the company that a new aerodrome site had been completed on the property. Drilling had been started on the south end of the lease. The first holes of 20 feet averaged 1/- a yard with gold at £4/5/- an oz. Drilling was proceeding on the north end. Three pits completed to an

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average depth of 18 feet had given values of 1/3 a yard.

ENTERPRISE OF NEW GUINEA N.L.

Directors of Enterprise of New Guinea N.L., New Guinea, have invited applications by tender for the purchase of 1778 shares in reserve. Tenders will be received in multiples of five shares. The minimum price is £3/15/- a share. A deposit of £2 a share must accompany the tender, the balance to be payable within thirty days from May 11, when the scrip will be available. Tenders must be lodged through a member of the Stock Exchange, and a brokerage of 2/6 a share will be allowed on allotments. Applications from shareholders will receive preference when prices tendered are equal. The directors consider it advisable to offer the reserve shares, to amply secure any financial requirements which may eventuate.

Increased attention directed to shares of Enterprise of New Guinea N.L. on Australian Stock Exchanges is attributed to the likelihood of the company becoming interested in the search for oil

in New Guinea. It is anticipated that an announcement will shortly be made by the company that an ordinance has been granted to enable it to prospect for oil. It is possible that the company will link up with another concern in this work. Operations at present are confined to gold mining.

SANDY CK. GOLD SLUICING LTD.

The mine manager of Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing Ltd., New Guinea, reported on May 6 that for April, 139 ounces of gold were recovered by sluicing operations. Approximately 4850 cubic yards of material were treated, average value being equal to about 4/3 per cubic yard.

BULOLO GOLD DREDGING LTD.

Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd. has decided to offer 60,000 shares of 5 Canadian dollars each to shareholders registered on June 10 at twenty dollars (Canadian) in the proportion of one for 16. The purchase price is payable in two instalments of 10 dollars each on application and allotment. Of each payment 2½ dollars will represent capital and 7½ dollars premium. Transfer books close from June 11 to June 18.

At the last annual general meeting of the company it was announced that the cost of constructing and installing two new dredges would be met by the issue and sale of about 60,000 shares of the company in small blocks at around market price. However, in view of numerous requests from shareholders, the directors decided to offer the shares to shareholders for subscription in proportion to their holdings.

Production of the four dredges of the Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd. for April compares with that of the previous two periods as follows:—

	Feb.	Mar.	April.
Cubic yards	902,100	955,800	974,809
Bullion, oz.	13,423	16,005	17,398
Gold, fine oz.	9,432	11,203	12,265

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Aust. currency*	\$82,530	\$98,026	\$107,318
Per cubic yard ..	21,96d.	24,61d.	26,42d.
Working profit ..	\$56,367½	\$70,253	\$72,931

* At £8/15/- per fine ounce.

MOROBE ALLUVIALS N.L.

The mine manager of Morobe Alluvials N.L. (Mr. Colin Budden) reports that the latest development work, comprising boring, pitting, and opening up the face on the company's property at Wau, New Guinea, has disclosed increased values. He recommends the installation of a plant, having a capacity of 100,000 cubic yards per annum, which would cost about £2500. Mr. Budden estimates that there is at least eight years' profitable work ahead.

The directors have the matter under consideration, but are of opinion that a little more development work should be done before making a decision. The company has a credit balance of about £8000 in hand.

All gold yields reported by the company recently have paid expenses and have been obtained by primitive boxing methods.

GUINEA GOLD N.L.

The directors of Guinea Gold N.L., of Adelaide, South Australia, report that negotiations with the taxation authorities for an amendment of taxation legislation to permit distribution of Bulolo shares to shareholders without attracting taxation has proved unsuccessful. The board, therefore, does not propose taking any immediate steps for distribution of any of the shares. The future policy of the board will be to set aside sufficient shares to answer present commitments of the company and to hold the balance of approximately 62,000 Bulolo shares as a composite fund and pass on to shareholders, as hitherto, dividends, less nominal administration expenses.

The board proposes that articles of association be amended to give effect to this, so that the company will not become financially committed to exploitation of further auriferous properties without having first obtained authority of shareholders to any such proposal.

Morobe Gold Production Increased

THE Warden of the Morobe Goldfield at Wau, New Guinea, submitted the following report to the Secretary for Mines at Rabaul on March 19:—

Gold and silver exported during February was 30,554 oz. valued at £A165,424. This is a considerable increase over the last two months.

On February 3, the Warden and Mines Inspector visited Edie Creek, the former returning on the 5th and latter on the 6th. Inspections were made of the alluvial workings and of the Edie Creek mine underground. Minor court cases were settled on the ground. The Inspector made other visits to Koranga and Lower Edie and works in the vicinity of Wau.

For the first week of the month, the dry weather continued, but since then rain has been heavy and continuous. Floods have interfered with boxing, and have caused some slips in water race, but road transport has not been interfered with to any great extent.

Bulolo Gold Deposits Ltd: Sluicing operations have been carried on continuously night and day. The paddock is completely finished and the clean-up is in progress. This completes operations in the Flat Creek area. The race to Koranga Junction is completed and the plant will now be moved down to this locality. A fair amount of preparatory work has been done in the way of bush clearing, erection of native quarters, etc. Two staff dwellings are completed and the site prepared for a third. The number of employees is 3 whites and 77 natives.

Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd: 86 trips were made by the Co's aeroplanes from the coast, approximately 248 tons of freight being delivered at Bulwa and Bulolo 'dromes. The four dredges mined 895,000 cubic yards, yielding 13,313 unrefined ozs. of gold. The hydraulic elevator and boxing operations at the upper end of the property handled 11,443 yards of material which yielded 555 unrefined ozs. of gold. Three power drills operated two shifts testing deep gravels at Bulolo. One power drill operated two shifts on Minerals Exploration leases at Wau, where shafting and pitting is also being done. Two hand drills operated near Wau on the Stafford leases, which are under option. Number of employees was: 243 whites, 5 Chinese, 1,168 natives.

Koranga Gold Sluicing Ltd:—Lower Koranga Tribute: Two shifts were worked daily from 1st to 28th inclusive, operating one nozzle, and sluicing approximately 4,500 cubic yards, extending the tail-race a distance of 100 feet. Three Europeans and 64 natives were employed. Koranga No. 1 Race: Two shifts were worked on overburden, sluicing approximately 14,000 cubic yards, seven Europeans and 122 natives being employed.

Mr. Eric Ramsden, the well-known Sydney Journalist, delivered an interesting lecture on "French Oceania—Past and Present" before the Anthropological Society of New South Wales at the Australian Museum on April 21. A vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Reo Fortune, the American scientist who has been working in New Guinea, was seconded by Professor A. P. Elkin, of the Sydney University.

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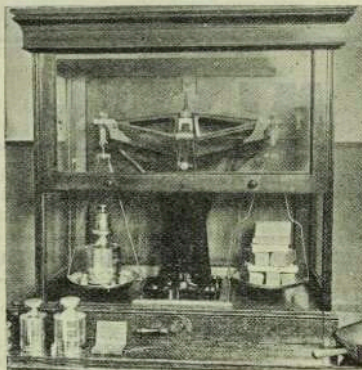
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Monthly Fluctuations

	FIJI	Mid-March	Mid-April	Mid-May
Aloha Central ..	b£2/10/-	s£1/10/-	—	—
Emperor Mines ..	b11/9	b12/3	b11/2	—
Granites Dev. ...	s£3/d.	—	b4d.	—
Koroore	b4/3	4/2	s4/2	—
Loloma	b18/9	b19/10½	b18/11	—
Mineral Dev. ...	b1/11	b1/9	b1/-	—
Mt. Kasi	b10/-	b9/6	b10/-	—
Mt. Morgan	—	—	—	—
Developments ..	b3/8½	b2/11	b2/10	—
Pacific Gold ...	s£8	s£7	—	—
Tavua Dev.	b3/-	b2/6	s2/6	—
Vees United	b3d.	b4d.	b2d	—

	PAPUA	Mid-March	Mid-April	Mid-May
Cuthbert's	—	—	b11/3	—
Misima	—	—	b8/9	—
G.M. of Papua ..	b10/-	b10/6	b11/6	—
Oriomo Exp.	s1/11	b1/6	b1/6	—
Samarai (pd.) ...	b9d.	s3/-	s1/3	—
Tiveri G.D.	—	s4/9	s5/-	—
Yodda Gold Co. s2/-	—	b3d.	s1/-	—

	NEW GUINEA	Mid-March	Mid-April	Mid-May
Bulolo Deposits ..	b10½d.	b10d.	b6d.	—
Bulolo G.D.	s£8/7/-	b£8	b£8	—
Day Dawn	—	—	—	—
(South)	s6d.	s4½d.	—	—
Developments ..	—	—	—	—
(N.G.)	b£11/10/-	s£2/2/6	b£2/12/6	—
Enterprise of ..	—	—	—	—
N.G.	s£3/10/-	b£3/2/6	b£3/17/6	—
Golden Deepes ...	s6d.	s6d.	—	—
Guinea Gold	s15/8	s14/3	s15/9	—
Irowat	b3/8½	b3/8½	b3/10½	—
Mandated All. ...	b9/6	b6/6	b6/3	—
Mt. Lawson	b£20	b£15	b£16	—
N.G.G. Ltd.	b4/6½	b4/1	b4/5	—
Oil Search	b3/6	s3/7	b3/9	—
Placer Dev.	b£5/3/-	b£5/15/6	b£5/16/-	—
Sandy Ck.	b1/11	b1/7½	b1/2½	—
Sunshine Gold ...	b12/9	b13/1	b8/6	—
Up. Sepik	b10/-	b£1	b£3	—
Up. Watut	b6/11	b8/-	b7/-	—

MINISTER'S DENIAL

THE Minister for Territories (Senator Sir George Pearce) on May 9 denied rumours which he said were circulating that he held financial interests in certain gold mining companies in New Guinea.

Sir George said he had recently issued a statement denying that certain gold mining companies held oil interests in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

"I am now informed that rumours are being put around that I hold financial interests in some of these companies," he said. "I wish to emphasise that neither I nor any member of my family have directly or indirectly any financial interest in any mining company in New Guinea or part of it."

Mr. Peter Garritty, of Wellington, New Zealand, recently joined the staff of the Melanesian Mission's station at Vureas, Banks Islands, New Hebrides.

SPANISH SEARCH FOR SAN CRISTOVAL

Mendana's Voyages in the Solomon Islands

Letter to the Editor

WITH reference to the article in April number, "Adventurous Scotsman's death—How San Cristoval, S.I., was named," San Cristoval or Makira is one of the large islands in the Solomon Group and in 1898 far from being uninhabited, probably contained 10,000 natives who would have welcomed shipwrecked mariners!

The island was discovered by Mendana in 1566. Readers of Gallego's Journal will remember that the Spanish ships anchored in Estrella (Star) Bay on Ysabel. A launch or brigantine was built, and this small vessel visited Ngela and Guadalcanal. The ships were then brought to Point Cruz on Guadalcanal and afterwards coasted along the Islands of Malaita and San Cristoval. A council was held on board the Admiral's ship off San Cristoval, and the expedition made its way back from that point to California.

On Mendana's second expedition in quest of the Solomons, the natives of Santa Cruz told him of a large mass of land called Pauro to the north-westward. This was the native name Bauro for San Cristoval. The Spaniards had hard luck in finding, by so little, in their search.

This made a very great difference to the settlement of Australia—if they had known that Pauro and San Cristoval were one, the P.T.M. might to-day be printed in sonorous Spanish.

I am, etc.,

J. M. CLIFT.

Toowoomba,
Queensland,
May 8, 1936.

New Guinea Public Service

THE following staff alterations in the N.G. Public Service were gazetted by the Government Secretary on April 20:—

Transfers.—Govt. Secretary's Dept.: E. F. Johnson, Clerk, Registrar-General's Office to District Office, Madang; K. S. Sheekey, Clerk, Public Works Dept. to Registrar-General's Office. Public Health Dept.: W. E. Sellen, Inspector, Rabaul to Wau; L. J. Bell, Medical Assistant, Kavieng to Rabaul; R. Davies, Medical Assistant, Rabaul to Keta; J. H. L. McGuigan, Medical Assistant, Namatanai to Rabaul. District Services Dept.: J. E. Daymond, A.D.O., Gasmata to Rabaul; H. L. Downing, A.D.O., Salamaua to Wau; A. F. Kyle, A.D.O., Rabaul to Salamaua; D. H. Vertigan, A.D.O., Manus to Kavieng; H. E. Woodman, A.D.O., Rabaul to Wewak; R. M. Farlow, P.O.,

Kokopo to Gasmata; W. J. Allman, Acting P.O., Talasea to Namatanai; G. W. Benham, Cadet, Rabaul to Madang; D. G. N. Chambers, Cadet, Rabaul to Keta; L. F. Howlett, Cadet, Rabaul to Buka Passage. Customs Dept.: J. Laird, Engineer M.S. Poseidon, Rabaul to Manus.

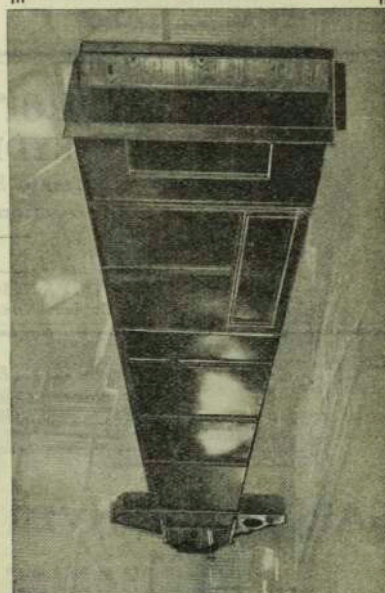
Temporary Staff Appointments.—Public Health Dept.: Mrs. S. Best, Nurse, Namanula Hospital. Lands Dept.: Mrs. T. Broadbent, Typiste, Public Works Dept.: J. W. Cox, Roadmaster.

Temporary Staff Transfer.—Department of Public Works: W. J. Stewart, Roadmaster, Rabaul to Madang.

Captain A. Pentland, and his wife, returned to Australia from Papua by the April Maedhu. For some time Mr. Pentland has been employed as overseer on the construction of a road for a mining company at Umuna, on Misima Island, Eastern Papua. They were accompanied by Miss Ena Twomey, of Mornington, Victoria.

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HOTEL WANTED IN TULAGI

IT is a surprising thing that no one has seen the possibilities of establishing a well-conducted hotel at Tulagi, the administrative centre of the Solomon Islands.

The hotel there was destroyed by fire a couple of years ago and, since then, visitors to Tulagi have had to resort to various methods of securing accommodation—mostly casual meals and still more casual beds in Chinatown.

A Solomon Islands resident, writing to us, says: "A good class commercial and residential club is what is needed here in Tulagi, with tennis, billiards, card room, and lounge, with a general bar built out over the water, and wharf alongside. The bar should be separate from the residential section. It would cost anything from £2,000 to £4,000, and it would be a god-send to this territory. There is no reason why it should not return a fair interest on capital invested—it is all a question of good management."

Rev. Brother Raphael, formerly headmaster of the Boys' School at Ra, Navini-bitu, Fiji, has resigned from the Marist Mission, and is now staying in Sydney where he will shortly take up a commercial position. He arrived in Australia in December last to undergo an operation, and has now completely recovered.

MR. O. F. NELSON

Pending Return to Samoa

Letter to the Editor

YOUR editorial comments on my case since the change of Government in New Zealand clearly show prejudice against me.

You stress the fact that my present exile was by a decision of the High Court, and state that "wiping out a sentence imposed after lengthy proceedings by a properly constituted Court, and confirmed on appeal to a higher court, sets an extremely dangerous precedent." The P.I.M. cannot have studied political situations in other civilised countries if it has not, among its files, records of similar proceedings elsewhere, showing that the release of political prisoners is one of the very first acts of a new Government coming into power. The suggestion sometimes made that British Courts are more just than other Courts cannot weigh much with one who has had my bitter experience.

Only last week I saw a picture in one of the Auckland dailies of political prisoners coming out of gaol by a general amnesty issued by a new Government in troubled Spain. The re-enthroned King of Greece risked the alienation of the goodwill of his own monarchist supporters responsible for the restoration of the monarchy when he demanded an amnesty

to the Venizelist faction who rebelled against the same restoration. Surely British Justice should permit of these acts of conciliation as much as other systems in countries considered backward when compared with British standards. Where then is the "dangerous precedent?"

The decision of the New Zealand Government that I be allowed to return to my home and my people without degrading conditions is an act of statesmanship which will do more to restore peace, tranquillity, and contentment among the Samoans than all the vacillating comments of the P.I.M. on the Samoan situation, where I was once condemned for "pig-headedness," a term applied to the New Zealand Government by the same paper in an issue of a month or two later.

The present New Zealand Government has never agreed with the policies of its predecessors, which brought about and perpetuated unrest in Samoa. In remitting my exile, Mr. Savage stated that it was in keeping with the policies of his Government and its election pledges. In referring to this as a "dangerous precedent" and advising me not to resume what I was alleged to have done which the previous Government had arbitrarily prohibited in Samoa and not in New Zealand, P.I.M. is passing judgment on the new Government of this Dominion as much as on myself.

Now, Mr. Editor, if you are genuinely anxious to be helpful towards an amicable settlement of the longstanding controversy being brought about by this Government, where all its predecessors failed, how can your uncompromising references tend to accomplish this? By the changes which are being made in Samoa, I am on the side of the present Government and those who enforced the arbitrary policies of previous Governments will show by their actions whether a leopard can remove its spots overnight.

I am, etc.,

O. F. NELSON.

Auckland, N.Z.,
April 30, 1936.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Mr. Nelson was driven into unlawful acts by the weakness and inefficiency of New Zealand's Administration in Samoa. He, quite properly, was convicted by a British Court of those unlawful acts. A stronger and more resourceful man than Mr. Nelson, would not have been placed in that position. Still, what he did was done for love of country, and this journal has made no protest against the cancellation of the edict of banishment. What we did protest against was the absence, in that cancellation, of any attempt at explanation or justification, thus setting up a very dangerous precedent. Mr. Nelson's arguments about the freeing of political prisoners by new Governments betrays the state of mind that twice led to his banishment. British administrations may be weak and stupid; but British Courts are not corrupt, and their decisions may not lightly be set aside. If Mr. Nelson prefers the political systems of Spain and Greece, he surely is welcome to them.

CHIEF JUDGE OF SAMOA

From Our N.Z. Correspondent.

AUCKLAND, April 26.

MR. R. M. WATSON, Stipendiary Magistrate, of Feilding, New Zealand, has been appointed to the position of Chief Judge of the Samoan Court. It is understood that the position is a temporary one, probably for a period of three months. Mr. Watson left Wellington for Samoa on April 21.

Since the return of Mr. J. H. Luxford to New Zealand, the duties of Chief Judge have been carried out by various N.Z. magistrates who have held temporary appointments. It has not been stated whether the present appointment is likely to be made permanent.

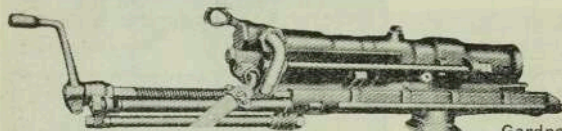
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NEW CALEDONIA

Mineral Industries Busy

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, May 2.

THERE are indications that New Caledonia has made a steady and satisfactory recovery from the economic depression.

Representatives of different countries have been here bidding for our minerals. The most active appear to be the Japanese, who now are buying chrome as well as nickel.

The new line of Japanese freighters which is running to New Zealand via New Caledonia is helping our industries. Large quantities of sulphur are being brought in from Japan for use in the treatment of nickel ore; and the ships on their way back from New Zealand with wool take up our minerals and other products. Japanese goods also are rapidly finding their way in.

There has been much prospecting activity by gold-seekers, but no encouraging discoveries have been reported.

Death of C. H. Hughes

ONE of the most prominent shipping men in Australia, Mr. Charles Henry Hughes, director and former general manager of the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand Limited, died in Sydney on May 10, at the age of 73.

His career was romantic. Beginning as a reporter on the "Evening News" in Sydney, he transferred to the Union Company where he worked his way up from the bottom to the highest position the company had to offer in Australia. He was associated with the U.S.S. Co. for 57 years.

Joining the company in 1879, Mr. Hughes made rapid progress through the various departments, becoming assistant manager in Sydney. In the nineties he was appointed agent for the Union line in Fiji. For some years he resided at Suva until promoted to the position of secretary of the company at the head office in Dunedin, New Zealand.

Transferred to Australia, Mr. Hughes was manager in Melbourne for a time before succeeding the late Mr. David Mills as general manager in Sydney. Two years ago, he retired owing to ill-health and was appointed a director. Mr. A. J. Soutar, of Melbourne, came to Sydney to assume the managership.

FIJI BANANAS IN CANADA

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, April 23.

WRITING from Vancouver, the Hon. Alport Barker (member of the Fiji Legislative Council), who is en route to England, states that he made inquiries concerning the sale of Fiji bananas on the Canadian market.

Everywhere he went, he heard that the flavour of the fruit was excellent, but that the appearance of it in the retail shops was not good.

A fruit agent had expressed the opinion that the fruit was carried at too low a temperature. In Canada, our bananas compete with those from Ecuador, and it was apparent that the appearance of the Ecuador fruit is enough to sell it, thus giving it a big advantage over the Fiji product.

NO GOLD!

Oceanic Co. Abandons

Expedition

THE Melbourne expedition which chartered the ship *Joseph Conrad* some three months ago and went to one of the Papuan islands near Samarai to search for gold, appears to have been a complete "washout". The following was published in Melbourne in mid-May:—

Directors of Oceanic Gold Exploration N.L. report that Mr. T. J. Shephard, mining engineer, has cabled that the area in South-Eastern Papua inspected by him has been very disappointing. He advised the abandonment of the expedition.

The expedition, consisting of four mining engineers under the leadership of Mr. Shephard, left on the sailing ship *Joseph Conrad* last January. Capital is £10,000, in 2000 shares of £5 each, of which 1,500 paid up to £2 a share, were subscribed. Australian Prospecting N.L., Mandated Gold N.L. and Pacific Gold N.L. hold 150 shares, and Cracow Gold N.L. 100 shares, in the company.

PROGRESS OF AVIATION IN NEW GUINEA

THE following figures, compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician, show the progress which has been made in aviation in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea during the last two years:—

	1932-33.	1934-35.
Number of flights	7,228	14,710
Number of hours flown ..	8,499	13,022
Number of miles flown ..	680,871	1,094,308
Number of passengers carried	7,041	14,403
Weight of freight carried (tons)	4,903.1	7,789.17
Weight of mails carried (tons)	21.02	43.7

The amount of freight carried in Australia last year was 110 tons, as compared with 7,789 tons in New Guinea. Mails carried in Australia weighed 30 tons, while the New Guinea services carried 43 tons.

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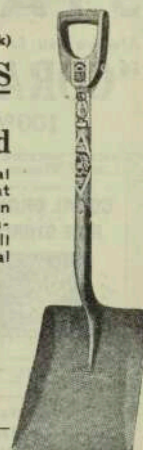
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Mr. Major Harper, a well-known trader of Mandoliana Island, in the Solomon Group, arrived in Sydney by the Malaita on May 8.

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"TIED CLIENTS"

Letter to the Editor

THE big Australian companies operating in New Guinea coined the above term and applied it to us. The implication was that we were not "free" to buy our goods or sell our produce in the open or best market.

Experience soon caused "tied clients" to seek, with single purpose, their emancipation. A few, in spite of copra dol-drum, were successful. To these few, mostly outstation planters, the arbitrary Shipping Bill came as a calamitous blow. It is proposed to deny us the advantages of competitive shipping. Only the isolated planter can fully appreciate all that this implies. The emancipated are to be virtually "tied" again!

Hitherto Australian legislators, advised from Rabaul, have appreciated the advantage of healthy competition. It would now appear that they are allowing themselves to be stamped by interests working under the cloak of nationalism.

The non-official members of the Legislative Council at Rabaul have eloquently and forthrightly stated the case for the planter. The emasculated vote of official members merely exemplifies the farcical nature of that Council.

Bacon, in his essay on the administration of colonies (or "plantations," as was the old English term), wrote: "Let there be freedom to carry their commodities where they may make their best of them." In the development of outstation agriculture this advice would appear to be as applicable to-day as hitherto.

I am, etc.,

EX-"TIED CLIENT."

Manus, T.N.G., March 15, 1936.

Hon. C. J. J. T. Barton, O.B.E., has been appointed to act as Officer Administering the Government in Fiji until Sir Arthur Richards arrives in Suva about October. Dr. V. W. T. McGusty is now acting as Colonial Secretary.

ANZAC DAY IN TONGA



Students of Wesleyan College, Nukualofa, Tonga, marching to Anzac Day celebration, on April 25. In the background: New store of Messrs. Burns Philp (S.S.) Ltd. Above: The Tongan War Memorial with wreaths, and native bugler sounding "The Last Post."

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BLOWN TO SEA**Papuans Drift Across to
Solomons**

From a Special Correspondent
GIZO, April 8.

ON March 18 a strange outrigger canoe was noticed drifting about off Bagga (Vella Lavella, Northern Solomons), and some of Mr. Binskin's plantation boys went out to her assistance. They found three very frightened men, whom they had some difficulty in convincing of their perfect safety. They were paddled ashore to Mr. Binskin.

It turned out they were natives of the Lachlan Islands (Eastern Papua), who, whilst out fishing, had been caught by a nor-west blow, which carried them far out to sea. Not knowing their direction, they had drifted about for seven days and nights at the mercy of winds and currents, with only sago, saturated with salt water, and a few raw sweet potatoes to eat. They had to quench their thirst with sips of sea water.

At Bagga the strangers were kindly treated, and at the first opportunity Mr. Binskin brought them into Gizo, so that they should catch the expected s.s. *Weirbank* to Rabaul, thence to be returned to Samarai.

A canoe with three men and two women of the Trobriand Group drifted, under similar circumstances, to the same place about seven years ago. They also were terrified at the prospect of coming ashore, and it was only the visible evidence of white settlement which induced them to do so. They were kindly treated in the Solomons and duly returned from Gizo to their home, via Sydney.

About 1906 a large Papuan canoe drifted over in the same way. The local natives brought the men ashore, and, one way and another, they either died or were killed before the year was out.

**Tropical Health Lectures
In Sydney**

COMMENCING on June 8 and terminating on August 7, a course of lectures in tropical medicine, hygiene, and sanitation will be held at the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, University of Sydney, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

The lectures have been framed especially to meet the needs of missionaries, nurses, and other workers, outside the medical profession, who anticipate living in tropical territories. No charge will be made for the course and enrolment should be made by June 8.

A comprehensive syllabus has been arranged. Instruction will include lectures on the physiological effects of tropical climate; clothing, habits, food, and drink in the tropics; entomology; insect prophylaxis; Pacific Islands diseases—their symptoms, treatment, and prevention; and medical and surgical emergencies, etc.

At the recent Thursday Island Town Council Triennial Election, the following candidates were elected as Aldermen for the ensuing three years:—Messrs. G. Asange, T. A. Cohen, G. G. Mills, E. H. Vowels, Donald Farquhar, Thomas Burgess, G. F. Runcie and F. G. Joyce. Alderman Alex Corrie was again returned unopposed as Mayor.

GUINEA GOLD'S FUTURE

HAVING "found impossible for practical purposes" a distribution of the shares held by the company in the Bulolo Gold Dredging, Ltd., the directors of Guinea Gold, N.L., will seek shareholders' approval of an alteration in the articles of association.

The alteration would have the effect of limiting future mining activities, with a view to conserving the Bulolo shareholding as an invested fund until shareholders decide otherwise.

The directors state that the taxation authorities have decided not to permit the distribution of the Bulolo shares with immunity from taxation.

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Kenya, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt. No. 1 quotations: Grade "A," 49/-; grade "B," 47/-; grade "C," 42/-; Triage, 38/-; No. 2 quotations: Grade "A," 47/-; grade "B," 45/-; grade "C," 38/-; Triage, 36/-; No. 3 quotations: Grade "B," 45/6; grade "C," 41/-; Triage, 38/-.

Mysore, f.a.q., prompt shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt. No. 1 quotation, grade "B," 48/6; Triage, 42/-; No. 2 quotation, grade "B," 49/-.

Arabian (Aden), Hodeidah, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney. Quote (a) No. 1, pure, 54/- per cwt. Quote (b): 61/- per cwt.

Note: Importers of coffee from Java, etc., pay the following additional charges: Exchange (25 1/2 per cent. in the case of Java), 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 an exchange conversion of 12 gulden to the Australian £, the Australian c.i.f. prices current during May were: Prime Samarang, 3 21/32d. per lb.; prime Japara, 3 25/32d.

Cocoa

Quote No. 1: Cocoa beans, £33 per ton.
Quote No. 2: Accra, good fermented, £27/5/- per ton, c.i.f., Sydney.

Ivory Nuts

No. 1 quotation: £8/15/- per ton, f.o.b., Sydney.

No. 2 quotation: £8/10/- per ton, f.o.b., Sydney.

Green Snail Shell

Good quantity green snail shell was quoted in Sydney in mid-May at £50 per ton.

Trochus Shell

Quotations for trochus shell obtained in Sydney from two different sources were:

(a) Trochus shell, No. 1 grade	£105/-/-
Trochus shell, No. 2 grade	£100/-/-
Trochus shell, No. 3 grade	£90/-/-
(b) Trochus shell, No. 1 grade	£105/-/-
Trochus shell, No. 2 grade	£102/-/-
Trochus shell, No. 3 grade	£90/-/-

All quotes are f.o.b. and on the Australian £.

Cotton

Prices (London, c.i.f.) for cotton during the past four weeks were: April 24, 6.26d lb., May shipment; May 1, 6.06d lb., June shipment; May 8, 6.05d lb., June shipment; May 15, 6.16d lb., June shipment.

Rice

Rangoon rice, packed in 100lb. or 200lb. bags, £12/10/- per ton f.o.b. Sydney.

Australian table rice, packed in 56lb. bags, £16/10/- per ton.

Exchange Rates

The following exchange quotations, gathered in Sydney, show the rates existing in Sydney on May 20:—

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 £A113/10/-.

Fiji-London on basis £100 London: Buying, Selling.

Telegraphic transfer £110 15 0 £112 0 0

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SELLING RATES

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in Australia

Australia on Papeete

	Francs to £
Average for week ended 27/4/36	58.68
Average for week ended 4/5/36	58.72
Average for week ended 11/5/36	59.00
Average for week ended 18/5/36	58.96

Australia on Noumea

	Francs to £
Average for week ended 27/4/36	58.58
Average for week ended 4/5/36	58.62
Average for week ended 11/5/36	59.00
Average for week ended 18/5/36	58.86

WESTERN SAMOA—THROUGH BANK OF N.Z.

Exchange, Australia on Western Samoa, basis £100 Samoa—buying £A100, selling £A100/10/-.

Exchange, Samoa on London, basis £100 in London:—

	Buying.	Selling.
Telegraphic transfer	£123 0 0	£125 0 0
On Demand	122 15 0	124 17 6
30 days	122 15 0	124 15 0
60 days	122 10 0	124 12 6
90 days	122 5 0	124 10 0
120 days	122 0 0	124 7 6

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Drafts, Sydney-Noumea and Noumea-Sydney, are on the basis of current rate of exchange on Paris, less 1 per cent. either way. As quoted by the Comptoir National, in Sydney, and the Bank of Indo-Chine, Noumea: On May 21, when the Australian £ was nominally worth 61 francs, £100 Australian would purchase a credit in Noumea of 6,100 francs.

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From Australia, Pt. Moresby, £1 per cent.; on Rabaul 10/- per cent.—other N. Guinea districts £1 per cent.

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Buying: T.T. £A125 equals £stg. 100.
Selling: T.T. £A125/10/- equals £stg. 100.

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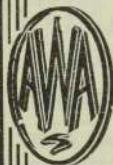
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Range of Prices

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London Price on—	South Sea, Sun-Dried, to London Per ton, c.i.f.	Plantation, Hot-air Dried, Rabaul Per ton, c.i.f.
January 16, 1931 ..	£14 7 6	£14 12 6
February 27 ..	£14 12 6	£14 17 6
March 27 ..	£14 10 0	£14 12 6
April 24 ..	£10 17 6	£11 0 0
May 29 ..	£11 15 0	£11 17 6
June 26 ..	£11 5 0	£11 7 6
July 31 ..	£11 5 0	£11 5 0
August 28 ..	£11 2 6	£12 15 0
September 25 ..	£12 15 0	£13 10 0
October 30 ..	£13 10 0	£13 15 0
November 27 ..	£13 10 0	£14 10 0
December 18 ..	£14 5 0	£14 15 0
January 1, 1932 ..	£14 10 0	£16 10 0
February 12 ..	£14 7 6	£15 0 0
March 25 ..	£14 17 6	£14 17 6
April 29 ..	£14 15 0	£13 17 6
May 20 ..	£13 17 6	£13 5 0
June 17 ..	£13 5 0	£13 7 6
July 1 ..	£13 5 0	£14 0 0
August 12 ..	£13 17 6	£14 0 0
September 2 ..	£13 17 6	£14 7 6
October 7 ..	£14 5 0	£14 10 0
November 11 ..	£14 7 6	£14 10 0
December 16 ..	£14 5 0	£13 12 6
January 6, 1933 ..	£13 10 0	£12 7 6
February 3 ..	£12 5 0	£10 12 6
March 3 ..	£11 7 6	£11 10 0
April 28 ..	£10 10 0	£10 12 6
May 26 ..	£11 2 6	£11 5 0
June 30 ..	£10 17 6	£11 0 0
July 21 ..	£11 2 6	£10 12 6
August 4 ..	£10 10 0	£9 10 6
September 29 ..	£9 7 6	£9 0 0
October 20 ..	£8 15 0	£9 15 0
November 3 ..	£9 10 0	£8 7 6
December 1 ..	£8 12 6	£8 10 0
January 5, 1934 ..	£8 0 0	£8 0 0
February 16 ..	£7 17 6	£8 12 6
March 30 ..	£7 7 6	£8 15 0
April 27 ..	£7 2 6	£8 17 6
May 18 ..	£7 15 0	£8 10 0
June 15 ..	£8 0 0	£8 12 6
July 6 ..	£7 17 6	£8 15 0
August 3 ..	£8 0 0	£8 17 6
September 7 ..	£7 12 6	£8 10 0
October 5 ..	£8 0 0	£9 0 0
November 2 ..	£7 15 0	£9 12 6
December 28 ..	£9 0 0	£10 5 0
January 4, 1935 ..	£9 5 0	£12 2 6
February 1 ..	£11 12 6	£12 15 0
March 1 ..	£12 2 6	£11 15 0
April 5 ..	£10 15 0	£12 2 6
May 31 ..	£11 17 6	£12 2 6
June 7 ..	£11 15 0	£12 7 6
June 21 ..	£10 15 0	£11 5 0
July 5 ..	£9 15 0	£10 5 0
July 12 ..	£9 12 6	£10 5 0
July 19 ..	£9 17 6	£10 17 6
August 2 ..	£9 15 0	£10 15 0
August 9 ..	£9 10 0	£10 12 6
August 23 ..	£9 15 0	£10 15 0
August 30 ..	£9 12 6	£10 12 6
September 6 ..	£9 17 6	£10 17 6
September 13 ..	£9 17 6	£11 7 6
September 20 ..	£10 10 0	£11 7 6
September 27 ..	£11 12 6	£12 7 6
October 4 ..	£11 7 6	£13 5 0
October 11 ..	£12 7 6	£14 0 0
October 18 ..	£13 0 0	£14 0 0
October 25 ..	£12 2 6	£13 2 6
November 1 ..	£12 17 6	£14 0 0
November 8 ..	£12 10 0	£13 15 0
November 15 ..	£13 0 0	£14 2 6
November 22 ..	£13 2 6	£14 5 0
November 29 ..	£13 2 6	£14 7 6
December 6 ..	£12 17 6	£14 0 0
December 13 ..	£13 5 0	£14 7 6
December 20 ..	£13 7 6	£14 10 0
December 27 ..	£13 10 0	£14 12 6
Jan. 3, 1936 ..	£13 2 6	£15 0 0
Jan. 10 ..	£13 0 0	£15 2 6
Jan. 17 ..	£13 5 0	£15 7 6

London Price on—	South Sea, Smoked, to Genoa and Marseilles Per ton, c.i.f.	South Sea, Sun-Dried, to London Per ton, c.i.f.	Plantation, Hot-air Dried, Rabaul Per ton, c.i.f.
Jan. 24 ..	£13 12 6	£14 12 6	£15 15 0
Jan. 31 ..	£13 15 0	£14 15 0	£15 15 0
Feb. 7 ..	£13 0 0	£14 0 0	£15 0 0
Feb. 14 ..	£13 0 0	£13 15 0	£14 15 0
Feb. 21 ..	£13 5 0	£14 0 0	£14 17 6
Feb. 28 ..	£12 15 0	£13 12 6	£14 5 0
Mar. 6 ..	£11 15 0	£12 15 0	£13 0 0
Mar. 13 ..	£12 12 6	£13 0 0	£13 15 0
Mar. 20 ..	£12 2 6	£13 0 0	£13 12 6
Mar. 27 ..	£12 5 0	£13 5 0	£13 17 6
Apr. 3 ..	£12 7 6	£13 5 0	£14 0 0
Apr. 9 ..	£12 10 0	£13 5 0	£13 15 0
Apr. 17 ..	£12 5 0	£12 17 6	£13 15 0
Apr. 24 ..	£11 17 6	£12 2 6	£13 0 0
May 1 ..	£11 10 0	£11 15 0	£12 10 0
May 8 ..	£11 7 6	£11 15 0	£12 7 6
May 15 ..	£11 15 0	£12 3 6	£12 15 0

Rubber

London Price on—	Para per lb.	Plantation Smoked Per lb.
January 6, 1933 ..	44d.	2.43d.
February 10 ..	44d.	23d.
March 10 ..	44d.	23d.
April 14 ..	44d.	2.34d.
May 5 ..	44d.	2.81d.
June 2 ..	44d.	3.56d.
July 7 ..	44d.	3.71d.
August 4 ..	44d.	4d.
September 1 ..	44d.	3.78d.
October 13 ..	44d.	4d.
November 10 ..	44d.	4.09d.
December 8 ..	44d.	4.05d.
January 5, 1934 ..	44d.	4.28d.
February 2 ..	44d.	5.15d.
March 6 ..	44d.	4.84d.
May 4 ..	44d.	7d.
June 1 ..	44d.	64d.
July 6 ..	44d.	7.06d.

August 3 ..	55d.	7.18d.
September 7 ..	55d.	75d.
October 5 ..	55d.	65d.
November 16 ..	55d.	65d.
December 28 ..	5d.	65d.
January 4, 1935 ..	45d.	65d.
February 1 ..	45d.	6.17d.
March 1 ..	45d.	5.45d.
April 5 ..	45d.	5 9/16d.
May 3 ..	45d.	6d.
June 7 ..	5d.	58d.
July 5 ..	47d.	53d.
August 2 ..	47d.	53d.
September 6 ..	47d.	5.67d.
September 27 ..	47d.	5.89d.
October 4 ..	5d.	6.09d.
October 11 ..	54d.	6 7/16d.
October 25 ..	54d.	6 15/32d.
November 1 ..	54d.	6 7/16d.
November 8 ..	65d.	64d.
November 15 ..	65d.	6 5/16d.
November 22 ..	65d.	64d.
November 29 ..	65d.	6 5/16d.
December 6 ..	65d.	64d.
December 13 ..	65d.	6 5/16d.
December 20 ..	65d.	6 11/16d.
December 27 ..	65d.	6 13/32d.
January 3, 1936 ..	65d.	65d.
January 10 ..	7d.	67d.
January 17 ..	7d.	7d.
January 24 ..	75d.	6 15/16d.
January 31 ..	75d.	7 3/16d.
February 7 ..	85d.	75d.
February 14 ..	85d.	75d.
February 21 ..	85d.	75d.
February 28 ..	85d.	75d.
March 6 ..	85d.	75d.
March 13 ..	85d.	7 13/32d.
March 20 ..	85d.	75d.
March 27 ..	85d.	75d.
April 3 ..	85d.	75d.
April 9 ..	9d.	7 9/16d.
April 17 ..	9d.	7 9/16d.
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Manila	June 29	Sept 3
Hong Kong	July 1-4	Sept 5-8
Saigon	July 10	Sept 14
Manila	July 14	Sept 18
Sandakan	July 16	Sept 20
Salamaua	July 25	Sept 29
Rabaul	July 27	Oct 1
Sydney	Aug 3	Oct 8-9
Melbourne	Aug 6-8	Oct 12

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	Rabaul.	Salamaua
London	May 15	Aug 5
Copenhagen	June 7	—
Port Pirie	July 27	Sept 25
Sydney	Aug 4	Oct 2
Suva	Aug 12	Oct 10
Salamaua	Aug 20	Oct 18
Rabaul	Aug 25	Oct 23
London	Oct 31	Jan 3

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Hong Kong	June 11	July 11
Madang	June 22	—
Salamaua	June 24	—
Rabaul	June 27	July 27
Manus	July 2	—
Tulagi	—	July 30
Kieta	—	Aug 3
Madang	—	Aug 11
Rabaul	July 11	—
Hong Kong	July 18	Aug 17
	Aug 2	Sept 1

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	Makura.	Maunganni.	Makura.
Papeete	June 13	July 11	Aug 8
Rarotonga	June 15	July 13	Aug 10
Wellington	June 22-23	July 20-21	A.17-18
Sydney	June 27	July 25	Aug 22
Sydney, dep.	July 2	July 30	Aug 27
Wellington	July 6-7	Aug 3-4	A.31-S.1
Rarotonga	July 11	Aug 8	Sept 5
Papeete	July 14	Aug 11	Sept 8

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	Macdhui.	Montoro.	Macdhui.
Sydney	May 28	June 17	July 8
Brisbane	May 30	June 19	July 10
Townsville	—	June 22	—
Cairns	June 2	June 23	July 13
Pt. Moresby	June 4	June 25	July 15
Yule Is.	—	—	July 16
Samarai	June 6	June 27	July 18
Woodlark Is.	—	—	—
Rabaul	June 8-9	June 29-30	July 20-21
Lindenhafen	June 10	—	July 22
Salamaua	June 11-12	July 2-3	July 23-24
Lae	—	—	—
Lombrum	June 14	—	July 26
Lorengau	June 15	—	July 27
Boram	June 16	July 4	July 28
Alexishafen	June 17	—	July 29
Salamaua	June 17	—	July 29
Finschafen	June 17	—	July 29
Kavieng	June 19-20	July 6-7	July 31-A.1
Pondo	—	—	—
Rabaul	June 22	July 9	Aug 3
Salamaua	June 24	July 11	Aug 5
Samarai	June 25	July 13	Aug 6
Pt. Moresby	June 26	July 14	Aug 7
Cairns	—	July 16	—
Brisbane	June 30	July 19	Aug 11
Sydney	July 2	July 21	Aug 13

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Sydney—N.Z.—Fiji—Samoa—Hawaii

	Mariposa.	Monterey.	Mariposa.
Honolulu	June 1	June 29	July 27
Pago Pago	June 6	July 4	Aug 1
Suva	June 9	July 7	Aug 4
Auckland	June 12	July 10	Aug 7
Sydney, arr.	June 15	July 13	Aug 10
Melbourne	June 19-20	July 17-18	Aug 14-15
Sydney, dep.	June 24	July 22	Aug 19
Auckland	June 27	July 25	Aug 22
Suva	June 30	July 28	Aug 25
Pago Pago	July 1	July 29	Aug 26
Honolulu	July 6	Aug 3	Aug 31

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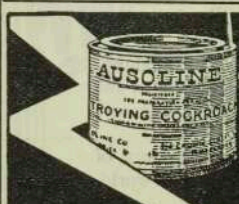
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Hong Kong	June 5	July 3	Aug 1
Manila	June 8	July 6	Aug 4
Rabaul	June 16	July 14	Aug 12
Brisbane	June 22	July 20	Aug 18
Sydney	June 24	July 22	Aug 20
Melbourne	June 29-Jy. 4	Jy. 29-A. 1	A. 21-S. 2
Hobart	July 6	Aug 3	Sept 4
Newcastle	July 9	Aug 6	Sept 7
Sydney, dep.	July 15	Aug 12	Sept 12
Brisbane	July 17	Aug 14	Sept 14
Townsville op.	July 20	Aug 17	Sept 17
Rabaul	July 25	Aug 22	Sept 22
Manila	Aug 2	Aug 30	Sept 30
Hong Kong	Aug 5	Sept 2	Oct 3

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	Saigon	Java	Noumea
Saigon	May 5	July 7	
Batavia	May 9-11	July 11-13	
Samarang	May 12	July 14	
Pt. Moresby	May 21	July 23	
Samarang	May 23	July 25	
Rabaul	May 25-26	July 27-28	
Vila	June 1	Aug 3	
Noumea	June 3-5	Aug 5-7	
Sydney	June 10-12	Aug 12-14	
Pt. Moresby	June 19	Aug 21	
Batavia	June 30-Jy. 2	Sept 1-3	
Saigon	July 6	Sept 7	

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Raiatea, opt.	June 24		
Vila	July 4	Aug 29	Oct 24
Noumea	July 6	Aug 31	Oct 26

	Noumea	July 14	Sept 8	Nov 3
Vila	July 17	Sept 11	Nov 6	
Raiatea	July 26	Sept 19	Nov 14	
Papeete	July 27-29	Sept 20-22	Nov 15-17	

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Central Pacific Services

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Under charter by the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand Ltd., the motor vessel Port Whangarei is running on a regular monthly service between New Zealand and Tonga. She is due to sail from Auckland on her next trip to Nukunono (Tongatabu) on June 19. The following voyage will be made on July 17. The Limerick (8724 tons), which has temporarily replaced the Waipahi, will depart from Sydney for Fiji and Western Samoa on June 3. She will be followed by the Cape York about June 20, calling at Suva, Lautoka, and Apia before going on to Vancouver and American ports.

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New Zealand—Samoa

N.Z. Government steamer Maui Pomare (1159 tons) is on a regular service between New Zealand ports and Western Samoa, carrying mails, passengers, and cargo.

Ocean Island—Nauru Service

British Phosphate Commission, 16 Spring Street, Sydney, sends boats irregularly from Melbourne.

N. Caledonian Services

S.S. Mawatta and S.S. Neo Hebrida (Societe Tour de Cotes) make regular five-weekly trips, carrying mails and passengers, from Noumea along the east coast to Arama, trip occupying 9 days. Also from Noumea to Ile Belep, via the west coast, voyage taking 8 days. Leaving Noumea on the run up the east coast the vessels call at Yate, Tuarou, N. Goye, Kuakue, Thio, Nakety, Canalo, Gouaoua, Houailou, Moueo, Pouterihouen, Tieti, Poindimie, Wagap, Touho, Kokingone, Hieghene, Tao, Outhatch, Pouebo, Balada, Pam, and Arama. Return by same route. Ports visited on west coast trip are: Bourail, Poya, Mueo, Pombout, Kone, Voh, Temala, Ouaco, Koumac, Karamble, Tangadiou, Paagoumene, Nehoue, Mouac, Belep, and return by same route. S.S. Loyaute (Societe des Isles Loyalties) main-

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Sydney—New Hebrides— Noumea—Indochine

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S.S. Laperouse.			
Sydney	May 28	Aug 8	
Noumea	June 1-2	Aug 12-14	
Lifou	—	Aug 15	
Pt. Vila	June 3	Aug 16-17	
Epi	—	Aug 18	
Luganville	June 4	Aug 19	
Le Dart	June 5	Aug 20	
Surenda	—	Aug 21	
Hog Harbour	—	Aug 22	
Vao	—	Aug 23	
Hong Kong	—	—	
Saigon dep.	June 22	—	
Haiphong	June 26-28	—	
Luganville	July 13	—	
Le Dart	July 14	—	
Toman	—	Aug 24	
Tanna	—	Aug 26	
Pt. Sandwich	—	Aug 24	
Pt. Vila	July 15	Aug 25	
Lifou	—	Aug 27	
Noumea	July 16-18	Aug 28-29	
Sydney	July 22	Sept 2	

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Sydney—N.Z.—Fiji—Hawaii

Aorangi.			
Honolulu	May 27	June 24	July 22
Suva	June 5	July 3	July 31
Auckland	June 8-9	July 6-7	Aug 3-4
Sydney	June 13	July 14	Aug 8
Sydney, dep.	June 18	July 16	Aug 13
Auckland	June 22-23	July 20-21	Aug 17-18
Suva	June 26	July 24	Aug 21
Honolulu	July 3	July 31	Aug 28

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New Hebrides Inter-Island

S.S. Mirani (Burns Philp (South Sea) Co. Ltd.), which has replaced the S.S. Makambo, connects every six weeks at Vila with S.S. Morinda from Sydney, then proceeds on southern trip, calling at the islands of Efate, Erromanga, Tanna, Aneityum, and returns to Vila—trip occupying 7 or 8 days. After 2 or 3 days at Vila, departs on northern trip, calling at the islands of Efate, Mai, Tongoa, Epi, Paama, Ambryn,

Malekula, Aoba, Malo, Santo and returns to Vila, trip occupying 25 to 28 days. Vessel extends to Banks Group every second trip equivalent to about every six weeks.

S.S. Bucephale (Messageries Maritimes inter-island service steamer) makes regular trips to Tanna every two months, connecting at Vila with the Laperouse. She visits Banks Group every ten weeks.

Solomon Islands—N.G. Service

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M.V. Malaita			
Sydney	June 27	Aug 8	Sept 19
Brisbane	June 29	Aug 10	Sept 21
Townsville	July 2	Aug 13	Sept 24
Tulagi	—	—	—
Makambo	July 6-7	Aug 17-18	Sept 28-29
Gavutu	—	—	—
Suva	—	—	—
Domma	July 8	Aug 19	Sept 30
Mamara	—	—	—
Tasavarong	—	Aug 20	—
Aruligo	—	—	—
Lavoro	—	—	—
Mamara	—	—	—
Tasavarong	July 9	—	Oct 1
Aruligo	—	—	—
Meringe	—	—	—
Hivo	July 10	—	Oct 2
Yandina	—	—	—
Banika	—	—	—
Ufa	—	—	—
Faimai	July 11-12	Aug 21	Oct 3-4
Younger	—	—	—
Pepesala	—	—	—
Lingatu	—	—	—
West Bay	—	Aug 22	—
Somata	—	—	—
Gizo	July 13	Aug 23	Oct 5
Faist	July 14	Aug 24	Oct 6
Kieta	July 14	Aug 24	Oct 6
Arigua	July 15	Aug 25	Oct 7
Numa Numa	—	—	—
Teopasino	July 16	Aug 26	Oct 8
Rahaul	July 17-18	Aug 27-28	Oct 9-10
Soraken	July 19-20	Aug 29-30	Oct 11-12
Kieta	July 20	Aug 30	Oct 12
Faist	July 21	Aug 31	Oct 13
Gizo	July 22	Sept 1	Oct 14
Tetipari	—	—	—
Russell Group	July 23-24	Sept 2-3	Oct 15-16
Gavutu	July 25	Sept 4	Oct 17
Makambo	—	—	—
Brisbane	July 30	Sept 9	Oct 22
Sydney	Aug 1	Sept 11	Oct 24

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Sydney—Norfolk Island—New Hebrides

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S.S. Morinda.			
Sydney	June 13	June 25	July 25
Lord Howe	June 15	June 27	July 27
Norfolk Is.	—	June 29	July 29
Vila	—	July 2-3	—
Rushman's Bay	—	July 4	—
Malé	—	—	—
Tangoa	—	July 4	—
Segond	—	—	—
Aoba	—	July 5	—
Vila	—	July 6	—
Norfolk Is.	June 18	July 9	July 30
Lord Howe	June 20	July 11	Aug 1
Sydney	June 22	July 13	Aug 3

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French Oceania Inter-Island

S.S. Tooya (597 tons) makes regular trips from Papeete, through Leeward Group (Raiatea, Huahine, Borabora, etc.) about every four weeks, and also regularly visits Tuamotu and Gambier Archipelagoes.

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Samoan Inter-Island Service

A.S. Makoa, 250 tons (Burns Philp (South Sea) Co. Ltd.) operates from Apia and connects regularly with Pago Pago, also Tokelau, Swain, Nassau, and Phoenix Groups.

Gilbert and Ellice Islands

M.V. Ralum, 368 tons (Burns Philp (South Sea) Co. Ltd.), operates from Tarawa (Gilbert Islands), and connects regularly with all Islands in the Gilbert and Ellice Groups.

NEW SHIPPING OFFICES IN PAPEETE

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, April 11.

THE block of buildings comprising the recently opened Oceanic Market and other establishments promises to become the most important commercial centre in Papeete. It is now being extended towards the waterfront by the erection of new offices for the Messageries Maritimes Co. and the Compagnie General Transatlantique. The Belgian Consulate will also be situated there.

The new offices will be located on the Quai de Commerce between the Union Steam Ship Company and the Societe Commerciale de l'Océanie, and immediately facing the usual berthing place for pleasure yachts and schooners.

Mr. M. M. Brodie, manager of the Union Soaps Ltd., and the Pacific Biscuit Co. of Fiji, returned to Suva by the Aorangi early in May.

Rev. H. T. Frere Lane returned to Menapi, Papua, by the Montoro from Sydney on May 6. He is a member of the staff of the New Guinea Mission.

Mr. James Fergusson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fergusson, of Thursday Island, married Miss Marie Amies, of Brisbane, in April. Early in May they were spending their honeymoon touring in North Queensland.

Mr. Mason Warner, an American journalist, sailed from Sydney for the Solomon Is. by the May Malaita to gather material for a series of articles for the American press.



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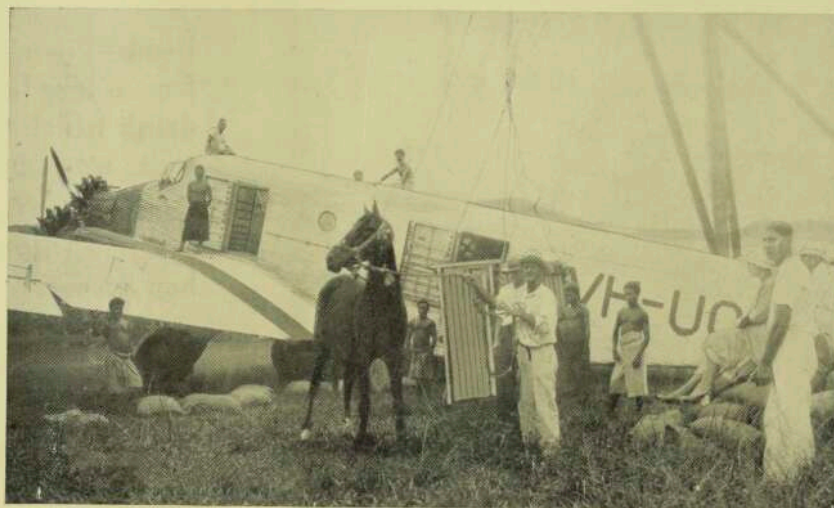
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1932	3,947	1,607
1933	3,980	3,856
1934	6,044	7,398
1935	5,688	9,721
1936	6,476	12,137
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