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WHERE DID THAT CRAB GO?

IT is a relief, in these days of horror and terror, to turn to a quiet, peaceful scene on a remote beach. This young lady (caught by the ready camera of A. Hettig beside a Tongan lagoon) is one of the happy few who find nothing wrong with life in 1941.

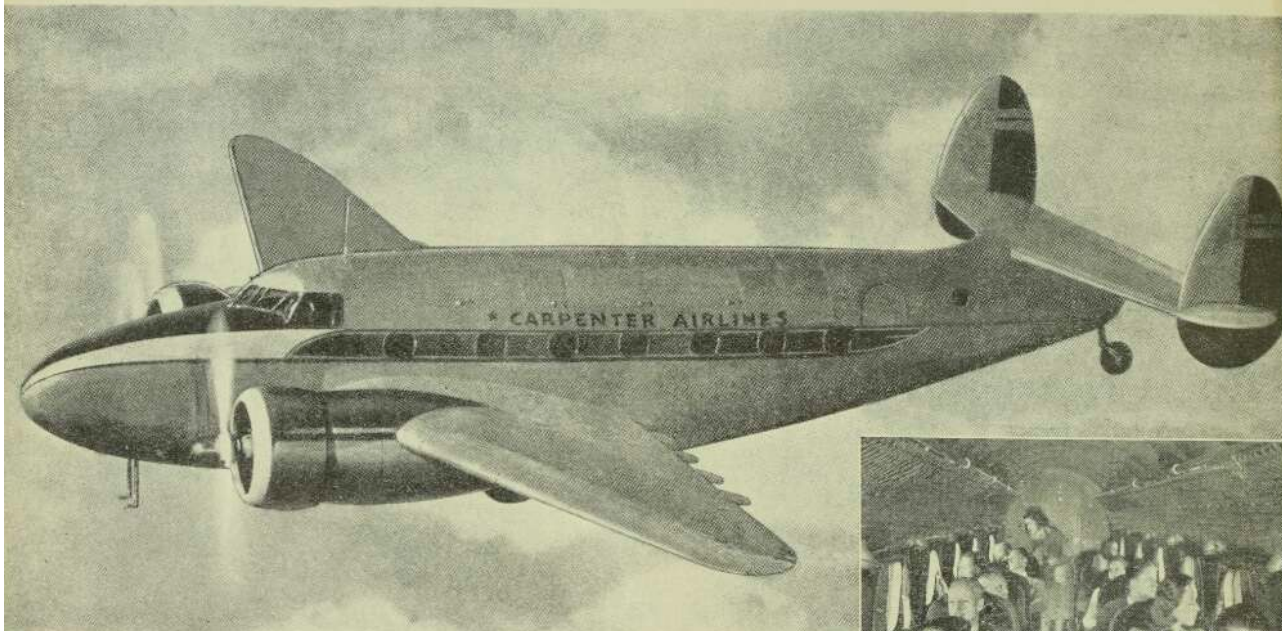
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PACIFIC NEWS-REVIEW

NOTES AND COMMENT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR FROM JUNE 15 TO JULY 13

June 15: The general situation has most commentators puzzled. No German bombers are attacking Britain at present, which indicates that German aerial strength is concentrated elsewhere; and, although Germany was expected to continue her attack upon the British in the Middle East through Crete, Cyprus and Syria, there has been no advance in this direction. On the other hand, there are insistent reports that there are huge concentrations of German forces upon the German-Russian border, which means that Germany is going to fight with the Soviet.

If Germany and Russia should begin fighting, the war will enter a new and very different phase, far more favourable for Britain. At least 2,000,000 German troops, with the hitherto unbeaten Panzer divisions, are on the Russian frontier, but few people dare hope for a clash between the two great Powers. If it occurs, Germany must be supremely confident of a quick victory over Russia. Any other outcome of such a move clearly would mean the ultimate destruction of Germany. If she is being forced into such a move, it is because she must have oil, wheat and other materials; and, if she cannot quickly overthrow Russia, her condition will be desperate.

June 15: Australian forces, moving up the coast of Syria, co-operating with Free French and British forces in the centre, and British forces coming overland from Irak, are concentrating on Damascus, capital of Syria, which is now virtually surrounded. The allied forces, step by step, are taking possession of southern and central Syria.

June 16: Russia semi-officially states that Germany is not seeking any concessions from Russia and that there is no prospect of a clash between them.

June 16: A German pocket battleship on Friday was badly damaged by British aerial torpedoes, off the coast of Norway, when going out into the Atlantic on a raiding expedition. It returned towards Kiel.

June 16: Increasingly strong squadrons of fighters and bombers are now, every day, making wider and wider sweeps over German-occupied France, attacking enemy planes and ground establishments wherever they find them.

These are remarkable operations, insofar that they show the British steadily gaining control of the sky over the coastal districts, and the zone of aerial combat shifting from over Britain to over northern France.

June 16: Commentators say that Germany's concentration of troops on the Russian frontiers is a plan to conceal preparations in Norway and elsewhere for another attempt to invade Britain. It may also be intended to put pressure on Russia for economic concessions. They forecast a German-Russian agreement, under which Russia will grant substantial supplies of wheat and oil.

June 16: Strong British forces to-day commenced an attack on enemy columns in Eastern Libya. A tank battle is in progress in the neighbourhood of Sollum.

June 17: The British, on the western frontier of Egypt, penetrated enemy lines as far as Fort Capuzzo. The enemy strongly counter-attacked. The British retired to their original positions.

June 17: It is now believed that Germany is demanding from Russia full control of the Ukraine and a passage for German troops across Caucasia, whence they could dominate the Russian oilfields, enter Irak and Iran, and outflank the British armies in the Middle East.

June 17: United States Government has ordered all German consulates and agencies in USA to be closed by July 10—the result of the German Government using this organisation for espionage.

June 18: An amazing system called "radio location", developed by British scientists for detecting the approach of any enemy aircraft or ships, by means of ether waves, is now officially disclosed. No raider can approach Britain undetected.

June 19: Turkey and Germany have signed a 10-years treaty of friendship. The treaty includes a clause safeguarding the Anglo-Turkish treaty of mutual assistance (October, 1939). This may be part of Germany's plans in relation to Russia.

June 19: Although America is buzzing with rumours of pending events of great importance, very little is said in Britain. Commentators seem completely puzzled about the huge concentrations of German and Russian forces.

June 19: For the eighth night in succession, the RAF heavily raided Germany and occupied France, while daylight sweeps are regularly made by very numerous forces of British bombers and fighters.

June 20: Both Imperial and enemy forces suffered heavy losses in armoured vehicles and personnel in the battle around Sollum and Halfaya Pass (Libya). The battle was indeterminate.

June 20: The British and Free French in Syria are making steady, slow progress, and are in the suburbs of Damascus. The Australians, having captured Sidon, are pushing slowly up the coast, towards Beirut.

June 20: Newspapers insist there is tension between Germany and Russia; but a German official spokesman denied that Germany had begun to invade Russia, or that border clashes had occurred. Russia says her armies are engaged in large-scale military exercises.

June 20: Germany and Italy demand the closure of USA consulates in their countries, in retaliation for America closing their consulates.

June 22: This morning, at daylight, German armies invaded Russia, and fighting is now taking place along the entire frontier, from the Arctic to the Black Sea. The Finns are assisting the Germans in the north and the Roumanians in the south.

Hitler, in a proclamation broadcast after the German armies had marched, offered some unconvincing reasons for his action, and accused the Soviet of having betrayed the German-Russian Non-Aggression Pact of August, 1939.

Molotov (Russia's Foreign Minister), in a later broadcast, said that the German aggression was "a murderous act by gangster German fascists". Germany, in spite of her pact of non-aggression and friendship, had suddenly hurled herself upon Russia, without any warning, or declaration of war.

This wholly unexpected and startling development alters the world's strategic situation, and profoundly modifies the position of the Western Democracies. All commentators expect that the German Panzer divisions will quickly cut the Russian armies to pieces—but, nevertheless, the enormous masses of Russia will suffice to keep Germany's military might fully engaged for some time, thus allowing Britain and USA time to develop their mechanical strength against Germany's western frontier.

June 22: Damascus, capital of Syria, surrendered at 3 p.m. on June 21. Bit-

ter fighting preceded the fall of the city and fighting is still going on between the Allies and Vichy French in different parts of Syria.

June 22: President Roosevelt described the sinking of the American freighter, "Robin Moor", by a German submarine as "the ruthless act of an international outlaw". He said that commensurate action would be taken.

June 23: In a striking speech, made a few hours after Germany struck, the Prime Minister (Mr. Churchill) declared that Britain would give Russia any help within her power. Britain was not concerned with Russia's politics, he said—Britain was the ally of any men, anywhere, who fought for their personal liberty against the ruthless might of the mechanised and brutalised hordes of Germany.

June 23: The daylight sweeps of the RAF over occupied France and Belgium and the nightly attacks by RAF upon German cities, are growing in intensity, and are designed to assist the Russians. That these attacks have been going on for 10 days indicates that, whatever the newspapers may have said, the British Government was aware of the impending attack upon Russia, and therefore used its growing air force to embarrass the common enemy.

June 23: Intense fighting is proceeding along 2,000 miles of battlefield between Germans and Russians, and the whole position is confused.

The Russians are standing on a front created when they moved westward last year into Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland and Bessarabia. Under German pressure, they probably will retire slowly to their old fortified line (Stalin Line), which is on the soil of Russia proper, 50 to 100 miles further east.

June 23: The Russo-German development has caused confusion and consternation in Japan. Japan has a treaty of friendship and non-aggression with Germany and Russia, and does not know what to do. Urgent meetings of Cabinet are being held.

June 24: Russia has accepted an offer by Britain to send economic and military mission to Moscow.

June 24: Hungary, as a member of the Axis Pact, has declared war on Russia.

June 25: While gigantic battles on the Russo-German frontier give few indications of results, it appears that generally the Germans are being held. Few expect this resistance to last long. Britain and USA are being urged to take advantage of every hour to perfect their defences.

June 26: The Russian Air Force made devastating attacks on the Roumanian oilfields, and upon the Roumanian Black Sea port of Constanza. This may cripple Germany's oil supply, and alter her plans to transport troops across the Black Sea to the Russian oilfields, in Caucasia.

June 26: Italy, having declared war on Russia, is sending an expeditionary force against the Russians. There is no indication of extreme alarm in Russia.

June 26: The RAF battering of Germany by night, and northern France by day has reached a new peak of ferocious intensity. The attack is now in its fifteenth successive day. The RAF is using as many planes in its raids over Germany as the Germans used over England last September.

June 29: German troops from Norway have crossed Finland and are marching against Murmansk. Murmansk is Russia's

only open port. It is in the Arctic, but is free from ice. Russian ports in the Baltic and Black Sea are, of course, closed by the enemy.

June 29: To-day, a week after the Germans attacked Russia, it is clear that the main German thrusts in the central and Baltic areas are being held, while they have made little progress on the Bessarabian front.

June 29: After hesitation, the London Stock Exchange evidently decided that the entry of Russia into the war will assist the Allies, because it reports the briskest week of business for a long time.

June 30: Authoritative opinion in London is that Germany, after eight days of fighting against Russia, has failed to achieve anything like the successes she expected.

July 1: The RAF continues its attacks on the enemy. During last week the enemy lost 183 planes and the RAF 65.

July 1: Leading American commentators still insist that the swift movement of events on the central European front indicate a decisive defeat of Russia before long.

July 1: Japan is still in a condition of agitation over the European war. An announcement is "expected at any moment".

The fact is that Japan does not know where she stands. The Fascist elements would like to fight beside Germany, but the more responsible classes fear to take any drastic action. If Japan moves against Russia, the United States will move against Japan. Japan would like to drive southwards, to take advantage of the embarrassed situation of Britain and the Dutch East Indies—but dare not. Japan will remain neutral so long as Germany does not gain any outstanding victory over Britain or Russia.

July 3: Germany is slowly advancing, and Russia slowly retreating—but unbroken and in good order.

July 3: Stalin, Russian dictator, said in his "scorched earth" broadcast that as the Red Army retreated everything of use to the Germans would be destroyed. No grain, animals, petrol, railways, rolling stock, must be left behind. Every Russian must carry on guerilla warfare. The Germans, commenting from their radio stations, declared that the Russians will be bitterly punished for all such destruction.

July 6: After two weeks of Russo-German war, the position appears as four main German thrusts—one, a three-pronged drive from Finland against the Murmansk area; two, a drive from East Prussia and North Poland aimed against Leningrad in the north, and Moscow, in the east; third, a drive against Kiev, in the Ukraine, across South Poland; four, a drive against Southern Ukraine, across Bessarabia. The Germans have made some progress in all these drives, but they still are not far from the old frontier of Russia.

July 6: General Sir Archibald Wavell has been appointed British Commander-in-Chief in India, and General Sir A. Auchinleck becomes Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East.

July 6: British Foreign Secretary (Mr. Eden) said Britain was not in any circumstances prepared to negotiate with Hitler at any time, on any subject.

July 6: British submarines in the Mediterranean sank several supply ships, crippled a merchant cruiser and sank Italian cruiser, "Gorizia" (10,000 tons).

July 6: Italy's resistance in Eritrea, Abyssinia and Somaliland is now practically ended and the British are completely in charge of the situation.

July 7: Germans now officially admit that their loud-spoken hopes of a fort-

night ago, of "a six weeks' walk-over on the Russian front", must be modified, and that there is now every possibility of the war going on into the autumn.

If that is really the German view, there must be gloom in Berlin. The more responsible commentators scarcely yet dare give voice to their hope that the Russian armies are big enough, and sufficiently well trained and equipped to hold the mechanised might of the enormous German Army. But the fact that the German armies still are being held indicates that the Russians are far stronger than had been dreamed of, and definitely gives rise to the hope that the course of the war now may be altered. How long can Germany stand up to a well-equipped and ruthless Russia on her eastern frontier, while the ever-growing RAF of Britain batters her mercilessly, day and night, in the west? How long, under these changing conditions, can the enslaved masses of France, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Greece and Yugoslavia be held down?

July 7: The flow of American war goods to Egypt under the Lease or Lend Act is now about one shipload per day—tanks, planes and guns.

July 8: Latest reports indicate that the German blitz against Russia is slowing down—at least, temporarily. Stockholm reports say the Russians are more than holding their own. Other reports say the Germans have paid a terribly high price in men, materials and precious time for a mere approach to the Stalin Line. Germans, however, claim that they have pierced the line in several places.

July 8: United States naval forces have landed in Iceland to supplement the British garrison there—a clear indication of American determination to protect the sealanes against German interference. It is believed that President Roosevelt has ordered the American Navy to clear the Atlantic shipping routes of surface raiders and submarines.

July 9: British Prime Minister says the American occupation of Iceland is "one of the most important events since the war began".

July 9: In what is now officially described as an air invasion, the RAF made further raids on Germany on Tuesday night. Berlin admits the raiders penetrated to central Germany.

July 10: The Russians claim that they are strongly countering the three main German drives, and there are indications that the German progress is slow.

July 10: There have been negotiations between the British and the Vichy French in Syria for the surrender of Beirut and an armistice in Syria generally. General Dentz has been instructed by Vichy to seek an armistice, but nothing appears to have been done, and latest report is that fighting is still going on.

July 11: British production of guns and tanks increased by more than 50 per cent. in the first quarter of 1941, and by more than 100 per cent. in the second quarter, compared with the last quarter of 1940.

July 11: United States naval forces are landing in Ulster, to occupy a naval base that has been prepared for them there.

July 13: Vichy Government has agreed to British terms for an armistice in Syria and hostilities have ceased.

July 13: Agreement signed between Britain and Russia provides: 1.—The two Governments undertake to assist and support each other in every way against Germany; 2.—Neither will seek a separate peace.

GALLANT RESCUE

19 Shipwrecked Men Saved in Samoa

EARLY in June, a large fautasi (rowing boat), carrying 20 important Chiefs and Mau orators, was capsized in a heavy sea off the south-west coast of Upolu, Western Samoa. Night was approaching. Two men tried to swim ashore: one was drowned, and one returned to the capsized boat—which was rapidly drifting seawards.

In the dusk, they yelled in chorus. Young Chris. Hellesloe, a banana planter (now gone on active service) heard the faint sound, and investigated, and located the party in distress.

With great difficulty, owing to the wild sea, the drifting fautasi, and the fact that, on each trip, they had to "jump the reef", Mr. Hellesloe and two Samoan assistants, between 7 p.m. and 3 a.m., in a 12 ft. dinghy, brought all 19 men ashore. Some were old men, and all suffered much from exposure; but all recovered.

NEW AUSTRALIAN MINISTER TO VISIT TERRITORIES

THE new Minister for the Australian Territories (Mr. McDonald) accompanied by his private secretary (Mr. Bathurst) and the secretary of the Department (Mr. J. R. Halligan), will leave Sydney on Thursday, July 17, by aeroplane, and make an official visit, extending over about three weeks, to the chief centres in Papua and New Guinea.

Canberra on the 11th instant advised that the Ministerial party would fly direct to Rabaul and spend about one week there; a week would be spent in the Morobe district of New Guinea; and the third week in Papua, with headquarters in Port Moresby. The party hopes to return to Sydney on August 4 or August 11.

An article about the new Minister is printed on page 46.

RADIOPHONE LINK WITH PAPUA

A COMMERCIAL radio-telephone service between Australia and Port Moresby was opened on Monday, July 14, with a three-way conversation between the Postmaster-General, Mr. T. J. Collins (formerly Islands Minister), Hon. H. L. Murray (Papuan Administrator), and Mr. A. McDonald (new Islands Minister).

Until the extent of the demand is known, the service will be available from 10 a.m. until noon each day, except Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Smith, who was born on Gamea Island, Fiji, 54 years ago, died in Suva after a long illness, on June 8. She was the daughter of a pioneer settler, Mr. Frederick Mitchell. Her husband, Mr. S. F. C. Smith, well-known in Levuka, predeceased her four years ago.

Mr. Laurence Lonngren, who had lived in Fiji for 33 years, died in Suva on June 27, aged 55. Lately a member of the staff of Corbett's Butchery in Suva, he previously had been for many years in the employ of A. M. Brodziak and Co., and, later, Morris, Hedstrom Ltd. He left a widow and two sons—Mr. L. P. L. Lonngren, of the Bank of NSW staff, and Mr. L. M. Lonngren, formerly of Pearce and Co., and now in the RAAF.

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Sister Adelaide, one of the pioneer sisters of the Marist Mission, died at Buka Passage, TNG, on June 12, at the age of 57. Born in France, she joined the Society in 1911 and went to Faisi, BSI, in the following year, later going on to Koromira station. She served later at Tanagole and Hanahan.

Several men from Misima Island, Papua, are now serving with the AIF in the Middle East—Mr. "Tich" Wilson is in a tank corps, and Messrs. Les. Savage and Jim Mason are in an anti-tank unit (together with three men from Port Moresby, Messrs. H. Morton, R. Short and J. Monks). Mr. Jack Wilson, of Misima, is in Palestine.



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Sir Walter Carpenter, who has spent most of the past year in Canada, where he has been instrumental in establishing copra crushing mills, will leave Sydney again, late in this month, for North America.

Mr. Claude Blestowe, who was well known in the Morobe District, New Guinea, before he joined the RAAF, is completing his training at the Bombing and Gunnery School, Evan's Head, NSW.

Mr. W. Parsons, of Wau, has returned to New Guinea after having been discharged from the AIF as the result of a foot injury.



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The Age of Miracles is Not Past

A Survey
By
R. W. Robson

IN a tram-car, recently, I heard a
fat man squealing. He was one
of those priceless public pests, a war-
news know-all.

"Why doesn't Britain land a million
men in France, and go 'em?" he
bawled. "Why doesn't the RAF
bomb the Roumanian oilfields? Why
doesn't the bloody fleet blast the
Italian ports? What are we sitting
around for, anyway?"

One just naturally wanted to cut
his silly throat; but one must re-
member that we actually are fight-
ing for the right of just such harm-
less people to express their own
opinions, and that, in any event, it is
not easy for the average, non-
studious man to get this frightful
war-picture into correct focus.

GO back one year. France lay pros-
trate. Russia was aloof, in-
calculable. America was vociferously
sympathetic, but practically helpless
—her countless industrial millions
still geared to peace-time organi-
sation and outlook. Britain, alone in
the world, stood up before the
Totalitarian monster, unconquered
and defiant.

How vividly I remember June, 1940.
I had been so sure that France would
not surrender but would, instead, re-
tire to North Africa and keep on
fighting. Then came the great be-
trayal by "the men of Vichy" (a

name that will go with Quisling into
our language as a synonym of
shame), and we faced stark realities.

How could Britain, a semi-armed
peace-loving nation of 50,000,000,
defy a magnificently-armed, war-
mad Germany of 80,000,000, assisted
by a well-equipped Italy, a sym-
pathetic Japan, and at least
100,000,000 enslaved European indus-
trialists?

Certainly, Britain had a matchless
navy. But her Air Force, if incom-
parable, was still small, and half her
army comprised the unequipped, dis-
organised, if unbeaten men just with-
drawn from Dunkirk. Is it any won-
der that Hitler said "the war will be
over by September", and proceeded
leisurely to the kill!

It did not seem possible that
Britain could survive. I was one who
spent many of those Sydney winter
nights at the radio, picking up scraps
and bits of information from every-
where, wondering why the Hun did
not immediately spring upon the Old
Country, and put our Empire out of
existence. I still do not know why.
Dunkirk had been Miracle No. 1.
This let-off in July was Miracle No. 2.

Hitler gave the British July as a
breathing-space; and when he struck
at them, so confidently, by air, in
August and September, they beat him
back—God knows by how narrow a

margin. But he was decisively beaten.
Miracle No. 3.

THEN came the European winter.
The baffled Hun told Mussolini
that, if he wanted to collect, he had
better do something. A half million
Italians, flag-wagging and drum-
thumping in typical Dago fashion,
prepared to march into the Valley of
the Nile, from Libya and Abyssinia,
and overwhelm the small British
forces. Britain, trying in desperate
haste to equip her home troops
against the expected 1941 invasion,
and to build up the RAF so that it
might strike at western Germany,
was not likely to send heavy equip-
ment for her Middle East armies.
Yet, within six months, those small
British and Imperial forces drove all
the Italian armies out of Africa, re-
stored Abyssinia to her ruler, took
Syria from the Vichy French, and re-
occupied Iraq. Miracle No. 4. The
reverses in Libya, Greece and Crete
were bad. But we still held Egypt
and the Middle East.

BEING defeated in daylight raids in
August-September, 1940, the
Hun, in the 1940-41 winter, developed
the night "blitz"; and, early in 1941,
with growing masses of night bom-
bers, he began systematically to
destroy the capital and chief indus-
trial cities of Britain.

No words yet written have described
adequately the terrors, horrors and
destruction of those blitzes. Britain,
according to all rules and calculations,
should have capitulated, as Hitler

intended. But the British kept on working, and they sang as they worked: and they further equipped their island against invasion, and trained new armies, and built more ships, and repaired a million tons of damaged shipping, and quadrupled their aeroplane output, and fought the silent, ceaseless Battle of the Atlantic, and somehow found time to send huge equipment to Singapore and masses of armaments to Greece and China. I think I should call all this another miracle. If I add the fact that, in this hectic period, January-April, 1941, the British perfected and operated a secret gadget that has driven the night bombers out of the English sky, I am sure I may bring all this into account as Miracle No. 5.

Think of what that little country achieved in organisation and production, under almost ceaseless, merci-

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less bombing, within a few months. And then consider the place in history of fat men who squeal in trams about Britain's war effort!

BUT the great test still was to come. Germany, thrusting here, thrusting there, by May, 1941, held enslaved all of Europe except Spain, Portugal, Finland, Sweden and Russia; and Spain, Sweden and Finland did her bidding. She had at least 8,000,000 men under arms. She was mistress of the world, except for Britain (still defying her), Russia (with whom she had a pact of non-aggression), Japan (her formal but non-belligerent ally), and the United States (defiant, but changing so slowly to belligerence as to be only partly in the picture, as yet).

Clearly, Britain must be crushed, and that quickly. That was how Britain herself read the Nazi mind, and she prepared accordingly. Writing here only on June 14 last, I visualised a terrifying thing. I could see every British man and woman in position on the defences, equipped with every device that ingenuity and industry could make or America could supply, awaiting a "blitz" that would go on and on until our heroic people were submerged by countless millions of oncoming Huns. I hated the picture I saw; but I had no doubt about what was coming.

But, even as I wrote on June 14, reports were accumulating of a massing of Germans on the Russian frontier. Hitler, they said, was going to attack Russia. I could not believe it. Some people had never lost faith in a Russo-German clash; but all the best-informed opinion in 1941 (Walter Duranty, for instance, just back after years in Moscow) agreed that Russia would submit to almost any German demands, rather than engage in war. Reports in that week

insisted that, for reasons no one was capable of explaining, a vast war was about to break out between Teuton and Slav. But, although I myself had forecast a year before (in June, 1940) that if Germany attacked Jugoslavia and entered the Balkans, Russia probably would attack Germany, I could not imagine that the danger we all saw now hanging over Britain could so suddenly be diverted.

I was a sceptic until, on Sunday, June 22, I heard the BBC man in London say: "Hitler directed his armies to attack the Soviet at 4 a.m. to-day. Germany and Russia are now fighting".

MIRACLE No. 6—and a miracle indeed. Even now, I cannot imagine how it happened. "Those whom the gods destroy, they first make mad". What madness fell upon Hitler, that he was induced to dissipate his mighty strength upon the Russian Colossus, when he could have kept Russia quiet while he anticipated American aid and smashed Britain? We may never know. It remains as one of the war's major mysteries, like Hitler's failure to invade Britain in July, 1940, and the flight of Hess.

We cannot imagine what may come out of this Russo-German clash. Perhaps Russia will be broken, and Germany will gain a route around the Black Sea into the Middle East, and a source of vast, unlimited supplies that will allow her to carry on the war against Britain and USA for years, if necessary. Perhaps Russia will stand up against Germany's military might long enough to dislocate Hitler's plans. But this we know. If, when the snow falls in Moscow, in September, Hitler has not broken Russia, Germany will have lost the war.

MEANWHILE, the high-spirited British people are given a wholly unexpected breathing-space—a chance, while Russia holds the destroying Hun, to build up defences and armaments to the utmost, re-organise shipping and put the Anglo-American accord upon a sounder and more practical basis. The chances, still, are that the Hun will smash Russia in time to allow him to throw his whole weight upon Britain, before the end of 1941. The danger is so great; there is so little time; and America moves so slowly.

Nonetheless, we may not forget that strange things have happened, in this strange war. Miracles.

Lieutenant-Commander A. W. R. McNicoll, RAN, has been awarded the George Medal "for gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty". This short cabled announcement was published in Sydney newspapers on July 9. Congratulations to Sir Ramsay and Lady McNicoll, of Government House, Rabaul, on the great honour achieved by their son. The George Medal is the civil equivalent of the Victoria Cross.

Sister Veronica, who recently completed furlough in New Zealand, is expected to return shortly to Bunana Island, BSI, where she is a member of the "Sisters of the Cross" organisation.

ROLL OF HONOUR

(It is hoped to assemble, here, the names of men, former residents of the Pacific Territories, which appear in British and Free French casualty lists, or in lists of honours awarded. We should be grateful if relations and friends would send us details.)

KILLED IN ACTION

A/Bdr. N. W. BERTWISTLE, NGX 53, AIF artillery, of Rabaul, New Guinea. Killed in action, April, 1941.

Pte. Felix CRAIG, AIF, formerly of accounts department, Australasian Petroleum Co., Port Moresby, Papua. Reported killed, June, 1941.

Flight-Lieutenant G. J. L. CLARKE, of the RAAF, serving overseas, formerly Assistant Flight Superintendent of Carpenter Airways, New Guinea. Reported missing, 25/9/1940—now presumed killed.

Flying-Officer Moresby GOFTON, of the RAF, son of Mrs. F. S. Stewart, of Wau, New Guinea. Reported missing, 17/5/1940—now believed killed.

Flying-Officer K. J. A. JOHNSTONE, of the RAF, who was born in Suva in 1915. Reported missing, 1/5/1940—now believed killed.

DIED FROM WOUNDS

Sergeant-Pilot Peter Clarkson WISE, of the RAF, son of Mr. W. Wise, OBE, Director of Public Works, Fiji. Wounded by anti-aircraft gunfire during bombing raid over Germany, January, 1941. Returned with crew safely to England, died two days later.

DIED FROM ILLNESS

Pte. Clarence A. HUTTON, VX 8310, AIF, formerly of Edie Creek, New Guinea. Died from illness, April, 1941.

MISSING

Sgt. G. B. BLACK, NGX 55, AIF, Pay Corps. Reported missing, 18/6/41; reported "re-joined unit" 23/8/41.

A/Sgt. A. A. S. COTMAN, PX 8, infantry, of Abau, Papua. Reported missing—believed prisoner of war, 5/5/1941.

Peter HETHERINGTON-MARTIN, of the NZ Forces, son of Mrs. M. Hetherington-Martin, of Fiji. Reported missing during Greek campaign, 30/5/1941.

Gnr. A. L. KING, NGX 7, AIF artillery, of Rabaul, TNG. Reported missing, 16/6/1941.

John O. SMITH, NZ Forces, son of Captain Smith, of "Tui Kauvaru", and Mrs. Smith, of Suva, Fiji. Reported missing, 29/5/1941, during Greek campaign.

WOUNDED

Pte. V. BLANCO, AIF infantry, of Thursday Island. Reported wounded in action, 8/7/1941.

Pte. Thomas BYERS, AIF infantry, of Thursday Island. Reported wounded in action, May, 1941.

Stanley HIGGS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Higgs, of W. R. Carpenter and Co., Ltd., well-known in New Guinea. Member of an English Lancers' regiment, wounded during evacuation from Dunkirk, May, 1940.

Cpl. W. H. LANNEN, AIF artillery, of Rabaul, New Guinea. On 30/6/1941 reported "wounded in action—on seriously ill list".

Capt. Edward Tiwi LOVE, NZ Maori Battalion, husband of Mrs. Takau Rio Love, Ariki-nui, of Rarotonga, Cook Islands. Reported missing during Greek campaign, 27/5/1941; later, 22/5/1941, reported "found wounded".

Gnr. E. G. LOBAN, QX 6357, AIF artillery, of Thursday Island. Wounded during Greek campaign, May, 1941. Reported July, 1941, he being invalided home after having his left forearm amputated.

Cpl. R. McKERRIE, AIF, of Yandina, BSI, wounded in face by bomb explosion, April, 1941.

A/Sgt. A. H. MACLEAN, AIF infantry, of Rabaul, New Guinea. Reported wounded in action, 30/6/1941.

Private H. G. TURNER, of Samarai, Eastern Papua, wounded in action with AIF in Western Desert, Egypt, January, 1941.

PRISONERS OF WAR

A/Cpl. P. W. BOSGARD, QX 9, AIF infantry, of Papua. Reported missing, 5/5/1941. Vatican radio announced he was prisoner of war at Sulmona, Abruzzi, Italy, 29/6/1941.

Pte. W. GOSSNER, QX 10, AIF infantry, of Port Moresby, Papua. Reported missing, 7/5/1941; reported prisoner of war, Abruzzi, Italy, 6/7/1941.

A/Cpl. J. H. LONERGAN, NGX 99, AIF, Supply and Transport, of New Guinea. Reported missing, 5/6/1941; reported prisoner of war at Corinthia, Italy, July, 1941.

DECORATIONS

James R. HYDE, of the RAF, formerly a patrol officer in Namatani and Sepik districts, TNG, has been awarded the DFC for the part he played in bombing raids on Heligoland Bight,

"You Lie, Darlan!"

How Valiant Henri Sautot Leads Free French in the South Pacific

IT is time that someone told the delightful, inspiring story of Henri Sautot, Governor of New Caledonia, and champion of Free France in the South Pacific.

The men of Vichy capitulated to Hitler in June, 1940. General de Gaulle defied Vichy, and called to the French Empire to fight with him, as Free France, beside Great Britain.

The French Colonies, stunned, silent under the shock of the Vichy surrender, gave no answer. It seemed that de Gaulle would fight alone.

Then, in July, 1940, from one of the smallest French outposts (Port Vila, New Hebrides), there came one small, stout voice. Henri Sautot, French Resident Commissioner, declared for de Gaulle and Free France.

At first, there was hesitation, equivocation. The "PIM" likes to remember that it received Sautot's fiery address, printed it in French, and distributed thousands of copies in New Caledonia and French Oceania.

Then, in August and September, as it was seen that Britain was unconquered, Free France began to stir itself. In the South Pacific, West Africa, the Cameroons, there was a rally to de Gaulle.

But the voice of valiant Henri Sautot led all the rest.

The pro-Vichy Governor at Noumea radioed to Port Vila, sacking Sautot. Sautot defied him.

Free French forces stirred, asked Britain for help. Britain gave certain help. Tahiti declared for de Gaulle in August.

ON September 19, the pro-Vichy Governor in New Caledonia was deposed and Henri Sautot, arriving simultaneously from Port Vila, became Free French Governor of New Caledonia and High Commissioner over New Hebrides and Tahiti.

It has not been all roses for Henri Sautot. There is a small, virulent minority of French Fascists in New Caledonia and Tahiti, and the Free French officials have had to handle them severely.

On June 18, at a military review in Noumea, Governor Sautot outspokenly denounced the pro-German Vichy regime. Admiral Darlan, he said, had declared that France's Pacific Colonies "were taken over by the English". Here is M. Sautot's answer:—

"Monsieur Darlan, you are a liar. I solemnly attest, standing here before the memorial to our dead, that N. Caledonia is and will ever remain French, that the Etablissements Français de l'Océanie are also more than ever French, and will so remain, and that it is not the man who has delivered France bound hand and foot to Germany who can reproach us with having handed over these colonies to Britain. Caledonians and Tahitians are not for sale. Monsieur Darlan, they are fighting precisely to remain French, and for that cause they are prepared to triumph or to die."

Late in June, five pro-Vichy officials of New Caledonia, and three others, were put into an internment camp on Freycinet Island, near Noumea. Early in July, in Tahiti, firm action was taken against MM. Brunet, Rene Pailloux and Roger Mille, officials who had been actively anti-de Gaulle and anti-British. Fifth Column activity and other treacheries in French Colonies will not be tolerated by the de Gaulle regime.

Early in July, it was announced from

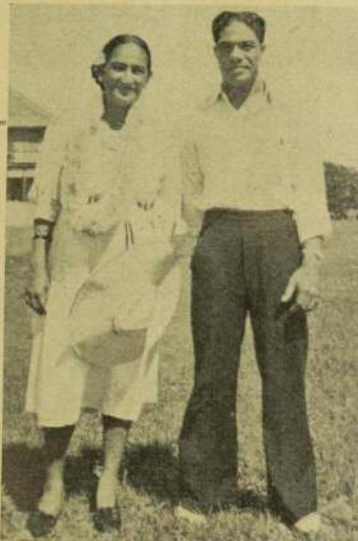
Paramount Chief of Cook Is.

Mrs. Takau Love Wins Ariki Case

BY decision of the NZ Supreme Court on June 18, Mrs. Takau Rio Love, elder daughter of the late Makea Nui Tinirau, has finally been awarded the title of Ariki Nui (Paramount Chief) of the Cook Islands.

The case has been in the courts, both in Rarotonga and Auckland, for over two years. Appeals were made against Judge Ayson's original decision to grant Mrs. Love the title by both Mr. W. P. Browne (Putua Rangatira) and his wife, Tuvaine Rangatira.

In his summary, Supreme Court Judge Ostler declared that Tuvaine's claim was so hopelessly out of the running that if she had not been married to Mr. Browne nothing would ever have been heard of any claim from her. He further stated that Mr. Browne's own claim was "ridiculous". He dismissed both appeals, with £30 costs.



Mrs. Love, Ariki Nui of Rarotonga, with the young High Chief of Samoa, Malietoa Tanu—a photograph taken in Apia last year.

Now in NZ, Mrs. Love is expected to return to Rarotonga almost immediately, to take up permanent residence at Taputapuatea (the Ariki home). She is an attractive young woman, wife of Captain Tiwi Love (member of a prominent Maori family), who now is overseas with the NZ Forces, and they have twin daughters. Mrs. Love's official title will be Makea Nui Takau Ariki.

Vichy that Darlan and company had "deprived M. Henri Sautot of French nationality".

"This is the greatest honour of my life," remarked M. Sautot. It was an acknowledgment by Vichy that he was really working for the liberation of France.

General de Gaulle telegraphed to M. Sautot: "This action has been imposed by the Gestapo on all who personify French resistance to Germany. Congratulations on the honour due to your patriotism."

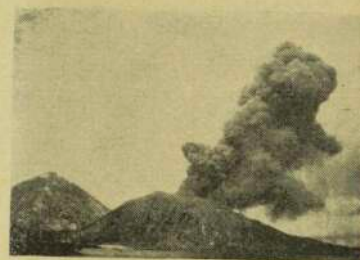
UNENDURABLE DUST

What Matupi is Doing to Rabaul

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, July 7.

MATUPI volcano has been quiet for a couple of days; but there is no guarantee that the emissions of clouds of dust, which have been going on irregularly for some time now, will not begin again at any moment.



Matupi in action. A snapshot from the harbour, by C. H. Meen.

Compared with our experiences in the 1937 eruption, there has been nothing alarming in Matupi's activity; but the conditions created have been almost intolerable.

Clouds of pumice dust rise from the volcano to a height of 700 or 1,000 feet; and these are slowly carried by the prevailing south-east winds to the northwards, where they fall upon the town of Rabaul. There is dust everywhere—on the roads, in the gardens, in the houses, even in one's food. Cars plough through it in the streets, raising it into clouds again; it lies thickly on the roofs and is washed into the water-tanks. It gets into the throat and lungs, and causes extreme irritation.

In so many words, it can be said that if these discharges of pumice dust from Matupi are to be a regular or frequent thing, life in Rabaul will not only be uncomfortable beyond words—it will be unendurable.

Everyone is hoping that this particular form of volcanic activity will die away. If it does not, it may be taken as certain that it will compel the evacuation of Rabaul.

This significant paragraph appeared in "Rabaul Times" on June 20:—

"Householders should remember to disconnect their water down-pipes from tanks to avoid the water in tanks becoming polluted with unclean rain-water from dust-covered roofs. A good suggestion is to clean out the gutters every day to obviate the dust accumulating too much and thus forming a cement-like mass at the first rain."

Here is a note, dated June 22, from a well-known resident of Rabaul:—

"Matupi is giving us a very bad time. I doubt whether, if it continues to eject smoke, dust, etc., over Rabaul for months, people could work here. Dust is in everything, whichever way the wind blows, because it is in the trees, in the roads—in fact, everywhere. I think the danger is considerable, but the nuisance is the worst feature to me."

COPRA IS BETTER

Pooling Plan Recedes as Merchants Regain Markets

IT was formally notified in the New Guinea Gazette on June 30 that a "copra control board" for the Mandated Territory of New Guinea has been appointed. The names are shown below.

We are officially informed that this territory committee, or board, will not begin to administer the regulations until the date of their commencement is fixed by notice in the Commonwealth Gazette.

There is no word yet of the appointment of a similar control board for Papua.

The whole South Pacific copra situation has improved considerably since the elaborate centralised plan was made, six months ago, for the purchase, pooling and marketing of South Pacific copra, by a Board formed by Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. It is possible, now, that the big firms will take care of the situation, and that the Governments will withdraw, giving the firms their blessing, and maintaining merely a "watching brief".

The factors which caused the change are: The creation of an important new market (through crushing mills) in North America by Sir Walter Carpenter; the organisation and stabilisation of markets in Britain and Mexico, and of transport thereto; a marked decrease in production, especially of low grades. In other words, the gap between production and consumption has been almost closed.

All the present production of Papua, New Guinea and Solomons is apparently being sold and shipped, by Burns, Philp & Co., W. R. Carpenter & Co., and one or two smaller traders, at prices better than the £4/10/- per ton, on plantation, suggested by the Government.

Fiji is finding a market in Canada and Mexico. Fiji merchants are buying all good copra offering at £4/10/- Fijian. Most of Samoa's copra is being bought by the NZ Government and distributed as stock-fodder. Tonga's copra, being consistently low-grade, is unsaleable.

It is believed that the three Governments concerned (Australia, NZ and Fiji) are reconsidering the position. Australia, as announced, has been getting ready to pay £4/10/- per ton; but the Government could see plainly that it was heading towards very serious and expensive problems of storage, marketing and shipping. Probably, it will be glad to leave matters in the hands of the big firms, under certain safeguards (to be operated by the Territories Committees) designed to protect the interests of the planters in these difficult times.

There is a distinct possibility, now that Russia is fighting Germany, that the copra market in Japan (which developed last January and was cut off by Britain because it was feared the oil was finding a way across to Germany) will be recovered.

NEW GUINEA COMMITTEE

THE Copra Control Committee for the Mandated Territory of New Guinea will be as follows:—

Hon. Gerald Hogan, chairman.

Mr. J. C. Archer, executive member.

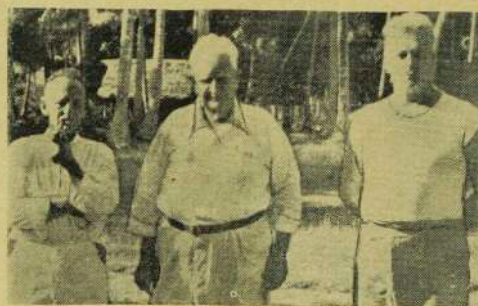
Mr. F. J. MacKenzie, finance member.

These three men are well qualified for the task, and the arrangement generally

is approved by planters—except those very few who have contracts for better markets.

Hon. G. G. Hogan is New Guinea's Crown Law Officer, and a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils. He is also Chairman of the New Guinea Patriotic Funds Board, Chairman of the Petroleum Advisory Board, Chairman of the Council of Legal Education, and a member of the Medical Board. For about twenty years he has been in touch with every branch of territory administration. He was Chairman of the Mortgagors' Relief Committee, which in 1938-1939 investigated the position of Territory agriculturists and made a thorough examination of the copra industry.

Mr. J. C. Archer has been an officer of the Commonwealth Audit Department since 1916. Since about 1931, he has been the Delegate in New Guinea of the Custodian of Expropriated Property,



Three well-known men of Eastern Papua. From left to right: Mr. Edward Auerbach, Trobriand Islands; the late Mr. Fred. Evenett, whose accidental death occurred in June; and Mr. E. W. Harrison.

which has made him an authority on matters relating to the copra industry. He knows nearly all the planters, and has a knowledge of practically every plantation in the Territory. He was a member of the Mortgagors' Relief Committee.

Mr. F. J. MacKenzie is the manager of the Rabaul branch of the Commonwealth Bank. He has been about three years in the Territory, and has taken a keen interest in its economic, agricultural, and other problems. He is regarded in the Territory as a very sound man.

FII'S PROBLEMS: SHIPPING AND STORAGE

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, June 12.

FIIJI planters read with interest the Report of the Sydney Copra Conference (published in May—"PIM")—but the general opinion about the Report in Fiji is that it was added before it was hatched!

So far as Fiji is concerned, the pressing problem appears to be the shipping situation. Either vessels must be obtained to take copra away or extra storehouses must be built to store it until it can be lifted.

Vessels seem unlikely to be available, and neither the Fiji Government nor anyone else appears inclined to build storehouses. The old storage accommodation is rapidly being filled, and within two or three months it seems probable that copra buying on either Government account or on merchants' account will cease. It is understood that the Government is considering the giving of a grant to push up copra buying prices, but it is

Fred Evenett, of Samarai

Killed by Premature Dynamite Explosion

From a Special Correspondent

SAMARAI, June 21.

THE death, by a premature explosion of dynamite, of Mr. Fred (Brassey) Evenett, one of the best known and most popular residents of Eastern Papua, has saddened the community. He was killed at the anchorage of Taleba, Goodenough Island; and his injuries were so severe that it is certain that his "passing" was instantaneous.

Brassey (as he was affectionately known to most of us) was one of a fast dwindling band of pioneers associated with the beginning of things in this country. He was a planter, recruiter, and owner of a considerable amount of property in and around Samarai; generous to the nth degree (no one sincerely in need failed to get his kindly sympathy and help); a good "mixer"; an incomparable host; in short, the type of settler whose death is an irreparable loss to us all.

Mr. Evenett would have been a mine of information to any writer desiring details of Papua's early history. He had a keen and retentive memory and was an interesting and witty raconteur. It is to be regretted that his knowledge of the early history of white settlement in Eastern Papua was not placed on record.

As a lad in his teens he visited Sudest, in a schooner from Cooktown, as long ago as 1884. The vessel was treping fishing, and eventually got back to Queensland. Some years later, Brassey came back and settled in Samarai.

From Daru to the Mambare, and from the Trobriands to Rossel, this tragic death of one of our best known men will be felt as a personal loss.

difficult to see how this can be done if copra ceases to be bought at all.

Shipping and storage are the essential difficulties, and no conference in Sydney or elsewhere can produce ships out of the ocean or make it reasonable to face the heavy expenditure of building large stores under present conditions.

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ISLANDS WEDDING IN SYDNEY



From left: The bridegroom, Mr. Gordon Watson Smith, the bride (formerly Miss Anna Laurenson, of Apia, Samoa), Mr. Eric Ramsden (honorary secretary of the Pacific Islands Society), and Mrs. Jean Steinberger (wife of Dr. Steinberger, of Sydney), who was matron-of-honour.

—Photo: May Moore, Sydney.

MISS Anna Laurenson, well known in Apia, Samoa, married Mr. Gordon W. Smith, at Pitt Street Congregational Church, Sydney, on Saturday, July 5.

Mr. Smith (an old boy of King's College, Auckland) has been engaged in gold-mining at Bougainville and at Wau, T.N.G. and he was at Wau when, last year, he enlisted in the A.I.F. He was discharged recently, owing to illness; but he is now well again, and is about to proceed to Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, as a member of Mr. Theodore's new gold-seeking expedition. The new

Mrs. Gordon Smith will remain, for the present, in Sydney, where she has many friends.

Mrs. Steinberger attended the bride, and the bridegroom was supported by Mr. Eric Ramsden, honorary secretary of the Pacific Islands Society (of which the young couple are members). Sergeant Alfred Page, A.I.F., gave the bride away, and subsequently proposed her health at the reception held at his home at Bronte, where Mrs. Page (Lefagoalii) and Mrs. Smith, the bridegroom's mother, received the guests.

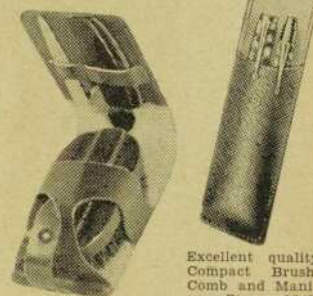
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Announcing this in the Legislative Council on June 7, the Governor (Sir Harry Luke) said Britain and NZ have agreed to share with Fiji the cost of establishing a seadrome with all appropriate facilities at Laucala Bay, near Suva. At present it is not intended to embark on any comprehensive work in connection with the new base, PAA being prepared to call at Suva as soon as temporary mooring and fuelling facilities are provided. These will be completed in the near future.

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TROPICALITIES

TWO Australian soldiers in Port Moresby involved themselves in a heap of trouble lately. Under the influence of lousy liquor, they wandered over to Ela Beach, late at night, seeking adventure. They found it in the bakery of G. Smith & Co., where they decided to pick a fight with the two native assistants. Bread was being made, so they seized the native men and tried to put them in the flour trough. Assistance

came, and the heroes were thrown out. Back in the moonlit road, they caterwauled their excitement to the stars, and then they went back and smashed the front windows of G. Smith & Co. By this time, policemen had arrived from over the hill, and the festive lads were taken into custody. Next morning the magistrate expressed his opinion of such behaviour in simple words of one syllable, and the two gentlemen were convicted on a series of offences and sentenced to 14 days.

One hates to think of the effect of such conduct by men of the "taubada" class upon the minds of native Papuans. Soldiers who have no sense of the obligations that lie upon a European should not be allowed in Papua or New Guinea.

INTEREST has been aroused locally by the imminent but, alas, temporary return to Fiji of Dr S. M. Lambert, who was widely known throughout the Western Pacific as the Rockefeller Foundation representative (says our Fiji correspondent, writing on June 10). It was hoped that, when Dr. Lambert had seen his book safely through the publishers' hands, he would return permanently to such of the Pacific Islands as had no libel actions awaiting him. Rumour, however, suggests that a too-cautious publisher insisted on the omission of the most interesting paragraphs from Dr. Lambert's book; and rumour also suggests that his return to Suva and other places in the Western Pacific will be quite temporary. Even so, many scores of his friends will welcome his visit.

IN times long past, when the world was young, Ro'o was the messenger of the sun-god, Tane.

Like all messengers, he became the bearer of gossip and scandal, tittle-tattle and vague chatter, which eventually placed him in the pantheon of Polynesia as the god of rumour.

When the great gods departed, Ro'o was left behind to shift for himself. There was no place for him in the solemn council chamber of oblivion to which they had retired. Nor did the mouldering marae in groves and valleys offer him sanctuary.

The Papeete market square, however, appeared a likely place and he established himself there. So congenial has he found this new abode that he has remained there until this day.

Ro'o was born from a cloud and most of the oracles from his modern marae are as damp and foggy as his birthplace. The worshipful company who gather each morning at dawn to receive the oracles add to their murkiness when they disperse to their homes to relate them to their friends and neighbours.

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market-place and there are always silly, misty-minded people to believe them—even in this day of radio and press and accurate sources of information.—A.C.R.

TO the Australian, the term "souvenir" has a somewhat different meaning from that generally accepted in France. Lieutenant Robert Guillemet, a young officer from New Caledonia, with the Free French force in camp in Australia, learned that to his cost, recently, in Sydney. The officer was dining with a friend at a well-known hotel. His hat and gloves were left in the vestibule, almost within sight of the dining-room. When he came to collect his possessions, the French kepi had disappeared. Actually, the gloves were more valuable. However, the souvenir-hunter evidently preferred the officer's cap. The theft was a particularly mean one, as Lieutenant Guillemet had no possible hope of replacing his loss, and he had to leave for abroad without the cap.—Eriki.

WHEN ships of the American squadron that visited Sydney and NZ spent two days in Suva recently, interest in the visitors was more than perfunctory—they were enthusiastically welcomed ashore, and many entertainments were exchanged (says our Fiji correspondent). Speculation was aroused when most of the sailors' farewells included the announcement: "We'll be right back before you know it!" Though there is no information as to whether the British Government is considering leasing bases to the US Navy in Fiji, such as have been arranged in the West Indies, it is an open secret that the new American Consul in Suva has had a naval attaché appointed to his office.

STRANGE ships that pass in the night! The other evening, in Sydney, two men from opposite ends of the Pacific met at a function arranged by the Pacific Islands Society. One was formerly a miner in New Guinea, the other a Tahitian soldier. Neither could understand the other very well, though schoolboy French helped a little. Before parting, the ex-miner asked if the young Tahitian had a watch. The lad, believing that he had been asked the time, replied: "Aita" (no). Thereupon, his new friend removed a gold wristlet watch from his arm and placed it about that of the Tahitian!—Vakatin!

WAU STRIKE "STILL GOING ON"

From Our Own Correspondent

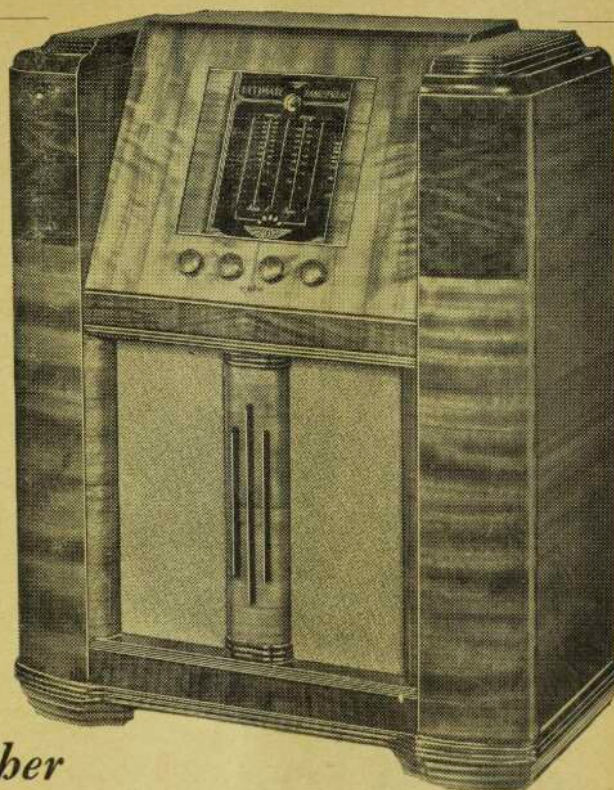
ORIGINALLY, 104 European employees of New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. went on strike. Up to this day, 44 have resumed work, 5 have applied for re-employment but have not been placed; 31 have left the Territory; 7 are working elsewhere, and 17 remain to be officially listed as strikers.

We understand that Mr. Arthur Blakeley, senior Commonwealth arbitration inspector, formerly a Federal Minister, is being sent here by Canberra to inquire into the miners' working conditions.

If 17 remaining unemployed out of 104 constitute a strike, then the strike here can be described as still going on.

A description of the extraordinary political situation created by this strike is contained in an article on page 20.

Miss E. Steel, returned to New Zealand in June after completing a term of service with the Samoan Education Department.



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Death of Sir B. Sweet-Escott

Fiji Governor Who Tricked the Germans in 1914

SIR BICKHAM SWEET-ESCOTT, M.A., K.C.M.G., who ended a distinguished career in the British Colonial Service as Governor of Fiji between 1912 and 1918 (when he retired), died in Worthing, England, on April 10, at the age of 83.

Sir Bickham was the hero of the "Damn Fool Governor" episode of the First Great War. The full story was told in the "PIM" of May, 1931, and is worth re-telling.

How Suva Was Saved

MR. MALCOLM MAXWELL, formerly secretary to Sir E. B. Sweet-Escott, told this incident, in an article in "The Cornhill Magazine", in 1930:—

It was, if I remember rightly, about 4 p.m. when I received and decoded a certain message from Apia, in Samoa. I took it straight to the Governor's office. I watched him closely, as I knew that its contents would—well, make him think. He read the decoded message quietly, calmly—no change of expression showed on his face, but I noticed that he looked tired, grey. What he read was roughly this:—

That at 6 a.m. that morning Von Spee had put into the harbour of Apia with the "Scharnhorst" and "Gneisenau", that their guns had been trained on the town and the guns' crews had taken stations.

That no shot, however, was fired, the enemy cruisers weighing anchor at 7 a.m. and making for sea; thereafter steaming in a south-westerly direction.

The message was signed by the Administrator and was for the Governor of Fiji's "information", as Suva lay in the course of the enemy ships.

The Governor gave his orders immediately.

I was to ring up the wireless office with instructions that they were to concentrate on receiving or "picking up" messages and that, if any was picked up in what appeared to be strange lettering, they were to send the message forthwith to Government House, noting if possible the approximate distance of the sender.

It was not long before an ominous message in an unfamiliar code was received, and I was busy at decoding it. The secret naval codes, the Civil codes, private codes between the flagships—Australian, French, Japanese—not one would fit it.

I told the Governor: "This, sir, must be a German message. The wireless people report that the sender was, when the message was picked up, about 250 miles away".

THAT night the town was in a state of defence. The "Sealark's" men were at action stations, manning the single three-pounder and the machine guns. The Fiji Defence Force was in the trenches. Taxi-drivers did a roaring trade and charged exorbitant prices to drive the women and children (and less warlike of the men) to the interior and a place of safety beyond the range of German guns.

Suva was again in the war—really in it, it seemed now—but it was not till dawn that the reality would declare itself, for Von Spee would stand off till there was sufficient light to navigate the treacherous shoals and reefs which encircle the Islands.

At 5.30 a.m. the next morning His Excellency and I "stood to". In the grey light of coming dawn we looked towards

the south, where Beqa Island stands sentry and where the first smoke of the mail steamers bringing news from home is seen by many an expectant eye, but this time we were not looking for letters and fresh faces, the telescope was sighted for a different view—grim, cold, devastating.

What would the outline of two cruisers each with four funnels silhouetted against the pink of the dawn signify? It would mean death, and worse than death: within the half-hour a peaceful town with red roofs peeping through the luxuriant green of tropic foliage with but a handful of armed but harmless men, a crowd of weakling Indians, of laughing innocent Fijians, of refined and cultured Europeans, men of position and ladies of quality would become a shambles, the pink of the dawn would turn to crimson, the crimson of blood, red blood, and the scarlet of tongues of flame, of devastating fire, ever swelling in volume, fanned and whipped by shrieking shell, the crash of explosives and the rumble of falling masonry. A town of almost voluptuous loveliness transformed into a spectacle of hideous ruin.

We waited anxious—more anxious as the moments passed and the grey light softened. Already the secret ciphers had been buried and their grave carefully concealed. Anxious eyes, too, below round the cable station looked out towards the ocean, eyes of men who must be the first to feel the shock of high explosives, soldiers who must face death without a blow, without resistance.

We waited and the grey bloom changed to pearly white with daubs of pink about the horizon. Thank God, the seas were clear! An hour passed, and then bright daylight—but no enemy was sighted.

Suva was saved, so it seemed. But little was said. The taxi-drivers restored their fares of the night before to pleasant homes, dances became once more the evening pastime, once more there was calm, not again to be interrupted by an enemy's presence.

SOME months later when Sturdee had cleared the Pacific, and the "Scharnhorst" and "Gneisenau", with their gallant Admiral, lay at the bottom of the ocean, a German merchantman was captured, as she tried to round the Horn and slip out of the way of the British Fleet, and in the mail bags was found a letter from a young officer on board the

"Gneisenau". Only a paraphrase of the letter can be given from memory, but this is roughly what he wrote:

"At dawn we put into Apia intending to bombard the town, the flag of Britain now flying over Government House. We manned the guns, we trained them on the little capital—but did not fire.

"No, we thought of German hearts and German homes nestling there along the coral strand. We would strike one blow at England before the inevitable—our end. But we would not mingle our countrymen in the havoc. Auckland, Wellington, Sydney—too dangerous a

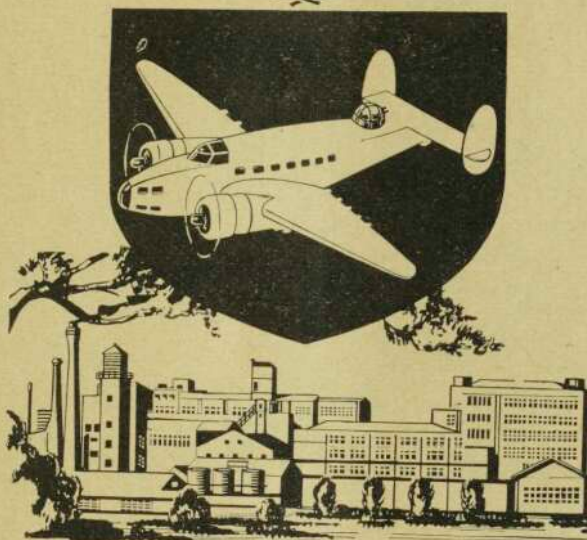
venture, they were too well protected.

"Suva, yes, Suva! There in her little outpost in the far Pacific Britain should feel the might of Germany, should hear the rumble of our Kaiser's thunderbolt. Anchor weighed, we turn and steam S.W. towards Suva.

"Right gallantly the two ships hurry on their grim mission, when lo, a message reaches us—it is in English, it is not even in code—Gott im Himmel, to the Admiral, 'Australia'! It gives us warning, the 'Australia' is near.

"Damn fool of an English Governor, he gives the show away. Yet, we thank

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him from the bottom of our hearts for his warning. So the British bulldog with gnashing teeth, is waiting for us round the corner—how nearly we have been bitten! Our Admiral, Von Spee, gives a merry laugh and signals his orders. Quickly we turn again and at full speed hasten to the north—towards Honolulu and neutral waters."

A message had indeed been prepared on that fateful afternoon and broadcast by the Governor's orders into the winds of the night and over the face of the dark waters for whoever could, to pick up and to use as he thought best. It ran:—

To Admiral, HMS "Australia."

"Thanks for message. Shall expect you to-morrow at daylight."

GOVERNOR OF FIJI.

A simple message in plain and simple English, yet not for English but for German ears, for, as His Excellency well knew, Patey with his ships was 2,000 miles away, and beyond receiving range!

Von Spee might have laughed differently had he known. As it is, let us hope that he died in happy ignorance of the truth, for happier were the fortunate ones in Suva, saved from a terrible fate by an English Governor's "damn folly"!

Mr. J. D. ("Doug.") Colclough, formerly of Bulolo, New Guinea, is serving as an observer with the RAAF in Rhodesia. He is the son of the well-known secretary of Bulolo Gold Dredging, Ltd., **Mr. J. Colclough**, and was in New Guinea for about 3½ years, at first in charge of BGD's agricultural department and later on one of the Co.'s dredges. His brother, **Pilot E. J. Colclough** is also in Rhodesia with the RAAF.

M. Oscar Meyer, who is known in Tahiti and New Guinea, has been discharged from the French Army in Saigon, and is remaining temporarily in a civil post in Indo-China which necessitates travelling into the interior.

GIRL MURDERED IN WAU

Ghostly Crime Attributed to Native

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, TNG, June 27.

ON the night of Sunday, June 22, a ghastly murder occurred here, when someone—presumed to be a native—entered the bedroom of Miss Jean Wilson, a beautiful Australian girl of 28 years, and hacked her with an axe.

No motive has been discovered. Miss Wilson had recently become engaged to a member of the staff of a Wau bank. She was employed at Wau as ladies' show-room supervisor, by Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd., and had previously worked in the same firm's stores at Kavieng and Rabaul.

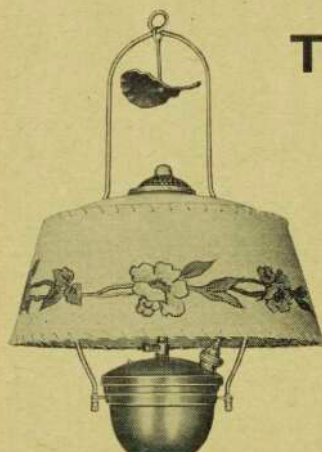
Miss Wilson, a charming young woman and one of the most popular of our younger set, who would not harm anybody or anything, lived with her brother-in-law and step-sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray, in Darling Road, Wau. She retired early on Sunday night, probably tired out, as she had been instrumental in carrying through a Spitfire Fund ball on the Saturday, and had attended the Red Cross Carnival on the Sunday afternoon. At about 2 a.m. her relatives, and the whole neighbourhood were awakened by her screams. By the time they reached her, her assailant had disappeared.

All she could say was: "I was attacked by a native. He had an axe. Don't let the kiddies see me like this."

It was found that Miss Wilson had been brutally assaulted with an axe with a broken handle, which the mur-

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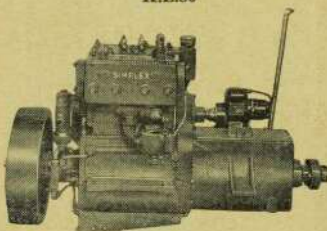
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derer left behind. One arm was practically severed, her face was terribly slashed, and other cruel injuries had been inflicted. She lingered until 9.20 a.m., when death ensued, and she was more or less conscious for the whole seven hours.

Her burial at 5 p.m. the same day was attended by a large gathering of the residents of Wau and district. Rev. V. H. Sherwin, who performed the burial service at St. Augustine's Church and at the graveside, spoke in strong terms of the state to which the natives have been allowed to come, and instanced this as an indictment against those who control the Territory.

UNCONTROLLED NATIVES

The public here, greatly shocked, are not going to allow this ghastly crime to go unpunished, and strong action is being taken.

Of course, until the murderer is found it can only be presumed, from the dying girl's statement, that he was a native; but the fact that an axe was used is regarded as a fairly good indication that such was the case.

Miss Wilson was to have played Mary Grayson in "It Pays to Advertise", which was to have opened for a season on June 27. The Wau Dramatic Society has cancelled the production.

At a very representative meeting held in the Wau Club on June 24, a permanent vigilance committee was appointed, with powers to act at once and always in accordance with the wishes of the whole community, and to demand that the present lax treatment of natives be abolished, once and for all.

The murder is regarded as a climax to a whole series of incidents indicating lax control of "Europeanised" natives—including attempted assaults on white women, attempted poisoning of employers, and public feeling, long agitated, is now at fever heat. Most blame the New Guinea Administration; but others realise that, whatever the shortcomings of the Territory Administration may be, and they are many, their hands are tied by Canberra, where politicians (who probably have never seen a native, except on the screen) have much control over the affairs of the Territory.

That our magistrates and judges here should have to conform to the Queensland Criminal Code (even though it is styled "adopted") is a flagrant absurdity, when it is applied to natives just emerging from their primitive state. European courts, with all their red-tape, waste of time, expense and so forth, become a ridiculous rigmorole when dealing with a most primitive type of natives.

The whole system cries aloud for review and reform; but, presumably, it needs a few tragedies like the murder of this girl to stir officialdom to action.

DETECTIVES SENT FOR

WAU, July 6.

When, after a fortnight, we seemed no nearer a solution of the murder of Jean Wilson, the authorities sent South for the assistance of detectives, and Detective Sergeant W. Arnold and Constable W. Flood (finger-print expert), of Sydney CIB, arrived by plane yesterday, and are now at work.

Wau, July 7—Detectives have detained a native, for questioning.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Thompson of the Melanesian Mission will return to Malaita, Solomon Islands, shortly after spending several months' furlough in Australia. Dr. Thompson took a course in tropical medicine at the Sydney University, while Mrs. Thompson spent some time in New Zealand.

FIJIANS AND GOLD TRICK

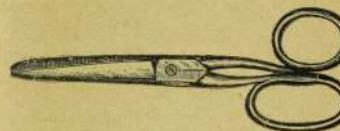
From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, July 1.

SOME of the ore on the new goldfield at Tavua is so rich that the temptation to theft is considerable, and the dangers are said to have been given close consideration by both the gold companies and the Government. Nobody, however, anticipated that the possibility of stealing rich ore from the mines would provide the opportunity for a confidence trick.

Two Fijians were recently sentenced in Suva to six months' gaol for selling scraps of old brass, as gold, to Indian and Chinese traders. It seems likely that they may have had a very good run before capture, for their victims, on discovering the deception, would hesitate to report their trouble, lest they lay themselves open to a charge of dealing illicitly in gold.

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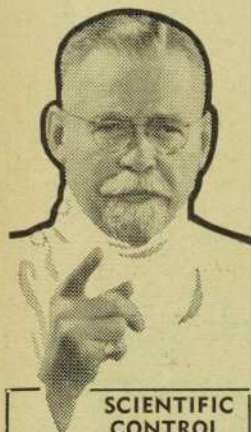
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DEATH OF FIJIAN BOXER

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Bera (who boxed under the name of



Setariki Bera.

"Sam Ceruttui") left Suva some months ago as a greaser on a freighter to travel in the hope of fulfilling his ambition to become a ranking boxer. This was his first fight in Australia but in Fiji he had not been beaten in a number of contests. His home was in the Lau Islands.

DELAY IN PORT MORESBY'S WATER SUPPLY

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, July 8. PORT Moresby's new water supply scheme, which was expected to be completed in June, has been delayed through difficulty in obtaining certain necessary equipment. However, it should be functioning by the end of August.

Many complaints are heard locally concerning the dangerous state of the town's roads, due to the open trenches for water pipes. There appears to be some confusion as to whose job it is to fill them in.

After a Pacific cruise extending over 13 months in his 100-ton yacht, "Golden Hind", Mr. H. R. Jenkins returned to Auckland, NZ, on July 1. He visited most of the Polynesian groups.

Lieut.-Colonel H. E. Woodman, of the AIF, formerly a District Officer in New Guinea, was granted a decree nisi in the Sydney Divorce Court, on July 8, on the ground of desertion—his wife had refused to live in New Guinea. Mrs. Woodman resisted the suit, claiming that residence in New Guinea injured her health.

Giant Warplanes Guard Pacific Sealanes

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THE Brisbane "Courier-Mail", of July 5, says that there is a remarkable story of how great Australian warplanes have been ferried across the Pacific in the bald announcement of the Australian Minister for the Air:—

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A number of those names are well known to North Queensland, Papuan and New Guinea residents who have made use of the flying services in recent years; and none is better known than that of Orme Denny—the diminutive but bold and daring pilot who, during several years in the service of Guinea Airways Ltd. in New Guinea, made pioneer aviation history in that territory.

Not much has been published about the operations of these giant flying-boats over South Pacific waters; but it is significant that, for six months, no activities by raiders have been reported from the South Pacific.

It may be remembered that the "PIM", reporting in January last the ghastly clean-up of British shipping just made by the raiders in South Pacific waters, commented:—

"But the lesson has been learned. A new system of naval protection for our ships, and a much closer guard over shipping information, is coming rapidly into operation. The raiders will not have such pleasant cruising, in future."

We knew, even then, that great new Australian bombers were beginning to patrol the ocean, but nothing could be said about them. Since then, however, little by little, the interesting information referred to above, has been published.

CONCERNING AMERICAN TOURISTS

Letter to the Editor

MR. Hungerford's letter in the April issue of "PIM" is worthy of an answer—first, because he bears the patronymic and is probably a relative of the cultivated gentleman who honoured this writer with his friendship when we were class and club mates at a great Eastern university; secondly, because he is manifestly concerned over the reputation of our countrymen abroad. It is precisely for this second reason that, in the forlorn hope of better things to come, your correspondent has written his criticisms.

We regret, however, that history bears witness to the unpleasant truth that American tourism to Tahiti—during the past 20 years—has been navigated on a sea of alcohol and charted to a course of unbridled license. It began with the period of escape from Prohibition and the publication of books representing these islands as a Utopia of Unrestraint.

Twenty years of this sort of thing has had the effect of changing the morals

and manners of the rising generation of our native Tahitians in a way that can be described only as devastating. To go into detail would require a volume as portly as "Gone With the Wind".

We suggest that Mr. Hungerford, for his enlightenment, re-read in his October, 1940, copy (on page 40) an article not contributed by this correspondent.

Almost we have forgotten to thank Mr. Hungerford for his kindly thought for our health and pulchritude. Our learned friends tell us that arsenic is not only a valuable stimulant, but will clear and beautify the complexion. The prolonged use Mr. Hungerford recommends would, no doubt, greatly enhance our charm. But, alas, our garden of vanity withered to its roots so long ago, that even arsenic could not revive it.

I am, etc.,

YOUR PAPEETE CORRESPONDENT.
Tahiti, 8/6/1941.

Dr. G. H. Vernon, a well-known medical officer, formerly of Thursday Island and Daru, and at present in Misima, Eastern Papua, has been granted leave by the Government, and is enlisting in the Australian forces.

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"BON COURAGE!"**A Tahitian Passes Through Sydney**

BY ERIC RAMSDEN

ON Moorea, where he was born not more than a quarter of a century ago, Te Arai was one of the simple folk of the island, a delver of the soil and a fisherman—as, indeed, had been his ancestors for centuries.

Te Arai had married early. With his wife and three small sons he had lived happily until the tocsin of war had sounded on a continent thousands of miles away. For their wants the Atua had provided fish fresh from the sea, taro and uru, saffron-hued fei from the mountain's side.

I call him Te Arai. Actually, his name does not matter. He came in the Free French force to Sydney, a volunteer for General de Gaulle.

The fact that I had been in his district, Papetoai, with its palm-shaded harbour, on the reef of which was piled an old French gun-boat—a perpetual reminder of the intrusion of the white man into a communal life that had remained unchanged in essentials since the dawn of time—was a bond between us. Te Arai spoke no English. My Tahitian was exceedingly limited. But once the Polynesian aroha is given, the bar of tongues is not unsurmountable.

"Ta'u hoa maitai," he had said. "My good friend!" And then Te Arai had helped himself to what he called a "bifstek". Not before, though, with upraised fork, he had called down upon it the blessing of the Atua.

In Sydney, Te Arai was bewildered, hopelessly at sea. The canyons of cement through which he made his way, in his ill-fitting military uniform, oppressed him. At all times he was anxious to discard his heavy boots.

Yet he was eager to learn the ways of Australia, a bright-faced, eager little fellow, insignificant in stature, but, like all Polynesians, ever friendly. That confidence, however, had not always been reciprocated. One day three young thugs had set upon him. Fortunately, a policeman had arrived in time. But, for some days, Te Arai had an ugly bruise on his chin. The Tahitian liked his glass of wine. But henceforth, he was not anxious to drink with strangers...

One wondered why he, a married man with three tamariri and a wife, had enlisted, why this white man's war had interrupted his simple way of living? Perhaps an inherent Polynesian curiosity and urge to travel had something to do with it. Te Arai could not explain. All I knew was that he was as homesick as only a Polynesian can be, and that he felt the cold of the Australian winter extremely. Te Arai is a child of the sun.

His thoughts ever returned homewards. On his fingers he would enumerate the products, fruits and fish, one by one, in the Market on Papeete; or he would recite all the familiar names that he loved—not forgetting a single mountain peak on either Tahiti or Moorea. In imagination, we crossed the strait that separates the islands in Henare's little Mitiaro; we even speeded by bus along the ni'au-fringed roadway from Papeete to Tautira or Papenoo. There was not a path that Te Arai did not know, and his eyes would gleam as he recalled the landmarks, district by district...

At last came the time for departure. In a noisy electric train we rattled out into the suburbs.

Te Arai's face, set like a graven image, reminded me of one of his own ti'i. He stared into the darkness. Occa-

sionally, he breathed the word "arowha" through set lips. His heart was too full for speech.

With boots removed in front of a roaring fire, he gazed into the flames. I waited for his parau, for his farewell speech.

Finally, from a pocket he produced his family pictures. There was Te Arai himself, natty in kepi and shorts, standing beside his wife. The eyes of the vahine haunt me still, deep and mournful. Between them was little Adolf—the proud father saw no incongruity in his name!—alive and alert, one hand grasping that of Te Arai. The other was held by his mother. Clad in the traditional pareu, her raven hair fell long past her shoulders. There were no flowers in the tresses of Madame Te Arai.

Enclosed in a letter from Te Arai's wife were a few words in a childish scrawl. With painstaking effort, little Adolf had written in his copy-book hand: "Bon courage, mon papa, Bon courage!" "The words of my son, ta'u tamaiti," he explained. "I must be worthy of them!"

On a deserted railway station in the dawn we waved farewell. An hour later, a little figure huddled in a military greatcoat walked into Liverpool camp. Throughout the night his eyes had not closed. If Te Arai was late for "service" that morning, I trust that his officer had a kind and understanding heart.

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A BOMB FROM WAU, NG

Queer Political Manoeuvres Win Strike for NGG Miners and Force Senator Foll to Leave Company's Board.

IT is presumed that the strike of Europeans employed by New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. on the Morobe goldfield—which, although reduced by numerous departures and returns to work, was still officially in existence at the beginning of July—was the real reason for the decision by Senator Foll (Australian Minister for Information) to resign his directorships on the allied boards of New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. and Mt. Isa Ltd. Senator Foll had held those directorships for a long time, and they did not seem to conflict with his duties as an Australian Minister; but when Mr. McLaren, a representative of the Wau Labour Party, arrived in Canberra in June, and began to whip up Australian Labour Party interest in a strike which it had apparently been trying to forget, Senator Foll's New Guinea interests unexpectedly became an acute embarrassment to the Government.

This is supposition; but it does appear as if the Labour Party, having itself been jolted into belated recognition of the strike in New Guinea, suddenly realised that it, through the unfortunate Senator Foll, might put the Menzies Government "on the spot".

It started, on June 20, a discordant and purposeless row in the House about

the NGG strike, already three months old and practically dead; it manoeuvred Mr. Collins (then Territories Minister) into a position where he admitted that the NGG strikers had real grievances, and that there had been much delay in attending to those grievances; and then it began to direct pointed attention to Senator Foll, who was at once a Minister and a director of NGG Ltd.

Clearly, the next step was to suggest, to a politically-sensitive public, and a generally unfriendly press, that there was a close connection between the presence of Senator Foll in Cabinet, and the Government's failure to recognise the merits of the goldfields strike, as acknowledged by Minister Collins.

It was clever. No one really believed that Senator Foll would so misuse his position. But the Menzies strategists at Canberra saw what was coming, and leaped into action.

The NGG strikers were promised most of their demands; Senator Foll resigned his directorships; the Labour Party chuckled its satisfaction over a neat tactical victory; and Mr. McLaren retired from Canberra, still rather stunned by the unexpected detonation and bomb-like effect of his modest little cracker from Wau.

And, if the "PIM" dare make a forecast, it is that a Canberra cane will be laid sharply across the seat of a pair of Rabaul pants, for allowing the Wau strike to drift along to the point where it nearly tripped up the Australian Government.

Here are the details.

ON June 20, Mr. E. Ward moved the adjournment of the House, at Canberra, so as to direct attention to

the NG goldfields strike; and the Australian Parliament, at a time when the Empire faces the greatest crisis in its long history, thereupon devoted several hours of its precious time to discussing something that did not deserve five minutes—a little strike that never should have occurred; and that, having occurred, should have been settled quickly by the interests concerned.

The "debate" (if such a wearisome discussion, filled with repetition, and wandering far into the reminiscent by-paths of the ex-miners among the Labour members, can be so designated) covered endless pages of "Hansard".

Mr. Ward demanded action. Why had the Government allowed the strike to drift along for three months? The New Guinea miners wanted only Australian conditions—a 44-hours week, 30/- instead of 25/- per shift, time-and-a-half for overtime, abolition of dry-boring, some minor concessions, and a right to occupy their houses (from which the company now was ejecting them) pending settlement of the dispute. He appealed for the provision in New Guinea of machinery whereby a tribunal could be set up for the arbitration and settlement of such disputes.

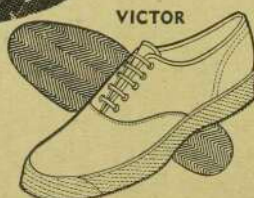
The subject was then discussed, wearily and at length, and without shedding any new light, by Mr. Johnson (who followed the late "Texas" Green in the Kalgoorlie seat), Mr. Forde, Sir Charles Marr, and Mr. James. There were subtle references to the invidious position of Senator Foll.

Then Mr. Lazzarini taunted the Territories Minister (Mr. Collins) with permitting the discussion to drag on unnecessarily. Was he in favour of industrial arbitration?



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Mr. Collins: Definitely!
Mr. Lazzarini: Then why does he not introduce the system in New Guinea?

FINALLY, after further exchanges, Mr. Collins made a long statement about the New Guinea affair, and explained that delay had occurred, while detailed information was being obtained from New Guinea. He denied that the Government had been, in a sense, co-operating with the company, by doing nothing and letting the strike fizzle out—starving them out, the Labour members had called it.

The Minister said the strike began on March 13, and, within a few days, 100 men were involved; that the Administrator, at Wau, between April 1 and 3, tried to arbitrate and settle, but could report only a deadlock, whereupon the strikers withdrew the safety men; that on April 9, the company suspended all underground operations, and the lower levels became flooded; on May 5, men began to resume work at Edie Creek; on June 3, the Administrator reported that 32 had returned to work, 7 had applied to do so, 3 had gone to jobs elsewhere, 30 had left the goldfield, and 22 were apparently still on strike.

Obviously, with such figures, the Minister might have claimed that the strike was virtually over, and there was nothing more to be done; and that, no doubt, is what he would have liked. But this Government has a majority of only one, and balances uncertainly upon a knife-edge of Labour goodwill. He temporised, pleaded, argued—and was lost.

Under a barrage of questions, Mr. Collins said that the labour conditions in the New Guinea mines were "unreasonable"—in fact, he considered them "intolerable".

A member: Then why have you done nothing for three months?

Mr. Collins: We are guided by the Administration—we have been waiting to see whether the matter could be settled in New Guinea.

Later in the discussion, the Minister pointed out that the strikers withdrew the safety men on April 3, a procedure which was generally condemned. "This caused a division among the strikers and, to a large extent, has influenced the majority of the men to return to work."

Mr. Ward: That is untrue. They were driven back by starvation!

THE Minister, presenting then the case for the company, said that the management made the following points against the strikers:—

The strike was called before the management was given an opportunity to hear or deal with any claims or so-called grievances.

No list of claims has even been submitted since the strike began, with the exception that a minimum wage of £1/10/- per shift be first conceded. Even this claim was not submitted until a fortnight after the strike was called.

All safety men were withdrawn from the mines regardless of the fact that their withdrawal was known by the strike committee to be certain to prejudice the future safety and economic working of the mines, particularly Edie Creek.

Alluvial mining in which a rate of 3/10 has been paid was called "black", regardless of the fact that the alluvial miners voted against the strike.

Finally, the Minister said that he was in communication with the company, to see if the men could be conceded higher wages per shift, shorter hours, and other things, including the provision of industrial arbitration machinery in the Terri-

tory. The company had cancelled its proposal to evict the strikers from the houses (which it owns, and they occupy).

But still the Labour men were dissatisfied. They by now had been virtually promised everything the NG strikers sought, but they wanted a guarantee. What would the Minister do if NG Goldfields would not agree to his proposals? (This clearly was a reference to the possible Cabinet influence of Senator Foll, on whose position, as a director of NGG, comments were made during the debate.)

Mr. Collins: If the company will not agree to the proposals that have been made, I shall recommend to Cabinet that action be taken to impose them.

The Labour leader (Mr. Curtin): "I accept that undertaking."

But the discussion dragged on for another hour, during which the Minister and Senator Foll were further nagged at, and the system of administering the

Territories was destructively criticised.

Further questioned in the House on June 24, Mr. Collins said that the evictions had been stayed; negotiations were pending between the company and the men regarding labour conditions and pay; all but 15 of the original 100 strikers were back at work—and the 15 could not be re-employed, for the present, owing to the flooding of the mines, following the withdrawal of the safety men. When there was a final settlement, industrial conditions on the Morobe goldfield would be "completely reviewed".

Mrs. E. Davenport, widow of the late Captain Henry Davenport, of Rewa, Fiji, died recently in Suva at the age of 77. Born in Samoa, she travelled widely in the Pacific with her husband and had lived at one time or another in the Caroline Islands, Philippine Islands and New Guinea.



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THE lines upon which the Pacific Islands Society has been working for four years, in cementing relations between the Allied interests in the Pacific, were commended by Madame Van Dijk, the Netherlands East Indies novelist, when she was the guest of members on June 25. Madame Van Dijk, who writes under the name of Jo Manders, has twelve novels to her credit, mostly on social-economic subjects.

"Holland, as you know, has always been keenly interested in the Pacific, into which her navigators blazed the trail," said Madame Van Dijk, "and though she

is now under the heel of the oppressor she will again rise. Meanwhile, we are trying to keep alight the torch of liberty and culture in her East Indies possessions."

Fellow guests-of-honour were Judge Louis Duplatre and Madame Duplatre, formerly of Bangkok, Thailand, where the judge was on the High Court bench—he is now one of the leading supporters of the Free French Movement in Australia; Mr. Mo Myit, and his fellow students of the Burman Civil Service, now at the University of Sydney—but for the war, these graduates of the University of Rangoon would have been at Oxford; Mr. and Mrs. John Barnard, of the Malaya Police Department.

The principal speaker was Major J. M. Prentice, formerly a well-known radio commentator, who deputised for Sir Donald Cameron, director of RAAF recruiting.

Archdeacon H. Harris, of Suva, Fiji, has been called up for service with the Royal Australian Navy and is now in Sydney prior to taking up his new duties. During the 1914-18 war, he was a Royal Navy Lieutenant in a cruiser squadron, but was captured and spent several years as a prisoner of war in Germany.

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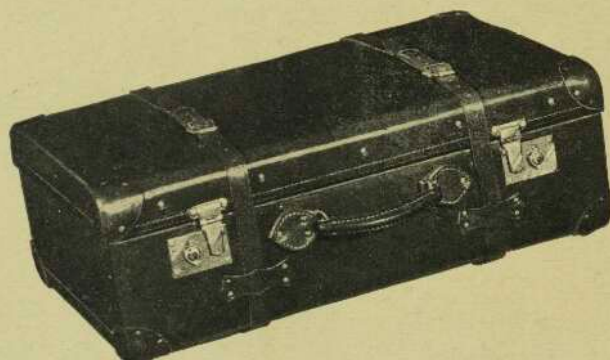
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NEW GUINEA FINANCE

The Old Fat Surplus is Now Almost Gone

NEW Guinea's statement of income and expenditure for the nine months ended March 31, 1941, has been published, and discloses that outgoings continue to exceed income, and the accumulated surplus is steadily shrinking.

Income from all sources was £52,936 less (compared with same period of previous year). Customs was down by £37,676 (due, of course, to copra depression and disturbed transport), but gold revenue, which should be a solid standby, was also less by £22,394. There was an unexplained increase of £14,252 in "miscellaneous"—otherwise, every revenue showed a minus sign.

A valiant effort had been made to reduce expenditure—every department, except native welfare and defence, showed a decrease; but the decrease was barely sufficient to take care of the fall in revenue in 1940-41, and still left, unprovided for, the very considerable gap that had existed between incomes and outgoings a year earlier, and which continues. It can be shown this way:—

	Revenue	Expenditure
9 mths., 1939-40 ..	£363,333	£370,831
" " 1940-41 ..	£310,778	£318,791

The result is that the surplus, which was a comfortable £50,000 or so, a few years ago, was down to £5,929 on March 31 last.

Apparently, no one worries about New Guinea finances, or about the expensive Administration built up in the booming thirties, and now due for overhaul. The Administration, on March 31, had £23,500 in cash, £280,577 in investments and £34,593 "due by other authorities". Of course, £183,938 of that belonged to the Superannuation Fund and £148,928 was due to other trust funds—but why worry? The sun will shine again, some time, and the copra market return. Long live the good old Australian system of public finance!

Ordinary business prudence, however, does suggest that, long before this crisis is over, every penny that New Guinea can scrape together will be needed to keep the unfortunate copra planters on their plantations. The time to shorten sail in governmental expenditure is now; but it should have been done a year ago, when it was seen that the European copra market was gone. Surely the gentlemen at Rabaul can see that, so long as they enjoy rich revenues from the gold industry, they will not be permitted to borrow from war-burdened Australia, or dip into the Superannuation Fund.

Waited 30 Years for Payment

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, July 2.

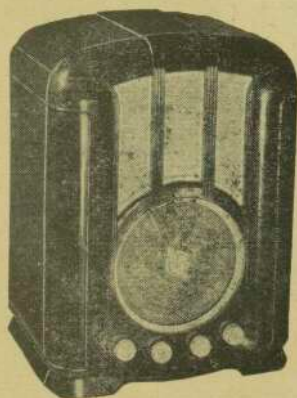
THE mills of God grind slowly, and so do minute papers. A resident of Suva who built a road for the Fiji Government in 1910, and who has pressed his claim with assiduity during the whole 30 years, has at last been repaid. It is always pleasant to reflect that eventually one's grandchildren may benefit from one's good deeds!

Mr. H. E. Josselyn, ARSM, who arrived in Tulagi a short time ago to join the BSI Administration, has been appointed Inspector of Mines (according to a recent notice in the Western Pacific High Commission Gazette).

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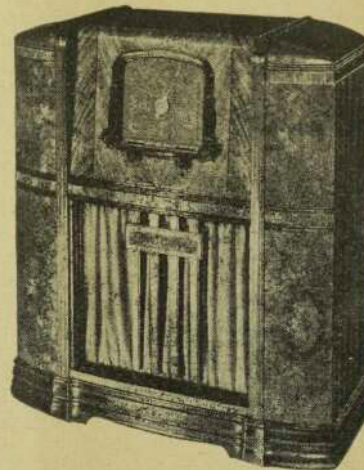
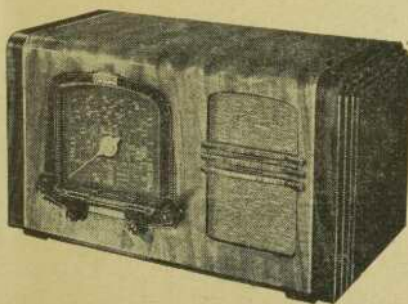


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IT was reported from New York on June 12 that the "New York Herald Tribune" had announced that three immobilised Danish freighters, the "Columbia", "Norden" and "Olympia", are about to be assigned to the American Pioneer Line and operated from Canadian Atlantic ports to Australia and New Zealand to replace British flag Pacific tonnage transferred to the Atlantic, with an additional three coming later. It is also understood that two United Fruit Company vessels will be used to carry cheese from New Zealand to New York, which thence will be transhipped to Britain.

Of the three ships mentioned in the cablegram, the "Columbia" and "Olympia" are given in Lloyd's Register as Danish, while the "Norden" is registered at Bergen, Norway. The "Columbia" is a twin-screw vessel of 6,049 tons and is 384 ft. long. The "Olympia's" tonnage is 4,488 and it is of the same length. The "Norden" is the largest of the three vessels, being 465 ft. long and of 8,440 tons register. All were built between 1928 and 1930.

The US Maritime Commission announced on July 8 that it had taken over seven more Danish freighters under the Act providing for the requisition of foreign ships. The vessels are to be assigned immediately to trade between Pacific ports and Australia, NZ and the Far East.

Mr. W. E. Allen, of the New Guinea Police Force at Rabaul, is at present in Australia on furlough.

CHINESE SCOUTS IN FIJI



Leonard F. Sang, and Noel Wu (right), two new members of the 9th Troop, of Suva, Fiji. This troop is composed wholly of Chinese Boy Scouts.

LOSS OF "TERE ORA"

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, June 10.

TOO late to change the text of the article concerning the loss of the "Tere Ora" (published in the May issue of the "PIM") your correspondent discovered that it contained a statement based on misinformation. Here is a correction.

When the "Tere Ora" was despatched for a cargo of copra to Ra'iatea, she sailed before the scheduled hour, and the passengers carried were embarked by the captain without the knowledge and consent of the manager of the company.

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RABAU AND WAU

A Bitter Comparison

From Our Own Correspondent

FOLLOWING on the ghastly murder of Miss Jean Wilson, at Wau, last Sunday, one is apt to realise more fully the disparity between the manner in which Rabaul is wrapped in police and other precautions against crime, fire and so forth, and the manner in which such precautions are cheese-pared in other populous districts.

In Rabaul there are 14 police officers; in Wau, where the European population also is large, there are four! The duties of these 14 officers in Rabaul are confined to the Rabaul township area; in Wau, the four officers' duties include an area reaching to the Bitoi, Ridges, and out as far as Otibanda, with one officer at Bulolo, one at Bulwa and one at Edie Creek, making seven officers in all, over a busy and important area approximating to 100 square miles, wherein there are perhaps 10,000 native labourers.

In Rabaul, the police station is open day and night, with a Warrant Officer always on duty. In Wau, the police station closes at 4 p.m.

In Rabaul, there are elaborate quarters in rear of the police station where all the night patrol reliefs of Native Constabulary are housed, and paraded by the Warrant Officer on duty throughout the night. In Wau, there is no such provision.

In Rabaul, there is a trained fire brigade, under control of the police. In Wau, there is no such thing.

In Rabaul, there is an elaborate compound at Rapindik, under official supervision, where all native labourers other than domestic servants and so forth, are housed, and out of the town by sundown. In Wau, there is nothing of the kind, except private compounds which are maintained by New Guinea Goldfields Ltd., and Burns, Philp & Co.

In Rabaul, there is a self-contained Chinatown, and no such thing as a native-trade store is within or near the European residential and commercial area. In Wau, trade stores abound, right among European residences, so that natives lounge about the streets at will. It must be said that the removal of these trade stores is under way, but it has taken many years to get this nuisance even considered by the Government—in fact, it was openly stated by an ADO, who was in charge here a few years ago, that the Chinese had as much right to ply their trade and live in the European area as the Europeans had! And what about Chinese dummyming for Europeans? No action has been taken by the Government to put a stop to this practice.

Thus Rabaul is shown in a light of, "I'm all right, Jack; — you," to use an old army expression. Finally, be it always remembered that Wau is the centre of the industry which keeps the official coffers full, and enables Rabaul to have all these safety measures, in addition to emolument roads, while residents on the Goldfields have not even a footpath to walk on!

Judge and Madame Louis Duplatre are now residents of Sydney. He was, for 34 years, a judge in Siam, and he saw that nation change from a somewhat primitive absolute monarchy into an advanced constitutional monarchy, and become Thailand.

METHODIST MISSION'S JUBILEE

50 Years' Work in Papua

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, July 1. **T**HE Administrator (Hon. H. L. Murray), 40 Europeans, and some 2,500 natives were present at Dobu, in the D'Entrecasteaux Group, Eastern Papua, on June 19, when the Methodist Mission celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its work in Papua.

On June 19, 1891, Rev. W. E. Bromilow, chairman of the Methodist Missionary Society of Australasia, and Mrs. Bromilow, together with Revs. Fellowes, Watson and Brown, arrived in the "Lord of the Isles" and established themselves at Dobu. The work done among the natives, as stated by the first Administrator, Sir William Macgregor, as early as 1892, "was in all probability as great as, if not greater than, has ever been accomplished by any new mission among people equally barbarous in the same space of time."

To-day, the Mission has extended its activities throughout the islands lying to the south-east and east of the Papuan mainland, and maintains native primary and technical schools, in addition to a well-equipped hospital.

Dr. Bromilow (he gained the distinction of Doctor of Divinity at Aberdeen University for his monumental work of translating the Bible into the Dobu language) died in Sydney on June 24, 1929, after 21 years of untiring labour. He was known everywhere as the dauntless champion of the Papuans. A memorial church was later erected in his honour at Dobu, the foundation stone being laid by Sir Hubert Murray.

Another great worker associated with the Methodist Mission in Papua was Rev. M. K. Gilmour, who retired in 1932, after 33 years' service, mainly in the Trobriand Islands.

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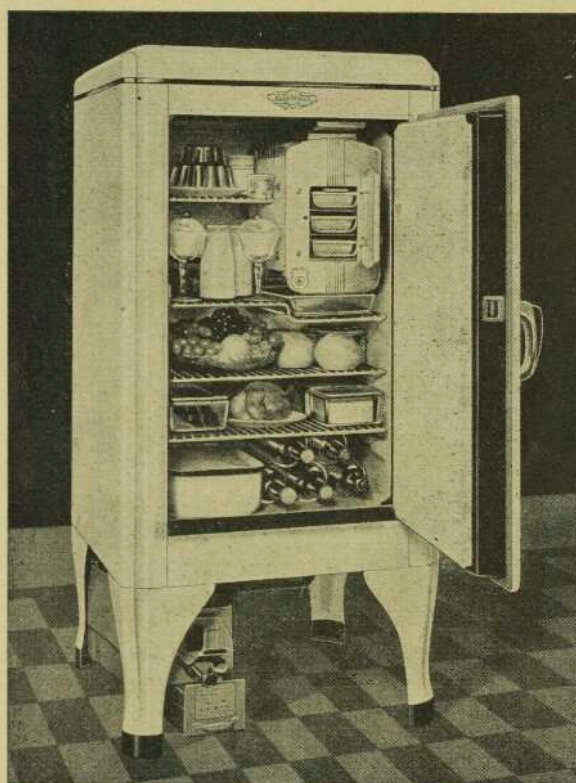
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Cook Islanders Want Him as
Next Commissioner

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, June 7. RECENTLY an enthusiastic meeting of Rarotongans decided to appeal to NZ, that, should the Cook Islands have the misfortune to lose Judge H. F. Ayson as Resident Commissioner on account of ill-health, the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. E. P. Ellison, be given the position.

During Judge Ayson's five months of sick leave, Dr. Ellison once again filled the position of Acting RC with efficiency and zeal. It is the natives' opinion, knowing Dr. Ellison for many years, that his knowledge of Islands conditions would enable him to carry out the duties of RC more sympathetically than a new, inexperienced man from NZ.

The Cook Islanders are a tractable and hospitable race, but they can be remarkably stubborn in cases of newcomers who attempt to "ride the high horse", whether with or without justification. In fact, tact and good manners tend to count more than the actual worth of the individual concerned; certainly no man could hope to last long in dealing with Polynesians without these qualities.

New Hebrides in
War-Time

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. VILA, June 3. FREE Frenchmen from the Condominium of the New Hebrides were among the volunteers enrolled under the banner of de Gaulle, who left Noumea in May with the battalion of French Pacific volunteers. The presence of these Frenchmen from the New Hebrides in this battalion is symbolical—it bears testimony to the sincere friendship of the people of these French Pacific Islands for Great Britain, and it should prove an example to those others, who, for one reason or another, did not join with that first battalion, but who may desire to take up arms soon against the enemies of England—who are also the enemies of France.

The many fields of activity which the New Hebrides people have supported since the beginning of the war, with a view to assisting the war effort, continue to function normally: The Red Cross Committee, the Cricket Club, the Comforts Fund (to provide parcels of tobacco and clothing), the de Gaulle "Spitfire" Fund, the Fund to Aid London Bomb Victims, the committee to assist New Hebrides Volunteers, etc. Recently, a dance at Port Vila proved an effective method of augmenting the de Gaulle "Spitfire" Fund. A grand carnival is planned in connection with a fund to assist the English Red Cross.

The French residents of New Hebrides are thankful to Radio VL9, Sydney, and to all who have collaborated in making a success of the French broadcasts. The reception is perfect and those portions reserved for propaganda purposes are closely studied. The speakers are of a high calibre, and the music blends well with the subjects.

On May 24 the Japanese steamer "Momoyama Maru" left Port Vila, for Japan, with a cargo of about 3,000 tons of copra. This cargo was originally destined for Mexico. New Hebrides copra is being bought by Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd., and by the Societe des Comptoirs

Francais, and the price at present is about £8 (Australian) per ton, f.o.b., Vila. In order to assist New Hebrides planters, French as well as British, the British Government has decided to buy coffee at a price which will allow the plantations to be maintained. The coffee will be stored at Port Vila for export, later.

New Hebrides cocoa is selling very well on the Australian market—about 2,000 tons per annum.

Mr. C. E. Ahrens, BSc. Agr., who was appointed Superintendent of Lord Howe Island just over a year ago, died suddenly in Sydney at the end of June, aged 32. From 1937 to 1939, he was principal of the Methodist Mission's Agricultural Institution at Navuso, Fiji. He is survived by Mrs. Ahrens and two children.

Mr. L. Boyer and Mr. R. St. John, both of Fiji, are now serving with a section of the NZ Forces, stationed in India.

Still Some Nazi Sympathisers
in Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, June 17. SEVERAL instances of offensive behaviour on the part of young German-Samoans have been reported recently.

In view of the Nazi racial policy, it is difficult to understand how any sane person of Samoan descent can harbour Nazi sympathies. Nevertheless, the effect of Nazi propaganda on the native population must be considered, and these cases should be severely dealt with.

Mr. George Miedecke, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Miedecke, of Magia Plantation, Western Samoa, is now serving as a flying-officer in a Sunderland flying-boat squadron of the Royal Air Force in Great Britain.

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Mr. W. Gordon Smith, who is well-known in mining circles in New Guinea, where he enlisted with the AIF, has been discharged in Brisbane as medically unfit. He will leave for Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, this month, under engagement to Mr. Theodore's new Australian mining syndicate. Mr. Smith is a former resident of the Solomon Islands and Fiji.

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From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, June 5.
THE death occurred at his plantation at Nikao, on May 7, of Dr. A. Storey, who had been on Rarotonga for more than 30 years. He is survived by one son, Mr. A. L. Storey, engineer on board the schooner, "Tiare Taporo".

Dr. Storey was an Englishman who graduated at Manchester and spent his early life in practice in London. Tiring of the daily round he went to Canada, working on a ranch and being attached at one time to the Canadian Army. Wandering around the world, he went to NZ and shortly afterwards married Mrs. Engelke, widow of a German planter in Rarotonga. Their land was planted with coconuts and buffalo grass and, being the only dairy farm on the island at that time, was a flourishing concern. However, when Mrs. Storey was gored fatally by a bull, her husband became a strict recluse.

Dr. Storey is remembered kindly by the Maori population of the island as the man who worked tirelessly to stem the influenza epidemic after the last war. It was largely due to his efforts that the epidemic was so brief in Rarotonga.

Mrs. R. G. Speedie, wife of the manager of Domara Plantation, Papua, died in Port Moresby Hospital on June 5, after a short illness. She was 32. Mr. Speedie was formerly a member of the Papuan Magisterial Service.

OVERLANDING IN N. GUINEA

Remarkable Feat by Three Wau Cattle-Men

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, June 27.
AFTER an arduous journey, occupying three months, and covering 700 miles of mountain ranges, precipitous gorges, flooded rivers and almost impenetrable pit-pit swamps, Messrs. C. Blake, G. Archer and W. Eckblade arrived in Wau in mid-June with 217 head of cattle, which had been purchased from Melamu plantation, some 40 miles south of Madang.

The actual number put on the trail was 214, but the cattlemen arrived with 217. A few were lost on the trek, but these losses were made up for by births en route.

The cattle arrived in first-class condition, and the whole undertaking speaks volumes for the perseverance and endurance of the three drovers.

One of the most difficult problems they had to face was the crossing of the Markham River, which was about a mile and a half wide at the time. This crossing alone took 7 days of unceasing toil, the cattle at times being taken as far as two miles down-stream by the swiftly-running current.

Valuable assistance was given in these operations by Markham natives, who swam beside the cattle and beat the water with bamboos to keep them on their course.

A pack-horse lost its foothold on the narrow ledge of a cliff, and fell headlong into the river, many feet below. Although slightly injured, this horse was saved, and returned with the party.

This droving feat will stand out as an epic among many deeds of pioneering in the Territory.



One of the drovers, Mr. Charles Blake—a photograph taken in 1939, when he was working his own mining claim in the Bulolo Gorge, Morobe District.

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ALAIN GERBAULT AT PORT MORESBY

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, July 1.
MONSIEUR Alain Gerbault, the well-known French traveller, writer and former tennis champion arrived here last week from the Central Pacific, in his 34 ft. sailing boat. His craft, named after himself, was built in France, though he himself has not been back to France since 1932. In recent years he has been roaming through Polynesia, with long stops at Tahiti, Samoa and Tonga.

M. Gerbault has written a new book, but its publication has been postponed owing to the war.

Mr. H. Brudo, of the Trobriand Islands, Eastern Papua, is now on his way to India on a business trip. Mrs. Brudo (who is at present convalescing from an illness) and her daughter will live in Samarai while Mr. Brudo is away.

SAMARAI'S "ORNAMENTAL"
GUNS

Letter to the Editor

IN your publication, in May, there is a par. about the removal of the "20-years-old monument" in Samarai. I should like this to be published in your paper as a reply, and a criticism of both the par. and the writer.

It reads as though the trench mortar, and the 15-pounder were both captured in the last war. This was not so. The 15-pounder was of British origin.

The guns were removed on April 24, the day before Anzac Day, under instructions received from the committee of the Samarai Library Institute, and the whole town knew of their removal—almost as soon as the job was done—and, well they might, seeing that 50 boys carried them down the main street of Samarai.

The guns were never lost: therefore they could not be "subsequently found". The biggest lie (and this I state without fear of contradiction) was "that they had been moved for the value of the brass".

They were removed because of their broken-down condition; and this in itself speaks volumes for the parties who were so hurt at the removal of the guns. No one seemed to know or care if the guns were there until they were removed; then they had a value far and away in excess of the value of the brass on them.

The guns, unless put into something like their original order, would have been better left in the reclamation.

I am, etc.,

"BUTTER BEFORE GUNS."

Samarai,
15/6/1941.

Still Lying on Foreshore

Letter to the Editor

IN May "PIM" appeared an article from your Samarai correspondent headed: "20-years-old Monument Wrecked to Get Brass"; I am afraid your correspondent has not stated facts.

The guns were in front of our Memorial Hall, which is controlled by the Samarai Library Institute Committee. They have never been cared for, and the wheels on the larger one (mostly of wood) were in very bad order. The Institute's committee decided, therefore, that the guns should be removed to a reclamation being carried out on our foreshore.

It was while the guns were on the foreshore waiting to be put into the reclamation, that someone discovered there was brass in the fittings of the larger gun, and made an offer for the brass, the money to be given to our Red Cross Fund. It was at this stage that Mr. Russell took an interest in the matter, but so far nothing has been done, and the guns are still lying on the foreshore.

I am, etc.,

PERCY J. WOOD,

Hon. Sec., Samarai Library Institute.
Samarai, E. Papua.
19/6/41.

Captain Tiwi Love, husband of Makea-ariki-nui-elect Takau, of Rarotonga, Cook Is., was reported missing after the recent fighting in Greece. It is now learned, however, that he is wounded. Captain Love fought with the Maori Battalion, which suffered severely. Sir Apirana Ngata, former Minister for the Cook Islands, had two sons in the same engagement. One is reported missing, the other wounded.

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30-Years-Old Suva Business Closes Down

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, June 21.
FEW visitors to Suva over the last 30 years have failed to ride in the horse-carriages and, later, the taxis owned by "R. and B." (Robinson and Ballantyne). The surviving partner, Mr. W. A. Robinson, has recently decided to give up business—it is understood that the lease of his buildings (which are not by any means the handsomest ornaments

on Suva's beach) has expired, and the Government requires the site for other purposes.

Probably another cause of Mr. Robinson's retirement from business is the growing competition from the multitude of Indian taxicabs. In recent years Europeans have steadily disappeared from one trade after another.

Mr. A. L. Cook (better known as "Fiji" Cook) who has lived in the South Seas Islands for over 45 years, recently settled down in Carlton, Victoria, to live in retirement.

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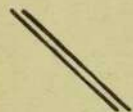
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GOLD IN THE SOLOMONS?

Important Move by Mr. Theodore

From a Special Correspondent

TULAGI, June 2.
HIP, Hip, Hooray! A "comet" has appeared, bringing visions of hope and wealth to this dejected and down-trodden, and, we fear, almost forgotten speck of the Empire.

It appeared in the person of one Theodore, who has come to take gold mining out of the hands of "unsystematic scratchers" (PIM, March) and—we hope—produce bullion.

He has been given the central slab, amounting to about a third of the island of Guadalcanal, or about 750 square miles, to prospect, with the (so far) only known gold-bearing area in the centre of it. It is said that, in return, he has agreed to spend £10,000 per year for five years in prospecting and developing it.

The rumour that the Treasurer and Collector of Customs (Mr. F. E. Johnson) was seen in undignified attitudes, turning hand-springs around his office table, has not been confirmed; but hopes are high, among all sections that fortune yet may knock at our door.

Before going off South to set the wheel of industry turning, Mr. Theodore made a foot-slogging dash into the hills, for a general look around, and never turned a hair—though such an effort would have prostrated many a younger and less bulky man.

A heap of materials has been landed on Guadalcanal, and young Cramar-Roberts is in charge, wangling them up into the hills per "rice" power and establishing a base camp south of the gold-ridge area.

Though the field was discovered about 10 years ago (by a "scratcher") not a solitary soul knows to this day whether the gold-bearing material can be worked payably on a large scale, or what machinery will successfully work it, if any.

The official view seems to be that "scratchers" are largely to blame for this state of affairs, but there is another side to it. For instance, one made application for a block, to begin operations, but was told that he must state (among other things) what machinery he proposed to instal, before a lease would be granted. He proposed doing some testing, with a view to learning something about it, but was told he couldn't, as he did not have a lease. Up to this period, his gold prospecting a/c was over £1,000 in the red, without a cent return. His feelings can be imagined, some time later, when he was told that he only wanted to hold the area and sell it, so as to make a fortune, without doing a thing. His cup of chargin overflowed when he found that another man was working on part of the area, and getting good payable gold, by mere boxing.

Probably, had he stated that he intended installing a "Jumping Jack", costing a thousand pounds, he would have got a lease, and could have gone ahead testing. But that didn't seem honest.

River "scratchers" fare similarly in the matter of assistance. If one applies for 20 chains of river it is called 20 acres, though only about 2 acres are gold-bearing and probably not half of that worth a red cent. £20 against a survey fee, and a half year's rent, must be sent in with application, and either £50 cash or a bond for that amount must be forthcoming before a lease is granted.

Of course, there must be regulations as a basis of operation in normal times;

but men who have lost their means of support as a result of these most abnormal times, are surely within their rights in expecting some sort of assistance, even if it has to be charged up to Treasurer Johnson's "rainy day" fund, which they have shared in building up over the years past.

It is a self-evident fact that the Empire is gasping for gold these days, and, as this group is gasping for a new industry, and gold has shown itself a promising one, to say the least, no wizard of political economy is needed to advise its fostering to the fullest possible extent.

However, "the comet" has arrived, and doubtless we can now expect the Government to awaken from its coma, and tread on its own heels, running round in small circles, doing some of the things it ought to have done long ago.

Roads may be surveyed, and assisted in the building. Some effort may be made to encourage the establishment of something approaching decent accommodation in Tulagi—what we have is just a shame, and is much worse than we had 25 years ago.

A landing-ground for 'planes may be sought, as close to Tulagi as possible, and brought into being—not merely to assist in the establishment of the mining industry, but because, after this war, there will be a rush to aerial transport. Young airmen out of a job will be willing to have a go at starting a passenger service to the moon, and it is conceivable that they may even want to fly about the Solomons.

THE POSSIBILITIES

The following was published in "Sydney Morning Herald" on June 18:—

Emperor Gold Mining Co., Ltd., and Loloma (Fiji) Gold Mines, NL, report that they are acquiring between them a controlling interest in a company being formed in Fiji to carry out gold prospecting and exploration over a large concession area on the island of Guadalcanal in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

Mr. T. R. Victor, a director of Loloma and Emperor, stated in Melbourne last night that part of the area was inspected recently by Mr. E. G. Theodore, who was impressed by its possibilities. The lease comprised about 750 square miles and embraced the whole of the known auriferous area, with the exception of leases already granted.

Under the supervision of a technical expert from the Loloma mine, Mr. Victor added, the proposed company intended to send a staff of Australian surveyors and prospectors to prospect for lodes on the island.

Mr. Theodore, who is a director of Emperor, and managing director of Loloma, said that the new company was in process of formation and that no details of the capital had yet been decided.

"HURRICANE SEASON" IN FIJI

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, June 8.
TO Fiji residents, the "hurricane season" has always meant December to March. The early months of 1941 obliged with a hurricane in February, but in the copra districts late April provided a "blow" that did worse damage than that of February. Apparently the orthodox four months of the hurricane season will in future have to be extended to five.

Mr. G. H. C. Reid, of American Samoa, recently married Miss Louisa Solomona, of Western Samoa, at Apia. They have made their home in Pago Pago.

Expansion of US Naval Base Helps Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, July 1.

THE expansion of the United States Naval Base at Pago Pago (American Samoa) where work is at present proceeding feverishly, has served to bring the realities—and possibilities—of war nearer to Western Samoa. The welcome decision of US officials to employ a large number of skilled labourers, carpenters, painters, blacksmiths, tinsmiths, mechanics and drivers was a godsend to many residents of Apia at a time when employment in Western Samoa was hard to find.

With Uncle Sam spending millions of dollars on defence work in American Samoa, trade and industry in the neighbouring territory are not dependent on the vagaries of an uncertain copra market, and are therefore booming—and will be so for a long time to come. Apia is also benefiting from this new prosperity by an increased passenger and freight traffic between Apia and Pago Pago; motor launches leave nearly every day loaded with locally-grown foodstuffs, fruit and vegetables, for sale at Pago Pago.

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Local Defence Force For Rarotonga

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, June 5.
THE Cook Islands Local Defence Force Regulations, passed in NZ recently, provide for the formation of a small Defence Force, and a scheme is now under consideration by the Resident Commissioner.

This step has long been awaited by the patriotic Rarotongian Maoris, who wish to do something more than just collect money for the good cause. No mention of overseas service has been made yet, but it is understood that the Force will act as a training ground in case of a call at some future date.

Rev. H. H. Bock, superintendent of the Methodist Mission's Ba circuit in Fiji, who has been in Victoria on furlough, left Sydney for Suva late in June, accompanied by Mrs. Bock.

MISSIONS BEAR BRUNT OF NATIVE EDUCATION

NG Catholic Missionary Replies to Sir F. W. Eggleston

Letter to the Editor

IN April "PIM", I read with interest Mr. F. W. Eggleston's article dealing with Australia's record in New Guinea and Papua and your comments on it. (Mr. Eggleston recently was knighted.—Ed.)

On one point I would like to add to your comment. Mr. Eggleston says, "The only genuine native education is in a few Government schools; there is no specific education administration in New Guinea, etc. . . . In Papua on the other hand, the Missions co-operate with the Government and submit to expert inspection, with the result that there is a considerable amount of native education". This is hardly in accord with the facts.

Actually, the Missions do nearly all the educational work in New Guinea. Outside of Rabaul and its vicinity, the Government does practically nothing. The great mass of natives in other districts must look to the Missions, which attempt to meet the enormous problem with their own too limited resources.

In this district of Kieta the Government does nothing at all about education; the Marist Mission does a great deal. We maintain at considerable expense a central school here at Chabai, three district schools, 18 station schools (all under European supervision or with full time white teachers) and an ever-increasing number of village schools.

Mr. Eggleston implies that the education given by the Missions is not genuine education. If he means that it is not the same as the education given to a white child in a civilised country, he is quite right—we do not think it should be. Education should be a training for a good and useful life; but the life of a native is necessarily different from that of our people. But if he means that it is not education at all, or poor education, he has been misinformed.

We teach the natives to read, write and reckon, to be clean and industrious, to improve their agriculture, and how to behave, and, most important of all, why to behave. At all levels we try to follow the advice of expert students of native education, such as the 1923 Commission of the Colonial Office, the Phelps-Stokes Fund's studies, and the late Pacific Conference at Honolulu.

Finally, Mr. Eggleston implies that the Missions do not co-operate with the Government. The shoe would better fit the other foot. The New Guinea Administration has no policy for native education. Papua has. As he pointed out, "there is no specific education administration" in this Territory. No energetic action has ever been taken in the matter. There used to be a Native Education Trust Fund, now extinct; and taxes were collected for the purpose of education—but nothing ever happened.

It is to be hoped that when the present difficulties end, and civil affairs can once more be thought of, the Government will at last do something in the way of native education. The studies mentioned above point the way rather clearly. The Government should undertake to aid the Missions to develop an education suited to the needs of the native people, to whatever extent its funds allow.

I am, etc.,

(REV.) JAMES HENNESSY.
Buka Native Training College, TNG,
29/5/1941.

Mr. F. Athern arrived at Noumea, New Caledonia, recently, to take up duties as airport manager for Pan American Airways. He was accompanied by his wife and two children.

Mr. Ernest Gibson Woolcott, a former resident of Fiji (where his family had property on the Ba River) died recently in New Zealand, aged over 70. He was at various times a member of the staff of A. M. Brodziak and Co., a clerk of the Ba Court, and a sugar planter on the Upper Ba. He is survived by his wife (nee Lilian Allen, of Fiji) and two daughters.

Two prominent Fijian chiefs, **Ratu G. W. Lalabalavu** and **Ratu Savenaca Komalsavi** were presented with Certificates of Honour and insignia by the Governor (Sir Harry Luke, KCMG), at the June session of the Fiji Legislative Council.

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Rev. Albert Maclaren



Rev. Copland King.

—Photos: Australian Board of Missions.

NEXT month the New Guinea Mission will complete 50 years of continuous work in Papua. Above are the two missionaries, Rev. Albert Maclaren and Rev. Copland King, who pioneered the first station at Dogura, on the eastern coast of the Papuan mainland. They landed on the shores of Bartle Bay from the whaleboat "Tasmania" on Monday, August 10, 1891.

Maclaren was in England in 1889 when he heard that the Australian Church of England was seeking volunteers for a new mission field—Papua had just been annexed by Great Britain. He offered himself for the work and was accepted immediately.

For several months in 1890 Maclaren was in Papua acting as private secretary to the Administrator, Dr. (later Sir) William Macgregor, in order to gain some knowledge of the country and the natives. On his return to Sydney, later the same year, he chanced to meet Rev. King in a country train carriage; that night King decided to go to Papua with him.

Many difficulties were encountered in the early days of the Mission. After only two months in the tropics, King was compelled to go South for rest and treatment. His work was carried on by Rev. Samuel Tomlinson, who arrived with his wife and Mr. C. E. Kennedy in October, 1891. Then Maclaren fell seriously ill through overwork and exposure; he died on board ship on December 27, while being taken to North Queensland for hospital attention, and was buried at Cooktown.

Three months later, King, having recovered, returned to Papua, where he was in charge for six years until the appointment of the first Anglican bishop, Rt. Rev. Montagu Stone-Wigg, of Brisbane, in 1898. King gave nearly 30 years' devoted service to the Mission, eventually retiring to live in Sydney, where he died.

Dr. M. Rose, assistant medical officer in the Cook Islands, was in New Zealand at the beginning of June on furlough.

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Mr. H. T. ("Bunny") Hammond, formerly a well-known airman in Morobe, New Guinea, is now a Wing-commander at the RAAF Cootamundra Air School, NSW. A number of ex-New Guinea men have passed through this station—several having served there and one or two having received their RAAF training there before going overseas.

Mrs. E. T. Brennan, wife of the New Guinea Director of Public Health, arrived in Sydney by airliner from Rabaul recently. She has lived in New Guinea for 18 years, but will now make her home in Australia.

Miss E. A. Downs, principal of the LMS Girls' School at Papaitia, Western Samoa, was in New Zealand in June on leave. She plans to visit Australia later to carry out deputation work for the London Missionary Society.

Mr. Lorne Denny, son of Mr. Robert G. M. Denny, former postmaster of Nukualofa, Tonga, is now serving overseas with the NZ Forces. Before enlisting, he was Inspector of Stations for Burns Philp (SS) Co., Ltd., in Tonga, and held the rank of sergeant in the local Defence Force. Mr. Denny was the first European from Tonga to serve abroad.

BEESWAX

A Forest Industry for the Islands?

BY F. J. MORGAN

BEESWAX is one of the few important articles of commerce for which no effective synthetic substitute has been evolved in the laboratory. Not for want of trying, but because the peculiar properties of the wax are of a complex animal origin and reproduction has not been found practicable.

There is a growing world-wide shortage of beeswax which will increase as secondary industries expand, due in the first place to its manifold uses for which there is no satisfactory material even in nature with which to replace it; and, secondly, because in highly industrialised countries bees are kept for honey production and cannot be allowed to waste their time and energy producing wax.

Australia and New Zealand, both honey exporting countries, are now wax importing countries, as official statistics show. In the Commonwealth, the shortage now has reached alarming proportions because of the rapid growth of industry; and the market price for locally produced wax has soared to an uneconomic level from the point of view of the manufacturer.

Most of the wax imported into Australia during the financial year 1938-39 came from Tanganyika and East Indian sources. Whether beeswax is available in commercial quantities in the forests of New Guinea or other islands in the Pacific Ocean has yet to be proved, but it is worth careful investigation.

In the Malay Archipelago, for instance, Timor Island had established a large export trade in beeswax to China before the Sino-Japanese war began. Sarawak has given the subject some attention, and in 1935 (the last year for which figures are available) exported 12,096 lb., valued at 554 Straits dollars per ton. During the same period, British North Borneo exported 11,516 lb., valued at £386 sterling.

New Guinea may, therefore, be regarded as a potential exporter. The method of gathering must depend on the willingness of local labour, as well as profusion of forest colonies of bees. In the tropical parts of Africa, and in the islands of the Malayan Archipelago, the methods exploited vary between buying from natives, who bring the wax in for trading, or employment of natives in systematic, efficient search patrols.

Should any reader consider this matter worthy of further investigation, it is advisable to remember that wax produced by the East Indian and Asiatic bees is softer and more plastic than wax from other bees, and it would be advisable to send a sample of the wax collected for test and analysis before commencing serious search.

THE Trigona (or Dammar) bee extends right through New Guinea and, in fact, right through the entire tropic belt. There are many varieties of this species of small stingless bee, and the quality of the wax and honey produced by them varies just as greatly. At the same time, it should not be dismissed without local observation of its habits, because from some of these bees a good marketable wax has been gathered.

When a nest is located in a tree or crevice in the rocks, the bees can be smoked out and the comb or nest collected in buckets and later transferred to a linen bag to be squeezed to drain off the honey. The wax remain-



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For most purposes a good clean yellow colour is in heavy demand, but best prices are obtained for white or light straw-coloured wax for only these can be coloured with very light and delicate shades of dyes.

In passing, it is advisable to note that wax from India was in very bad repute for many years because of the adulteration practised extensively by the natives. This is now a punishable offence in most countries and, as adulteration is easily detected by wax technicians, it is rarely possible to get away with it even once, although it is occasionally attempted.

Present prices of beeswax in Sydney are from 2/1 to 2/2 per lb., but these prices are exceptional and are a little too high for the average manufacturer. A fair price to expect for all parties would be about 1/1 to 1/3 per lb. net, in Sydney market.

Imports of beeswax into Australia during the year ended July, 1939, give some indication of the position as it stood two years ago. Much larger quantities are needed now. The official figures extracted from Federal statistics were as follows:—

Importing States.	lb.
New South Wales	22,243
Victoria	43,493
Queensland	1
South Australia	2,621
Western Australia	2,375
Tasmania	112
Total imports of beeswax into Australia:	
70,745 lb., valued at £4,685.	

Australian local production is practically all used up in the manufacture of beeswax comb-foundation, whereby the wax is purified and rolled out into sheets with embryo cells stamped on them to save the poor bee from doing too much unproductive work.

Ode to a Tourist Ship in an Islands Port

WHEN does the common mortal cease
To be a mortal, and become
A raging lambkin in the fleece
Of lions, breathing gin and rum?

Why does the ordinary man
Cast off his coat of sombre hue,
His sober mien become "Can-Can",
And vermilion his stern lips bedew?

Why does the honest working girl
Parade her thighs so white and wan?
The banners of her eyes unfurl?
Distract the thoughts of Island man?

O, tourist ship, wherein doth lie
Thy magic Circe art to change
Thy boarders' ways; art thou a sty
That all their decent minds derange?

Fiji.

—R.

Mrs. Kit McKerlie, a resident of the Solomon Islands for many years and, during the last 12 months, hostess at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Samarai, Papua, was given a farewell party by a large circle of her friends on the eve of her departure in June for Australia where she will reside in future. Her husband is at present a member of the AIF serving in the Middle East.

CRIME IN SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, June 3.

TIMES are hard in the Territory, and it is perhaps natural that crimes and offences against the law appear to be increasing.

In a typical case, recently tried in Apia High Court, a 17-years-old Samoan youth, Tasele, a young Euronesian, Patele Collins, and a German-Samoan, William Schwenke, had formed a "gang" to commit robberies, in which the first-named two lads stole a great variety of articles ranging from bicycles to fowls, while Schwenke acted as instructor and receiver of the goods. Some of the stolen articles were discovered by the police in Schwenke's house. Schwenke and Tasele received prison sentences of two months each, while Collins was released on account of his youth.

In recent manslaughter cases, wherein bus and motor-car drivers were charged with having caused the deaths of three persons in road accidents, the accused drivers were found not guilty by the juries, as there was insufficient evidence to convict.

Some particularly bad cases of rape were tried recently before Chief Judge Harley, when six Samoan youths from

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BEHIND THE SCENES IN THE FAR EAST

Graft and Corruption in Chungking :: What Japan May and May Not Do

BY MARC T. GREENE

SHANGHAI, May 12. THE Japan-Soviet pact, whatever may be its actual significance or its repercussions in respect of the general war, has had immediate effects upon the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Even before Mr. Matsuoka had arrived back in Japan, fresh from the embraces of Mr. Stalin, and with the pact in his inside pocket, the Japanese had grabbed the only remaining ports of entry into "free" China and commenced preparations which indicated an offensive of large proportions.

Curiously enough, America's prompt reply to the pact, \$50,000,000 more to "stabilise Chinese currency", did not strengthen the Shanghai dollar, but had the opposite effect. This, to the uninitiated, continues to be a mystery. But not to those "in the know". The answer is that not all of that sum, any more than all of the other sums poured into the insatiate Chinese maw, will get where it is supposed to go.

In that connection there is an increasing demand that America, and Britain, too, exercise a closer scrutiny over the use of the aid, especially the aid in money, that is being given China for the presumed purpose of enabling her to defeat Japan and so to protect Anglo-Saxon interests in the Far East.

It is no secret, now, that the replacing of the amiable Mr. Johnson by the more outright Mr. Gauss, as American Ambassador to the Chungking Government,

was almost entirely due to American dissatisfaction with Chinese economic and financial policy and methods, and to a conviction, which Washington had reached at long last, that Mr. Johnson's warm sympathy with the Chinese cause had somewhat clouded his discernment in respect of the manner in which that cause was being fought—with the material assistance of American dollars. The despatch of President Roosevelt's personal representative, Mr. Lauchlin Currie, to Chungking at the same time, was likewise symptomatic of a determination by America to inaugurate a new policy in China.

WHAT Mr. Currie reported to his chief is being kept rather surprisingly secret, but it is no secret at all in the East that the Chungking Administration is riddled with graft, inefficiency and self-seeking by high officials. The Generalissimo, Chiang Kai Shek, is apparently combating this earnestly, and he has had a number of officials arrested during the past three months—a few of whom have failed to retain their anatomy intact.

But the High Command's attitude toward the Communist elements is a grave mistake, and is endangering more than any other one thing China's prospects of victory.

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aid, has made up its mind to end the armistice—which is all it ever was—with the Communists, to ignore them now, and as soon as victory is achieved to turn and rend them. The rending, of course, has already commenced, but the effect it is having is to bring about a uniting of all the Communist armies, half a million or so in the aggregate, against the Chungking regime. Thus, civil war on a wide scale is all but certain, when and if Japan is defeated by China—possibly before. In the light of that possibility the Japanese, encouraged, are redoubling their efforts to liquidate the "Incident".

Furthermore, it is possible that among the secret clauses in the Soviet-Japan pact, which everybody knows are numerous, are a promise by Stalin to discontinue—gradually, of course, so as not to make it too obvious—assistance to Chungking.

However, the pact as a whole should by no means be taken too seriously. It is merely one more move in the game of chess (Russian style) that the black-moustached fellow in the Kremlin is playing with exceeding cleverness—a move of pawns, really, which will be forgotten all about when it is time to shift larger pieces.

NO southward move will be made by Japan unless a major disaster comes in Europe—possibly not even then unless America enters the war.

But, in such an event, that entry is almost certain, even if not before. Japanese action, both through adherence to the Axis pact and out of self-interest, is likely to be almost concurrent. It will take the form either of an attempt at Singapore or at the DEI—more likely the latter, but perhaps both.

No actual attack is probable upon Hong Kong, but rather a land and sea blockade, which would be hardly less disastrous after a month or so. No hostile Japanese move is considered likely in Shanghai, because this is too important a trading centre, and to turn it into a shambles would not avail Japan anything.

I HAVE lately returned from Thailand and I can say with certainty that the stories of Japanese bases and so forth in that country are entirely baseless.

I came down the Peninsula by train and air to Penang, and then to Singapore. Apart from the presence here and there of British troops, mainly Australians, everything was perfectly tranquil.

The island of Singapore bristles with fortifications, as everybody knows, and no attempt at landing could possibly succeed. If Japan should grab Thailand, as might happen in the event of bad British set-backs in Europe, and an American entry into the conflict, an attempt to work down the Malay Peninsula, both inland and along the coast, might be made.

In such an undertaking the Germans might succeed. There isn't a chance in twenty that the Japanese could—even with the aid of the German "advisors", whose numbers are added to daily in Japan, and even here in Shanghai.

Singapore's air-defences also are probably impregnable against a second-rate air-force like Japan's. The attack, if any, is therefore far more likely to be made at some point or points in the DEI. These might conceivably be held, to the imminent danger of Australia. In the light of such a possibility, it would seem to be unwise for Australia to be denuded entirely of military units.

Mr. T. K. Stewart has taken up duties as headmaster of Ifi Ifi School at Apia, Western Samoa.

DEATH OF BRILLIANT YOUNG GEOLOGIST

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, June 12.

ON May 30 at the European Hospital, Port Moresby, the death occurred from tropical typhus of Geoffrey Standon Nevitt Sadler, BSc, a young scientist of outstanding ability attached to the Australasian Petroleum Co. in Papua. He was only 24 years old.

Born and educated in NZ, he joined the geological staff of Island Exploration Co. in Papua in 1937. Since then he had been continuously engaged in geological exploration both for Island Exploration and for APC. Mr. Sadler took part in notable expeditions, under the leadership of both Mr. N. Osborne and Mr. G. A. V. Stanley, up the headwaters of the Fly River to the Hindenburg Range, and across the little known country between

the Vailala River and the Tauri and Kapau Rivers. Both expeditions made important contributions to the geological data of Papua and were successful in establishing friendly relations with the primitive tribes encountered.

His keen scientific mind, his courage and determination, and his fine physique fitted young Sadler admirably for the difficult and important geological work that had been allotted to him in the Territory. Besides showing brilliance as a geologist, he had made a study of zoology and had specialised in the collection of land snails both in Papua and in NZ.

Pen-friends in the Pacific Islands are sought by Mrs. M. Clarke, c/o Post Office, Whenuapai, Upper Harbour, Auckland, NZ, who is a former resident of Tonga and Fiji. Her hobbies include photography and gardening.

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AMERICAN ENTOMOLOGIST VISITS FIJI

DURING April and May Mr. Noel Krauss, of the Board of Agriculture and Forestry, Honolulu (Hawaii), was in Fiji, collecting insects for the Bishop Museum. Despite heavy rainfall, which in Suva exceeded 45 inches for April, he obtained a good collection at Sigatoka and Vunidawa, on the main island of Viti Levu, and also on Kadavu, to the south. Various localities within easy reach of Suva were also visited in company with the Government Entomologist, Mr. R. J. A. W. Lever, who was in BSI for more than six years.



This photograph, taken in the jungle, shows Mr. N. Krauss (centre) and Mr. R. J. A. W. Lever. The Native Laboratory Attendant is Ratu Philip Lewanavanua, who has had well over 10 years' service in the Department of Agriculture.

Prince Jione Gu, the younger son of the Queen of Tonga, is following in the footsteps of his brother, the Crown Prince, as an athlete. Playing for Newington College against The King's School, at Parramatta, NSW, in June, he secured the only try for his side. This, however, did not secure victory for his team.

War's Effect on Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, June 8.
ALTHOUGH the islands of the South Pacific are remote from the actual fighting zones, they are in many ways closely affected by the war. Samoa is playing her part in the Empire's effort by having successfully raised funds for a "Spitfire" plane and by sending cash and supplies to the NZ Red Cross. A number of young men from the Territory are already serving in the NZ Forces overseas or training in the Dominion, and a large number of volunteers are waiting to be called up.

Lack of markets and shortage of shipping has somewhat curtailed trade. The copra market shows little improvement, and of the 4,000 tons of copra which NZ purchased at the beginning of this year for use as pigs' food, only half has been lifted so far. A number of copra trading stations on Savaii and on the south coast of Upolu have closed down.

COCOA PROSPECTS GOOD

Fortunately, the cocoa market has improved of late, and, though freight rates, etc., are high, planters can dispose of Samoan cocoa beans in USA, NZ and Australia. We had a record crop last year and, with weather conditions continuing favourable this year, prospects for another large crop are good. With the establishment of a rubber-ware industry in NZ, there is also a good market offering for Samoan rubber. The NZ Reparation Estates, a Government concern, is at present the only rubber producer, shipping some 10 tons monthly.

The banana industry has been the main source of income for a large portion of the Territory's population—until recently 20,000 cases were shipped a month. However, re-arranged shipping facilities have reduced banana shipments by half.

Apart from banana pay-out days, Apia stores have had a quiet time recently and economising is the slogan of the hour. Our cost of living is rising continuously—almost daily the Administration announces some increase in the controlled prices of imported foodstuffs; but locally produced foods such as eggs, milk, fruit, etc., are plentiful and there is no likelihood of a food shortage.

Government revenue has suffered considerably and, as a result, Public Works activities have been curtailed. The Administration may have to reduce the staffs of some departments to effect necessary savings in expenditure.

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HIS VARIED CAREER

IN Papua we have a man named (for the purpose of this article) Hawkins, who has enjoyed an extraordinarily varied life.

After graduating from a well-known English University, he served with the Bank of England sufficiently long to become a teller. He then went through training as a shipwright and, soon thereafter, as a coachbuilder. Then, journeying to Sweden, he became an expert in the Skandia engineering business.

Abandoning this to follow the call of the sea, he sailed up and down the Mediterranean for some years and later "rounded the Horn" in a full-rigged ship, in time becoming familiar with all the ports on the west coast of South America.

Rumours came of the gold strike in the Yukon, and, in due course, he found himself with a claim pegged in Dawson City. Here he led an adventurous life. An opportunity occurred for him to join the North-West Mounted, which he promptly seized. In the "Mounties", he had still more adventures than when a miner; but even this inducement failed to overcome the wanderlust, so off he went to Oregon, USA, and became a lumberjack and, incidentally (he admits), "one of the crack rivermen".

Next, he sailed for Australia, where he found employment in N. Queensland. Later, he crossed to Papua—arriving there, according to his passport, while still on the right side of thirty. A fair effort? But, wait—

I MET him one night, recently, when he and I and a young patrol officer were fellow guests in a house in the D'Entrecasteaux Group. Hawkins had known our host and myself for many years, and now found us rather hard to impress.

Not so the P.O.; here was a sympathetic ear.

Hawkins finessed the lad into a corner, and, like the Ancient Mariner with the wedding guest, he "held him with his glittering eye" and poured forth a selection of narratives from his turgid past which made the P.O.'s hair stand on end. However, even these began to pall and, seizing a momentary gap in the monologue, the P.O. hopped in with his contribution.

"D'you know," he said, "I've been troubled lately with a little, cigar-shaped pain low down on my right side and—"

"Never pay any heed to that," interrupted Hawkins. "I've had the like for years, and what do I do? I laugh it off! Forget about it!"

"All very well," demurred the P.O., "but I've often thought that it would be pretty crook if a fellow were stricken with appendicitis out on patrol—"

"Look you, young fellow," and Hawkins laid a hand like a bunch of hairy bananas (if one dares imagine such a macabre object) on the P.O.'s knee. "For three years I walked the floors of—Hospital and, if the worst comes to the worst, I'll whip it out for you!"

Eyeing askance the hand which had obviously never manipulated any instrument less delicate than a broadaxe, the P.O. abruptly rose, collected his gear, and departed into the night.

The silence which followed was broken by the roar of the engine, as the Government launch started off. Then:

"And you've been here about twenty-five or thirty years?" said our host.

"About that," agreed Hawkins.

Then silence again. Two of us were busy with some mental calculations.

—W.G.

Cookery Book in Three Languages

OUR DAILY BREAD AND FIFTY RECIPES, a cookery book in three languages, Gilbertese, Ellice and English, and the first book to be published in the Ellice language, has just been issued from the Government Press, Suva, Fiji. The author is Mrs. Thomas Lascelles Iremonger, wife of a cadet-officer in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

When Mrs. Iremonger first arrived in the Ellice Islands, where her husband was Acting Administrative Officer-in-Charge, she found that there were no trained cooks available. She could not speak a word of the language, and the boy she obtained could not speak a word of English. She knew practically nothing of cookery, and he, of course, knew nothing of European methods; so she was compelled to learn to cook, to teach him

to cook, to learn Ellice, and to teach him English, simultaneously!

In addition to a section on bread-making, and information on how to make yeast from bananas or toddy, the book contains 50 useful recipes, adapted to suit the scanty resources of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony (consisting mainly of pork, fish, eggs, pawpaw, bananas, taro and breadfruit). Only such imported essentials have been called upon as every European resident is certain to possess at any time, and natives can easily obtain, e.g., milk (tinned), flour, sugar, etc.

The book was originally merely for the author's own personal use, but later she was surprised to find how great an interest was taken in it by the natives.

In her preface, Mrs. Iremonger expresses the hope that the book will be of some use to young, unmarried officers, who have neither the time, knowledge nor inclination to teach a cook, and whose meals are often badly prepared



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and monotonous. In the G. and E. Colony, in particular, where one lives mainly on fish, this starts lack of appetite, leading on to tinned foods, and ends with dyspepsia.

"I know," the author says, "that there is a shortage of native cooks, both at Ocean Island and in the G. and E. Group. . . . These recipes should increase the natives' scope, teach them the A, B, C of kitchen customs, and provide a number of potential cooks. The book was finished three months after I came to the islands knowing nothing of the language, but I am convinced that it is intelligible to the Ellice people, because I have tried all of the recipes on my cook and other natives."

After completion, MSS of the book was mysteriously lost somewhere between the Gilberts and Fiji, and Mrs. Iremonger re-drafted the whole from such scanty notes as she chanced to have with her on a visit to Suva.

As this is the first edition of the first

book to be published in the Ellice language, copies probably will be eagerly sought by collectors and Polynesian societies, etc. The book is priced at 1/-, and is obtainable from the office of the Western Pacific High Commission, Suva, Fiji.

Dr. Eugene O'Neill, medical officer on the liner "Aorangi", who is well-known throughout the Pacific, will probably leave that vessel before long and take up residence in Auckland. Dr. O'Neill has accepted a post with the NZ military authorities for the duration of the war. In the last war he held the rank of colonel, and was awarded the CMG among other decorations.

Mr. W. Parsons, of Wau, returned to New Guinea in May after having been discharged from the AIF as the result of a foot injury.

FIJI'S GOLD

Emperor Co. Investigating a New Area

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, June 24. THE Fiji goldfields (Tavua and Mt. Kasi) continue to turn out their regular monthly quotas as a routine matter. Meanwhile, a few prospectors are still working in various districts in the Group. Evidences of gold are plentiful, but nobody has yet found anything that even remotely threatens to be a second Tavua. Perhaps the best prospect is at "Waimotu", in the Natewa Bay area, on the eastern side of Vanua Levu, where investigations are being carried out with Emperor money.

Figures were issued recently by the Suva Chamber of Commerce, showing how gold production in Fiji has risen until it now is the colony's second largest export, ranking next to, and not far behind, sugar:—

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Visitors to Tavua goldfield from other Pacific Islands are always surprised when they learn that Fiji's gold industry is based mainly on telluride lodes—gold in its crude state (nuggets, etc.) is seldom seen at Tavua. Telluride ore is found in the Emperor areas at deep levels and nearer the surface on the Loloma properties.

Our gold wizard, Mr. E. G. Theodore, recently accompanied His Excellency the Governor of Fiji, also High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (Sir Harry Luke) to the Solomons, and we hope that, for the sake of our friends there, Mr. Theodore's energy, initiative and finance can turn their undeveloped gold-bearing areas into a paying proposition.

BSI "SPITFIRE" FUND IS GROWING

ALL sections of the Solomon Islands community—Europeans, Chinese and natives—are contributing to the growth of the BSI "Spitfire" Fighter Aeroplane Fund which has swelled in two months from £1,243 (see list, April "PIM") to £1,580. The following are the latest donations (up to May 22):—

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How to Consume More Pacific Copra

Letter to the Editor

IN June issue, "Ga Ni Bulu", calls for coconut planters to unite in fostering the growth of local industries handling copra products. It occurred to me that the success of the Coconut Board in Ceylon might encourage Pacific growers, if it were made known.

The coconut industry in Ceylon is under the supervision of the Ceylon Government Coconut Board. Facing a problem similar to that confronting Pacific copra producers, the Board decided to try to increase the local consumption of coconuts, and the manufacture of by-products in Ceylon. Of course, the local population is large compared with that of Fiji; but so, too, was the supply of nuts and the number of growers.

I left Colombo about three weeks before the outbreak of war. Anticipating the war, and subsequent loss of overseas revenue, the Coconut Board, on 23rd August, 1939, inaugurated intense local propaganda to encourage the eating of fresh nuts as a staple article of diet by the labouring populace. It was estimated that the consumption would reach an average of half a nut per head per day. The Planters' Association assisted to bring this about by encouraging their own labourers to eat coconuts.

Articles on the use of coconuts in cooking were published in both English and vernacular, and competitions were run offering prizes for the best dishes, curries and sweet-meats in which coconuts were used.

A motor-caravan was put on the roads as a travelling exhibit, and visited villages and fairs, popularising the use of

hair-oils, cooking-oils, soaps, margarine, sweets, biscuits and condiments, to say nothing of toddy and arrack. In conjunction with this propaganda, the Coconut Board opened a large showroom in the heart of shopping Colombo, where local manufacturers were invited to display their wares. Trading under the name of Ceylon Coconut Products Emporium, the Board advertised in overseas magazines and distributed hand-bills to all vessels berthing in the harbour, inviting tourists to visit the Emporium, where over 300 different varieties of coconut products were exhibited for sale.

As a result, the sale of deck-mops, yard-brooms, coir-mats, coconut-matting and rope flourished in Colombo. A large local industry grew in the manufacture of hair and cooking-oils, soaps and sweets. A purely native product in the form of cheap matting, made from the leaves of the trees, grew very rapidly, and the product is used everywhere in Ceylon, and by our armies in Asia, to build temporary huts and screens.

Fiji, with its 85,000 Indians and 90,000 natives, is probably best situated among the Pacific Territories to attempt anything like the Ceylon experiment. A co-operative movement by copra-growers should show results. Large employers might encourage their employees to use fresh coconuts as food, and the local manufacture of brooms, matting, soaps, etc., might be fostered. A Fiji Coconut Products Emporium, in Suva, might stimulate local consumption, as well as interest travellers. Branch Emporiums in Auckland and Sydney, or motor propaganda vans visiting the country shows in Australia and New Zealand, might give good results.

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Sydney, 5/7/1941.

Mr. R. Brain, of New Britain Timbers Ltd., was in Victoria in June and July on leave.

Mr. George Patterson, son of Mr. G. Patterson, of Patterson Bros., Levuka, Fiji, is serving with the NZ Forces as a sergeant in a machine gun unit.

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ONE PITCAIRNER NOW ON NORFOLK IS.

ONLY one of the original Pitcairn Islanders, who landed on Norfolk Island on June 8, 1856, now survives. She is Mrs. Seymour Buffett, known affectionately as "Aunt Selina". The 85th anniversary of the landing was celebrated on June 8, when £110 was subscribed at a gymkhana in aid of AIF men who enlisted from the island. At night 17 men who were leaving for the mainland to enlist were farewelled.

Mr. J. O. Tamblin has replaced Mr. Harvey Collins as manager of the National Bank of Australasia at Thursday Island.

Mr. Fred. Young, of Faatoia, Western Samoa, recently married Miss Amy Williams at Apia Roman Catholic Cathedral Presbytery.

TWO WOMEN OF SUVA

Tribute to "Aunt Mary" and Mrs. Barrack

BY "OLD FIJIAN"

WHEN I hear the words "Lavender and Old Lace" I think of Miss Mary Graburn, more affectionately known as "Aunt Mary" to residents of Suva, Fiji. She conducts a private boarding establishment for young children attending school in Suva.

It would take an abler pen than mine to convey to you just how deeply she is enshrined in the hearts of Suva people—so many young men and women look back with gratitude and affection to the years spent in her care. In a number of

cases, the younger generation are now enjoying the same kindness and care their parents once received.

For all her 75 years, Aunt Mary is active in mind and body and would shame many women half her age, in the amount of work she manages to get through. She is never idle, and rarely takes a nap in the day-time, yet she is always fresh and sprightly, and ready to have a chat when, as so often happens, some friend calls in to tell of a new-born infant, or a change in business, or a little joy or trouble—knowing well that Aunt Mary will be interested or delighted or sympathetic as the case may be.

Living with Aunt Mary in her old-fashioned house, filled with mementos and photos of boys and girls, now grown men and women, is her widowed sister, Mrs. Barrack, and I can think of no better picture of everyone's idea of "Mother". Like her sister, Mrs. Barrack is sweet-faced and blue-eyed, and she has a wealth of snow-white hair, simply coiled on her neck. But her figure is round, and so very motherly that one cannot help wanting to hug her.

Is it any wonder that mothers living in the country districts of Fiji are grateful to Aunt Mary and Mrs. Barrack? They know that when the time comes to send their little ones to school in Suva, if they can place them in the care of these dear women, the children will not only be well cared for, but they will also be guided by a high moral standard, to benefit them in the years to come.

It is truly a beautiful sight, when playtime is over, after tea, to see those little children kneeling at the lap of Aunt Mary, with their eyes closed and hands clasped, saying their bedtime prayer. It is remarkable the deep affection and respect this dear old lady commands; and it is true affection, too, because Aunt Mary gets right into the confidence and hearts of these children, and is never too busy to listen to their little worries and troubles, although she does not encourage tale-bearing at all. She enters into their amusements and often suggests some new form of game and enjoys it with them.

Kindliness seems to be the key-note of her life; and, perhaps, it is for this reason she has had one Fijian servant for 33 years, and another for 16 years. These two "boys" accord her the deepest respect, when addressing her; but, underlying it, one can see the affection they have for her, who is not only their mistress, but their friend.

With Mrs. Barrack, Aunt is an active worker for their Church; and, when a bazaar is pending, it is amazing to see the variety of articles those two women manufacture from native materials. With all these activities, there is always time to see that some invalid along the street gets a nourishing bowl of soup, or some dainty morsel. But such good works are not ostentations—true charity likes to hide itself.

When I see that pitiful sight, a woman well on in years, perhaps a grandmother, trying to ape the ways and dress of a younger set, I turn with relief to Aunt Mary and Mrs. Barrack, and realise what a lot of meaning there is in the phrase, "growing old gracefully and with dignity".

Mr. James Bannister, of Nadarivatu, Fiji, died in Ba Hospital on June 7, following an attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. E. Rippon, of the Automobile Association of NZ, arrived in Fiji recently to take up duties as a permanent AA patrolman for Viti Levu, with headquarters in Suva.

Mr. G. M. Hungerford, of the Suva branch of the Bank of NSW, returned to Australia by the June Matson liner from Fiji. He will now be stationed in one of the bank's Sydney offices.



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Bonus For C.I. Orange Growers

From Our Own Correspondent

COOK ISLANDS orange shipments for this season have been quite satisfactory to date. Owing to the new packing process and more efficient handling, the fruit has landed well in NZ. At the Rarotonga pay-out in April it was announced that an extra 2d. to 3d. per case on that shipment would be paid out as a bonus at the end of the year.

One difficulty now is the extent to which the steamer space allotted to Rarotongan growers has been cut down. One grower applying for 100 cases of loose oranges in April received space for 50, and in May for only 32. Growers may well ask how they are expected to plant more orange trees, as under the Government re-planting scheme, when the fruit they can already supply is not taken.

A feature of the Mav fruit consignment was the large shipment of mandarines, amounting to over 1,200 boxes. Banana exports amounted to about the usual 3,000 cases. With the tomatoes and orange juice seasons also in full swing, the fruit industry this year would appear to have made an excellent start.

PORT MORESBY HOTEL DECISION REVERSED

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, June 27. STEAMSHIPS Trading Co. has been informed that the Commonwealth Government, after reconsideration, is issuing the necessary permit for the erection of a new hotel in Port Moresby on what is known as the "school site", at the corner of Musgrave and Douglas Streets.

This decision follows a minor "war" between Steamships Trading Co. and the owners of the existing hotel, who had planned to build a second hotel. Representations to the Federal Government resulted in STC being refused permission to erect their hotel, after having successfully tendered for the site. Thereupon, many Port Moresby residents and local bodies petitioned the Government to reconsider its attitude, as extra hotel accommodation is essential.

It is understood that work on the new hotel will commence as soon as the site is made available, and that the present school will be transferred to the original school quarters now occupied by the Native Affairs Department. An addition will be made shortly to the Government Secretary's Department to accommodate the Native Affairs' office.

News has been received recently of a number of ex-Fiji young men serving in England with the Royal Air Force—**R. Buckley** (at one time on the Suva staff of Morris, Hedstrom Ltd.), **D. Caldwell** (son of District Commissioner R. N. Caldwell), **T. Patterson** (son of Mr. George Patterson, of Levuka). Also training in Canada for the RAF is **Rob. Alban**, son of Rev. V. Alban, formerly a Methodist missionary at various Fiji stations.

Pastor L. G. Maxwell has arrived in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, to take over control of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission from **Pastor A. G. Jacobson**, who has returned to NZ.

Two Letters . . .

Frank Peters bit his nails as he read the letter. His wife sat opposite, watching. . . . She looked worried, depressed.

"Bad news, Frank?"

"Read it yourself. Couldn't be much worse."

This is what she read:—

Dear Frank,—

When the Board of Directors decided to give you charge of our Islands Branch, I was absolutely certain that you were the right man for the job. As a matter of fact, Frank, you know as well as I do that it was my influence that finally turned the vote in your favour. Now I have to write and tell you, Frank, that we are dissatisfied with your work. The last few months have been a great disappointment. What's happened to you? Your sales figures for the months of February and March are far lower than last year's, and lower than they have been for the past five years for the same two months. There must be a reason for this. Frank, so write at once and give me a full explanation so that I will have something to tell the Board. In the meantime, for Pete's sake get your sales figures up, otherwise nothing I can say will alter the fact—we'll have to make a change.

Kindest regards to you and Mary,
JOHN.

"He says he wants an explanation. What are you going to tell him, Frank?"

"What can I tell him? Everything he says is true. Sales are down. There's no doubt about it, I'm a flop. How can I put my heart and soul into my work when I always feel like this—tired all the time. I even wake up tired nowadays."

"Darling, I know you haven't been yourself for the last couple of months. You haven't got your old energy. You'd better go down and see Doctor Martin."

So Frank saw Doctor Martin. After giving him a thorough examination Doctor Martin said:—

"Frank, the reason why you're run

down, nervy and tired all the time is very simple. Naturally, this climate takes it out of you. And that's not all! Tiredness, nerviness—these things are really symptoms of Night-Starvation. You've probably never realised it, but while you sleep your body goes on burning up energy. Your heart has to beat 35,000 times and your lungs make 20,000 muscular movements. Naturally, this takes it out of you, and if energy isn't replaced during sleep you wake tired, and stay tired all day long. You get nervy, run down, and lose your confidence. My advice is, drink a cupful of Horlicks every night before you go to bed.

And so Frank started drinking Horlicks every night before bed. Three months passed. We meet Frank again. He is opening another letter. When he finishes reading it, he passes it across to Mary. . . .

"Darling, read this! Isn't it marvellous?"

This is what Mary read:—

Dear Frank,—

Your latest sales figures were the best thing you could possibly have sent down. There's no doubt about it, Frank, you can turn on the heat when you have to. All the talk about calling you back to Sydney has been forgotten. As a matter of fact, confidentially, you might find a little something in your stocking at Christmas. Keep up the good work.

JOHN.

Do you find yourself waking tired in the morning, even after a good night's sleep? Do you get nervy, irritable, over small things that don't really matter? Is the climate getting you down? Then the chances are that you, too, are suffering from Night-Starvation. Horlicks replaces energy lost during sleep, so that you wake refreshed, clear eyed and alert. Start drinking Horlicks at night and you'll soon get back all your old drive and vitality.



Miss M. Battersby, who was a well-known Methodist missionary in New Guinea, retired recently owing to ill-health.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Penglase, who were in Australia recently on furlough, are now at Manus, New Guinea, where he is relieving ADO K. C. McMullen, as officer in charge of the district.

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A SECTION FOR WOMEN

By "Therese"

EVEN though winter weather still prevails in Australia, the shops are showing advanced fashions. It is surprising to see such a variety of designs in fabrics, particularly after nearly two years of war and considering the wide restrictions on imports. Colours and designs are really lovely—there are lots of cyclamens, greens, blues and yellows all mixed up together with splendid effect. There are pastel shades, too—delicate pinks, blues, greens and pale yellows—for those who like plain fabrics.

Navy fabric patterned with white is always popular but there promises to be a shortage, and though here and there one sees this combination in polka dots

and quaint little scroll effects, the demand will greatly exceed the supply.

Cottons are crisp and fresh-looking and have marvellous washing propensities. All sorts of quaint designs are patterned on them and the colours are in a wide range to suit all tastes.

Jacket suits will continue to be popular and extra jackets in your wardrobe are invaluable. Dress up a tired frock with a coloured suede belt and add a hip-length boxy pocket in exactly the same shade as the belt. This idea has many possibilities and the fun you will get out of contrasting your colours to good effect will be an added incentive to pepping up your wardrobe.

A very charming combination is a hip-length Patou pink jacket (made with broad shoulders) and a deep-rose pleated skirt. A pink straw hat with a rose grosgrain ribbon is a delightful accompaniment.

Avoid blues similar to sky colours or the greens of foliage if you want to be more than "just a gallery" when attending a sports event. These colours tend to blend too much into the background. Choose colours that subtly complement sky and foliage such as rose or soft golds and yellows.

Straw hats will be increasingly difficult to procure but, nothing daunted, women will have their hats made of fabric, either to match or contrast with their frocks. They can go a step further and make most attractive bags, too. It is surprising what an ingenious woman can devise so that she becomes the envy of her sisters.

TRIED RECIPES

HERE are some recipes from two of our regular readers: W. D., of Papua, and Mrs. M. Clarke, of Whenuapai, Upper Harbour, Auckland, New Zealand:

Fish Au Gratin

One lb. firm fish; white sauce made with half pint of milk and 2 dessertspoonsful corn flour, 2 oz. butter, salt and pepper to taste, and 2 or more oz. strong cheese (grated).

Mix the sauce with the fish, which has been steamed, boned and flaked. Place in fireproof dish. Sprinkle the top with grated cheese and dots of butter and bake in a quick oven till nicely browned. Serve with mashed potatoes sprinkled with chopped parsley and, if obtainable, baked tomatoes.

An Invigorating Cocktail

Beat the yolk of an egg with juice of two oranges. Sweeten it with honey. This is an excellent pick-me-up.

Mock Whitebait

Two mullet or other firm fish cut in fillets, one dessertspoon flour, seasoning, pepper and salt.

Cut the fillets slanting in thin strips and toss in seasoned flour. Butter a ple-dish or pyrex; place in it the strips of fish. Squeeze lemon juice over the fish and add 3 tablespoons water. Cover with greased paper and cook 15 to 20 mins. Make a thick white sauce. Drain the fish liquid into the sauce and mix. Pile strips of fish on buttered toast and cover with sauce. Garnish with thin slice of lemon and chopped parsley.

Simple Pikelets

One or 2 eggs, 1 tablespoon sugar, 1 teaspoon honey or golden syrup, 1 cup self-raising flour, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk (powdered or condensed diluted will do), pinch of salt.

Beat the eggs, add the sugar and syrup and beat till frothy. Add the milk and

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Wholemeal Cake

Eight oz. butter, 6 oz. brown sugar, 10 oz. flour, 1 teaspoon brown sugar, 1 teaspoon grated nutmeg, 16 oz. sultanas, 8 oz. raisins, 4 oz. preserved ginger, 1 teaspoon malt extract, a few drops each of vanilla and almond essences.

Beat butter, sugar and malt to a cream and leave for a while (this helps sugar to melt); break in eggs one at a time, and beat well. Mix in dry ingredients and add fruit. Bake in a moderate oven 2½ to 3 hours.

If cake is to be iced, make a hollow in the centre before placing in oven. When cooked it will have a flat top.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS

WHEN next you are icing a cake, try roughing it with a fork for a change. Thick rich orange or chocolate icing well stirred into whirled and ridged looks much more effective than the usual smooth coating.

The following tip is effective for sun-burn: Over a slice of lemon pour half a cupful of hot milk and allow to stand for three or four hours. Strain the mixture and throw away the curd using only the clean liquid that remains.

The flavour of stewed apples or apple rice will be greatly improved if a teaspoon of golden syrup is added when cooking. This will ensure a thick sweet juice.

After peeling tomatoes for frying, cut in half and dip in vinegar and they will remain unbroken during the cooking process.

All dried fruits are better soaked than stewed. Soak for 24 hours and serve with natural juice and cream. Add sugar to taste.

When eggs are scarce, make a light flour and water paste and brush over cutlets before dipping in bread crumbs.

If a sprinkle of curry powder is put into the frying pan when cooking fish, the smell will be eliminated. It will give the fish a tasty flavour and make them brown nicely.

To remove the odour that clings so persistently to the hands after peeling onions, rub the hands thoroughly with common salt. Leave on for a few minutes and then wash in the usual way.

An appetising and delicious dessert is achieved when baked apples are stuffed with raisins and brown sugar. Serve with cream.

If your sauce is too thin, mix a little extra flour to a smooth paste with cold milk, stock, or water; strain this into the sauce and stir over the flame until it re-boils and thickens. For a sauce made from stock, re-boiling until excess moisture evaporates will thicken it—but do not forget to leave the lid off while re-boiling.

Home-made Soap

Five lbs. clarified dripping, 1 lb. caustic soda, ½ lb. borax, ½ cup kerosene, ½ cup ammonia, 3 pints water.

Heat dripping until melted. Put the water into a clean tin, then carefully shake the caustic soda into it. Stir with a stick, add borax, stirring until dissolved, add kerosene. Then pour in strained melted dripping. Stir for several minutes and the mixture will thicken. Then add ammonia and stir well. Pour mixture into a shallow box lined with calico. Cover and leave in a safe place until next day when it will be ready to be cut into bars.

PAPUA'S GENEROUS HELP FOR OLD RESIDENTS

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, July 4.

MR. E. W. Harrison is wrong in stating in your June number that Captain Charles Whitehead, an old resident who settled in Papua in 1901, receives only £4 a month from the Government in his hour of need. I made inquiries and found that Mr. Whitehead received £4 a month from January, 1934, while living on his plantation on Fergusson Island, where he also had a trade store and kept goats and fowls. His sight failed, and in 1938 he sold his property to the late Mr. Evenett, and secured a little capital, and settled in Samarai. When his funds became low, he not only received financial help from the kindly Samarai residents, but his Government allowance was increased to £2 a week in

October, 1939; since when it has again been increased, to £2/10/- a week, owing to his failing sight and his inability to attend to himself. He is 75 years of age.

The Government has several old residents on its hands, all receiving £2 a week. I believe there is quite a substantial sum set aside for this purpose for residents of long standing, who can show cause why assistance should be given.

Mr. Harrison should not make such uninformed statements. £10 per month is an acceptable sum to receive in one's old age, especially in such kindly surroundings as Samarai. Mr. Harrison, on page 16, is also loose in his statements about the copra relief of £4 a month. The relief depends on actual losses sustained owing to the war, etc., and on the size of plantations.

Mr. "Mick" Hayes, formerly of Bulwa, New Guinea, is now serving with the RAAF in Rhodesia, South Africa.

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IT was reported in this journal, in 1938, that Dr. Carl Schuster, who is connected with the Harvard University, was in the Pacific, making a close study of Melanesian designs. In this connection, he examined many museum collections—especially in Australia, New Zealand, Suva and Honolulu. This study is helpful in solving the problems of Pacific racial origins.

Under date of May 9, Dr. Schuster writes to the editor of the "PIM" from 474 Broadway, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA; and, inter alia, he remarks: "It

may be of interest to some of your readers to know that my book, embodying the researches referred to in your journal in 1938, is soon to go into print with the Harvard University Press and, barring misfortunes due to the war, it should appear some time in 1942 under the title, 'The Sunbird; Continuity of a Design Tradition in Eurasia and Oceania'. It will be a double volume in the Monograph Series of the Harvard-Yenching Institute. Much of the material for this book was gathered through the courtesy of collectors in the Solomons and of museum officials in Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Hawaii."

STILL ANOTHER
MINISTER !A Pessimistic Review of
a Damnable System

THE Australian-Pacific Territories (Papua, New Guinea, Norfolk Island, Nauru) are to meet their seventh Minister in 3½ years. Mr. T. J. Collins has been moved on to the portfolio of PMG, and Mr. Allen McDonald, who first entered the Commonwealth Parliament only a few months ago, has taken over External Territories.

The Islands know nothing about Mr. McDonald; and, it is presumed, he knows less about the Islands. He appears to be a man of outstanding ability, otherwise he would not, so soon, have been called into the Ministry. But even a Gladstone or Disraeli would be of little use in the Territories job, until in long, painful months, he had learned something about the tropical Territories.

The Territories are so utterly defenceless, in that they have no Parliamentary representative to fight for them, and they are so completely dependent upon this Minister. Nominally, they are governed by Administrators. Actually—due to a combination of weakness among Administrators, and bureaucratic arrogance at Canberra—all administrative decisions of any importance are left to the Minister.

It is an axiom in New Guinea that, if you want anything done quickly, you must dig up a couple of hundred pounds for expenses, and fly straight to Canberra.

THERE have been seven Ministers since 1937—Sir George Pearce, Mr. W. M. Hughes, Mr. E. J. Harrison, Mr. J. A. Perkins (for a couple of days only), Mr. Howard Nock, Mr. Collins, and Mr. McDonald. The best of them were the hard-working, conscientious three—Messrs. Harrison, Nock, and Collins. If they had been dealing with Australian conditions, they would have been admirable Ministers.

But those tropical Pacific territories call for highly specialised knowledge and the application of different principles of colonial administration; and the inexperienced Australian Ministers, finding what they were up against, invariably sat back for a few months, to learn something about the job. And, in each case—Harrison, Nock and Collins—the Minister was shifted on to another department, just as he was getting hold of Territories affairs, and likely to do something worth-while.

The other Ministers only emphasised other weaknesses of the system.

Sir George Pearce—who held the portfolio for some weary years—seemed little more than a rubber stamp. Mr. Hughes went to the other extreme, and would take advice from no one. A man with his record was not discomfited by the task of ruling New Guinea. He dashed up there by plane in 1938, racketed around the Territory, selected Salamaua as the capital and the Black Cat as the route of the goldfields road—two decisions which still are causing a heap of trouble—and zoomed back to Australia. Probably, by now, he has forgotten he ever was in New Guinea—but New Guinea will not soon forget him. Nevertheless, better a decade of Hughes, with his quick decisions, hatred of bureaucracy and capacity for getting things done, than the slow strangulation of the present system.

FOR ten years, Australian Pacific Territories have been crying out for the inauguration of some kind of

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consistent policy, to which administration, development and settlement might adhere; and, for ten years, the Territories portfolio has been only a plaything for Canberra.

There is a re-shuffle in Cabinet. In come a couple of new "Assistant Ministers".

To one of them, the Prime Minister tosses External Territories. "Here!" he says. "Grab this, and practise on it, while I'm sorting out a better Department for you".

Sometimes, the young Ministers, like Mr.



The new Minister for External Territories, Mr. Allen McKennie McDonald, an auctioneer, aged 53 is member for Coringamite, Victoria. He had been a State member, in Victoria, for four years, but resigned in 1940 to contest, successfully, the by-election made necessary owing to the accidental death of Mr. Street, Minister for the Army. He served in the 1914-18 war, and is a man of outstanding ability.

Nock or Mr. Collins, become really interested in Territories, and begin to see that there is plenty of scope there for constructive statesmanship, but just as they are formulating something, they are hustled off to some other job.

Prime Ministers, it seems, regard "External Territories" as a joke. "You mustn't get serious about those places", they say. "All niggers—not a vote for the old party in the whole boiling of them. Leave 'em to the permanent officials".

And so they are left to the permanent officials. Any man among the officials with vision and foresight, and enough initiative to urge that something be done—and there are many such men—is ruthlessly suppressed by Canberra. He soon learns that, if he would hold his job in peace, he must confine himself to routine duties, and wait for the Big Noise at Canberra. After ten years, when heat and fever have sapped his energy and initiative, he will awaken to the fact that the Big Noise at Canberra, being mostly wind induced by over-eating, never will accomplish anything, any way.

This writer, in the course of a long life spent among administrative machinery and politicians, in New Zealand, Australia and London, can say positively that the Canberra system of controlling and administering New Guinea and Papua is the most dismal, disheartening and depressing thing of the kind he ever has seen. And the appointment of yet another peripatetic Minister for Territories enables him to say so, again.—R.W.R.

Matron Gilbert has taken up duties at the Torres Strait Hospital, Thursday Island.

PAPUANS BECOME SKILLED WORKMEN

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, July 3.

THE Papuan Government to-day employs a large number of educated Papuans in different departments of the Administration—Native medical assistants, clerks, typists, telephone operators, mechanics, artisans, and skippers of small craft—and in most cases they show marked intelligence and skill. Many are also employed by commercial interests in out-station settlements. Lorry drivers are in constant demand, and native carpenters, in some cases, work under contract to different employers.

"Nothing," wrote Sir William MacGregor as far back as 1897, "shows better the march of events in the Possession than the progressive employment of natives." At the date of annexation, there

was not a single Papuan in the regular employment of the Government; even the boat's crew in Port Moresby was composed of coloured men from Nth. Queensland, who were paid at the rate of £8 a month and who later increased their demands to £14. In 1888, when Sir William proposed that Papuans should be employed, it was ruled out as an absurdity and even later when the Commonwealth assumed control, there were no native clerks and practically no skilled labourers, except a few at Kwato Mission.

Twenty years and more ago, had anyone been so fatuous as to predict the present capacity of the Papuan he would have been ridiculed as mentally deficient.

Private Lawrence Mills, of Thursday Island, who is serving in the AIF, has written home that on two separate occasions recently he was in ships that were torpedoed and sunk, but he is quite safe and well.

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Letter to the Editor

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April, 1934.
October, 1936.
July, 1940.

Should any of your readers wish for any of these numbers, I shall be only too glad to forward them along on receipt of address. With all best wishes.

I am, etc.,

ATONAL FRASER.

Oue La Wea, Api, New Hebrides,
30/4/1941.

Serving with a Queensland company of AIF engineers, now stationed in Darwin, are the following ex-residents of Morobe, New Guinea: Sappers L. Phillips, H. Horne, R. Lapham, and K. Irvine.

Mr. H. J. Rawnsley, of Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd.'s Shipping Department, Rabaul, returned to New Guinea last month after leave in Sydney.

SOLDIERS FROM
TAHITI

Embarkation Ceremonies

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, May 10.

THE first contingent of Tahitian soldiers—with all the parade, and stately ceremony, and the heartbreak of partings—left Papeete, in April, on a British transport.

The occasion brought to memory the day, 26 years ago, when Tahitian soldiers, for the first time, embarked to fight on faraway battlefields. There is this difference, however: In 1915, they went as conscripts; in 1941, they go as volunteers to fight in the armies of Free France.

These volunteers have come from all parts of the colony—even from the Austral Islands, the Tuamotus and the distant Gambiers. So many have offered themselves that many have been placed on a waiting list, to be called up when earlier contingents shall have been equipped and trained.

Their battle colours are the Cross of Lorraine, banner of Free France, and the red, white and red flag of Tahiti. The former was presented by the Governor of French Oceania, at a ceremony shortly before the day of departure. The Tahitian flag was presented, at the same occasion, by Princess Terri-Nui-o-Tahiti, the eldest daughter of the last king, Pomare V.

In 1915, French Oceania contributed a full battalion to the army of France. The training centre was at New Caledonia. In those days, the voyage to Noumea was by way of Wellington and Sydney. Irregular steamer service made necessary considerable delays at both New Zealand and Australia.

It was the season of southern winter. The New Zealand Government, in the person of an officer of the Quartermaster's Department, took charge of our Tahitian soldiers, provided them with woollen uniforms, found them comfortable quarters, and treated them with great kindness.

And so it was with every contingent from the Islands. Steamers returning to Tahiti bore letters to the parents of these young men. They told how this officer had gone beyond the mere execution of his duties and had taken them in his personal charge and made them forget that they were homesick aliens in a strange land.

The gratitude felt by the parents was deep and lasting. Its measure was known to this writer, because most of the letters addressed to the New Zealand officer were brought to him for translation into English.

But expression of gratitude did not suffice. When the war was over, the native people of Tahiti and Moorea formally invited the officer and his family to visit their islands.

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Some of the Free French Soldiers from Papenoo District, Tahiti.

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He was feted with royal honours by every district of Tahiti in turn; while Moorea, on the night of the full moon, staged an all-night festival of old time splendour. For over a month the islands paid honour to their guest and he sailed

away loaded with gifts of native workmanship.

A generation has passed; but that NZ officer who showed kindness to our Tahitian soldiers is still remembered with undiminished affection and gratitude.

POLYNESIAN CLUB ON WAR WORK

Men From Norfolk Island

MEMBERS of the well-known Norfolk Island families of Adams, Quintal, Buffett, Suell, and Gibson, who had proceeded to Sydney to enlist in the A.I.F., were among guests recently entertained by the Sydney Polynesian Club.

It is noted that about one in every eight of the Norfolk Island people (whose total is over 1,000) have joined the A.I.F. Recently, 16 arrived in Sydney to enlist, led by Mr. R. H. H. Nobbs.

At the same gathering, the Club said farewell to Free French soldiers from Tahiti, who have gone overseas to serve under General de Gaulle. The Tahitians,

through their spokesman, Taro Spitz, of Papeete, asked the president (Mr. Leonard Moran) to convey their thanks to the Club for its great hospitality. They also wanted it made known in Tahiti that they were all well, and ready to start for active service. The Tahitians sang "Teie matou tamarii volontaire", the song of the Tahitian volunteers.

In June, the Polynesian Club of Sydney lent its rooms to the Free French Club, "Les Amis de la France", for a concert to raise funds for the cause. This was a very successful entertainment, and the Tahitians proved the success of the evening with their dances and songs.

The Polynesian Club has been again occupied with concerts for patriotic functions: the most recent being at the Anzac Buffet, Hyde Park, for the fighting forces, and at the Economics Society

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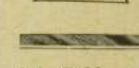


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CONTROLLED PRICES IN FIJI

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, July 2.

TAKING it all round, Government control of selling prices in Fiji has been very successful. Mistakes have been made and there have been irritating delays, but with comparatively little friction the control has managed to avoid any serious increase in the cost of commodities.

As far as imported goods are concerned, the control's task is relatively easy, but with the few articles of local production, where an attempt has been made to fix maximum selling prices, the task is more difficult. It has tried, for example, to fix the maximum price at which locally-grown paddy rice should be sold, but the attempt seems to have failed, in that rice is passing direct from grower to consumer at figures much higher than the controlled ones. This, of course, has been helped by the serious shortage in the local rice harvest, resulting from the hurricane, and from a subsequent long period of dry weather, followed by a month with a 52 in. rain-fall.

Rev. and Mrs. R. Bartlett, who have been in Samoa during the past two years in charge of the London Missionary Society's Malua College, recently left Apia for New Zealand and Australia to do deputation work prior to returning to England. They hope to return to London via Africa, where they will stay for a time with their daughter, who is married to a missionary at Natal. Rev. Bartlett is an OBE and previously was in Samoa between 1929 and 1931.

Mrs. L. Murray, wife of the Administrator of Papua, has been ill recently, suffering from a severe form of arthritis.

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From Our Own Correspondent

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Now that all the spectacular work of creating the site out of the jungle and establishing a little settlement is over, the company's oil experts have settled down to concentrate on drilling at this No. 1 well.

APC geologists are still carrying out surveys—only recently they finished an important survey patrol up the Upper Fly River and from the headwaters of the Vailala to the Tauri River. Several of the company's geologists are now in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

There seems to be a general feeling among Papuan residents that oil will be struck, but, of course, it is all in the lap of the gods.

SPLIT AMONG FIJI'S INDIANS

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, July 1.

STRANGERS, and sometimes residents of Fiji, are inclined to group the Indian settlers together. They forget that India is a very big country, containing many very different races, and that the immigrants to Fiji came from all parts of India.

The sugar industry depends on Indian farmers; and, hitherto, there has been one Farmers' Society, which seeks to harmonise the interests of all races. But the Southern Indians, from Madras Province, who apparently felt their interests were not sufficiently safeguarded, have recently formed themselves into a new society, which seems unlikely to work in harmony with the original organisation.

It would be rash to foretell the result; but certainly the industry would benefit if both societies were run on responsible lines by responsible people, with whom the Sugar Company could feel secure in making arrangements.

Outwardly, the Indian cane farmer is prosperous. In reality, too many are encumbered with serious debt—which results, in too many cases, from extravagance, partly from the giving of lavish marriage feasts and entertainments of that sort, and partly from too great a readiness to pay exaggerated values for planting land.

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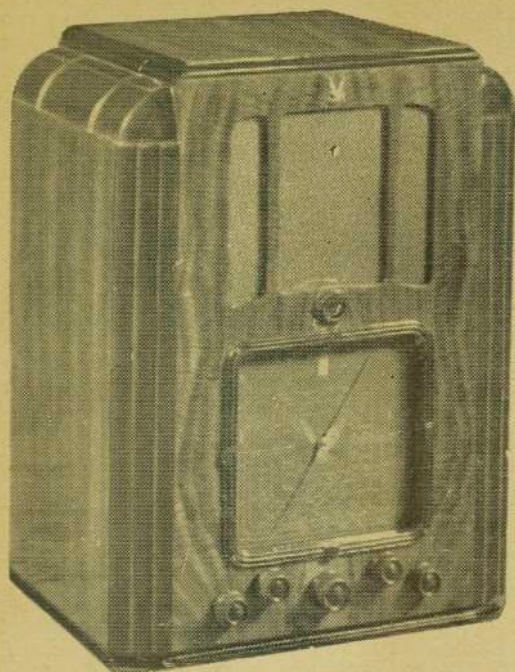
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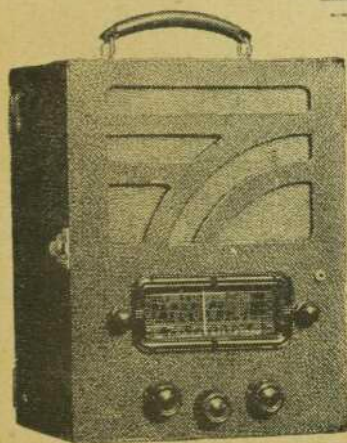


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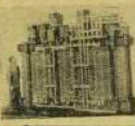
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Ore treated, tons ..	10,939	8,103	9,644	*12,808
Gold, oz., fine ..	4,004	4,003	4,011	4,000
Head, value, dwt. ..	6.3	8.97	13.49	6.4
Residue, dwt. ..	0.97	0.93	1.98	1.35

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Silver, oz., fine ..	1,266	—	—
Golden Ridges mill—	—	—	—
Tons treated ..	861	—	—
Gold, oz., fine ..	760	—	—
Silver, oz., fine ..	723	—	—
Alluvial—	—	—	—
Gold, oz., fine ..	1,097	818	1,275
Silver, oz., fine ..	732	586	820
Operating profit—	—	—	—
Edie Creek, £ ..	—	*1,333	*2,098
Golden Ridges, £ ..	—	*2,673	*1,563
Alluvial, £ ..	2,554	2,206	3,026

*Loss.

There was no production at Edie Creek and Golden Ridges in April or May.

SUNSHINE GOLD DEVELOPMENT, LTD.

Sunshine Gold Development, Ltd., reports that June clean-up yielded 164 oz. of gold, mainly from terraces. This compares with 207 oz. in May and 206 for April. Repairs to damaged workings were almost completed, but it was not possible to resume full-scale deep sluicing operations.

SANDY CREEK GOLD SLUICING, LTD.

The field manager reports that gold recovered from both properties in June amounted to 395 oz. from 27,928 cubic yards of material treated; average value, 2/234 per cubic yard. A further 12 oz. was recovered, but no estimate of yardage was made. The average mine cost for May was 1/34 per cubic yard.

BULOLO GOLD DREDGING, LTD.

Results from BGD, Ltd., dredges for March, April and May compare as follows:—

	March	April	May
Cubic yards ..	1,557,000	1,535,000	1,659,000
Bullion, oz. ..	16,826	19,904	22,054
Gold, fine oz. ..	11,610	13,733	15,217

Estimated working profit for May, 10,622 oz. of fine gold.

From Papua

PAPUAN APINAIFI PETROLEUM CO., LTD.

PAPUAN Apinaifi Petroleum Co., Ltd., reported towards the end of last month that six-inch casing was being set to 1,240 ft. in the No. 3 northern well at Giapu. Drilling at the No. 2 major well has reached a depth of 775 ft.

YODDA GOLDFIELDS, LTD.

Yodda Goldfields, Ltd., reports that the yield for June was 63 oz. 17 dwt., compared with 68 oz. in May and 82 oz. 1 dwt. in April.

CUTHBERT'S MISIMA GOLD MINE, LTD.

A report from Cuthbert's Misima Gold Mine, Ltd., compares the figures for the June clean-up with the two previous months as follows:—

	Aprl.	May.	June.
Mill, tons treated ..	3,213	3,306	3,317
Bullion, oz. ..	3,218	3,546	3,856
Gold, fine oz. ..	788	801	789
Silver, fine oz. ..	3,045	2,659	2,804
Estimated value ..	£6,443	£6,514	£6,434
Value per ton of ore ..	40/1	39/5	38/9

AUSTRALASIAN PETROLEUM CO., PTY., LTD.

Australasian Petroleum Co., Pty., Ltd., reports that up to the week ending July 5 the No. 1 test well at Kariava had reached a depth of 2,874 ft. Continuous coring has been carried on since 2,360 ft. to the present depth.

Messrs. R. Conolly and H. G. Greenwood arrived at Suva, Fiji, in June, for another term at the Cable and Wireless, Ltd., office. Mr. Conolly was last in Fiji in 1924, but Mr. Greenwood was in the Colony only a short time ago.

Dr. Overstead has taken up his duties as Medical Superintendent of Torres Strait Hospital, Thursday Island, replacing Dr. Cummine, who has been called up for military service.

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Mt. Kasl	b3/3	b3/3	b3/6

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Bulolo G.D.	b24/10/-	b24/13/6	b24/6/-
Enterprise of N.G.	b20/-	b10/-	b10/-
Guinea Gold	b12/3	b12/-	b10/2
N.G.G. Ltd.	b2/8	b1/8½	b1/4
Oil Search	b5/1	b6/4	b5/6
Placer Dev.	b58/6	b67/6	s63/-
Sandy Creek	b11d	b10½d	b9½d
Sunshine Gold	b10/9	b8/1	b9/4

PAPUA			
Cuthbert's	b14/3	b13/9	s12/8
G.M. of Papua	b1d	—	s1d
Mandated All.	b2/3	b3/-	b2/-
Oriomo Oil	b8/6	b9/-	b2/8
Papuan Apinaipi	b4/3	b5/6	b2/11
Yodda Goldfields	b1/4	b1/9	b1/7

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	Fine oz.	Standard oz.
Jan. 1 to Feb. 4, 1940	£10/12/6	£9/14/9½
Feb. 5 to March 3	£10/12/9	£9/15/0¼
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June 24 to July 7	£10/12/6	£9/15/0¼
July 8 to August 4	£10/11/-	£9/13/5
August 5 to Sept. 20	£10/12/6	£9/14/9½
Sept. 21 to Dec. 31	£10/14/-	£9/16/2
Jan. 1, 1941, to July 14	£10/14/-	£9/16/2

"BLACKOUTS"!

TRIAL "blackouts" were held in Suva (Fiji) and in Port Moresby (Papua) at the end of June. It is believed that similar tests will be made later in other Islands centres.

The natives of villages near Pt. Moresby entered into the spirit of the "blackout" with enthusiasm—Hanuabada, where there are over 2,000 natives, was in complete darkness immediately the siren wailed.



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The gentle Yoiap was sentenced to five months' imprisonment, with hard labour. This is just another example of the kind of spirit which the present New Guinea Administration's native labour policy is creating among the native labourers in the Territory.

New Gum Industry in Eastern Papua

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, July 5.

A PROMISING but small industry has been established on Sudest Island, Eastern Papua—collecting gum for export.

The industry was started by Mr. Moffatt and others and there is an ever-increasing demand for the gum in Australia and N.Z. Inquiries have come even from England. It is understood that the magistrate from Misima Island nearby is dealing with the question of native rights to the gum, which may be purchased by the Crown.

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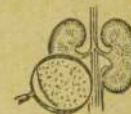
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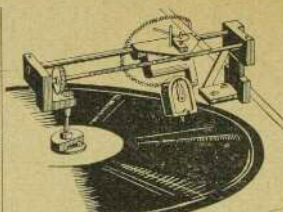
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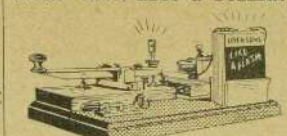
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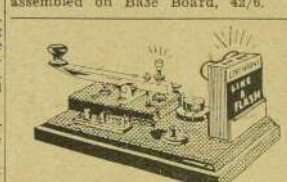
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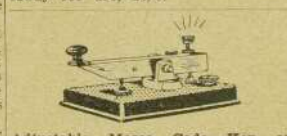
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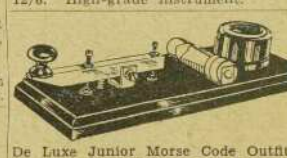
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AUGUST 1 TO AUGUST 16

Aug. 1 (Fri.)—8 p.m. "Sons of the Sea"; 8.30 Play.

Aug. 2 (Sat.)—8 p.m. Neville Cardus; 8.15 Sydney Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Prof. Bernard Heinze; 10.10 AIF Recordings.

Aug. 3 (Sun.)—7.30 p.m. Play; 8 Neville Cardus; 9.30 "Great Hymns", featuring the Master-singers; 10 Australian Artists.

Aug. 4 (Mon.)—8 p.m. "Merry-Go-Round"; 9 Montague Brearley's Ensemble; 9.30 Serial, "Curiouser and Curiouser"; 10 "Porgy and Bess"; 10.30 National Military Band.

Aug. 5 (Tue.)—8 p.m. Talk; 8.15 "Memories of the Ballet"; 9 "Young Australia"; 9.30 Play; 10 Dance Band.

Aug. 6 (Wed.)—8 p.m. "Out of the Bag"; 9 National Military Band; 9.30 Talk; 9.45 "Songs of England"; 10.05 "Stop Press Item"; 10.30 Modern Compositions.

Aug. 7 (Thurs.)—8 p.m. Gordon McFarlane (Tenor); 8.15 Celebrity Concert; 10.10 Talk.

Aug. 8 (Fri.)—8 p.m. "Sons of the Sea"; 8.30 Play; 9.30 Orchestral Programme.

Aug. 9 (Sat.)—1.10 p.m. Race and Football Descriptions; 8 Melbourne Philharmonic Society and Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Prof. Bernard Heinze.

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Aug. 10 (Sun.)—7.30 p.m. Play—"The Fall of the City"; 8.15 "Scotland Calling"; 8.30 Neville Cardus.

Aug. 11 (Mon.)—8 p.m. "Merry-Go-Round"; 10.30 National Military Band.

Aug. 12 (Tue.)—8 p.m. "You Must Have Music"; 8.45 Talk; 10.30 Dance Music.

Aug. 13 (Wed.)—8 p.m. "Out of the Bag"; 10.30 Modern Compositions.

Aug. 14 (Thurs.)—8 p.m. Sydney Conservatorium Orchestra.

Aug. 15 (Fri.)—8 p.m. Talk; 8.15 Melbourne Orchestra.

Aug. 16 (Sat.)—8 p.m. Melbourne Dance Band & Wireless Chorus; 10.30 Dance Music.

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Mr. J. S. Barton, CMG, arrived in Suva from New Zealand in mid-June to arrange for the working of bat guano deposits in Fiji. The guano will be exported to NZ.

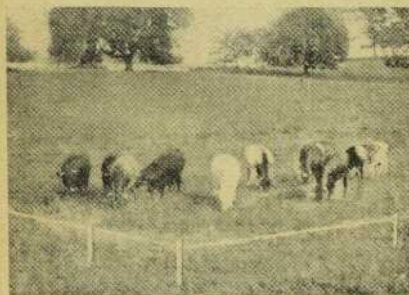
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HMFS "VITI"

Fiji's Expensive Ship

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, June 12.

A FEATURE of the Legislative Council meeting on June 7 was the Governor's announcement that the Government ship "Viti" now has naval status—she has HMFS (His Majesty's Fiji Ship) before her name and flies the White Ensign, the hoisting of which was performed with due ceremony last April.

Most Fiji people regard the "Viti" with bitterness—she cost £70,000 and, just lying in the harbour, eats up nearly £70 a day. If the vessel has any real value for naval purposes, no taxpayer would grudge the considerable expenditure necessary to utilise her services, but if—as seems more probable—her war utility is likely to be limited, it is regrettable that so new and in some ways excellent a vessel could not be transferred to serve to better purpose in another part of the world, with consequent relief to local finances.

Was Offer Made?

Letter to the Editor

OUR Legislative Councillors are in session and, as usual, their time is principally occupied in tinkering with the Ordinances or in discovering some new means of taxation. So far, there is no sign of any really useful legislation or progressive purpose.

The elected member for the Southern Division asked some pertinent questions regarding the official yacht "Viti". The replies confirm that the "Viti" is a most expensive luxury. The cost of her maintenance alone is sufficient to damn her supposed usefulness. One question asked by the member referred to was: "Has any offer been made for the purchase of the 'Viti'?" The reply was evasive—in fact, could not be considered a reply at all.

The reason advanced for the retention of this craft is that she is now armed and may be engaged in mine-sweeping. This is merely camouflage, as there is no need for this service.

In the opinion of many, if a reasonable offer has been made for the "Viti", the authorities would be wise to accept it, and purchase at much less cost a much smaller vessel, or procure a seaplane which, it is contended, would take the Administrator on his necessary visits to the various islands; and both time and expense would be saved by this means.

So far, there is no indication in the debates that the Government has any intention of assisting the copra or any other of our local industries, and the elected members do not press the matter as much as it is thought desirable. Their sole aim seems to be to gather as much money as they can by taxing an already over-burdened public.

I am, etc.,

RICHARD B. HOWARD.

Navua,

June 19, 1941.

The 55 ft. auxiliary yawl-rigged yacht, "Inyala", arrived in NZ on June 13 after a 20 days' arduous voyage from New Caledonia. The crew were Mr. J. Allen, of Auckland, who flew to Noumea to bring her back for her owner, Mr. T. McGill; and Messrs. Alfred Mezieres and Rene Bierge, two Free Frenchmen.

ISLANDS PRODUCE

THE following quotations were obtained in Sydney in mid-July:—

COFFEE

Java: Robusta, f.a.q., imported on firm conversion of exchange, c.i.f. prompt shipment, Sydney (Sterling): Quote No. 1: 43/-. Quote No. 2: 41/6.

Boengie (a good quality Java coffee), c.i.f., Sydney, 52/-.

Kenya, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt. (Stg.): Quote No. 1: Grade "B", 68/-; "C", 65/-.

East Africa: Robusta, f.a.q., c.i.f., Sydney, 43/6. Mocha (Standard Billy), f.a.q., c.i.f., Sydney, 54/-.

Mysore, f.a.q., c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt. Quote No. 1: Ships' assortment, Government pool formed, Grade "A", 82/-; Grade "B", 75/-; Grade "C", 69/- (It has been reported in Sydney, however, that parcels have been bought at prices lower than the above official quotations.)

Arabian (Aden) Hodeidah, f.a.q., c.i.f., Sydney, No. 1 quotation: 82/-.

NG and Papua: Quote No. 1: 8½d. per lb. (delivered store, Sydney), medium quality. Quote No. 2: 8½d.-9½d. per lb. (delivered store, Sydney). Quote No. 3: 8½d.-9d. per lb., c.i.f., Sydney. Quote No. 4: Sales in June at 9½d. per lb., c.i.f., Sydney.

New Caledonian: Some Sydney agents report that as there is no Government grading system in the Colony, New Caledonian coffee coming into Australia varies considerably in quality, making it difficult to give general quotations on either the Arabica or Robusta grades. Each parcel, it is stated, must be treated on its merits. The following are quotations obtained from several different sources in July:—Quote No. 1 (in store, Sydney): Arabica, from 10½d. to 11½d. per lb.; Robusta, 33/- per cwt. (3-15/28d. per lb.). Quote No. 2 (c.i.f. & e., Sydney): Robusta, 4d. per lb.; Arabica, 8d. per lb. Quote No. 3 (c.i.f., Sydney): Arabica, 8d. per lb.; Robusta, 4d. per lb. Quote No. 4 (c.i.f., Sydney): Arabica, £56-£60 per ton; Robusta, £34-£40 per ton. Quote No. 5 (c.i.f., Sydney): Robusta, £37 per ton. As all French colonies in the Pacific now have been brought into the sterling bloc, New Caledonian coffee has been removed from the licensing list.

New Hebrides (c.i.f., Sydney): Quote No. 1: £36 per ton. Quote No. 2: £37 per ton. Quote No. 3: £30-£33 a ton (f.a.q., c.i.f. and e., Sydney).

[Note: Importers of all coffees—except NG and Papua—pay additional charges, including exchange, duty (4.4d. lb.), primage (11 per cent.), landing costs (1/- per cwt.), war duty (10 per cent.)]

VANILLA BEANS

Tahiti: Quote No. 1 (c. & f., Sydney): Approximate market price, white label, 24/- a lb.; green label, 17/- a lb. Quote No. 2 (c.i.f., Sydney): White label and yellow label (July or August shipment): 25/- a lb. Quote No. 3 (c.i.f. & e., Sydney): White and yellow label, 25/6 a lb.

KAPOK

Quote No. 1: Average Java 613-16d. per lb., c.i.f.; Prime Japara, 6½d. per lb., c.i.f. Quote No. 2: Average Java, 7d., c.i.f. (Stg.); Prime Japara, 7-5/16d., c.i.f. (Stg.) Subject to exchange 25½%, duty 2d. per lb., 10% primage, 10% war duty, wharfage.

Kapok may now come into Australia only from sterling sources (including Netherlands East Indies and India).

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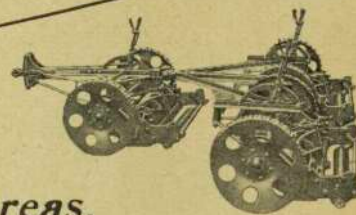
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not quoting for ivory nuts. The last quotations, some months ago, indicated that a nominal rate was in the vicinity of £7 per ton.

COTTON

New Caledonian, c.i.f., Sydney. Quote No. 1: 9d. per lb. Quote No. 2: 10-11d. per lb. Quote No. 3 (delivered store, Sydney): 9d. per lb.

COCOA

New Guinea cocoa: Quote No. 1: £44-£45 per ton. Quote No. 2: £43-£45 per ton. Acera (West Africa), good fermented, £33/10/- per ton (Sterling).

New Hebrides cocoa (delivered store, Sydney): Quote No. 1: £45 per ton. Quote No. 2: £40-£45 per ton. Quote No. 3: 1st Grade, £42 per ton, c.i.f., Sydney. Quote No. 4: £40-£43 per ton. Quote No. 5: End of last crop, £40 a ton, c.i.f., Sydney.

Western Samoan cocoa: No supplies available until new crop in September. Last quote for old crop, some months ago: £48/10/- a ton, c.i.f., Sydney.

RICE

Sydney agents state that owing to freight difficulties, etc., latest supplies of Rangoon rice are not yet available, and consequently they are unable to supply quotations. Last quotes, some weeks ago, were:—100 lb. bags, £20/10/- per ton; 200 lb. sacks, £20 per ton. Australian table rice, packed in 56 lb. bags, £20 per ton.

TROCHUS SHELL

Two agents report sales at the end of June and early July at the following prices:—Grade "A", £51/10/-; Grade "B", £42/10/-; Grade "C", £32/10/-.

Other nominal quotations were: Quote No. 3 Grade "A", £50. Quote No. 4: Grade "A", £60. Grade "B", £50; Grade "C", £40.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL

Sales of green snail shell are reported by a Sydney agent at the following prices:—1st grade, £62 a ton; mixed parcel, £59/10/- a ton. Another agent reported sales of a good quality shell early in July at £64 a ton. Quote No. 3 £60. Quote No. 4: £50-£55. Quote No. 5 (N. Hebrides, Solomon Is., N. Caledonian shell) £65 a ton, f.o.b. (export steamer), Sydney. Quote No. 6: Good graded BSI shell approx £55-£60 a ton, f.o.b., Sydney. This agent states that markets and freights are fluctuating rapidly. Quote No. 7: £60 a ton.

MOTHER OF PEARL SHELL

Thursday Is. MOP, c.i.f., Sydney. Grade "AA" £173 per ton; Grade "A", £173; Grade "B" £157; Grade "C", £173; Grade "DD", £128. Grade "D", £117; Grade "E", £78.

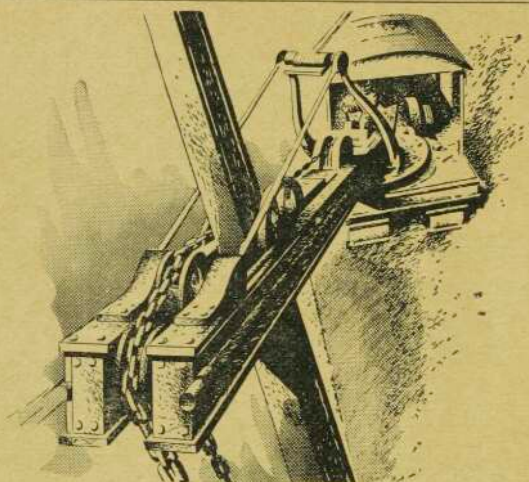
Torres Strait Shell.—A new bed of Mother-of-Pearl shell has been discovered by the Torres Strait pearling fleet, says our Thursday Island correspondent. Large catches are being brought to T.I. and there is a steady demand for the shell at a good price.

PEANUTS

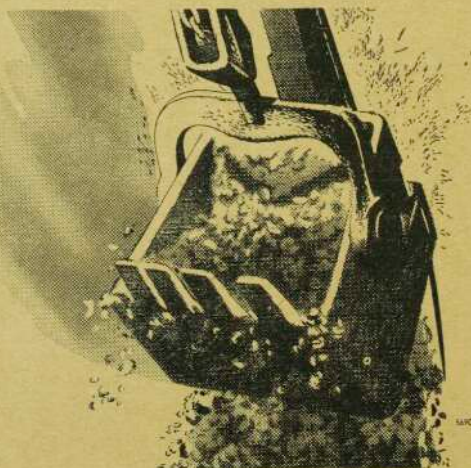
New Guinea peanuts: Unshelled, 2½d. per lb. shelled, 4½d. per lb.

GUM HEROL

Gum Herol, which is gathered in certain districts of Papua and exported to Australia, where it is used in the manufacture of varnishes, etc., is quoted by a Sydney agent at £27 per ton.



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Exchange Rates

THE following exchange quotations, gathered in Sydney, show the rates existing in mid July:—

FIJI

Through Bank of N.S.W. and Bank of New Zealand:—Australia on Fiji on basis of £10 Fiji: Buying £A111/2/6, selling £A113. Fiji London on basis £100 London:—

	Buying.	Selling.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telegraphic transfer . . .	110 15 0	112 0 0
On demand	110 12 6	111 17 0

WESTERN SAMOA

Through Bank of New Zealand:—Australia or Western Samoa, basis £100 Samoa—buying £A99/12/6; selling, £A100/2/6. Samoa on London, basis £100 in London:—

	Buying.	Selling.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telegraphic transfer . . .	—	£125 10 0
On Demand	£122 18 9	125 7 0
30 days	122 8 9	125 2 0
60 days	121 16 9	124 17 0
90 days	121 8 9	124 12 0
120 days	120 18 9	—

NEW GUINEA AND PAPUA

Through Bank of N.S.W.:—Australia on Port Moresby and Samarai, Papua, 10/- per cent. premium each way. Australia on Rabaul, N.G., 10/- per cent. premium. All other places 20/- per cent.

Papua and New Guinea on London: Same as Australia on London and vice versa.

Through Commonwealth Bank:—Australia on Port Moresby and Samarai, Papua, 10/- per cent.; on Rabaul, N.G., 10/- per cent.; other Papua and New Guinea districts, £1 per cent.

Rabaul on London, same as Australia on London:—

Buying: T.T. £A125 equals £stg. 100.
Selling: T.T. £A125/10/- equals £stg. 100.

NEW CALEDONIA AND TAHITI

As the result of the French surrender, with the consequent dislocation of the Anglo-French banking system, London has not been quoting on Paris. The rates furnished to the "PIM" by the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, Sydney, and the Bank of NSW were based on the London-Paris rates and so there have been no quotations available. Most of the business between the French Colonies in the Pacific and Australia, however, is being done in Australian currency; but there is in existence an unofficial, fluctuating rate of between 140 and 143 francs to the Australian £.

Market Quotations

COPRA

London	South Sea, Sun-dried to London	Plantation, Hot-air Dried, Rabaul
Price on—	Per ton, c.i.f.	Per ton, c.i.f.
January 1, 1932	£14 0 0	£14 15 0
June 17	£13 2 6	£13 5 0
December 16	£14 2 6	£14 5 0
January 6, 1933	£13 0 0	£13 12 6
June 30	£10 17 6	£11 0 0
December 1	£8 12 6	£9 0 0
January 5, 1934	£8 0 0	£8 7 6
June 15	£8 0 0	£8 12 6
December 28	£9 0 0	£9 12 6
January 4, 1935	£9 5 0	£10 5 0
March 1	£12 2 6	£12 15 0
June 7	£11 15 0	£12 7 6
September 8	£9 17 6	£10 17 6
December 6	£12 17 6	£14 0 0

London and Marseilles	South Sea, Sun-Dried to London	Plantation, Hot-air Dried, Rabaul
Price on—Per ton, c.i.f.	Per ton, c.i.f.	Per ton, c.i.f.
Jan. 3, '36	£13 2 6	£13 15 0
Mar. 6	£11 15 0	£12 15 0
June 5	£11 10 0	£12 0 0
Sept. 4	£13 2 6	£13 10 0
Dec. 4	£19 7 6	£19 7 6
Jan. 8, '37	£22 12 6	£22 12 6
Mar. 5	£19 0 0	£19 5 0
June 4	£15 15 0	£15 12 6
Sept. 3	£13 5 0	£13 5 0
Dec. 3	£12 10 0	£12 15 0
Jan. 7, '38	£12 12 6	£12 15 0
Feb. 4	£11 2 6	£11 10 0
Mar. 4	£10 17 6	£11 0 0
Apr. 1	£10 10 0	£10 12 6
May 6	£10 17 6	£10 17 6
June 3	£9 15 0	£9 15 0
July 1	£9 17 6	£9 17 6
Aug. 5	£9 15 0	£9 15 0
Sept. 2	£9 10 0	£9 10 0
Oct. 7	£9 2 6	£9 2 6
Nov. 4	£8 12 6	£8 12 6
Dec. 2	£9 5 0	£9 5 0
Jan. 6, '39	£9 12 6	£9 15 0
Feb. 3	£9 10 0	£9 12 6
Mar. 24	£9 17 6	£10 2 6
Apr. 3	£10 0 0	£10 2 6
May 24	£9 15 0	£9 17 6
Jun. 6	£9 12 6	£9 15 0
Pr. 28	£9 17 6	£10 0 0

May 5	£10 0 0	£10 5 0	£11 0 0	June 23	£9 10 0	£9 15 0	£10 15 0
May 12	£10 5 0	£10 10 0	£11 5 0	June 30	£9 5 0	£9 7 6	£10 7 6
May 19	£10 5 0	£10 7 6	£11 2 6	July 7	£9 2 6	£9 7 6	£10 5 0
May 26	£10 7 6	£10 10 0	£11 7 6	July 14	£9 0 0	£9 5 0	£10 0 0
June 2	£10 7 6	£10 10 0	£11 7 6	July 21	£8 15 0	£8 17 6	£9 12 6
June 9	£10 5 0	£10 10 0	£11 7 6	July 28	£9 0 0	£9 2 6	£10 0 0
June 16	£9 15 0	£10 0 0	£10 17 6				

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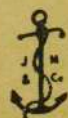
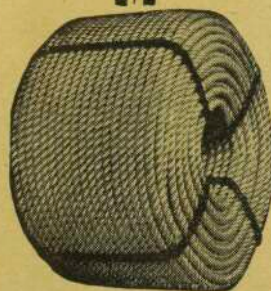
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Aug. 18	£9 0 0	£9 2 6	£10 5 0
Aug. 25	£9 5 0	£9 7 6	£10 7 6
Sept. 1	£9 10 0	£9 12 6	£10 12 6

Sept. 8.—Not quoted—outbreak of war.

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Sept. 15 to 29.—Not quoted.
Oct. 6 . . . £11 15 0 [unquoted] £12 15 0
Oct. 12.—Fixed price based on £12/7/6 per ton, c.i.f., London, for plantation hot-air dried.
Jan. 8, 1940.—April 20, 1940.—Fixed price, for plantation, hot-air dried, £13/5/- per ton, c.i.f., London.
April 26, 1940.—Fixed price for plantation, hot-air dried, £12/17/6 per ton, c.i.f., London. Since then, quotations nominal, as above.

LONDON COPRA PRICE

Straits copra, sun-dried, was quoted by "The Economist" at £12/10/- per ton, c.i.f., in London, throughout the first quarter of 1941.

RUBBER

London	Para.	Plantation
Price on—	per lb.	per lb.
January 6, 1933	4½d	2.43d
July 7	5½d	3.71d
December 8	4½d	4.0½d
January 5, 1934	4½d	4.28d
July 6	5½d	7.06d
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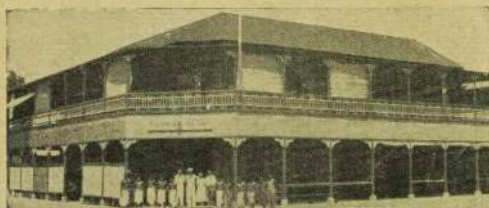
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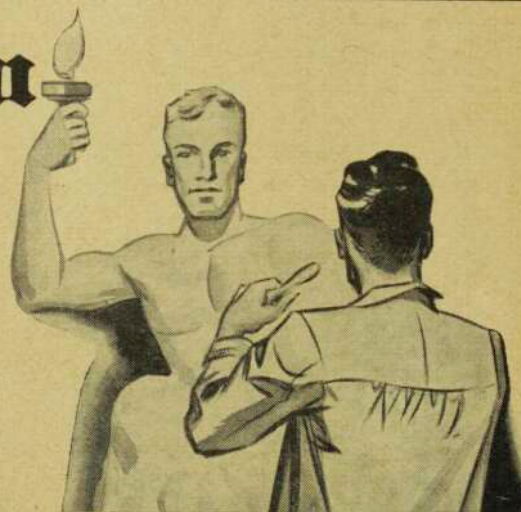
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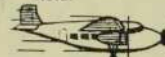
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