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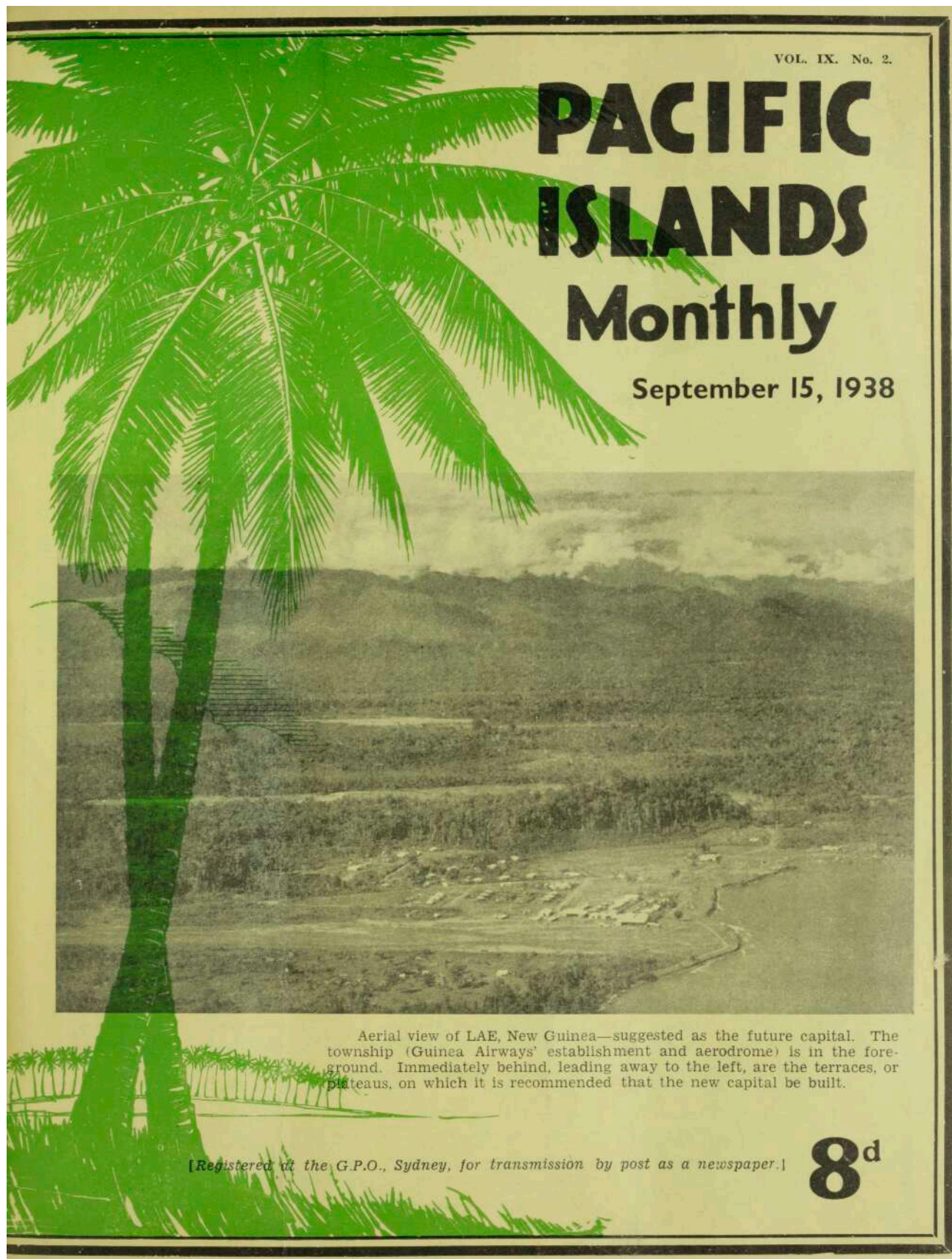
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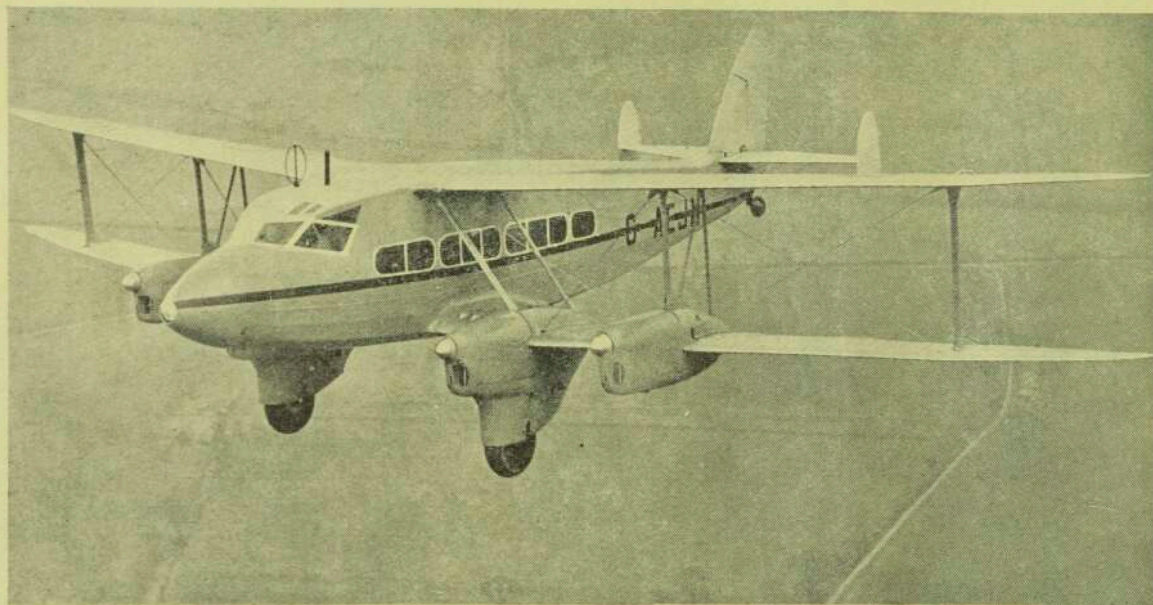
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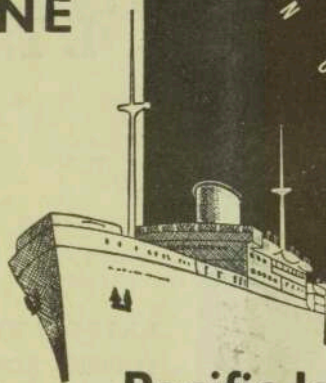
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Concerning The Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, P.C., M.P.

WHEN it was announced, ten months
ago, that Australia's Pacific
Territories would be under the
control of Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, P.C.,
M.P., residents in Papua, New Guinea,
etc., exclaimed "Thank God! Now some-
thing will be done". To-day, they are re-
garding the verbal cavortings and political
twistings of Mr. Hughes with dismay.

It is not that they love the amazing
little man less; it is only that the oc-
casion calls for something more than mere
political clowning. Mr. Hughes can stand
securely on his record; and every one
who remembers 1914-20 always will give
honour and respect to him who so hap-
pily represented the tough and tenacious
character of wartime Australia. But that
does not mean that Mr. Hughes can re-
main forever upon the political stage,
without embarrassment to his friends and
admirers.

Misgivings were first expressed by
Islands interests, when Mr. Hughes—for
some reason still mysteriously hidden—
threw aside the Griffiths Committee's re-
port on the new capital site; and, jump-
ing into an aeroplane, dashed off to New
Guinea personally to select a site. He
was 73 years old, he never previously
had seen New Guinea, he knew nothing
of the peculiar difficulties and complexities
of tropical administration, and he spent

only three or four days fluttering around
the vast Morobe district in an aeroplane.
But without apparent hesitation he
selected Salamaua—and thereby precipi-
tated a first-class argument. While in
New Guinea he greatly embarrassed the
Lyons Government by his "what we have
we hold" speech. There was such a row
about it that when he returned to Aus-
tralia he repudiated the speech, making
an explanation so feeble and unconvinc-
ing that even the sober "Sydney Morning
Herald" jeered.

Mr. Hughes, while in New Guinea, de-
cided that a road should be built from
Wau to Salamaua. But he could not put
even this worthy plan upon a practical
foundation. He has left the route vague,
and a subject of argument—no one knows
yet whether the road will be merely a
super-expensive local undertaking, or
whether it is to be a really worthwhile
highway, part of a developmental road-
ing plan.

Back in Australia, Mr. Hughes gave a
diverting performance. It dawned slowly
upon Australian press and public that the
selection of Salamaua as New Guinea's
capital was as indefensible as it was im-
pulsive and hasty, and criticism mounted
from a murmur to a roar. At first, Mr.
Hughes was merely cocky, and garru-
lously funny—he would not discuss the

matter seriously. But soon he was on the
defensive; and then he declared (see full
report elsewhere) that his selection was
based upon the most authoritative official
advice. But no one has been given even
a hint of the official concerned; and no
"authoritative" official would give such
advice, anyway.

Next, we have the appointment of an
Administrator of Nauru. There were over
150 applications; and one would suppose
that Mr. Hughes would have gone to
Cabinet with the "possibilities" reduced to
a half-dozen. We know that actually he
took about 60 of the applications to
Cabinet, and Cabinet officials finally re-
duced them to four. When someone asked
what amount of experience in tropical ad-
ministration Colonel Chalmers (the man
selected) had had, the reply was: "Tropi-
cal experience! That did not enter into
it". To use an Americanism: We'll say it
didn't!

A day or two later, the "little Digger"
crossed swords with Mr. Fairbairn, M.P.
Mr. Fairbairn had asked some obvious
questions that would occur to any logical,
well-trained man of business habits who
examines the administrative machinery
of Papua and New Guinea. "Why have
two capitals?" asked Mr. Fairbairn. "Why
all the expense of duplication? Why not
one administrative machine, and one ad-
ministrative centre? The two territories
lie side by side, with exactly similar con-
ditions of administration, separated only
by an imaginary line".

Instead of accepting this as a serious

and practical contribution to a difficult discussion. Mr. Hughes sneered and snorted. He said it was a pity that Mr. Fairbairn had not studied his subject. He said that one territory was a mandate, and therefore had to be developed in the interests of the natives, and one (presumably) was to be otherwise developed. He suggested that it was impossible to control the two territories properly with the one set of machinery.

Which is sheer balderdash, and the kind of political twaddle of which Mr. Hughes is master. There actually is not one sound practical reason why the two territories should not be administered as one, always provided that in certain minor matters a distinction is made, so that the terms of the Mandate may be observed. Certain classes of officials—especially those with hen-like minds, who love to scratch around among the dotting of i's and the crossing of t's—insist that Papua and New Guinea must be kept separate. So, to-day, we have the ridiculous spectacle of two groups of officials imagining jealousy on either side of an imaginary line, and not even consulting each other on such subjects as land, agriculture, health, transport, native welfare, mining, etc., concerning which their problems and duties are exactly similar.

As a matter of simple, well known fact, it is probable that Papua, under the wise Murray policy, is being developed more in the interests of the natives than any other territory in the Pacific; whereas New Guinea, by comparison, is not.

If, as Mr. Hughes says, New Guinea must be developed solely in the interests of the natives, why does he insist that Australia shall continue to hold New Guinea? And why does he propose to spend £150,000 there on a new road, and £500,000 on a new capital? Why did he ask the N.G. Legislative Council, the other day, to amend the ordinances controlling companies, and the oil search?

The various controversies at least have this saving grace: They show that, at long last, the Australian people and newspapers are trying to understand living conditions and public problems in the Territories. The most exasperating feature is that the Minister, who really should know something of the Territories, and be capable of informing and directing public opinion, seems to think that each occasion calls simply for a display by him of humour, or impressive erudition, or just plain fooling.

He cannot realise, seemingly, that the control of these northern tropical territories, and their proper development by Europeans, is a matter of vital importance to the future of Australia.

It seems strange, in the light of history, to be writing thus of W.M.H. One vividly remembers a day in 1919, when Mr. Hughes, fresh from the framing and signing of the Peace Treaty, was publicly adored by half a million people in Melbourne. It took him an hour, in a soldier-drawn carriage, to get from Spencer Street Station to the Town Hall. To-day, most of us would gladly escort him back to Spencer Street, if only he could cancel Versailles—that vicious international disposition, made by victory-drunk politicians, that is at the root of nearly all the world's troubles to-day. A queer thought, that

Hughes of Versailles, Hughes "the Little Digger", Hughes who leaped to the skies in 1919—and fell like a stone in 1922—Hughes the always lovable satirist, should now be Hughes of Salamaua.

TO COMBAT A COCONUT PEST

IT is probable that early steps will be taken by plantation owners in New Guinea to introduce the parasite *Pleurotropis Parvulus*, which has been successful in destroying the coconut pest *Promecotheca* in the New Hebrides. At the request of the N.G. Administration, Mr. Dupertuis (who introduced the parasite to the New Hebrides) sent some of the parasite in cold storage to New Guinea, in the hope that it might combat the outbreak of *Promecotheca* there. But it did not survive the journey.

Mr. H. W. Champion, Government Secretary in Papua, is making a satisfactory recovery from his recent severe illness. He is residing at present at Killara, Sydney.

Cagoulards Murder

An Echo in New Caledonia

From Our Own Correspondent.

NOUMEA, Aug. 20. A CERTAIN amount of interest was aroused by the arrival of M. Pourcher, a high official of the Police Department, from France, by the "Tarifa", at the commencement of the month.

Accompanied by the Captain of the Gendarmerie, M. Pourcher left for Nohou, where he interrogated M. Hallumie, a fairly recent arrival from France in New Caledonia.

M. Hallumie, who is an accountant with Societe Chimique de Chrome, returned with Mon. Pourcher and the Captain, where an inquiry was held at Bourail, before Judge Rio.

The inquiry is believed to be related to the murder of Juif, in France, a few months ago, by the Cagoulards.

M. Pourcher left on August 18 for Sydney, where he caught a plane, to return speedily to France.

OFF BEATEN TRACKS IN THE PACIFIC—III.



"I understand that Moe Finkelstein was a commercial artist before he came down here and started trading".

HAWAII'S RACIAL MIXTURE

Remarkable Economic and Social Conditions

HONOLULU, Aug. 29.
IN the past month there have been some enlightened surveys made of certain social aspects of the Hawaiian islands, the paradise of the coloured magazine advertisements. Honolulu, the capital, came in for particular attention.

A board of health summary estimates the population of the group at 412,000 (Honolulu 150,000) and, because the races have inter-married so much, the most difficult task is to classify the population correctly. Outstanding in the proportion of Japanese: 37 per cent. of the population, and one-quarter of the Japanese is alien born, the balance claiming U.S. citizenship because they were born in Hawaii. It is noteworthy that the Japanese rarely inter-marry with other races.

There are some 25,000 soldiers and sailors permanently stationed in Hawaii, and if this number was withdrawn there would be but a comparative handful of whites left. In Hawaii, however, Caucasians include such European races as Spanish and Portuguese. There are 30,000 Portuguese. Another heavy rate is the Filipino, 53,000. More than one-fifth of the total population is alien born.

An important angle is that there is an excess of 80,000 males over females in the islands, mostly agricultural workers. This fact, plus the largest military population under the Stars and Stripes, has given rise to a big white slave traffic that operates between San Francisco and Los Angeles and Honolulu.

The University of Hawaii has completed a social study of 218 average white families in Honolulu. Of all white families in Honolulu, the survey indicates that 35 per cent. earn £400 and £600 p.a., and almost 30 per cent. earn between £600 and £800. One of every four families in the lower income group have to borrow or liquidate their capital assets to make ends meet at the year end. The average amount paid in direct taxes by all white families studied was £20. Largest item of expenditure was for food, Hawaii's cost of living being notoriously high, much higher, for example, than highly taxed California, from which Hawaii buys the bulk of its food.

The whole industrial and economic life of the islands is monopolised by five major companies, the directorates of which interlock. This was revealed in a U.S. Department of Justice investigation. The monopolies control the sugar and pineapple industries, all the public utilities, the hotels, even the passenger and freight services to the U.S. mainland.

Sir Walter McNicoll (Administrator of New Guinea) and Lady McNicoll, will leave Rabaul on September 24 by the "Nellore" to visit Japan on holiday. They will leave Kobe later by the "Jean Gerard" for Saigon, where they will tranship for Singapore. They will subsequently travel to Australia by the "Nieuw Holland" arriving early in December.

NEW GOVERNOR OF FIJI



A recent photograph of Sir Harry Luke, C.M.G., lately Lieutenant-Governor of Malta, who has just assumed duty as Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific. Sir Harry was in London on July 26, and was received by the King. London newspapers made interesting references to him. One said he was a famous swimmer—in 1881 he swam from Malta to Gozo, and in 1937 from Gozo to Malta.

The new Governor is expected in Suva from Vancouver by the "Niagara" on September 16, and preparations have been made to give him an official welcome.

OIL SEARCH IN PAPUA

INVESTORS in oil companies have displayed the liveliest interest, during the past month, in the measures which have been introduced in the Legislative Councils of Papua and New Guinea to amend the Petroleum Ordinances, and the law which provides that two-thirds of the capital of companies operating in the territories shall be held by British people.

The new ordinance had not passed the Executive Council in Papua when the last mail left. Its character has not been disclosed, but it is believed that it provides for some rearrangement of the existing concessions. There are reports—quite unconfirmed—that provision also is being made to govern the introduction of oil search activities to the uncontrolled areas in Papua and New Guinea, when such areas are opened to European enterprise.

Much interest was taken in Papua in the arrival there on August 23 of two representatives of Anglo-Persian Oil, Mr. C. A. Southwell and Dr. G. W. Gray. They left Port Moresby for Rabaul by airmail on August 24, and returned to Port Moresby on September 4.

As a result of a widespread belief that the oil search in the two territories is likely to enter upon a new and more important phase there have been sharp movements in the shares of Oriomo Oil and Oil Search, Limited. Oil Search shares on August 1 were quoted at sellers 7/4 on the Sydney Stock Exchange. On September 13 there were sales at 8/10.

NEW GOLD IN NEW GUINEA

Reported Find at Head of Sepik

WAU, Sept. 7.
THERE are persistent reports of new and better goldfields being discovered far over in the western portion of the Mandated Territory.

It is stated that three white men are working rich alluvial gold at a point on the head-waters of the Sepik, near the border of Dutch New Guinea.

This information was gleaned from Mr. B. Cook, who came to Wau recently to buy stores. Details are meagre, however.

Mr. M. Leahy, with a line of 30 or 40 boys, is said to be getting quite good gold at Mt. Hagen.

N. Guinea Roads and Gold

A Word From a Man on the Spot

Letter to the Editor.

WE of the Bitoi River want to know what you know of the country between Salamaua and Wau. We never saw anything of you out here the time you spent about five minutes at Wau, and so claim to know all about it. For your information I will give you some facts.

The road from Salamaua to Wau, up the Bitoi River, can be constructed in less than 45 miles, and there is gold all the way. There are 20 miners on the Bitoi River, with over 500 natives between them, and the road should come this way, as then it would serve everybody on the Morobe Goldfield. If it goes any other way we will still have to pay £10 a ton to get our cargo carted out here from Wau. At the present time it costs £45 a ton for rice landed at the Bitoi River.

The capital, we are not interested in—they can put it where they like—but we must have a road.

You seem to think the gold here will only last a few years. There will be gold-mining here in a hundred years' time. The place has only been scratched yet. But I will say that the easy places are done, and what is wanted now is the power to put the yardage through, and to have the power you must have water. There are places on the Bitoi River where, with a few tons of cement, dams could be constructed to hold thousands of acre feet of water. But, without a road and with dear freight, that is impossible.

Why not put the road through from Salamaua to Wau and have the capital at Wau? As you know, Wau has one of the best climates in the world. If America had a place like Wau what would she do with it? Why, in no time the place would be overrun with tourists.

I am, etc.,

Bitoi River, CHAS. J. OLSSON.
Wau, T.N.G., Sep. 1.

Freezing Works for New Caledonia

Progress in Pastoral and Mining Industries

AFTER long negotiation, the project of the installation of freezing works in New Caledonia has been accepted by the Council-General. The construction of the works, which is to be commenced next year, is expected to be finished in 1940.

This development will give the colony a splendid outlet for the products of the extensive cattle industry.

M. Connaux, who was in Noumea, from France, in connection with the installation of these works left for Sydney by the "Orana" en route to France.

It is reported here that the action of M. Connaux in boarding the ship at Noumea was considered a breach of some navigation law, and caused a hold-up of the disembarkation of the 600 tourists on their return to Sydney. It seems a strange development, when this business man merely took the opportunity to make a quick shipping connection, on his return journey to France.

The plan to establish a butter factory at Bourail, is considered another move in the direction of helping our pastoral industry. At present this country imports all its butter and a quantity of condensed milk from Australia.

The increased amount of minerals exported in the first six months of this year, and the recent improvement in the price of cattle, have given a great impetus to the economic life of New Caledonia.

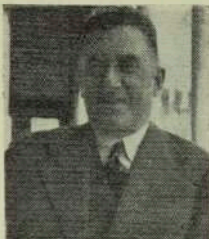
TROPICAL MEDICAL TRAINING

IT is expected that the Australian Government will provide funds to enable the University of Melbourne to maintain at least one young medical graduate at the Fiji Medical School to obtain a special knowledge of tropical diseases. The Fiji Government has intimated to the Australian Government its willingness to assist in such an arrangement.

The development is the result of the anxiety of the Australian authorities to take every reasonable precaution against the introduction of tropical diseases from Asia, through the rapidly growing airmail services.

It is to be hoped that the Australian authorities will go further in practical recognition of the valuable work being done at the medical school in Suva. Facilities now exist there for the complete training of native medical practitioners, and selected men (natives) from Fiji, Samoa, Cook Group, Tonga, Gilbert and Ellice, Solomon Islands, and New Hebrides are now being successfully taught there, in a four years' course, to undertake medical work among their own peoples. Australia, for some reason, has held aloof from this admirable plan. A selected number of Papuans have been given medical training in Sydney. New Guinea has done virtually nothing. Why cannot a selected number of Papuan and New Guinea natives be trained in Suva, along with the natives of other territories? The cost of the four years' course is very small.

ISLANDS BOUND



Mr. E. Roberts departed from Sydney by the "Tasman" on August 24 for Pt. Moresby, from whence he will proceed to his plantation at Bainings, New Guinea. He had been in Australia on a short holiday.



Mr. "Dal" Chambers, a Patrol Officer in the N.G. Administration, left for Rabaul by the August "Nankin" after eight months' furlough in Sydney and Melbourne.



Mr. Eric J. C. Stopp, Official Secretary and Collector of Customs at Norfolk Is., returned to N.I. by the "Morinda" on September 3, after spending short sick leave in Sydney.

Native Servant Kills Five With Tomahawk

Horrible Crime in New Caledonia

A SHOCKING tragedy occurred at La Foa a few days ago on a small coffee plantation, when a 24-years-old New Hebrides native servant killed M. Arman, a retired gendarme, and his three young grandchildren with an axe, as they were sitting at the dinner-table. A 10-months-old baby was the only one to escape harm.

Madame Arman and her eldest daughter, Madame Ange, were seriously injured by tomahawk blows, before the boy fled into the hills. The two women were taken to Noumea by a car, which skidded off the road into a ditch on the way and had to be hauled out by a passing vehicle. Madame Ange did not survive the journey; but her mother, whose slashed arm was amputated, is expected to live.

Slipping through the circle of searching gendarmes, the murderer made for Tomo, 35 miles from La Foa. He was tackled and overpowered by four natives, one of whom had his finger bitten completely off. They will share the reward of 1,200 francs.

Dr. H. Hercus has been appointed Medical Officer at Ocean Is., G. & E. Colony.

COPRA

Prices Sag Under World-Wide "Jitters"

AT the moment of this writing (September 14), copra is down to the lowest levels known since the dismal days of 1934. At these rates, there is only bread and butter in the industry—and not much butter.

These rates mark the climax of weeks of war-scare news, in which every kind of commodity and quoted share has fallen steadily in value. A golden sovereign today is worth 45/- in Australia—yet every gold company share is depressed. It means simply that speculators are scared stiff, that no man is spending a shilling more than he need, and every merchant is buying from hand to mouth.

When it is seen—as soon it will be—that there will be no major war in Europe (any discerning man could have said, month ago, that no Western nation will dare precipitate a conflict that will destroy Western civilisation) there should be a quick return to normal trading, and a sharp improvement in commodity values.

The world cannot go on, indefinitely, suffering the "jitters". That way lies revolution and madness.

Samoa Washerwoman Steals Traveller's Cheques

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, August 24. SAMOAN washerwoman, Piuti, and her husband Kalolo were sentenced to imprisonment for stealing travellers' cheques, issued by the Bank of New Zealand to Mr. Pollard, a New Zealand tourist.

Evidence was that the woman, when washing Pollard's clothes, found the cheques (two for £2 and one for £5) in the pocket of a pair of trousers, and kept them for several weeks. She then handed the cheques to her husband, wherewith to buy a bicycle. Mr. Pollard had reported the cheques as lost and Kalolo was consequently arrested by the police and charged with theft.

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IN SEARCH OF A CAPITAL

N.G. Officials on a Cruise

THE Administrator of New Guinea arrived here on the Administration launch yesterday about 3 p.m., accompanied by the Secretary for Lands and the Director of Public Works.

The passage was exceptionally rough, the journey taking three days from Rabaul.

No one knows why they are here, but it is thought that possibly they expect communications from Canberra which can be investigated on the spot, by the experts mentioned.

VOYAGE OF THE "SIRIUS"

Rabaul, Sept. 7.

The Administrator (Sir Walter McNicoll) left a few days ago in the Government boat "Sirius", with Mr. Field (Director of P.W.D.), and Mr. Holmes (head of the Lands Department), to select a new capital site in place of Salamaua.

The Administrator did not take Mr. Webb as captain of the boat, but has gone in charge of the boat himself, although his qualifications are in doubt. High officials here were opposed to his action. The incident is "the talk of the town".

TWO GOLDEN JUBILEES

Marist Teachers in Samoa and Fiji

THE Marist Brothers, in August, celebrated two Golden Jubilees, connected with their mission work in Polynesia.

The first was on August 18, in Western Samoa. The boys' school at Mulivai was founded on August 18, 1888; and on August 18, 1938, an anniversary dinner was given by the Marist Brothers Old Boys' Union at the Catholic Club Hall, Mulivai, under the patronage of Bishop J. M. Darnand.

The first Marist Brothers actually arrived in Apia in 1872, and commenced teaching there; but the Mulivai school was not opened until 16 years later. The Marist Brothers were the pioneers of European educational work in Samoa.

The second jubilee concerned Fiji. On August 27, 1888, three Marist pioneer teachers, Brothers Harvey, Vincent and Alphonsus, landed in Fiji, and shortly afterwards opened their first school in Suva, with 17 pupils. From that point, their work spread gradually over Fiji, and later was extended to the Indians; and to-day the Marists direct many important and beneficial institutions. Two of the pioneers are dead, but Brother Alphonsus is still actively at work; he is now director of the Marist Mission school at Naililili.

Mr. C. A. Holmes, who retired last year from the Fiji Government, married Miss D. Wyatt in Sydney on August 27.

Mr. Basil T. Hall, of Melbourne, a well-known writer, arrived in Sydney in mid-September after a visit to New Caledonia and New Hebrides.

GROWTH OF AVIATION IN PACIFIC

Suva Likely To Become An Important Airport

AVIATION continues to develop rapidly in the Pacific, especially in the north-west.

The Dutch have introduced one new service (Batavia-Saigon) and are preparing another (Batavia-Celebes-Western New Guinea).

The Japanese are planning a new service, east and west, between the Palau Islands and the Marshall Islands, just north of New Guinea.

The Americans are preparing for their Central Pacific Service; and Imperial Airways are about to enter the Pacific, from both east and west.

Suva seems likely to become an important aviation centre, for both civil and military aircraft.

P.A.A. AT NOUMEA?

An Interesting Report

NO date has yet been given for the opening of the Pan American Airways trans-Pacific service between Honolulu and Auckland, postponed when the "Samoa Clipper" was lost near Pago Pago last Christmas.

There are those who believe that P.A.A. have abandoned the plan to fly to New Zealand and, instead, will fly direct from Hawaii to Australia, via Canton Island and New Caledonia. This belief is supported by the following:—

The "Bulletin du Commerce", Noumea, on July 30, announced that "official information" had been received there that the seaplanes of Pan American Airways, commencing in January, 1939, would call regularly at Noumea. The New Caledonia authorities have given P.A.A. authority to instal at Nouville (near Noumea) a base for seaplanes, and a wharf and other equipment would be provided. The new Boeing flying-boats would be used in the service.

The newspaper said that, once a week a flying-boat in this service would arrive in Noumea from San Francisco, on its way to Australia—which meant that mails from Paris could reach New Caledonia in 12 days.

USE OF CANTON ISLAND

Then there is this, sent by our own correspondent in Honolulu on August 22:—

Pan American Airways will abandon landlocked Pago Pago harbour as an operating base and instead will use Canton Island. In May last the U.S. navy tug, "Ontario" took the P.A.A. advance party to Canton (as reported in July "P.I.M."), with the result that to-day the site for a permanent company base, including hotel, employees' quarters and the necessary overhaul and supply buildings has been surveyed and laid out.

Coral heads are being blasted out of the lagoon to prepare runways in various directions across the lagoon for the air-boats. Later on, Pan American radio equipment will be taken from Pago Pago and installed at Canton.

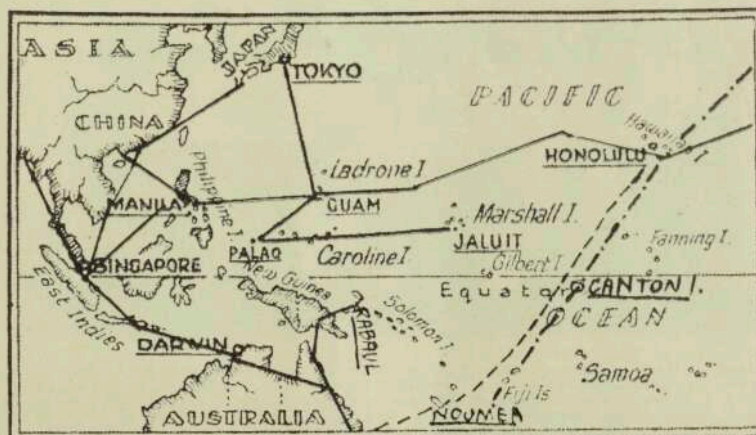
U.S. Government employees on Canton have surveyed a site for a landplane runway 5,400 ft. long on the atoll's north rim. It runs directly into the prevailing easterly wind.

These improvements at Canton will be available, of course, to the U.S. navy and also to the British aircraft that in the near future will operate between Australia and Canada.

The U.S. officials in Honolulu, who made these facts known to-day, could give no details of the rest of the route to Auckland. They reported, however, that the company is making overtures for the use of Suva as a stop.

APPLICATION TO AUSTRALIA?

It was reported in Sydney in September that an application had been made to the Australian Government by Pan American Airways for permission to land



This diagram shows the maze of airmail services, actual and proposed, already, in the Pacific Ocean. The black lines show the established services; the dash-and-dot line the service, from Vancouver to Hawaii-Canton-Fiji-Auckland, proposed by Imperial Airways; while the broken line, nearly parallel with it, indicates the route that Pan American Airways would follow on the Hawaii-Canton-Noumea-Australia run.

their service planes in Australia. If this is correct, it gives colour to the belief that Pan American Airways now are planning a direct service between Hawaii and Australia, via Canton Island and Noumea.

As against this, Mr. Harold Gatty (N.Z. representative of Pan American Airways) in a statement made in Auckland late in August, expressed pleasure at the likelihood of the opening of the Sydney-Auckland service in January next, "as it would provide Pan American Airways service with the needed link between Australia and Auckland".

BASE AT PALMYRA

It is reported that the Americans have completed plans for the immediate construction of an airboat base in the Palmyra atoll (south of Honolulu), and near Fanning Island. Coral heads are to be blasted away, so as to permit landing and take-off stretches to be prepared within the shelter of the reefs. There will be the usual shore equipment of underground tanks and beaching facilities. It is not known whether this is to be a naval defence station, or a commercial station, or both.

BRITAIN AND U.S.A.

FROM the foregoing, we may infer:

1.—The P.A.A. service will run directly from Hawaii to Australia. For that purpose, Canton and Noumea are in a direct line, and equi-distant.

2.—Imperial Airways will run a service between Vancouver and Auckland, via Canton Island and Suva (Fiji). Imperial Airways are arranging a North Atlantic service in amicable relationship

with the Americans; and this reciprocity may, perhaps, be seen further in the British using Honolulu and the Americans calling at Suva, while the two nationalities are to share Canton Island.

3.—Imperial Airways service from England, via the North Atlantic, Canada, Hawaii and Fiji, will junction at Auckland with the existing service from England via Asia, Malaya, East Indies to Sydney. It was officially announced in September that the Sydney-Auckland air-service will commence in January.

AIR FORCE BASES IN PACIFIC

Pt. Moresby-Suva-Norfolk Is.-
Rarotonga

MEANWHILE, the Pacific territories are receiving attention as part of a British plan of aerial defence for the Empire.

That part of the plan which affects the Pacific provides for an Imperial Pacific Defence Council, on which Britain, Australia and New Zealand will have representatives.

The Royal Air Force will have a station, or base, at Suva.

New Zealand will maintain a small air force at Rarotonga (Cook Islands).

Australia is to establish stations for defence aeroplanes at Port Moresby (Papua) and at Norfolk Island. Valuable preparatory work already has been done at Norfolk Island by the new Administrator, Sir Charles Rosenthal.

The three Australian Ministers recently in London collaborated with the Imperial authorities in the details of a co-ordinated plan of British Pacific defence.

LOWER RATES DEMANDED

Food and Transport in N. Guinea

THE activities of the New Guinea Mining Association of Wau were extended to the Rabaul end of the Territory in no uncertain fashion on August 26, when a public meeting, organised by Messrs. H. T. Allan and N. P. H. Neal, considered plans for introducing to the territory a system of co-operative buying and independent shipping. It was pointed out by various speakers that the movement was a reaction against recent sharp increases in commodity prices and transport freights.

Mr. Allan, in addressing the meeting, said that his Association was making strong representations to the principal New Guinea firms in the hope of obtaining better terms. If that were not possible, the Association would make new and better arrangements. He declared that it was in a position to immediately commence the importation of rice (food for native labour) and to organise independent transport. So far as Morobe was concerned, they would do their own air freighting if the companies did not reduce rates. He urged that Rabaul and other districts should form similar organisations, with similar objects.

Several speakers, including non-official members of the Legislative Council and leading business men, supported Mr. Allan, and it was decided to call a general meeting, with the object of forming a body to co-operate with the Mining Association.

The meeting demanded that the Territory should have some representation in the Commonwealth Parliament and that additional banking facilities should be provided.

FIJIAN RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL TEAM



A team of Maori footballers, under Mr. S. S. Dean (chairman of the N.Z. Rugby Union management committee), arrived in Suva from New Zealand by the "Niagara" on August 13 and played a series of matches against European and Fijian teams. The photograph shows the Fijian representative team.—Back Row: A. Bose, V. Naisoro, J. Frank, G. Cakobau, I. Gavidli, N. Radike. Third Row: W. J. S. Robertson (Selector), S. Vuniani, V. Apakuki, V. Vavaitamana, V. Nadaku, S. Qurai, G. Ganilau, Isimeli Wea, J. E. Jefferies (Selector and Manager). Second Row: J. Seru, E. Vavaitamana, Dr. J. Dovi (Captain), J. B. K. Taylor (Chairman, F.R.F.U., and Coach), A. Laqretabua (Vice-Capt.), I. C. Rayava, A. Kororu. Front Row: J. Wesche, Mascot, T. Vosaicake. Three tests were played: the first was a draw, Fiji won the second, and the Maoris the third. The visitors returned to N.Z. by the "Monterey" from Suva on August 30.

—Photo: Caine's Studio, Suva.

SAMOAN INTRIGUE

Advertisement for Police Inspector

THERE was much surprise in Western Samoa when applications were invited, by advertisement in the Police Gazette of New Zealand, for appointment to the position of Officer in Charge of the Police in Western Samoa. And none was more surprised, probably, than Inspector A. M. Braisby himself.

This efficient officer has held his position in Samoa for many years, and has weathered all sorts of political storms and intrigues. He did his duty staunchly and courageously, as he saw it, and naturally he made many enemies. But he and his friends always had faith in the traditions of British administration, which does not condemn a man unheard, or permit enemies to put a knife into his back.

However, there have been some strange developments between the New Zealand Government and a non-official organisation in Western Samoa, which apparently influences the Government in its relations with the Samoan administration. Apparently, Inspector Braisby's enemies, working through this channel "got him" in the end.

However, Mr. Braisby can leave Samoa with the assurance that, no matter what politicians and political hangers-on may do, he holds the respect of all people who really matter, and nothing can damage his very fine record of honourable service in the Mandated Territory.

One Capital for Papua and New Guinea

Some Interesting History

Letter to the Editor.

THE idea that Port Moresby should be the administrative centre for the two territories of Papua and the Mandated Territory (put forward recently by Mr. Fairbairn, M.P., and jeered at by Mr. Hughes) is not new.

As long ago as 1919, the suggestion was very carefully considered by a Royal Commission, consisting of Sir Hubert Murray, Mr. Atlee Hunt and Mr. Walter Lucas. Sir Hubert recommended that the Mandated Territory, and also the British Solomons, if possible, should be grouped with Papua for purposes of administration; and he argued that, if it were necessary that the Mandated Territory and the British Solomons should be kept separate for the purpose of legislative and internal administration, there was no sound reason why one service, under the control of one administrator, should not be responsible for the whole area. The other two members of the Commission, however, took the view that the Mandated Territory should be a completely independent administration; and that was the view accepted by Mr. Hughes, who was then Prime Minister.

I think it can be fairly claimed now that the opinion of Sir Hubert Murray has been completely justified by the events and developments of the past 20 years; and, since the necessity of finding another administrative centre for New Guinea has arisen, and since the administration of the Mandated Territory is generally and frequently the subject of adverse criticism, the scorn and indignation of Mr. Hughes concerning the suggestion of Mr. Fairbairn (which virtually was that the original Murray plan should be reverted to) is a little difficult to understand.

I am, etc.,

EX PAPUAN OFFICIAL.

Sydney, Sept. 12.

NEW MANAGER FOR N.G.G.

MR. KLEM GROSS, a young Australian engineer, who has been engaged on the Mt. Isa Mines for some years, called by the last "Montoro" for Wau, New Guinea, to take over the general managership of New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd. Mr. Jacobs, who had been manager for about 18 months, has resigned.

HONOURS FOR QUEEN SALOTE

CELEBRATIONS extending over several days will take place in Tonga next month, to mark (on October 11, 1938) the 20th anniversary of the accession of Queen Salote to the throne of Tonga. Salote Tubou, Dame of the British Empire, as head of her little Pacific Kingdom, has rendered signal service to her people; and she and her family are esteemed and respected by both Polynesians and Europeans.

PACIFIC TIMBER

New Industries at Various Points

FROM various points in the Pacific, there come reports to show that the magnificent timber resources of the various territories are receiving—really, very belatedly—the attention of timber interests.

Shipments of kauri pine, from the forests in the southern end of New Caledonia, are being brought to Sydney with increasing frequency, and are meeting a good market.

For some years, a timber company has been regularly cutting a similar timber on the island of Vanikoro (Southern

A PORT MORESBY WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Ken Franks, whose wedding took place recently. The bride was Miss Prudence Walby and the bridegroom is officer in charge of Amalgamated Wireless Station at Port Moresby. Miss Laurel Preston was bridesmaid. Mr. Ed. Frame (General Manager of B.N.G. Trading Company) was best man, and Captain Fitch (Managing Director of Steamships Trading Co.) gave the bride away. Mr. Frame is on the left and Captain Fitch on the right.

Solomons) and shipping same to Melbourne.

It was announced recently that two important consignments of kauri pine from Fiji (which is very similar to New Zealand kauri) have been sent by the Carpenter ships from Fiji to London, where they have been favourably received. It is stated that one of the chief uses of New Zealand kauri is the manufacture of the vats used by distillers, etc., and, if English manufacturers find the Fiji kauri suitable for this purpose, an important industry may develop.

Two timber enterprises have commenced operations recently on the south coast of New Britain (Mandated Territory of New Guinea) and both are confident of working up a profitable trade with Australia.

One of the most important arguments submitted in connection with the proposed construction of the road between Salamaua and the Morobe tableland is that the road will give access to very large quantities of pine and cedar, both of which will have value in the Australian market. It is pointed out that the development of a timber industry in this district will not only have permanent value in itself, but will tend to cheapen transport, as it would provide the very necessary back-loading for the vehicles which will be taking in supplies and materials to the goldfields.

There arrived in Sydney by the liner "Aorangi", from Fiji, on August 27, 30 magnificent kauri logs, containing 10,000 superficial feet, being specially selected timber for veneering. The logs were brought to the order of V. B. Trapp Pty., Ltd. The "Fiji Times" says that the Fiji Kauri Timber and Land Co., of Nadarivatu, is opening up markets in Australia, Britain and elsewhere, and it is hoped to ship 2½ million feet annually of Fiji kauri.

"HOME-BREW" IN SAMOA

Fantastic System Under Review

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, August 24.
THE fantastic liquor system in vogue in Western Samoa—under which Europeans receive a weekly "ration" of whatever they fancy, under a doctor's written order, while the natives "brew their own"—came in for sharp criticism at the August meeting of the Legislative Council.

Hon. Tamasese (Samoan member) submitted that the present handling of liquor sales, under prohibition, had a bad

effect on the Samoan natives, who were brewing their own beer—a practice they had learned from the Europeans. It might be all right for the Europeans to have liquor, but the system encourages the Samoans to brew beer.

The Acting-Administrator pointed out that there had always been liquor prohibition for the Samoans. He could not say that the system was a good one.

Tamasese said that, under the German regime, the natives did not know how to brew beer, and hardly any Samoans had liquor. The effect of the present system was bad.

The Secretary of Native Affairs remarked that the brewing of beer was probably due to "home-brew" being cheaper than imported beer, and, whatever the method of handling imported beer, the inducement to brew would be the same. Such things might not have occurred in the German times; but there were many things the young generation of Samoans and other islanders are doing which their grandfathers did not do—and the same applied to Europeans.

RENTALS AND LICENSES

Various other matters were dealt with. European and Samoan members criticised the collection of native land rents by the Native Department and the charge of commission thereon. The Samoans wished to discontinue the dealings between native lessors and European lessees through the Native Department. The Samoans would prefer direct dealing.

The Native Secretary replied that the present system saved the lessees a considerable amount of trouble.

Hon. I. H. Carruthers suggested that license fees for shot guns (now 10/- for Europeans and 5/- for Samoans) should be the same for Europeans and Samoans. Europeans are penalised at present, for no apparent reason.

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The Acting-Administrator said that Samoans had asked for a reduction of the license fees below 5/-, but the New Zealand Government refused.

To a suggestion of European members to reduce telephone rates, the Acting-Administrator replied that there was no prospect of such a reduction being granted.

SPECIAL TAX ON COPRA

Samoan members asked that the export duty on Samoan native copra should be reduced to the amount paid by European producers.

The Acting-Administrator stated that the Samoans paid no personal taxes, and therefore the extra 10/- per ton export duty on Samoan copra could not be remitted, especially as it was remembered that the cost of the purely native services and organisation had increased considerably. Europeans, though not paying a personal tax now, were paying salary tax, turnover tax and other taxes which the Samoans were not paying. Compared with Fiji, Tonga and elsewhere, Samoans pay very little taxation.

The Acting-Administrator said he would be quite prepared to remit the 10/- extra export duty, if there were some other way of getting the revenue. He would prefer a sliding scale of export duty on copra.

EDUCATION

Regarding an item, £125 for a translation of Dr. Kraemer's "standard work on Samoa", Hon. Tuala Tulo objected to the book, as, from the Samoan point of view, it contained much incorrect information, especially about Samoan pedigrees. He said the Samoans would prepare a book giving a true record of the foundations of the Samoan people.

The Secretary of Native Affairs stated that Kraemer's book did not claim to be an absolute and final authority on the subject, but had considerable value for Universities and scientists.

Expenditure on the Government school grounds at Malifa and Ifi Ifi was explained as necessary owing to the increase in the number of pupils from 400 to 1,500.

FELLED A NATIVE

A Charge of Manslaughter

AT Port Vila recently a well-known and popular young Australian, Mr. Paddy Brown, was acquitted of a charge of manslaughter, in a trial which created interest through the New Hebrides.

Mr. Brown was employed on the plantation of Mr. Leslie Mitchell, on the island of Ambrym. He had occasion to reprimand a native labourer, a local boy; and the boy was insolent to him and eventually shaped up to him and invited him to fight. Mr. Brown did not waste time or effort over the matter—he felled the boy with a straight right and left. Unfortunately, the boy collapsed and died—another case, so far as could be ascertained, of a ruptured spleen.

The authorities were informed of the incident and Mr. Adams, the British Agent in Malekula, placed Mr. Brown under arrest and took a French medical man down to Mr. Mitchell's plantation, for an investigation. Eleven days had elapsed since the death of the native, however, and an autopsy was difficult. Mr. Brown was tried in Vila by the British Court; but it was admitted that there was insufficient medical evidence bearing upon the incident.

Mr. Brown has left the New Hebrides, and is now filling a position at one of the mines in New Caledonia.

NEW BOOKS

"THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE WORLD: The Life of Sir Henri Deterding", by Glyn Roberts. Our copy from Angus & Robertson, Ltd., Sydney, 15/-.

To-day, we read constantly about the political dictators—ad infinitum, ad nauseum. But who knows anything about the commercial and financial dictators who, in this era of international money power, are just as dangerous as any Hitler or Stalin? How many people actually know who Deterding is? He is the head of the colossal Shell organisation, undisputed king of the oil world. He was born in Holland 72 years ago; started life humbly, as a clerk; worked in the Dutch East Indies; eventually got control of a little oil concern, Royal Dutch, merged it with the English Shell Co., and fought the mighty Rockefeller to a standstill. Now, he is so powerful that he dictates to the nations. He is a great admirer of Mussolini and Franco, and he loathes Communism and hates Russia. So, to-day, his incalculable influence is on the side of the Fascist powers. Although still a Dutchman, he lives in England and has been knighted by Britain, to whom he has rendered great services. The story of his life is an amazing document. Glyn Roberts is not a friendly biographer—in fact, he brings out the weaknesses and foibles of the powerful, rich man rather ruthlessly. Still, we see Deterding as one of the great figures of the 20th century.

"PROMENADE", a new novel by G. B. Lancaster. Our copy from Angus & Robertson, Ltd. 8/6.

Here at last is a first-class novel that gives a clear picture of New Zealand as it really is. The story begins on the beach at Kororareka in 1839, with the disembarkation of an English family, and it follows on, through the generations—"promenade"—to the present day. The characters, limned with G.B.L.'s inimitable skill, are very human and very lovable, and the author also brings out, most vividly, and with scrupulous care for historical fact, the dramatic, colourful story of early colonisation in New Zealand. In our view, the most valuable work in the book is the presentation of the Maori race—brave, clever, chivalrous, temperamental—correctly shown here as one of the best, if not actually the best, section of the Polynesians.

"PACIFIC SCENE", an attempt to gather into one document the many factors in the international situation in the Pacific; by Harry Greenwall. Our copy from Robertson & Mullens, Ltd., Melbourne, 8/6.

This is a mass of data, evidently hurriedly assembled, bearing upon the Sino-Japanese conflict, and the southwards thrust of Japan. Fortunately, it is well indexed, and the student of the threatening Pacific situation is given access to cognate facts of much value. One receives last-minute information about conditions in Japan, Philippines, Hong Kong, Cochin China, Siam, East Indies, Malaya, Hawaii, Guam, and the United States—enough to show that the difficulty of correctly reading the present situation is equalled by one's inability to make an intelligent forecast of the future. "Pacific Scene" shows a thunderstorm overhead, and very black and menacing clouds on the horizon.

"THE HUMAN SITUATION", by W. Macnelle Dixon. Our copy from Angus & Robertson, Ltd. 12/6.

This is a book which fittingly may go upon your bookshelf beside Wells's "Outline of History", and Buckle's "History of Civilisation". Says the New York "Times": "Here, within a volume of 443 pages, the essence of all philosophies, of all sciences, of all literatures, of all that man has dreamed and hoped and known, is weighed and measured and evaluated. A style that the average man can read with understanding and pleasure. . . . I consider it as perhaps the most important book of its kind which the twentieth century yet has produced".

"THINK AND GROW RICH: The Thir-

B.S.I. TRAVELLERS



Mrs. L. J. Kennedy, of Wagga, N.S.W., sailed from Sydney for the Solomons by the "Malaita" on September 3 to stay for a time with her sister, Mrs. A. E. Gross, of Yandina.



Mr. G. Harkins, of Lever's Pacific Plantations Pty. Ltd., Peperale, returned to B.S.I. by the last "Malaita", after furlough in Sydney. He was accompanied by his wife and child.



Mrs. H. R. Smith and Mrs. A. M. Short sailed from Sydney by the "Malaita" early in September to visit friends in the Solomon Islands.

teen Steps to Riches", by Napoleon Hill. Our copy from Angus & Robertson, Ltd. 7/6.

Not long ago, an American publisher brought out "How to Win Friends and Influence People", and sold one million copies in a few months. This new book is the same kind of pseudo-scientific rubbish. These things are not taught by text-books. There are no short-cuts to riches, any more than there are to friendship. The qualities which produce riches and friendship are inherent in character; and character is the result, partly of hereditary traits, and partly of adaptability and hard effort over the years. "Think and Grow Rich", however, is interesting, insofar as it purports to describe the methods of a dozen Americans who have become extremely rich—and, correspondingly, a menace to social peace and good government.

"VIKINGS OF THE SUNRISE"—Angus & Robertson, Ltd., are importing a considerable consignment of the new book "Vikings of the Sunrise" by Dr. Peter H. Buck (a new and interesting study of the Polynesian migrations). It should be available for purchase in Sydney in October.

OFFICIALS ON A TOUR

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, Aug. 31.
H.M.S. "LEITH", on August 24, took on board the Acting-Administrator, Mr. A. C. Turnbull, who was making his annual official visit to the Tokelau Islands.

The Chief Judge (Mr. J. Morling) was also a passenger on the "Leith", bound for Puka Puka, where he is to hear a case of murder that occurred on that island several months ago.

M. de Presville, for many years a planter at Bouffa, Efate, New Hebrides, died recently in Sydney, after a long illness.

TROPICALITIES

EVERY Papuan would be glad to read in recent newspapers that Mr. J. C. H. Waldron was called to Admiralty House, Sydney, on August 10, and there was invested by the Governor-General of Australia (Lord Huntingfield) with the Imperial Service Medal in recognition of good service in Papua. For many long years, in storm and calm, in river and lagoon, in season and out, Chief Engineer Waldron kept the engines of the Government steamer "Laurabada" turning smoothly, and brought Sir Hubert Murray and staff safely home again from the most remote corners of the Territory. With Leonard Murray on the bridge, and Waldron in the engine-room, the Governor slept soundly o' nights, no matter how cyclonic the weather. Mr. Waldron retired from the Papuan service last year.

This writer, however, thinks of Mr. Waldron mostly in terms of fish. He is an expert salt-water fisherman and, one night, he took me to a corner of the reef near Port Moresby where we gathered a fine bag—mostly big, bul-necked fellows who were landed with brute strength and a No. 10 line. As a fisherman, and a good host, Mr. Waldron deserves the best medals in the Imperial repertoire.—R.

A FORMER administrator of what was once German South-west Africa, now held by the Union of South Africa under a mandate, was in Australia in September. He said that the people of South Africa "were not unappreciative of Germany's claims for Colonies": but, for geographical and strategical reasons they would not return South-west Africa to Germany. And so it goes on, all round the globe. And then they wonder why Europe smokes and quivers under threats of war!

IN one of his usual cheery letters, Henry Dexter, lately of Milne Bay, Eastern Papua, and now a resident of Kent, England, says that he has recently been talking on "Life in the Pacific Islands", through the B.B.C. network.

"As far as I can judge, the talks go rather well", says Mr. Dexter. "I suppose the best proof is found in the fact that I am allowed to continue. It is a queer feeling, at first, when one realises that one is talking to perhaps a million people."

A DEFENSIVE measure against anopheles mosquitoes, radio "fans", and similar nuisances has been found by L.H.W., of Eastern Papua. He has taken up yodeling!

"We picked it up from a gramophone record lent by a neighbour with instructions never to send it back. We had a pretty tough spin, at first, what with criticism and abuse, but we doggedly stuck to our lesson with the result that we are now a past master.

"We can reel off reams in the double shuffle, three-point suspension, and under-slung methods, with nothing more than a groan of resignation from our audience. Of course, we don't often have an audience; but, in our daily task of making

natives earn their salt, it is very useful.

"Only the other day we were asked why we always yodeled to our natives. We weren't yodeling to them; we were yodeling at them. And, believe us or not, it has a lasting effect on the native mind! A boy would much prefer to go to gaol for a year than have us yodel at him for a couple of hours. It also baffles the law courts, as the definition is to 'sing with frequent changes to the falsetto and back again.' So we have now arrived at the happy stage when we can get the best results from a boy without using any Australian at him.

"The trouble now is that some of our accursed boys are learning to yodel!"

DOES anyone in the Pacific Islands want a "pen-friend" in that part of New Zealand nearest the Antarctic? If so, letters (especially from educated adult natives) will be gladly received by James Townley, 242 Oxford Street, Dunedin, N.Z.

A SAMARAI trader writes: "Business is quiet. Smoked copra is worth only £5/2/6 here at present—it was £21/2/6 here in January of 1937. Rubber could be better; and as for trochus and beche-de-mere—well, this infernal war in China has just knocked the bottom out of the market. Certainly, we are getting some gold hereabouts, but copra is our backbone."

IT has often been said that if one should stand on a frequented corner of a highway and talk persistently and loudly enough, he could sell bottled seawater at the price of Cordon Rouge", asserts a correspondent, "Tamehani", writing from Papeete. "Something of that kind is going on at Tahiti at the present

time; only in this case it is an attempt to pass a mixture of Chinese and Marquesan blood as the pure royal blood of Raiatea.

"Now there is nothing the matter with either Chinese or Marquesan blood. The blending also has proved, both in Hawaii and Tahiti, a eugenic mixture; but it is another matter to represent it as the pure blood of 40 generations of paramount high chiefs. It is equivalent to some Eurasian setting himself up in business as a direct descendant of William the Conqueror.

"As yet, it is not clear as to the purposes and objectives of this individual, who has set himself on high. The movement, however, is clearly not political; though the man in question has drawn quite a following from among the less intelligent natives.

"The royal family at Raiatea have not thought it worth while to take any notice of the agitation."

NEW GUINEA FINANCE

DESPITE heavy unforeseen costs, the New Guinea Administration commenced the 1939 financial year with a surplus of £59,691. The estimate of revenue is £492,150 and of expenditure £537,320. It is thus anticipated that during the year the surplus will be reduced to £14,521. This is largely due to new works—especially £16,000 to remove the native hospital and native labour quarters from their present dangerous location at Rapindik, Rabaul, and the provision of £34,000 for new roads throughout the Territory.

THE PACIFIC ISLANDS CLUB

Visitors from the Islands to Sydney (or those interested in Islands affairs), are advised to communicate with the honorary secretary of the above Club, which has been formed to study the history, traditions, economics, and political developments of the Pacific Islands. Next Club Gathering, Wednesday, October 4, 8 p.m., Hotel Carlton, Sydney.

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ABOUT ISLANDS PEOPLE

Captain E. Nelson-Turner, of the British Solomon Islands, where he is officer commanding the Armed Native Constabulary, arrived in Sydney by the September "Malaita", accompanied by his wife, on long leave. He is now in the hands of a throat specialist and will shortly undergo an operation in Tusculum Private Hospital, Potts Point, Sydney. Later, he will visit England.

Senator C. W. Grant, of Tasmania, sailed from Sydney by the "Neptuna" early in September for Rabaul. He will spend some time in New Guinea, returning to Australia by the October "Montoro".

Rev. H. S. Hipkin, who has been a missionary for six years in the Solomon Islands for the Melanesian Mission, arrived in New Zealand by the "Southern Cross VII" on August 29. He left within a few days for England by the "Rangitane". Mr. Hipkin will return to Melanesia in April next year.

Dr. W. J. C. Kau, a Dutch mining engineer and scientist, who recently spent several months in Western Papua assisting one of the large concerns in its search

for an oilfield, left Sydney by plane for Batavia at the beginning of September.

Mr. H. W. Simmonds, formerly Fiji Government Entomologist, arrived in Sydney with his wife from Suva by the "Niagara" late in August. He later went on to Java on a special mission on behalf of the Administration of Western Samoa, seeking parasites to attack the rhinoceros beetle.

Messrs. R. Swift, N. Proud, and S. Clark, young Sydney mining engineers, who for the past three years have been stationed at Wau, came South from New Guinea by the W.R.C. airliner which reached Sydney on September 4.

Rev. S. G. Phillips, of the London Missionary Society, arrived in New Zealand from Western Samoa by the "Matua" in September, having retired from missionary work after serving for eight years. He was principal of the Leulumoega Fou Boys' High School at Malua.

Mr. F. H. Doherty, of A.W.A.'s staff at Wau, New Guinea, is at present in Australia with his wife on four months' leave.

Mr. D. B. Smith, of Morris, Hedstrom, Ltd., Suva, arrived in Australia from Fiji by the "Monterey" on September 5, on furlough.

Mr. A. H. Fletcher, who has been a lay member of the Melanesian Mission in B.S.I. for 11 years, arrived in N.Z. by the "Southern Cross" late in August to spend a short holiday with his parents in Auckland.

Dr. A. H. Pearce, of Suva, has resigned his post as Director of Medical Services in Fiji. The new director is Dr. V. W. T. McGusty, O.B.E.

Messrs. J. and T. Fox, well-known New Guinea prospectors, reached Sydney by the August "Neptuna". Having spent 16 years in the Territory, they now intend to settle down in Australia.

Mr. H. R. Elves, a Canadian mining engineer, who spent a short time in New Caledonia examining chrome and nickel mining activities, arrived in Sydney from Noumea by the August "Tasman".

Mr. George Pratt has retired from the Papuan Public Service, owing to ill-health.

Mr. W. Craig, of Wireless and Cable, Limited, was in Suva with his wife and young son early in September spending a short holiday before proceeding to Fanning Island to live at the cable station for several years.

Rt. Rev. L. S. Kempthorne, M.A., Bishop of Polynesia, arrived in Sydney on September 10 to do deputation work for the Australian Board of Missions. He came from the outposts of his diocese, Ocean Island and Nauru.

Mr. "Wally" Hams, who recently disposed of his taxi service at Wau, New Guinea, arrived in Australia by the last "Montoro".

Mr. Alf Pearce and Miss Molly O'Grady were married at Salamaua, New Guinea on August 13, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Father Kirschbaum. Mr. Pearce is manager of the Hotel Salamaua.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Staehelin were the guests of the Pacific Islands Club, Sydney, on September 7. Mr. Staehelin, who was leader of an expedition from the Swiss Ethnological Museum at Basle to Tahiti, the Tuamotus, the Marquesas, and the New Hebrides in 1932-34, gave a most interesting address about Tahiti, Moorea and the Marquesas. He made the first ascents of Mts. Mouaroa and Tamarutoofa, in Moorea.

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Miss Nathalie Graham, at present in Auckland, is to proceed soon to the Solomon Islands as a missionary in the service of the South Sea Evangelical Mission. Prior to her naturalisation as a British subject, Miss Graham was Miss Gruschenkova, member of a well-known Russian family. During the last four years she has been in London undergoing special training in medical mission and theological work.

Mr. C. V. Caldwell, a District Commissioner in Fiji, accompanied by Mrs. Caldwell, returned to Suva from leave by the last "Niagara".



MR. V. G. SMITH (known throughout the length and breadth of the South-west Pacific as "Smithy"), sailed for Papua and New Guinea by the "Tasman" on August 24. He is one of the best known commercial travellers in the Pacific. His two best known "lines" are, in a sense, complementary — Dewar's Whisky and Nestle's Condensed Milk.

The death occurred on August 27 of Ratu Penijamini Veli, a notable Fijian, aged 64, who had been 43 years in the service of the Fiji Government. He was a sub-inspector of native constabulary in 1906, and was appointed Roko Tui Macuata in 1909. He had retired, but was again in charge at Macuata when he died. He was a most loyal and respected public servant, with a gift for administration. He had visited England twice.

Mr. Henry A. Bentley, of the Administration staff, Ocean Island (G. and E. Colony), passed through Sydney in September on his way home, after long leave.

Mr. W. Granger Johnson, a director of Brown and Joske, Ltd., Suva, was in Sydney at the end of August, on his way to New Guinea.

Mr. Alexander Corran resigned his position as Mayor of Thursday Island early in August, after having filled that position for more than 20 years. He has spent most of his life on T.L., and is editor-manager of the Torres Strait "Daily Pilot". The new Mayor is Mr. E. H. Vowles, who has been an alderman for 16 years.

Sir Maynard and Lady Hedstrom returned to Suva by the "Pinna" on August 9 after a visit to Tonga and Samoa.

Dr. I. Hamilton Beattie, of Suva, returned to the Colony by the August "Maunganui", after a visit to N.Z.

Mr. H. B. Gibson, elected member of the Fiji Legislative Council for the Eastern Division, returned to Fiji from New Zealand by the August "Niagara".

Mrs. H. A. Ragg, wife of Mr. Ragg, Postmaster at Tavua, Fiji, died in August from peritonitis, aged 23.

Mr. D. C. Chalmers, of Lautoka, was an outward passenger from Suva, Fiji, by the "Monterey" at the end of August.

Rev. W. Zischler, Lutheran missionary at Kalasa, New Guinea, recently married Miss Elizabeth Strobel, of Rothenburg, Germany.

Mr. E. A. James, hard-working editor-proprietor of the "Papuan Courier", recently developed appendicitis. He boarded a W.R.C. Airliner, stepped off at Cairns, spent 19 days in hospital there, and was back on the job in Port Moresby exactly 24 days after leaving it. "Thank goodness for the air service", said he—and meant it.

Mr. C. A. Leembruggen, Assistant Director of the Lands and Survey Department, Fiji, is now en route to the United Kingdom, on long vacation leave.

Mrs. E. F. Reye died in Apia Government Hospital in August at the age of 64. A descendant of the prominent Betham family of pioneers, she was well-known in Western Samoa, especially among the Seventh Day Adventist congregation, of which her son, Pastor R. Reye has been minister for many years.

Rev. J. D. Bodger, who was recently appointed diocesan chaplain to the Bishop of New Guinea, left Sydney for Dogura, Papua, by the last "Maodhui", after short furlough in Sydney.

Mr. B. G. Marshall, of Bulolo Gold Dredging Co., Bulolo, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney with Mrs. Marshall and their 16 months' old son Colin, by the August "Neptuna". They are on four months' furlough.

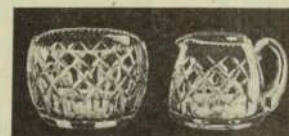
Mr. C. Dupertuis, entomologist, arrived in Sydney by the "Morinda" on August 24 from Port Vila, New Hebrides. Mr. Dupertuis said that the coconut pest, *Promecotheca*, which had been troubling planters in the Condominium for 25 years, was beaten into almost extinction in several months by the introduction from Java of a parasite, *Pleurotropis Parvulus*.

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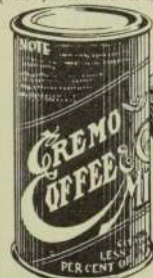
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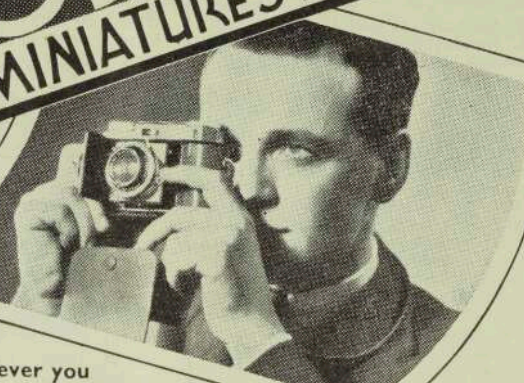


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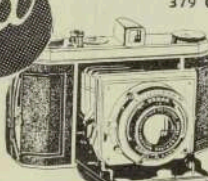
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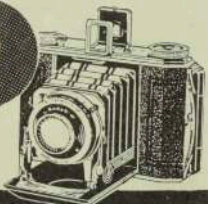
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NEW RICH LAND FOR COLONISTS

New Guinea's Central Tablelands

A LREADY, in spite of the apparent indifference of the Administration, European enterprise is beginning to colonise the rich tablelands of Central New Guinea. A correspondent in the Ramu district, writing late in August, says:

"Several men, who have settled down here on the Ramu tableland to seek gold have apparently made up their minds to engage in planting while maintaining themselves by alluvial mining. They are making preparations to plant such things as coffee and soya beans, and they may cultivate cinchona—the quinine plant which has been so successfully established here at the agricultural experimental station.

"It is believed that all produce from here could be taken down the Markham Valley by mules or horses, a four or five days' journey, and if there is only a fair return from gold, I think these new colonists are bound to succeed.

"Already, the cost of living here is down. Vegetables of almost every description are growing luxuriantly in this temperate climate (we are about 5,000ft. up) and we now have fresh milk from cows and goats, as well as fresh meat. A number of goats of a good type are being brought in here from the Lutheran Mission, at Finschhaven. I think the era of tinned meat and high costs caused by aeroplane freights is finished.

"I think that there is a future here for timber—there are some fine varieties of big trees growing on these valleys and hill-sides. Of course, we shall have to have a road out to the coast—Lae, I presume.

"You would be amazed if you could see the wide variety of vegetables we can grow here in these upland valleys, and their splendid quality. The missions here are producing cape gooseberry, grapefruit, strawberries, loganberries and mulberries.

"I should like to see some experiments made here with sheep—I believe that with certain breeds it would be splendid sheep country. There is no doubt about its suitability for cattle."

Mr. F. I. Fleming has been appointed temporary wireless officer at Canton Island, Central Pacific.

Constable W. Cook, who served for three years in the Police Department in Western Samoa, arrived in New Zealand by the August "Maui Pomare" from Apia.

Mr. G. A. Loudon, of Eilogo Plantation, Papua, after two months' residence in Papua, has returned to Wentworth Falls, N.S.W., under doctor's orders, for a further period of residence in the cool air of the Blue Mountains. He is making satisfactory progress in health.

Dr. Roncin, of the French hospital, Vila, left the New Hebrides for France by the last "Ville D'Amiens". **Dr. Momfort** has succeeded him.

Mr. Charles Hutchings, who arrived in Fiji in 1879 and was prominent in the sugar industry for many years, died in Sydney recently.

Rev. L. N. Durand-Vaugaron, a French missionary who went to the New Hebrides in 1906 and served for many years at Pentecost and Mallicolo, died recently at Vila, from fever.

HIGHEST CROSS IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

Placed By Catholic Missionaries On Top Of Mt. Albert Edward,
in Papua, 13,213 Feet

THERE was a remarkable occurrence on July 24, when an iron cross, 16 feet high, which had been painfully carried over Papua's central mountains by Catholic missionaries, was erected on the highest peak of Mount Albert Edward. It is claimed to be the highest cross in the Southern Hemisphere.

On July 17, the Catholic Mission District of Ononghe, in charge of the well known Father J. Dubuy, M.S.C., celebrated the 25th anniversary of its foundation. Ten Fathers, four Brothers, six Sisters and over 3,000 natives attended the ceremonies, which lasted three days.

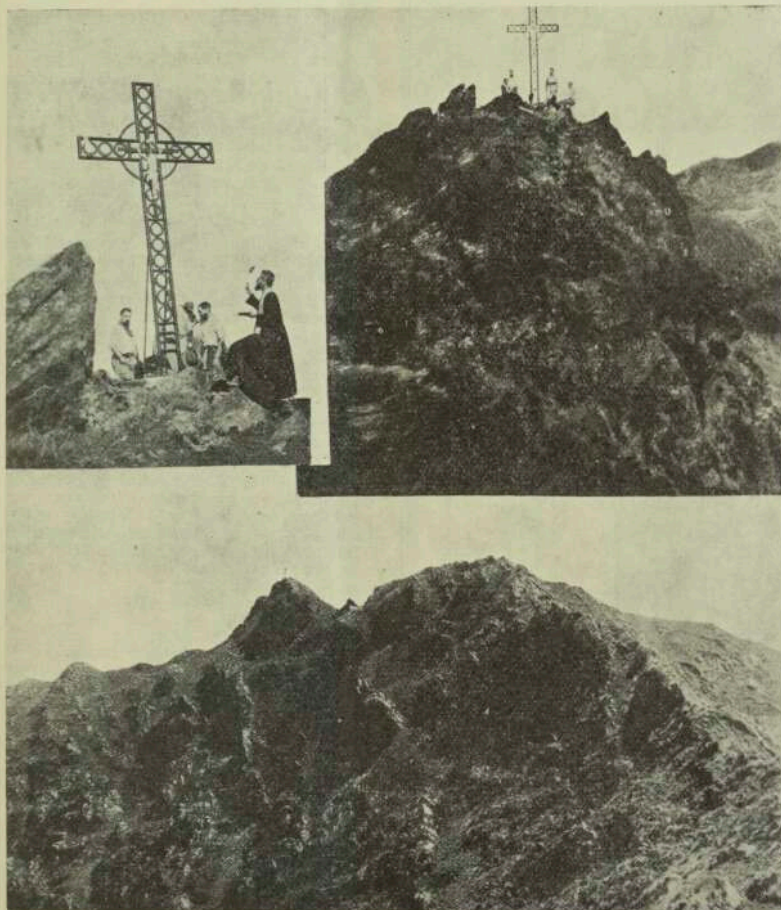
It may be noted that Ononghe is in the very heart of the central mountains of Papua, nine days' walk from Yule Island, headquarters of the Catholic Mission.

After the festivities, a party of seven

Fathers and one Brother, led by Father Dubuy, left Ononghe with native volunteers, to carry a large iron cross to the summit of Mount Albert Edward. The party crossed the Central Main Range (Wharton Range) and reached, on the fourth day, the central peak of Mount Albert Edward. On the following day, Sunday, July 24, the cross was erected by the missionaries on the very top of this peak.

According to Mr. Richard Archbold's readings, the altitude of the central peak is 13,213 feet (4,027 metres). As it stands, this point is the highest in Papua. The western and eastern domes are slightly lower, despite the official map of 1932.

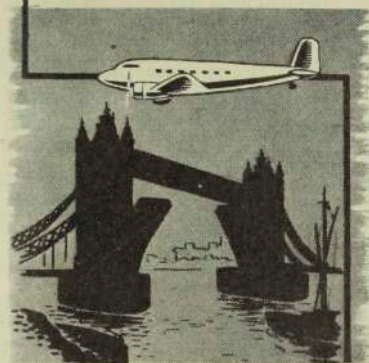
The cross was made in France, after the design of Father Dubuy, and the device of an architect of Lyon. It is



Top left: Missionaries blessing the Cross. Left to right: Fathers A. Dupeyrat, D. Roduit, A. Sorin. Top right: The central peak, with Cross in position. Lower: The stark summit of Mt. Albert Edward, showing the central peak (with the Cross on top) and the eastern dome.

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composed of iron tubes and circles, which were adjusted and bolted together. It is 16 feet high, and one foot thick. Its weight is about 700 lbs. The foot of the cross is embedded two feet deep, in a block of concrete placed there by Father Dubuy and Brother Tiz on November 19-22, 1937; 300 lbs. of cement were brought from Yule Island; 19 bags of sand, weighing 40 lbs. each, were brought from the Vangule River, near Ononghe; 20 tins of quartz, taken from the slopes of the central peak, were used in the building of this base.

A beautiful crucifix of white metal is attached to the cross.

After the erection, the cross was blessed by Rev. Father A. Sorin, V.G., in the name of His Excellency, Bishop de Boismenu, Vicar Apostolic of Papua. The following day two Masses were celebrated at the foot of the cross by Rev. Fr. A. Sorin, representing the Catholic Mis-

sion, and by Rev. Father A. Dupeyrat, representing the missionaries of the Sacred Heart Order, which has supplied missionaries to the Papuan Mission since 1885.

A cavity was made in the block of cement as a receptacle for documents left by visitors to Mount Albert Edward. It is interesting to record their names:—

D. L. Pullen and Jack Hides, Patrol Officers, on May 15, 1927.

Ivan Champion and S. E. Smith, P.O., on March 24, 1929.

C. Healy, P.O., from Kokoda, on September 15, 1930.

S. G. Middleton, on May 14, 1933.

The members of the American Museum of Natural History Expedition, R. Archbold, L. G. Brass, A. L. Rand, on June 21, 1933; followed by G. J. Adamson on July 12.

On May 24, 1934, Fathers Garreau and Th. Cadoux.

M.S.C. Missionaries present at the erection of the iron cross were: Fathers A. Sorin, Vicar General; A. Dupeyrat, Pro-Superior; J. Dubuy, Parish Priest, and A. Bohn, with D. Roduit, in charge of Ononghe District; E. Pinget, Director of Bomana College; A. Benedetti, of Mafulu District; Brother Camille Fridez.

Father Dubuy has been often on the summit of Mount Albert Edward. On June 26, 1936, he planted there a cross made of bush timber, which he replaced with a wooden cross of sawn timber in October, 1928. In December, 1933, he spent there one week, for his annual religious retreat, living alone under his tent on the slopes of the central peak. During the day, shade temperature was around + 6 deg. Centigrade; one morning he found zero Centigrade, the water in his bucket being frozen a quarter of an inch thick.

It was impossible to find any remaining traces of the visit of Mr. C. A. W. Monckton who, whilst Resident Magistrate at Ioma, was the first white man to climb Mount Albert Edward, in May, 1906.

The cross of Mount Albert Edward is the highest in the Southern Hemisphere and it is a cause of joy to all Christians that the sacred Sign of the Salvation stands firmly, with outstretched arms over Papua.

Annual Report Of W. R. Carpenter & Co., Ltd.

AFTER charging £8,766 depreciation, a profit of £111,372 was earned by W. R. Carpenter and Co. Ltd. for the year ended June 30 last, compared with £100,585 in 1937, and £68,079 in 1936.

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A further issue of capital made by the parent Company during the year was used for expansion of shipping activities and the purchase of a plantation. The premium of £61,250 on the issue was used to reduce the value of investments in subsidiaries.

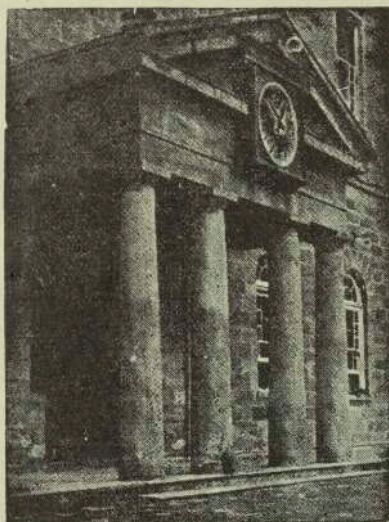
Growth of the Company is thus shown:—

	1936	1937	1938
Net profit	68,079	100,585	111,372
Dividend	8	9	10
Amount	47,362	60,615	74,000
Liabilities—			
Capital	644,081	673,500	740,000
Reserve	200,000	200,000	200,000
Premium	—	10,374	10,374
P. and L.	51,860	78,476	85,638
Creditors	108,412	97,563	89,891
Due by subsidiary	—	6,725	49,400
Assets—			
Investments	348,126	3,642	2,642
Property & plant	367,616	347,761	373,510
Debtors	185,425	159,131	65,089
Stock	69,478	101,612	125,941
Branches	33,808	—	—
Subsidiary shares	—	381,758	494,622
Govt. loan	—	7,700	—
Cash	—	47,348	3,899
Due by subsidiary	—	9,825	14,641
Prepayments	—	7,861	5,202
Advances	—	—	89,757



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MORE NEW GUINEA POPULATION

Archbold Expedition Reports Thickly-Settled Area in Dutch Hinterland

From Our Own Correspondent.

VIA his radio station at Hollandia, PK6XX, which normally operates on a frequency of 14,009 kilocycles, Richard Archbold reports that his American Museum of Natural History expedition in Dutch New Guinea is proceeding without incident.

A base has been established at Lake Habbema, 11,000 feet above sea level, in the wild interior. A powerful radio station will be set up at the base, which will be useful in the event of accident, sickness and other emergencies.

The expedition's airboat "Guba", in which they made their outstanding trans-Pacific flight from San Diego to Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, in June, will remain at the coast while not carrying men and supplies into the hinterland. The Lake Habbema radio station will call it when required. There are 130 men stationed at the lake camp.

Small parties already are exploring the surrounding country, collecting specimens of rare mammals, birds and plants and taking thousands of photographs of scientific value. Friendly relations are being made with the numerous tribes, many of which have not before seen white men. Each party carries a portable radio set. It is to these small parties that the "Guba" drops food supplies in small parachutes, each capable of safely landing about 70 pounds without damage—much to the wonderment of the natives.

Mr. Archbold expects the expedition to remain in the field until late summer of 1939.

At Hollandia, a complete overhaul workshop for the "Guba" already is in operation.

Most interesting discovery so far has been that of an immense inland valley, hitherto unsuspected, and containing numerous native villages, surrounded by well-cultivated gardens. Study of the aerial photographs taken suggests that this valley contains the largest concentration of natives on the entire island of New Guinea.

THREE EXPEDITIONS SEEKING NEW GUINEA'S SECRETS

IT would appear that, in the wide, rich valleys that lie on the plateaus, north and south of the main dividing range (or "backbone") along the entire length of the island of New Guinea, there are large native populations; and the reports of the more recent explorers (Champion, Karius, Hides and O'Malley, in Papua; Taylor and the Leahy brothers in the Mandated Territory and now the Archbold expedition in Dutch New Guinea) show that, for the most part, these are skilled agriculturists, with considerable social organisation.

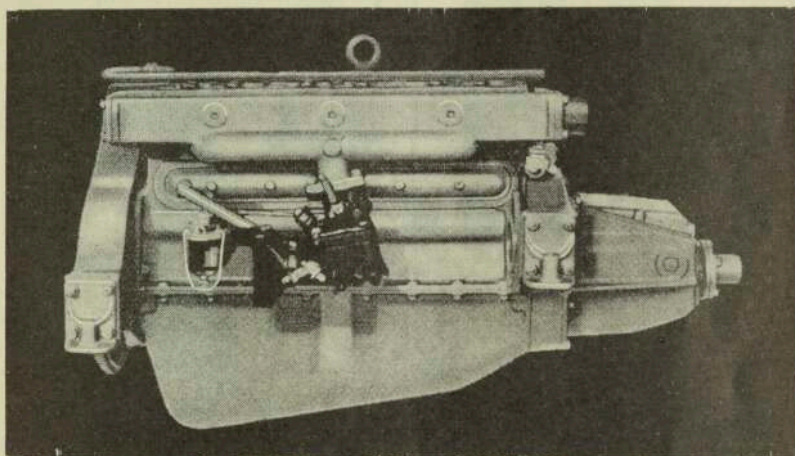
These great interior plateaus and valley-systems of New Guinea have come to our knowledge only within the last five years. Taylor and the Leahys gave us the first authoritative account of this unknown region after they visited the Ramu-Purari-Mt. Hagen region, in 1933; and then, in 1935, the late Jack Hides made his famous

patrol around the Kikori headwaters, and found his "Papuan Wonderland", showing that the same type of country and people extended away south-westward of Mt. Hagen.

This latest report from the Archbold expedition suggests that those tablelands, river valleys and agricultural people continue westward, over the border, into Dutch New Guinea.

It is worthy of note that this vast central portion of "the largest island in the world" is still practically unexplored and unknown; and that its secrets now are being sought by three separate and independent expeditions, as follows:—

FROM PAPUA: Mr. Ivan Champion, a senior member of the Papuan service and well-known for his exploration work, is now in charge of an important organisation based on Lake Kutubu. This large lake was discovered (from the air) about two years ago; and as it is on the southern edge of the portion of the "unknown centre" that lies in Papua, Mr. Champion has placed a large base camp there; and, from that point, he is slowly and steadily pushing with police parties to the northwards, as part of a plan for bringing the unknown area under Government influ-



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ence and control. Communication between civilisation and Lake Kutubu is being maintained by portable radiophones, and a seaplane.

FROM THE MANDATED TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA: A very large patrol, led by Assistant District Officer J. L. Taylor with Patrol Officer J. R. Black and Mr. C. B. Walsh as assistants, is now out in the unexplored region, between Mt. Hagen and the Sepik River (and therefore almost due north of the area of Mr.

Champion's operations), and is making good progress and doing valuable work. Communication is being maintained by portable radiophone, and by aeroplanes which go out westward from Mt. Hagen at fixed times.

FROM DUTCH NEW GUINEA: The Archbold expedition, operating in the north-east corner (as described overleaf), and various expeditions elsewhere, directed by the Dutch Administration.

SAMOAN BANANA INQUIRY RE-OPENED

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, Aug. 22.

IN spite of strong protests by European banana growers and a large majority of Samoan banana shippers (700 out of a total of 900), the Acting Administrator has re-opened the inquiry into the working of the banana scheme and the methods of the Produce Inspector. The inquiry was proceeded with on the 5th and 6th, but was then adjourned until August 25.

Mr. James E. Kennedy, an old pioneer of Piji, recently died at Nadi, aged 84. Going to Suva from Australia in 1870, he took up land on the Ba River and grew cotton. Later he was master of several trading vessels in the Group. At one time he owned the Waimanu Hotel, on the Rewa River.

"LUXURY LINERS"

More Reports of Trans-Pacific Developments

THE relationship between the British and American shipping interests in regard to trans-Pacific steamship lines is just as vague and uncertain—if we may judge by newspaper reports—as the future relationship between the two nations regarding trans-Pacific airmails.

Having made the announcement officially and unofficially on several occasions, that the plan of building two new 22,000-ton liners to run between Australia and North America had been abandoned on account of high shipbuilding costs, the various interests concerned, early in September, declared that the plan had not been dropped but that, on the contrary, the Governments of Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand were now considering ways and means of giving effect to it.

Meanwhile, reports have been received in Auckland that the Matson Line proposes to build two 40,000-ton luxury liners for the Pacific service, to replace the "Mariposa" and "Monterey"; and that the service, under the new conditions, will include Wellington, as well as Auckland.

In view of the events of the past few years, all such reports should be mixed with the usual dose of fruit salts.

Mr. W. J. Knox, of Mathias Plantation, Buka Passage, New Guinea, married Miss R. McKinnon, of Rabaul, in August.

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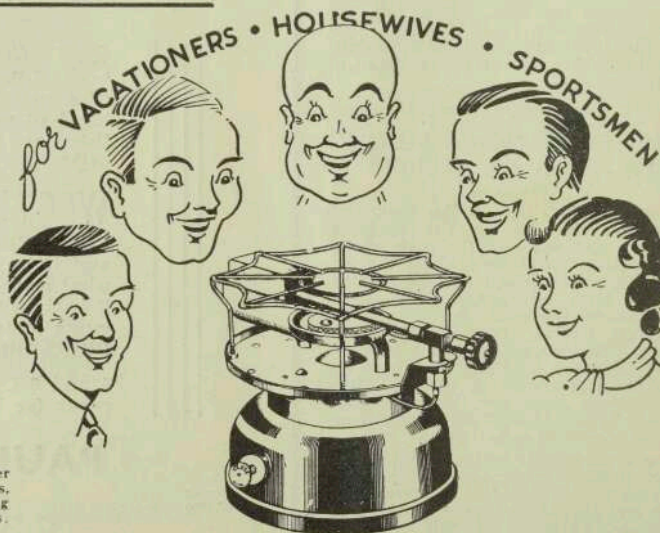
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THE LATE JACK HIDES

Letter to the Editor.

AS one closely associated with the late Jack Hides, please permit me to thank you for your very fine appreciation in July "P.I.M." Your sketch brought out not only the gallant qualities of the dead explorer, but also those human traits which make such men all the more lovable to understanding hearts.

I know that Hides had critics; it would be impossible for a local lad of his age to achieve fame suddenly and soar starward as he did without causing some bitterness in the minds of some of his contemporaries.

But his true friends—those who, like yourself, knew the man as he was, will always cherish his memory as a very fragrant thing. May he sleep well.

I am, etc.,

ALEXANDER RENTOUL.

The Residency,
Misisma, Papua.

Miss M. Sharpe recently arrived in Fiji from New Zealand to join the Methodist Mission staff. She is now training Fijian teachers at the Davuilevu institution.

SAMOAN BANANA INDUSTRY

Credit to Late Sir G. Richardson

Letter to the Editor.

YOUR issue of June contains two separate items of interest regarding Samoa which are closely allied.

The first is "Samoa Mau and Bananas", in which reference is made to the banana export business in Samoa becoming the mainstay of that territory. The second is the announcement of the death of Major-General Sir George Richardson, who was Administrator of Western Samoa from 1923 to 1928, and who made many political enemies during that period.

It is interesting to know that one of

Sir George Richardson's schemes in Samoa was the establishment of a secondary industry and he devoted a considerable part of his term to fostering banana planting for export on a large scale. Puntis were ordered from overseas for use around the coast but these were eventually sold to Fiji.

The two first planters to assist the Governor were Mr. T. W. Brighthouse, of Nu'u, and Mr. Alan Cobcroft, of Valpotu, and land was cleared for banana planting near Vaitelli.

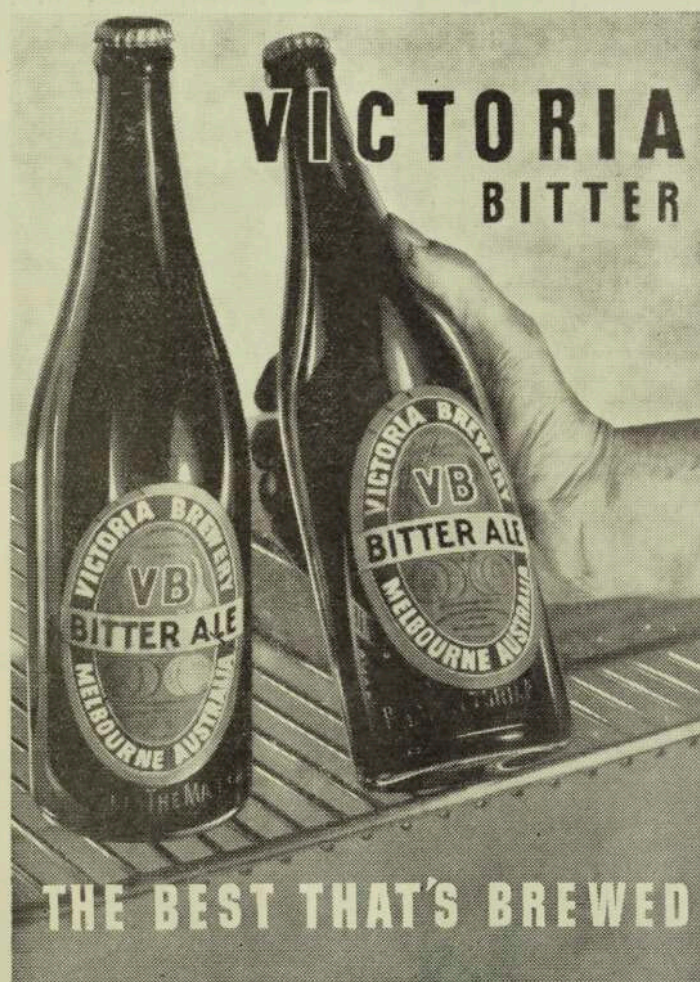
The foresight of Sir George Richardson in establishing the export of bananas is one bright item in his Administration, despite the opposition which retarded his efforts.

I am etc.

ED. V. TIBBO.

Tavua, Fiji.

August 18, 1938.



THE BEST THAT'S BREWED

NORFOLK ISLAND FRUIT

"Tasman" Takes Oranges to New Zealand

THE third shipment of Norfolk Island fruit—mainly oranges—to New Zealand since 1935 arrived at Auckland on August 12 by the K.P.M. steamer "Tasman". In recent years N.I. has experienced difficulty in producing sufficient fruit to warrant the diversion or chartering of a ship.

Over 600 cases were received by the Internal Marketing Department of the N.Z. Government, and prices realised were oranges 15/- a case and grapefruit 16/-.

The motor-ship "Maetsuycker" called at Norfolk in July last year for oranges in similar circumstances to the "Tasman", but rough weather forced her to sail and leave the larger proportion behind. To save heavy loss to the islanders, the B.P. steamer "Morinda" was sent at the instance of the Australian Government to pick up the remaining cargo for Auckland.

Mr. Donald G. Kennedy, Administrative Officer in the Ellice Islands, arrived in Sydney early in August and sailed on the 8th by the "Strathmore" for London on his way to Oxford University for a year's study of anthropology. He is a New Zealander, has spent 15 years in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, and is the author of "The Culture of Vaitupu", a scientific work dealing with the Ellice natives.

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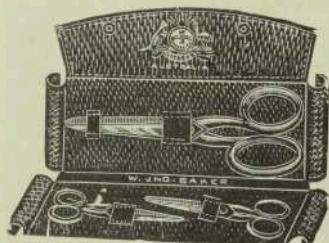
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Mr. V. Honan left Sydney by the "Macdhui" on August 17 for Misima Island, Eastern Papua, where he will take up a position with Gold Mines of Papua, Ltd.



Miss Beryl Coulson, of the Methodist Mission, departed from Sydney by the last "Macdhui" to do mission work at Kiriwina, in the Trobriand Group, Papua.



Mr. F. W. J. Low says farewell to a young Sydney friend before sailing for Misima Island by the August "Macdhui". He has recently joined the staff of Cuthbert's Misima Gold Mine Ltd.



Mrs. R. M. Shaw, whose husband is a plantation manager at Boram, on the north-west coast of the N.G. mainland, returned to the Territory by the "Macdhui".

N.G. PUBLIC SERVICE

THE following staff transfers and appointments in the New Guinea Public Service were announced by the Government Secretary (Mr. H. H. Page) in August:—

TRANSFERS

Health Dept.—J. H. L. McGuigan, Medical Assistant, Grade 2, Kavieng to Manus; Dr. A. G. Schroeder, Medical Officer, Manus to Kavieng; Dr. B. A. Sinclair, Medical Officer, Rabaul to Salamaua.

District Services Dept.—M. B. Pickering, Clerk, Rabaul to Buka Passage.

Agriculture Dept.—G. F. H. Gee, Inspector and Instructor, Rabaul to Manus.

Lands Dept.—K. L. Spinks, Surveyor, Rabaul to Salamaua.

TEMPORARY ENGAGEMENTS

Govt. Secretary's Dept.—Miss A. M. L. Brown, Typiste, Crown Law Office.

Lands Dept.—L. P. Smith, Chairman.

Public Works Dept.—N. E. Johnson, Carpenter; H. G. Beckett, Mechanic; N. Swan, Blacksmith; G. W. L. Grey, Electrical Improver.

Agriculture Dept.—Miss E. Chopin, Typiste.

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TWO PATROL VESSELS FOR NORTH

THE Commonwealth Government's new fast vessel "Vigilant" left Sydney on August 21 to take up patrol work in North Australian waters. She is 100 ft. long with a draught of 5 ft. 6 ins., and is equipped with one light gun and a number of machine guns. A second vessel, the "Karu", underwent speed trials in Sydney Harbour on August 30 and sailed for Darwin a few days later.

The Assistant Minister for the Interior, Mr. Thompson, said that these two patrol boats and the "Larrakia", which has been operating for a year or so, should be able to "clean up" poaching in northern waters.

Dr. A. A. Wade and Dr. L. K. Ward, members of the Commonwealth Oil Advisory Committee, arrived in Port Moresby by the "Macdhui" at the end of August. They later went on to Oiapu, 75 miles north of Port Moresby, to examine the work being done by Papuan Apinaipi Petroleum Co., Ltd.

Outlook For Tropical Commodities

Summary By Sir W. Carpenter

AN interesting summary of Pacific trading conditions was made by Sir Walter Carpenter (chairman) when addressing the annual meeting of W. R. Carpenter & Co., Ltd., in Sydney on August 26. The following are the principal sections of the address:—

Over the past three years the Company has shown tremendous expansion. In 1934, the net profit of the Company was £36,000, and in 1938 £111,000, or in other words, the net profit has trebled itself.

Of the capital of the Company, nearly one-quarter of a million has been inoperative. This has been used in acquiring new tonnage, entering heavily into aviation, and in planting up of new estates. Portion of this capital will become remunerative in the coming year, and the balance a few years later.

The Company has completed planting up a new area of nearly 5,000 acres and, in a few years when in full bearing, this should be a very remunerative project. In addition to this, other properties have been acquired and these have been a heavy drain on the capital expenditure.

The new ship, s.s. "Suva", which was ordered last year, is being launched this month, and will be in commission by the end of October. This vessel will enable the Company to make a regular two-monthly service to the United Kingdom and America from Australia and the Pacific Islands.

The projected change of the capital from Rabaul to Salamaua will not affect the Company's interest in any way, as we are well established in both places.

When I addressed you the year before last, I called attention to the fact that the then signs of prosperity were not built on a sound foundation, and that within a period of two years we would see commodities back to somewhere near the depression prices. I am very sorry to tell you that my observations then were only too true.

In 1937, copra prices rose to about £25 per ton; they are now back in the vicinity of £10/10/- to £11 per ton, and other commodities, such as lead, copper, tin, wheat and wool, have depreciated about 40% to 50% of their value, and there does not seem any prospect of a rise in the immediate future.

There is no reason whatever to be pessimistic, but it is far better to acknowledge the position, and plan to meet it, than to bury one's head in the ground and make no preparations.

The Company, to-day, does not look for revenue from the purchase of copra. It has for the past few years regarded copra as merely a medium of exchange, so that the rise or fall in the commodity does not materially reflect upon the earnings of the Company.

The Company is now spread world-wide, and it is engaged in so many different branches of activity that the management can look with a certain degree of calmness upon any vicissitudes in markets.

There is a general feeling of nervousness everywhere owing to the tension in Europe, the conflict in China, etc., which causes a great deal of unrest, and all businesses to-day are purchasing from hand to mouth only because it is impos-

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sible to apply the old method of supply and demand so as to form any opinion of prices to-day.

All countries are trying to build up their exports and restrict their imports. This, to-day, is a physical impossibility, as no nation will make loans to any other, and the only way to sell the surplus productions is to buy in value an equal quantity from other nations—always, of course, looking upon interest charges of debtor nations as an import.

The hoarding of money is useless, as it only restricts trade and does not benefit the one who hoards it. Whereas, the judicious use and spending of money gives employment, and assists everyone who is in employment to retain his position.

DEATH OF MR. W. H. GRUBE



A WELL-KNOWN resident of the Condominium, Mr. W. H. Grube, died on June 26 at his home, Bowe plantation, Ambrym, New Hebrides.

The late Mr. Grube was a native of Holstein, Germany. He settled down on Ambrym about 26 years ago, after a period of wandering in the South Seas, and had resided there ever since. He was a kindly man, of retiring habits, and he was esteemed by other Europeans in that part of the Pacific. Mr. Grube was married about three years ago, and is survived by his widow.

COOK IS. SHIPPING

From Our Own Correspondent.

RAROTONGA, Aug. 17.
THE COOK IS. TRADING CO'S schooner sailed from this port three weeks ago for Suva. It is understood that she is on a private charter until November; but "coconut wireless" has it that she is away on a treasure hunt. The low price of copra is responsible for the two Cook Islands schooners, "Tiare Taporo" and "Tagua", leaving this group to go cargo-hunting over 1,000 miles from their home port.

WHAT, NO RADIO?

I HAVE no wireless here and fancy that this is now a record, writes a planter friend in Eastern Papua. Recently I went recruiting and my first port of call was Sebulugumbwa, in the Dobu Passage, where I listened in to "The Tests".

I next called at the more remote Sewaitaitai (where Mr. Fletcher is manager) and here, too, the wireless was beefing out the runs. From there I went to Dawada, thinking here, at least, I would be away from the pest (or blessing?) as there was no European for miles and miles; but I was wrong. Towards sundown along blew "Laurie" Henderson in the "Tierio" and he invited me aboard for dinner (fresh meat from Samarai via Misima) and sure enough his wireless was holding the floor!

This time, however, it was not the Tests. A Church service from Brisbane was com-

ing over the air and in the silence of that sheltered anchorage it was extraordinarily clear. So much so, that I was thrown into a momentary panic when "Laurie" nudged me with his elbow and whispered hoarsely, "Got your collection ready?"

We then fell to speculating as to how many of the clergyman's congregation on Pacific outstations were punctuating his sermon with grave and dignified swigs at "—s" Export Lager!

Mr. H. J. Grant, an executive of Islands Exploration Co., arrived in Papua in August from Melbourne to visit his Company's interests in the west. He later went over to New Guinea to spend some time at Madang.

Mr. John W. Duggan, a young geologist, left Sydney for Port Moresby, Papua, by the "Tasman" on August 24, to join the staff of Oil Search, Ltd.



Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Clark, of Rabaul, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney by the "Neptuna" on August 25 for several months' holiday. Mr. Clark is a well-known contractor and builder in Rabaul.

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There have been considerable reductions in the value of several other exports—notably copra and sugar—but, as a result of the activity at Loloma and Emperor mines, on the Tavua field, and at Mt. Kasi, gold exports, which for the same period last year were worth £67,000, have skyrocketed to £343,000.

Without gold, which has moved up into first place on the exports list, Fiji's apparent trade position for the first half of the year would have presented a different picture to the usual rising-trade motif that has characterised trade figures during the last half dozen years.

Bananas, enjoying a fair market in New Zealand, have risen slightly; but trochus-shell exports have been cut in half, owing to the muddled international situation in the East. Details for the two comparative periods of six months are as follows:—

	1937. £	1938. £
Total Imports	837,597	864,890
Total Exports	727,615	874,041
EXPORTS		
	1937.	1938.
Sugar, Tons	29,479	31,121
Value	£301,225	£287,976
Copra, Tons	14,945	15,263
Value	£235,157	£140,278
Bananas, Cases	71,052	70,351
Bunches	8,956	9,420
Value	£32,848	£35,678
Molasses, Tons	7,843	7,857
Value	£7,843	£7,857
Gold, Ounces	8,609	44,518
Value	£67,266	£343,324
Trochus, Tons	101	52
Value	£8,954	£3,602
Other, Value	£74,322	£55,326

LUTHERAN MISSIONARIES IN A MINOR AFFRAY

A NATIVE reported to Mr. E. W. Oakley, District Officer at Madang, New Guinea, that he was an eye-witness of an attack on August 21 at Awonal village, 50 miles inland, on three Lutheran missionaries, Revs. Mager, Henkleman, and Thorgersen. Mr. Oakley, in a Guinea Airways plane piloted by "Tommy" O'Dea, flew over the area but saw nothing amiss.

The following day, after a party consisting of Mr. Oakley, an A.D.O., a medical officer and native police, had set off for Awonal, the missionaries returned safely to Madang. They stated that, although they had been attacked and one was wounded by an arrow, the episode was a minor one. Before leaving the district they had established friendly relations with the attacking natives.

District Officer Oakley and his search party were recalled.

INTERNATIONAL COURTESIES AT PT. MORESBY

From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT MORESBY, Sept. 5.
THE K. P. M. vessel "Maetsuycker" arrived in Port Moresby from Singapore on August 31, and sailed the same afternoon for Sydney via N.Z. As the 31st was the anniversary of the birthday of Queen Wilhelmina, the vessel was gay with bunting and good feelings. The Lt.-Governor (Sir Hubert Murray) accompanied by the Official Secretary (Hon. H. L. Murray) called on Captain Staal to convey his congratulations and good wishes. Toasts were drunk to Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, and to King George of England.

Mr. A. Hogan, of Burns, Philp & Co., Ltd., Port Moresby, Papua, arrived in Sydney by the August "Macdhui" for six months' furlough.

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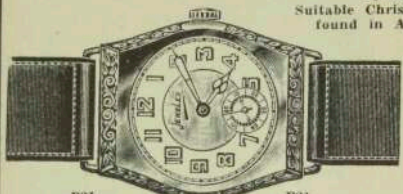
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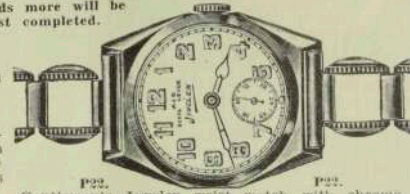


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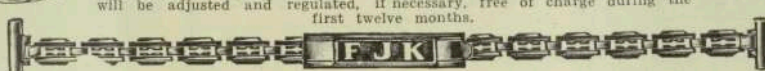


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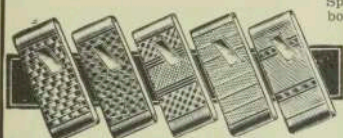
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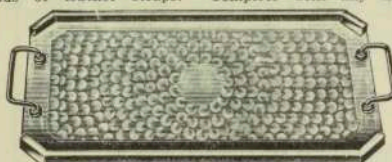
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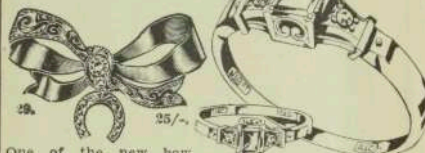
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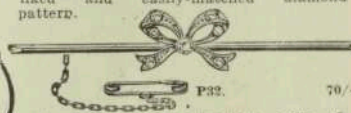


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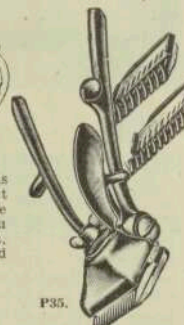
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RAIATEA FIRE-WALKERS

From Our Own Correspondent.

PASSENGERS on the cruise liner "Maunganui" were given an exhibition of the ancient fire-walking ceremony at Raiatea early in August.

It is certain that all of them will be received into full fellowship in the Ananias Club when they relate their experience to friends and neighbors at home. Old residents of the Islands hold honorary life memberships in chapters of that ancient society located in their natal lands, if they have ventured to describe what they have seen and heard at fire-walking exhibitions.

The best description of this fire-ceremony we have seen is contained in a widely-read book written by a man who

never witnessed the ceremony. He repaired this omission, however, by lifting a chapter from that charming and authoritative work: "Raiatea La Sacree", by Paul Huguenin, Ancien Directeur des Ecoles des Iles Sous le Vent, who resided in Raiatea at the period when that prince of sorcerers, Tupua, presided over the fire-walking clan.

The modern fire-walking exhibitions are tame affairs compared with the spectacular celebrations staged by Tupua. Nevertheless, they are astonishing enough, and continue to defy all attempts by the uninitiated to penetrate the mystery of how a raging furnace can be so tamed, that living beings can pass through it, unharmed.

H.M.S. "Leith", of the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy, paid a visit to Papeete, Tahiti, in early August.

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RAROTONGA, Aug. 17.

THE Minister in charge of the Cook Islands (Mr. Savage) has sent the following communication to the Resident Commissioner (Judge Ayson):—"You are hereby authorised to inform the banana-growers that, with the institution of the new method under which they are themselves to pack the bananas without cost to the Fruit Control Scheme, and having regard to the marked improvement that has already been effected in the quality and packing of Rarotongan bananas, I am prepared to approve of a bonus of 3d. per case in respect of every shipment which, on arrival in New Zealand, is found to maintain the standard of the shipment that arrived at the end of June".

This now brings the price to 3/9 a case. But this price still is inadequate for the labour entailed, and it is hoped that, with still more improvement of the quality and pack, the Rarotongan growers will eventually be paid the same price as the Samoans, namely 5/- per case.

"CURSE OF THE PASS"

Letter to the Editor.

YOUR contributor on "The Curse of the Pass", in the August issue of the "P.I.M.", does not appreciate what the natural outcome would be, should his sneering remarks upon the subject of "white prestige" gain him a following.

In more settled countries a common sight is the baker's roundsman, the butcher's boy, and the grocer's assistant, collecting orders and delivering parcels from door to door. We at Wau, (despite your contributor's views on "prestige") do not consider this desirable in a native community, and have voluntarily provided natives to do this work, thus leaving the store assistants with less degrading tasks to perform.

I think the system at present in vogue is better for all parties concerned, even although this may entail criticism from the very people we are trying to help.

I am, etc.

A WAU HOUSEWIFE.

Wau, September 1.

The statement made in Australian newspapers by the skipper of one of the Dutch steamers, in August, that there was no reliable chart of Salamaua available, and that he and other navigators in New Guinea waters were obliged to make their own charts in order to get in and out of the goldfields port, caused quite a stir in Australian official circles. Mr. Hughes, Minister for the Territories, said he was enquiring into the matter. The incident has piquant interest because Mr. Hughes' selection of Salamaua as the New Guinea capital has been under fire lately, and it was amusing to find that there is not even a good chart of the selected locality in existence.

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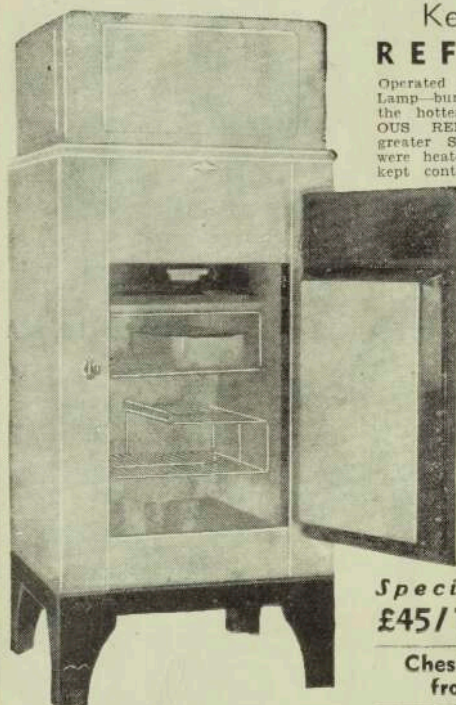
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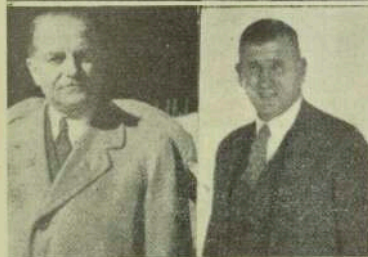
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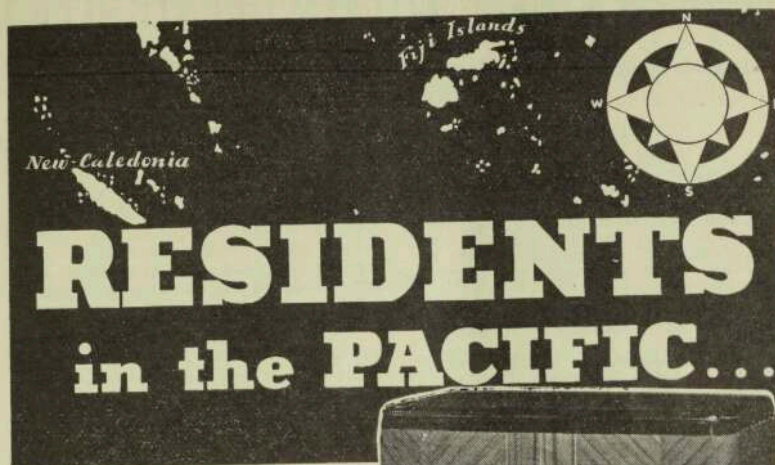


TOP.—Left: Mr. H. R. Goodwyn, manager of W. R. Carpenter and Co., Ltd.'s, branch at Wewak, New Guinea, reached Sydney by the August "Maedhui" for a short holiday. Right: Mr. C. G. Harris also arrived in Sydney by the "Maedhui". He is a well-known planter of Djaul Island, New Guinea, and will shortly proceed to Singapore to spend six months' furlough.

SECOND ROW.—Mr. and Mrs. Bruce George, of Kavieng, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney by the last "Maedhui" on their honeymoon. Mr. George is an officer in the Agriculture Department at Kavieng, and the couple intend spending three months' in Sydney before returning to the Mandated Territory by the October "Malaita".

THIRD ROW.—Left: Mr. J. Kruttschnitt, chairman of directors of New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd., arrived in Sydney on August 11, after an inspection visit to the Company's workings on the Morobe goldfield. Right: Mr. R. E. Dwyer, Economic Botanist at Rabaul, New Guinea, returned to the Mandated Territory by the August "Nankin" after three months' leave.

BOTTOM ROW.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Skinner, and their two children, John and Marie, arrived in Sydney recently by the "Maedhui". Mr. Skinner is employed by Bulolo Gold Dredging, Ltd., at Bulwa, T.N.G. They will spend four months' furlough at West Maitland, N.S.W.



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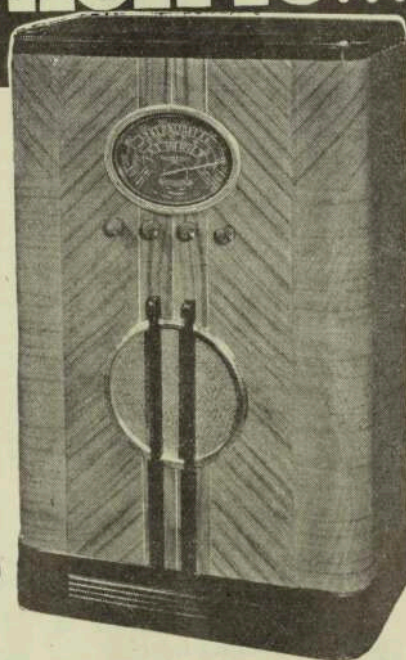
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THE WAR OF THE CAPITAL SITE

Salamaua Selection Under Review—Some Unusual and Remarkable Circumstances

BY R. W. ROBSON

TEMPERS have been frayed and one or two reputations have been tarnished a little; but the controversy about the new site for the New Guinea administrative headquarters has moved towards its logical and inevitable end. Already, it seems certain that:—

The selection of Salamaua has been abandoned, as hasty and impracticable.

Another site will be selected (either on the mainland tableland or, in accordance with the Griffiths Committee report, at Lae) at a series of Cabinet meetings, to commence on September 12.

The plan to build a road, so as to give the Morobe towns communication with the coast, has been attacked, but still stands.

The sequence of events since the August "P.I.M." was published has been interesting and, at times, amusing.

In August, we ventured the prophecy that Mr. Hughes' hasty and impulsive selection of Salamaua would be revised. It really was no prophecy, but simple deduction.

Messrs. Hughes and McNicoll, flying around there in June, seemingly failed to notice a big swamp between the base of the isthmus and the foothills. But when the Administrator returned to Salamaua with his technical advisers in July, he was given the dismal news that it was not

possible to lay out a town unless the swamp was filled in; and said reclamation would cost £250,000.

As no such financial provision had been made, it was safe to assume that Canberra would be consulted; and Canberra, of course, would say: "For heaven's sake, get busy and make another selection—and this time consult a few engineers and medical officers before reaching a decision."

And it was so. But a good deal happened in the meantime. The Minister for the Territories (Mr. Hughes) continued to play the comedy part.

MR. FAIRBAIRN'S VISIT

A PROMINENT member of the Commonwealth Parliament, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, piloting his own plane and accompanied by Mr. R. E. Elford, of "The Argus", flew from Melbourne to the Morobe district of New Guinea, visited Wau, Lae, and Salamaua early in August and, after a quick examination, flatly condemned the Minister's choice of Salamaua.

The Public Service Association of New Guinea, at a general meeting held on August 5, "viewed with alarm" any departure from the reports of the expert committees which recommended (a) the early removal of the capital from Rabaul, and (b) the establishment of the capital on a safe plateau on the mainland. The

meeting also "strongly opposed the selection of Salamaua as the capital site".

By about August 20, it was beginning to dawn upon the Australian newspapers that the Salamaua selection must be reviewed. Sydney "Telegraph", on August 22, published an interview with Mr. Hughes. The Minister quoted Pliny the Elder, and was vague, and referred to Adam and Eve, but said this:—

"There has been no alteration of the view that Salamaua should be the capital.

"Lae is not a port and Salamaua is. People with axes to grind are saying that Salamaua is unhealthy, a death trap, but people still seem to go on living there."

On August 23, Mr. Fairbairn entered the controversy with great spirit—he called the Salamaua selection "a major blunder", and sought an interview with the Prime Minister—and Mr. Hughes ceased to be vague and humorous, and was seen on the defensive.

MR. HUGHES' DEFENCE

BY August 24, every newspaper was in full cry against Salamaua; and, that day, Mr. Hughes made this remarkable statement:—

"It is proper that I should correct Mr. Fairbairn's impression that by recommendation (of Salamaua) was made in the face of adverse official opinion. The very contrary is the case. My recommendation was based on the best and most authoritative official advice."

That left a few people gasping. Who was the "authoritative" official who gave the Minister advice of such significance that he turned down the Griffiths report and chose Salamaua?

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On August 26, it was announced that the Legislative Council, in New Guinea, had "severely criticised the selection of Salamaua, and that the Federal Cabinet, meeting in Melbourne, had formally asked Mr. Hughes to submit a report upon the position generally.

By this time, it was reported freely (1) that Mr. Hughes' position in the Cabinet was in danger and had been made worse by his "what we have we hold" speech in Rabaul, and the trouble over Salamaua; and (2) that there was now some likelihood that the decision to build a Wau-Salamaua road would be reviewed.

The writer admits that, up to now, he had noted events with complacency, not to say pleasure—everything had fallen out exactly as he had foretold.

But this attack upon the road was a horse of another colour. We made certain urgent representations that the abandonment of the road plan, at this stage would be a tragic blunder. And this, despite the fact that we were supposed to be "anti-road"!

Which introduces the remarkable story of the boycott.

THE WAU-SALAMAU ROAD

WHEN Mr. Hughes, late in June, announced his selection of Salamaua, and the building of a road "directly over the mountain to Wau", I sent a letter to every member of the Australian Parliament, and attacked both plans. So far as the road was concerned, I said that the proposal to build a highway "directly over the mountains" was unsound and uneconomic; that "I am not opposing a Salamaua-Wau road, for which there long has been a demand"; and that, if a road could be built, the long way round, from Salamaua to Wau, so as to "form part of a permanent roading system for the future development and security of New Guinea", it would be welcomed and supported by all interests.

That was published in July "P.I.M.", and surely was clear enough. Judge of my amazement, therefore, when I learned, late in August, that the Wau Mining Association had adjudged me an enemy of the road, and had called upon its members to boycott the "P.I.M."

What made it more embarrassing was the discovery that the Mining Association favoured the Salamaua-Buangs-Snake River-Bulwa route; and this was the route which, in the August "P.I.M.", I had noted and advocated, as the next best alternative to the Markham.

(There is now a report that the best route now may prove to be an entirely new one, called the "Middle Bitol". Details—received too late to discuss in this article—are published elsewhere in this issue.)

In the very week that the unexpected attack on the road developed (August 22-26), I received letters from half a dozen stout lads (five to be exact), cancelling their "P.I.M." subscriptions. All were old readers; and, also, all were loyal members of the Mining Association.

I will admit that we were tempted to sit still and do nothing, and let the Mining Association stew in its own juice.

However, we decided to lay the blame for the boycott upon the impulsive temperament that usually goes with red hair, and to argue it out amicably, at some later date. We "hopped in", and submitted all the data at our command to show the powers that influence Cabinets that the road should go on, no matter what happened to Mr. Hughes and to his Salamaua selection.

I am not sure that we achieved anything. The withdrawal of the Road Loan

Bill from the business paper of the Legislative Council in Rabaul, without adequate explanation, on August 25, had a nasty appearance. Until that Bill is passed, there can be no finance for the road, and therefore no road.

A PECULIAR SITUATION

THE situation is peculiar, and puzzling—but probably the explanation will be known before this is read in Wau.

My own belief is that Mr. Hughes is much in disfavour with a section of the Cabinet; that the question of his further connection with the Cabinet has been

postponed pending the early return from abroad of three senior Ministers (Messrs. Earle Page, Menzies and White); and that the confirmation of certain acts of Mr. Hughes (such as his New Guinea decisions) is held up, likewise.

That opinion is supported by the following facts.

During the last week of August, Mr. Hughes was like Byron's young lady who "swearing she would ne'er consent, consented". The Minister continued to advocate Salamaua; but by the end of August, he virtually admitted that Salamaua

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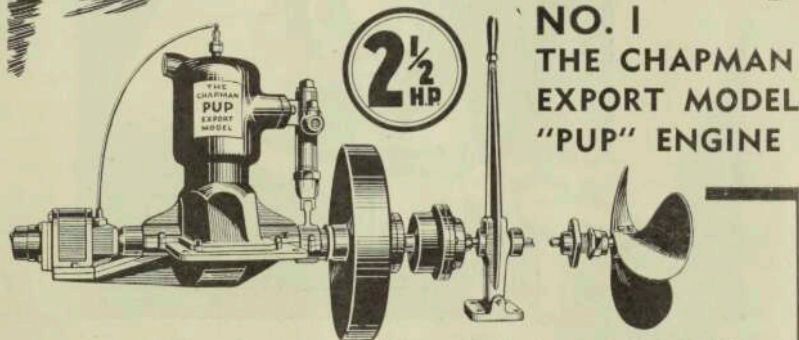
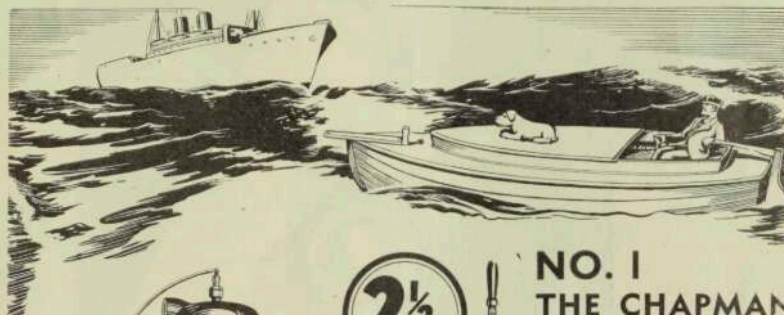
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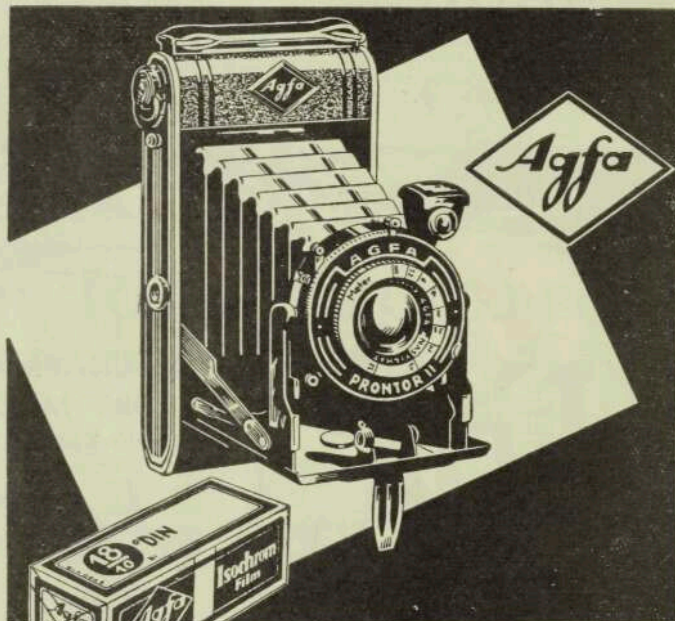
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SOLOMON IS. FUTURE

Pro and Anti-Australia

Letter to the Editor.

THERE recently was an article in the "P.I.M." entitled "The Solomons—Some Reasons Why Australian Rule is Wanted".

I have lived in the British Solomons for about 20 years, and I have never yet heard a resident of this group express a desire to see the administration taken over by Australia.

I visited the Mandated Territory last December, and the conversations I had, with people of different commercial interests, only make me more convinced that any change, in the direction you mention, would certainly not be an advantage.

It would be interesting if some of the residents of this group, whom you refer to, would put their name to articles expressing their desire: because some of us are apt to believe that the mention of them may be only journalistic licence.

I am etc.

D. M. LAZARUS.

Tulagi, B. S. I.
July 17, 1938.

EDITORIAL NOTE: The proposal—seriously entertained in 1936—that Australia should take over administrative control of the Solomons group, and Britain's share of the New Hebrides group, seems to have faded from human memory. One suspects that it was part of a long-sighted defence plan, germinated in the alert brain of Sir Archdale Parkhill; and when that gentleman was defeated in 1937, and gave up the portfolio of Minister for Defence, the plan naturally went away into a crowded and forgotten pigeon-hole.

It is a pity. It was a sound plan (of defence) and Sir A. Parkhill was an extremely able Minister for Defence—as Australia is now beginning unhappily to realise.

However, Solomon Island residents have the consolation of knowing that they are safe for the present. Australia now is not likely to adopt them, and send some job-seeking ex-politician to govern them.

AN ISLANDS IDENTITY

120 Trips to Tahiti in 50 Years

From Our Own Correspondent.

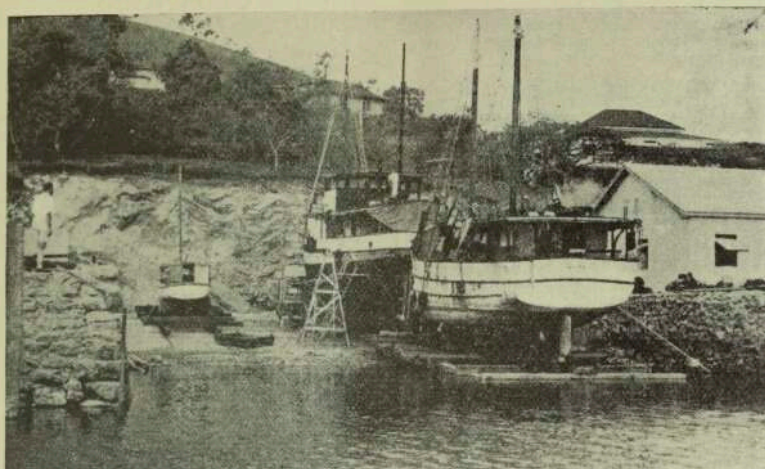
PAPEETE, Aug. 12.

MR. H. HEMUS, of Messrs. A. B. Donald, Ltd., Auckland, New Zealand, and Etablissements Donald, Tahiti, is now at Papeete in the interests of these allied companies.

Mr. Hemus first came to Tahiti from N.Z. in 1888. Since that time he has made 120 voyages to Papeete; having travelled over that route, the sum of 720,000 miles—equal to 30 times around the world. This does not include numerous voyages between Auckland and Fiji, which Mr. Hemus has made during the same period.

Mr. Hemus is making a prolonged stay here, relieving Mr. Gerald Sharood, Director of Etablissements Donald, who is now in New Zealand for medical treatment. Mr. Sharood's friends in Tahiti are rejoiced to learn that his malady is not as serious as first reported, and that he is progressing satisfactorily to full recovery.

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A recent photograph of vessels undergoing overhaul on the new slipway constructed at Port Moresby (near the main wharf) by Steamships Trading Co. Ltd.

N. GUINEA SULPHUR

Is An Industry Possible?

AN interesting enquiry will be held in Sydney on September 15, and in Melbourne in October, by the Australian Tariff Board, on the question: "Whether, in the opinion of the Board, a case exists for the adoption of measures to encourage the production of sulphur in the Australian territories of New Guinea and Papua, for consumption in Australia; and if so, what particular measures does the Board consider to be most appropriate".

It is known that there are considerable deposits of sulphur in certain parts of the

Mandated Territory, and that engineers have examined these deposits with a view to their exploitation. Sulphur is being used to an increasing degree in Australia for commercial purposes.

The Editor of the "P.I.M.", who was communicated with by an important organisation in Sydney concerning this matter, asked the enquirer to communicate immediately with the Administrator of New Guinea.

It would be an admirable thing if New Guinea's sulphur deposits could be made the basis of a new primary industry for the Mandated Territory.

Mr. R. C. Evans, Town Clerk of Suva, Fiji, is at present spending two months' holiday in Australia.

Dr. D. H. Lewis arrived in Papua by the August "Macdhui" from Australia to take up an appointment as Government Medical Officer at Samarai. Some years ago, he was in Port Moresby acting as G.M.O. in the absence of Dr. E. Giblin, who is now in private practice in New Guinea.

Miss Leila Ram Samy, of Fiji, who recently passed her Nurse's Examination, obtaining the A.T.N.A. Certificate, is now undergoing training at Epworth Hospital, Melbourne, prior to returning to Fiji to take up the nursing profession.

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N.Z.'s DECLINING TRADE WITH FIJI

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During the discussion, a member

pointed out that, so far as soft goods were concerned, it was practically impossible to do business, as Fiji's needs were being satisfactorily catered for by English firms. Another mentioned that Japanese boats were placing in Fiji goods manufactured in Japan.

A prominent Suva business man, who was in the Dominion recently, voiced the opinion that a greater volume of trade from New Zealand would result if there were a difference in the freight rate between Auckland-Suva and Sydney-Suva. Both rates now are the same.

THE OLD ORDER CHANGES

Tahiti's Chinese Neglect Their Temple

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, Aug. 20.

OFTEN, after dark, when the daylight noises have ceased, residents of the far eastern district of Papeete hear, through the silence of the night, the sound of a deep-toned bell partly muffled as though struck by a wooden mallet.

The solemn distant tones issue from a low building, situated in extensive grounds, shadowy with great trees and coconut groves. It is the temple of the Chinese of Tahiti.

The temple is built about a square open to the sky. In a deep, dark recess at the south side is a gilded altar on which (screened by hangings of old rose elaborately embroidered with silver and gold, and surrounded by vases, and censers, and a multitude of un-nameable objects) stands an image of Buddha.

In the foreground are braziers on which are burned prayers written in ideographs on strips of scarlet paper and incense to carry the petitions on fragrant smoke to the presence of the deity.

There was a time when this place was the centre of Chinese life in French Oceania. It was frequented not only at periods of ceremony, but on occasions of celebrations and feasting. Nearby are great ovens where cooks and bakers were accustomed to labour all night, with much clamour and chattering, preparing the banquet of the morrow.

When the Manchu dynasty fell, politics of their home country divided the Chinese of Tahiti into hostile factions.

Club houses were erected in the crowded sections of Papeete, and steadily the temple went into neglect and decay until the hangings became tarnished, and the building itself began to disintegrate.

Then, for a while, there seemed to be a revival of the old worship. The building was repaired and painted. Salvos of fire crackers and the tones of the temple bell proclaimed that the rites were being celebrated. Gradually, however, these sounds abated and the intervals lengthened until again there is silence; save only in the watches of the night when the venerable hierophant beats the ritual numbers on the temple bell and bows alone, or with the few ancients who inhabit the temple grounds, before the abandoned altar.

OIL BILL BEFORE PAPUAN COUNCIL

From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT MORESBY, Aug. 16.

THE Bill to amend the Petroleum (Mining) Ordinance which was dealt with at the meeting of the Papuan Legislative Council last week was only a preliminary draft, so that members might discuss the matter. The final draft has not yet been received from Canberra. The completed Bill will be introduced at the next meeting of the Council.

Rev. J. P. Jarman, L.Th., accompanied by his wife, arrived in Papua by the "Macdhui" at the end of August on their way to begin mission work for the Methodist Society at Bunama.

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NATIVE'S COURAGE

How He Saved Companion From Alligator

BY M. HARPER, MANDOLIANA, SOLOMON ISLANDS.

IT was late on Sunday evening, and my house-boy was off in a canoe to the mainland to see his folks. He had to return at "First Fowl" (5.30 a.m.) to light the kitchen fire and work the refrigerator. He went off O.K., as happy as could be.

When I awoke about 6 a.m., no house-boy was to be seen. When the labourers came, I asked where the house-boy was, and then I heard the following story:

The house-boy, and a boy named Vikaar, who was coming to ask for work, left Hoomba in the early hours of the morning (11.7.38), in a small two-man canoe. After getting out over part of the reef, they were suddenly attacked by a large alligator which, with wild but straight sweeps of its tail, soon had the canoe smashed to pieces.

Then the fun started. Both boys were waist-deep in the water, and as it was still not light, were as a loss to know just what had happened. Soon, however, Vikaar screamed and Matthews (house-boy) grabbed Vikaar, and then he saw the alligator. It had grabbed Vikaar's leg near the thigh, and it tried to drag him off to deep water. However, Matthews hung on and, with great pluck, managed to keep his hold.

The alligator, to get a firmer hold, opened its mouth and shifted its hold,

and, with a jerk, smashed the bone in Vikaar's leg. The blood worked the alligator into a fury. It lashed out and knocked both boys over. In doing so, it lost its hold and, with frantic strength, Matthews pulled the unfortunate Vikaar ashore. Matthews then started a long canoe ride of 10 miles to the Tulagi hospital.

Vikaar is now in the Tulagi hospital, under the care of the Senior Medical Officer and his staff, and is progressing as well as can be expected. The courage of Matthews in holding on to Vikaar and saving him is remarkable, especially as it was not quite light, and he might easily have been taken himself.

CAR PLUNGES 100ft. OFF EDIE CK. ROAD

From Our Own Correspondent.

WAU, Aug. 14.

A SEDAN car, driven by Mr. Leitz, of the Wau Carrying Co., swerved suddenly and plunged 100ft. over the side of Edie Creek Road at dusk on a recent Sunday afternoon. After several somersaults, it was stopped upside down by a tree at the edge of another 100ft. drop.

There were four passengers in the car—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spence, Mr. Norman Spence, and Mr. K. G. McKenzie—and they miraculously escaped almost without a scratch. When the car came to a halt, Mr. Spence's first concern was for his wife—he urgently called out how was she; and received the cheery, though mumbled reply that she was not hurt but that Mr. Norman Spence was standing on her face!

Neglected British in New Hebrides

Letter to the Editor.

ALLOW me to comment briefly on the letter of "Inlooker" and the article by Rev. T. E. Riddle, which appeared in your July issue.

One thing stands out in both, with which I think every Britisher in the New Hebrides will agree—and that is the lack of Government-supported schools for the children of British settlers—now, alas, few in number—who came to pioneer this farthest outpost of the British Empire.

Or, was it pre-ordained at the signing of the Protocol in 1906, that the place was simply to drift into French hands, and that those of British nationality who had taken it upon themselves to settle here were simply to fade away and die?

In the most isolated outposts of New Zealand, Australia, Africa, Canada, there are schools of some sort, within a reasonable distance, to which the poorest settler can send his children. But here in this 20th century, it seems that in all the world the New Hebrides is the only place that has been neglected in this respect.

I thank "Inlooker" and Mr. Riddle for mentioning it.

I am, etc.,

BRITISHER

Vila, N.H.

August 16, 1938.

Mr. W. Clarke, who has been relieving at the Thursday Island Post Office for six months, has returned to Mareeba, North Queensland.

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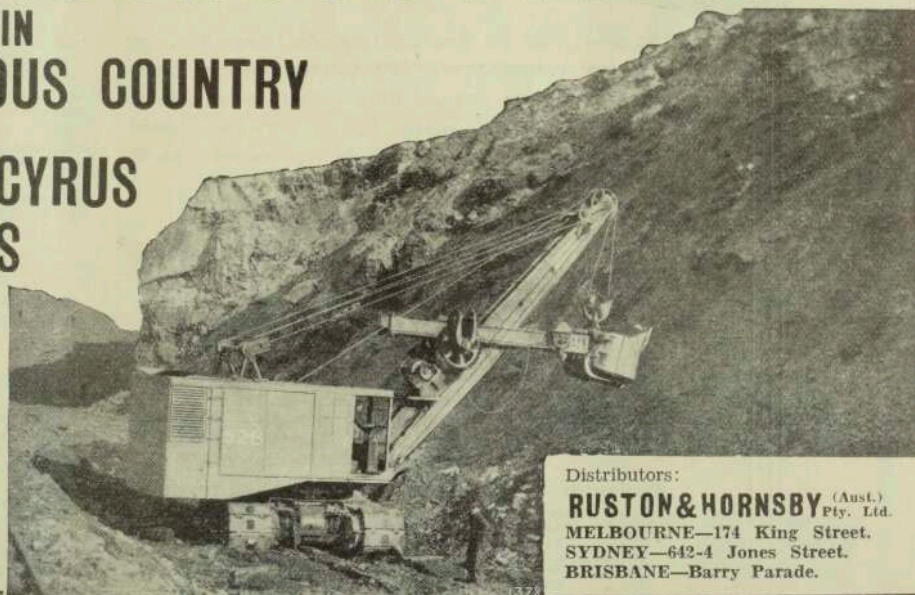
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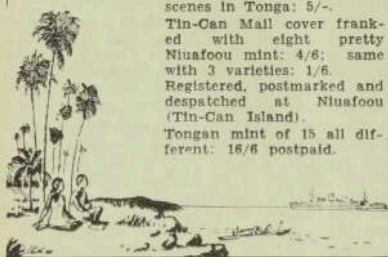
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Mrs. R. H. Green, wife of the principal of the Methodist Mission's Davuilevu College, Fiji, was an inmate of the Suva War Memorial Hospital during August, suffering from injuries received in a motor accident at Nodroga. The car completely overturned, and Mrs. Green's left arm was broken near the elbow and her neck and back were severely strained. She is now making satisfactory progress, but her recovery will be slow.

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Is There Gold In "Them Thar Hills"?

Seven Years' Search in the Solomons

(Contributed)

STILL another gold-mining epidemic seems likely to break out on Guadalcanal Island which, over the past seven or eight years, has been visited by numerous mining engineers, near-engineers and not so near ones, with rather lamentable results.

No doubt, all those share-holders who have not had sufficient injections of gold-mining virus are ready to believe that there is some truth in the old hackneyed saying that "a gold mine is a hole in the ground, and the owner is a liar". At any rate, Guadalcanal does seem to have been a better place in which to sink gold rather than sink for it.

Still, all this by no means condemns the field, for there is surely gold "in them thar hills and rivers", and New Guinea-ites might please note that it is none of your 50% muck. Samples recently sent

south proved 96% pure; so that, if there is not sufficient to allay Uncle Sam's aloofness towards us over the little matter of war-debts, at least we can say "Thank God we are pure". I mean, our gold is.

The gekko in the treacle seems to be in devising a means to fish the gold out of the treacherous boulder-strewn streams, which are subject to sudden and dangerous floods from the mountains in the near back-ground.

One mining engineer, a couple of years ago, hatched out a plan all his own to overcome this. It was to cost just the bare £30,000; but, apparently, his share-holders were suffering from stricture of the purse, or want of confidence, or something; so they sent along another M.E., of slightly more tonnage, to look it over, and he condemned the scheme first peep—and "thoof" went another ton of optimism.

The field was then deserted, and all leases cancelled, and the jungle reigned supreme.

But not for long; for, soon after, up bobbed still another mining engineer. This time, all the way from Western Australia, where they should know something about gold-mining. Anyhow, he brought with him all the usual assurances as to his qualifications, and the "bogins of boodle" he represented—just a mere million and a half of English capital in this case—which is just pining to be poured into the Sorvohio River.

He states that if he gets the concessions he has asked for there will be 1,000 men on the field inside 12 months.

Alas, our Gold-mining Regulations were apparently framed rather with the idea of preventing than encouraging mining; and, though sane regulations have been promised for years, the office boy or whoever it is that attends to our little matters in Fiji, does not seem to have completed his prolonged siesta. The result is that mining matters here are in a glorious state of muddle and the drunk who asked "is this Pitt Street or Chrisamus?" was a paragon of lucidity in comparison.

However, thank God for Chamberlain and his efforts to regenerate sanity! And may some of it trickle this far!

Meanwhile, from the talk going round, copra planters on Guadalcanal are becoming perturbed as to the possibility of seeing their holdings pouring through the sluice-boxes into the blue Pacific. Not that it would matter a row of pins, in view of the copra market outlook; but they would feel happier if assured that the share-holders in the talked of 11 millions show were the same group which dominates the vegetable oil combine. In that case, it would be a game of "Take and Put"—that is, they might take all the "cream" of the copra industry, but they would put it back into the Sorvohio, which would be some consolation.

Tulagi, 20/8/1938.

Control of P.O.D. Co. in Papua

From Our Own Correspondent.

PT. MORESBY, Aug. 16.
PAPUA Oil Development Co. will shortly transfer the main portion of their Western Papua business to their head office in Port Moresby. This will considerably reduce the staff at Daru, from whence most of the Company's field parties were provisioned. For the main part, these will now be under the management of the head office in Port Moresby.

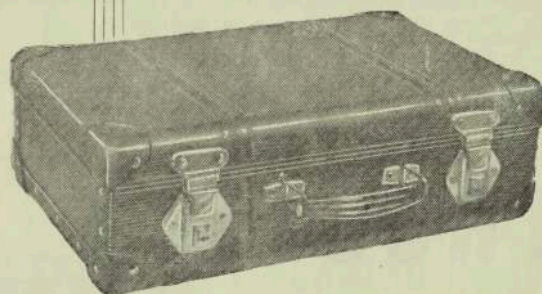
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At the extreme east of the island of Tongatabu, near Niutoua, there is situated the famous trilithon known as the Haamoga-a-Maul.

This was built by the Tui Toga, Tuitatui, about the year 1200, probably as a gateway.

The uprights are nine feet high, above ground, five feet below ground. The cross-piece is 16 feet in length

by five feet in breadth. The passage between the uprights is nine feet.

An Auckland civil engineer, who visited Tonga, on request of the Tonga Government, to report on metal for road formation, calculated that the two side pieces hold 600 cubic feet, or 18½ tons; the top piece 140 cubic feet or 4½ tons—a total of 23½ tons of coral stone.—F.T.G.

NEW GUINEA CLUB

THE probable effect on the membership and finances of the New Guinea Club, of the proposed transfer of the Administrative establishment from Rabaul, were discussed by the Club's President, Mr. R. L. Clark, at the annual meeting recently. He said it was difficult to make an estimate, but he thought that the loss of income would not exceed 5 per cent. Membership of the Club now stands at 345—146 town members and 199 country members.

Mr. Clark was elected President unopposed and other officers elected were Vice-president, Mr. Baden Jones; Treasurer, Mr. Gordon Thomas; Honorary Secretary, Mr. Les. Clark; Committee, Messrs. J. D. Marshall, R. L. Solomons, W. Philippott, H. J. Rawnsley, and W. Fleming.

PITCAIRN ISLAND A "CLOSED DISTRICT"

A RECENT regulation issued by the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific proclaims Pitcairn Island to be a "closed district" and provides that "no person shall land from any vessel or aircraft without a permit". Exception is granted in the following cases: (1) Permanent residents. (2) Government Officers. (3) Crew and passengers of visiting liners (having first received permission from the Chief Magistrate of Pitcairn Is.) for a period not exceeding 12 hours. The regulation provides severe penalties for breaches of its clauses.

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IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY 50 YEARS AGO

Hoisting of the British Flag in Papua on Sept. 4, 1888

FIFTY years ago on September 4, 1888, Sir William MacGregor, M.D., C.M.G., arrived in Papua from Cooktown (Queensland) in H.M.S. "Opal", commanded by Captain Bosanquet, to take over the reins of Government and, by Proclamation, declare the Protected Territory of New Guinea (as Papua was then referred to) to be part of the Queen's Dominions.

A detailed report of the proceedings, written by Mr. Anthony Musgrave, who accompanied Sir William MacGregor as "Secretary for the Government", describes the vivid scenes not only of the ceremony itself, but also of the entry into the harbour when H.M.S. "Opal" came to anchor.

Flags were flying in welcome from the London Missionary Society's and Mr. A. Goldie's flagstaffs, and there was a general air of excitement on landing—while the preliminary arrangements were in hand. A public notice was issued without delay to all residents in the township of Granville, and a special invitation went to members of the L.M.S. Mission. Officers visited nearby villages (Hanuabada) summoning all natives to attend the ceremony.

"At 2.30 p.m.," wrote Mr. Musgrave, "His Excellency came ashore . . . and at once proceeded to Government House. By a quarter before four o'clock the arrangements were completed, and the scene from Government House verandah, 150ft. above sea and commanding a full view of the harbour and surroundings, was interesting and attractive.

"To the right and northerly, the mission flagstaff, dressed for the ceremony, was a triangle of lively colour. In the foreground, H.M.S. 'Opal', the L.M.S. schooner 'Ellangowan', and the Government cutter 'Maino', were also decorated with bunting blowing out freely in the strong south-east trade wind. From the oval plateau covered with fine shingle in front of the building, the Government flagstaff with its white shaft and crossbars showed in clear outline against the blue background of the harbour, while a single Union Jack flew from it as the Resident Deputy Commissioner's symbol of authority.

"At the end of the plateau, beyond the mast and about its base, the local natives—men, women and children—grouped themselves in a semi-circle of some 200 or more. This was a remarkably good gathering, for although the three villages mentioned contain over 1,000 souls, a large number were inland for the last hunt of the season. In the middle of the group the mission students and their wives in clean cotton clothing of different hues presented a strong and pleasing contrast to their nude and stock-headed relations.

"On the north side of the platform, the guard of honour—blue-jackets and Marines under Commander Field, R.N., and Lieutenant Basil Hall, R.N.—was placed with a drum-and-fife band fronting them, thus forming three sides of a square about the flag-mast. Two signalmen from the 'Opal' were also stationed at this point to attend to the flags appropriate to the ceremony".

The Assembly consisted of the following:—

Captain Day Bosanquet, R.N. (H.M. Senior Officer for the Northern Division of the Australian Station), and officers of H.M.S. "Opal".

Hugh Hastings Romilly, C.M.G., and Anthony Musgrave (Deputy Commissioners for British New Guinea).

Rev. W. G. Lawes (Senior member of the London Missionary Society) and Mrs. Lawes.

Bingham Arbuthnot Hely (Accountant for the Protectorate).

Frank E. Lawes (Clerical Assistant and Acting Post Master, etc., at Pt. Moresby).

George Hunter (Government Officer, Rigo Station).

Andrew Goldie (Collector, Explorer and Storekeeper in British New Guinea since 1875).

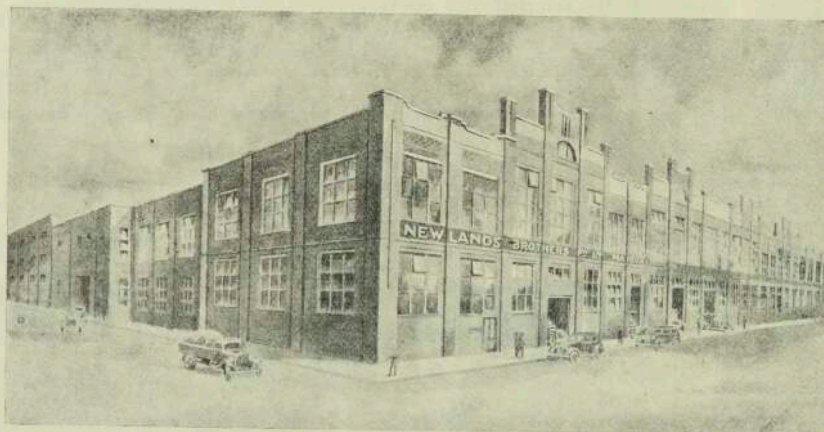
Ruotoka (Rarotongan L.M.S. teacher, resident in Pt. Moresby since 1873), and South Sea Island boatmen, employed by the Government.

Being informed by Captain Bosanquet that everything was ready, His Excellency read the Proclamation declaring Her Majesty's Sovereignty over the Protectorate, and immediately afterwards read the Imperial Letters Patent, which provided for a Constitution for the new Territory.

In his address, Sir William MacGregor after commenting on the fact that the history of British New Guinea as part of the Queen's Dominion would commence from September 4, drew attention to the great possibilities of the little-known Territory.

"So much still remains to be made known in regard to the capabilities of this great country", he said, "that at present no human eye can see far into

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its future. But we well know, from a rich experience gained elsewhere, that the material and economic development of British New Guinea can safely be left to the energy, industry, and perseverance of our own race, when their inherent qualities can fairly be brought to bear on the task. The Queen's Sovereignty here will be a guarantee that every effort will be made to educate the native race; to impart to them the great and sublime truths of the Christian religion; to teach them to value and respect law and order; and to appreciate justice.

"May God grant that our Sovereign's rule in British New Guinea may secure the prosperity, happiness, and contentment of the Queen's subjects here, both old and new", he concluded, "and that the people of this land, now declared a British Possession, may for all time look up with true loyalty and devotion to that flag which we now salute".

After Sir William MacGregor's address, the Royal Standard was hoisted and saluted by the guns of H.M.S. "Opal". Captain Bosanquet then read Sir William's Commission as Administrator and the necessary oaths of office, and the ceremony concluded by the natives singing "God Save the Queen".

—M.L.

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Mystery of "Hawaii Clipper's" Disappearance

From Our Own Correspondent.

HONOLULU, Aug. 20.
THERE are interesting angles to the disappearance of the trans-Pacific airboat "Hawaii Clipper", with 15 lives, on July 28, while on a routine flight from Guam to Manila.

The last radio message from the clipper has given rise to much speculation. It read:

"Temperature 13 degrees centigrade. Altitude 9,100 feet. Nineteen knots wind. Rough air. Ground speed 112 knots. Rain. Ten stratus cumulus at 9,200 feet. Ten cumulus at 7,000 feet."

These routine words are packed with meaning to aviators and aerologists, especially the last two sentences. The figure 10 used in regard to clouds means that the entire area of the sky was obscured. The figure 1 would mean that one-tenth of the sky was covered; 2, that two-tenths was, and so on.

The clipper, then, was flying between two layers of clouds.

Walter Feldwisch, U.S. weather observer at Honolulu, said: "Thunder heads are always likely to develop under such conditions, especially in the area where the plane was flying. They come up very quickly."

Veteran Pacific pilots lean to the theory that a sudden weather disturbance, and not fire or explosion, caused the accident. They point out that flying in such weather "the bottom might drop out", that is, the plane might hit such a terrific downdraft it would fall with tremendous force, then meet an updraft so violently that the resultant strain would damage the wings.

Between two such layers of clouds may occur potent electrical disturbances. If one layer were charged positively and the other negatively, a bolt sufficient to des-

troy anything in its path might be hurled across the intervening space. Such a disturbance would be highly destructive. In theory, aircraft in flight are supposed to be safe from lightning.

Pan-American Airways are now in their third year of operation of the trans-Pacific service from California to the Orient.

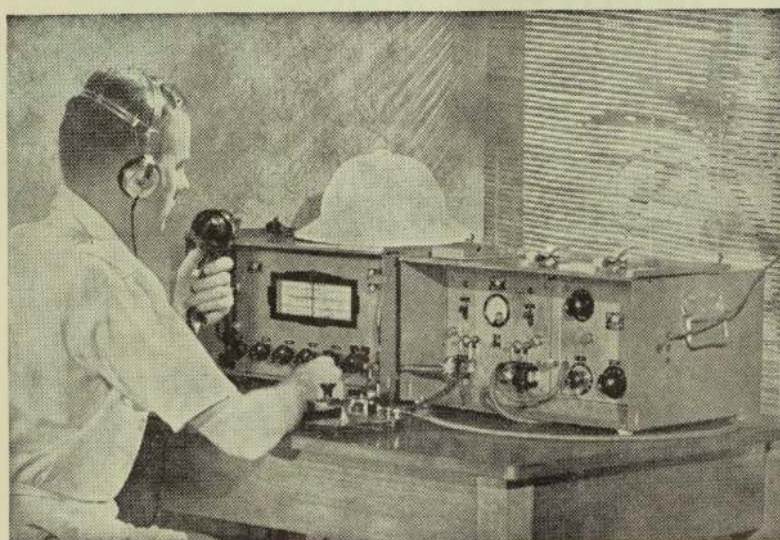
Before the first clipper went into scheduled operation, more than 5,000,000 dollars had been spent in preparing and experimenting with the service. The service west of Hawaii does not yet show a profit.

The company has reduced the air mail passenger and express rates, but traffic meets direct steamer competition.

The crack steamers take 10 days. Given favourable conditions, at its fastest a clipper takes seven days to fly 9,000 miles from

San Francisco to Hong Kong. The shortest cut to the Orient, from the United States, is on the North Pacific "great circle" course from Seattle—5,000 miles. It was flown non-stop in 1931 by the U.S. aviator, Clyde Pangborn. The fastest aerial crossing of the Pacific was made by the Graf Zeppelin in 1929, when she flew, during the course of a world cruise, from Tokio to Los Angeles in 79 hours, carrying a full load of passengers, mail and express.

Mr. du Faur, a mining engineer, who was in Papua a year or so ago in connection with the testing of the claims pegged out by the late Jack Hides on the Strickland River, Western Papua, for Investors, Limited, recently arrived in New Caledonia by the "Pierre Loti" to make an inspection of Mr. Griffith's Sunshine mine at Dumbea, west of Noumea, on behalf of an Australian syndicate.



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Hon. C. T. Wurth, M.L.C., Commissioner of Lands in Papua, will leave Port Moresby on November 15 on long leave, at the expiration of which he will retire from the Papuan Government Service. Mr. Wurth is a well-known and highly respected man in the Territory. He has spent more than 20 years in Papua in the service of the Administration and rose steadily from a junior position to

be Assistant Resident Magistrate, Resident Magistrate, and then head of an important department and a member of the Legislative Council.

Rev. and Mrs. N. G. Pardey, Methodist missionaries in Western Samoa, returned to Apia by the last "Matua" from New Zealand, with their two-months-old daughter.

PAPUA'S FINANCE

Influence of Oil Companies

WE learn that the new Treasurer of the Territory of Papua, Mr. S. Smith, is not very happy about the Territory's financial outlook, and he spoke his mind frankly when discussing the estimates of revenue and expenditure in the Legislative Council in Port Moresby recently.

The Territory's finances during the past couple of years make a pretty picture—apparently bounding trade and increasing revenue. But an analysis shows that the improvement in the Territory's finances is due very largely to two factors—the large expenditure undertaken in the Territory by the big companies in their search for an oil-field, and the astonishing returns from the sale of stamps (the result of philatelists' demands).

Mr. Smith pointed out these facts in plain words of one syllable and said that the revenue that the Territory had enjoyed during the past two years was of a character that Papua cannot reasonably expect under normal conditions.

"Were it not for the activity of these oil companies, Papua would have experienced rather lean years instead of years of plenty", said Mr. Smith. "I do not want to appear too pessimistic—so I leave it to you to imagine what might be the conditions here if the search for oil should be discontinued".

EXPLORATION IN CENTRAL NEW GUINEA

NATIVES in Central New Guinea are gradually being brought under control, as the result of constant patrolling", said Mr. A. F. Kyle, Assistant District Officer, of the Chimbu-Mt. Hagen district, New Guinea, on arrival in Sydney by the "Montoro" recently. "The present patrol, being led by A.D.O. Taylor, should make known a great deal of hitherto unmaped territory.

"More than 200 miles of good 'bridle paths' have been built in the last 18 months, and it is now possible to patrol the Mt. Hagen district on horse-back, despite the fact that the road traverses country more than 8,000 ft. above sea level," he added.

Mr. Kyle referred to the part being played in the exploration of primitive territory by planes. "Aerial reconnaissance in unknown country is going to prove most valuable to us," he said. "At the moment, the companies are mostly concerned with commercial work, but flights over country to be penetrated, and aerial photographs will enable us to see the lay of the land, the valleys, and where the population is." As an example he quoted the manner in which supplies were flown to the Taylor patrol—more than 8,000 lb. of foodstuffs being dropped through an opening in the bottom of a large Fokker and, by means of parachutes, landed safely, the only "casualties" being two broken medicine bottles.

"There are numerous traces of gold in various Central New Guinea areas but not enough to warrant exploitation on a large scale," Mr. Kyle said. "Mr. Mick Leahy is on good gold in the Mt. Hagen district, but he has to pass through 60 ft. overburden before reaching it. He employs about 200 local natives on his workings."

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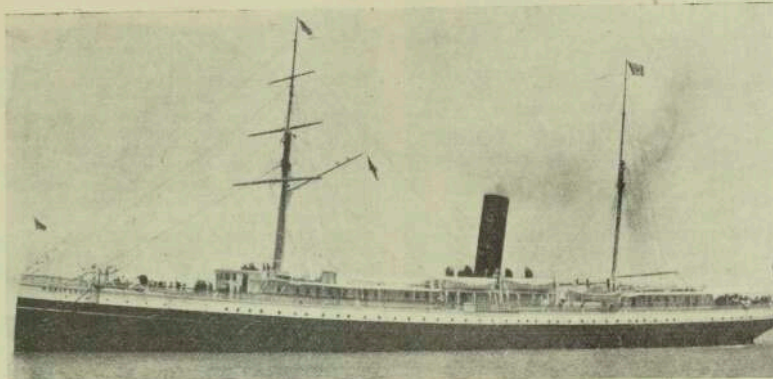
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THE OLD "MARIPOSA"

Memories of Tahiti of 30 Years Ago

From Our Own Correspondent.



The steamer "Mariposa", with which the Oceanic Steam Ship Co. (Spreckels' Line), now the Matson Navigation Co., of San Francisco, U.S.A., inaugurated over 50 years ago a passenger and mail service to Sydney, via Hawaii and Samoa. Later the service to Tahiti was initiated.

THE old ship "Mariposa" has become a legendary figure in the memory of those who sailed on her. Perhaps it is because she recalls the gracious, unspoiled life of the islands, that existed in the early years of the century, to which she introduced her passengers in those far past days.

Recently, as the handsome, modern "Mariposa" of the Matson Line was leaving Auckland for Suva, the purser, collecting the passengers' tickets, was surprised to note one reading—"En route to Tahiti, tranship to 'Hauraki' at Suva".

Inquiry revealed that the passenger, Monsieur Barrier—for many years an officer of the colonial government in the Secretariat-General at Tahiti—and the purser, Mr. Dan T. Mehigan, had sailed together on the old steamer, "Mariposa" 30 years ago.

The meeting awakened a flood of memories of the old shipmates, skippers of the "Mariposa" who were salty men of the sea of the old school; of old shipmates now scattered over the seven seas, retired to the Sailors' Snug Harbour ashore, or passed to the Beyond; and that Tahiti which, seen through the mists of the years, appears more fascinating than, perhaps, it really was.

Mr. Mehigan has not seen Tahiti since the day, January 12, 1912, when the old "Mariposa" sailed away from Tahiti, never to return. He has remained in the service of the Oceanic and Matson Companies continuously and has advanced from the position of room steward, when Monsieur Barrier was a passenger in 1908, to be purser of the Matson Company's swank liner.

But, as his conversations with Monsieur Barrier and his letters to his old shipmates in Tahiti prove, his nostalgia for the Tahiti he knew, and for his old ship, has never abated.

A sort of halo rests over the old "Mariposa" in the memory of those who voyaged on her; for those were the days when a sea voyage was a sea voyage, and ships were ships; and not a combination of a circus, a gymkhana and

a honky-tonk on which something must be going on all the time to save restless passengers from dying of boredom before the port of destination is reached.

That abomination of desolation, the Sports Committee, had not yet been invented; and that gruesome pest, the man who aims to be the life of the party, and who usually achieves the office of chairman of the Sports Committee, was still on the knees of the gods and had not

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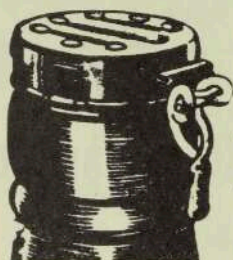
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NO VICE-REGAL TOUR THIS YEAR

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, Aug. 20.
THE proposed visit of the Vice-Regal party, led by Lord Galway, Governor-General of New Zealand, has definitely been abandoned, owing to influenza and measles epidemics in N.Z. and Western Samoa. Viscount Galway expressed the hope that the visit might eventuate in May or June next year.

Lt.-Commander L. W. S. Wright, of the British Solomon Islands, was recently in England spending furlough.

HUMOUR OF A BISHOP

Dr. Baddeley's Report of a Visit to New Britain

A VERY human document has just been received from the Melanesian Mission—a report of the annual visit to the Mandated Territory of New Guinea made early this year by the Bishop of Melanesia, Rt. Rev. W. H. Baddeley, D.S.O., M.C., M.A., whose headquarters are in the Solomon Islands. The Bishop has a discerning sense of humour and his report is leavened here and there with delightful little sidelights on unofficial incidents.

Take, for example, the occasion of the Bishop's three days' stay at Sag Sag, a little station at the far end of New Britain, on Dampier Strait:—

"At Sag Sag, we found plenty to do. There were 138 candidates for confirmation; visits to be paid to neighbouring villages; friendly talks with the large number of natives who came in from a very big area; masses of kiddies to joke with; and, for those who wanted them, lessons in the art of slinging.

"Having seen a Sag Sag boy with a sling, I feel I know something more about young David and I don't think Goliath was conscious of very much more after he heard the whistle of the pebble as it came whizzing through the air. I trust that the dignity of the episcopate was not lowered in the eyes of the Sag Sag folk, but I must confess that, in all my efforts, the stone fell out of the sling behind me and after my first two or three attempts, the white staff retired en bloc to the verandah!"

A NIGHT IN THE BUSH

And this, of a night spent at a small outpost during a five days' tramp through the bush of the Iak-Moewe district on the south coast of New Britain:—

"Although the road was bad and the weather was filthy, we were a very happy party. Mr. Longdon met us at the junction of his parish and that of Mr. Castle and brought a gang of his lads with him—and his dog and his gun, the latter the guarantee of fresh meat for supper. We crossed rivers on very rickety bridges or on very primitive rafts; but it was all good fun and reminded me of holiday tramps at Home—under very different conditions.

"At Asar, where Mr. Longdon has made a start among a group of folk well worth the winning, we slept in the world's smallest vicarage. It wasn't a case of 'When father says turn, we all turn' as the old song (was it a song?) put it. There wasn't even room to turn. But I cannot say much for the advantage of being a Bishop (or the only Bishop in the party) is that if there is a bed going, the Bishop gets it. And I got it. But the three bits of sacking stretched over the framework sagged very badly in the middle and there were nasty gaps between for the benefit of the fiercest mosquitoes in Christendom!"

Then, again, at Au:—

"Masses of small boys here—very like Kumbun station in that way. As at Kumbun they are 'full of beans'. Mr. Thompson has many of them on his verandah in the evenings and tries to teach them to sing. By way of variation, he taught them to sing 'Who Killed Cock Robin' and introduced actions to make it all the more real. Until . . . ! some days later, on going

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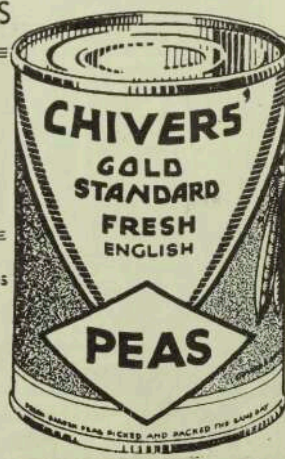
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AFTER THE ERUPTION

Dr. Baddeley arrived at Rabaul in the Mission vessel "Southern Cross VII" just nine months after the volcanic eruption, and he noticed that:—

"Vulcan Island, which last year was a smallish, flat island with a few trees now was a great cone some hundreds of feet high—a great mass of pumice and lava. The hill-side beyond, which used to look so well-kept with its orderly plantations, now appeared like great rolling hills of desert sand. The slip on which the 'Southern Cross' was several times inspected and repainted, was under piles and piles of erupted material. The town itself had been extraordinarily well cleaned up and although many of the very fine trees in some of the avenues were looking much debranched, there was plenty of foliage. I was glad to find that the Anglican Church and the Rectory had suffered no great damage—some repairs to gutterings and, later, a couple of coats of paint will make everything look as nice as it was before."

THE BROTHERS

On board the "Southern Cross" was a party of New Britain members of the Brothers movement, returning to their homeland after a year's training at Tabalia, in the Solomons. This organisation (Ira Retatasiu, The Brothers) is a band of young natives who venture forth among primitive Melanesian peoples as the advance-guard of the white missionaries. While Rev. Baddeley sat in conference with the New Britain mission staff at Arawe, Tasiu Charles (Dr. C. E. Fox, the only European member of the movement) assembled the Brothers and discussed with them their own particular difficulties.

"It is a great blow to the development of the Brothers in this part of the diocese that the Brothers from the Solomons are not allowed to come into New Guinea", wrote the Bishop in his report. "If they were able to do so, their presence would be a stiffening to these keen, young men in New Britain."

"At the conclusion of the Brothers' Conference we had a service of Renewal of Vows and the admission of some new members—the same impressive service which we have at Tabalia (B.S.I.) in October each year and at Lolowai (New Hebrides) in June. These Brothers in the north have special need of our prayers. They are all young—very young—in the faith; they are up against big difficulties in their districts; and they haven't during the greater part of the year anyone to oversee them, although, of course, the District Clergy are always at hand and ready to do what they can for them."

A MISSED OPPORTUNITY

Rev. Baddeley's report ends on a note of lament:—

"The more I see of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, the more sad I am that it was not possible for the Church in Australia to go in, in reasonable strength, in the early days of the Mandate. Here was a great territory with a native population of half a million folk committed to the care of the Commonwealth of Australia and yet for some years nothing was done by the English Church. True, the Roman Church, the Lutherans, and the Methodists had long been at work in large areas of the territory, but a great deal remained to be done. The overwhelming proportion of missionaries were

of German nationality, and that is still the case.

"If the ultimate test of the retention of any Mandate is whether a nation deserves to hold it, surely it was due to the Commonwealth that the Church should have made far greater efforts to make her contribution in the building up of the individual and corporate life of the native peoples. Government officials and anthropologists have their contribution to give; but a civilisation which is merely based on Government regulations and scientific principles (so called—and many of them are mere theories) is not enough. There must be a leavening of those very things which only a Church

can give which sees in these people not merely so many heads to be counted, taxed, and 'organised' by a host of Government officials, but men made in the image of God, Whose will it is that they should have the fullest opportunity to develop those gifts with which He has possessed them."

Mr. Ronald J. Beech, of Gavutu, British Solomon Islands, recently was elected a fellow of the Royal Empire Society, London.

Mr. D. W. Lattimer, of the Colonial Audit Service, has been transferred from Nigeria, British East Africa, to Fiji to take up the position of Assistant Auditor.

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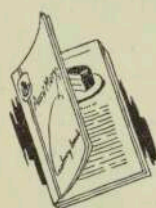
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ON "GOING FINISH"

BY "MOWGLI"

LIKE most pidgin-English phrases, "going finish" is charged with unspoken meaning, and when heard from a friend about to depart on leave we generally say to ourselves, "Hello, New Guinea has not come up to Bill's expectations."

But, although we are well aware that Bill means what he says, we do not take him seriously, for most of us, at some time or other, have said the same thing ourselves; and, despite Bill's avowal to the contrary, we know that after a few months' holiday in Australia he will be glad to return to New Guinea, saying as we greet him on arrival, "Man, it's good to be back".

The reason, apart from the practical ones of leave and gain, can be only guessed at. Let no one suggest that the "glamour" of the tropics is the reason, for we would be offended and resentful of that word and condemn it to the effeminate world of Hollywood, where it belongs.

People who have never resided in New Guinea talk much about the life of ease that is led there by its European inhabitants. As this is sheer imagination, it is not the reason why we return, time after time. Nor can we blame our few months' holiday for having dragged our memories into forgetfulness of New Guinea disadvantages—the heat, malaria, unwashed natives, exile, loneliness and separation from our families. These things we can never forget. What, then, is the explanation?

Can it be that home and Australia appear different from what we anticipated? The old gang is scattered, and with them our long-cherished dreams of doing this and going there in their company. The girls we used to know are engaged or married; the theatre parties we fancifully planned for them are dismissed. Somehow we have forgotten that time takes its toll. Instead of the warm welcome of our imagination, we find ourselves strangers; and, beyond a few casual words of greeting and requests for New Guinea postage stamps, we are passed by.

The people seem to have changed, and we ask ourselves if it really is only a few years since we thought and acted as they do now.

Our thoughts are driven back to New Guinea, to the comradeship of men of adventure—miners, planters, recruiters and patrol officers, who gamble with life, recking little whether they win or lose; men who have a code, but no commandments. We find ourselves thinking affectionately of them, proud that in a minor degree we are one of them.

We long for the comfort, conviviality and easy conversation of the club, the quiet of New Guinea nights, and freedom from publicity and noise.

All is so cramped in the Australian cities. There is always the person next door, and, night and day, there is always noise. There is no escaping it.

For weeks we try unsuccessfully. Then, desperately, we seize upon the only outlet to peace and contentment—an Islands boat from the Walsh Bay wharves.

Alexander Manoa, a Samoan mission worker in New Zealand, died recently in Auckland, at the age of 50. He had been an evangelist in N.Z. since 1912, and his racial kinship with the Maori people among whom he worked, enabled him readily to gain their confidence.

WORLD'S RICHEST NATIVE COMMUNITY

Curious Educational Problem In Central Pacific

WHAT is to be the fate of the natives of Nauru, who probably are the richest natives in the world?

After Nauru was taken from Germany and placed under a Mandate, it was decided that the natives of Nauru should benefit from the enormously valuable phosphate deposits; and, every year, a certain sum is taken from the £500,000 or so received from the sale of phosphate, and put away for the benefit of the natives. The accumulated fund gives every one of the 1,600 Nauruans (intelligent people, of mostly Polynesian descent) comparative independence.

But what are they going to do with

their independence? The problem intrigued Mr. H. E. Hurst, a businessman, of Geelong, Victoria, who has made a hobby of his study of Pacific races, and who has lived on Nauru Island.

As a practical contribution towards solving the problem, Mr. Hurst took 12 young Nauruans home to Geelong some time ago, and applied himself to the task of educating them, and providing them with a future.

The "P.I.M." heard of this interesting experiment, and wrote to Mr. Hurst; and the latter kindly supplied the following article.

What Is The Future Of Young Nauruans?

THE experiment of providing Nauruan native boys with a technical education at Geelong, Victoria, has now been in progress for two years, with marked success, and it seems destined to bring results that will benefit the Nauruan people. The boys themselves are delighted with the opportunity that has been given them, and regard their work as a sacred trust undertaken with the object of promoting the material and moral welfare of their people.

As pupils of the Geelong Junior Technical School and the Gordon Institute of Technology, these lads are regarded as normal students, with the tastes of the average Australian boy. One has been chosen as a school prefect, not from any desire to be hospitable, but on merit alone. Most of them play in their school football teams, and their skill has been sufficient to win for them honours in various fields of sport.

Their efficiency in school work is outstanding. Governed by the ordinary class methods employed with other pupils, they have made steady advancement,

and have shown that they have equal capacity with their Australian comrades in the branches of technical and commercial education that they have undertaken.

A recent exhibition of the boys' work was viewed by the board of inspectors of technical schools, who spent considerable time examining the various exhibits, which they described as being equal to anything they had seen in the schools of the State. Included among them was an excellent model of a tropical bungalow, built entirely from working drawings, first-class articles of furniture, a complete window-frame and door of modern design, and inlaid boxes and other articles of rare workmanship, polished with the skill of the finished artisan.

The sheet-metal work carried out by these boys was also remarkable for its finish, and every article made was first planned in working drawings. Samples of engineering, and very creditable art work were included in the things that



The 12 Nauruan students photographed at their home in Geelong, Victoria, after school hours.

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the lads appear to have so completely mastered.

The experiment commenced two years ago, with seven Nauruan boys, five of whom are now filling positions of trust on their island with credit, and with no suggestion of being spoiled. In fact, they are setting a fine example to their fellow Nauruans, as tribute to their excellent character-training in Geelong.

It is impossible, in this short article, to describe fully the intricacies of the

whole experiment, which embraces a highly technical scheme of character development.

I have sponsored the work at Geelong, and I have constructed suitable housing in the spacious grounds at the rear of my home. Here the boys live as close to their own natural mode of life as it is possible to do. They prepare their own meals in a simple way, with food that will be obtainable on Nauru. They proceed to their school over a short,

well-defined route, in the company of a trusted European Scout. Outside this route is "out-of-bounds", as is anything but the close precincts of their school. On no account are they allowed to roam the streets or to move, excepting as a complete unit comprising all 12 boys. They do not enter European homes, and never by any chance visit shops or entertainments unless they are carefully guarded.

There are 12 boys in all, comprising two of the original seven, and 10 younger boys, who came to Geelong at the beginning of this year. The older boys act as prefects, and they control the systems of working in an efficient manner.

Each boy will be trained to fill the requirements of the Administration of Nauru. All the five boys who completed their training last year are now usefully employed—two as wireless apprentices, one as a technical teacher, one as a works apprentice and one as a draftsman. Two returned this year as prefects, and one is now doing a splendid course of engineering, whilst the other is engaged in advanced wood-working and draftsmanship. The remaining ten are attending school in the ordinary way with the idea of determining for what they are best suited, and for which they will receive special instruction next year.

CRUX OF THE PROBLEM

It should be remembered that there is no other territory quite like Nauru, where the enormously rich phosphate deposits are bringing wealth to a clever native people. As we have seen, education there has reached the high standard which enables Nauruan boys to enter and more than hold their own in a large Australian school, and education is compulsory for all boys and girls.

But what then? Comparatively few of the many products of Nauruan schools find employment, and it has been thought necessary to import Chinese and other Islanders to perform duties the Nauruans should be able to accomplish. Long hours spent at school over the years rob them of inclination for their native arts and crafts, and life is without the purpose that makes it worth while.

In any scheme of forced education, applied to the whole youth of a native community, it is inevitable that the critical time be reached when the boys and girls will be educated far in excess of their parents. The parent is reduced to a state of educational inferiority and becomes an object of pity in the eyes of the children. There is no parental control and no home discipline. As the natural restraint of custom and tradition has been destroyed, the moral fibre of the people is weakened.

This, it seems to me, is the stage of development reached at Nauru, and which presents a problem the Administration has yet to solve. An incentive to right thinking and right living has to be found, and the realisation of which finds its expression in the special character training now proceeding at Geelong.

Life in Nauru has always been a thing of ease. Day or night, throughout the year, there is no need for anything but the scantiest of clothing, and food there is in plenty for little or no exertion.

There was, however, some weak incentive in the mere necessity to live. With the advent of easy money even that has passed away.

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to provide such an incentive, by some form of recreational institution that will be controlled by the Nauruans and be so designed that all will desire to associate with it. So would be provided the required incentive; and, judging from results already achieved, it is more than a possibility.

"ORDER OF THE CROWN OF TONGA"

Letter to the Editor.

REFERRING to the article, "Germany and Tonga", published in the May issue of the "P.I.M.", in which the different Orders received by the Royal Family of Tonga were mentioned, I would like to add that H.M. King George Tubou II., of Tonga, was the founder in 1913 of a Tongan decoration—the "Order of the Crown of Tonga" (four classes).

The first consignment of 12 Orders (three of each class) were manufactured in Germany, and were 14ct. gold, hand enamelled. They arrived at Nukualofa in April, 1914, and King George at once decorated himself with the "Order of the Crown of Tonga", Class I. The following day H.M. Queen Takibui received the same Order, Class I, and myself, as Chancellor, the Order of Class III.

Before the King had any chance to bestow further decorations, news arrived in Tonga that Great Britain had declared war on Germany, and that no further awards were to be made for the present.

King George died in December, 1918, and with him the "Order of the Crown of Tonga".

I am, etc.,

F. T. GOEDICKE.

Haapai, Tonga.
August 2, 1938.

AMERICAN YACHTS AT PAPEETE

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, Aug. 12. THE yacht "Navigator", with the owner and five guests on board, and commanded by Captain Frederick Klebingatt, arrived at Papeete in July, and, after a short visit, cleared for Honolulu. Captain Klebingatt is well-known at Tahiti, having been chief mate of the old barkentine "S.N. Castle", which voyaged between Frisco and Papeete during the early years of this century. The "Navigator" was originally the property of the late Captain L. A. Norris who, in 1925, won the trans-Pacific yacht race with the "Mariner".

Another American yacht also arrived in July—the "Dwyn Wen"—having on board its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Overton, and three guests—Misses Regina and Helene Claire and Mr. E. S. Church. Mr. Overton, a distinguished barrister of Los Angeles, visited Tahiti 11 years ago on board the same yacht.

Howard Hughes, the American millionaire sportsman, who recently flew around the world in record time, will shortly produce an aviation picture based on the life of the late Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam, who disappeared in the Pacific during a world flight last year. Katherine Hepburn is expected to play the principal part in the film.

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IT is reported in the New Caledonia newspaper, "Bulletin du Commerce", that the municipality of Noumea has voted a sum of 10,000 francs wherewith to initiate a plan for the establishment of a health resort on the low mountains in the interior of New Caledonia.

It is stated that the hill station that is planned will be in the region of Mt. Coulee, at an altitude of about 3,000 ft. and that the road which will connect Noumea with the proposed station will follow a route that is picturesque and cool.

There are many mountain ranges in the interior of New Caledonia running up to 4,000 ft. and it is surprising that nothing has been done in the past to create a hill station of this kind—so necessary for European residents in a tropical country. The cool hill station is one of the features of life in the Dutch East Indies.

The annual Fiji Show will open at Suva on October 10.

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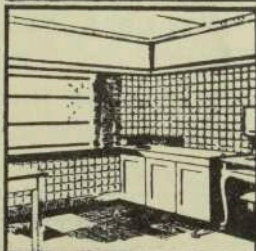
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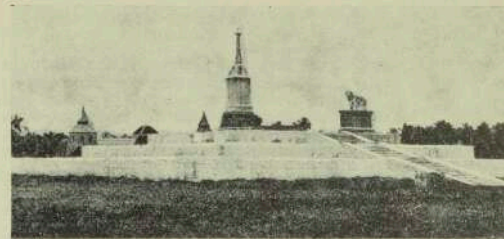
BY "OLD-TIMER"

YOUR Papeete correspondent brought to light an interesting subject, in dealing with "Land Titles in French Oceania", in the June "P.I.M."

But the same conditions apply in other territories, and I am reminded of an American druggist who some years ago arrived in Suva.

Becoming enamoured of a Samoan belle of chiefly rank, he decided to settle in Samoa and purchased a cow and calf, barbed wire, and household utensils, etc., before embarking for Apia. On arrival in Apia he found the girl's brother was willing to sell him a home lot for £100. He deposited his gear with Jack Gascoigne, and a start was made with a fence around the home lot.

But one night, soon after, an old fellow came along and ordered the American off. A conference was held with the brother, and the following day another lot was pointed out. The same thing happened that night; and the



The grave of King George I. at Nukualofa, Tonga. Reigning from 1845 until he died on February 18, 1893, George Tubou (Taufa'ahau) was the first Christian monarch of Tonga and established the Little Kingdom on European pattern wherever possible. It was due to him that the Tongans were emancipated from the conditions of semi-serfdom in which they had been for centuries. He also established a constitutional government, with a native Parliament.

party proceeded to ponder things out. A deadlock occurred, so the American sued the brother for the return of the £100 paid in. This resulted in the brother being gaoled; but the money was never refunded, and the American returned to the U.S.A., cherishing fierce opinions about Islands land laws.

If your Apia correspondent were to check up on this incident he would find that the brother who was gaoled was a notable chief, who died in tragic circumstances in 1928. He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in connection with that land incident, and he served the sentence in New Zealand.

Turtle Led Adventurer to Cook Is. Treasure

THE following from the Sydney "Sunday Sun" of August 14 purports to be the story that induced Mr. J. Wray, in his yacht "Ngataki", to set out from Auckland, N.Z., in August to seek buried treasure on Suwarrow Island, in the Northern Cook Group:—

According to a book, "Annals of a New Zealand Family", written by Mrs. Howard Jackson, formerly Laura Mair, her relative, Henry Abbot Mair, found the treasure.

In 1876, Mair, who was on the brigantine "Ryno", off Suwarrow Island, says the author, swam ashore, and while resting, saw a turtle preparing to lay an egg. Hearing a metallic sound, Mair drew nearer and found an iron box embedded in the sand.

With great difficulty he prised the lid off and saw that the box contained a large number of silver coins, rings and jewellery.

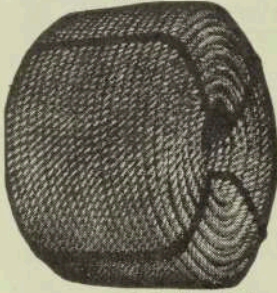
He was wearing only a singlet and leather belt, but he filled his singlet several times with the treasure, and, taking it up to dry sand, buried it at the foot of a tree.

Slipping some of the rings on his fingers, and placing some of the coins in his belt, he swam back to the ship and made a rough sketch of the island where he had buried his treasure, hoping at some future time to return to retrieve it, but failed to do so.

Two old residents of Fiji celebrated their birthdays during August—Mr. W. H. Cuthbert, of Suva, who is 86, and Mr. Richard B. Howard, of Navua, who is 90. Mr. Cuthbert has spent 68 years in the Group (there was only one other European there when he arrived in Suva in 1870) and Mr. Howard has lived 21 years in the Colony.

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Interest of Native Children

FIJIAN children who live in isolated places will go to surprising lengths to hear a radio programme.

Early in August an A.W.A. community-type receiver was being taken on a tour of the more remote hill villages of Viti Levu. The officials concerned, with their pack horses and native bearers, struggled over the muddy bridle-paths, taking six hours to trek 10 miles between two villages, travelled in pouring rain along paths made into quagmires by the pack horses. They crossed a mountain range, forded the flooded Wainamala River at least 20 times, and slipped and staggered along river flats head-high in Para grass.

Arrived at their destination, they installed their equipment and were having a much-needed bath in the river when a host of Fijian children arrived, running over the trail that had taxed the party so sorely. They were from the school of the village the demonstrators had left that morning; and, having enjoyed the "Walesi" concert the night before, had followed the caravan to hear another entertainment. Aged from seven years, upwards, the children had set out after school hours at 3.30 p.m. and had run, slipped over and swum 10 miles of trail in less than three hours. They arrived singing, as only Fijian kiddies can sing.

The "Walesi" had an enthusiastic audience that night, listening to the Suva station ZJV. Afterwards, the children slept around the intriguing box that had spoken to them in their own tongue—even mentioning their own names!

At dawn they disappeared into the river mists, for the journey back, in time for school.

EDITORIAL NOTE.—The introduction of radio to primitive communities—it is going on all over the world—will accelerate the pace of "Europeanisation". That is a pity; for already, the social problems created for Administrators by the rapid changes in environment and outlook are serious enough. However, nothing can be done about it—"progress" may not be checked. One can only hope that the Pacific administrations will keep a close check over radio broadcasts designed for the native peoples, and try to prevent, in their case, some of the deplorable effects seen as the result of uncontrolled or irresponsible broadcasting elsewhere.

BLOWN OFF COURSE: TWO DAYS WITHOUT FOOD

From Our Own Correspondent.

RABAU, Aug. 27.
EARLIER in the month, Mr. Jack Steiner, manager of Fead Islands Plantation, set out for the northerly island of the Group in a small pinnace. Half way, he was struck by a violent storm which blew him right out of his course, and he had to make for New Britain. For two days he was without food before the coast was sighted. He then came on to Rabaul, where a week later he joined a schooner for the Fead Islands.

Dr. H. Bonney, Medical Officer at Port Moresby, Papua, who has been in Australia recently spending leave, has resigned from the Papuan Public Service.

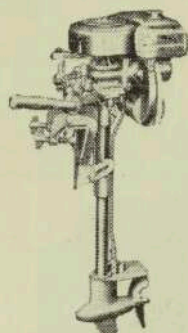
MISSION SHIP "DUFF"

IT has long been a matter of bewilderment to me why Tahitians invariably call the L.M.S. missionary ship "Duff" by the name "Te Rapu", writes a resident of Papeete. Normally the name "Duff" would become "Tufa" in Tahitian tongues, and I could never understand how it could have become so alien a term as "Te Rapu". The reason became plain when I read the story of its origin in Miss Teura Henry's book.

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"On the following day, the 4th, there hove in sight the London Missionary Society's ship "Duff", to which the natives attributed the commotion, and in consequence named it "Te Rapu" (The Stirrer), a name they have always retained and have known it by no other. The good effect that the quake had upon the minds of the Tahitians towards the missionaries and their work was great."



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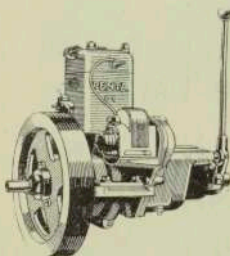
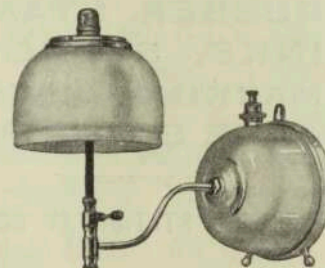
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"MAUNGANUI" TOURISTS MISS SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, Aug. 17.
THE Union S.S. Co.'s tourist cruiser "Maunganui", arrived at Apia on August 5, with 300 tourists. Owing to a solitary case of measles on board, which was detected after the ship had left New Zealand she was strictly quarantined at Apia. None of the passengers or crew was allowed on shore.

There had been no quarantine at Tonga and there was none in Fiji, the next port of call. It is reported that the quarantine here was imposed at the request of the Mau. The loss occasioned by the tourists not coming ashore was estimated to be about £1,000.

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MEDICAL CARE OF N.H. NATIVES

Credit to Administration or
Missions?

Letter to the Editor.

REV. MR. NOTTAGE has taken exception to some of my remarks in my reply to Miss Cheeseman concerning Mr. Harrison's book, "Savage Civilisation". He sees in it something that is not there, to wit, a comparison of work done by the missions with that done by planters and traders, and others.

I can assure him nothing was farther from my intention and I know the more experienced missionaries never thought so, either. I was protesting against an incorrect statement in Mr. Harrison's book. To do this by making other incorrect comparisons would be absurd. All I wished to do was to correct a misstatement and to give credit where credit was due. As Mr. Nottage admits that planters and traders do their something towards the health and well-being of the natives, by his admission he shows

that I was justified in my protests.

Mr. Nottage is rather stingy in giving any credit at all to the Administration; and the Rockefeller Foundation is certainly due for very much more than he concedes. None of us can say that the Administration does as much as it should, or could, either as regards prevention or treatment, but it does considerably more than Mr. Nottage is prepared to admit, and no good cause is served by belittling what is done. He seems to be ignorant of the fact that the Administration pays the few N.M.P.'s we have, and for the periodical rounds of injections of N.A.B. and hookworm treatment. Both the French and British hospitals are subsidised—not very liberally, certainly—for treating the natives. On the islands of Malekula and Santo, as well as in Vila, the French hospitals and medical men attend to quite large numbers of natives.

Mr. Nottage has a just grievance regarding the sentence, "And what of the much-abused Condominium who supply the drugs used by the missions?" This is incorrect, and I know it is incorrect, as I have discussed the matter with missionaries of more than one sect, and knew they paid for the drugs, and what the principal drug cost them—and, incidentally, the cost is very much less than what the planters, who get their drugs from Australia, pay. The clause has got mixed up in transcription, probably from the draft to the copy sent to the Editor of the "P.I.M." In the draft it reads: "And what of the much-abused Condominium, and what of the Rockefeller Foundation who make available the principal drug used by the missionaries". I regret this error which is due to carelessness and not to deliberation.

Outside this clause, what I said, in effect, was that planters and traders paid for drugs, in the highest market, from their own personal pockets, whereas the missions, being corporate bodies, paid for them out of mission funds. As Mr. Nottage says, there are missionaries who also pay out of their own pockets. I believe him, and give them credit for it.

As I have pointed out, the point I wished to emphasise was, that it was not by any means fair or correct to say that the missionaries were the only ones who did anything for the natives.

Concerning Mr. Nottage's last paragraph, I can only say that I had the same authority to assert what I did as he had to deny it, and from what I have been told since, by missionaries, more justification.

I am, etc.,

EWAN CORLETTE.

Bushman's Bay, Malekula, N.H.
August 10, 1938.

Dr. C. Cooke, of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, recently carried out scientific work in connection with land shells in Fiji on behalf of the Museum.

Mr. George Fear arrived in New Zealand from Norfolk Island by the K.P.M. liner "Tasman" in August, to settle down in the Dominion. He was for 13 years a well-known resident of N.I. and at one time was a member of the Executive Council.

Mr. E. E. Jenkins, LL.B., M.A. (Cantab.), has been appointed Attorney-General in Fiji. Joining the Nyasaland Service, British Central Africa, in 1925, he served for two years before being transferred to Northern Rhodesia, where he acted in various capacities including Acting Attorney-General and Solicitor General.

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YEARS OF PLENTY

Before Twilight Engulfed the
Tuamotus

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, Aug. 16.

THE long barrier of reefs and atolls, to the east of Tahiti, called the Tuamotu Archipelago, has been for nearly a century the Golconda, the Cathay of Kubla Khan, and the Fafner's Cave of the South Pacific. With its treasures of pearls, pearl-shell, and copra on a hundred isles, and misty tales of buried Inca gold, this group has been the lode star of every South Seas trader since the first adventurer sailed these waters.

In practice, the figurative likeness to the Cave of Fafner has, through the years, proved the most appropriate: for the dragon within the cavern has taken far more than it has relinquished. Fleets of argosies have been shattered and ground to fragments on the sharp teeth of its merciless jaws; while their cargoes have disappeared forever into its insatiable maw. Every ship navigating the Tuamotus eventually leaves its bones on one of the reefs of those treacherous seas.

If rumour be founded in fact, enough treasure (in the form of merchandise and coin of the realm) has been swallowed up beyond recovery in commerce with the inhabitants, to encrust the circles of several atolls with a blazing mosaic of emeralds, sapphires, and pigeon-blood rubies.

In the days when copra, pearls, and pearl-shell were of high value, the Tuamotu native lived sumptuously. His table groaned under the weight of ample supplies of luxuries brought in tins from far countries. His women folk were clad in fine raiment and their fingers and earlobes glittered with jewellery.

If his requirements exceeded his present resources, there were always at hand men inspired by optimism and a lively expectation of favours to come, eager to provide for his future.

The most generous of these, and certainly the most spectacular, was a company of optimists who descended on the Tuamotus from the United States of America, in the early 1920's. Their treasury appeared to be inexhaustible. Buildings were built, stations established. The seas of Oceania became populous with their power schooners. Foodstuffs, wares, and coin of the realm were dispensed with lavish hands.

During this period the Tuamotu native abided in the seventh paradise of Tane-Ahu-Ura (Tane of the Red Feather Mantle), the Sun God of his ancestors. The very atmosphere above the atolls glowed perpetually with a pink radiance.

What was the sum of the tribute left by these adventurers at the Cave of Fafner is known only to the grim-faced emissaries of soul-less money changers who eventually seized the property of the company in the States and abroad.

As in many another land, twilight now broods over the Tuamotu coral isles. Whether it be the twilight of evening or the dawn, time alone will reveal.

The native of the atolls has returned to the ways of his forebears for a season; but memory and his experience with the undying optimism in the heart of man, encourages him in the belief that the glimmerings of light come from the East—or, rather, from the North-East.

A Valuable Anthropological
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MOST of the more valuable anthropological and ethnographical records in the world have been compiled by painstaking men, who during the past 200 years, have gone out among primitive races as Christian missionaries. Nowadays there is not much work of that kind left to be done; but there still are primitive untouched races in New Guinea and, in that connection, a most valuable record has been compiled by Rev. John Frederick Mager, a missionary attached to the Lutheran Mission, Madang, T.N.G. Mr. Mager calls his brochure "Education and Social Change in a New Guinea Society"; and in it he places on record notes and observations made during many years'

work in the interior of the mainland of New Guinea.

Mr. Mager, like all missionaries of vision, is deeply concerned about the effect of the introduction of European civilisation to the primitive races of New Guinea, and he examines the problem from all angles. Other anthropologists may not agree with his conclusions, but everyone will feel grateful to him for the mass of material which he has assembled and co-ordinated. This primitive country is being so rapidly penetrated by European influences that, within a few short years, native customs will have been altered and primitive social structures profoundly changed.

Mr. A. H. Denne, of the N.Z. Education Department, recently carried out the annual inspection of Fiji schools.

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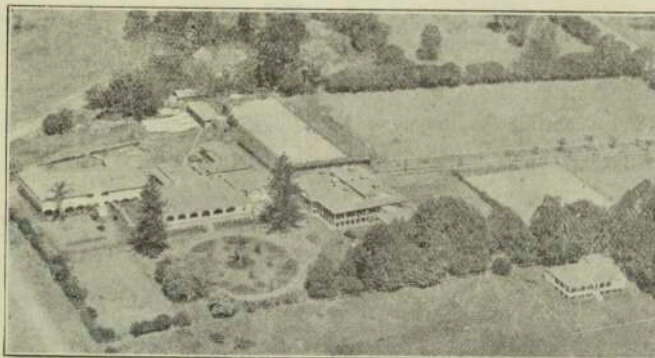
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KAURI FROM NEW CALEDONIA

Letter to the Editor.

THE report in the "Pacific Islands Monthly", just published, is somewhat incorrect, and credits us with an interest in the New Caledonian Kauri timber industry to which we are not entitled.

It is true that shipments of kauri pine logs are now reaching Australia regularly, but the principal carrying steamer in the trade is the S.S. "Neo Hebrida's", which is owned by Societe Maritime et Miniere Hagen (Mr. N. Hagen), Noumea, and for whom H. C. Sleigh are the Sydney agents. To cater for this log trade, the S.S. "Neo Hebrida's" has been fitted with special cargo gear, which is capable of lifting logs weighing up to eight tons.

The timber is produced by Societe

Forestiere, whose Sydney agent is Mr. Norman Hardie, and for whom Mr. N. Hagen is the agent in New Caledonia.

The S.S. "James Cook", which is owned by H.C.S. Coasters Pty., Ltd., recently loaded a cargo of kauri logs at Noumea for Sydney. The cargo was exceptionally good quality, and was very favourably commented on by members of the Sydney timber trade.

For the sake of accuracy, we would appreciate a correction in your next issue.

I am, etc.,
H. C. SLEIGH.

Sydney,
August 19, 1938.

Mr. John H. Bradshaw, of New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd., Golden Ridges, Wau, New Guinea, died in hospital in August from blackwater fever.

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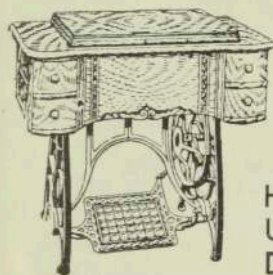
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Between 25 and 50 per cent. of the patients treated have been notably helped, he said. His experimental malarial unit works in conjunction with the department of the Ministry of Health concerned with malarial therapy in nervous diseases of the insane.

Mosquitoes, he stated, are being used to infect patients in most of the large hospitals, parasites being sent to Rome, Antwerp, Roumania, and the United States.

Describing the work of his experimental unit, conducted in a shed on the roof of the London School of Tropical Medicine, he said that there, in glass bowls and net-covered cages, 3,000 mosquitoes have been raised from egg grafts every fortnight during the past six years. He added that 1,000 mosquito larvae eat a teaspoonful of powdered dog biscuit every day, and that their rate of growth is colossal, corresponding, roughly, to a baby becoming the size of an elephant in a fortnight.

Mr. A. ("Blue") Gow has taken up duties as manager of Lamernewal Plantation, Kavieng, New Guinea.

Mr. H. Smythe, of the British Colonial Office, arrived in Sydney from England by the "Strathaird" in August, en route to Fiji.

Monsieur L. de Gaillande, of the Post Office Department, Vila, New Hebrides, is at present in France spending long sick leave.

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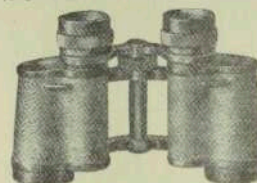
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COPRA TAX SUSPENDED

From Our Own Correspondent.

RAROTONGA, Aug. 17.
OWING to the low price ruling for copra, the export tax of £1 per ton from the Cook Islands has been suspended from July 22. This will materially assist the native producers in the Northern Cooks, where they are dependent on copra alone.

Professor L. C. Gratton, of the University of Harvard, U.S.A., recently arrived in New Caledonia to carry out a geological survey for the International Nickel Co., of Canada.

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**THE THRIFTLESS
POLYNESIAN****A Problem in Tahiti**

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, Aug. 16.
SINCE the virtue of Thrift—together with many of the other virtues acquired by our ancestors in the course of their long climb from the stone age to the Age of Stainless Steel and T.N.T.—has largely been jettisoned by that cosmos we euphemistically call Civilisation, Nordic mankind has taken another step toward the Polynesian Utopia that has been the dream of romanticists since the publication of Bougainville's ecstatic praises of Nouvelle Cythere.

It would appear, therefore, that Polynesia has set the fashion for modern financial ideology, as has Ashanti for present-day Art, and the Portala at Lhasa for Architecture.

In the Polynesian mind there is no comprehension of thrift. In the lan-

guage exists no word which remotely approximates its meaning.

There was, indeed, a time when Tahitians regarded the lands, descended to them from their ancestors, as a sacred trust; to be guarded and passed on, undiminished, to their progeny. But, that was during an age when there still survived a reverence for and an obligation to ancestral custom. These, today, have gone with the wind; as have the traditions, poetry and manners of the old culture. The average native of contemporary generations takes no thought whatsoever of the morrow.

If the value of his land will bring him a motor car, unnumbered admissions to the cinema, and a general good time, ancestral inhibitions and the fate of posterity are cast into the depths of the sea outside the barrier reef, and he quaffs deeply of the joys of the present.

Already the shore property on the north and east coasts of Tahiti has passed into the hands of Europeans, and the former owners have retired to their diminished acres, situated under the coastal hills and in the valleys. The Government has taken measures, by salutary laws, to protect the native against himself; but wise regulations cannot prevent a landowner from mortgaging his property, squandering the proceeds, and eventually becoming dispossessed by foreclosure.

The economic future of the native on Tahiti is not promising, if this sort of thing continues.

Raiatea is somewhat in the same state, combined with inter-family land quarrels, which would require the deliberations of a college of barristers to straighten out.

The mental attitude toward all of this, on the part of the younger natives, is "Aita Peapea"—which, freely translated, signifies: "Let the morrow take care of the things of the morrow".

EDITORIAL NOTE: Pacific Islands administrators generally will find this argument a little difficult to follow. There need be no mortgage, foreclosure and permanent loss by natives of their lands if the native title to land is regarded by the Government as inalienable. That has been the basic principle of administration, for a long time, in most Pacific territories controlled by British countries. Ignorant or thriftless natives may not be capable of holding land; but, in that event, the Government takes it over, as a trustee, and leases it to those who can use it profitably. But the land remains always the property of the indigenous natives, and the rentals are applied for their benefit. The titles to much land were obtained from the natives, however, in the early days, before there was established government.

PAPUAN EXECUTED

From Our Own Correspondent.

PT. MORESBY, Aug. 17.
KARO, the Papuan who was sentenced to death for the murder of a native warder, Ume, was executed at 8 o'clock on August 8 at the Badili Gaol. A large number of natives gathered on the outskirts of the gaol, and there was every indication that they fully realised the seriousness of the occasion.

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WHAT IS WRONG ON NAURU?

Morale of Native Constabulary

Letter to the Editor.

THE statement in the "Pacific Islands Monthly", that Commander Garsia has retired from the post of Administrator because Australia refuses to support him in his wish to provide protection for the Europeans against a possible uprising by the Chinese, is ridiculous on the face of it. It also reflects quite unfairly upon that fine body of men, the Nauruan Native Constabulary.

As one who knows Nauru and the conditions intimately, I can tell you that the trouble is different from that stated, and goes far deeper.

Ask why two of the most skilled and highly-respected public servants in Nauru have been forced out; and why the native chiefs have begged Canberra for the temporary appointment, as Administrator, of General Griffiths. (General Griffiths is a former Administrator, whom they loved and trusted).

Any supposed fear of the inoffensive, law-abiding, Chinese coolies, so well cared for and controlled by the British Phosphate Commission, is incomprehensible. Were this the reason of the retirement of Commander Garsia it could only mean that he has lost faith in a hitherto proud police force, which has proved itself over and over again, during previous administrations—a police force not without tradition and which, during the term of Administrator W. A. Newman, with the greatest bravery, quelled a "Tong" riot among these Chinese coolies. Such an admission on the part of Commander Garsia would cast such an unfavourable light on his own methods of administration that one is loth to believe it.

The 44 police who comprise the Nauruan Armed Constabulary, with their strong reserves of men and arms (including machine guns) is more than sufficient to police effectually the small community on Nauru, even allowing for the well-disciplined 1,200 Chinese coolies.

Their skill in the use of these arms, however, might reasonably be questioned. That could be easily rectified by a reversion to the rifle shooting practice, encouraged by Administrators Griffiths and Newman, but not indulged in under Commander Garsia.

The recent introduction of about a dozen police-boys from the Ellice Islands, contrary to the wishes of the Nauruan Chiefs and the Nauruan people, certainly suggests a marked loss in the morale of the police force of Nauru. Such an insidious suggestion as the necessity for arming Europeans, after

about 17 years of Australian control and direction, is not calculated to improve it.

Should this be so, and if Australia's undertaking to the League of Nations is more than cant and hypocrisy, the obvious course to pursue would be to obtain the services of a man, such as those who direct the fine native police of New Guinea and Papua, to restore the Nauruan Constabulary to the proud position it once occupied. Then we would hear no more of such suggestions as that attributed to Commander Garsia; and which, if made, the Commonwealth Government has very rightly turned down.

I am, etc.,

NAURUAN.

Melbourne,
August 23, 1938.

CRUISING YACHTS

From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT MORESBY, Aug. 16.

TWO small vessels have arrived in Port Moresby—the "Destiny" (13 tons) and the "Aurora" (16 tons). Both came from Sydney via Queensland ports, though the "Aurora" hails from Auckland, N.Z.

The "Destiny" is manned by her owners, Messrs. Stan and Jack Grimson, and the "Aurora" is in charge of Mr. H. E. Terry, who has his wife and son on board. Both vessels leave shortly for New Guinea.

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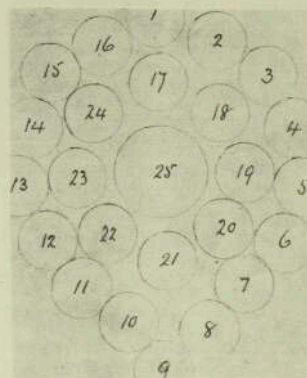
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ROYAL POMARE FAMILY, OF TAHITI



(We are indebted to Mr. W. W. Bolton, M.A., of Papeete, Tahiti, for this very valuable interesting material about the Pomare (royal) family, of Tahiti. Mr. Bolton, with extraordinary patience, has identified all these photographs and compiled the accompanying notes, which are as accurate as time and care can make them. This, probably, is the most complete record of the Pomare family that ever has been published.)

1. Pomare III., the Boy King.
2. Terito, mother of (1), wife of (16).
3. Haamanahia a Mai, of Faava, married (15).
4. Aimata, daughter of (23), died when 15 years old.
5. Teriinaahoroa, of Faava, married (13).
6. Teriimaevaia II., daughter of (23), married (12).
7. Ariipeu a Hiro, brother of (18).
8. Norman Brander, married (10).
9. "Jock" Brander as infant.
10. Teriivaetua, daughter of (23), married (8).
11. Tapiria, adopted daughter of (7).
12. Hinol, son of (22), married (6).
13. Teriitapunui, son of (24), married (5).
14. Teriinaahoroa, daughter of (23), married the Salmon brothers—excluded.
15. Teriimaevaia I., daughter of (24), married (3).
16. Pomare II., son of (25), married (2).
17. Teratane: Pomare V, son of (24), married Marau Salmon—excluded.
18. Ariifaaita a Hiro, married (24).
19. Moe a Mai, of Faava, married (23).
20. Isabelle Shaw, married (22).
21. Tetua, married (25), mother of (16)—Itea, excluded.
22. Teriitua Joinville, son of (24), married (20).
23. Tamatoa, son of (24), married (19).
24. Queen Pomare IV, daughter of (16), married (18).
25. Pomare I., married (21), father of (16).

NOTES ON THE PORTRAITS

1.—The exclusion of Marau Salmon and her two nephews shows the hand of Pomare V in the selection of those who should appear in the portraits. He was greatly embittered against his wife and her family. They were, of course, as much entitled to a place as any of the rest.

2.—The exclusion of Itea is natural enough. She was a pure savage to the end and destroyed all her children at birth, both those by her husband as interfering with their rank in society under the code then existent and those by her paramours as being of inferior rank.

3.—Terito (2) and Tetua (21) are of course etchings and the party employed (name unknown) seems to have been impelled by modesty to clothe the ladies' uppers, falling back upon the known missionary (wives) apparel of that day.

4.—Aimata (4) bore the same name as her grandmother, Queen Pomare. Interpreted it is "Devourer of Eyes". It was the old time custom of presenting the Ariirahi (High Chief) at the time of a human sacrifice with an eye of the victim offered to the gods, the head being

considered as the most sacred part of the human body and the eyes as its most precious possession. This was offered with great formality and a pretence was made of eating it.

5.—Norman Brander (8) was one of the sons of John Brander, a Scotsman who had extensive interests in and around Papeete. His marriage greatly perturbed the French local authorities (see note 7).

6.—"Jock" Brander was the only child of Norman and grew up to become a very popular member of the community. He took part in the Great War from the effects of which he never recovered, and died in his full manhood to the regret of all.

7.—Teriivaetua was destined by order of her Uncle Pomare V and assented to by the French Imperial Commissioner to follow him on Tahiti's throne. Her marriage to Norman Brander, whose mother was the eldest daughter of Ariitama Salmon, was one of the reasons which impelled her Uncle to give over the Sovereignty to France, pressed thereto moreover by his French circle who, as expressed by the French historian and

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politician Deschanel in his "En Oceanie" (Paris, 1884), "were ourselves preparing with our own hands to seat upon the throne an Anglo-Saxon Monarchy". The succession lapsing, the headship of the Pomare family passed along with it to another (see note 8).

8.—Hinoi, the nephew of Pomare V, was adopted by his Uncle and became his heir, both to position (as head of the family) and property. His popularity was immense: a very "Prince of good fellows".

9.—Teriimaeva I. (15) was adopted by Tapoa, her mother's first Consort, and became Queen of Pora Pora.

10.—Ariifaite (18) was the second consort of Queen Pomare. In 1822 when Aimata was 8 and Tapoa, Prince of Pora Pora, was 16 they were betrothed formally, the custom with those of tender years. He was given the name "Poniare" as a special mark of favour. They were not separated till 1834 and had no issue, Tapoa residing mostly in Pora Pora, wholly indifferent to his young wife. Aimata then married her cousin—often called Tenania—a Raiatean prince.

11.—Moe a Mai (19) was considered the beauty of her day and came of Paaan stock, whose chiefly lineage was second to none on the island.

12.—Isabelle Shaw (20) was the half-caste daughter of the master of a trading schooner (name not yet traced.)

13.—Tamatoa (23) was of striking appearance, but of erratic and wild character. In 1857 he was crowned King of Raiatea, but his conduct was so impossible that he was forced by the populace to retire to Tahiti. His line became merged with the Salmons and the Branders.

14.—Terii, so often appearing at the commencement of names, is a contraction of Te-Arii and formerly was used to show the high lineage of the bearer. Today it is in common use for all.

Market Reports by Teleradio

Wireless Aids Torres Strait
Beche-de-Mer Fishers

NATIVES of Torres Strait Islands have developed a modern outlook on life. Under the influence of wireless, their conditions have undergone a radical change.

The islanders sail their luggers to the fishing fields, and spend a week or two catching beche-de-mer or gathering pearl shell. From time to time they land and use the new radio-telephone sets which have just been installed at 14 points in Torres Strait and on Cape York Peninsula. Thursday Island is called up and the state of the market discussed. If they hear that current prices are good, they hurry into port with the catch; otherwise they continue fishing.

So the formerly unsophisticated islanders now govern their operations and watch the Islands produce markets as closely as a farmer with a crop of wheat to sell or a speculative international stock-broker.

Mr. F. L. Dawes, engineer of Amalgamated Wireless (A/asia), Ltd., returned to Sydney in August with this story of the routine life of the Torres Strait Islanders transformed by the introduction of radio. On behalf of A.W.A., Mr. Dawes has installed wireless at 14 Government and Mission stations, where missionaries and

officials now talk by word of mouth with Thursday Island.

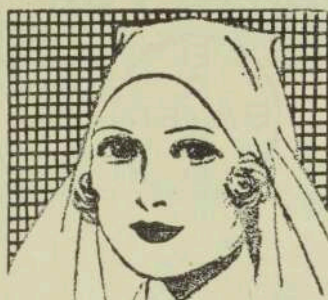
Hardly had the first station been installed than a man fell into a hole and suffered grave injuries. A wireless call was made to Thursday Is. and promptly an aeroplane flew over the intervening 200 miles and carried the man to hospital, five days earlier than could have been the case but for the radio.

The places on Cape York equipped are Aurakun, Weipa, Mapoon, Lockhart River, and St. Paul's Mission stations and Iron Range goldmine. The Torres Islands served are Badu, Mabulag, Saibai, Yorke, Darnley, and Murray. The Government patrol ketch "Melbidir", which travels among the islands, has also been fitted; and at Thursday Island a permanently

operated "mother station" has been installed which keeps in touch with the whole of the out-stations.

A distress call from a Mission or Government station does not necessarily entail the despatch of a medical man. In simple cases, Dr. Nimmo, of Thursday Island, discusses a patient's symptoms and gives instructions for treatment. On one occasion, five stations were simultaneously "hooked up" with T.I. and five groups of parents talked to the doctor about the whooping cough which afflicted their children.

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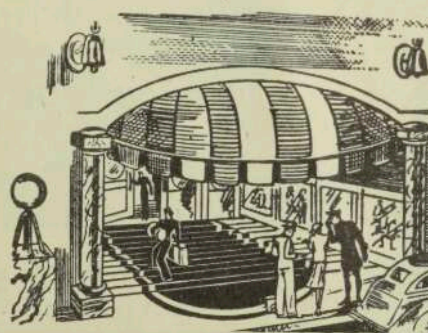
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War of the "Capital Site"

(Continued from Page 27.)

was "gone", and indicated that the choice lay between Lae and Wau.

Incidentally, on August 30, in "Sydney Morning Herald", Mr. Hughes said his "withers were unwrung", and proceeded:

"The Government rejected the recommendation of the expert committee that Lae should be the capital, and that was why I went to New Guinea and inquired into the matter. I consulted the officials, and my recommendation of Salamaua was based on their advice."

Almost as extraordinary a statement as that in the newspapers on August 24. Why did the Government reject the Griffiths report? Echo answers, why!

The Prime Minister announced, on September 1, that the capital site decision would not be made until the three senior Ministers returned, and a series of Cabinet meetings commenced, about September 12.

Mr. Hughes, meanwhile, continued to insist that Salamaua is a healthy place; and therein he was cordially supported by Salamaua residents, and ex-residents. No one had the heart to point out that the question is not concerned with the healthfulness of the present Salamaua, prettily and cleanly situated on its little isthmus. The real question is whether anyone can find £250,000, wherewith to fill in the Salamaua swamp, and so make room for a bigger town.

MINING ASSOCIATION AND "P.I.M."

SO the Mining Association has reason to remain alert, and keep its powder dry.

Fortunately—as we pointed out in July—the association has a shrewd and energetic president in Mr. H. T. Allan, and he should be capable of handling whatever situation, unfavourable to the road, is created by political earthquakes and eruptions at Canberra. Morobe residents should get ready to support Mr. Allan vigorously in any project he may make against any move to cancel the promised road.

Mr. Allan's proposal to boycott the "P.I.M." was ill-judged and hasty, and based on a misunderstanding; but we are not going to quarrel with him about it, because he did it as part of his good fight for what he believed in—namely, the road. If the route finally chosen is via the Bitoi or Francisco, we probably will cross swords with Mr. Allan in the future. But that is unlikely. We are concerned only with the sound future development of New Guinea; and, for that reason, we shall do all that we can to urge a road from Salamaua (the only port) into the Bulolo Valley, via the Buangs or the Markham, or any other route that has national rather than local value.

As a journalist with a sense of responsibility, I should like to say something pointed about the boycott weapon: but the occasion is against it—especially as not more than a dozen or two of our 450 subscribers in the Morobe district have been affected by it. It is better that we conserve our energies and our belligerency for the fight for the road. The committee of the Mining Association might remember, however, that no journal worthy of the name can be intimidated by threat of reprisals, either economic or personal.

SALAMAU—PRO AND CON

DURING the month, numerous statements have been made by various institutions and persons, relative to the selection of a new capital site. They all have been published at length in Australian newspapers. A summary here will suffice.

At a session on August 24, all the non-official members of the New Guinea Legislative Council, led by Mr. R. L. Clark, expressed opposition to the plan to place the capital at Salamaua.

On August 26, the N.G. Public Servants' Association "viewed with indignation and dismay" a report that they did not want to leave Rabaul. They urged an early transfer, as recommended by the vulcanologists; but definitely not to Salamaua.

On August 25, non-official residents of Salamaua sent to the Australian Prime Minister a strong protest against reports that Salamaua was subject to bad malaria and in danger of tidal waves. The "S.M. Herald" published, on August 27, a letter from Mrs. Allen Innes, to the same effect.

A CLAIM FOR WAU

MR. N. R. H. NEAL, on behalf of Wau residents, sent the Prime Minister a long radiogram on August 31, urging that Wau could advantageously be chosen as the new capital. He said:

"In the event of the reconsideration of Salamaua as the capital site, the citizens of Wau urge the suitability of their town as a capital. Wau is an existing township with facilities equal to Rabaul, and it can function immediately as a capital without any large expenditure. There is ample space for all future developments and expansion. The principal objection of the Griffiths report—namely, high transportation costs—has been removed by the authorisation to construct a road between Salamaua and Wau, which was not contemplated when the Capital Site Committee made its investigations.

"If Wau is selected as the capital, the main expenditure will be the provision of port facilities, which are already projected. The huge expenditure of laying out Salamaua or Lae for the new capital will be obviated, thus relieving the Commonwealth of Australia and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea of heavy financial commitments.

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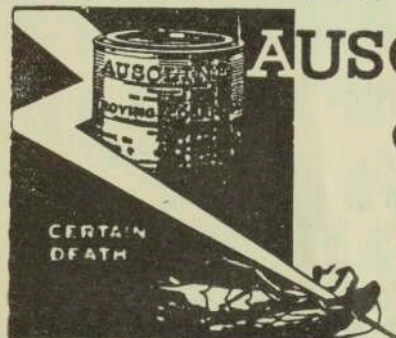
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"The other objection in the Griffiths report—namely, endemic tropical typhus—is not regarded seriously by the Wau population. Cases are now rare, and medical treatment has been successful. Ample water supply is available in close proximity for all public health requirements."

COURAGEOUS STATEMENT BY MR. H. H. PAGE

ONE of the most interesting contributions was a short speech by Mr.

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Harold H. Page (Chief Secretary) before the New Guinea Legislative Council, on August 24, as follows:—

"The question of a site for the future headquarters of the Territory is one that claimed the thoughtful attention of all the residents of Rabaul and most of the people of the Territory from within a few weeks of the eruption.

"Despite the imaginings of a certain publication, that seems to delight in a malicious campaign based on baseless or unconfirmed reports to belittle not only my own, but also the public service of others in this Territory—a campaign, incidentally, in which too few opportunities are accorded to the public servant to refute—at no stage have I thought that Salamaua could get the selection.

"I felt in the first few months that, in the absence of any scientific data regarding the potential danger of our local volcanoes, the solution would be found in the establishment of a residential suburb in the Tavul-Nodup area. Rabaul would remain the office and shipping centre, and only those persons required for duty in Rabaul would need to be within the caldera, and only then during working hours. The risk did not appear to me to be too great.

"However, the report of the Geologist, Dr. Woolnough, and the Vulcanologist, Dr. Stehn, put a different aspect on the matter; and, in due course, after consideration of that report, the Commonwealth Government decided that at least Administrative Headquarters must be moved from Rabaul.

"Towards this end, action was taken by the Commonwealth Government to have examined several possible locations; and, ultimately, an announcement was made that Salamaua had been selected.

"To the residents of Rabaul, and particularly to the majority of the public servants who were more vitally interested, the announcement was received with grave misgivings. To those of us who had personal knowledge of Salamaua and its environs, there appeared but one thing that could have brought it any consideration, and that was that it had a harbour. It may be said that of all the possible places available for more or less immediate occupation, it had a harbour equal to the best.

"It is submitted, however, that the presence of a harbour is not sufficient reason for its acceptance as the future capital of the Territory. There are so many disadvantages, and there are lacking so many of the essentials for the laying-out of a big town on modern lines, that the existence of a harbour carries practically no weight.

"Moreover, the need appeared to require an early movement from Rabaul; and, from this aspect, the choice was bad, for much time must pass before even the small area of only possible bad building land could be prepared to permit of buildings, to enable the transfer of the smallest of Departmental Headquarters.

"That the Headquarters of the Territory must be moved from Rabaul has now been accepted as the wisest course. Much has been said and written about the relative merits of alternative sites, and it is not my purpose here to enter the lists in such discussion. I feel, however, that I would be failing in my duty to the public servants, who are vitally interested in their future permanent location and to the future of this Territory, for which we have high hopes and in which we have the greatest faith, if I did not utter a protest against the selection of Salamaua."

This speech caused something of a stir.

In the difficult situation that existed, no other official member of the Council was prepared to offer any comment on the subject. The silence of the Administrator was remarked upon—especially as, in the absence of any other indication, it was believed that the Administrator and the Government Secretary had given the recommendation in favour of Salamaua to which the Minister has so prominently referred.

The courage of Mr. Page in making his statement, in the circumstances, has been warmly praised.

EXPERT REPORTS ON PORT MORESBY WATER SUPPLY

From Our Own Correspondent.

PT. MORESBY, Aug. 13.

BY the W.R.C. airliner from Sydney Mr. W. H. Roper, supervising engineer of Works and Local Government in N.S.W., arrived here on August 3 to report on a water scheme for Port Moresby. He will remain in the district for three weeks and then return to Australia by air.

It is estimated that the cost of the scheme will not exceed £40,000, but this estimate is not definite and the Administration will await the expert's report.

It is understood that the Government have had an offer from two Sydney businessmen, Messrs. Carter and Waterhouse, to construct the works by private contract. This proposal is in abeyance pending the decision of the Federal Treasury regarding a loan. The Treasury first desires to know the revised estimated total cost of the water scheme and the period over which expenditure would be spread before any consideration can be given to granting a loan to Papua.

Colonel F. W. Dawson, medical officer from the N.Z. Health Department, has arrived in Rarotonga by the "Matua". He is assisting Drs. Ellison and Rose in combating the measles epidemic in the Cook Islands.



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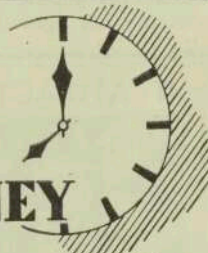
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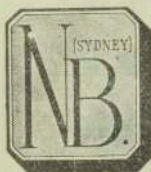
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Mr. Alfred B. Drew, a well-known Suva watchmaker and jeweller, died in August, at the age of 58. A New Zealander, he arrived in Fiji during the war years.

Mr. C. L. Cheng, formerly Chinese Vice-Consul in Fiji, returned to Suva from China by the August "Niagara" to join the directorate of Messrs. Jang, Hing, Loong and Co.

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Pearling Threatened With Extinction

A DEPUTATION, comprising Captain A. G. Gregory and Mr. A. Clark, master pearl-ers, met the Commonwealth Minister for the Interior (Mr. John McEwen) at Darwin on August 19 and urged that a bounty on pearl-shell be given to meet the increasing competition by Japanese. It sought also the establishment of a pool. Captain Gregory emphasised that only Government help could save the pearling centres of Thursday Island and Broome from extinction.

The Minister said he would submit their case to the Government, which, he was confident, "would give it a most sympathetic hearing".

A THIRD "SUVA"

Name for New Carpenter Vessel

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, Sept. 3. THE Registrar-General of Shipping in England has approved the name "Suva", for the new vessel being built for W. R. Carpenter and Co.; and, in due course, the new vessel will be registered at this port, as is the case with the "Rabaul" and the "Salamaua".

The new ship will be 415 ft. in length, with a maximum breadth of 56 ft. 9 ins., a deadweight capacity of 9,000 tons and a speed of 12 knots.

She will be the third vessel to bear the name "Suva". The first was a steamer of about 600 tons, which traded between Melbourne and Suva for Messrs. James McEwen and Co., in the early 80's; while the second was a steamer of 2,500 tons which traded to Fiji for the A.U.S.N. Co., about 30 years ago.

SUCCESS OF SAMOAN BANANA INSPECTION

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, Aug. 26. ALTHOUGH the Mau is continuing its agitation against the Government's banana scheme, and reported to be demanding the dismissal of an official, it is considered significant, that the Government Produce Inspector has been asked to proceed to Rarotonga, in order to introduce Samoan methods of banana inspection and grading there. Samoan methods are also followed in Tonga, Niue and Fiji.

Owing to the rigid inspection of the fruit in Samoa, Samoan bananas realise better prices in New Zealand and are preferred on account of superior packing and quality.

EDUCATION FACILITIES IN AUSTRALIA

TO-DAY, most thinking people agree that schools should provide an atmosphere of home-life and culture where the individuality of the child is allowed to develop spontaneously and without fear. The ideal school is co-educational, and one which provides children with creative outlets.

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The new education in Australia is no longer in its infancy. Quest Haven, one of the first schools to apply and adapt to local conditions the new educational methods in use in Europe and U.S.A., was established four years ago at Mona Vale, N.S.W., and to-day is a place where modern Islands parents may expect their children to receive a well-planned education for complete living.—*

Mr. C. H. Carne, manager of Morris, Hedstrom, Ltd., at Ba, Fiji, left Suva by the "Monterey" on August 30, on holidays.

Mr. C. M. Teulon, District Engineer, of Suva, and Mr. J. J. Real, Land Officer and Deputy Registrar of Titles, have been appointed official members of the Suva Town Board.

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Life Saving Society in Fiji

Good Progress Since Inception
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THOUGH a number of attempts had been made at various times to establish a branch of the Royal Life Saving Society in Fiji, it was not until the

middle of 1936 that an organisation was formed on a sound basis in Suva. During the past two years it has made surprising progress, with both Europeans and Fijians taking a keen interest in its activities.

At the end of June the first team of natives, 26 well-trained Fijians from the Queen Victoria School at Nasinu, underwent examination tests for the Society's awards. Their good performance reflected credit on the instructor, Mr. R. S. Ridgley, a New Zealander.



The 26 Fijians, who underwent examination recently for awards given by the Fiji branch of the Royal Life Saving Society. In the centre is their instructor, Mr. R. S. Ridgley.

The 1937-38 annual report of the Fiji branch shows that during the year 143 awards (an increase of 75) were gained by candidates, including 44 by pupils from the Suva Girls' Grammar School and 98 from the Boys' Grammar School. Last year the Foundation President, Mr. A. S. de Montalk, resigned owing to ill-health and returned to New Zealand; Miss E. Boden, for a long time the only lady instructor, also resigned. The organisation's finances are in a healthy condition, with a small surplus in the bank.

Officers for 1938 are: President, Mr. J. J. Stubbs; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. N. Pedersen, L. F. Garnett, and C. L. Brock; Hon. Secretary and Chief Examiner, Mr. F. S. Baker; Hon. Treasurer, Miss G. E. Atherton; Australian Federal Council Representative, Mr. L. R. McDonald; Chief Instructor, Mr. C. D. Lamont; Deputy Chief Instructor, Mr. G. Arthur; Deputy Chief Examiner, Mr. G. W. Johnson; Executive: Messrs. Stubbs (Chairman), Arthur, Brock, Garnett, Johnston, Lamont, Pedersen, and Ridgley; Mrs. M. G. Irwin; and Miss G. Atherton.

PACIFIC BOY SCOUTS

IT is expected that there will be an invasion of Australia by representatives of native Boy Scout Troops in the Islands, to attend the Scout's Jamboree in December. A contingent of 26 native lads will come from Nauru. Their picturesque uniform comprises a white singlet, a red neckerchief and a short red lavalava. There will be scouts also from Fiji, Noumea, and Loyalty Islands.



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Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vertigan arrived in Sydney in August by the "Macdhui" from Rabaul, New Guinea, on furlough. Mr. Vertigan, who until recently was Assistant District Officer at Namatanai, New Britain, probably will be assigned to the Morobe district when he returns to the Territory.

"MONOPOLIES" IN NEW GUINEA

Some Considerations Which Apparently are Overlooked

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THERE are several indications that a strong campaign is proceeding among the non-official Europeans in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, directed against what are called the "monopolists".

These activities have been seen in representations made to the Federal Government by deputations and organisations in the Morobe and Rabaul districts; in circulars issued by some organisations—especially the Mining Association of Wau; and in articles and letters published in the "Rabaul Times".

The attack is directed primarily against the big trading firms of Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd. and W. R. Carpenter and Co. Ltd. which run stores, own and operate plantations, and control sea and air transport) and against the aerial

transport companies operating in the Morobe district. The leaders of the attack contend that these firms now are so powerful that it is practically impossible for any smaller trader or transporter to commence operations in the Territory—in other words, that trading and transport in New Guinea now are in the grip of combines.

One person, writing very bitterly in the "Rabaul Times" recently, repudiated the argument of the big firms that their financial strength had helped the planters and miners through the depression. He contended that the depression had been definitely of assistance to the big firms, because in giving financial assistance they had completely guarded themselves with liens of all description over solid property, and they emerged from the depression more powerful and richer than ever, while for the most part the people they had assisted had lost their properties.

This may be an obvious exaggeration; but it shows how some people are thinking and talking.

There are indications, also, that this campaign is taking a political angle. It is likely that certain representations will be made, via the N.G. Administration, to the Commonwealth Government—and especially to the Australian Labour Party, in the belief that if and when Labour comes into power it will be convinced of "the need for checking monopolies in New Guinea".

THAT is the position from the point of view of the average resident of New Guinea. That there is a monopolistic tendency in New Guinea is beyond question—the power and influence of the big firms are apparent everywhere.

But there are two points which, in justice to the big firms, the residents should bear in mind.

The first is that it is not proved that the operations of the big firms are cruel, vicious, or oppressive. On the contrary, there is evidence that, in at least the majority of cases, the local managers of Messrs. Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd. and Messrs. W. R. Carpenter and Co. Ltd. definitely carry out a headquarters policy designed to assist and encourage the industrious and thrifty man and to get him upon his feet again and out of debt. For every man who complains of oppression there may be found two men who will frankly acknowledge that they have had a very fair deal from the so-called monopolists; and it is a fact that if New Guinea business had been in the hands of a lot of small firms in the 1929-1934 period, instead of in the hands of a couple of big firms with huge financial reserves, the whole Territory would have gone smash.

The second point to remember is that New Guinea, in providing scope for monopolistic operations, is not in the least peculiar.

On the contrary, every country in the world to-day—and the more "civilised", the more marked is this thing—is in the grip of combines and monopolists. It seems to be a development inseparable from the conditions of this particular time, which may be called the era of international money power. In Australia, for example it would be difficult to name one trade or industry connected

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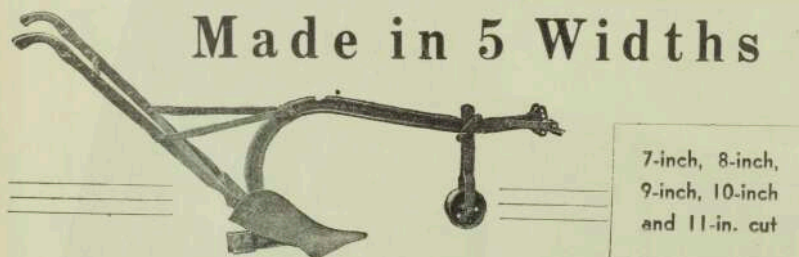
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with a general public service—such as food supplies, transport, amusements, finance, etc.—which is not more or less completely controlled by a combine or a monopoly.

It is natural that the big firms operating in New Guinea—just as is the case with big firms operating anywhere else—should display extreme sensitiveness on the subject of possible competition. The monopoly may be 100 per cent. benevolent in its outlook and operations; but it becomes fierce and merciless as soon as it is threatened with effective competition.

It would be idle to deny that trade and transport in New Guinea—as in most other Pacific territories—are largely controlled by monopolies, but, to repeat, New Guinea is not at all peculiar in that respect. We may deplore the existence of monopolies; but we can say, in the case of New Guinea, that the firms that exercise this power are at least controlled by men of human qualities, who are quite well known to all of us. We know their history and their habits and, however we may dislike the autocratic powers they possess, we at least need not picture them with two horns and a tail.

As a matter of fact, it would be possible to go further and say that, if the New Guinea Administration could formulate a vigorous and long-visioned policy of development, it would be possible to use the strength and resources of the big firms in a manner most beneficial to the Territory.

The history of European colonisation in primitive countries everywhere indicates that, if there is to be real and substantial progress, the backbone of the effort must be large Companies, operating in harmony with the Government, on the one hand, and with the individual settlers, on the other.

In New Guinea, at the present time, there is a tendency for European settlers and the big firms to get snarling at each other. Cannot the blame for this be laid at the door of the Administration in that it apparently has failed to recognise that it is responsible for holding the balance fairly as between the two sets of interests?

There was the famous Shipping Bill, for instance. It is held up by planters as "an iniquitous instrument of monopolism", although it clearly was based on the necessity for protecting British shipping in the Pacific. The Government gave the big firms protection and privileges—and left it at that. Surely, having gone so far, it was under an obligation to protect also the interests of the settlers—at least to the extent of seeing that their various complaints and fears were submitted to the big firms for attention and action.

The directors of the big firms are not fools. They are well aware that their first care must be, not profits, but the protection of their investment; and no investment can be considered secure if the people upon whom it is based are in a condition of growing discontent. The first care of any wise directorate is to have a satisfied clientele. But, in that regard, so far as New Guinea is concerned, it must have a helpful and not an aloof Government.

The Administration clearly has a responsibility, as between individual settlers and the big firms; and, if it approaches the latter from the right angle, it should discharge that responsibility to the satisfaction of the settlers and the credit of Australia.

—R.W.R.

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Tulagi, Solomon Islands.
Thence back to Ponape, via Rabaul.

TAHITIAN PRINCESS RETURNS FROM FRANCE

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, Aug. 14.

PRINCESS Terinui-o-Tahiti Pomare, accompanied by her cousin, Princess Moetearuri Tetupaia-i-Hauviri, arrived at Papeete from France on August 1. The Princess Terinui has returned after a long sojourn in France where she was received with great distinction by the President of France and in high Government and social circles.

Mr. A. L. Chapman, Shell Co. representative at Salamaua, and Mrs. Chapman arrived in Sydney from New Guinea by the August "Neptuna" on their honeymoon, which included a visit to Hong Kong. After a short stay in Melbourne, the couple will return to the Mandated Territory by the "Macdhui" on September 24.



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Mr. E. R. Oldham, Resident Magistrate at Samarai, Papua, was recently appointed to the position of Acting Commissioner for Native Affairs during the absence of Hon. J. T. O'Malley, who is on leave.

Rev. Oliver Furness, L.Th., of the Methodist Mission, left Sydney by the August "Mariposa" for Suva, Fiji, from whence he will proceed to Rotuma Island to engage in mission work, replacing Rev. C. M. Churchward, who retired last year. Mr. Furness was accompanied by his bride, formerly Miss Edna Hall, of Melbourne.

DO GUMTREES KILL MALARIA?

Interesting Theory for Melanesia

Letter to the Editor.

DURING the past twelve months or so, letters have appeared in the Sydney daily press under the title of "Leaves of Healing". The leaves referred to are those of Australian eucalyptus trees. These trees have been transplanted to Southern Europe, India, Palestine, Africa, and South America. Why?

According to the correspondents, it was because they present a two-edged sword to the scourge of malaria, by reason of the fact that they not only kill the germ, but also drain the swamps and stagnant pools in which the malarial mosquito breeds.

Is this so? One writer claims that marshy, useless parts of Italy have been turned into useful, cultivable land through the planting of gum trees. Another asserts that Lord Roberts was instrumental, 40 years ago, in having young trees and seeds taken from Australia and planted in India. When those trees matured, malaria was conquered. A month ago, a promi-

ent Zionist leader who had just arrived in Sydney from Palestine, publicly acknowledged a debt to Australia for the eucalyptus trees which had ridden the Holy Land of malaria.

Of course, Australian bush dwellers have long testified to the delightful, healthy incense which emanates from gum trees, making life among them the healthiest in the world. Aborigines have taught us that beds of the leaves are good for back and chest complaints, and who does not know the value of eucalyptus oil? That, at least, has been commercially proved.

However, if these are trees of healing, why don't we plant them in New Guinea and rid that territory of malaria? Surely this is a chance to be a "good neighbour" indeed. It is quite possible that the germicidal properties of these tiny particles of volatile oil, which are said to exude from the eucalyptus leaves, do slay the malaria germs. In any case, we need not act in the dark, because the Council for Scientific Research at Canberra can give guidance.

It is certain, however, that many countries have thought it well worth while to introduce our lovely gums to their soil—and the question remains—why? Maybe it is only because their thirsty roots have such an affinity for water, that they find and absorb the moisture that causes marshy ground. If so, then even to this extent, it seems, Australia can serve New Guinea well by doing a little gardening up North—and turning useless, germ-breeding ground into useful land.

Sincerely hoping there is something for New Guinea in the idea.

I am etc.

BEATRICE PHILLIPS.

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The scheduled cruises of H.M.A.S. "Canberra" and "Sydney" to Papua, New Guinea, B.S.I., and New Hebrides were cancelled on September 1, owing to outbreaks of scarlet fever on the "Sydney" and measles and mumps on the "Canberra".

Rabaul Electricity, Ltd., made a net profit of £2,250 for the year ended June 30, compared with £2,271 for 1936-37. Dividend of 9½ per cent. requires £2,098, and £2,854 is carried forward against £2,702 brought into the accounts. Consumers at June 30 numbered 495—an increase of 41. The board has considered applying for the rights to generate and distribute electricity at the new capital site, when a decision has been finally made.

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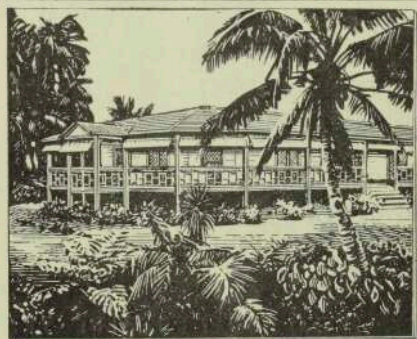
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TAHITI WEDDING

From Our Own Correspondent.

PAPEETE, Aug. 14.

A notable wedding reception and dinner party was given recently by Mrs. J. B. Stevenson at her Taaone Estate, near Papeete. Mrs. Stevenson's son is the husband of Princess Poma-teau; and the function was given to celebrate the marriage of the Princess' brother, Prince Opuhara, to Mademoiselle Lorette Fougereuse.

Among the guests were: M. J. Liauzin (Treasurer of Tahiti); M. and Madame M. Jorss; Mr. and Mrs. E. Overton, of the "Dwyn Wen", and their yacht guests; Mr. Cobb (Consul for U.S.A.); Mr. and Mrs. L. Hershon; Mr. and Mrs. O. Nordman; and members of the bride's family.

PATTERN SERVICE

Each month we publish a diagram of a seasonable frock, a pattern of which may be had by our readers direct from this office, post free, on payment of the sum stated under the diagram. To obtain the pattern, print your name and address below, giving the number of the pattern and the bust size, and send to "Pattern Department", Pacific Islands Monthly, Box 3408 R, G.P.O., Sydney; enclose also the price of the pattern in postal note or stamps. The pattern will be sent by return mail.

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Mrs. W. Provan, of Hisiu, Papua, arrived in Queensland in August to spend several months' holiday.

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Seeking Route Through Mountains

Four Parties Surveying for Salamaua-Wau Road

BEFORE the construction of the new road, Salamaua to Wau (New Guinea), can be commenced, a difficult problem of route has to be settled. There are four routes under consideration, and four survey parties are at work.

Information received between mid-August and mid-September seemed to favour the Buangs-Snake River route.

In a direct line, Wau is only 40 miles from Salamaua, but three ranges of high, precipitous mountains lie within those 40 miles. The Buangs route represents a wide curve around to the north supposedly through easier country with a milder grade; and the total distance from Salamaua via the Buangs to Bulwa, and thence up the Bulolo Valley to Wau, would be 75 miles. About 25 miles of this road—namely, Wau to Bulwa—is already constructed.

By last mail, however, we received from Wau information that a surveyor, Mr. M. W. Bergin, working in the Bitoi-Francisco district (that is, on the direct route between Salamaua and Wau), has located a new and hitherto unsuspected route through the mountains.

It is called the Middle Bitoi route; the distance from Wau to Salamaua would be 50 miles, of which 44 miles would have to be constructed. There would be 12 miles of river flats, representing easy formation, about 14 miles of easily-constructed grades, varying from 1 in 10 to 1 in 18, 10 miles of steep side-slopes, with grades of 1 in 15 and 1 in 25, and 8 miles of definitely difficult country. This road would come out at the mouth of Sandy Creek, not far from Wau. It would not rise higher than 5,000 feet.

There is also the Markham route, which is Salamaua—Markham Valley—vicinity of Wampit Valley—Bulwa. This would be about 90 miles. *+ 25 M to Wau*

If the Middle Bitoi route is all that is claimed for it, the New Guinea authorities will have a difficult choice to make, as between the Bitoi, the Buangs and the Markham routes. The points for decision may thus be set out:

Vehicles using the Bitoi route would go direct to Wau, 50 miles (say 2½ hours), thence to Bulolo, Bulwa and Sunshine (3½ hours). Using the Buangs route, they would get to Bulwa and Sunshine in 2½ hours and Wau in 3½ hours. There would be much more freight for Wau and Edie Creek than for Bulolo-Bulwa-Sunshine, and the Bitoi would give it a shorter track.

So far as the Bitoi and Buangs routes are concerned, both would open up good timber country, but neither would give access to agricultural country.

From the point of view of the initiation of a developmental roading scheme, the Buangs has the advantage over Bitoi. It is only 50 miles, via the Buangs, from Salamaua to Bulwa, from which presumably the main road would start on its course through the Watut Valley to the Upper Markham and the Ramu. Whereas, via the Bitoi route, the distance from Salamaua to Bulwa would be 75 miles.

If the Bitoi route would provide a good arterial road, that 25 miles of extra distance (which would give quicker access to Wau) would not matter; but our information is that "neither the Bitoi nor the

Buangs route is suitable as the first stage of an arterial road which will open up the central tablelands".

The main questions in connection with the Middle Bitoi are: Can the road be built for £150,000? Will its character be such as to demand for maintenance such sums as will cripple the plan of financing the road?

The Bitoi and Francisco country—broken, very high, very "shifty" and subject to terrific rainfalls—was condemned long ago as unsuitable for road-building.

The argument of the Mining Association—now very strongly advanced—is that the Wau-Salamaua road must not be complicated with any consideration other than that of providing the Morobe goldfield with a road. They point out that many years ago the gold royalty was raised to 5% on the ground that the extra taxation would provide a road, and they do not see why the Morobe people should be further penalised because the New Guinea administration has greedily lapped up all the extra revenue derived from that 5% gold royalty, and has left no fund available for the building of a road. They say that as goldfields interests are prepared to lend the necessary money under guarantee, and as Morobe people will voluntarily tax themselves further by means of a road toll,

it is iniquitous that there should be any delay in the construction of their road while argument proceeds as to whether it should form part of a road development scheme for the mainland as a whole.

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Mr. Michael J. O'Brien, of Guinea Airways' engineering staff, recently married Miss Ann Solomon, of Adelaide, at Port Moresby, Papua.

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The Bride, with her Bridesmaids, Miss J. Menzies (left) and Miss H. Gillespie (right).—Photo: Falk Studio.

A PRETTY wedding was celebrated recently at Kavieng, New Ireland, when Miss Margaret (Peggy) Brew, only daughter of Captain and Mrs. A. Brew, of Vauluse, Sydney, was married to Mr. Robert Gillespie, second son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Gillespie, of Rose Bay, Sydney. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Hugh Simpson in the Methodist Church at Kavieng.

The charming bride wore a beautiful

white lace gown with long sleeves and a long train of lace lined with georgette, and carried a sheaf of orchids and frangipanni blossoms. The bridesmaids, Miss Jeanette Menzies (cousin of the bride), and Miss Helen Gillespie (sister of the groom) wore ensembles of malze chiffon over taffeta, with halo hats of tulle in the same shade touched with gold.

About 80 guests were received by Mrs. Brew at the Kavieng Club, delightfully decorated for the occasion. An object of admiration at the banquet was the three-tiered wedding cake made by the bride's mother.

The young couple have now settled down in their home at Kavieng.

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New Caledonia's Home Representative

From Our Own Correspondent.

NOUMEA, Aug. 20.

NEW Caledonia's representative in France, Monsieur Brunet, has been offered a trip out to the Colony, to study local problems, and he may accept this in the near future.

Mr. L. H. Pope, formerly of the Colonial Service, Nigeria, sailed from Sydney by the last "Mariposa" for Suva, Fiji, where he will take up the position of Auditor. He was in the Fiji Civil Service about 10 years ago.

Mrs. E. Bairstow, whose husband is merchandise manager of B.P.'s branch at Vila, New Hebrides, arrived in Sydney by the "Morinda" on August 24. She later flew to Adelaide, South Australia, where she will spend several months' holiday.

Native-Grown Coffee and Rice

Papuans Work Out Their Taxes—
and Show a Profit

From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT MORESBY, Sept. 2.
IN Papua, instead of paying taxes a community may agree to establish a native plantation.

The Government acquires an area of land somewhere near the village, and the natives then work out their tax by planting, while the Government superintends and supplies seeds and tools. Crops from these plantations are divided between the Government and the villagers, the Government's share being paid into the Taxation Fund, which is for the direct benefit of the Papuans.

The objects of this scheme are to encourage enterprise and industry and to give the natives an interest in life beyond the daily routine of the village.

At Sangara, in the N.E. Division, coffee is the most suitable and profitable produce for the district, and natives have been encouraged to take up land for this purpose. The idea has taken hold, and the area under cultivation increased each year: in 1935-36 the plantations—18, ranging from 4 to 30 acres—totalled 242 acres. That the natives grasped the advantages of the scheme is shown by the results, and though some were not prepared to devote as much effort and care to harvesting and preparation for marketing as is called for, the plan has worked remarkably well.

It has been pointed out that it is too much to expect the quality of coffee grown by Papuans to be at once equal to that harvested by the natives of other countries, where coffee has been grown for hundreds of years; but there is no reason why in time it should not be, as the natives gain experience and become accustomed to the habits of the industry.

For the last six years, the production at Sangara and the natives' share of the proceeds have been:—

	Lbs.	Natives' share.
1932	22,652	£436
1933	67,470	£828
1934	60,645	£558
1935	61,425	£642
1936	123,817	£1,280
1937	143,000	£1,600*

*Approximately—not yet collected.

RICE GROWING IN THE MEKEO DISTRICT

Another similar development is that of growing rice in the Mekeo district in lieu of paying taxes. This scheme was introduced in 1932 (although rice growing had been encouraged by the Catholic Mission Fathers for many years previously), and the natives delivered 90 tons of paddy to the Government mill in Port Moresby. This produced 57 tons, for which they received £389.

Since then, production has greatly increased. The natives now realise the value of rice cultivation both as a food and as a means to acquire money, and they sell large quantities to the Catholic Mission. The rice for their own needs is milled with wooden pestles and mortars of their own making. By 1936, rice production had risen to over 200 tons, and in 1937, to 310 tons.

The rice is a hill variety of good quality, and is said to be in demand by the women who find it less awkward to handle than other garden produce in addition to providing variety in their diet. As a result of the steady market in the Mekeo district, very little of the rice is forwarded to Port Moresby—last year the natives retained it all.

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Mr. Wallace H. Smith and Mr. P. F. Cody, directors of the Emperor and Loloma gold-mining companies, left Sydney by the "Mariposa" on August 19 for Suva, Fiji, on a short visit of inspection to the Tavua goldfield. They were accompanied by **Mr. L. B. Tomlins**, secretary of Emperor Mines, Ltd., and **Mr. Ellis Davies**, of Charles Ruwolt, Ltd., technical adviser in connection with the construction of the ore treating plants of the two companies.

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Reorganisation of the "Chagrin"
Mine, New Caledonia

AN option on the famous "Chagrin" chrome mine in New Caledonia (on the road to Nehou) has been obtained by Monsieur H. Lafleur and, if it is taken up, his syndicate will spend nearly a million francs in reorganisation at the mine, stated the "Bulletin du Commerce", of Noumea, in a recent issue.

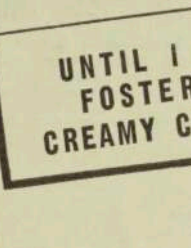
It is reported that his plans include big improvements on the present sluicing plant and large alterations to the crushing process, allowing full recovery of all the chrome. This will enable production to be doubled—1,000 tons a month, in-



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stead of 500, as at present. Sixty additional mine labourers will be employed, bringing the total to 200.

Since its opening, the "Chagrin" mine has produced about 90,000 tons of chrome. This has been handled by the Chrome Company (Society Tiebaghi) and this arrangement will continue.

The enlargement of the mine workings will be carried out under the direction of M. Dubois, an engineer of the School of Mines and Geology at Nancy, France, who arrived in Noumea by the "Pierre Loti" in July.

Mr. H. M. Stuchbery arrived in Sydney from Suva by the "Strathmore" in August on his way to Tanganyika, British East Africa, where he has been transferred from the Fiji Civil Service. He was accompanied by his wife.

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PACIFIC MINING NEWS

From Fiji

EMPEROR MINES LTD.

THE general manager of Emperor Mines Ltd., Tavua, Fiji, in his report for the four weeks ended August 10, advises that during the last ten days of the period the values in the development headings on No. 3 level showed an improvement over those reported for the last period, and gave indications of the possibility of further improvement.

Construction and Development.—Trenching operations continued on westerly extension of Cardigan lode. Forming of road to Emperor mill well advanced. Vatia wharf construction: Moie extended to 725 ft. and has reached deep water. Bulk oil tank almost completed; 2,000-ton tank has arrived. Contractor ready to commence assembling. Lime-burning plant at Tauru. Rain has delayed operations somewhat, but progress is satisfactory.

Production since June has been:—

	June 15.	July 13.	Aug. 10.
Ore, long tons	14,464	14,748	14,091
Fine gold, oz.	4,177.6	4,166.6	4,017.5
Head value, dwt.	6½	6.2	6.29
Residue, dwt.	0.7	0.6	0.57

MT. KASI MINES LTD.

Yields from Mt. Kasi mine, Vanua Levu, for the past four months, are compared in the following table:—

	May 18.	June 15.	July 13.	Aug. 10.
Ore, tons	3,050	2,749	3,290	3,030
Gold, fine oz.	626	608	650	659
Value, £A.	5,477	5,320	5,687	5,766

LOLOMA (FIJI) GOLD MINES N.L.

Production from Loloma (Fiji) Gold Mines N.L., operating on the Tavua field, Fiji, was lower for the four weeks ended August 10. The operating time of the mill was affected, through the breakage of the tube mill pinion shaft, and accounted for the reduced yield.

Production figures for the last three periods are:—

	June 15.	July 13.	Aug. 10.
Mill ran, hours	573	553	436
Ore treated, tons	1,960	1,928	1,850
Head value, dwt.	28.1	28.0	28.07
Gold, fine oz.	2,573	2,532	2,492
Dwt. a ton	26.2	26.2	26.0
Silver, fine oz.	516	572	453
Tailings, assay, dwt.	1.85	1.76	2.1

The Company reports that the average values at the 234 ft. level of the mine are maintaining the high grades previously established. In the last 36 ft. of driving (mid-August), the value was 36.4 dwt. over a width of 60 inches.

From New Guinea

SUNSHINE GOLD DEVELOPMENT N.L.

THE general manager of Sunshine Gold Development N.L. reports that during the three months ended August 31 he sluiced a large quantity of marginal ground lying outside the selected areas. Although the values of this marginal ground are lower than the average of the adjoining portion of the selected area, they are payable. It would not be practical to leave them now and return to them later.

The managing director, who visited the mine, reports that work is proceeding in accordance with the plan laid down, providing for the profitable working of the property for many years. Owing to the nature of the ground, fluctuations in the yield are to be expected, but the directors anticipate that a satisfactory dividend rate will be maintained. The plant is in excellent order and the race is standing up to requirements.

Production for the quarter ended August 31 compares with that of the previous quarter as follows:—

	Cub. yd.	Hours.	Gold (oz.)
June	30,000	513	306.1
July	20,600	515	249.5
August	30,000	589	278.5
Total	80,600	1617	834.1
Previous qtr.	52,500	1451	1084.3

BULOLO GOLD DREDGING LTD.

The July output of Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., Morobe goldfield, New Guinea, compares with the two previous yields as follows:—

	May.	June.	July.
Cubic yards	1,248,000	1,184,000	1,232,000
Bullion, oz.	22,461	18,265	19,667
Gold, fine, oz.	15,499	12,603	13,569
Value—			
Aust. currency*	£135,616	£110,276	£118,729
Value, per c. y.	/26.8	/22.2	/23.1
Working profit	£100,038	£75,967	£77,875

* At £A8/15/ per fine ounce.

SANDY CREEK GOLD SLUICING LTD.

Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing Ltd., New Guinea, earned net profit of £5,689 for the 12 months ended April 30, after £3,969 was written off for depreciation, brokerage, preliminary expenses and other items. The directors report that, with £7,165 brought in, £11,134 was available. They declared a final dividend of 15d. a share, making 3d. a share for the year. These dividends require £7,750, and £3,384 remains to be carried forward.

During the year, 196,500 cubic yards of material were treated for a recovery of 3.271 oz. of gold, which realised £24,057, an average value of 2½ a cubic yard. These figures are an increase in quantity of material treated, and gold recovered, but a decrease in the average value a cubic yard as against last year.

Values have shown an improvement since the close of the financial year, and for the three months to July 31 averaged 3/6 a cubic yard.

At the annual meeting of the Company in Sydney on September 2, shareholders ratified the directors' action in making an investment of £1,000 in an undertaking, which is purchasing the New Guinea assets of Upper Watut Gold Alluvial (N.L.) (in liq.). The chairman (Mr. H. B. Jamieson), said that the life of the present property owned by Sandy Creek was from five to six years and might even extend to 10 years. Since the close of the year, the board had arranged for the Bulolo Company, to return to Sandy Creek portion of the 20 acres in the Lower Poverty Creek area, sold to them in 1925. With the advent of No. 2 plant in August last year, costs were materially reduced, and now stood at about 1/2 a cubic yard. Prospects for the current year were encouraging.

August production compares with the three previous months as follows:—

	May.	June.	July.	Aug.
Cubic yards	20,119	15,949	16,088	18,497
Gold, oz.	466	292	531	539
Per c. yd.	3/4	2/9	4/11	4/4
Working cost	1/4	1/3½	1/5	1/2

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Emperor Mines ..	b12/5	b12/4	b13/	
Koroere	b1/5	—	—	
Loloma	b23/6	b21/6	b24 7/12	
Mt. Kasi	b3/11	b4/5	b4.2	
Tavua Dev.	—	b2d	b3d	
Vatu Kasia ...	s1/2	s1/6	—	

NEW GUINEA

Bulolo Deposits ..	b10d	b11 1/2d	b10d
Bulolo G.D.	b£6	b£6/15/6	b£7/4/
Day Dawn Shh. ..	—	—	s2 1/2d
Day Dawn (Pd.) ..	—	—	b1 1/2d
Enterprise of ..	—	—	—
N.G.	b£1 7/6	b15/	b7/6
Guinea Gold	b12/10	b14/5	b15/4
Mt. Kaindi (Pd.) ..	—	—	s6d
N.G.G., Ltd.	b1/4	b1 5/12	b1/8
Oil Search	b6/1	b7/6	b9/1
Placer Dev.	b£3/11/6	s£4	b£3/16/3
Sandy Cr.	b1/4	b1/2	b1/5
Sunshine Gold ..	b11/8	b10/4	b8/3

PAPUA

Cuthbert's	b19/	b17/6	b16/6
G.M. of Papua ..	b7/11	b6/10	s5/1
Mandated All.	b1/7	b2/3	b2/
Oriomo Exp.	b2/3	b3/	—
Oriomo Oil	—	—	b14/
Papuan Apinaipi ..	—	b7/3	b8/2
Tiveri G.D.	—	—	b4d
Yodda Gold Co ..	b6d	s6d	b4d

NEW GUINEA GOLDFIELDS LTD.

The following progress report covering May to July has been issued by New Guinea Goldfields Ltd.:—

	May.	June.	July.
Eddie Creek mill—			
Gold, oz., fine ..	894	1,126	1,208
Silver, oz., fine ..	3,001	3,906	4,052
Alluvial—			
Gold, oz., fine ..	1,107	1,185	1,120
Silver, oz., fine ..	785	838	797
Operating profit—			
Eddie Creek	£234*	£1,588	£2,771
Alluvial	3,973	4,639	4,390
* Operating loss.			

ENTERPRISE OF NEW GUINEA N.L.

The general manager of Enterprise of New Guinea Gold and Petroleum Development N.L. (Mr. Harold Tylour), reported at follows for the period, August 13 to August 25:—

Surprise Creek:—Sluicing and elevating as usual in low-grade bouldery wash. Eddie Mine:—Prospecting drives put into five parallel veins cut in drainage adit at present lowest level in mine. No. 1 parallel lode is sulphidic and has maintained width of 3ft. over 34ft. driven. It appears to be a split off main lode. Assays over first 20ft. av. 3dwt. gold; one sample at 15ft. assayed 49oz. 6dwt. silver; from 20 to 34ft. lode split into two sections and shows definite increase in values; one 6in. sect. at 30ft. assaying 16dwt. gold; prospects most encouraging. Other parallel lodes have shown low values and will not be prospected further at present. Drainage adit. ext. to 981ft. from portal, stopped. No. 3 level W. drive on main lode ext. to 116ft., stopped; short cuts at 801ft., in strong lode formation; xcut at 800 100ft. driven into foot and hanging wall country. No. 1 W. drive on main W. lode ext. to ft. shows 8ft. lode with hanging wall lode not yet exposed. Air compressor landed at mine; other machinery coming forward from Salamaua. Engine-house and fitting-shop erected, also additional European quarters. Main vehicle road extended on the mine. All works proceeding satisfactorily. European employees at present number 14, natives 163.

A further report on September 5 stated:—South crosscut off west drive at 800 ft., main lode shows 14 ft., very promising quartz; hanging wall not yet reached; appearance of ore body in this level gives every encouragement; No. 3 level also opening up well. Production from all sources for month ended August 13 compared with June and July as follows:—

	June.	July.	Aug.
Wash dirt, yards ..	2,046	2,198	4,536
Overburden, yards ..	584	1,408	—
Unrefined retorted alluvial gold, oz.	34 1/4	44 1/4	23

BULOLO GOLD DEPOSITS LTD.

The following yields have been reported by Bulolo Gold Deposits, New Guinea:—

	July 5.	Aug. 3.	Sept. 5.
Morobe Alluvials—			
Hours	575	550	600
Cubic yards ..	10,000	5,000	7,500
Gold, oz.	140	70	140
Morobe Deposits—			
Hours	480	470	525
Cubic yards ..	5,000	6,500	8,500
Gold, oz.	40	45	45

From Papua

MANDATED ALLUVIALS N.L.

BECAUSE of delay in the delivery of plant and a consequent deferring of payment for matte, the directors of Mandated Alluvials N.L., Papua, advise that with the consent of the trustees for debenture repayment of the debentures for a period not exceeding three months from September 1. Under the provisions of the trust deed, additional interest at the rate of 25 per cent. per annum will be payable as from September 1, in addition to the interest already provided for in the debenture certificate.

The late delivery of a portion of the smelting plant, and the necessity of a number of mechanical adjustments, caused the delay of production, due to have started last March, for about two months. Although substantial quantities of matte are now being produced, the final payment of the matte cannot be obtained until a minimum period of two months after delivery to the refiners, thus preventing full benefit of production within the required period.

Since May 10, there has been a total production of over 860oz. gold, 2050oz. silver, and 25.25 tons copper of a gross value exceeding £9,000, practically all of which has been obtained from intermittent running only, and does not adequately represent the capacity of the plant. Further plant improvements have been effected, and it is confidently anticipated that the returns from month to month will show improvement.

GOLD MINES OF PAPUA LTD.

Comparative monthly returns from Gold Mines of Papua Ltd., Misima Island, show:—

	May.	June.	July.	Aug.*
Crushed, tons ..	1,600	1,690	2,190	2,128
Gold	£1,630	£1,775	£2,575	£2,705

* Average battery head value by assay was 5dwt. and the tails 6 grains.

PAPUAN APINAIFI PETROLEUM CO. LTD.

Shareholders of Papuan Apinaifi Petroleum Co. Ltd. have adopted resolutions altering the

articles of association to comply with the requirements of the Sydney Stock Exchange. These resolutions will be submitted for confirmation to a further meeting.

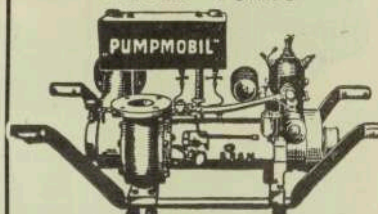
On September 8, the Company reported that its geologist, Mr. Launcelot Owen, had advised from the field that the Oiapu bore was down 782ft., that traces of oil were struck at 774 ft., and that good progress was being made.

CUTHBERT'S MISIMA GOLDMINE LTD.

Figures for the monthly cleanup on August 23 at Cuthbert's Misima Goldmine Ltd.'s property in Eastern Papua compared with the previous two months as follows:—

	June.	July.	Aug.
Treated, tons ..	2,552	2,800	2,858
Bullion, oz.	2,274	2,466	2,872
Gold, fine oz.	733	804	822
Silver, fine oz.	1,445	1,570	1,939
Value (gold at £A8 oz.)	£5,950	£6,517	£6,684
Value per ton ..	46/8	46/7	46/9

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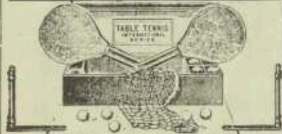


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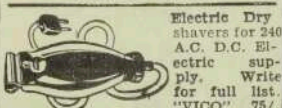
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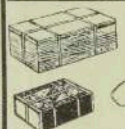
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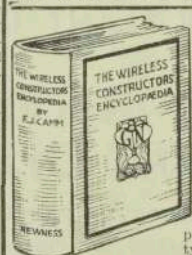
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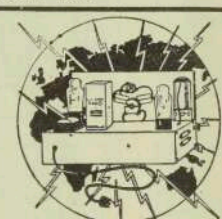
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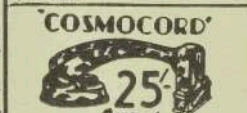
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OCTOBER 2 TO OCTOBER 29

Oct. 2 (Sun.)—10.15 a.m. Current Books; 10.30 "From the Operas"; 6 p.m. "Plantation Paradise"; 7.10 Dramatised Fairy Tale; 9.50 Recital (Piano and Violin).

Oct. 3 (Mon.)—7.40 p.m. "Future of Gold and Money"; 8 Serial—"Into the Light"; 9 Topical Revue; 9.50 Travel Letter.

Oct. 4 (Tues.)—1.30 p.m. Kyneton Races; 8 Violin Recital; 9.15 Community Singing; 10 Harry Bloom's Band.

Oct. 5 (Wed.)—1.30 p.m. Geelong Races; 7.40 "Sir J. Forrest"; 8 "As You Like It"; 9.30 Serial; 10.50 Jim Davidson's Band.

Oct. 6 (Thurs.)—7.40 p.m. "Red Sand and White"; 8 "The Play's the Thing"; 9.10 Recital (Guitar and Piano); 10.15 Dance Music.

Oct. 7 (Fri.)—8 p.m. Jim Davidson's Dance Band; 8.30 Desmond Tanner at Electric Organ; 9 Story; 10.05 Studio Programme.

Oct. 8 (Sat.)—1.15 p.m. Caulfield & Randwick Races; 8 Play; 8.30 Symphony Orchestra; 11 Dance Music.

Oct. 9 (Sun.)—10.15 a.m. Book Reviews; 10.30 "From the Operas"; 4.30 p.m. "B.B.C. Hour"; 6.30 "National Debt"; 7 Marie Bremner (Songs); 8.50 Masterstrings Quartet; 9 Play.

Oct. 10 (Mon.)—7.40 p.m. "Heinrich Hertz"; 8 Serial; 8.30 Military Band; 9 Topical Revue; 9.50 Talk; 10.50 Music.

Oct. 11 (Tues.)—3.15 p.m. Seymour Races; 8 Musical Comedy; 8.30 Review of Films and

Theatre; 9.30 Talk; 9.45 Jascha & Tosay Spivakovsky.

Oct. 12 (Wed.)—1.30 p.m. Caulfield Races; 7.40 "Makers of Australian Prosperity"; 8.50 "Emma & Erbert"; 9.30 "Capt. Kettle's Adventures"; 9.45 Dance Music.

Oct. 13 (Thurs.)—8 p.m. "The Play's the Thing"; 9.10 Everyman's Music; 10.15 Jim Davidson's Dance Band.

Oct. 14 (Fri.)—8 p.m. A.B.C. Dance Band; 8.30 Desmond Tanner (Electric Organ); 9.15 Community Singing; 10 St. Cecilia Choir.

Oct. 15 (Sat.)—1.15 p.m. Caulfield Races; 7 Recorded Music; 8 to 12 Old Time Dance.

Oct. 16 (Sun.)—10.15 a.m. Current Books; 10.30 "From the Operas"; 4.30 p.m. "B.B.C. Hour"; 6 "Plantation Paradise"; 8 "Incognito"; 9.50 Spivakovsky Duo.

Oct. 17 (Mon.)—8 p.m. Serial; 8.30 Military Band; 9 Topical Revue; 9.30 "Choral Cavalcade"; 9.50 Travel Letter.

Oct. 18 (Tues.)—1.30 p.m. Ascot Races; 8 Everyman's Music; 9.10 Recital (Raymond Beatty & Heather Kinnaird); 9.45 Dance Music.

Oct. 19 (Wed.)—1.30 p.m. Werribee Races; 7.40 "Makers of Australian Prosperity"; 8 "As You Like It"; 9.30 Light Music.

Oct. 20 (Thurs.)—1.30 p.m. Bacchus Marsh Races; 8 "The Play's the Thing"; 9 Instrumental Ensemble; 9.25 Two Piano Recital; 10.15 Dance Music.

Oct. 21 (Fri.)—8 p.m. A.B.C. Dance Band; 8.30 Organ Recital; 9.15 Community Singing; 10.15 Harry Bloom's Dance Band.

Oct. 22 (Sat.)—1.15 p.m. Moonee Valley Races; 8 Symphony Orchestra; 9.10 Musical Feature; 11 Dance Music.

Oct. 23 (Sun.)—10.15 a.m. Current books; 10.30 "From the Operas"; 4.30 p.m. "B.B.C. Hour"; 6.30 "National Debt"; 7 New Note Octet; 8.50 The Mastersingers; 9 Play.

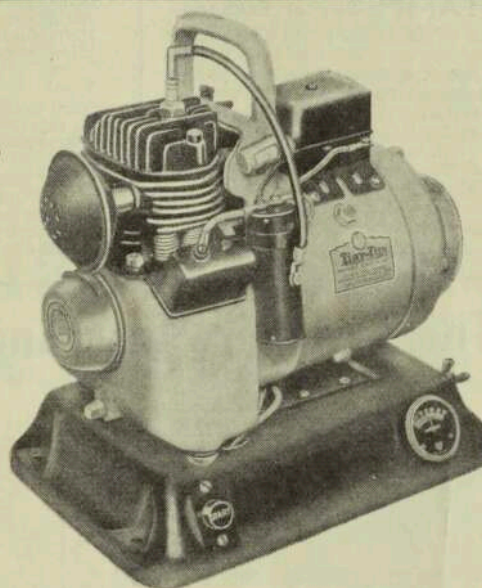
Oct. 24 (Mon.)—1.30 p.m. Geelong Races; 8 Serial; 8.30 Military Band; 9 Revue; 9.30 Choral Cavalcade; 10 String Quartet.

Oct. 25 (Tues.)—8 p.m. Musical Comedy; 8.30 "Round the Town"; 9.15 Community Singing; 10 Musical Programme.

Oct. 25 (Wed.)—1.30 p.m. Kyneton Races; 8 "As You Like It"; 8.45 "Emma & Erbert"; 9 "Love Marches On"; 9.30 Serial; 9.45 Dance Music.

Oct. 27 (Thurs.)—1.30 p.m. Ballarat Miners' Races; 8 "The Play's the Thing"; 9.15 Con-

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Oct. 28 (Fri.)—8 p.m. Jim Davidson's Dance Band; 8.30 Electric Organ Recital; 9 Story; 10 Ballad Recital; 10.20 Musical Interlude.

Oct. 29 (Sat.)—1.15 p.m. Flemington Races; 8 to 10.30 Opening of New 3LO Station and 3LO Studio Programme; 11 Dance Music.

Rev. W. H. Leembruggen, preaching at the Essendon South Methodist Church, Melbourne, on August 28, described many of his interesting experiences as a missionary in the British Solomon Islands.

Jayaneshwar Maharaj has successfully passed his LL.B. examination at Wales University, and will spend a year in England to be called to the Bar before going to Fiji to set up in practice. He is the youngest son of the late Hon. Pundit Badri Maharaj, of Raki Raki, Ra.

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ERUPTION COST

New Guinea Finds £40,000

AN official report shows that the following expenditure was incurred by the New Guinea Administration following the eruption of the volcanoes at Rabaul in May, 1937, when great damage was done and the population was evacuated:

Fares of refugees, £1,934; rationing of European refugees, £8,233; rationing of natives, £2,078—total, less sales and returns	6,755
Rehabilitation of roads, etc.	20,881
Medical costs	615
Emergency motor transport	1,966
Damage to motor vehicles commandeered by administration	1,050
Motor hire, subsequent to emergency period	1,236
Schooner transport costs	1,736
Aeroplane	373
Rehabilitation of buildings	2,320
Miscellaneous costs	1,141

Total £40,010

The Commonwealth Government also bore expenditure totalling £9,426 in respect of stores and services supplied in the emergency.

It is noted that when the eruption occurred the Governor of Papua hurriedly assembled what stores were available for relief purposes and sent them to Kokopo by H.M.A.S. "Moresby"; and that he in-

timated that the question of payment of those stores did not arise—his government was only too glad to be of some assistance in the hour of need.

HELP FOR SUFFERERS IN ERUPTION

The Australian Government has provided £10,000, out of which to give financial assistance to non-official residents of Rabaul who suffered losses in the volcanic eruption of May 29, 1937.

The Administrator, addressing the Legislative Council on August 24, said that loans would be made at an interest rate not exceeding 4 per cent, and that no interest would be payable for the first six months.

"We here all appreciate the position of these poor individuals and, as a matter of fact, public subscriptions were about to be raised in some instances", says the "Rabaul Times". "We are glad to know that this step will not now be necessary."

"A PAIN IN THE NECK"

"Mako's" Adventures While En Route to New Guinea

SPLENDID seamanship under perilous conditions by Captain Andrew Smith and crew of the W.R.C. liner "Salamaua" earned warm praise from shipping men when she reached Sydney on August 20 after a 13 days' voyage from N.Z., with a small vessel for the New Guinea service in tow.

The "Salamaua" (6,676 tons) left Auckland on the 6th., with the 505 tons steamer "Mako" bucking at the end of a 600 ft. tow line. Three days later, in the open Tasman sea, the line carried away, leaving the "Mako" adrift in a gale. Keeping her in view, the "Salamaua" patrolled mountainous seas for two days before the wind abated enough to allow five of the crew to pick up the broken line and make it fast again.

The two vessels then slowly proceeded to Newcastle, N.S.W.

With the empty "Mako" in tow again, the "Salamaua" cleared Newcastle for Sydney on August 18. In the evening, four miles off shore, the tow rope parted and the "Mako" disappeared. After a two hours' search, she was sighted. Captain Smith took the "Salamaua" alongside the pitching steamer and three officers jumped on to her deck and made emergency ropes fast. Twice later, the "Mako" broke away again, and was in danger of drifting to the beach; and twice the hazardous operation of fixing the lines was repeated.

At dawn a Newcastle tug came to their assistance and the "Mako" was taken to Sydney.

When a "P.I.M." representative asked a "Salamaua" officer what "Mako" meant, he answered, bitterly: "A pain in the neck".

WILL REPLACE THE "BOPPLE"

Formerly in the New Zealand coastal service, the "Mako" was purchased by Messrs. W. R. Carpenter and Co., Ltd., in August from the Richardson Line, for use in New Guinea. She will take over the service which has been carried on by the "Bopple", a slightly smaller steamer, between Rabaul and Pondo (where a subsidiary concern of Messrs. Carpenter and Co., has a large desiccated coconut factory).

The "Bopple" is expected to arrive in Sydney on September 21 for a survey and her New Guinea crew will take the "Mako" back to Rabaul under her own steam, a few days later. She has undergone repairs and alterations.

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ADMINISTRATOR OF NAURU

Lieut-Colonel Chalmers

LIEUT.-COLONEL F. R. CHALMERS, of St. Helen's, Tasmania, has been appointed Administrator of Nauru, in succession to Commander R. C. Garsia.

The Australian Minister for Territories (Mr. Hughes), in making this announcement, said that Lieutenant-Colonel Chalmers had served in the Boer War and the Great War, and had been strongly recommended for the appointment by Brigadier-General Wisdom, former Administrator of New Guinea, and by Major-General Sir John Gellibrand. Commander Garsia would arrive in Canberra during September to hand over to his successor.

Lieut.-Colonel Chalmers served in the first South African War in 1889 and was a member of the 1st Tasmanian Bushmen. He received his commission and took part in the second war from 1901 to 1902. He enlisted as a private for service in the Great War and later commanded the 27th Battalion. He told reporters that his toughest job was to bring home the troopship "Ormonde" with 2,000 Australian troops on board. Since the war he has been engaged in mining and farming in Tasmania.

Tropical Services Ignored

THE editor of the "Pacific Islands Monthly", on September 3, addressed the following letter to the editor of the "Sydney Morning Herald":—

I should be grateful if you will allow me to direct public attention to the cruel injustice to the Australian tropical services that is represented in the Federal Cabinet's most recent appointment to a Territories administratorship.

I refer to the appointment of Lieut.-Colonel Chalmers to be Administrator of Nauru. I know nothing about Lieut.-Colonel Chalmers and, in no sense, am I casting any doubt upon his ability or qualifications. But I do know, either personally or by repute, every senior official in the public services of Papua and New Guinea; and I say, without fear of contradiction, that there are among them at least half-a-dozen men eminently well qualified, by training, experience and temperament, to act as Administrator of Nauru.

I assert, further, that it is a shameful thing that, whenever high executive appointments in the Territories are made by Canberra, the claims of these well-trained and worthy men are consistently ignored.

Australia is responsible for the administration of five tropical territories—namely, Northern Territory, Papua, Mandated Territory of New Guinea, Mandated Territory of Nauru, and Norfolk Island. Within the last four years, it has been necessary to appoint administrators for four of them—namely, New Guinea, Northern Territory, Norfolk Island and, now, Nauru. In every case, the appointment has been given to either an ex-politician or an old soldier, and in not one case is there any evidence that the men selected have had any previous experience of the arduous,

difficult work of governing a tropical territory.

I am not dealing here with the personal qualifications or subsequent records of the appointees. The point is that Australia employs a large corps of trained men for the administration of her five tropical territories, and there must be something desperately wrong with her system if, after all these years, there are no men among them fit for promotion to the top positions.

As a matter of fact, there is nothing wrong with the system—whatever is wrong will be found in Canberra. Australia is admirably served by the public officers in Papua and New Guinea; and, from personal knowledge, I should say they will compare favourably with the British Colonial Service, which is the corps elite of the world. Australia, like Britain, encourages well-educated young men to enter this administrative service, as a lifetime career; but, whereas the best men of the British service are selected to be Commissioners and Governors, Australia consistently ignores her tropical corps when the chief appointments are made.

It is no use the politicians replying that Australia's tropical services are too young. Australia has held Papua, now, for 50 years, and New Guinea for 20 years, and there are senior officials in

each country fully qualified for promotion. And I can say—again from personal knowledge—that these men are discouraged and heartbroken at the manner in which their claims are regularly passed over by Canberra.

NEW CHIEF JUDGE IN SAMOA

MR. William Carrol Harley, barrister and solicitor of Nelson, New Zealand, has been appointed Chief Judge in Western Samoa and will take up duties this month. He replaces Mr. J. J. Morling, who has resigned owing to ill-health in his family. Mr. Harley was educated at Nelson and Canterbury Colleges and served in the N.Z. Expeditionary Force; he is now a Lieutenant-Colonel in the reserve of officers.

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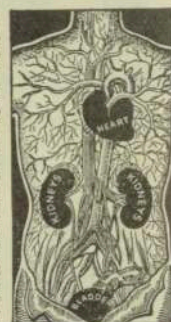
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Exchange Rates

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THE following exchange quotations, gathered in Sydney, show the rates existing in mid-September:—

FIJI—THROUGH BANK OF N.S.W. AND BANK OF NEW ZEALAND

Australia on Fiji on basis of £100 Fiji: Buying £A111/2/6, selling £A113.
Fiji-London on basis £100 London:—

	Buying.	Selling.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telegraphic transfer ..	110 15 0	112 0 0
On demand	110 12 6	111 17 6

DIRECT TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER SELLING RATES

Quoted by
BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES
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	Francs to £	Australian
Australia on Papeete.		
Average for week ended 15/8/38 ..	140 12	
Average for week ended 22/8/38 ..	140 15	

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Average for week ended 29/8/38 ..	139 77
Average for week ended 5/9/38 ..	139 71
Average for week ended 12/9/38 ..	139 71

	Francs to £	Australian
Australia on Noumea		
Average for week ended 15/8/38 ..	139 97	
Average for week ended 22/8/38 ..	140 00	
Average for week ended 29/8/38 ..	139 62	
Average for week ended 5/9/38 ..	139 56	
Average for week ended 12/9/38 ..	139 56	

NEW GUINEA AND PAPUA—THROUGH COMMONWEALTH BANK

From Australia, Pt. Moresby 10/- per cent.; on Rabaul 10/- per cent.—Other New Guinea districts £1 per cent.

From Rabaul on London, same as Australia on London:—
Buying: T.T. £A125 equals £stg. 100.
Selling: T.T. £A125/10/- equals £stg. 100.

THROUGH BANK OF N.S.W.

Australia on Papua 10/- per cent. premium each way, equivalent to commission of 10/- per cent.; Australia on Rabaul 10/- per cent. premium.

Papua and New Guinea on London: Same as Australia on London and vice versa.

NEW CALEDONIA—THROUGH FRENCH BANK

Drafts, Sydney-Noumea and Noumea-Sydney, are on basis of current rate of exchange on Paris, less 1¼ per cent. (approx.) either way. As quoted by the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, in Sydney, and the Banque de l'Indochine, Noumea: On September 12, when the Australian £ was nominally worth 141.85 francs, £100 Australian would purchase a draft in Noumea of 14,125 francs.

WESTERN SAMOA—THROUGH BANK OF N.Z.

Exchange, Australia on Western Samoa, basis

£100 Samoa—buying £A100, selling £A100/10/-.
Exchange, Samoa on London, basis £100 in London:—

	Buying.	Selling.
Telegraphic transfer	£125 0 0	£125 0 0
On Demand	£123 0 0	124 17 6
30 days	122 15 0	124 15 0
60 days	122 10 0	124 12 6
90 days	122 5 0	124 10 0
120 days	122 0 0	124 7 6

ISLANDS PRODUCE

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Coffee

THE following quotations were obtained in Sydney in mid-September:—

Robusta, f.a.q., imported from Java on firm conversion of exchange, c.i.f., prompt shipment, Sydney: Quote No. 1: 22/- per cwt. (new season prompt shipment); quote No. 2: 20/9 per cwt.

Kenya, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt.:—No. 1 quotations: Grade "A", 50/-; grade "B", 47/-; grade "C", 44/-; Triage 37/-; No. 2 quotations (new season prompt shipment): Grade "A" 57/-; grade "B" 48/6; grade "C" 54/6; Triage, 38/6 (drought coffee). No. 3 quotations: Grade "B", 54/-; grade "C", 46/-.

Mysore, f.a.q., prompt shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt.: No. 1 quotations: Grade "A", 56/-; grade "B", 50/6; No. 2 quotation: Grade "B", season closed. Last quote, 54/-; Triage, market closed, no supplies available. Last quote, 44/-.

Arabian (Aden) Hodeidah, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney—No. 1 quotation: 68/6 per cwt. No. 2 quotation, 78/- per cwt.
Note: Importers of coffee from Java, etc., pay the following additional charges: Exchange, duty (4d. lb.), primage (10 per cent.), landing costs (1/- per cwt.). Coffee from Papua and New Guinea escapes most of these charges.

Kapok

Based on firm conversion of exchange, the c.i.f. official prices for kapok quoted in Sydney in mid-September were: Average Java 7¼d. per lb., and prime Japara, 7 7-16d. per lb.

Cocoa

Quote No. 1: Cocoa beans, £25-£30 per ton.
Quote No. 2: New Guinea cocoa £28-£30 per ton.
Quote No. 3: Accra, good fermented (Feb.-Mar. shipment), £25 per ton, c.i.f., Sydney.

Cotton

London c.i.f. cotton prices during the month were: August 12, 4.57d. lb., September shipment; August 19, 4.57d. lb., September shipment; August 26, 4.55d. lb., September shipment; September 2, 4.66d. lb., October shipment; September 9, 4.56d. lb., October shipment.

Ivory Nuts

No. 1 quotation: £6 per ton, f.o.b.
No. 2 quotation: £7 per ton, f.o.b., Sydney.
Quotations nominal.

Green Snail Shell

Green snail shell, good quality, was quoted by Sydney buyers in mid-September, at £50 per ton.

Rice

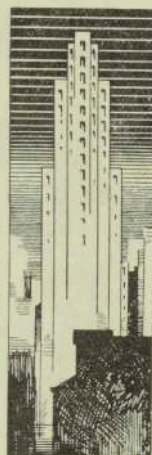
Rangoon rice: packed in 100 lb. bags, £12/10/- per ton; 200 lb. bags, £12/5/- per ton, f.o.b., Sydney.
Australian table rice, packed in 56 lb. bags, £18 per ton.

Trochus Shell

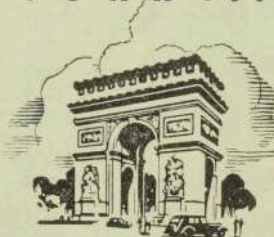
Owing to Japan's restrictions on overseas credits, there have been no sales for some time. Quotations are nominal.
The following quotations, by two firms, represent last sales, several months ago:—

(a) Trochus shell, No. 1 grade ..	£70
Trochus shell, No. 2 grade ..	£80
Trochus shell, No. 3 grade ..	£50
(b) Trochus shell, No. 1 grade ..	£66
Trochus shell, No. 2 grade ..	£56
Trochus shell, No. 3 grade ..	£46

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Market Quotations

THE Pacific Islands Monthly makes a close check of the prices quoted for Islands produce; and we regularly publish the range of prices during each month, including the last available quotation before going to press.

Copra

London Price on—	South Sea, Sun-dried to London Per ton, c.i.f.	Plantation, Hot-air Dried, Rabaul Per ton, c.i.f.
January 1, 1932	£14 0 0	£14 15 0
March 25	£14 17 6	£15 0 0
June 17	£13 2 6	£13 5 0
September 2	£13 17 6	£14 0 0
December 18	£14 2 6	£14 5 0
January 6, 1933	£13 0 0	£13 12 6
March 3	£11 7 6	£11 10 0
June 30	£10 17 6	£11 0 0
September 29	£9 7 6	£9 10 0
December 1	£8 12 6	£9 0 0
January 5, 1934	£8 0 0	£8 7 6
March 30	£7 7 6	£8 0 0
June 15	£7 0 0	£8 12 6
September 7	£7 12 6	£8 15 0
December 28	£9 0 0	£9 12 6
January 4, 1935	£9 5 0	£10 5 0
March 1	£12 2 6	£12 15 0
April 5	£10 15 0	£11 15 0
May 3	£11 17 6	£12 12 6
June 7	£11 15 0	£12 7 6
July 5	£9 12 0	£10 5 0
August 2	£9 15 0	£10 15 0
September 6	£9 17 6	£10 17 6
October 4	£11 7 6	£12 7 6
November 1	£12 17 6	£14 0 0
December 6	£12 17 6	£14 0 0

London 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. 3, '36	£13 2 6	£13 15 0	£15 0 0
Feb. 7	£11 0 0	£14 0 0	£15 0 0
Mar. 6	£11 15 0	£12 15 0	£13 0 0
Apr. 3	£12 7 6	£13 5 0	£13 17 6
May 1	£11 10 0	£11 15 0	£12 10 0
June 5	£11 10 0	£12 0 0	£12 17 6
July 3	£12 0 0	£12 10 0	£13 10 0
Aug. 7	£12 17 6	£13 7 6	£14 7 6
Sept. 4	£13 2 6	£13 10 0	£14 12 6
Oct. 2	£13 7 6	£13 10 0	£14 10 0
Nov. 6	£15 10 0	£15 2 6	£16 5 0
Dec. 4	£19 7 6	£19 7 6	£20 7 6
Jan. 8, '37	£22 12 6	£22 12 6	£23 12 6
Feb. 5	£19 0 0	£19 0 0	£19 15 0
Mar. 5	£19 0 0	£19 5 0	£20 0 0
Apr. 2	£19 0 0	£19 15 0	£20 15 0
May 7	£16 0 0	£16 12 6	£17 12 6
June 4	£15 15 0	£15 12 6	£16 12 6
July 2	£14 15 0	£14 17 6	£15 15 0
Aug. 6	£15 2 6	£15 2 6	£15 17 6
Sept. 3	£13 5 0	£13 5 0	£14 0 0
Oct. 1	£14 15 0	£14 17 6	£15 12 6
Nov. 5	£13 10 0	£13 10 0	£14 5 0
Dec. 3	£12 10 0	£12 12 6	£13 7 6
Jan. 7, '38	£12 12 6	£12 15 0	£13 12 6
Jan. 21	£12 0 0	£12 12 6	£13 0 0
Jan. 28	£11 17 6	£12 0 0	£12 15 0
Feb. 4	£11 2 6	£11 10 0	£12 7 6
Feb. 18	£10 12 6	£11 0 0	£11 15 0
Feb. 25	£11 2 6	£11 5 0	£12 5 0
Mar. 4	£10 17 6	£11 0 0	£12 0 0
Mar. 18	£10 15 0	£11 0 0	£12 0 0
Mar. 25	£10 12 6	£10 15 0	£11 12 6
Apr. 1	£10 10 0	£10 12 6	£11 10 0
Apr. 14	£10 15 0	£10 17 6	£11 15 0
Apr. 22	£10 17 6	£11 0 0	£12 0 0
Apr. 29	£10 17 6	£11 0 0	£12 0 0
May 6	£10 17 6	£10 17 6	£11 17 6
May 13	£10 15 0	£10 15 0	£11 15 0
May 20	£10 15 0	£10 15 0	£11 15 0
May 27	£10 0 0	£10 0 0	£10 15 0
June 3	£9 15 0	£9 15 0	£10 12 6
June 10	£9 15 0	£9 15 0	£10 10 0
June 17	£9 12 6	£9 12 6	£10 7 6
June 24	£10 0 0	£10 0 0	£11 0 0
July 1	£9 17 6	£9 17 6	£10 17 6
July 8	£10 2 6	£10 2 6	£11 2 6
July 15	£10 5 0	£10 5 0	£11 5 0
July 22	£10 5 0	£10 7 6	£11 7 6
July 29	£10 0 0	£10 0 0	£11 0 0

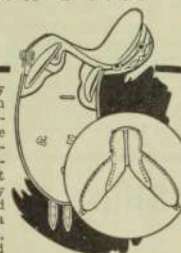
August 5	£9 15 0	£9 15 0	£10 15 0
Aug. 12	£9 12 6	£9 12 6	£10 12 6
Aug. 19	£9 15 0	£9 15 0	£10 15 0
Aug. 26	£9 10 0	£9 10 0	£10 12 6
Sept. 2	£9 10 0	£9 10 0	£10 10 0
Sept. 9	£9 5 0	£9 5 0	£10 5 0

Rubber

London Price on—	Para. per lb.	Plantation Smoked. per lb.
January 6, 1933	4½d.	2.43d.
July 7	5½d.	3.71d.
December 8	4½d.	4.0½d.
January 5, 1934	4½d.	4.28d.
June 4	11d.	9.5-8d.
December 28	5d.	6¼d.
January 4, 1935	5d.	6¼d.
July 5	5d.	7¼d.
December 6	6¼d.	6¼d.
January 3, 1936	6¼d.	6¼d.
June 5	9d.	7¼d.
December 4	1/-	9.1-16d.
January 8, 1937	1/2	10½d.
March 5	11½d.	11.1-32d.
April 2	1/-	1/1 15/16
June 4	11d.	9.5-8d.
August 6	9½d.	9.1-16d.
September 3	9½d.	9.1-16d.
October 1	9½d.	8.9-16d.
November 5	8d.	7¼d.
December 3	7½d.	7½d.
Jan. 7, 1938	7¼d.	7d.
Jan. 28	7d.	7¼d.
Feb. 4	6¼d.	6¼d.
Feb. 25	6d.	7.3-16d.
Mar. 4	6d.	7¼d.
Mar. 25	5½d.	6.1-16d.
Apr. 1	5½d.	5.7-16d.
Apr. 8	5½d.	5.13-16d.
Apr. 22	5½d.	6.3-16d.
Apr. 29	5½d.	5½d.
May 6	5½d.	5½d.
May 13	5½d.	5½d.
May 20	5½d.	5½d.
May 27	5½d.	5.7-16d.
June 3	5½d.	5.9-16d.
June 10	5½d.	6d.
June 17	6d.	5.31/32d.
June 24	6¼d.	6.11-16d.
July 1	7d.	7¼d.
July 8	7d.	7.5-16d.
July 15	7d.	7.5-16d.
July 22	7d.	7.9-16d.
July 29	7¼d.	7.13-16d.
August 5	7½d.	7.11-16d.

Mr. W. J. Knox, an old resident of New Guinea, and Miss R. M. MacKinnon, formerly matron of the Namanula hospital, were married at Buka Passage on August 15. Their hosts were Mrs. W. Duncan, of Lalahan, and Mr. J. Long. It was a festive and very happy occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Knox have settled down in their island home of Mathias.

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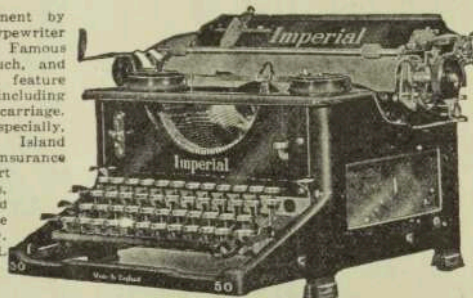
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PREMATURE ADVT.?

Tenders for Cutting N. Guinea Timber

THE New Guinea Department of Lands and Forests is inviting tenders, closing within ten weeks, for the right to take 50 million super feet of hoop pine and Klinkii pine, and a smaller quantity of cedar and other timber from "an area situated in the Bulolo Valley, Morobe district".

It seems a curiously premature invitation. No one can tender until he knows where his market is, and he cannot calculate his market until he knows what will be the nature of his transport, and the cost of same. Those calculations cannot possibly be made until the route of the new Salamaua-Wau road is decided, and an approximate date fixed for the opening of the road.

It has been rumoured that an Australian timber syndicate has offered to contribute liberally towards the road loan, provided it is given an exclusive right to cut timber on the Morobe plateau. Has this apparently premature advertisement anything to do with that rumour?

PACIFIC PEOPLE

TOP.—Left: Mr. W. J. Hancock arrived in Sydney from Fiji by the "Aorangi" on August 26. For a number of years, he has been a popular resident of Suva, where he was manager of the Union S.S. Co.'s office; he has now been transferred to the Newcastle (N.S.W.) branch to take charge. Before taking up his new duties, early in October, he is spending a short holiday in Melbourne and Adelaide. "The gold industry", said Mr. Hancock, "is contributing in no small measure to the prosperity existing in Fiji to-day. The Government building programme and road construction works also are absorbing a good deal of labour". Right: Mr. M. Lowan left Sydney by the "Tasman" on August 24, for Papua, where he will take up a position with Mandated Alluvials N.L., at their workings about 17 miles from Port Moresby. Mr. Lowan has been engaged in mining work in Fiji, Papua, New Guinea and Nauru over a period of 16 years, and prior to going to Pt. Moresby he worked at Mt. Kasi mine, on Vanua Levu, Fiji, for two years. "Prospects in Fiji are good", he said, "and the new road between Suva and Sigatoka, will open up a good deal of country that in the past has been too rough to be prospected".

SECOND ROW.—Left: Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Jones and Mr. W. H. Philippott arrived in Sydney by the "Neptuna" at the end of August. Mr. Jones is manager of the Rabaul Carrying Company, and will spend a short holiday in

Sydney. Mr. Philippott is merchandise manager at Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd.'s branch at Rabaul. Right: Miss C. Ford, of the Union Assurance Society Ltd., Sydney, left for Suva by the August "Mariposa" on transfer. She expects to be in Fiji for two years.

THIRD ROW.—Left: Miss M. Hinde sailed from Sydney for Papua by the "Tasman" on August 24, to spend 12 months with Dr. and



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Mrs. F. J. Williams at Pt. Moresby, where Dr. Williams is Acting Chief Medical Officer. Right: Mr. J. Sexty left Sydney for Port Moresby, Papua, by the August "Tasman", to take up a position with Steamships Trading Company as a turning engineer.

BOTTOM ROW.—Left: Mrs. H. G. Thornthwaite, with her two children, Judith and Warwick, arrived in Sydney by the "Neptuna" late in August to spend eight months' holiday. Mr. Thornthwaite, who is District Engineer at Wau, New Guinea, also arrived by the same vessel. Right: Mr. E. Cording, mining engineer, sailed from Sydney for Papua by the last "Tasman" on an inspection visit to the property of Borneo Options N.L., at Kapa Kapa, 40 miles from Port Moresby.

Mr. B. A. Israel, who lived in Fiji from 1895 until 1920, died in Auckland, N.Z., in August, aged 57. He was in the employ of G. J. Marks and Co., of Navua, for three years before that firm amalgamated with Henry Marks and Co. in 1898. After acting as commercial traveller for a time, he was appointed manager of the Nausori branch in 1903. Later he returned to Suva head office to occupy an executive position. In 1920, he went to Auckland to live in retirement. One of his brothers, Mr. C. Israel, is manager of Morris, Hedstrom's branch at Lautoka.

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Shipping Services in the Pacific

Sydney – Solomon Islands
– New Guinea

Sydney – N.Z. – Fiji – Samoa – Hawaii

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	Mariposa.	Monterey.	Mariposa.	Monterey.	Mariposa.	Monterey.	Mariposa.
Honolulu	Sept. 19	Oct. 17	Nov. 14	Dec. 12	Jan. 9	Feb. 6	Mar. 6
Pago Pago	Sept. 24	Oct. 22	Nov. 19	Dec. 17	Jan. 14	Feb. 11	Mar. 11
Suva	Sept. 27	Oct. 25	Nov. 22	Dec. 20	Jan. 17	Feb. 14	Mar. 14
Auckland	Sept. 30	Oct. 28	Nov. 25	Dec. 23	Jan. 20	Feb. 17	Mar. 17
Sydney	Oct. 3	Oct. 31	Nov. 28	D. 30-J. 2	Jan. 23	Feb. 20	Mar. 20
Melbourne	O. 7-10	N. 4-7	Dec. 2-5	Jan. 6	Feb. 3	Mar. 3	Mar. 31
Sydney	Oct. 14	Nov. 11	Dec. 9	Jan. 9	Feb. 6	Mar. 6	Apr. 3
Auckland	Oct. 17	Nov. 14	Dec. 12	Jan. 12	Feb. 9	Mar. 9	Apr. 6
Suva	Oct. 20	Nov. 17	Dec. 15	Jan. 13	Feb. 10	Mar. 10	Apr. 7
Pago Pago	Oct. 21	Nov. 18	Dec. 16	Jan. 18	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 12
Honolulu	Oct. 26	Nov. 23	Dec. 21	Jan. 18	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 12

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Sydney – Rabaul – Hong Kong

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	Tanda.	Nankin.	Nellore.	Tanda.	Nankin.	Nellore.
Hong Kong	—	Oct. 1	Nov. 4	Dec. 2	Dec. 31	Feb. 3
Manila	—	Oct. 4	Nov. 7	Dec. 5	Jan. 3	Feb. 6
Rabaul	Sept. 13	Oct. 12	Nov. 15	Dec. 13	Jan. 11	Feb. 14
Brisbane	Sept. 19	Oct. 18	Nov. 21	Dec. 19	Jan. 17	Feb. 20
Sydney	Sept. 21	Oct. 20	Nov. 23	Dec. 21	Jan. 19	Feb. 22
Melbourne	S. 26-O. 1	O. 24-N. 2	N. 28-D. 3	D. 26—	J. 23—	F. 27—
Hobart	Oct. 3	Nov. 4	Dec. 5	—	—	—
Newcastle	Oct. 6	Nov. 7	Dec. 8	—	—	—
Sydney, dep.	Oct. 12	Nov. 12	Dec. 14	—	—	—
Brisbane	Oct. 14	Nov. 14	Dec. 16	—	—	—
Townsville	Oct. 17	Nov. 17	Dec. 19	—	—	—
Rabaul	Oct. 22	Nov. 22	Dec. 24	—	—	—
Manila	Oct. 30	Nov. 30	Jan. 1	—	—	—
Hong Kong	Nov. 2	Dec. 3	Jan. 4	—	—	—

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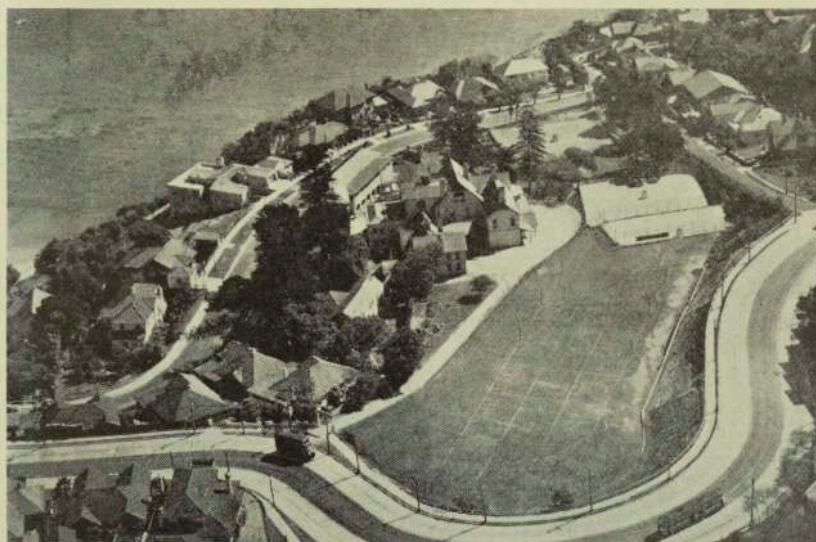
	M.V. Malaita.		
Sydney	Oct. 15	Nov. 26	Jan. 7
Brisbane	Oct. 17	Nov. 28	Jan. 9
Townsville	Oct. 20	Dec. 1	Jan. 12
Cairns	Oct. 21	Dec. 2	Jan. 13
Tulagi	—	—	—
Makambo	Oct. 25-26	D. 6-7	J. 17-18
Gavutu	—	—	—
Su'u	Oct. 27	Dec. 8	Jan. 19
Domma	—	—	—
Mamara	—	—	—
Tasavarong	—	Dec. 9	—
Aruligo	—	—	—
Lavaro	—	—	—
Mamara	—	—	—
Tasavarong	Oct. 28	—	Jan. 20
Aruligo	—	—	—
Meringe	Oct. 29	—	Jan. 21
Hivo	—	—	—
Yandina	—	—	—
Banika	—	—	—
Ufa	Oct. 30	Dec. 10	Jan. 22
Falami	—	—	—
Younger	—	—	—
Pepesala	—	—	—
Lingata	—	—	—
West Bay	—	Dec. 11	—
Somata	—	—	—
Gizo	Oct. 31	—	Jan. 23
Faisi	Nov. 1	Dec. 12	Jan. 24
Kleta	Nov. 1	Dec. 13	Jan. 24
Arigua	Nov. 2	Dec. 13	Jan. 25
Numa Numa	—	Dec. 14	—
Teopasino	Nov. 3	Dec. 15	Jan. 26
Rabaul	N. 4-5	D. 16-17	J. 27-28
Soraken	N. 6-7	D. 18-19	J. 29-30
Kleta	Nov. 8	Dec. 20	Jan. 31
Faisi	Nov. 9	Dec. 21	Feb. 1
Gizo	Nov. 10	Dec. 22	Feb. 2
Tetipari	—	—	—
Russell Is.	N. 11-12	D. 23-24	F. 3-4
Gavutu	Nov. 12	Dec. 24	Feb. 4
Makambo	—	—	—
Brisbane	Nov. 17	Dec. 29	Feb. 9
Sydney	Nov. 19	Dec. 31	Feb. 11

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Sydney — N.Z. — Fiji — Hawaii

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	Aorangi.	Niagara.	Aorangi.	Niagara.	Aorangi.	Niagara.	Aorangi.
Honolulu, —	Oct. 5	Nov. 2	Nov. 30	Dec. 28	Jan. 25	Feb. 22	Mar. 22
Suva —	Oct. 14	Nov. 11	Dec. 9	Jan. 6	Feb. 3	Mar. 3	Mar. 31
Auckland —	O. 17-18	N. 14-15	D. 12-13	J. 9-10	Feb. 6-7	Mar. 6-7	Apr. 3-4
Sydney —	Oct. 22	Nov. 19	Dec. 17	Jan. 14	Feb. 11	Mar. 11	Apr. 8
Sydney, dep.	Oct. 27	Nov. 24	Dec. 22	Jan. 19	Feb. 16	Mar. 16	Apr. 13
Auckland —	O. 31-N. 1	N. 28-29	D. 26-27	J. 23-24	F. 20-21	M. 20-21	A. 17-18
Suva —	Nov. 4	Dec. 2	Dec. 30	Jan. 27	Feb. 24	Mar. 24	Apr. 21
Honolulu —	Nov. 11	Dec. 9	Jan. 6	Feb. 3	Mar. 3	Mar. 31	Apr. 28

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Sydney — Norfolk Is. — New Hebrides

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S.S. Morinda

	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Oct. 27	Nov. 29	Dec. 26
Sydney	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Oct. 27	Nov. 29	Dec. 26
Lord Howe	Sept. 17	Oct. 17	Oct. 29	Dec. 1	Dec. 22
Norfolk Is.	Sept. 19	Oct. 19	Oct. 31	Dec. 3	Dec. 27
Vila	S. 22-23	—	Nov. 3-4	Dec. 6-7	—
Bushman's B.	Sept. 24	—	Nov. 5	Dec. 8	—
Malo	—	—	—	—	—
Tangoa	Sept. 24	—	Nov. 5	Dec. 8	—
Segond	—	—	—	—	—
Aoba	Sept. 25	—	Nov. 6	Dec. 9	—
Hog Har.	Sept. 26	—	Nov. 7	Dec. 10	—
Norfolk Is.	Sept. 29	Oct. 20	Nov. 10	Dec. 13	Dec. 24
Lord Howe	Oct. 1	Oct. 22	Nov. 12	Dec. 15	Dec. 26
Sydney	Oct. 4	Oct. 24	Nov. 15	Dec. 18	Dec. 28

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Papuan Inter-Island Services

M.V. Lakatoi (Burns Philp & Co. Ltd.) makes round trips on a regular schedule from Samarai to Misima Island, via the Conflict Group; also calls at Woodlark Island.

M.V. Nusa (Steamships Trading Co. Ltd.) holds the Papuan Government's contract for carrying mails and passengers on the north-east coast of Papua. The Nusa connects with all Southern mail steamers at Samarai.

S.S. Papuan Chief (Steamships Trading Co. Ltd.) makes regular round trips from Port Moresby to Samarai via Kapa Kapa, Abau, and Baibara, returns by same route; then Port Moresby to Daru via Hisiu, Yule Is., Kukipi, Oroko, Kikori and back via Oroko, Yule Island, and Hisiu—full trip occupying about one month.

Sydney — T.I. — Darwin — Singapore

	Merkur.	Marella.
Sydney	Oct. 6	Dec. 8
Brisbane	Oct. 8	Dec. 10
Townsville (opt.)	Oct. 11	Dec. 13
Thursday Is.	Oct. 14	Dec. 16
Darwin	Oct. 19	Dec. 20
Sourabaya	Oct. 25	Dec. 26
Samarang	Oct. 26	Dec. 27
Cheribon (opt.)	Oct. 27	Dec. 28
Batavia	Oct. 28	Dec. 29
Singapore	O. 30-N. 4	Dec. 31
Batavia	Nov. 7	—
Samarang	Nov. 8	—
Sourabaya	Nov. 9	—
Darwin	Nov. 14	—
Thursday Is.	Nov. 17	—
Townsville (opt.) ..	Nov. 20	—
Brisbane	Nov. 22	—
Sydney	N. 24-25	—
Melbourne	N. 28-D. 1	—

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Sydney — Papua — New Guinea

	Macdhui.	Montoro.	Macdhui.
Sydney	Sept. 24	Oct. 19	Nov. 2
Brisbane	Sept. 26	Oct. 21	Nov. 4
Townsville	—	Oct. 24	Nov. 7
Cairns	—	Oct. 25	Nov. 8*
Pt. Moresby	Sept. 30	Oct. 27	—
Samarai	Oct. 1	Oct. 29	—
Woodlark Is.	—	Oct. 30	—
Rabaul	O. 3-4	Nov. 1	—
Kavieng	—	Nov. 2	—
Lindenhafen	Oct. 5	—	—
Salamaua	—	—	—
Lae	Oct. 6-7	Nov. 4-5	—
Madang	Oct. 8	Nov. 6	—
Alexishafen	—	—	—
Boram	O. 9-10	—	—
Wewak	—	—	—
Madang	Oct. 11	Nov. 7	—
Finshafen	Oct. 12	—	—
Salamaua	Oct. 12	Nov. 8	—
Kavieng	Oct. 14	—	—
Pondo	Oct. 15	—	—
Rabaul	Oct. 17	Nov. 10	—
Salamaua	Oct. 18	—	—
Samarai	Oct. 20	Nov. 12	—
Pt. Moresby	Oct. 21	Nov. 14	—
Cairns	—	Nov. 16	—
Brisbane	Oct. 25	Nov. 19	—
Sydney	Oct. 27	Nov. 21	—

*It is expected that the new motor vessel Bulolo will be ready to replace the Montoro on the Sydney-Papua-New Guinea run in mid-November. In that event, the schedule will be: Macdhui, dep. Sydney November 2, Brisbane November 4, Townsville November 7, Cairns November 8, thence to Papua and New Guinea via the Montoro's normal itinerary: Bulolo, dep. Sydney November 19, Brisbane November 21, and thence to Papua and New Guinea by way of the Macdhui's present itinerary.

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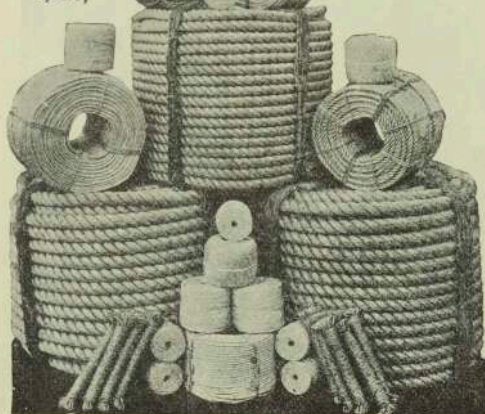
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Fiji Inter-Island Services

S.S. Malake, 736 tons (Burns Philp (South Seas) Co. Ltd.), under contract with Fiji Government. Regular four weekly itinerary comprises: Two trips Buca Bay, returning by same route to Suva—trip occupying 8 days. Two trips each Suva to Lautoka, returning to Suva direct or via Ellington—trip occupying 3 or 4 days.

M.V. Yanawai (Burns Philp (South Seas) Co. Ltd.) makes regular trips from Suva to Labasa, via Levuka and Macuata ports, then returns to Suva.

Trip A: Suva-Labasa, via Levuka and Macuata ports, returning to Suva by the same route. Duration of voyage, 8-10 days. Trip B: Suva-Labasa, via Levuka and Macuata ports, then calling at the ports on the coast beyond Labasa, Natewa Bay ports, Levuka, and Suva. Duration of voyage, 10-12 days.

M.S. Adi Rewa (Morris, Hedstrom Ltd.) makes trips from Suva to Levuka and Labasa via Macuata ports—trip occupies 8 days. Leaves Suva and proceeds to Levuka, Nabouwalu, Lekutu, Dreketi, Naduri, and Labasa. Returns to Suva by same route. On alternative trips she returns from Labasa via Naduri, Nakaloa, Dreketi, Naiserewaqa, Lekutu, Galoa, Nabouwalu and Levuka. The latter round trip from Suva occupies about 10 days.

M.S. Tui Kauvaro (Morris, Hedstrom Ltd.) operates from Suva to Levuka, calling at Lautoka and Ellington. Voyage takes 4 days.

M.V. Tui Cakau (Morris, Hedstrom Ltd.) operates from Suva and makes regular inter-island trips throughout the Colony.

Japan — N.G. — Noumea — New Zealand

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	Naniwa Maru.	Melbourne Maru.
Kobe	—	Nov. 27
Moji	Oct. 29	—
Rabaul	—	Dec. 6
Noumea	Nov. 14	D. 11-12
Auckland	N. 19-21	D. 15-19
Wellington	N. 24-25	D. 21-26
Lyttelton	N. 26-28	D. 27-28
Dunedin	N. 29-30	D. 29-31
Manila	—	J. 19-20
Hong Kong	—	Jan. 22
Shanghai	—	Jan. 25
Kobe	Dec. 24	Jan. 29

The trip of the Brisbane Maru scheduled to commence from Japan on September 25 has been cancelled.

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Sydney — Noumea — Tahiti Service

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Mails and passengers from Sydney for Tahiti may connect with Messageries Maritimes liners at Noumea, per Pierre Loti (see Sydney-Noumea-New Hebrides service). The M.M. liners run between Marseilles and Noumea, via Panama Canal.

	Verdun.	Eridan.	D'Amiens
Papeete	Sept. 15	O. 22-23	Dec. 4-5
Rafatea (opt.)	—	—	—
Suva	—	Oct. 31	—
Vila	Sept. 26	Nov. 2	Dec. 14
Noumea	S. 28-O. 6	N. 4-12	D. 16-23
Vila	Oct. 9	Nov. 15	Dec. 26
Rafatea	Oct. 18	Nov. 22	Jan. 2
Papeete	O. 19-21	N. 23-25	J. 3-5

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Sydney — New Guinea — Hong Kong

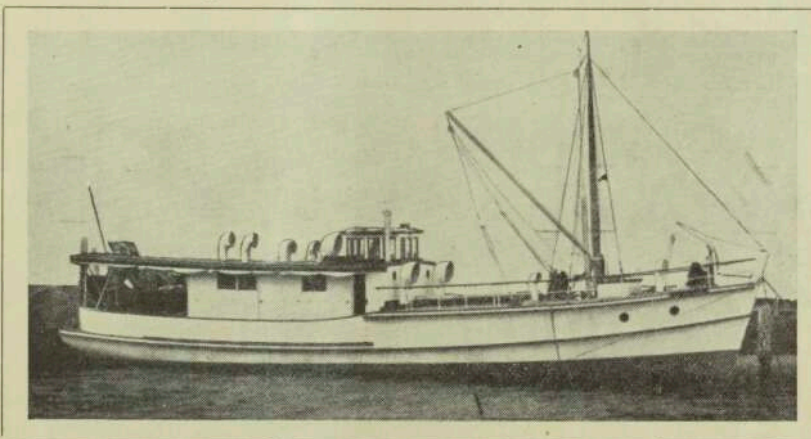
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M.V. Neptuna.

Sydney	Nov. 9-12	J. 13-18	M. 22-25	M. 26-31	Aug. 2-5	Oct. 6-11	D. 13-16
Salamausa	Nov. 19	Jan. 25	Apr. 1	June 7	Aug. 12	Oct. 18	Dec. 23
Rabaul	Nov. 21	Jan. 27	Apr. 3	June 9	Aug. 14	Oct. 20	Dec. 25
Cebu (opt.)	Nov. 28	Feb. 3	Apr. 10	June 16	Aug. 21	Oct. 27	Jan. 1
Manila	Dec. 1	Feb. 6	Apr. 13	June 19	Aug. 24	Oct. 30	Jan. 4
Hong Kong	Dec. 3-7	F. 8-12	A. 15-19	J. 21-25	A. 26-30	Nov. 1-5	Jan. 6-10
Saigon	Dec. 13	Feb. 18	Apr. 25	July 1	Sept. 5	Nov. 11	Jan. 16
Madang	Dec. 24	Mar. 1	May 6	July 12	Sept. 16	Nov. 22	Jan. 27
Salamausa	Dec. 27	Mar. 4	May 9	July 15	Sept. 19	Nov. 25	Jan. 30
Rabaul	Dec. 30	Mar. 7	May 12	July 18	Sept. 22	Nov. 28	Feb. 2
Sydney	Jan. 6-7	Mar. 14	M. 19-20	July 25	S. 29-30	Dec. 5	Feb. 9
Melbourne	J. 9-11	M. 17-20	M. 22-24	July 28	Oct. 2-4	Dec. 8-11	Feb. 12

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**Europe – Suva – N.Z. –
Sydney – New Guinea**

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M.V. Rabaul			
London ..	Sept. 23	Sydney ..	Nov. 30
Suva ..	Nov. 16	Salamaua ..	Dec. 10
Auckland ..	—	Rabaul ..	Dec. 22
		London ..	Feb. 22

M.V. Salamaua, the sister ship of M.V. Rabaul, is due to arrive in England from Pacific Islands ports on November 3. Her next sailing date will not be announced until the date of the introduction of the new W.R.C. vessel "Suva" into the service is known.

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N.G. Inter-Island Services

S.S. Maiwara and M.V. Mullama (Burns, Philp & Co.) make regular round trips from Rabaul to New Ireland and Bougainville ports; New Britain-Manus-Witu; and New Guinea mainland ports.

S.S. Coombar, M.V. Desikoko, M.V. Duranban (W. R. Carpenter and Co. Ltd) make sailings from Rabaul every two or three weeks to various ports in the Territory.

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**New Hebrides Inter-Island
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M.V. Polynesian (Messageries, Maritimes Ltd.) maintains a service from Vila to northern and southern ports as well as occasional trips to Wallis and Futuna Islands. The service comprises the following:—

Wallis and Futuna Is.:—Leaves Vila on September 26, calling at Siguave, Mata Utu, and returns on October 13.

Northern run: Leaves Vila on Oct. 20 calling at N'Guna, Mal, Tongoa, Diamond Bay, Ringdove, Nelson, Paama, Port Sandwich, Craigcove, Olai, Rhanone, Wanour, Bale Home, Pointe Truchy, Melsissi, Namarang, Loitong, Loloque-pue, Nengire, Lone, N'Dui-N'Dui, Port Patterson, Port Olry, Hog Harbour, Baie des Requins, Baie des Tortues, Mate Wulu, Saramy, Saraoutou, Surrenda, Aisse, Luganville, Malo, Barclay, Malo Pass, Baie Benier, Vao, Walla, Norsup, Sarmette, Rensari, Banam Bay, Ouessou, Port Sandwich, Lamap, Sakau (Maskelines), and returns to Vila on November 5.

Southern Run:—Leaves Vila on December 7, calling at Lenakel, Ibok, White Sands, Waississi, Erromanga, La Teouma, Mele, and returns to Vila on December 12.

Central Pacific Services

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M.V. Matua			
Auckland ...	Sept. 8	Sept. 22	
Cook Is.	Sept. 12	—	
Outer Cooks ..	S. 13-14	—	
Cook Is.	Sept. 15	—	
Nukualofa ...	—	S. 25-26	
Apia	—	S. 27-28	
Suva	—	Oct. 1	
Auckland ...	Sept. 21	Oct. 5	

The cargo steamer Hauraki (7,113 tons) will depart from Sydney on October 5 (approx.) for Suva (Fiji), Papeete (Tahiti), and North American ports. She will carry a limited number of passengers, in addition to mail and general cargo. The following cargo vessel is scheduled to leave Sydney early in November.

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N. Zealand—Samoa—Niue

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The New Zealand Government's steamer Maui Pomare (1,159 tons) is the only direct connection between N.Z., the Mandated Territory of Western Samoa and Niue Island. The vessel, which carries mails, passengers, and cargo, is controlled by the Department of External Affairs at Wellington, where application should be made concerning freights, berths, etc.

M.V. Maui Pomare			
Wellington	Oct. 4	Nov. 1	Nov. 22
Apia	O. 11-13	N. 8-10	N. 29-D. 1
Niue	Oct. 15	Nov. 12	Dec. 3
Lyttelton ..	O. 24-25	Nov. 21	Dec. 12
Wellington	Oct. 26	Nov. 22	Dec. 13

**Sydney – Noumea – New
Hebrides – Indochina**

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Pierre Loti			
Sydney	Oct. 20	Nov. 17	Jan. 20
Noumea	O. 24-26	N. 21-23	J. 24-26
Mare	Oct. 26	—	Jan. 26
Vila	O. 27-28	N. 24-25	J. 27-28
Luganville ..	Oct. 29	Nov. 26	Jan. 29
Le Dart	O. 30-31	N. 27-28	J. 30-31
Norsup	Oct. 31	—	—
Saigon	—	D. 13-15	—
Halphong ..	—	D. 18-22	—
Luganville ..	—	Jan. 6	—
Le Dart	Nov. 2	Jan. 7	—
Vila	N. 2-3	J. 8-9	Feb. 1-2
Mare	Nov. 4	—	Feb. 2
Noumea	N. 5-6	J. 10-12	Feb. 3-4
Sydney	Nov. 10	Jan. 16	Feb. 8

Note.—The "Pierre Loti" will call at Pt. Sandwich and Sakau des Maskelines on November 1.

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**Saigon – Java – South
Seas – N.Z. – Sydney**

Tasman. Maet-suycker. Tasman.			
Saigon	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 14
Singapore ..	Sept. 17	O. 17-18	N. 16-17
Batavia	S. 19-20	O. 20-22	N. 19-21
Samarang ..	Sept. 21	Oct. 23	Nov. 22
Sourabaya ..	Sept. 22	Oct. 24	Nov. 23
Pt. Moresby ..	Sept. 29	Oct. 31	Nov. 30
Samarai	—	Nov. 1	—
Salamaua ..	—	Nov. 3	—
Rabaul	—	Nov. 5	—
Vila	Oct. 4	—	Dec. 5
Noumea	O. 5-7	—	D. 6-8
Auckland ..	O. 11-12	N. 12-15	D. 12-14
Wellington ..	O. 14-15	N. 17-18	D. 16-17
Sydney	O. 19-21	N. 22-24	D. 21-23
Pt. Moresby ..	Oct. 27	Nov. 29	Dec. 29
Sourabaya ..	Nov. 3	Dec. 6	Jan. 5
Samarang ..	Nov. 4	Dec. 7	Jan. 6
Batavia	N. 5-7	D. 8-10	Jan. 7-9
Singapore ..	Nov. 9	Dec. 12	Jan. 11
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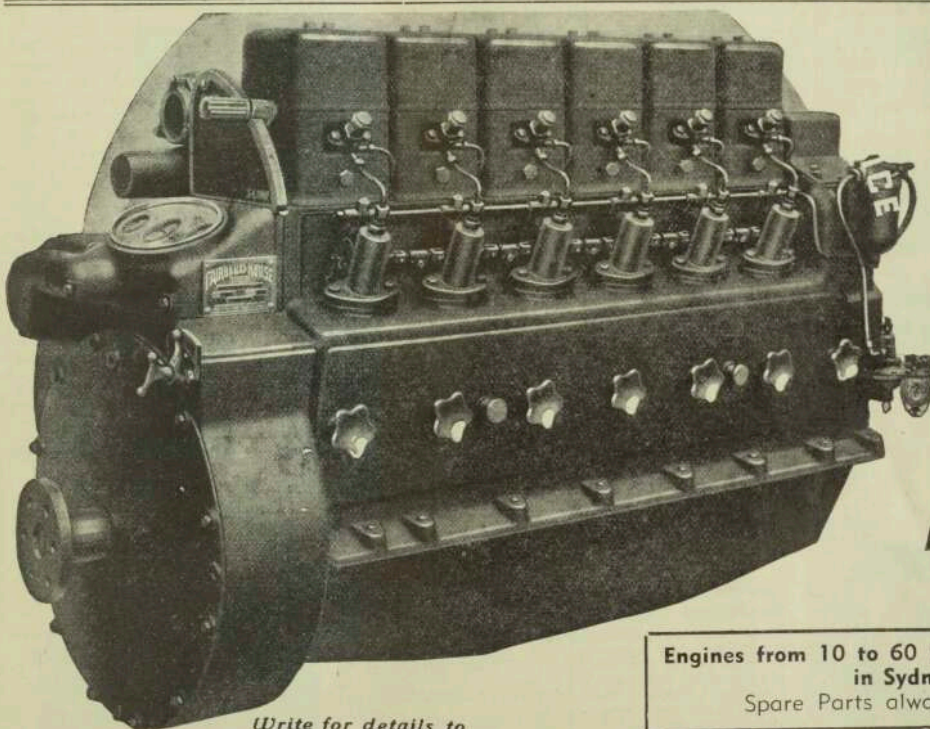
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ATTACK ON N.G. PATROL

Native Constable Killed; 'Plane
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TWELVE natives, including an official constable, were killed and many were seriously wounded when a hostile tribe attacked a section of the Taylor Patrol (now exploring Central New Guinea), at Wabag, 70 miles from Mt. Hagen, on August 28.

Wabag is one of the patrol's supply base camps and was in charge of Mr. C. B. Walsh, Medical Assistant, while Assistant District Officer J. L. Taylor (leader) and Patrol Officer J. R. Black had pushed on further into unknown country. Four police with 35 carriers went to a nearby village to buy pigs, but a dispute occurred and the villagers suddenly attacked with poisoned arrows.

In the skirmish that followed, Constable Gerchon was captured and killed and a carrier seriously wounded; 11 of the attackers were killed and many received serious wounds.

Using his teleradio set, Mr. Walsh got into touch with the Administrator at Rabaul, and a plane with District Officer E. Taylor and Mr. P. O. Downs, accompanied by native police with stores and ammunition, was sent out to Wabag from Salamaua, via Madang. By September 1, the situation was well in hand, and the natives were quiet. Mr. Downs, with a detachment of police, remained at Wabag. D. O. Taylor returning to Salamaua by plane.

VALUE OF EXPEDITION

In his address to the Legislative Council of New Guinea on August 24, the Administrator, Sir Walter McNicoll, referred thus to the Hagen-Sepik patrol:—

"The first written reports and maps from this important exploring party indicate the extremely valuable nature of the work being done. The duration of this patrol may not be completed for at least six months.

"The operations have been greatly facilitated by radio communication, in which the Administration has had the willing co-operation not only of the official A.W.A. station, but of several wireless amateurs, particularly Mr. L. Williams, of Salamaua, and Mr. R. Chugg, of Madang. Another most helpful feature was the skilful and successful dropping of food supplies by a Ford aeroplane belonging to Guinea Airways, and piloted by Mr. T. O'Dea and Mr. K. Garden."

Mr. J. Russell, 64, formerly of Levuka, Fiji, died at Sigatoka early in August.

Miss Flora Saunders arrived at Rabaul, T.N.G., by the "Nankin" in mid-August to be married to Mr. Carl Vagey, manager of the Methodist Mission's Ulu plantation.

Mr. B. N. Whitehead, of Witu, New Guinea, was married to Miss Eileen Nixon in the Church of England, Rabaul, on September 6. Mrs. J. Craig Price, of Melbourne, was matron of honour, and Mr. H. G. W. Brinston was groomsmen.

Mr. H. P. Smith recently died in the Colonial War Memorial Hospital, Suva, at the age of 74 years—43 spent in Fiji. He was in business at various times at Taveuni and Levuka before joining A. M. Brodzia and Co., at Labasa, later being transferred to Nausori. On his return to Fiji from the Great War, he was with Henry Marks and Co. for a short period and then took up land under the Government's soldier dairy settlement scheme at Tailevu.

Rt. Rev. W. H. Baddeley, Bishop of Melanesia, arrived in Auckland, New Zealand, from Sydney by the "Awatea" in early August. He told the newspapers there that the incidence of leprosy in the Solomon Islands was causing alarm. Where two years ago it was not thought the disease existed, there are now 600 sufferers. Compulsory segregation of patients does not exist, and they come and go as they like, undoing much of the good work done by the mission, which has a small leprosarium. Bishop Baddeley will board the "Southern Cross" for the New Hebrides late in September.

Guinea Airways probably will establish a regular aerial service between Pt. Moresby and the Kanosia district, to serve the group of plantations lying near Galley Reach, some 40 miles west of Pt. Moresby.—Own Correspondent.



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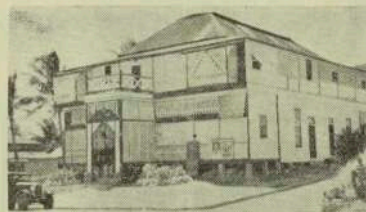
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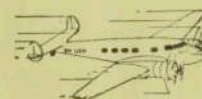


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1936	6,476	12,137
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1938	8,408	12,120
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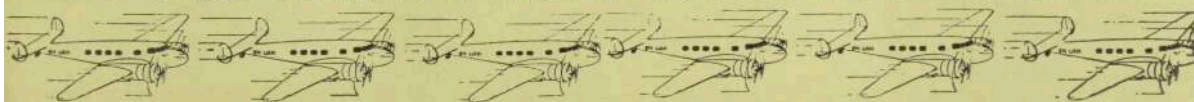
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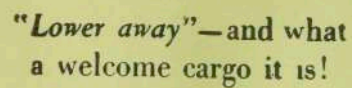
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