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VIGIL Clansmen of the late Prince Uiliami Tugi, Premier of Tonga and Consort of Queen Salote, kept vigil beside the new grave in Nukualofa for three months. Tugi died on July 20. Standing, at the left of the photograph, is Sir Harry Luke, KCMG, High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, who visited the Prince's grave in August.

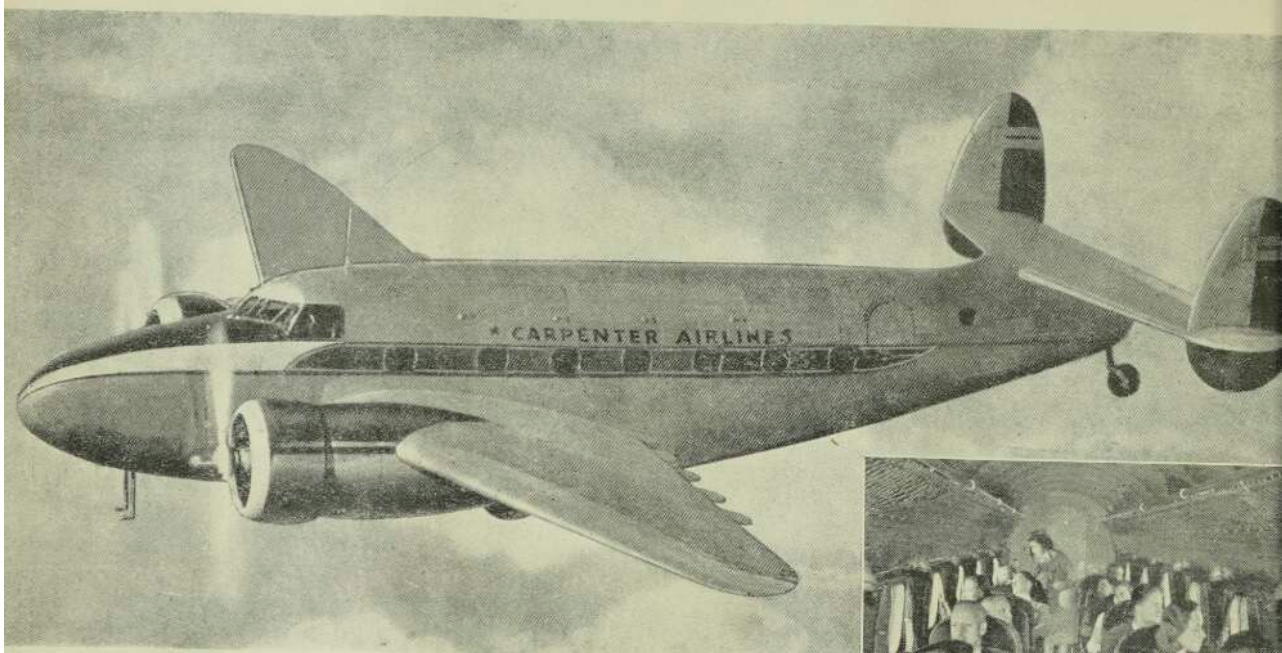
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PACIFIC NEWS-REVIEW

NOTES AND COMMENT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR FROM OCT. 16 TO NOV. 13

Oct. 16: Since US warships began escorting convoys across North Atlantic to Iceland, not a single ship has been lost by enemy action. This is a clear indication that the vital Battle of Atlantic has taken a favourable turn.

Oct. 16: British and Axis tanks, outside the Australian-held post of Tobruk (Libya), engaged in a close range battle yesterday, at times within 50 yards of each other. Observers believe that increased enemy tank patrols on the Egyptian border and near Tobruk are due to Axis anxiety to discover whether British forces intend starting an early offensive in North Africa.

Oct. 16: RAAF Spitfire Squadron accounted for five of the 20 German aircraft shot down over the Channel yesterday. Pre-occupied in Russia, Goering's Luftwaffe is making only sporadic raids on Britain. RAF now is at such battle strength that Nazi planes rarely pass the coastline of Britain in daytime and the few that elude the night defences have done comparatively little damage.

Oct. 16: Germans have made slight advance towards Moscow in battle that has assumed gigantic proportions, both sides throwing in masses of fresh troops. In the south, Russians have evacuated Mariupol, Black Sea port. Pressure against Leningrad, in the north, has been relaxed to enable Germans to hurl all available troops against Moscow. Nazi radio propaganda is blaring that the outcome of the war with Russia already has been decided from a military point of view—it remains only for the Germans to "clean up" and occupy Moscow.

Oct. 16: Prince Konoye's Japanese Cabinet formed last year, re-organised last July, has resigned. Cause: "failure to reach complete agreement on the method of pursuing national policy"—in other words, the more radical element is seeking to gain control of Japan's destiny.

Oct. 17: Evacuation of non-combatants from Moscow is being speeded up to avoid last minute rush of refugees, such as impeded army movements in the Battle of France. Feverish activity is going on inside Moscow to prepare the city impregnable in siege.

Oct. 17: Aviation-expert, Lt.-General Eiki Tobe, 57, is forming a new Japanese Cabinet.

In London, commentators view the Cabinet change, coming at a critical time in the Russo-German war, as a triumph for the "hot-heads" in Tokyo and predict that swift events may precipitate a crisis in the Far East. Prince Konoye's Cabinet team, it is said, was reluctant to push on towards war either with Russia or in the South Pacific—the extremists believed that the time had come for action, in view of the Russian situation.

Oct. 19: Soviet Army appears to have regained some of the ground lost last week—they claim to have recaptured Kalinin and Orel.

Oct. 19: Spokesman of the new Army-controlled Japanese Cabinet stated it prepared to resume "peace" talks with United States. Foreign Minister in new Cabinet is Mr. Shigenori Togo, former Ambassador to Berlin and Ambassador to Russia until the middle of last year.

Oct. 19: US destroyer "Kearny" (1,630 tons) hit by torpedo 350 miles south-west of Iceland, but made port under her own power.

Oct. 20: General Tojo, Japanese Premier, in broadcast, declared "Japan's unshakable policy lies in a successful settlement of the Sino-Japanese conflict and the establishment of an East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere. I am fully convinced that speedy action and iron will

are the only way out of the present difficulties."

Oct. 20: Moscow Radio states that Soviet Army is holding the enemy on all fronts. Stalin has re-shuffled his High Command—Marshal Timoshenko has gone to the southern sector to take over from Cavalry Marshal Budenny, who now will organise an army east of the Urals. General Zhukov has succeeded Timoshenko as defender of Moscow. While Moscow must be saved, it is equally imperative that the Nazi threat in the south to cut Russia off from her oil supplies and from her great industries in the Ukraine must be smashed.

Oct. 20: Revealed now that 10 Americans were killed and 11 injured when destroyer "Kearny" was torpedoed by U-boat. This incident is likely to have an important bearing on the US Senate controversy over modification of the Neutrality Act to arm all American merchantmen.

Oct. 21: Japan will ask USA for a definite "yes" or "no" to the minimum Japanese propositions before resuming the Washington talks.

Oct. 21: With their southern and northern pincer claws held up by the Russians at Orel and Kalinin, the Nazis are again attacking in central sector. Stalin has announced seat of Soviet Government been transferred from Moscow to Kuibishev, 550 miles east.

Oct. 22: RAF raided Naples, in Italy, for five hours last night.

Oct. 22: Three more US-owned merchant ships have been sunk—"Lehigh" (5,000 tons), "Bold Venture" (3,200 tons) and "West Amangosa" (5,500 tons). These sinkings have aroused the American people and isolationists in Congress are noticeably silent.

Oct. 22: Russians say they have halted German advance in the south; but Nazis declare they merely are slowing down for a "breather". Heavy weather on this front is making roads almost impassable.

Oct. 22: British submarine, rising in middle of heavily-escorted Italian convoy bound for Libya, torpedoed two supply ships and then escaped.

Oct. 22: Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, British Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, now is in Australia conferring with defence heads of the Commonwealth.

Oct. 23: Intense fighting, with enormous losses on each side, still is going on before Moscow. It is evident Hitler has failed in plan to smash his way into Moscow for winter quarters within a short time.

On the southern front, Nazi Marshal von Rundstedt is massing a million and a half men against industrial centres of the Donets Basin and is redoubling his efforts to crush defences at entrance to the Crimea Peninsula.

Oct. 23: British Supply Minister, Lord Beaverbrook, gave House of Lords imposing list of war material and food already sent to Russia. He forecast exacting demands on British industry to fulfil all the aid promised to the Soviet.

Oct. 23: Change in the Far East situation has necessitated alteration in the route of US ships carrying supplies to Russia—the Pacific supply route has been abandoned in favour of the Boston-Archangel route. While displaying a firm attitude, America apparently does not wish to provoke hostile Tokyo action by sending ships loaded with war munitions for Russia by way of Vladivostok, close to Japan.

Oct. 24: Re-grouped and reorganised, the German Army in central sector has launched a new, "final" assault on Moscow. Nazi communiques declare German guns in some places are within 35 miles of city.

Oct. 24: Japan has offered her "assistance" to Thailand, if needed—but the Thai people have politely refused, reiterating their desire to preserve neutrality.

Oct. 25: Simultaneously with the sinking of another American oil tanker, "W. C. Teagle", in the North Atlantic, the US Navy Department announced that in future it will control all American shipping operations and determine all routes for merchantmen.

Oct. 25: British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, gave assurance in Commons that British Government would not negotiate or enter into talks with Hitler or his associates, including Mussolini.

Oct. 26: Despite a prodigious concentration of men and materials, Germans have not succeeded in gaining appreciable ground on Moscow front, though the danger in Donets Basin area is increasing. Sheer weight of men and metal is slowly forcing Russians back in vicinity of Rostov-on-Don, in south, which is gateway to the Caucasus and its vast oil resources.

Oct. 26: Commenting on deterioration of Pacific situation, Colonel Knox, US Navy Secretary, declared "We are satisfied that the Japanese do not intend to give up their expansion plans. If they pursue them, a collision is inevitable". Tokyo press characterised this statement as "more American bluff".

Oct. 26: For the third night in succession, RAF bombers pounded Naples with thousands of high-explosive bombs.

Oct. 26: Nazi cruelty in Occupied France reached new level of fury when 50 hostages were executed to-day as reprisal for attacks on German soldiers.

Oct. 27: In spite of terrible weather conditions, there appears to be no slackening of the tremendous Nazi drives against the outer defences of Moscow and into the Donets Basin.

Oct. 27: British public clamour for opening up of a second front, as a direct military aid to Russia, may be answered by a move of British and Dominion troops up through Iran to defend the Caucasus oilfields. General Wavell, in Iran, is reported to be in command of 1,000,000 Empire men, well-equipped with mechanised vehicles, arms, and ammunition supplied from Britain and USA by the Red Sea route.

Oct. 28: Japan is seeking a time limit to her talks with USA. She has served notice on Washington that if any accord is to come from negotiations between the two countries it must be reached before November 15, when an extraordinary meeting of the Japanese Diet opens in Tokyo.

Oct. 28: Rostov-on-Don is under fire from German long-range guns; both sides are bringing up reinforcements and a great battle is imminent. Kharkov, between Moscow and Rostov, is believed to have been taken by the Germans. Around Moscow, General Zhukov is repulsing every Nazi attack.

Oct. 29: Tentative discussions have begun between Britain and US Governments to grant to America use of bases throughout the Empire. Informed sources say this is the answer to the question often asked in USA: "What immediate quid pro quo is America to receive for the Lease-Lend material given Britain?" It is pointed out, too, that in the post-war world the burden of safeguarding international peace probably will fall most heavily upon Britain and America, and joint strategic air and naval bases for policing purposes will be a prime essential.

Oct. 29: Australian Labour Prime Minister Curtin announced £325,000,000 budget for 1941-42. It provided for much

higher income and company taxation, and gives Commonwealth's fighting forces slight rise in pay.

Oct. 30: In special broadcast to the Japanese, Rear-Admiral Luetzow, German Admiralty spokesman, urged Japan to invade Australia. He said Australia cannot defend herself against invasion and surprise landings could be undertaken at points along her vast, flat coastline. An invader could secure a landing by air superiority, operating from aircraft carriers. Belittling Australia's defences, he declared the Commonwealth possessed only a small fleet and a small air force, and her man-power must be drawn from a population of less than 7,000,000.

Oct. 30: Russian bombers raided Berlin last night, dropping quantities of incendiary and high-explosive bombs.

Oct. 31: Renewed activity against Moscow by German army and air force is being met by fierce Soviet resistance. In the Crimea, Germans claim to have scored number of successes after long, heavy fighting.

Nov. 1: Southern claw of German pincers move towards Moscow appears to be gaining some ground.

Nov. 2: Statements by Domei, semi-official Japanese Newsagency, indicate that Japan is completing her war structure for an armed clash in the Pacific.

Nov. 2: Another US destroyer, "Reuben James", was sunk by a torpedo when in convoy west of Iceland. 95 of the crew are missing. Despite the US Navy's policy of silence, there is increasing evidence that American Atlantic patrols in recent weeks have sunk a number of U-boats attempting to attack convoys and the "Reuben James" presumably was hit when driving off German submarines.

Nov. 2: RAF's 24 hours a day offensive is being maintained—fighters yesterday made low-level attacks on Northern France, while bombers raided North-west Germany.

Nov. 3: Position in Crimea is most serious. Panzer divisions are spreading out in fan-like move down through the peninsula, dividing Russians into two groups. Nazis claim 10 Soviet troopships sunk and 14 damaged by dive-bombers while attempting to evacuate Russian troops from Crimea.

Nov. 3: Washington announces that US navy and air force is patrolling a large part of the Pacific, within a radius of 1,000 miles of Hawaii and 750 miles of Midway, Wake and Guam bases.

Nov. 3: Palermo seaplane base, in Sicily, and port of Naples were bombed by RAF last night for six hours.

Nov. 4: British submarines destroyed three more Italian merchant ships in Central Mediterranean.

Nov. 5: Latest developments on southern front in Russia indicate the beginning of the Battle of the Caucasus, with Germans moving nearer the vital oilfields. Nearly 100 Nazi divisions have been brought up to the Russian front from conquered European countries, leaving only 28 divisions to maintain occupation.

Nov. 5: Torpedo attack on American oil tanker "Salinas" has provoked bitter debate in US Senate on Isolationist delay in voting on Neutrality Act Revision Bill.

Nov. 5: Mr. Saburo Kurusu, former Japanese ambassador to Berlin, is leaving immediately by air for Washington to "arrive at the earliest possible settlement in view of the prevailing international situation".

The Japanese press has published the following seven-point programme for the maintenance of friendly relations between USA and Japan: (1) USA must discontinue aid to China; (2) It must leave China free to deal direct with Japan for the ending of hostilities and the establishment of economic collaboration; (3) It must encourage China to make peace; (4) It must acknowledge Japan's Co-

Prosperity Sphere, and Japan's leadership in the Western Pacific; (5) It must recognise Manchukuo; (6) It must lift the order "freezing" Japanese credits; (7) It must negotiate a new trade treaty with Japan, lifting all restrictions on shipping and commerce.

Nov. 6: Though Marshal von Boch has begun his fifth offensive against Moscow, the capital's defences are showing no signs of weakening. Fighting during the past three days has been the fiercest of the war.

Nov. 6: When Japanese steamer "Kibi Maru" (4,500 tons) was struck by floating mine in Sea of Japan, 17 passengers were drowned. Tokyo's Foreign Office is convinced that the mine drifted from Soviet territorial waters and will protest to Russia.

Nov. 7: Roosevelt has authorised loan to Russia equivalent to £A312,500,000, under the Lease-Lend programme. Repayment, spread over 10 years, will partly consist of raw materials and commodities.

Nov. 7: Washington regards the despatch of Mr. Kurusu as an indication of the weakness of Japan's position. Little hope is held out that his efforts will bring about a settlement of differences between USA and Japan.

Nov. 8: Stalin, in broadcast to Red Army, said Russia's two handicaps were: (1) Lack of a second military front in Europe—"but such a front must definitely appear in the immediate future"; and, (2) Inferiority in the number of tanks, compared with the Nazis.

Nov. 8: Senate by 50 votes to 37 passed law revising Neutrality Act to allow arming of US merchant vessels and permitting them to enter combat zones. The Bill goes before the House of Representatives next week.

Nov. 9: 1,000 aircraft took part in two British raids within the last 48 hours—one on Berlin, Cologne and Mannheim, and the other on industrial centres in Western Germany. 54 RAF planes were lost. This was the greatest air attack ever delivered by any country.

Nov. 9: Winter snow and sleet has brought German assault on Moscow almost to standstill. In Crimea, Germans are driving on slowly towards Kerch, at the eastern end of the peninsula; Sebastopol, Russian naval base on the Black Sea, has suffered severe bombing. Leningrad, in north, is still under siege, but important industries inside the city still are functioning and food supplies appear to be adequate.

Nov. 10: Mr. Churchill to-day warned Japan that should USA's efforts to preserve Pacific peace fail and she be involved in war with Japan, a British declaration of war would follow within an hour. He stated that Britain now is strong enough to provide powerful, heavy battleships of the Navy, with ancillary vessels, for service in the Pacific, if needed.

Nov. 10: British Navy destroyed convoy of 10 Axis supply ships in Central Mediterranean. Three escorting Italian destroyers were blown up—making 15 lost by Italy since she entered the war.

Nov. 10: With a temporary lull on the Moscow front, Germans are concentrating on the northern and southern extremities of their battle line, in an effort to cut off Anglo-American aid to Russia.

Nov. 10: Clipper carrying Mr. Kurusu, special Japanese envoy to USA, has been held up at Midway Island by engine trouble and bad weather.

Nov. 11: Large-scale Nazi reinforcements moving up to central front indicate that Germans may try last desperate attempt to storm Moscow before they settle down for the winter outside the city.

Nov. 12: Reviewing war position, Prime Minister Churchill announced Britain's shipping losses for four months ended October 31 averaged 180,000 tons monthly,

P.A.A. CLIPPERS

May Call at Sydney

NEGOTIATIONS are in progress between Australia, New Zealand, and USA and Pan American Airways for an extension of PAA's South Pacific service to Sydney, Auckland (NZ) is the present terminal point.

Clippers now leave San Francisco and call at Hawaii, Canton Island, Suva, Noumea and Auckland. It has been suggested that instead of flying from New Caledonia to NZ and then on to Australia, they should come direct to Sydney from Noumea. NZ passengers and freight would connect with the PAA flying-boats at Sydney, using the trans-Tasman service.

An alternative plan is that the Clippers make a round trip comprising Noumea-Auckland-Sydney-Noumea, then back to USA.

A third scheme put forward is that they should fly from Noumea to Brisbane-Sydney-Auckland-Noumea on one trip and from Noumea to Auckland-Sydney-Noumea on the next.

It can be taken as certain, however, that NZ (which took an active part in the establishment of the present service) will not readily agree to any proposal under which the Dominion is "skipped" over by the main service and served merely by a subsidiary airline.

FIRST FLIGHT TO SUVA

THE first flight in PAA's service to Auckland via Suva (Fiji) was made early this month. According to the company's Sydney office, the "Pacific Clipper" left San Francisco on November 5 and arrived at Suva on November 9. The following morning it took off for Noumea and reached Auckland on November 11.

The initial flight on the new service by way of Fiji was delayed some days, but in future Clippers will leave San Francisco on alternate Thursdays. The new route brings Suva within 3 days of USA, 1½ days from Auckland and 2½ days from Sydney. As less fuel is required, Clippers now are able to carry 45 passengers between NZ and Fiji, in addition to heavier freight loads. Previously, 20-24 passengers were provided for.

The single fare from Suva to Auckland is £60 (£108 return) and, using the trans-Tasman service, to Sydney is £90 (£168 return).

Nothing further has been heard of PAA's application to the US Government for permission to use Palmyra Island, mid-way between Honolulu and Canton Island, as a re-fuelling base.

In mid-October PAA commenced a bi-weekly Sikorsky Clipper service between Manila and Hong Kong, and a weekly Boeing Clipper service between Manila and Singapore. The latter connects at Singapore with British and Dutch airlines to Australia.

Captain M. Harper, master of W. R. Carpenter & Co.'s BSI inter-island motor-vessel "Balus", is at present in Sydney. He came to Australia, via Papua, last month, to undergo an operation on his jaw and now is recuperating.

compared with average 500,000 in same period to June 30. Enemy losses in Mediterranean have been particularly severe and Axis is finding it extremely difficult to keep its African armies supplied. Britain's food position is good—the corn crop this year is 50 per cent. greater than in 1939.

Nov. 13: China has appealed to Britain and America for military help in the event of a Japanese drive against the Burma Road.

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Japan On the Edge of the Abyss

PROBABLY, before this journal is in distribution, Japan will have made a decision, which will mean peace or war in the Pacific. If it is to be war, all British and allied communities in the Pacific will enter a period of great difficulty and danger, the inevitable end of which will be the removal of a menace which, for too long, has rendered life uneasy under the Southern Cross.

Ever since Hitler plunged the world into war, Japan has been "dithering" on the fence, eager to join the predatory Powers in carving up the British and French and Dutch Empires; but not quite certain that there will be spoils for division. Japan is divided between the militaristic clique, which is avid for war at any price, and the money clique, which does not want any more war unless it is certain to bring great aggrandisement in new territories and new trade.

When Hitler overthrew France and Holland, and Britain was isolated and apparently ready for the slaughter, Japan saw apparently the greatest opportunity in her history—the chance to grab Indo-China and New Caledonia (French), East Indies (Dutch), and Malaya, Burma, Borneo, and the valuable British territories to the southward. It was then (October, 1940) that Japan confidently announced her adherence to the Axis, and her quaint "Co-Prosperity League

of Eastern Asia" was formulated as the basis of her foreign and Pacific policy.

But the plan went awry. Britain, to the disgust of the Axis, kept on fighting; and an undefeated Britain meant that the Dutch could retain the East Indies. That section of the French Empire which declared for Free France was similarly protected by Britain. The United States—ready, after the shock of France's capitulation, to accept the fact of an Axis victory—took new hope from the resistance of Britain; and came, with increasing confidence, to the assistance of the democracies; and finally made it clear that any interference with the democracies' Pacific territories would not be tolerated.

Those were bitter days for Japan. The "Co-Prosperity League" seemed so very near; yet Japan dare not move, while Britain was unbroken, and the great American fleets cruised grimly in the north-east Pacific.

A STUDY of Japan's diplomatic antics during the first half of 1941 is most diverting. The little men were so pathetically eager to do the right thing, and so desperately afraid of doing the wrong one. Germany was brutal to her Asiatic partner. "If you want us to support your territorial ambitions", said the Huns, "go to war with the United States, keep American aid from reaching Britain, and then, when we have

finished with Britain, we shall make peace with America, and you can do what you like in the Pacific".

But Japan wanted more than that, and sought guarantees.

It will be remembered that Mr. Matsuoka went to Berlin, Rome and Moscow, and returned smilingly to Tokio, with the Russo-Japanese Non-Aggression Pact, in his little black bag, and hints of "Co-Prosperity" activity in his press interviews. But, before Japan could get started with anything, Germany and Russia began fighting (on June 22), and the Japanese diplomats again were offside.

All this time, Japan was creeping, slowly and stealthily, upon Indo-China. Britain and USA did nothing. They would have protected New Caledonia, which had declared for de Gaulle, but not Indo-China, which had remained Vichy French. If Japan had completed the penetration of Indo-China in this fashion, the democracies might have ignored the typically Japanese procedure. Pro-Vichy Indo-China is not worth fighting over.

But when the Japanese suddenly sounded the big drum—evidently an outcome of the Russo-German development—and marched into the French Colony with flags flying, obviously "cocking a snook" at the democracies, Britain and USA acted swiftly. They were prepared to endure much, to keep peace in the Pacific; but they knew that if they ignored this, the Asiatic mind would

regard it as weakness, and before long the Japanese would move against the East Indies, or Burma.

SO Japan's assets were "frozen" throughout USA and the British Empire, and a virtual blockade was clamped upon all trade with Japan. The effect of this has been devastating. Japan's national economy, already gravely disturbed and weakened by the China war, is now in grave danger of collapse. USA and Britain virtually said: "You are acting in a threatening way. You may not trade with any of our enemies, and we shall not trade with you until you have given us certain guarantees in regard to the future."

That was on July 27. For three months, Japan wriggled, and twisted, and her newspapers and more belligerent Ministers threatened first Britain and then America; and then, as the economic freeze-up became ever more paralysing, the nation split on the question of fighting, or seeking an agreement with the democracies. The Government resigned, a new, apparently pro-war Government took office late in October—and British and American forces in the Pacific went to action-stations.

But, while the situation remains tense, there has been no shooting. Japan is now discussing the situation in Washington; and an agreement may be expected, and a new and better era may dawn in Anglo-American-Japanese relations.

GOD help Japan if she decides for war! The democracies are finished with fine phrases and face-saving. America is ready to fight, at the fall of a flag; Britain has based very large military and air forces upon Singapore, and has brought a fleet of surprising strength into the Pacific; and Mr. Churchill has announced (November 10) that Britain will declare war upon Japan "within

an hour" of Japan going to war with the United States. If Japan decides for war, she will be crushed under the combined weight of America, Britain, China, and the Dutch and Russian forces in the Far East.

And few will regret it—for too long, the sabre-rattling of Japanese militarists, and the absurd babblings of her "Co-Prosperity" propagandists, have disturbed our Pacific peace.

If the Huns had taken Leningrad and Moscow, or had reached the oil-fields of the Middle East, the Fascists of Japan would have thrown the country into war. As it is, Japan probably will seek a peaceful settlement. But she has been a bad neighbour, and it is to be hoped that an alarmed and armed Britain and America, having brought matters to this stage, will deal with her mercilessly, but with firmness and justice.

New Guinea in Grip of Drought

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, Nov. 5.

ON his return from an official visit to the NG mainland, the Administrator (Sir Walter McNicoll) stated that drought conditions prevailed everywhere.

All along New Britain, the coast was brown from drought or black from the effects of fires. On the mainland, one could see hundreds of miles of brown and black country. Smoke hung everywhere like a thick fog.

This long continued drought will have a serious effect upon native foods. Hundreds of acres have been destroyed. On the Sepik River, even the sago swamps have been burnt out, necessitating the natives travelling 40 miles in some places to cultivate small food areas.

Reports from the Morobe District, too, tell of abnormal conditions and bush fires in the Bulolo Valley, Madang, and Wewak. At Wau, the lack of water has caused a reduction in the output from alluvial mining operations.

Tonga's New Premier

HIGH Chief Ata, Minister for Lands, has been appointed Premier of Tonga, in succession to the late Prince Tugi, CBE.

The new Premier, who is one of the Kingdom's most popular nobles, was educated at Newington College, Sydney. Prior to becoming Minister for Lands some years ago, he held a number of high positions in the Tongan Civil Service over a long period. He is in his late 50's.

Ata visited Australia and New Zealand in 1938, in company with the Governor of Vavau (Hon. Seteki Akauola) and everywhere created a favourable impression.

Other changes in the Tongan Civil Service, recently gazetted, include the appointment of T. Afu Taumoebeu, formerly Magistrate, to the position of Acting Minister for Lands; J. Taliauli, formerly Registrar of the Supreme Court, to Acting Magistrate; and T. Tu'bulotu, Clerk and Interpreter of the Supreme Court, to be also Acting Court Registrar.



Hon. Ata.

JAPANESE AIRLINE EXTENDS

Strategic Palau-Dilli Service Commences This Month

THE Japanese Dai Nippon Airways' service from Tokyo to Palau, in her Mandated Caroline Islands, will be extended to Dilli (Portuguese Timor) on November 17.

Dilli is only 450 miles north-west of Darwin, and the advent of the new fortnightly service, cutting across the line of communications between Australia and the Dutch East Indies, has been viewed with concern in Australia. Press comment is that the airline extension represents just another phase of Japan's southward thrust.

During the past 18 months, Dai Nippon Airways has made six survey flights from Palau to Timor, using four-engined flying-boats.

Dilli is a sleepy little centre on the western coast of the northern half of Timor (the southern half is owned by the Dutch). Its commercial value is not great, though it is important from a strategic point of view. There are only about 15 Japanese resident there, but the powerful Nanyo Kohatsu Kaisha (South Sea Development Co.) is well entrenched in the Colony.

The Australian-owned Qantas Empire Airways, since January, 1941, has called at Dilli once a fortnight, on the Australia-DEI-India service.

Mr. C. J. J. T. Barton, Colonial Secretary of Fiji since 1936, has been appointed Chief Secretary in Nyasaland, Africa. He has been in England since December last.

BOWLING GREEN OPENED ON FIJI GOLDFIELD



View of the new Vatikoula Bowling Club's eight-rinks green officially opened on October 5 on the Tavua Goldfield, Fiji. Representatives from the Suva, Ba, Lautoka, and Rewa clubs played on the opening day. The greens have been flooded for night play. Loloma and Emperor Mining Co. employees now are well catered for in sport—they have a choice of tennis, golf or bowls.

COPRA

Outlook Much Improved :: South Pacific Pool to Operate Early in 1942 :: Sales at £8/10/- f.o.b. Rabaul.

THE South Pacific Copra Marketing Pool will come into operation early in the New Year. It will receive, store, and market the copra production of the following territories, and return the net proceeds of the sales to the individual copra producers:—

AUSTRALIAN	BRITISH
New Guinea	Fiji
Papua	Solomons
NEW ZEALAND	Tonga
Samoa	Gilbert & Ellice
Cook Islands	FREE FRENCH
CONDOMINIUM	Tahiti
New Hebrides	New Caledonia

The various Governments concerned are moving slowly and carefully towards the completion of the plan. As a result of discussions and a better understanding all round, much of the hostility of the big Pacific trading firms has disappeared. It is clearly the intention of the Pool managers, while making the interests of the individual planters their primary consideration, to use, as far as possible, the transport, storage and marketing facilities of the big firms, and not to interfere unduly with the existing machinery.

The plan is now being operated by Australia, so far as it affects the Mandated Territory of New Guinea. A local New Guinea Copra Committee receives the copra from the producers, and is responsible for the care of same, and for distributing proceeds to the planters.

A COPRA Marketing Committee, headquarters in Canberra, sells the copra. The Committee at present comprises Messrs. J. F. Murphy (Department of Commerce), J. R. Halligan (Territories Department) and C. E. Leake (New Guinea Trade Agency), with Mr. Leake as executive officer. The Committee, so far, has sold the New Guinea copra at £8/10/- per ton, f.o.b. Rabaul, export duty on buyer's account—a very good price, in the circumstances, which should give the grower £6/10/- per ton, net.

As soon as the full Pool functions, representatives of the other Governments will be added to the present Australian Marketing Committee, which then will become the South Pacific Copra Marketing Board, with local Committees in all the Territories, as well as in New Guinea.

The New Guinea price (now £8/10/- Australian, f.o.b. Rabaul) probably will be the top of the current quotation. Fiji's present grade is not as good as New Guinea's, and that of the other Territories less than that of Fiji.

The present Australian Marketing Committee has high hopes of an improving market—it believes that £8/10/- f.o.b. Rabaul will be left behind in 1942.

It is expected that the full Copra Marketing Board will give prompt attention to removing stocks accumulated in the outlying groups—especially Tonga and Gilbert and Ellice Colony. There is, at present, no accumulation in New Guinea, Solomons or Fiji.

The Governments say that, as a preliminary to operating the Pool, they are giving "reasonable consideration" to merchants who have entered into contracts for future shipments of copra. Shipping licences, formerly restricted to end of November, have been successively extended to end of December, of January, and, very recently, of February. These methods are allowing most people and interests concerned to adjust themselves to the new conditions of a Government-controlled industry.

No one in Australia appears to know

Canton Is. to Sydney

A CATALINA PBY flying-boat made a record non-stop flight across the Pacific early this month when it flew direct from Canton Island to Sydney, a distance of 3,300 miles.

Captain P. G. Taylor, well known for his Pacific flight with the late Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, in 1934, was navigator, and Captain Russel Tapp, of Qantas Empire Airways was pilot.

The machine was one of a number of giant US-built airboats bought by the Commonwealth Government for long-range patrol in Australia and the Pacific. Previously, late in October, Captain Taylor and Captain Lester Brain, made aviation history by flying a Catalina direct from Suva to Sydney, 2,000 miles.

It is significant that since Australia first took delivery of these huge flying-boats, some months ago, there has been no reported activity of raiders in the South Pacific.

Two airmen well known in New Guinea—Orme Denny and Aubrey Koch—are also ferrying Catalinas across the Pacific.

Governor Inspects His Troops



M. Henri Sautot, Governor of New Caledonia, reviewed the Colony's troops at a parade in Noumea at the end of October. The photographs show:—Top: Young Caledonian-born Frenchmen and New Caledonian natives comprise the colour party. At right, in the background, with M. Sautot, is Commandant Jardin, military commander of New Caledonia. Lower: The guard of honour presents arms to M. Sautot.

why Hon. Gerald Hogan resigned from the NG Copra Committee, where he was doing good work. His resignation has not been accepted. He has been asked to carry on, and is doing so.

ANOTHER GOVERNOR

Lieut.-Colonel Orselli Appointed to Tahiti

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Oct. 27.

LIEUTENANT-Colonel Georges Orselli, of the Free French Air Force, who arrived in Tahiti recently with the D'Argenlieu Mission, has been appointed Governor of French Oceania.

After the political upheavals of the last few months, Tahiti now has settled down again to normal conditions, according to reports reaching here.

It was expected that Captain Thierry d'Argenlieu, the new High Commissioner for Free France in the Pacific, would visit Noumea this month, but a message received by the New Caledonian Governor stated that his departure from Papeete had been postponed for a time.

Frigate Captain Cabanier, who arrived in Tahiti a short time ago to take up duties as head of the French Pacific defences, is a former submarine commander. He was awarded the DSO by King George VI for his exploits with the Free French submarine "Rubis".

Supply of Tonkinese Labourers

Concern in the New Hebrides

From Our Own Correspondent

VILA, Nov. 2.

PLANTERS here are concerned about continuation of supplies of Tonkinese (Indo-China) labourers in the future.

Since 1921, the French authorities have drawn plantation labour from Indo-China, and at the outbreak of war there were over 1,000 Tonkinese in the Condominium. These workers are indentured for five years, with the option of re-engagement for a further two years or repatriation at the end of their term.

Shortly before France collapsed, M. Sautot, then French Resident Commissioner of the New Hebrides, announced that British planters in the Group would be permitted to use Tonkinese on their plantations—a concession the British had sought for many years.

After the events of June, 1940, Indo-China decided to support the Vichy administration; but the French colonies in the Pacific—New Hebrides, New Caledonia and French Oceania—declared for de Gaulle and Free France. With the severing of diplomatic relations between the two groups, the system of supplying Tonkinese to the New Hebrides and New Caledonia collapsed.

In New Caledonia, the authorities have not relied solely upon Indo-China for labour, and a number of Javanese are indentured each year. Planters in the New Hebrides hope that the authorities will take steps to secure a similar supply of Javanese labourers for the Condominium.

It is understood that the British, Free French and Dutch Governments have discussed the possibility of using Javanese labourers for working minerals in New Caledonia, and New Hebrides planters suggest that this plan should be widened to include labour for copra and other plantations.

Mr. R. W. Robson, editor of "Pacific Islands Monthly", who has been absent in the Central Pacific for two months, returned to Sydney on November 12. Articles by Mr. Robson, describing conditions in Nauru, Ocean Island, Fiji, Gilbert and Ellice Colony, etc., will appear in the December and following issues.

£90,000 BONUS

For Indian Cane-Growers in Fiji

THE Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., in Fiji paid out £90,000 last month as a gratuitous payment to Indian cane-growers in the Colony. This represented a bonus of 2/3 per ton for the 1940 cane crop, bringing the total bonus to 4/3.

Because of shortage of shipping, Britain is unable to take her normal sugar quota and the industry in Fiji is under a cloud at present. Only about two-thirds of the crop will be exported this year.

The CSR Co. is working in close co-operation with the Fiji Government in the matter and has voluntarily undertaken to make no profit on treating and handling the unexportable portion of the cane crop.

Sugar storage space has become a problem and it was announced by the Government recently that the sugar crushing mills at Lautoka and Rarawai would close down for a short period until some of the accumulated stocks were shipped out of the Colony.

Mr. J. Leslie Johnstone, who served with the Fiji Administration for 34 years, died in New Zealand in mid-October at the age of 72. Born in NSW, Mr. Johnstone went to Fiji as a child with his father, a planter. After being educated abroad, he joined the Fiji Civil Service, and held a number of positions. He retired in 1920 and had lived at Manurewa, NZ, with his family since 1924.

Air Service to Samarai

From Our Own Correspondent

SAMARAI, Nov. 3. NEGOTIATIONS still are proceeding between the Administration and Guinea Airways Ltd. for an aerial service between Port Moresby and Samarai.

The latest proposal is that an alternate weekly service be provided along the Papuan coast—one week to Samarai (at the eastern end of the Territory) and the next to Daru (in the Western Division). The plane would leave Port Moresby the same day the Sydney-NG plane arrived there, en route to Rabaul.

It is understood that Guinea Airways are seeking a subsidy of £3,000 for the service.

Indications are that the passenger fare by air from Pt. Moresby to Samarai would be £4/10/-, which is the same as by steamer, and from Pt. Moresby to Daru, £6/10/-, which works out at £1/5/- above the boat rate. Freight charges would be 3d., 4d., and 6d. per pound, according to the distance carried.

SAW-MILL DESTROYED AT WAU

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Nov. 7. MR. Alan Fuller's valuable and up-to-date saw-mill was completely destroyed by fire on November 2.

Recently, mischievous natives have started a number of small fires and this—during the present dry spell—has been a source of worry to local police. Some offenders have been caught and punished. It is possible that the blaze which swept through the saw-mill was started by some irresponsible native.

THE MOVE TO LAE

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, Nov. 4. THE Lands Department and a section of the Public Works Department, whose officers left Rabaul last month, now are functioning at Lae, the new capital on the mainland.

Work is proceeding apace with the erection of standard-type huts for office accommodation of the various departments. Quarters for the staffs are being built by contractors. It is not expected that any permanent buildings will be put up until after the war, when the capital will be properly laid out.

Sir Walter McNicoll (Administrator of New Guinea) visited Lae at the end of October and intimated that he would take up residence there late this month.

The Government hopes to transfer the Central Administration and the Treasury Department across to the mainland at the end of December. Other departments should all be settled there by February.

No official announcement has been made concerning the Administration personnel who are to remain here—current rumours, however, say that they will be shifted to Kokopo. Incidentally, there has been much comment locally upon the Administration's omission to inform the public of its plans relating to Lae. So far, nothing at all has been said about business sites there.

Death of Well-Known Papuan Public Servant

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Nov. 3. ONE of the best-known members of the Papuan Public Service, Mr. A. D. Williams, died in the European Hospital, Port Moresby, on October 26.

An engineer, Mr. Williams came to Papua from Adelaide, SA, in 1914, and took up a position with Kikori Plantations Ltd. Later he joined the staff of Anglo-Persian Oil Co., at Popo; and in 1926 he entered the Public Service and took charge of the Port Moresby powerhouse.

A few weeks ago, Mr. Williams became ill, but quickly recovered. A serious heart attack on October 25, however, necessitated his entering hospital and he died the following morning.

A large number of residents, including representatives of the Public Service and commercial firms attended the funeral. The Administrator (Hon. Leonard Murray) also was present.

COMMANDANT BRUNOT AT PAPEETE WEDDING



Commandant Richard Brunot, then Governor of Tahiti (he was recalled by General de Gaulle a short time afterwards), was host at the wedding reception of Princess Genevieve Pomare, of Papeete, and Quarter-master Pilot Pommier, at the official residence on September 13. Front row, left to right: Commandant Brunot, the Bride and Bridegroom, Princess Teri'i nui o Tahiti Pomare; second row: Princess Takau Pomare Vedel, Madame Brunot, Mlle. Norma Grand, Mlle. Claude Brault, Mlle. Lisette Levy; back row: M. Tony Bambridge, Jr., M. Guy Brault, Quarter-master Radio-operator Marcel Lammer.

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TONGAN HEALTH OFFICER



Dr. Bailey, a former CMO of Tonga, who now is acting as Chief Sanitary Officer for the Tongan Government. In the photograph, he is wearing the uniform of the newly-formed Tongan Home Guard, made up of Europeans and Europeans.

—Photo: H.U.G.

IRON ORE

Australia Urged to Acquire Interest in NC Deposits

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Oct. 27. THE time has come when Australia should step in and acquire an interest in the vast iron ore resources of New Caledonia.

Because of lack of good local coal, the impossibility of economic transport to Europe, and the fact that export to Australia or Japan was not seriously considered, industrial utilisation of these deposits has been neglected until recently. The Nickel Society is among those with declared deposits, "in view of eventual export to Australia", as a report of the Noumea Mines Department put it.

An explanation of this significant remark is to be found in the fact that New Caledonian iron ore deposits are relatively easy to exploit. In fact, they are nearer the port of Newcastle than Iron Knob in South Australia or Yampi Sound in W.A. It would be easy for colliers bringing fuel to Noumea smelters to carry iron ore back to Newcastle. In this way, the industries of the two countries would be firmly linked to their mutual benefit. It also would assist toward conservation of the limited Australian iron deposits.

JAPANESE PEARLERS WITHDRAW

From a Special Correspondent

DOBO, Oct. 18. ALL the Japanese pearling luggers—about 45 in number—which have been operating in and around these waters (Aroe Islands, off coast of Dutch New Guinea), and in Torres Strait and Darwin were recalled to Palau, in the Caroline Group, a short time ago. The evacuation was completed by early September.

In addition, the Japanese Consulate at Mandano (DEI) ordered all Japanese residents of Dobo to return to Japan.

The departure of the luggers leaves the shell beds of Torres Strait, Darwin and Broome empty of foreign fishermen. Provided divers can be obtained, the languishing Australian pearling industry should soon show signs of recovery.

Captain Samuel Mortimer, formerly commodore of the Burns Philp fleet, and particularly well known years ago in the Solomon Islands trade, now is a member of the Pacific Islands Society. Captain Mortimer settled in Sydney after his retirement. Another new member is Major Edward Collins, now resident in Sydney, but well known in Lautoka, Fiji, in former years.

TWO NZ AIRMEN KILLED IN FIJI

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Oct. 24. WHEN a Moth aeroplane nose-dived into Nadi Bay, on the west coast of Viti Levu, early this month, two New Zealand airmen were killed. They were Pilot Officer Francis Pillars (28) and Pilot Officer Ronald Williams (21).

The plane was flying at about 4,000 ft., when apparently it developed engine trouble. It crashed into the sea a mile and a half from shore, in 15 ft. of water. Only one of the bodies was recovered.

Mr. Edward Henry Ward, of Auckland, NZ, who was wireless operator on a Union S. S. Co. vessel when she was sunk by shell fire from a German raider near Nauru Island last December, has been

commended for bravery. A recent London "Gazette" commented upon the operator's devotion to duty in remaining at his post while under fire from the enemy. Mr. Ward, who is 32 and married, has been personally congratulated by the NZ Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser. Though home on leave recently, he is still attached to a Union vessel in the Pacific.

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Visitors from the Islands to Sydney (or those interested in Islands affairs), are advised to communicate with the honorary secretary of the above Society, which has been formed to study the history, traditions, economics, and political developments of the Pacific Islands. Next address: "India's Part in the War Effort", by Mr. R. R. Saksena, M.A., Indian Trade Commissioner in Australia—at Hotel Carlton, 8 p.m., Wed., Nov. 26.

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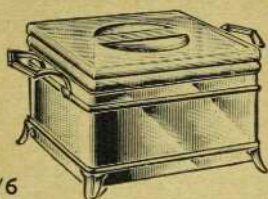
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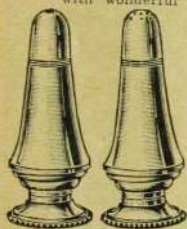


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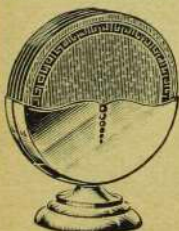
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TROPICALITIES

BRITAIN'S new "secret weapon"? The Italian propaganda radio, broadcasting from Rome on October 8, solemnly declared: "The English are reduced to such straits that they have had to draft cannibals from the Fiji Islands to the Army".

THE first European to settle in Tahiti, as far as published records show, was a Spaniard. This man, who escaped a death sentence, was a member of the crew of the "Agula", commanded by Don Domingo Boenechea, who arrived in Tahiti in 1772 and anchored at Teahupo'o off the Tairarapu peninsula. Boenechea gave the island the name of Isla d'Amat, after the Viceroy of Peru, who had sent the expedition to the South Seas. He had occasion to sentence four of the ship's company to death for misconduct. The fifth escaped the penalty by hiding in the mountains. This man was subsequently adopted into the family of the high chief, Vahiatua. It is said that traces of Spanish blood can be found in the countenances of his descendants at Teahupo'o to this day.

—Vakatini.

UNTIL February, 1940, when the Huns over-ran Holland and destroyed postal communications, the former Kaiser of Germany, Wilhelm II, who died recently, was a regular reader of the "PIM", which was forwarded to him at Doorn, Holland, by his boyhood friend, Mr. F. T. Goedicke, now a resident of Haapai, Tonga. Mr. Goedicke, in a letter to the "PIM", says that when he was a boy in Mecklenberg, the late Kaiser and his brother, Prince Henry, were living there, while their father (Crown Prince Frederick) was away with his regiment in the Franco-Prussian war. The two Princes, and Goedicke and his brother, were playmates during a whole summer, and the acquaintanceship thus begun lasted during their lives. In the early

'eighties, Mr. Goedicke was at Darwin, Northern Australia, and there he went on a shooting expedition with the Duke of Manchester, who was a close personal friend of Crown Prince Frederick. It was the Duke who suggested to Mr. Goedicke, during a kangaroo hunt at the back of Darwin, that he should become a British subject; and Mr. Goedicke accordingly was naturalised at Adelaide in 1884. Mr. Goedicke has letters from the late Kaiser's Chamberlain, saying that Wilhelm II, who always took a keen interest in Pacific affairs, carefully read every issue of the "PIM".

BEFORE Mr. H. Jenkins, of the yacht "Golden Hind" returned to New Zealand from Tahiti recently, with the anchor of the ship "Bounty" which he had acquired from the Chief of Arue for the Auckland War Memorial Museum (see August "PIM"), he made two presentations to the Papeete Museum. One was the rare and valuable Volumes I, II, and III of the "Transactions" of the London Missionary Society workers in French Oceania, covering the years 1797 to 1808, which he had recently purchased from the London office of the Society. The other gift was a choice collection of Moa bones from Doubtless Bay, New Zealand.

WE who dwell in the Antipodes know that America is now our friend and protector; but we like frequently to be told so. It takes some of the darkness out of the northern sky.

Here is part of a personal letter, to the editor of the "PIM", from Mrs. Isobel Field, of Serena, Carpinteria, California:

"In every town, city and village of the United States there is a group of people working for Britain; subscriptions coming in from the people themselves, not from the Government, though supplies are going over in increasing quantities; and the armament factories are working overtime."

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Robert Louis Stevenson, and lived with him in Samoa, some 50 years ago. Mrs. Field sent the following two little poems, as embodying American sentiment towards Britain:—

REFUGEE

I shall remember, till I die,
Manhattan traced against the sky,
Alabaster, ivory,
Rising baseless from the sea;
A dream-white city, morning-kissed
To rose and pearl and amethyst;
A fairy fabric piled upon
The insubstantial mists of dawn,
And lovely to my wondering eyes
As the far shores of Paradise.

I shall remember, till I die,
Her glistening towers, the tranquil sky
And how I wept—who did not weep
For bombs and guns and murdered sleep—
To see a path of gold 'twixt me
And the calm strength of Liberty.

FOR A WAR PILOT

(Note by an editor in Montana, where the poem was first published:—"The following verses were written by a little Montana girl, as her tribute to the R.A.F. They seem to me remarkable, both in themselves, and as evidence of the emotion which the exploits of the British pilots rouse in the hearts of the American people.")

If I must die, let it be swift and shattered
flight

Through the smoking, violated night
In a rush of space.
Let not my face
Be warped with fright.

But, at God's height
And far beyond the blight
Of this mad, murderous race,
There may I trace
My name in flames, fire-bright,
If I must die.

—Gretchen Wellman, Hardin, Montana.

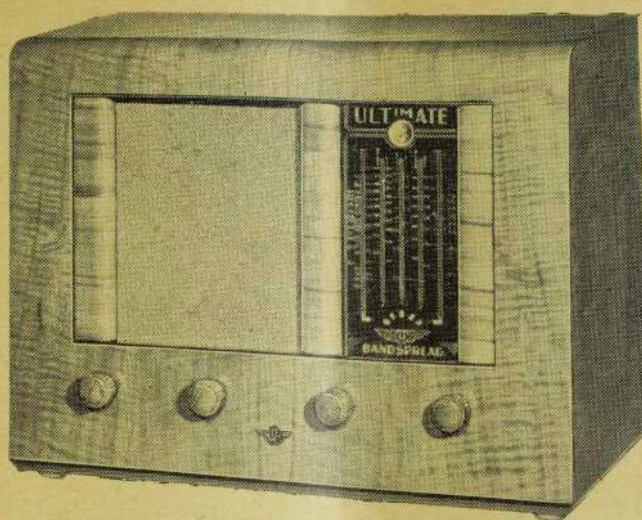
IT has often been written of the Tahitians that they have long lost all understanding of racial pride. Such, however, is not the case as the following incident, related by Mr. Eric Ramsden, secretary of the Pacific Islands Society, when speaking before the Royal Australian Historical Society in Sydney in October, testified. At a recent function in Sydney, he had occasion to introduce one of the Tahitian de Gaulle volunteers to a French member of the Society. In presenting the soldier, by way of compliment to the lady, Mr. Ramsden referred to him as a "taata Firani" (a Frenchman). The Tahitian shook hands, and then said, in his own language: "No, I am not a Frenchman. I am a Tahitian!"

The speaker contrasted this declaration with the reception a Maori resident of Sydney received lately at the hands of a young Maori air trainee. Seeing this young man in uniform in the street, he went and addressed him with the courteous and traditional: "Tena koe". "Oh, how do you do," the youth, who understood his own tongue thoroughly, replied. Instead of proffering his nose in the hongi, he merely offered his hand.

VISITORS to Suva who inspect the imposing block of Government buildings invariably pause at the entrance to the Legislative Council Chambers to admire a fine bronze bust of a Fiji hillman, which stands on a granite pedestal in a prominent position. There is an interesting story connected with

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In 1933, Mr. John W. Vandercook, an American traveller and novelist (one of his "thrillers" is entitled "Murder in Fiji") and his wife made a trip across the island of Viti Levu, in company with their fellow-countryman, Dr. S. M. Lambert, then Rockefeller Foundation representative in the Pacific. They were greatly taken with the natives of the interior and particularly impressed by a stalwart Fijian who was carrying for them. Mrs. Vandercook, a sculptress, took a number of photographs of him and made measurements of his head. On her return to USA, she modelled a splendid bust of the Fijian. A short time afterwards, she died. All her work was cast in bronze and exhibited at a leading New York Art Gallery. Later, Mr. Vandercook, through Dr. Lambert, presented the statue to the Government of Fiji, and it was mounted and placed in its present position.

It is interesting to note how even "hard-boiled" and educated Europeans succumb to superstitious ideas after living several years in the more remote islands of the Pacific. So-called "ghosts" and strange coincidences are easily disposed of with the lights of the city all round, but in the gentle silence of a tropical evening, the sceptic pauses, and thinks, and recalls how little man knows of the supernatural.

An apt instance of such superstition in the Polynesian islands is the importance attached to the defilement of a "marae" (chiefly burial-ground and place of sacrifice). For instance, should a native in the Cook Islands be stricken with a disease, particularly elephantiasis, his record will be delved into and it will soon emerge that, at one time or another, he defiled a "marae", either by removing

the stones, lighting a fire there, or some other such action.

The average European will dismiss this with a shrug, but give him a couple of years' residence in the Pacific and he is not so confident. Another five years will convince him that there may be something in it, and there are few "old-timers" who would care to tear up a known "marae" (he would have to do the job with his own hands, as no native labourer would be willing to take the risk), even though it should be on his own land.

What is it they say about the Islands? In three months you know everything, after two years you are not so sure, and after ten years you realise that you know practically nothing.—R.I.

GREAT oaks from little acorns grow.

A friend in Britain, writing last December to Mrs. James Burns, wife of a director of Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd., Sydney, mentioned that she might care to raise funds among her acquaintances to purchase a mobile canteen for the "blitzed" areas of England. Mrs. Burns got busy and formed a small committee. BP provided office accommodation for them and assisted in a number of other directions. The response was so immediate and generous that nearly £24,000 was subscribed in six months.

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Ray Parer has had a remarkable career. He held a commission in the Royal Flying Corps and in the Australian Flying Corps, gaining the AFC. With Lt. McIntosh in 1920, he made an epic flight from England to Australia in an aeroplane that literally was held together with string. Late in the 1920's, he went to New Guinea and was one of the pioneers in the Goldfields aerial freight-ing business. In 1934, he completed in the Melbourne Centenary Air Race, with Geoffrey Hensworth.

Since then, he has divided his time between his New Guinea flying and mining interests.

You can't keep a good man down and, knowing Ray Parer's indomitable spirit, there are many who believe that sooner or later he will find a way to serve in the air again.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Warburton and family arrived in Australia recently from Fiji. Mr. Warburton has been in the Colony for 12 years, latterly being manager at Ba for Burns Philp (SS) Co. Ltd. He has been transferred to Sydney, and Mr. Albert Waddingham, of Nadi, has been appointed to fill the vacancy at Ba.

AN APPRECIATED GESTURE

From Our Own Correspondent

NUKUALOFA, Sept. 14.
THE Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (Sir Harry Luke, KCMG) recently made an unofficial visit to Nukualofa by flying-boat to offer his personal condolence and sympathy to Queen Salote on her bereavement in the death of Prince Consort Tugli, CBE.

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DEATH OF OLD COOK IS. PRIEST

From Our Own Correspondent

THE death occurred recently in Auckland (NZ), of Father Joachim Kerdal, of the Cook Is. He was 68 years of age. As a young Breton, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and volunteered for foreign mission service. After his ordination, he was sent to the Cook Islands, where he laboured for 41 years. He went to New Zealand for medical treatment last July, and was showing signs of a full recovery when he suddenly collapsed on the evening of August 8.

Many past and present CI residents and travellers on Pacific schooners will remember kindly this old priest, who spent the greater part of his life on the lonely atoll of Manihiki, over 200 miles away from the nearest white man.

His funeral was attended by the Bishop of Auckland and many other dignitaries of the NZ Catholic Church.

Mrs. L. Jackaman, well-known resident of Levuka, Fiji, died last month, aged 67.

JAPANESE NAVAL VESSELS

Snooping Near US Pacific Bases

THE Japanese Navy has lately been guilty of very unfriendly activities in American Pacific waters, cabled Mr. Hallett Abend, roving US journalist, to the "New York Times", from Honolulu on November 1.

American naval authorities patiently withheld retaliative action, but much was learned of Japanese tactics and aims, although the authorities simulated ignorance of what the ships were doing, reported Mr. Abend.

Now, it is possible to reveal that a Japanese submarine has lately been in Hawaiian territorial waters, remaining submerged during the day and coming up after dark. Daylight observations were conducted with only the periscope showing.

The American naval authorities are chuckling over this abortive Japanese naval reconnaissance, since they have observed every move of the submarine since she was about 400 miles outside Hawaiian waters.

Other semi-hostile Japanese naval actions have been openly conducted without the slightest attempt at secrecy. Their fast ships have provocatively cruised at high speed all round Midway, Wake, Johnson, Palmyra, and other Pacific Islands bases, always keeping 2,000 yards beyond the utmost range of American coast defence batteries.

The only disturbing feature of this phase of Japanese naval activity is how Japanese agents have so accurately learned the extreme shooting range of the shore batteries on individual islands.

Captain C. Rattray, Acting Commanding Officer of the Rarotonga Defence Force, went back to New Zealand in October, following the return of Captain R. M. Gladney to resume command.

A son, David Graham, was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. Dexter, of Papua, at Grange Private Hospital, Brisbane (Qld.), in September. Mr. Dexter is now stationed at Aroa for Coconut Products Ltd.; previously he was a resident of Misima Island.

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The main factor influencing the price rise is apparently the lack of supplies coming forward from Acra (West Africa), which normally meets about nine-tenths of Australia's requirements. Last month, the "Australasian Confectioner", organ of the sweet-making industry, authoritatively stated that no shipping space will be available to carry the new season's cocoa beans from West Africa to Australia.

Nowadays in New Guinea, youngest of the three main cocoa-producing territories in the Pacific, increasing interest is being displayed in the cultivation of the crop. Correspondents in the local press have suggested that the present is a Heaven-sent opportunity to expand the industry and they urge the establishment of a cocoa investigation committee to inquire thoroughly into the position—land and labour available, financial assistance, advice and instruction to planters, marketing, etc.

Cocoa is a crop eminently suited to the Mandated Territory and, as has been pointed out on a number of occasions in this journal, can profitably be carried on in conjunction with a copra-producing estate. Actually, only one quarter the area needed for economic copra production is required for cocoa.

POLYNESIAN CLUB OF SYDNEY

AMONG visitors to the Polynesian Club of Sydney during October was Mr. Paul Abdalla, well-known resident of Noumea and a foundation member of the Club. With him came four young men from Wallis Island (Uvea), who were welcomed by the Islands and Maori members in the traditional manner, with song and dance.

Free French sailors also present at the gathering entertained with songs of the sea and military ditties in French. Madame Boshier, formerly of Tahiti, was in the French party, with her daughter, Mrs. Odette Christian, wife of George Starr Christian, of Norfolk Island.

Another Pacific visitor was Mrs. Iserline Gosnell, formerly of Suva, Fiji, who is a descendant of Gauna Vou, a noble lady of Tonga and aunt of Vilai Tubcu (brother of Queen Salote of Tonga).

On show at this function was a fine autographed photo of the new Makea nui Takau ariki, of Rarotonga (Mrs. T. Love), who is a vice-president of the Club. The Makea's husband is a cousin of Wikita Tupene, one of the Club members now on active service.

Mr. V. G. Smith, one of the best known "knights of the road" in the Western Pacific, paid one of his usual visits to Rabaul, New Guinea, last month by airliner.

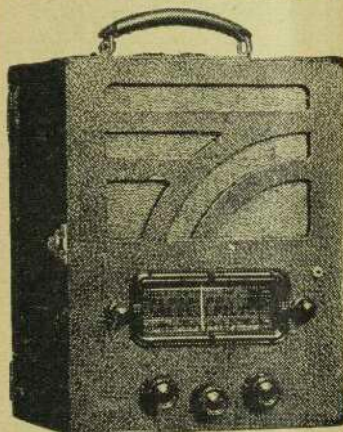
Mr. R. ("Bob") Bunting, formerly of Samarai, Papua, and now a corporal with the ATF in Malaya, "celebrated" in mid-October when he received news of the birth of a daughter—Beverley—to his wife in Sydney.

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Struck by Plane Propeller

How Captain Chater Was Killed on Lae 'Drome

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Oct. 24.
CAPTAIN Eric Chater, general manager of Guinea Airways Ltd., met his death on Lae aerodrome under most tragic circumstances on the morning of Monday, October 13.
Shortly after he arrived at his office, around 8 a.m., a Junkers G51 plane



Mr. Eric Chater, centre, with Mr. L. V. Waterhouse (director of Guinea Airways Ltd.) and Pilot Bert Heath (right), on Lae aerodrome.

arrived from Bulolo, piloted by Mr. L. H. Ross. Captain Chater apparently wished to speak to the pilot as soon as he landed and, with this view, he walked towards the plane, accompanied by his dog.

As the plane taxied slowly to the loading base, Pilot Ross saw to his horror that Mr. Chater had come dangerously near the port propeller. He applied his brakes in a frantic effort to avert the almost inevitable catastrophe, but the revolving propeller struck Mr. Chater's head before the plane could be brought to a standstill. He was killed instantly.

At the inquest, later, eye-witnesses stated that the accident happened with such appalling, split-second suddenness that they could not be quite sure how Mr. Chater got so close to the motor. It is believed that he was trying to

"shoo" his dog away from the path of the plane.

Captain Eric Harold Chater was born in Oxfordshire, England; was educated at Clifton College, Bristol; joined the R.F.C. and received his wings at Brooklands in 1915; and served with distinction during World War I. He came to Australia in 1926 and joined Westralia Airways Ltd., with whom he did fine work. He was associated in the search for Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith and Lieut. Charlie Ulm when the "Southern Cross" was missing in North-west Australia.

Since his arrival in New Guinea in 1933, Captain Chater had been associated with Guinea Airways Ltd. both as a pilot and, later, as general manager at Lae. He combined with a distinguished bearing a great charm of manner, and was always held in the highest esteem

by all with whom he was associated in this Territory. He was 45 years old.

His funeral at Lae was attended by residents from all parts of the Morobe District, though bad flying weather prevented some from being present. Rev. V. H. Sherwin, of Wau, conducted the burial service.

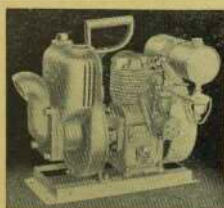
Mr. C. H. Morris arrived in Rabaul, New Guinea, recently from Western Australia, to join the staff of the Public Works Department.

Senator James M. Fraser, new Australian Minister for Islands Territories, learned at the end of October that his son, Private Frederick Keith Fraser, who was reported missing after the Greece and Crete campaigns, was a prisoner of war in Germany. Senator Fraser has another son in the AIF.

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Mr. R. V. Pratt, who managed Patlangat Plantation, New Britain, a few years ago, before coming to Australia, passed his final medical examination at Melbourne University in October. He is the son of Mr. Victor A. Pratt, of Tobera Plantation, TNG.

Mr. Clifford Gessler, of Oakland, California, in a note to the editor of "PIM", says that the Appleton-Century Co., of USA, will publish next year another South Seas book written by him, titled tentatively "The Leaning Wind". He was a member of the Bishop Museum party on Tepuka and other islands in the Tuamotu Group (French Oceania) in 1934 and the new book will cover other of his experiences with the expedition not included in his previous volume "Road My Body Goes". Mr. Gessler is the author, too, of "Hawaii: Isles of Enchantment", "Tropic Landfall", and "Kanaka Moon".

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

Pilot-Officer Len BAYLISS, flying instructor in the RAAF, formerly of Rabaul, New Guinea. Killed in Sydney, 18/11/1940, when he fell from a trainer aircraft in flight.

A/Bdr. Neville W. BERTWISTLE, AIF artillery (tank unit), formerly a clerk on the staff of W. R. Carpenter and Co., Ltd., of Rabaul, New Guinea. Killed in action, April, 1941.

Flight-Lieutenant G. J. I. CLARKE, of the RAAF, formerly Assistant Flight Superintendent of Carpenter Airways, New Guinea. Reported missing after operations off Dakar (French West Africa), while attached to HMAS "Australia", 25/9/1940—now presumed killed.

Pte. Felix CRAIG, AIF, formerly of accounts department, Australasian Petroleum Co., Port

Moresby, Papua. Reported killed, June, 1941.

V. L. DEARMAN, of the RAAF, formerly of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., in Fiji. Reported killed in action in the Middle East, October, 1941.

Captain Kenneth GARDEN, of the RAF Ferry Command, formerly chief pilot of Guinea Airways Ltd., in New Guinea. Killed, 2/9/1941, when the bomber he flew from USA crashed on west coast of Britain.

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

Flying-Officer K. J. A. JOHNSTONE, of the RAF, who was born in Suva, Fiji, in 1915. Reported missing after bombing raid on Norway, 1/5/1940—now presumed killed.

Pte. L. F. MCARTHUR, AIF infantry, formerly supercargo on W. R. Carpenter and Co.'s inter-island vessel "Mako", in New Guinea. Reported "wounded in action and missing—believed prisoner of war", 15/7/1941; reported "killed in action", 30/10/1941.

Cpl. Alex. C. SCOTT, AIF, formerly manager at Kletta, TNG, for Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd. Killed in action in the Middle East, 19/6/1941.

DIED FROM WOUNDS

Pte. Ernest HENRY, AIF, formerly of the Rabaul (NG) staff of Burns, Philp and Co., Ltd. Died from wounds received during Battle of Crete, 1/6/1941.

Pte. Walter PEARSON, of first NG Quota of AIF (infantry). Died from wounds received in action, 24/6/1941.

A/Bdr. W. R. SCOTT, AIF, of New Guinea. Died from wounds, July, 1941.

Sergeant-Pilot Peter Clarkson WISE, of the RAF, son of Mr. W. Wise, OBE, Director of Public Works, Fiji. Died from wounds received during bombing raid over Germany, January, 1941.

DIED FROM ILLNESS

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

MISSING

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

Alex. McKAY, of the RAAF, formerly engineer at the Colonial Sugar Refining Co.'s mill, Penang, Fiji. Reported missing, August, 1941.

Gnr. A. H. ROSS, AIF artillery, of Rabaul, TNG. Reported missing—believed prisoner of war, 28/9/1941.

James SIMPSON, of the RAF, formerly of Vatukoula, Fiji. Reported missing after air operations over Malta, in the Mediterranean, 1/7/1941.

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

Pte. FRED. SWAN, NZ Army Medical Corps, formerly of Apia, Western Samoa. Reported in August, 1941, "missing after Battle of Crete".

WOUNDED

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

L/Cpl. J. P. BLENCOWE, AIF infantry, of Rabaul, TNG. Reported wounded in action, 15/7/1941.

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

Sgt. C. HENDRICK, AIF infantry, of Rabaul, TNG. Reported wounded in action, 15/7/1941.

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 British evacuation from Dunkirk (France), May, 1940.

Lieut. L. T. HURRELL, AIF infantry, of Rabaul, TNG. Reported "wounded in action, remaining on duty", 29/7/1941.

Cpl. W. H. LANNEN, AIF artillery, of Rabaul, New Guinea. Reported "wounded in action—on seriously ill list, 30/6/1941; removed from seriously ill list, 25/7/1941".

Gnr. E. G. LOBAN, AIF artillery, of Thursday Island, wounded during Greek campaign, May, 1941. Invalided home after having his left forearm amputated.

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, 22/6/1941, reported "wounded and safe".

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

A/Sgt. Alastair MACLEAN, AIF infantry, of Rabaul, New Guinea. Wounded in action, in Libya, 30/6/1941.

S/Sgt. Graham B. MIRFIELD, AIF engineers, of Rabaul, New Guinea. Wounded in action, 16/7/1941.

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Pte. L. G. REECE, of Bulolo, New Guinea. Reported wounded in action with AIF, July, 1941.
A/Cpl. N. K. SAWYER, AIF infantry, of Rabaul, TNG. Reported wounded in action, 22/7/1941.

Pte. Lance STAMPER, AIF, formerly school-master at Wau, New Guinea. Reported wounded in action, August, 1941.

Pte. H. G. TURNER, AIF, of Samarai, Eastern Papua. Wounded in action at Bardia (Libya), January, 1941.

Pte. F. D. TWISS, AIF infantry, of New Guinea. Reported wounded in action, August, 1941.

PRISONERS OF WAR

A/Cpl. Peter W. BOSGARD, AIF infantry, formerly of the Lands Department, Port Moresby, Papua. Reported prisoner of war at Solomona, Abruzzi, Italy, 29/6/1941.

Pte. W. GOSSNER, AIF infantry, of Port Moresby, Papua. Reported prisoner of war, Abruzzi, Italy, 6/7/1941.

Gnr. A. L. B. KING, AIF artillery, of Rabaul, TNG. Reported prisoner of war, 29/7/1941.

A/Cpl. John H. LONERGAN, AIF, Supply and Transport, of New Guinea. Reported prisoner of war at Corinthia, Italy, 8/7/1941.

DECORATIONS

Lieut. Colin HILL, RANR, of the Australian destroyer, "Waterhen", formerly second officer on the trans-Pacific liner "Niagara". Awarded Order of the British Empire for salvaging a burning oil tanker near Suda Bay, Crete.

Flying-Officer James R. HYDE, of the RAF, formerly a Patrol Officer in Namatanai and Sepik Districts, TNG. Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bombing raids on Heligoland Bight, in the North Sea.

Lieutenant-Commander A. W. R. McNICOLL, RAN, son of Sir Ramsay McNicoll, Administrator of New Guinea, and Lady McNicoll. Awarded the George Medal "for gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty".

Sgt. Geoffrey MOORE, of the NZRAF, formerly engineer on the NG inter-island vessel "Maiwara" and on the trans-Pacific liner "Aorangi". Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal for "shooting down an enemy fighter and driving off two others, and having displayed great courage and a high standard of gunnery at all times".

Private L. F. McCarthy

NOTIFICATION was received in Rabaul at the end of October that Private L. F. McCarthy, AIF infantry (member of the New Guinea quota) was killed in action during the recent fighting in Syria. Previously, he had been reported "wounded in action and missing — believed prisoner of war".

McCarthy was well known in New Guinea as supercargo on W. R. Carpenter & Co.'s inter-island vessels, having served on the "Bopple", "Coombar", "Desikoko" and "Mako", prior to enlistment. He first went to New Guinea in 1936, as an assistant plantation overseer in the Western Islands group; later he was at Ulaveo plantation and then Pondo.

New Caledonian Freight Tax Partially Lifted

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Oct. 14.

THE freight tax amounting to 12½ per cent. will not in future be paid on imports from Australia of flour, rice, sugar, chemical goods, condensed milk, washing soap, cooking oil, and leather. It will, however, still apply to other merchandise.

Mr. V. W. Maxwell, prominent New Guinea rubber planter, is at present in Sydney on holidays. He joined the AIF some time ago, but was discharged for health reasons. Mr. Maxwell's daughter, Miss Sonia Maxwell, who at present is doing an Arts and Social Science course at the Sydney University, has been accepted as a wireless telegraphist in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

A TRADER'S TALE

BY "TUKAPA KOKO"

WHAT is a six-months-long Hurricane Season to you, dwellers on those islands where a monthly steamer calls! And what, even, to you, safe and salaried Europeans on the isolated outer isles, where funds suffice for a laying-in of six months' necessary luxuries landed from the final schooner of the year!

The Polynesian is not so well off. His, by grace of Nordic civilisation, the taste for such white-man's "kai" as tinned meats, salmon, and sardines; his the "kaki" for biscuits, the "yen", so to speak, for butter; but he has to "kaki" in vain, in such times as funds are not. And, at Mangaia, since copra became a cypher in the market, the days of poverty run through half the year.

Wherefore, of Tokoroa.

Tokoroa was one of those natives, old-seeming but not even really elderly, who pass from the "mapu" stage, the strutting Don Juan-ism of village youth, to the stodgy middle-age of matrimony at 20; and, at 40, rank as elderly nonentities, without that dignity that goes with a recognised patriarchy. Consider it well, ye who begrudge the Polynesian his brief hour of glorious life around the "bush-beer" bowl, and the delights of nocturnal adventure.

Tokoroa was not very old. Hard work was his lot, up to the waist day after day in a stinking taro-swamp, and he realised there was a price to pay when he developed a cough that pained his chest and left him weak.

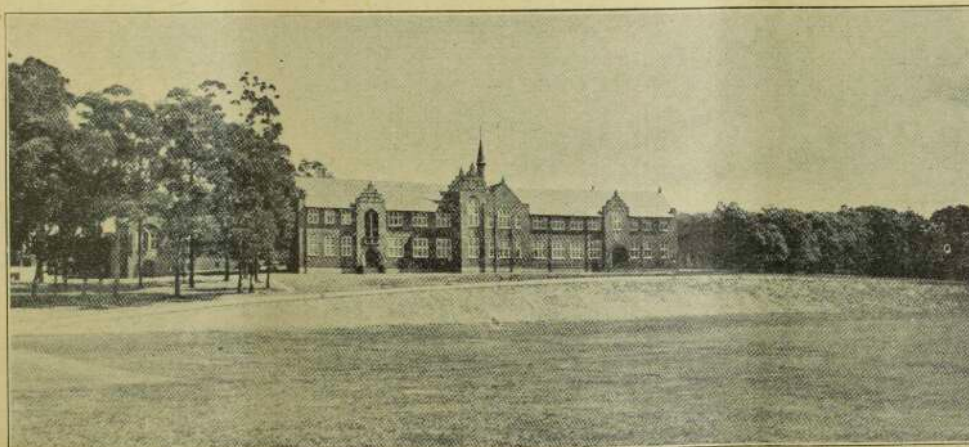
He worked some more, ignored the handicap. The years went by. He packed and shipped oranges, earning the case-money in the sweat of great labour, and

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spending it on the needs of his family, for he had many children.

There were clothes to buy; taxes to

pay; European food, at stiff prices, to be got for those days when the dangerous reef of Mangaia was a locked

door to the Ocean of Kiwa, and fish not to be had.

Came the hurricane season and the opening months of the year proved cruelly lean. One cannot live by taro alone; I doubt if even the heathen of ancient days enjoyed the rubbery root as a whole menu from soup to nuts. It may be for that reason they were cannibals!

Tokoroa, their modern descendant, would have died rather than eat the "long pig", for he was a devout Ekalesia, or native Church-Member. Tokoroa worked, fished, and tried all he could to feed his family well; but there were short-commoned days, and rough seas for weeks at a time.

The cough, reaching a climax, went on to haemorrhage; and Tokoroa realised he had "TB". No more fishing, no more hard work; but, yet, no other means of living.

I don't know how the family lived; but, with their head hors de combat, it is likely they went short.

I would have liked to help; but my finances were as strait as theirs, until a ship should arrive—and that was not to be till April.

Tokoroa went through January; endured February, with its rains; survived March, with its minor hurricane. The coughing and haemorrhages were worse; he found it hard to speak.

The April boat came, and Tokoroa was nearly above the palms; but he hung on, inspired by the desire to taste once more his favourite "kal"—cabin biscuits, with butter on them.

I, deep in debt, was hard up; but, as soon as the ship arrived, I hastened to buy two-shillings-worth of the luxury, and a tin of butter, out of the newly-unpacked cases. Leaving my mail, my parcels, I rushed up the rocky stairway, the Jacob's ladder that leads from the beach to the inland village, the plantations and the mountain.

Come what might to-morrow, or next day, or next week, Tokoroa's little luxury was secure to him—after the long, dreary hurricane-months that cut Mangaia off from all shipping communication.

As I climbed, the hooting from the steamer's whistle rang inland, arousing all Mangaia to the joyful news of plenty after dearth—lashings of money, tons of food, a good time. Till funds ran out again! But it mattered little, for the steamer was to call every month till at least July.

I reached the peak of the inland road; paused, panting, at the door of the little, dark hut that Tokoroa called his home.

The door, of reeds in a wooden frame, was shut. The sunshine, perhaps, worried the sick man's weakened eyes. I knocked.

The frame door opened. Mrs. Tokoroa looked out. She was pitifully ragged; her black, expressionless eyes, round as a moth's, looked into mine.

"Here are the butter and biscuits for Toko," said I, in my best vernacular.

The dark, moth-like eyes blinked, the brown woman burst into a wail of "Aue, aue, aue!"

"Here, cheer up," said I. "Give some to Toko, and have a few yourself—happy days are here again."

"Tokoroa, my man, he die," said the widow of fifteen minutes, weeping.

Koitaki Para Rubber Estates Ltd., of Papua, earned net profit of £6,755 for the year ended June 30, compared with £12,156 for 1939-40. Ordinary dividend has been reduced from 12½ to 10 per cent., and requires £7,501. Preference dividend amounts to £19. The carry-forward is £3, against £768 brought forward. The report states that, owing to drought conditions, output fell to 503,827 lb. of dry rubber, which was 36,149 lb. less than the preceding year.

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DEATH OF TONGAN LEADER



The death occurred in September of V. Uga Afuha'amago, one of the ablest Members of the Tongan Legislative Assembly. He was 58 years of age. Representing the Vavau Group, Afuha'amago was held in high respect by the people of Tonga for his ever-willing readiness to champion the cause of the "under-dog". He had been a Member of Parliament since 1930.

—Photo: A. Hettig.

LUCKY ESCAPES

Two Planes Wrecked in New Guinea

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Nov. 4. TWO aeroplanes have been wrecked in the Morobe District in a week—one last Thursday and the other the previous Thursday. In both accidents, the pilots had miraculous escapes.

On October 30, Pilot Fred. Bryte, of Mandated Airlines Ltd., was on his way from Salamaua to Wau, when his Fox-Moth crashed in the Bitoi Ranges. It appears that he was flying at 5,500 ft., when suddenly the machine was caught in a down-draught. It took just five seconds for the plane to crash. Bryte was thrown clear of the machine and suffered only slight bruises and cuts.

Bryte set out for Wau, and walked 17 miles through rough, forest country in six hours, finding his direction by compass. He reached the township at 6 p.m. This was no mean undertaking, particularly as he had been flying on the Goldfields run only little more than a week and had but scant knowledge of the ground topography.

The other mishap occurred on the afternoon of October 23, when a Ford three-engined plane was taking off from Wau for Lae, in charge of Pilot I. J. Hosie. Just as the tail was lifting from the ground, the plane was hit by a high gust of wind and took a sudden turn to the right. Instead of continuing down the

runway, it shot across the 'drome, careered across the road, and finished up over the almost sheer drop into Little Wau valley.

When the Ford reached the rocky banks of the creek, the wings hit out-crops of stone with such force that the plane stopped abruptly, disconnecting the cockpit and engines which plunged forward free of the machine. This no doubt saved the life of the pilot. As helpers arrived, they were astonished to find Mr. Hosie, uninjured, standing beside the plane!

The Ford carried a load of timber, but no passengers—Mr. Leslie H. Clarke, of Rabaul, was in the act of boarding it for Lae, when the manager at the 'drome suggested that he go by another aeroplane, due to leave shortly afterwards. Had Mr. Clarke taken his seat in the Ford, nothing could have saved him from instant death as the timber in the cargo hold was forced forward by the impact.

THOSE ONE-DAY TOURISTS!

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Oct. 27. NEW Caledonia is hoping that, after the war, quite a profitable tourist cruise traffic will develop between Australia and NZ and this Colony. But we do pray that future tourists will be given a longer stay on our rich, colourful island than formerly.

Usually, the cruise ships landed their passengers here just for one day. They saw little of the place and the question they asked mostly on landing was precisely the same as that asked by to-day's Clipper arrivals: "Where can we get a drink?" At night, they would attend a ball at the Hotel de Ville (most of them were surprised when they found it was not a hotel!). And that was just about all they saw.

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Six Months on Uninhabited
Tuamotu Isle

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Sept. 29. SINCE the day of Daniel Defoe, novelists and tellers of tales have filled the world with variations of the story of castaways on an uninhabited island. Few have ventured to abandon their characters to the chances of fortune without providing for them supplies and implements to aid in their battle with nature.

Robinson Crusoe had his flint and steel, his musket and ammunition. In more modern tales, cases of tinned ox-tongue and of caviare, boxes of vitamin tablets, and magnums of champagne always float ashore from the wrecked yacht to comfort Mr. Babbit and his stranded guests. Such is fiction. Here follows a story of the real thing.

Late in July of this year, the motor-schooner "Denys", of Papeete, was sailing through an unfrequented part of the Tuamotu Archipelago, the vast barrier of coral atolls and reefs to the east of Tahiti. As the "Denys" was passing a

small coral island named Paraoa, smoke and a big fire were seen on shore. Now, the "Denys" company knew that Paraoa has been uninhabited for generations; so they sailed over to investigate.

When they reached the island, they found there three men and a woman whom all French Oceania long ago had believed to be at the bottom of the sea. Stranded on the reef was the battered hull of the cutter "Saint Pierre".

The three-ton cutter "Saint Pierre", owned by the Roman Catholic Mission, left Nukutavake (an island of the eastern Tuamotus) for the Gambier Islands, on January 16. On board were Pere Stanislas (priest of the eastern islands parish) and seven natives—six men and a woman.

On the 19th, they called at the island of Vananga, and on the 20th proceeded on their voyage. Late that night a hurricane struck, breaking the mast and capsizing the cutter. After an hour, clinging to the hull, they succeeded in righting the vessel. The following day, Pere Stanislas and a native died.

It was not until the 24th that the survivors emptied the boat of water. Three days later they got up to the atoll Teuarunga. Two men, who were stronger than the rest, went ashore in search of water. No coconut trees grow on that part of the island, and the two went farther afield in quest of a water-hole. When, after three hours, they returned, there was no sign of the "Saint Pierre" and her four passengers.

The three men and the woman rescued by the "Denys" have no clear recollection of how they arrived at Paraoa. Winds and currents had borne them to an islet where coconuts grew. Weak and emaciated, they crept to the shelter of the trees. Fortunately, some young trees, in bearing, were nearby and they were able to get a few niaa (nuts in the stage best for drinking). The sweet water and the nutrient, creamy pulp revived them somewhat.

Their next care was to kindle a fire. The ancient art of hi'a-i-te-auahi (producing fire by friction) has been forgotten in most of Central Polynesia, but still survives on Nukutavake where matches are scarce. A pointed stick (called the aurima) held in both hands is rubbed quickly and with increasing pressure along a groove formed in a piece of soft, dry wood (called the 'au'ati). The fine wood-dust produced in the groove soon smoulders and glows. Tinder of coconut husk and dry grass are kindled from this glowing dust and blown into flame.

Fish that swarm about coral reefs of uninhabited atolls have not the inherited fear of man as have those in waters about populated islands. They swim fearlessly by, in and out of the shallow pools. The castaways had but to block, with lumps of coral, the channels leading to the sea, and they had at hand an ample supply of fish. Lonely coral reefs also are strewn with shell-fish of many kinds.

As they waxed in strength, the four were able to contrive tackle—by plaiting the fibres of the coconut into fine, strong 'aha (sinnet), as lines for hooks fashioned of iron-hard makimaki wood and bones—for catching deep sea fish.

The coconut palm served them in many ways and gave lavishly. Both the niaa and opaa (the mature nut) provided food and drink in variety such as Islanders alone know the secrets of preparation. The creamy liquid—rito haari—squeezed from freshly grated coconut and seasoned with sea-water is the favourite sauce to flavour fish and other comestibles. Coconut fronds, plaited, formed the thatch and walls of the shelters they erected. For clothing, the coconut also supplied them with the coarse integument (aa haari) which grows about the trunk of young trees.

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aways, after six months on the island, they were well nourished, strong and healthy and had experienced no sickness whatsoever, save nostalgia for friends and kindred. She took them to Nukutavake whence they had set out nearly seven months before. Their reappearance caused a sensation.

The other two natives, who went ashore at Teuarunga, had built a raft and made their way to the inhabited atoll of Vahanga, whence they were brought by the Government motor-schooner "Tamara" to Papeete. Here, they told the story of the voyage and the loss of their companions. When the news reached Nukutavake, mass for the dead was said and the women of the families of those presumed lost at sea cut off their long braids of hair, as is the custom.

M. and Mme. Pierre Jeannin, of Noumea, New Caledonia, arrived at Auckland, NZ, by PAA Clipper on October 24. While in NZ, he will undergo an operation.

Dr. N. H. Fisher, Government geologist and vulcanologist at Rabaul, New Guinea, returned to the Mandated Territory in October after an extended holiday in Australia. Late in the month, he left for Papua on a several weeks' visit.

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A Fatal Error

RECENTLY, three New Zealand soldiers in Fiji were sentenced to long periods of imprisonment, with hard labour. They had severely beaten up and robbed an Indian taxi-driver.

Here is the story behind it all. The three lads, on leave for the evening, talked to an Indian taxi-driver in Suva. He agreed, for £1, to take them to a house where morals do not run according to law. He drove them to a quiet place, waited until they disembarked; and then he laughed at them, and drove away.

The soldiers made the remarks usual in such circumstances—and noted down the number of the car.

The next time they were on leave, they searched through the town for that taxi—found it, and engaged it to drive them to a locality outside the town. There, they reminded the driver of his perfidy, and gave him a thrashing calculated to make him remember the incident all his life. They found 12/3 in his pocket, and this they took, on the ground that he owed it to them, anyway, for non-fulfilment of contract.

This was fine. But it was the wrong taxi-driver.

In this town, anything up to half a dozen Indians seem to take turns in driving one taxi; and even an experienced European could easily mistake one for the other.

American medical scientists report that the ill-effects of the war-time shortage of quinine have been minimised by the discovery of two sulphanilamide derivatives, effective against malaria. Sulpha drugs are not regarded as preferable, but are highly suitable substitutes for quinine.

NEW SAMOAN INTER-ISLAND BOAT



The new motor-vessel "Captain Steffany", at Apia wharf. She recently commenced a regular service between Apia (Western Samoa) and Pago Pago (American Samoa).

—Photo: A. P. McFarland.

Electricity Comes to Vila

From Our Own Correspondent

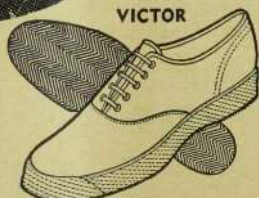
VILA, Oct. 13. AFTER a preliminary trial, when the British and Free French High Commissioners for the Pacific were here a short time ago, the new electricity service was inaugurated at the end of September and has since been functioning regularly.

Installation was carried out by the Union Electrique Coloniale Company of New Caledonia, and M. Paul Laubreaux, of Noumea, is in charge of the plant.



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Banana Prices

Would a Strike Help?

Letter to the Editor

I WAS impressed with the article by "Leatherneck", in August "PIM", headed: "Why Not a Strike of Copra-Growers?"

In Rarotonga, we have practically stopped making copra, and are giving our coconuts to pigs and fowls, which provide a better return than copra-making; however, we grow bananas and oranges. Unfortunately, fruit prices are controlled by the NZ Minister of Marketing, and growers have no say in the price of their own produce.

Prices now being paid are so low that there is general dissatisfaction among all planters—so "Why Not a Strike of Banana and Orange Growers" in Fiji, Samoa, Tonga and the Cook Islands?

A Pacific Island Banana-Growers' Association is what we want. Then we could organise and stop selling bananas unless the buyer, or rather the NZ Minister of Marketing, is prepared to pay growers at the rate of 8/- for every 100 lb. net of packed bananas—cases to be supplied.

I am, etc.,

BANANA-GROWER.

Rarotonga, CI.
4/10/1941.

SUPERSTITION STILL LINGERS IN TONGA

From Our Own Correspondent

NUKUALOFA, Oct. 2.

IN common with other branches of the Polynesian race, Tongans still have a firm superstitious belief in their ancient signs and portents of death and ill-fortune, despite the influence of Christianity and Western civilization.

An instance of these old beliefs is the legend, unyieldingly believed by present-day Tongans, that whenever a white flying fox appears among the multitude of flying foxes that inhabit trees in the middle of Kolovai village, Hihifo (Tongatabu), it presages the death of the holder of the hereditary title Ata, chief of the village, or some other high chief closely connected with his family. There are many inhabitants of Kolovai still living who witnessed the appearance of a white flying fox three days before the death of the father of the present Ata. Although his people were certain that the old chief would die and made preparations for his funeral, the time-honoured ill-omen was never disclosed to him.

Strangely enough, a white flying fox was seen at the hanging place of the flying foxes by the people of Kolovai three days before Prince Consort Tugl, who was closely related to the Ata family, passed away.

The uninitiated babalagi (whiteman), new to the ways of the Islands, may frown with scepticism at these superstitious native beliefs, but "old hands", who have seen strange happenings in the South Seas, will smile with tolerance, for they know that there are some queer things in the Islands which the babalagi can never understand.

Mr. G. W. Marston, Postmaster and Chief Radio Officer at Apia, Western Samoa, for the past four years, has returned to New Zealand.

Messrs. F. Swanston, T. Olifent and L. Pitt left Rarotonga, Cook Is., recently, for overseas service with the NZ Military Forces.

ADMINISTRATOR VISITS EASTERN PAPUA

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Oct. 16.

THE Administrator (Hon. H. L. Murray) accompanied by Mrs. Murray and Mr. D. Murray, returned recently from an extensive inspection tour of all Government stations to the east of Port Moresby. Visits were made also to the mines at Misima and Woodlark Island, the desiccated coconut factory at Ahloma, and the head stations of the Anglican and Methodist Missions at Dogura and Dobu.

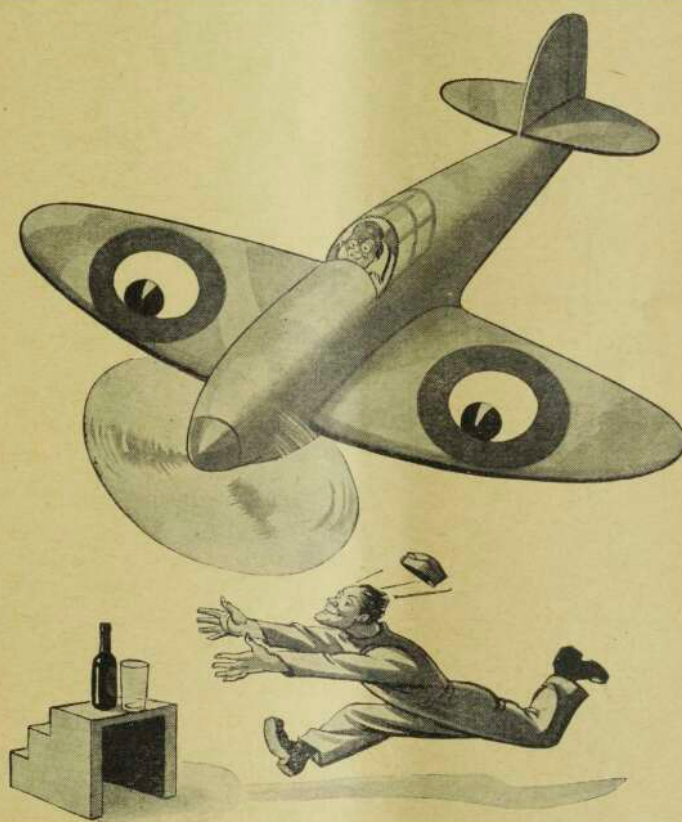
Accompanying His Honour was Rev. J. D. Bodger, who as non-official Member of the Legislative Council took advantage of the tour to make contact with districts and settlers he had previously not visited. Others in the party were

Mr. Justice Gore, Hon. E. B. Bignold, and Mrs. Bignold.

Leaving the drought-stricken district of Port Moresby, the party not unreasonably hoped to find "green pastures" further east, but they were disappointed. They found the same drought conditions throughout their tour—even Woodlark Island, famed for its excessive rainfall, was suffering severely from a shortage of water.

Mrs. Murray, who had not been to the Eastern Papua islands for many years—in fact, not since her last tour in the old "Merrie England", 30 years ago—renewed many pleasant associations while at Misima, Woodlark Island, and the Trobriands.

Mr. J. R. Herd, Crown Solicitor at Apia, Western Samoa, was in New Zealand in October spending leave with Mrs. Herd and their young son.



My Goodness—My GUINNESS

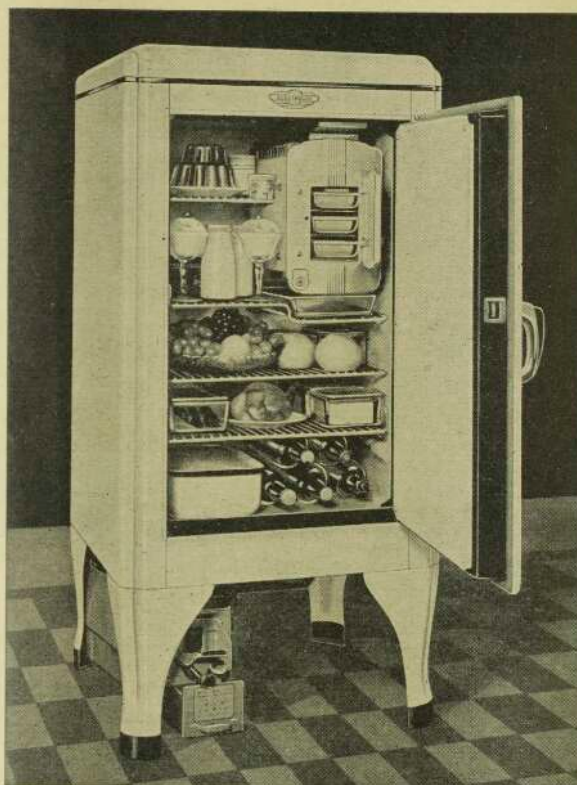
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Oil Prospecting in Papua

APC Spends a Million Pounds to Put Down Deepest Test Well

SINCE Australasian Petroleum Company Pty. Ltd. was formed at the end of 1938 and began an intensive search for oil in Papua and New Guinea, £1,000,000 has been spent on the project. The Co. recently increased its capital from £1,000,000 to £2,000,000.

When APC (as the concern in known in the Territories) took over the areas held under special permit by Oil Search Ltd., the first task was to make a comprehensive aerial survey, in 12 months photographing 28,000 sq. miles of territory mostly unmapped and largely unknown. Armed with maps produced from these aerial photographs, geological and geophysical survey parties went into the jungle to examine, on the ground, the more likely looking features detected by aerial photography.

As a result, the site for the first deep test well was selected in March, 1940, at Kariava, 75 miles up the Vaiala River from the coast of the Gulf of Papua.

A difficult engineering problem now had to be faced—transporting and erecting heavy drilling equipment, purchased at a cost of £200,000. This outfit, capable of going down to a depth of 10,000 ft., comprised many heavy lifts of over five tons. To handle these, wharves, jetties and cranes were erected on the banks of the Vaiala where previously was only primeval jungle.

While these handling facilities were being built, a road from the river base to the drilling site was constructed. Although only 3½ miles long, this road was a difficult, expensive undertaking, cutting entirely through dense jungle, over sharply dissected ground, and in an area of extremely heavy rainfall. But, by November, 1940, the road was through to the drilling location, and erection of the plant commenced.

In March this year, the installation of the drilling plant was sufficiently far advanced to allow operations to commence.

Throughout the period of drilling plant installation, work proceeded with the construction of living quarters for staff and labour, offices and laboratories, workshop and power station, water storage tanks and pipe lines.

Since the commencement of drilling, good progress has been maintained, and a depth exceeding 5,000 ft. has now been reached, which is far in excess of the depth reached by any previously drilled test well in Papua. Drilling started in a 23-inch hole and the first string of 18½-inch casing was cemented at 895 ft. A second string of 15½-inch casing was cemented at 2,327 ft., and it is intended to insert and cement the third string of 11½-inch casing at the present depth.

It is expected that the present well will be completed before the middle of 1942. Geological field work is continuously being carried out in order to choose other promising drilling areas.

Shareholders in APC are Vacuum Oil Co. Pty. Ltd. (wholly-owned subsidiary of Standard-Vacuum, of New York), D'Arcy Exploration Co. Ltd. (wholly-owned subsidiary of Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. Ltd., London) and Nominated Holdings Pty. Ltd. (wholly-owned subsidiary of Oil Search Ltd., Sydney).

Mr. A. J. Batchelor, of the New Guinea Mission in Papua, has been in Australia during the past two months on furlough, part of which has been spent delivering lectures about the Mission in Western Australia.

FROM NEW CALEDONIA TO SYRIA

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Oct. 16.

MONSIEUR Bayardelle, until recently New Caledonian Secretary General (the most important official in the Colony after the Governor), has been nominated to take up a Free French Government appointment at Beirut, Syria, now completely under British and Free French control.

During the past couple of months, M. Bayardelle has been working at Free French headquarters in London, under General de Gaulle.

Following the collapse of France, the Bordeaux (Vichy) Government appointed M. Bayardelle Governor of New Caledonia in place of Monsieur Pellicier, but he refused the appointment. It was accepted instead by Lieut.-Col. Denis, whose unpopular reign lasted only three weeks—

but long enough to bring about the "revolution" in favour of Free France.

The Administration has announced that the Bataillon de la Pacifique, consisting of New Caledonian and Tahitian volunteers, is now serving in Syria.

Mr. Bjarne Christensen, an officer on Pan American Airway's luxury yacht "Southern Seas" at Noumea, recently married Mademoiselle Irene Pesnel, at Noumea Cathedral. M. Nicolas Hagen, prominent New Caledonian merchant, and Captain Beardsall, of the "Southern Seas", took part in the ceremony.

Mr. Fritz Bunge-Krueger, formerly of Apia, left Rarotonga, Cook Is., in October on a business trip to New Zealand and Western Samoa. This young man has shown just what an enterprising European can do—arriving in Rarotonga two years ago, he built and opened a modern bakery and tea-shop, both of which have been successfully conducted.

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FICUS RUBBER

Method of Treatment

A NUMBER of New Guinea planters these days have a regular, profitable source of income from the production of ficus rubber—a "scrap" rubber, distinct from and not as good as para rubber.

Recently, a cocoa planter in Western Samoa, having learned of the NG ficus rubber industry from articles in the "PIM", sought information on how to tap and cure this "scrap". It appears that in Samoa, many years ago, ficus trees were inter-planted with cocoa as wind-breaks and for shade, but to-day these rubber trees have outgrown their usefulness and, in some cases, have destroyed plantations and handicapped cocoa production on others.

The present method of treating ficus in New Guinea was evolved by a leading planter of Madang, Mr. V. W. Maxwell; and, in an interview in Sydney, last month, he courteously supplied the following details to the "PIM".

TAPPING AND COLLECTING

FIRST, the top side of the ficus tree-trunk and branches must be cut cleanly at right angles with a sharp 16-in. knife, spacing the cuts at distances not less than 12 in. apart. The latex (or gum) will flow from these cuts and run down the trunk, where it coagulates and dries on the bark. Thus, obviously, it is not prudent to work too close to the base of the tree.

The dried latex is collected a week after the incisions are made. Under no

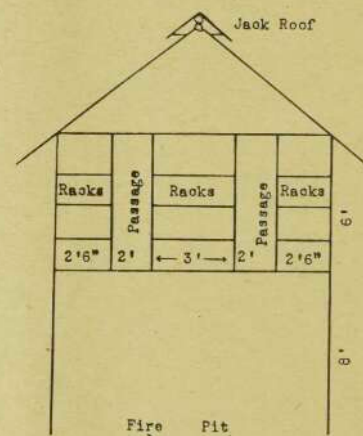
circumstances should collecting be left more than 9 days as, from this time onwards, deterioration rapidly sets in—the rubber becomes discoloured, tacky and loses elasticity. Care should be taken to see that it is not wound up too tightly. Mr. Maxwell estimates that, under supervision, a native can collect up to 15 lb. of "scrap" daily.

The raw "scrap" is now taken to a curing shed to be treated.

THE CURING SHED

A CURING shed can be made quite easily and cheaply with native materials and chicken wire. It usually is 12 ft. square, with walls 14 ft. high, while in the centre of the floor a fire pit is made. A curing room, or chamber, is then built about 8 ft. from the ground. The floor of this is of narrow wooden boards, widely spaced to allow smoke from the fire below free passage into the room.

After the floor has been built, racks for the rubber must be made. Mr. Maxwell suggests three rows of racks: one running along each side of the curing room and a third along the centre for



Sketch of a typical curing shed.

about three parts the length of the room. This means that there is a passage 2 ft. wide right around the centre row of racks and alongside each of the other two. The two side racks are 2 ft. 6 in. in width and centre row, 3 ft.

The curing room is 8 ft. high, and the racks on which the ficus rubber is placed can be built of chicken wire. These rack compartments are divided into four sections, each 18 ins. high, by building three horizontal "shelves". The first shelf is constructed 18 ins. above the floor boards; the next about 18 ins. above that; and the third 18 ins. higher again.

Practically any material, that for instance, can be used for rafting. One important point, however, must not be overlooked—the apex of the roof should not be completely closed off, but left open along its entire length. Over the top of this opening a miniature, or jack, roof is built, so that full protection is given from rain, but at the same time allowing the smoke to escape.

With the raw "scrap" placed along the wire racks, a fire giving off heavy smoke is built in the pit on the ground floor of the shed. Smoke then rises up through the widely-spaced flooring of the curing chamber, up through the wire racks, and out of the shed at the little opening under the jack roof. The "scrap" is subjected to heavy smoke treatment for 48 hours, at a moderate temperature (not exceeding 120 degrees). It then is ready

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RUBBER is freighted by measurement, and in order to reduce shipping space and to facilitate handling, Mr. Maxwell believes that it should be baled in a hand press. Interior measurements of the box portion of the press should be 24 ins. in length, 12 ins. in breadth, and 16 ins. in depth. This gives a 100 lb. bale of convenient size. To obviate the collection of dust and foreign matter, rubber should be baled as soon as possible after leaving the curing shed. Having been pressed, the ficus bale is dusted with French chalk, covered with an inner wrapping of unbleached calico and given an outer wrap of hessian.

Mr. Maxwell said that every 5,000 trees require a line of approximately 18 "boys"—15 cutters and collectors, 1 "boss-boy", 1 packer and 1 "fire-boy". Work should be apportioned as follows: cutting for 6 days, then collecting 8 days. This will produce about 2,800 lb. of "scrap" rubber per month.

Planters in New Guinea receive for their ficus rubber a price very close to the quotation for "scrap" para rubber.

PASSING OF A FINE PAPUAN

From a Special Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Oct. 5.

ONE of the oldest links with the early work of the London Missionary Society in Papua was severed by the death of Tom Nau last month, at Hood Point, Central Division.

Brought up by Rev. R. Lister Turner, MA, he had special training as a cabinet maker and builder. He served for many years as technical instructor in the College, and bore the main burden of the removal of the building of that institution to Fife Bay.

Twelve years ago he felt led to go into active preaching work and served at Pelagai, where he built a splendid cement church, and carried out the work of erecting the great church at Hood Point. Last year he went to Hula as head teacher under Rev. H. J. E. Short; and, there, was one of the many victims of the recent epidemic of pneumonic influenza.

One of the deacons, who had just completed a splendid racing canoe, insisted on it being cut up to make a worthy coffin for his pastor.

DROUGHT KILLS CATTLE IN N. CALEDONIA

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Oct. 17.

MANY cattle are dying on New Caledonian stations, more particularly on the west coast plains, owing to the drought, which has lasted for many months.

Caledonians are anxiously watching Australian weather reports, for local observations covering 40 years seem to indicate that this country often gets rain about a fortnight after heavy falls on the eastern parts of Australia.

Judge Donald G. Bathgate, of Sydney, arrived in Rabaul at the end of October to relieve the Acting Chief Judge of New Guinea, Judge P. Griffiths, while he is on furlough.

Mr. D. Lamacraft, formerly of Guinea Airways, Ltd., Salamaua, who arrived in Australia from New Guinea a short time ago to join the AIF, has been undergoing training recently at an officers' college.

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Anthropological Society of NSW

At the annual meeting of the Anthropological Society of NSW, on October 20, Professor A. P. Elkin, MA, Ph.D., of the University of Sydney, was elected president for 1941-42. Vice-presidents are Mr. F. L. S. Bell, MA (who carried out scientific research work in New Guinea a few years ago) and Mr.

H. J. Wright. Of four lectures delivered before the Society this year, two have dealt with the Pacific Islands—namely, "Applied Anthropology in the Trobriand Islands" by Mr. Leo Austen, Resident Magistrate of the Western Division, Papua, and "The Fijians" by Dr. A. Capell, of the Australian National Research Council. The Society, which now has a membership of 112, regularly publishes a journal, "Mankind".

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North and West of Samarai

"Benzining" Around the Eastern Papuan Islands

It was on April 1 that we departed from Bwagaia, the port on Misima Island, South-eastern Papua, in our 26-ft. auxiliary cutter. They all said we were fools—but they would have done so, even if it hadn't been April 1. But, it took more than a little pessimism to damp our spirits for we were off on a month's cruise among those beautiful little islands, dotted around the south-eastern end of Papua.

All we knew about boats and sailing was learned by driving a Ford over country roads, so although inured to the effects of rocking about, we had very little idea of navigation, beyond noting where the sun rose or set.

However, we got away, with only a few debt collectors on the wharf to mar a particularly pleasant take-off. Waving to creditors gives a departure an uplifting, if somewhat gruesome touch. One local storekeeper, an obnoxious person, followed us along to the last point of land.

At 3.30 p.m. on April 1, the admiral, captain, chief officer, chief engineer and crew looked through his binoculars and shouted "Land ahoy!" to himself. The land was a small sand island, called Nibub on our charts, close to a group of islands round the Redlick Lagoon. It was purported to have a good anchorage, so we decided, as the sun was well over the yard-arm, we had better spend the night there.

Nibub is about half a mile long, a hundred yards wide, covered with a dense growth of shrubs, coconuts and odd trees. Pigeons are plentiful on it and we were lucky in bringing down a few Torres Strait species. These birds are practically all white, with black points, and are very good eating when tinned meat has been the main item on the menu. After cooking and demolishing a couple of these in good sea-dog style, we settled down ashore to enjoy the beauties of a tropical night from the meagre comfort of a camp stretcher. The moon came up and its soft light gave us a touch of what romantic writers write about. Far in the distance Misima could be seen, rising gradually from one end up to Mt. Oitau, on the other, Nirvani, a small island planted with coconuts, was in view.

RISING at daylight, and smashing savagely at any mosquitoes which had been stupid enough to sit too long over their bloody meal, we roared for the cook-boy, and worked our dirty liver off on him to a certain degree. The boat-boy came in for his share, after breakfast. So began a new day in a world of our own, bounded by water, clouds and sky.

After nearly capsizing the dinghy and its contents of captain, crew, rear-admiral and bedding, we got safely aboard our craft, and headed south-west. All our calculations were approximate. It's so much easier. We steamed—or, rather, "benzined"—majestically past Nirvani, and then headed for the Conflict Group, passing the Torlesse Group and Panamui on our route.

We reached an island of the Conflict Group, called Moniara in our book, at 6.30 p.m. and anchored for another night. It was blowing south-west and Moniara is not the best anchorage in this weather. So we slept on the boat this night, in case a storm came up.

NEXT day, we passed the Conflicts, which are flat islands, 6 to 12 feet above sea level and all, about a dozen, planted with coconuts. They are

owned by a company, and the manager has a residence on Panasasa, at the western end of the group.

We had the tides against us this day—also every other day. We suspect that we have some magical influence on tides. If we go one way they go the other. Anyhow, we made Panasasa in due time and stayed the night under the hospitable roof of the manager.

It was about 10 a.m. next day that our good ship, after a lot of hammering and bad language in the engine room, got under way. There was very little excitement from there on to Tua Tua.

It was beautiful weather when we entered Sewa Bay, on the west coast of Normanby Island. Sewa is a wonderful harbour. Its entrance is practically closed by an island, right in the centre, making the passage hard to see at all from any distance out. However, it is deep enough water to allow a warship to enter, and, when inside, it opens up into a bay about 12 miles by 5 miles. There is a Government rest-house and a wharf on one of the numerous points and, liking the place, we decided to stay a day or so.

Crocodiles abound in Sewa Bay. There is also good pigeon-shooting, with numbers of the big blue pigeon, as well as the Torres Strait variety.

Our next port of any interest was Bagasse, where the Salamo Mission station is situated.

FROM here, we visited some hot springs on Fergusson Island. These are one of the most interesting things we have seen. They are about a mile or so in from the coast. Two creeks merge at the saltwater. Both run warm water, one being particularly hot. We went in, in a dinghy, with a guide, the boat-boy and the cook-boy with us.

At the mouth of the creek is a sand bank which, at low tide, will stop a loaded dinghy. When we touched bottom we roared at the black complement to unburden the dinghy of their weight. The cook-boy hopped over the side—and, not expecting hot water, leapt high in the air and landed in the dinghy again. He was pale round the gills, and it was some time before he regained his composure.

We went up the creek for about half a mile and then walked along a foot pad. In places the ground is a bit shaky and it is not safe to go off the track, in case of breaking through the surface. A deposit of some stone, resembling limestone, about an acre in extent is seen before coming to the first spring. This is a big pool, about 50 feet across, with a regular fountain of boiling water, rising about 6 feet above the surface in the centre. A continual stream of water runs out and down over the stone deposits.

Further in, there is a crack in the ground, about 50 yards long, full to about 6 feet below the surface with hot water. At regular intervals of about 5 minutes, a gurgling noise is heard coming from way down below, gradually rising, and finally shooting water and steam out to about 20 feet in the air. As with most things we don't really understand, it is rather awe-inspiring and, to use a common Australian phrase, we "had the breeze up", somewhat.

These springs cover a few acres in extent and, in thousands of places, there are small holes, belching steam at intervals. This was where the cook-boy got into more trouble.

Being blessed with a curious mind, he poked his big toe into one of these and was feeling around when a jet of steam came up. A jet of steam emerging from a small hole is a formidable thing to check. However, the cook didn't resist. He went as the steam, and was 50 yards away before the sound of his first yell of pain had died from our ears. It would have required no Watt or Stephenson to have seen the power in steam. We had an inspiration in relation to horse-racing.

From Bagasse, we headed round the northern end of Fergusson Island and over to Goodenough Island.

The Goodenough Islanders, in the early days of Papua, gave the Government a good deal of trouble, but now they are among the best and most peaceful in the Territory.

FROM Goodenough we crossed to the Trobriands. We headed for the Amphlet Group, and after a rough trip arrived at Dom Dom Island, about 5 p.m.

At Dom Dom, the reef comes out about 100 yards from the shore and then drops off sheer into very deep water. There is only about 20 yards in which to anchor. Any closer to the shore will be too shallow, and any further out will be too deep. So we cast our anchor on the edge, with the boat tailing inshore.

The tide turned round and, just when we had decided to "hit the hay", we discovered we were drifting. We had dragged our anchor over the edge. If we had gone to sleep, by morning we would probably have been miles away, or washed up on some reef. Anyhow, after a bit of navigating in the dark, we found an anchorage, and spent a peaceful time.

Next day, we reached Sinaketa, one of the Trobriand Group, after a tussle with two rain squalls.

The Trobriands are very flat islands

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and, from a distance, look like a pencil mark on the horizon. The people in many respects are totally different from any other natives in Papua. A big portion of their diet is fish, which abound in the enormous lagoon that practically surrounds the group. Their morals are different from those of any other Papuans, and by some are regarded as deplorable. As with all primitive peoples, they have a moral code of their own, but it need not be bad because it is different from ours. They abide by their code more scrupulously than we observe our own.

A lot of carving is done in one of the villages and we purchased a few articles to litter up the house and leave us less room on the boat. The land is very fertile and some of the best yams in the Territory are grown there.

FROM the Trobriands, we journeyed back via Dobu Passage to Samarai. From Samarai to Misima is just

24 hours' run. About 140 miles, but it took us five good long days to reach it.

We had a heavy head wind and in places very rough seas. One stretch of about 40 miles, took us 13 hours of battling. That is what the sea and a small boat can do if they really set out to do it. However, there is something thrilling in being out in a small boat, with the weather raining and blowing like Hades, waves slopping over the decks, dark as a dog's guts (that's a seafaring term!) and being soaked to the liver. We were glad when we again entered Bwagaia harbour. So were our creditors.

—L. H. W.

Miss Nance Sefton, of Koitaki, Papua, won first prize of £75 in the No. 1 Lakatoi Lottery, in October. The lotteries will be held regularly to assist Papua's war funds; about £60 was cleared from this first one.

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RELIABLE estimates of world copra production during 1940 indicate that the output fell nearly 40 per cent. below the normal peace-time figure of 1,400,000 tons per annum. This, of course, was the direct result of depressed copra prices in all countries.

A review made recently by Hank Fehr and Co., London oilseed merchants, gives 1940 figures of the main copra-producing countries, together with those of 1939 and 1938, as follows:—

	1940 Tons	1939 Tons	1938 Tons
Philippines . . .	327,168	395,460	342,631
DEI	266,271	528,506	553,367
Straits S.	93,142	157,429	166,177
Ceylon	78,284	52,920	75,265
Pacific Is.	75,000	120,000	150,000
East Africa . . .	35,000	53,000	60,000

It has always been taken that the average normal copra production of the Pacific Islands (the territories south of the equator, from New Guinea in the west to French Oceania in the east) was between 200,000 and 220,000 tons per annum. Output has steadily decreased in recent years, but 1940's production was abnormally low.

Now that the copra industry in the various South Seas territories is being brought under Government control and stabilised, it is expected that production will gradually rise again. New Guinea, alone, is capable of exporting 75,000 tons yearly when the industry is in full stride; Fiji and the Solomon Islands usually produce about half that amount. Top figure for most of the other Islands groups is just under 15,000 tons.

One interesting fact emerging from the above table is that Ceylon apparently was the only copra-producing country to increase her exports—probably in fulfilment of the demands of wartime Britain.

Philippines output held fairly well, the bulk of it going to USA. In the Philippines, nowadays, there is a live and active organisation, the National Coconut Corporation (semi-Government in character); and much has been done there in utilising locally-crushed coconut oil in every possible manner and in establishing new industries based on the coconut and its derivatives.

Rarotonga Fruit Committee

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, Oct. 2.
ELECTIONS held recently in the various districts of Rarotonga resulted in the appointment of the following four members of the local Fruit Advisory Committee for a term of two years:—

Tuaine Nicholas, District of Avarua (re-elected);
Teariki Tuavera, District of Takitumu;
Napa Tauai, District of Arorangi (re-elected); and
W. J. Wigmore, representing European planters (re-elected).

Mr. Eric Ashbrook, accountant at BP's Port Moresby branch, married Miss Margery Jean Yates, at St. John's Anglican Church, Papua, last month. The bride is a daughter of Mr. J. H. Yates, who has been in business in the Territory for over 25 years.

Building a Tongan Fale



Biggest of its kind built in recent years, a huge Tongan fale (house) has been erected at Mua, Tongatabu, by free native labour. It will serve as a market house for native foodstuffs from villages on the eastern side of the island and also as a banana storage and packing shed for the monthly export of fruit to New Zealand. Photographs show: Top: The framework of the fale; and, bottom: Tongan craftsmen dressing one of the curved beams. —Photos: A. Hettig.

BIG FIRE AT SUVA

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Oct. 16.
A MOTOR truck owned by Fiji Builders, a car and a cycle, as well as a large quantity of stock, were destroyed on October 6 in one of the most spectacular fires seen in Suva for some years, at the garage and workshops of Morris, Hedstrom Ltd.

Oxygen cylinders exploded with a noise like cannon-fire, hurling pieces of metal

over nearby buildings and sending huge flames high above the burning workshops. Most of the stock lost—tyres, refrigerators, spare parts, etc.—will be practically impossible to replace.

The alarm was given at 4 a.m. and within a few minutes the Suva Fire Brigade was on the spot. They did a good job of work in confining the blaze and getting it under control.

Mr. H. M. Smith, managing director of Guinea Airways Ltd., Adelaide, visited New Guinea on business last month.

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40 YEARS IN COOK GROUP

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, Oct. 3.
MR. A. G. Wilkinson, manager for A. B. Donald Ltd., at Mangaia, in the Lower Cook Group, died there on September 6, at the age of 63. He had lived in the Cook Group for over 40 years, acting as schooner supercargo and then representing his firm at Aitutaki, Penrhyn and, finally, Mangaia.

"Wilkie" had a break of four years to serve with distinction in the Great War. Despite frail health during the last few years, he was fond of reminding all and sundry that he was "still on the Reserve", and it was a hard blow when his offer of service in the present Hitler war was regretfully declined.

Many friends all over the Eastern Pacific Groups, and particularly in Papeete, will miss Mr. Wilkinson's cheery face. Mrs. Wilkinson, a French-Tahitian, alone survives her husband, there being no children.



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Tonga's "Tin Can Mailman" and "Theft" of a Puppy

From Our Own Correspondent

NUKUALOFA, Oct. 1.
THE case of Mr. C. S. Ramsay, well known throughout the Pacific as the "Tin Can Mailman", who was sentenced last year by Judge Stuart (now in British Guiana) to six months' imprisonment for the "theft of a young pup", has at last been finalised.

Mr. Ramsay appealed to the Privy Council Court against the magistrate's decision and that body, while upholding the lower court's judgment, reduced the sentence to one month. Mr. Ramsay was placed on good behaviour probation for the period.

So ends a case that attracted much attention and caused quite a stir in Nukualofa.

Evidence at the Police Court, when Ramsay was first charged with the offence, disclosed that a small puppy, property of a Tongan lad, had wandered away from its owner; that Ramsay had fed and taken care of it for three weeks; and that he had had sharp words with the native when the latter eventually found and claimed the animal.

A number of people in Nukualofa were of opinion that the judge did not deal justly with the matter in a calm and balanced manner.

Fate decided the future of the puppy over which the trouble arose—shortly after the first hearing it was run over by a motor-lorry and killed.

DE GAULLE COMMITTEE IN NEW HEBRIDES

From Our Own Correspondent

VILA, Oct. 3.
AT its initial meeting recently, the newly-formed New Hebrides de Gaulle Committee commemorated the first anniversary of the rallying of Condominium French residents to the standard of Free France.

Members of the Committee are:—
Messieurs M. Jocteur (president), Em. Geurlain (vice-president), L. G. Frouin (vice-president), H. Russet, Ch. Anger, G. Rolland, Ed. Pouillet, Ch. Pouillet, Baure Brac, Aug. Henin, Draghiceviz, Th. Nicholls, G. Rolland (Santo), A. Naturel, and L. Wright.

KOKOPO HARBOUR v. LAE

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, Oct. 24.
IT has been pointed out by Kokopo residents that the statement in the article, "Transfer From Rabaul to Lae", on page 64 of September "PIM" wherein it refers to the Lae and Kokopo harbours is not quite correct. It said: "... but it (Lae) has no harbour. Kokopo has exactly the same disability. Ships can anchor, in safety, off Kokopo, far out. They can anchor off Lae, close in."

Experienced seafaring men express the opinion that the description should be reversed, for Kokopo is safe close in, and Lae further out. An examination of an up-to-date chart has borne this out, inasmuch as any ship anchored from Rahum to Tibur, in the Kokopo area, is well sheltered from both the NW and SE.

A WEEK-END AT TAUTIRA

Memories of a Tahitian Gourmand —and Galantine!

BY A. C. ROWLAND

ONE of our most joyous, most satisfying memories is of a week-end at Tautira, at a time when Tahiti and the world were happier than they are to-day.

The two chief characters of the occasion were Kennedy and Natua—Kennedy, because he was a host beyond compare; Natua, because he brought to the company, sparkle and laughter without end. Natua was a Euronesian; in appearance a European, the Polynesian—strong within him—revealed itself in picturesque speech in three languages, in the mannerisms of an arioi comedian, and most of all in the zest and fervour with which he addressed himself to the pleasures of the table.

Kennedy's house—a great Tahitian-style structure—was on a point of land commanding, on one hand, a view of the central peaks of Tairapu, through the corridor of Ata'aroa Valley; and, to the north-west, of the high broken massif of Tahiti-Nui.

To spare his guests the tiresome land journey, Kennedy had chartered the motor-schooner "Tiare Variou". She bore us from Papeete along the north and east coast of Tahiti-Nui (following in reverse the track of Wallis and Cook), pausing off Mataval to pick up a guest who came out on an out-rigger canoe, called for an hour at Hitia'a for no other purpose than to allow us to inspect that then isolated settlement, and thence away over the open sea to Tautira.

Natua, as was usually his habit, missed the boat, but did not miss the party. At the hour of dinner he arrived to the sound of a clanging gong attached to the motor-bus on which he journeyed. He entered with the air and circumstance of a Roman Emperor—and the party was complete.

The dinner was a chef-d'oeuvre of an Empress of cuisiniers from the island of Martinique: an exquisite puree; that ambrosia of Neptune—varro; turkey from Tupuai; shrimp from cold mountain streams; a dozen exotic delights; and galantine.

Galantine is a compound of duck, herbs, spices and a sort of transparent jelly, that is very delectable to some palates.

Natua had already sustained his reputation as a noble trencherman before the galantine had been brought in. He then fell to, and surpassed all his earlier records. Kennedy had lodged us at several houses in the village; but Natua preferred to camp on a settee in the living-room in order to forage, during the early hours of the morning, and refresh himself with galantine.

Now, galantine is a tender flower which under the heat of the tropics, fades into something quite different from its natal splendour. Consequently, when we had returned—at the end of the second day—from an expedition to the ultima thule of Tahiti which is known as the Pari (the cliffs), galantine did not appear on the menu of our evening repast. There was, however, one remaining in the larder, and Natua discovered it as we were about to depart on the morning of the third day. One of our company had sent his motor car and six of us (including Natua) elected to return by land, stopping en route at Mau'u's (in Vairi) for luncheon.

At the moment of departure, there was a spirited colloquy between Kennedy and Natua over the galantine. Kennedy said

he did not wish any of his guests to die of ptomaine poisoning. Natua replied that it would be better for him to have the galantine than any of Kennedy's servants, who would surely eat it the moment Kennedy's back was turned.

We finally comforted Kennedy by the privately-given assurance that we would see to it the galantine disappeared during the journey to Papeete.

There was no opportunity to jettison the galantine before our arrival at Vairi. Natua guarded his treasure with jealous care. Before luncheon he put it into the hands of Mau'u for safe keeping.

A surreptitious interview with Mau'u, during the hubbub of luncheon, acquainted him with the urgency of the occasion, and he promised to aid in our undertaking.

The repast at Mau'u's was the standard Tahitian bill of fare that included roast sucking pig. It was the pig that solved our problem.

Mau'u, knowing Natua well, had reserved for him the head of the pig, and at the moment of departure, presented it on a tin plate wrapped in a snowy napkin. Natua's delight over this new acquisition was so great that he forgot the galantine for the time being, and we hastened to get under weigh before the ecstasy should pass.

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to tie a heavy stone on that galantine and cast it into a deep cavern of the sea, we departed in a cloud of dust.

By some miracle, Natua did not think of the galantine until we arrived at Papeete.

At one point of our route, as we were passing from Valari to the next district, we had a moment of dark apprehension—a file of ducks were crossing the highway and we had to stop the motor-car to let them pass. We feared the sight of them would remind Natua of his galantine and that he would demand a return to fetch it; but the ducks waddled past and no word came from Natua. So we breathed again and drove on.

The awful scene which ensued when Natua, descending at Papeete, found no galantine among his luggage, revealed to us the secrets of the English, French and Polynesian languages. All these thunders and forked lightnings and shrieking tempests were hurled at Mau'u, who was far away and could suffer no harm; while we who were guilty were unsuspected.

In time, the storm passed over our heads, our friendship of years emerged without a blemish, and Natua was saved from ptomaines which might have brought his gay life to an unhappy end.

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Labour Party Branch at Rabaul

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, Oct. 24.
THERE was a well-representative meeting of local residents held in Rabaul Masonic Hall on October 20, called by supporters and organisers of the recently-formed Australian Labour Party branch. Mr. T. McLaren, who has done much in the formation of ALP branches in the Morobe District, was in the chair.

Object of the meeting was to discuss various policies and also to determine the status of the provisional committee formed at the inaugural meeting on October 6. After discussion, it was decided that the committee then appointed should continue to function until the ALP annual general meeting in January.

The committee consists of: Chairman, Mr. T. McLaren; Secretary, Mr. V. A. Florance; Treasurer, Mr. A. J. Gaskin; Committee, Hon. R. L. Clark and Mr. T. Walsh.

It appeared to be the feeling of the meeting that much good could be done by the executive committee working in liaison with the Minister for Territories in Canberra. Supporters hope that the branches in New Guinea will be able to act in an advisory capacity on many questions of public interest, which have required attention and action for a long time.

Mr. Ivan Shoobridge, of the Crown Law Office, Rabaul, returned to New Guinea in October after leave spent in Sydney.

Mr. T. V. Lowney, Private Secretary to the Administrator of Papua, returned to Port Moresby from Sydney last month, after a short period of leave.

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"Morobe News" Moves to Lae

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Oct. 10.
THE "Morobe News", which entered publication under the management of Hon. A. J. Bretag at Wau on January 1, 1941, has moved its whole plant to Lae, where the seat of Administration will be located. Owing to the power at Lae being 110 volts, compared with 240 at Wau, publication of the weekly was held up for three issues pending the installation of a transformer to enable the machines to operate.

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My Papuan House-Boy

BY "SAMARAI"

HOME, to me, is a bachelor's bungalow where I occasionally sleep and look in, now and again, to see if it is being kept clean. A wrinkled old heathen, wearing a permanent expression of disgust, his equally corrugated better half (her whole body is lavishly tattooed in a series of concentric circles), together with their sprightly son and heir, aged 14, constitute my total menage—I should say menagerie, for their antics at times are reminiscent of the monkey-house at Taronga!

They bear me no animosity—which is very kind, I must say—but their general disposition when I am around is one of endurance under provocative conditions, and their work, a staccato series of actions which can only be interpreted as great condescension on their part that they should labour for me when they could be sitting around doing nothing.

The one bright spot in their existence comes on the first of every month when I pay their wages. On this day, instead of the usual "Good-morning, Taubada" greeting that jolts me into consciousness at dawn, there comes in regular rhythm, "This day No. 1 day, Taubada". For the next few hours there is a continual scurrying of feet, arms, brooms and furniture; and when I return that evening I discover a spotless house and six questioning eyes in three smirky faces, with one huge itching palm oscillating in readiness to grasp the moment I show signs of paying out. Only one palm, for the old man is keeper of all the family finance which women and children are definitely not allowed to touch.

When he first approached me for engagement I was doubtful of his capabilities in the house-work line, but this indecision was dispelled when he reached into the cavity of a tattered fibre "dilly-bag" and produced a torn and finger-begrimed reference from a one-time employer. It read "The bearer of this is named Samson and his strength lies in his ability to wangle out of any trouble he may get into. He's good at his job, but wants watching for he'll take the sugar out of your tea". It was signed by a prominent resident whom I know does not exaggerate.

One week of Samson and I found out only too well that he was truly versed in the arts of deception and conception and, with a totally inadequate Delilah as his spouse, he was having an unrestricted go at using his talents to the full.

Household bills shinned up as high as they could the moment he put the fluence upon them. Odds and ends that could be used for other purposes did disappearing tricks that would have left Houdini scratching his head. If I called for a cup of tea, then a full teapot made its appearance and he developed the habit of putting one spoonful of sugar in my cup and two over the side, these to be scooped up later into a dirty paw and dumped into the remains of the teapot.

It was great while it lasted but it succumbed through over exertion, for I promptly got a blunt axe into operation and trimmed Samson's beard down to the roots.

RESTRICTED in his immediate acquirements, his fertile brain concocted a new method of spoilation, revealing him as one of the "I want" lads who constitute the "gimme" brigade—highwaymen of the first water.

It started a week ago with a demure request for an empty tobacco tin. He got

that without any opposition and it was stored away safely in his box. Next day he produced the tin and asked for some tobacco to put in it. With the tobacco went a cigarette paper and some matches.

Yesterday he discovered, quite suddenly and unknown even to himself, that he has a mother living in penury in a village some miles down the coast and, with true filial devotion, he must write her a letter but as writing paper and envelopes are not part of his stock in trade, would I please provide? In overlooking the fact that he cannot write and his mother cannot read, he is only keeping up to form, for Samson has no use for trivial details.

TODAY, I wonder what is going to happen. There has been a lull for 24 hours, but that's probably because he has not yet worked out all the details of his next act of piracy.

My footsteps on the verandah bring a

pattering response from the kitchen.

"You come, Taubada?"

"Yes, I come."

"You have kai-kai? Yes?"

"No."

The light of expectancy that burnt so fiercely a few moments ago dies out suddenly. Apparently, there is no free feed to be worked out of me to-day.

"You can bring me a cup of tea," I request.

He shuffles off with a look on his face that gives a modicum of hope to his stomach.

Soon he returns, rattling a cup and saucer and spilling 25 per cent. of its contents in all directions. The sugar in the small basin starts to heave and the black, stupefied form of an ant appears. A few others break surface within a second or two. My frown deepens.

"Ants 'e stop. Shall I trow 'im away?" The platonic Samson reaches out a hand but I halt the dispensation of the

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sugar with a wild look. He stands back and hovers around like an unpaid bill.

"Well. What do you want now?"
"Please sir, me friend belong you."
(Great Scott! That's twice to-day.) "My piccanniny, 'e want 'im marry one village girl."

"Well, what about it? That's his misfortune."

"Yes sir. 'E want 'im little bit money. No much. Only 'tree pound, thas all."

"And where do you think I get money from?"

"My friend 'e say, 'You go ask 'im Taubada. 'Im white man, 'e got plenty'."

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"What friend?" I ask.

"Brother belong this girl. 'Is father my sister, 'im uncle belong me."

Ye Gods! What a genealogical confusion. We go into a discussion on the tangled roots of a tribal family tree and I sift a variety of confused statements which I tabulate as follows:—

- 1.—The son and the girl are cousins;
- 2.—The father of the girl is the lad's sister;
- 3.—The friend is the sister of the uncle and the brother of the girl and the lad;
- 4.—They're all related to each other; and,
- 5.—They're not related at all.

I'm afraid to go any further with this inquiry because he has not yet introduced the mother, the cost of living, or what the Government wants to do. So I tear

up these deductions and scatter them to the four winds. The vital question still remains—what about the three pound notes?

Nothing doing. I can't afford to lay out good, cold, hard cash on such a flimsy excuse as marriage.

So poor old Samson toddles off with a crocodile tear in his eye and his brain working overtime to discover where he slipped.

PEACE for a while and I am able to settle down in an easy chair to do a spot of steady reading. Intuition tells me to raise my eyes and there is Samson, full of good cheer, bright and breezy and with a sparkle of expectancy in his eyes.

"Well?"
"Taubada, I no got benzine." Which is as good as to say "No benzine, no ironed clothes".

"Why you no tell me yesterday? To-day Sunday."

"Yesterday I finish 'im. To-day 'e no stop."

Quite a simple matter after all. Why the worry? I scribble a note and send him down to Tom, hoping that I might be able to borrow sufficient until the morrow.

Back to the chair and remember a paper that I haven't read. After a diligent search, I discover it is missing. A howl of woe goes over the air, to be answered by a wide eyed and mouthed youth.

"Where's my paper?"

"Samson 'e take 'im."

"What for?"

"'E want 'im tobacco paper."

"Bring it back right away."

It returns, minus the front and back pages and three middle ones. I glance through it but all there is to read is two pages of racing gossip and one on hints for young housewives.

By this time Samson is back. He has managed to scrounge a bottle of benzine and disappears into the kitchen to commence operations. There is a violent pumping—then a tumultuous "bang!" Just as I am expecting the roof to lift at any minute, the perspiring Papuan appears and informs me: "Iron 'e no go".

More trouble. So, heigh-ho, into the kitchen.

On the table is the open benzine bottle, whilst alongside stands the still smouldering iron. A dull redness lights up its interior anatomy and a cloud of pungent, black smoke rises like a threatening genii.

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I unscrewed the top plate and removed that, but when I lifted it up to the light it promptly committed "hari-kari" by emitting its entire innards on to the floor. Half-an-hour of five finger exercises was sufficient to restore its shattered entrails and, by that time, I discovered that the cause of the trouble was the weeping condition of the tank. It's heartbreaking when a flat-iron becomes lachrymose!

Samson's glow of appreciation broadened as he realised there would be no ironing for him until the following day. He begins a hymn of praise as I disappear round the corner and yell for his heir apparent to make a shower.

FRESH again, I am in the middle of dropping myself into a pair of trousers that are sufficiently starched to be able to stand them up and jump into them, when I hear the footsteps of

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friend Thomas coming along for our Sunday afternoon assimilation of news and nectar.

We meet only once a week and our conversation ranges as far and wide as the Caliph's Magic Carpet. No subject is too trite nor distance too far for our capacious minds and from the depths of our easy chairs we govern affairs on the ethics of meum and teum.

But this afternoon we centre our thoughts morbidly upon our immediate circumstances and handicaps, for Tom, like myself, has frustrated ambitions in the shape of a house-boy who muddles along sufficiently well enough to avoid the dangers of sudden extermination, the lifting influence of a well-shod foot or immediate decapitation from a swinging right hander. The pronunciation of "I'll knock your head off" causes bobbing operations to commence automatically, but Tom is hoping that one of these days he'll forget to duck in time. I trust I'm there when it happens because 200 pounds travelling at 20 miles an hour must make quite an impression on anything it hits!

We are just sitting back quietly and respectfully talking about the easiest way of eliminating Samson without leaving any evidence behind, when the object of our affections exposes a woolly head around the door.

"You want 'im drink, Taubada?", quoth the oracle.

"Too right. What are y' having, Tom? Mine's a beer."

"Gin for me, thanks."

Samson side slips into oblivion, and by the time he returns with a beer and the gin bottle I, barman, have the glasses ready.

"Cheerio. Here goes."

"Good-ch. . . . Ye Gods! What's this stuff?"

"That, my friend, is dyed-in-the-wool spirit flavoured with juniper berries, un-

adulterated and pleasant to the thirsty palate."

"Is that so? Well, you taste it. It seems like aqua pura to me."

I gobble a bit and, sure enough, it's H.O.

"Samson!"

"Me 'ere, Taubada."

"What the devil have you done to this gin?"

"That no gin, Taubada. That one water. This gin I t'row 'im away. 'E smell too much—I no like."

"Thomas. Get me an axe and lead me to the slaughter. But no, my friend. Let us sit down and take it like gentlemen."

"What'll y' have?"

"Make mine a beer, too, thanks."

RAIDER PRISONERS RELEASED

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Oct. 10.

THE Caledonian Nickel Co. has learned from its Marseilles agent that the nine white officers of the collier "Notou", sunk by a Nazi raider between Sydney and Noumea on August 16, 1940, have just been released in Paris by the Germans. The master, Captain Jegu, is a Breton, but the others are all Caledonian-born.

The native crew (Loyalty Islanders and Indo-Chinese) were landed many months ago at Emirau Island (New Guinea) along with the crews of other vessels sunk in the Pacific.

Mr. Pat Costello, who has business and large goldmining interests in Fiji, arrived in Sydney last month from Suva. Early in November, he went South to Victoria to watch the running of the Melbourne Cup.

Friends in Rarotonga were grieved to hear of the death in New Zealand, on September 8, of Reureu, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raitia Tepuretu. Miss Tepuretu, who died after an operation, was educated in Auckland and became typiste for A. B. Donald Ltd., in Rarotonga. Her father is Sergeant-Major in the Rarotonga Defence Force.

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A FREAK OF NATURE

From Our Own Correspondent

RAROTONGA, Oct. 3.
AN extraordinary freak of nature came to light recently at Rarotonga when a native brought to the Department of Agriculture the body of joined twin pigs. They were connected at the neck, having only one head but opening out into two bodies, each complete with a tail and four legs. The pigs have been preserved in a large container and are on show to an inquisitive public.

At the request of relatives of the late Pilot F. Buchanan, who was killed a year ago in a plane crash in the Bitoi Ranges, Morobe District, New Guinea, his body was exhumed and sent to Australia from Wau last month.

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Revival of an Old Industry

THE arrival in Australia last month of a shipment of 33,118 lb. of plantation sheet rubber from Fiji suggests that the time is ripe for a revival of this industry in the Colony.

Though much agricultural development has been done in Fiji, the absence of a large-scale rubber industry is to be regretted—particularly when conditions there for rubber cultivation are so excellent. Probably, the main reason for this has been the low price of rubber ruling in recent years. It is a fact, though, that rubber trees thrive in the wet zones of Fiji, which extend from the sea to the mountains and cover about half the area of the islands. Rate of growth and yield compare favourably with other rubber-producing countries.

Cultivation of rubber on a commercial scale was commenced in Fiji in 1906, when the Agriculture Department imported seedlings from Ceylon. Prior to that small consignments had been introduced by the Government and distributed free of cost.

The late Captain David Robbie was one of the early pioneers of the industry, establishing a rubber estate on Vanua Levu. Later the Government set up a two-acre plantation at Nasinu. Towards the end of 1907, several large blocks of land on the south-east coast of Viti Levu were taken up by individual planters and companies. In 1914, just as the industry was getting on its feet and was ready to expand normally, war broke out and interest in Fiji rubber dwindled.

Rubber continued lifeless until 1922, when 9,142 lb. were exported. Then commenced a mild boom, as the following production figures show:—

1923	89,753 lb.
1924	159,995 "
1925	144,313 "
1926	233,990 "
1927	221,238 "

Then rubber slumped, and the output during 1928 fell to 95,661 lb. The following year barely 6,800 lb. (valued at £224) were exported. Shortly afterwards, production practically ceased. As one writer pointed out at the time, "its revival would depend entirely on an increase in price to a figure which would make rubber sufficiently attractive to the producer".

An interesting point about rubber cultivation in Fiji is the fact that costs, when estates were in full swing, compared favourably with those of the Federated Malay States. Tapping usually was carried out by Indians and little difficulty was experienced in obtaining labour, as work on rubber plantations was much lighter than on cane or coconut estates.

During the past few years, the London market price for rubber has gradually risen and this recovery was given added impetus by the outbreak of war, in 1939. To-day, with plantation smoked rubber steady around 13½d. per lb. and the report that Mr. John P. Bayly shipped from Suva 295 bales of plantation sheet rubber to Australia in October, there is reason for believing that, in time, rubber may be rehabilitated to its rightful position among the Colony's agricultural industries.

Miss Patricia Paley, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. Paley, of Suva, Fiji, was married recently to Pilot Officer William Downs, of Wellington, NZ.

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SAGO PALMS

Neglected Source of Native Food in Fiji

FOR years now, Fijians have used the sago palm, one of the commonest indigenous palms in the Group, to provide thatching material for their dwellings, but it is a remarkable fact that they never have used it as a source of foodstuff.

In New Guinea, Papua, BSI, and the East, sago has been one of the main articles of food for the bulk of the population for centuries, but the Fijians appear to have been ignorant of the fact that the trunk of this indigenous species contained starch and they never learned how to extract it.

Writing in the "Agricultural Gazette" a short time ago, Mr. B. E. V. Parham, MA, an officer of the Fiji Department of Agriculture, drew attention to this curious state of affairs and he gave some interesting information about the sago palm (*Metroxylon vitiensis*), which is known to the Fijians as "soga".

It occurs in extensive groves in swamps throughout the main island of Viti Levu and grows to a height of 30 to 40 feet, with a trunk 4 to 6 feet in girth. The large pinnate fronds attain a length usually of about 20 feet.

Some time ago, stated Mr. Parham, a quantity of sago flour was produced experimentally at the Central Agricultural Station, Fiji. Mature palms were felled and the stems cut into lengths of 3 to 4 feet—which were split and the whole of the pith removed and grated by hand into a vessel containing water. The starch washed out of the material settled almost immediately, and three or four washings and then sieving through gauze netting were sufficient to produce a starch

of a pale pink colour (almost white). After washing and settling, the starch was cut out in blocks and dried in the sun or over charcoal fires.

The quantity of starch obtained depends upon the age and maturity of the tree. Maximum starch content of the trunk occurs just before the palm flowers, only once in a life time at the age of 10 to 20 years. After fruiting the palm normally dies, so that the utilization of a tree for starch production does not involve the destruction of potentially valuable material.

It was estimated that, using simple tools, two Fijians could handle a palm tree in five days. Production per palm would be around 600 lb. of starch, yielding about 200 lb. of sago.

In New Guinea, sago represents 80 per cent. of the food requirements of over 700,000 native people. There, four "boys" can wash 600 lb. of starch a day. The NG price for sago to be issued as a plantation-labour ration is £12 per ton, compared with £22 per ton for rice, 2½ lb. of rice being equivalent to 2 lb. of sago. The cost of labour to make it is about £5/10/- per ton.

The sago of commerce is obtained by mixing sago flour or meal with water to form a paste which is pressed through cloth and then through sieves with fine meshes. It falls into a shallow pan heated over a fire and is thus granulated to form "pearl" sago.

Mr. Jack Crockett, who is well-known on the Morobe goldfields, New Guinea, is at present undergoing training with an AIF infantry battalion at Dubbo, NSW.

Mr. Eric Owen-Turner has taken over the position of accountant at Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd.'s Samarai branch in place of Mr. S. Mason who has been transferred to Townsville, Queensland.

EXPORT BAN HITS JAPANESE MINES IN N. CALEDONIA

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Oct. 14.

OWING to the ban which has been placed on the export of New Caledonian minerals to Japan, two Japanese-controlled mining concerns operating here—the Société le Fer and the Société Minière et Metallurgique de l'Océanie—are restricting their output.

The Société le Fer has already dismissed from its iron mine at Goro, in the south, 200 of its 600 Javanese labourers, who have been found other employment in the Colony. The two companies are expected to close down if the ban continues.

Mr. Nevill Young, of Kwato, Papua, arrived in Australia recently to enlist for service overseas.

Monsieur Delannoy, a senior public service official, who recently arrived in Noumea, New Caledonia, from French Equatorial Africa, now is attached to the French administration at Port Vila, New Hebrides.

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Beche de Mer

A "Side-line" Industry in the Islands

ONE of the little-known "side-line" industries in the Pacific Islands that has been carried on steadily for many years, without fuss, is the export of beche de mer or trepang (sometimes known as sea-cucumbers).

Regular consignments come to Australia from the Solomon Islands and Papua, together with smaller lots from New Guinea, New Hebrides, and New Caledonia. All of it is shipped to the East where it is eagerly sought as a table delicacy. Torres Strait islands' production goes direct from Thursday Island to China. At one time, considerable quantities of beche de mer were exported from the Gilbert Islands, but the industry there has fallen off in recent years.

Sausage-like creatures, beche de mer are among the queerest of sea-dwizens. Scientifically, they are referred to as "Holothuroidea". Globe-wide in distribution, living in all zones and depths, about 700 species are known throughout the world, but it is in the shallows of the warm coral seas that they excel in size and numbers.

There are nearly 40 species of beche de mer present in tropical seas, according to one authority. Some attain a length of 3 ft. and more, with a girth of five or six inches. They are of all colours, black, brown, dark-green, red, and purple, and they all conform to the conventional cucumber or sausage in the shape of the body. The body wall is leathery in texture and in some species is extremely thick. Beche de mer are by no means pleasant to look at—in fact, no more unattractive creatures could be imagined,

resembling large, overgrown slugs.

Yet for centuries these creatures, in a sun-dried and smoked state, have been regarded as a great delicacy in the East, where elderly Chinese gentlemen have the strange belief that by consuming soup made from beche de mer it is possible to recapture lost attributes of youth. Accordingly, merchants in China pay prices ranging from £30 to £180 a ton for beche de mer caught in the Pacific and Australia's tropic seas.

The creatures are found on the white sandy floor of coral pools or in the shallow water alongside coral reefs, where they seem to spend the whole of their existence seeking food. They are gathered by natives, usually working in dinghies from a five- or six-ton lugger. The "boys" paddle about until they sight the beche de mer—easily distinguished against the sandy sea-floor—then they commence diving. As they are procured, the beche de mer are placed in bags or baskets, later being transferred to the "mother" schooner.

Curing is usually done on a near-by island, though in Northern Australia it sometimes is carried out on board the "mother" vessel. Each beche de mer is slit open longitudinally and thoroughly cleaned, then boiled in water until the saltiness of the flesh is removed. After boiling, the beche de mer are flattened out and small sticks of bamboo placed in the slits to keep the flesh apart. They are then placed in the sun to dry. When most of the moisture has been evaporated by the sun, the beche de mer are cured over a smoky fire. The curing takes two days, and the process turns the trepang into small, hard, flattish lumps, which look for all the world like so many pieces of badly charred beef-steak. The bamboo sticks are then removed, and the beche de mer packed for export.

BUSH FIRES RAGE IN PAPUA

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Oct. 23. A HEAVY pall of smoke hangs over Port Moresby and the coastal districts from bush fires which are sweeping through the Central and more remote districts. From every Division come similar reports of fires due to the exceptionally dry conditions.

At Kokoda, extensive fires caused slight damage to the rubber plantation of Mr. E. C. Searle.

As a result of the thick haze which affected visibility at high levels, flying conditions have been dangerous. On October 20, a plane making for the Gollala Police Camp in the interior, with passengers and cargo, was forced back owing to the impossibility of finding the landing ground.

There are fears that natives living in the more remote districts, especially in the grasslands, have suffered severely through the fires.

Mr. Harry Morton, a retired plumber, who had lived in Fiji since 1910, collapsed and died in Suva in October. For many years, until he retired because of ill-health, he had been a member of the Suva Fire Brigade and when he heard a fire alarm on the morning of October 7 he left his home to see where it was. He had gone only a couple of hundred yards along the street when he was seized by a sudden heart attack. A keen follower of football, Mr. Morton had many friends in Rugby Union circles, having played with one of the leading Suva teams from 1914 to 1928. Born in NZ, he was in his 58th year.



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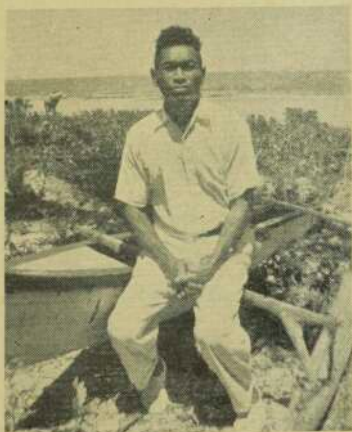
ESCAPE FROM THE SEA

Mangaia Native's Terrifying Experience

BY W.S.B.

A MAN returned from the small island of Mitiaro, in the Southern Cook Group, told the story of how a native of that island, returning in his canoe from a fishing expedition, had safely accomplished the crossing of the reef, only to be plunged suddenly into a hole in which he disappeared. Some small children awaiting him on the beach ran home in fright to acquaint relatives of the disaster.

A party hurried to the spot and peered into the water. For a time nothing was seen, but presently a hand appeared, to be immediately grasped by the watchers,



Timiiti, who escaped from the coral death-pit.

and the victim, alive but terribly battered, was snatched from his prison beneath the jagged coral. He had slipped through into a kind of cave, where he had been fighting desperately for his life in the surging waters.

This story provides a parallel to our own island of Mangaia. Edgar Allan Poe could scarcely have devised a more fantastic and terrifying adventure.

With a few companions, each in his small fishing canoe, Timiiti set out early one morning for a good fishing ground by Mangaia's south-eastern point.

All went well until midday, when a strengthening of the wind set heavy surf pounding the reef. Too rough to paddle home in the open sea, the men decided to cross the reef and proceed along the shallows, close inshore. Difficulty was experienced in negotiating the reef, but they all made the crossing safely at a point where the bones of the barque "Sarragossa" lie rusting at the foot of rugged foreshore rocks. Along this stretch, the reef is only 50 yards from the shore, and the angry cross-sea was setting broadside against them.

They had not gone far when Timiiti, at the rear, was capsized by an extra vicious wave. The canoe righted itself and Timiiti clung to the gunwale, but before he could clamber aboard he was swept towards a peculiar swirling spot in the water. The motion increased and the man was swiftly drawn to the centre of a small, powerful whirlpool. In an upright position, he spun like a top, while the canoe careered madly around him.

Suddenly there was a downward suction

and man and canoe were plunged into a pit and hurled through a jagged tunnel beneath the reef. Timiiti wrapped his arms about his face and head and, in total blackness, was swept on by the rushing waters, torn and battered by the sharp talons of living coral.

After what seemed an eternity, light penetrated the water and he realised he was outside the reef; but before he could attempt to reach the surface a change in the current swept him back into the tunnel. Fortunately, it was only a second or two before the surge of water ejected him again and, looking quickly about, he saw a length of iron from the wreck embedded in the coral. Clutching it, he drew himself clear of the mouth of the cave and quickly rose to the surface, where he lay on his back gasping air into aching lungs.

He was presently astonished to see his canoe nearby quite intact and with the outrigger still attached, but before he could reach it, a breaker hurled it onto the reef where it smashed to pieces.

Too weak to fight the waves, Timiiti was caught up and tossed onto the reef, where he was rescued by his companions who had witnessed the beginning and end of this amazing incident. His clothes had been torn off, he was gashed and bruised by the coral, but he had suffered no really serious injury.

This natural sinkhole is named "Morengaruru" after a young man who, in the early history of Mangaia, was dragged into the death-trap while returning from a fish-drive to obtain fish for his own wedding feast, to have taken place on the following day. Less fortunate than Timiiti, he was never seen again.

Timiiti soon recovered from the effects of his ordeal and, to-day, has only purple coral-scars to show how narrowly he slipped through the claws of death. He is still a keen fisherman—but he gives "Morengaruru" a very wide berth!

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Mr. Gordon Farmer, of the Audit Department of the New Guinea Public Service, arrived in Australia recently to enlist for overseas service. Prior to his departure from the Territory, Mr. Farmer was farewelled at a gathering in Rabaul. Mrs. Farmer preceded him South a short time ago.

Captain Harry Rochford Hughes, who for nearly 30 years was an officer, then master, of the Pacific Cable Board's ship "Iris", died in Auckland in October at the age of 66. During his long service, he gained a high reputation as an expert in laying and repairing cables in Central Pacific and NZ waters. When the "Iris" was armed and sent out from Auckland in the last war to search for Count Felix von Luckner, who had escaped from internment on Motuihi Island, Captain Hughes was in command of the shore party at the Kermadec Islands, where the Germans were recaptured. Later the "Iris" was re-named "Recorder" and passed to the ownership of Cable and Wireless Ltd. Captain Hughes retired from the sea in 1932.

COPRA MARKETING PLAN IN NEW GUINEA

Comment by President of Planters' Association

Letter to the Editor

NO doubt planters in this Territory read with interest the article published in September "PIM" under the heading, "Copra Marketing Plan Under Fire". Personally, speaking as one who has followed the slow progress of the Commonwealth Government's plan to give permanent relief to New Guinea copra-growers, I consider it does not give a true picture of the present and past position.

The sum total of the article indicates that the Commonwealth Government, the Administration and the planters of this Territory are trying to create a position which is unbearable and opposed to the interests of the big local trading firms. I am sure this is far from being the case.

For those who have short and convenient memories, I should like to take

their minds back to the conditions which existed in New Guinea from June, 1940, to June, 1941.

I quote here the opening paragraph of a letter which I received from one of the big trading firms: "We regret to have to advise you that until further notice we are forced to cease purchasing your copra". Other letters could be quoted. From another trading firm, a letter demanding payment in advance for supplies before orders would be executed — this after many years of trading on a credit basis.

This was the state of affairs that existed in 1940-41. Copra producers faced bankruptcy. Is it any wonder they turned to the Administration and Canberra for assistance? It was considered by most planters that, as the impasse was due solely to war conditions, the copra industry should be placed under Government control and receive Government assistance.

To our early request, the Federal Government instructed the NG Administration to assist those planters who were financially strangled by offering them 4 per cent. interest-bearing loans. This action was appreciated, and was availed of by many; but it was evident that this alone could not solve the then difficult position. In short, temporary relief at interest would only involve the growers and further burden them financially.

After consultation with the Administration, managers of the three principal trading firms and mission societies, a scheme to give permanent relief to the industry under Government control was placed before the Commonwealth Government in September, 1940, by the executive of the Planters' Association of New Guinea (see "PIM", November, 1940, p. 29, "NG Plan to Aid Copra Industry"). If one studies the scheme referred to, it will be recognised that many of the salient points now are contained in the Copra Control Regulations which came into operation in October, 1941.

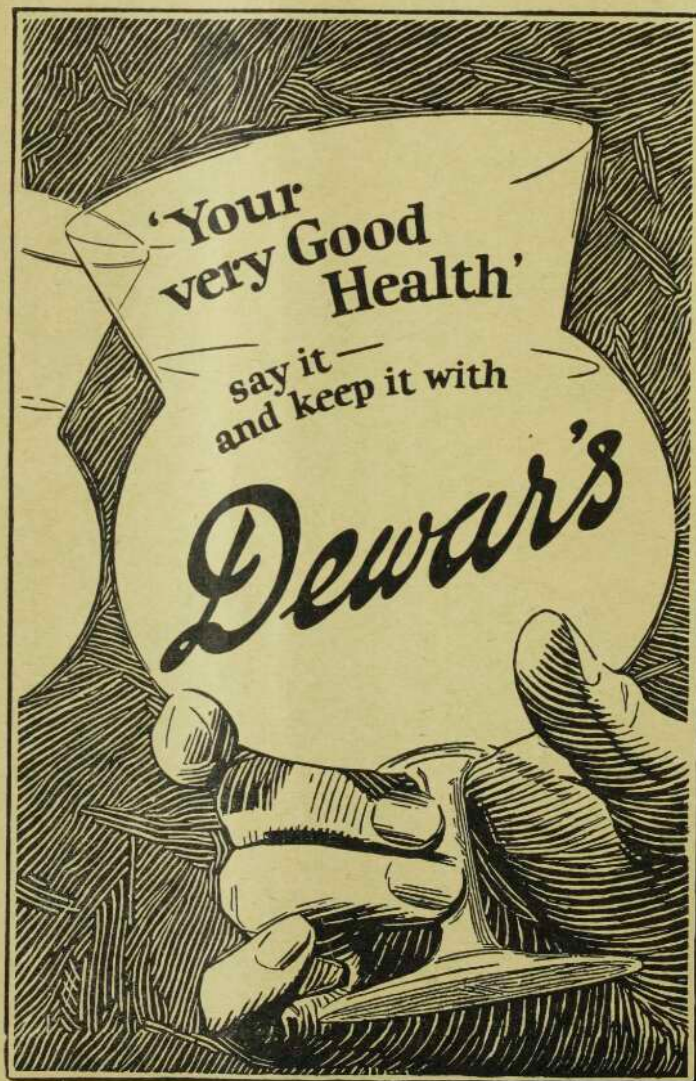
As late as June, 1941, a number of New Guinea planters had given up curing copra. Others had signed off practically all their labour. The upkeep of the plantations was being neglected. In many other cases, copra had accumulated on the plantation for months with the owner unable to sell.

I take it for granted that the writer of your article was fully cognisant of the Copra Control Regulations, gazetted in June, 1941. Yet the article infers that the terms and conditions of the regulations had only just been forced on an unwilling group of vitally interested firms, whereas, in fact, the regulations were gazetted three months before it was written.

Who could imagine the regulations to mean other than a compulsory pool? Again, where is it expressed in the regulations that "the New Guinea Copra Committee was to have absolute authority in disposing of the copra"? The Government clearly stated that a Pacific Marketing Board or some marketing authority would dispose of the copra.

Again, who is the authority to say "the procedure would almost certainly result in a serious diminution in the net return planters otherwise would receive for the copra they produced"? I should say that the reverse of this statement would be more than a probability.

Why did "important copra interests beg the Commonwealth Government to let the industry run free"? Every planter could give a reasonable answer to that question. I would say because the firms



have their own interests solely at heart. These company interests state "some marketing plan probably was necessary to assist the industry early in 1941; there was no necessity for it now". This from the firms who shut down the industry 12 months ago, and probably would do so again if similar conditions existed.

No-one but a fool is going to throw away the substance for the shadow, the substance being £4/10/- per ton at plantation, in addition, profits made by sales of copra to be distributed among contributors to the pool, and guaranteed by the Commonwealth Government under National Security Regulations.

Why should the article advance the case of the big firms? Why not consider the interests of private individuals as well? Many men and women have the best years of their life's work at stake—this surely should be taken into account when values are the consideration.

I quote again: "Much of the New Guinea investments of the big firms have practically gone west". Who said so? Quote again: "Under the recent moratorium the firms now have no control whatever over the plantations on which they advanced money". One would imagine that the Mortgageors' Relief Ordinance is to remain in force until the end of time, whereas in fact it has less than 12 months to run. The advance mentioned in many cases consisted mainly of highly-priced goods and commodities charged to the producer plus 8 per cent. interest. Many clients were "talked" into buying a nice, new expensive car or other luxury when the big firms should have known their clients' financial position warranted no more than a pushbike or less. Balance sheets will show how badly hit the big firms have been.

One feature of the Copra Control Regulations is that should the copra situation collapse, the big firms' interests would be safeguarded by the Government,

inasmuch as copra would continue to be purchased. Therefore, property values would not depreciate to any great extent.

We should like to draw your attention to Hon. Gerald Hogan's second reading speech on the Mortgageors' Relief Ordinance at the NG Legislative Council's recent meeting. If further evidence is necessary to support the Government's contention that the Amendment to the Mortgageors' Relief Ordinance was undoubtedly essential, we have in our possession evidence of the crippling interest charges that formed a substantial portion of many copra-producers' costs.

If the big firms in future will not finance planting enterprise, it will be their loss. Under the "New Order", producers hope to see established a Finance Bank. It has been a shameful neglect on the part of the Government that such facilities were not available years ago.

Since the outbreak of the present war, Australia's demand for copra has steadily increased. To-day, planters may expect to see a very large percentage, if not all, of this Territory's copra production being consigned to Australia. With the home consumption market at our door, producers may look forward with confidence to increased local prices.

The local manager of one of the big firms assured me as late as this month that his company would welcome the pool system, and that he, personally, was one of the first in this Territory to advocate the compulsory pool system. Why shouldn't he be?—the system has many advantages. Being a Government measure, its conduct is open to criticism, if criticism is wanted. Trading firms are invited to co-operate with the Government in disposing of the copra of this Territory and, which is important, the Governments of all British countries and its Allies are its agents.

For many years the "PIM" has ad-

vocated co-operation in the Pacific, in regard to the copra industry. Here, in my opinion, is the answer. Never before, in Pacific history, has such an opportunity for co-operation presented itself. As private individuals, the same success would take years, if ever, to achieve, and yet the Government has done all this with no cost to the industry. Furthermore, the Commonwealth Government has subsidised the industry to the extent of the cost of inter-island freights, which will, I estimate, amount to over £50,000 p.a.

With the scheme thus far advanced, there are many signs to indicate that its continuance is absolutely necessary. The local Copra Control Board, in their untiring efforts, have already overcome many obstacles. They are to be congratulated for the manner in which they have played their part. Let us, as producers and merchants, play ours. Let our motto be "One for all and all for one!"

I am, etc.,

H. ADAMS, MLC,
President, Planters' Association of
New Guinea.

Rabaul, TNG.
22/10/1941.

Mr. L. Odgers, of the NG District Services Department, has been transferred from Rabaul to Wewak. Formerly he was a member of the staff of the Customs Department.

Mr. W. G. Robinson, well-known Suva businessman, has left the Colony after 37 years' residence. Prior to his departure, Mr. Robinson was entertained by residents and representatives of various sporting bodies, who presented him with an inscribed cigarette case. Mr. Robinson took a keen interest in horse racing in the Colony and, in addition to racing his own horses, was official starter at the Brighton Park course.

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Mr. "Jock" Marshall, former president of the Pacific Islands Society, and well-known authority on bird life in the Pacific, is now the self-styled "Backyard Naturalist" for the Australian Broadcasting Commission. His mail nowadays is chock full of specimens that range from bugs to fossils of the Pleistocene period, not to mention crocodile teeth and an occasional leg bone from an Islands marsupial. Incidentally, the popularity of these potted scientific discourses has been proved by the quantity of "fan" mail that this enterprising young Australian, who is as well known in New Guinea as he is in the New Hebrides, receives from all parts of Australasia. In addition, he is Tutor in Zoology at St. Paul's College, University of Sydney, and manages to find time for journalistic activities.

JAVANESE FESTIVAL IN NEW CALEDONIA

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Oct. 11.
THE seven or eight thousand Javanese labourers in New Caledonia will celebrate their New Year between October 22 and 24. Employers have been asked to release them for the festive occasion. In Noumea and the larger country centres there will be the usual mass feasting and junketings, accompanied by masked theatrical shows and dancing to the music of the gamelan orchestra. They also will place a wreath on the Noumea War Memorial.

STORY OF "PARD" MUSTAR

Airman Who Flew First Plane to Morobe Goldfield

THE fascinating, romantic story of how aeroplanes opened up the phenomenally-rich Morobe Goldfield in New Guinea was first told by Ion Idriess in "Gold-dust and Ashes" seven years ago. In it, two men stood out—C. J. Levien, whose vision and tireless energy made possible the use of aerial transport, and Pilot Ernest ("Pard") Mustar, who flew the first plane from Rabaul to Lae, from Lae into the mining camp at Wau.

Now, in "D'Air Devil", just published, Frank Clune, another Australian "popular" author, tells the story of "Pard" Mustar's adventure-packed life, from his youthful wireless-finkering days in Melbourne right up to the present.

Mustar was among the first contingent of Australian troops to go overseas in October, 1914, and, as a member of a signals unit, took part in the landing at Gallipoli. His war experiences in Egypt, Palestine and other of the Middle East countries, with the Light Horse, make interesting reading. Transferring to the Australian Flying Corps, he soon won the Distinguished Flying Cross for his exploits as observer-gunner with the intrepid Ross Smith.

Returning to Australia after the armistice, Ern. Mustar took up farming, but the call of the air was not to be denied; so, with a companion, he bought an old, battered aeroplane and "barnstormed" around the Commonwealth. From 1922 to 1926, he served again with the AFC as pilot-instructor.

During this period, he made an air-survey of the Barrier Reef and marked out aerodromes at Port Moresby (Papua) and Rabaul (New Guinea), working in association with HMAS "Geranium".

Late in 1926, while instructing with the Victorian Aero Club, he accepted an offer from Guinea Gold NL, to go to the Mandated Territory and fly a DH37 plane from Rabaul to the mainland coast and thence in to the newly-discovered goldfield at Wau.

AN El Dorado had been found in the interior of New Guinea, but food, equipment, supplies, everything had to be laboriously carried in by natives, over a steamy, tortuous track that climbed the rugged mountains. C. J. Levien, former Administration district officer, who had pegged precious leases for Guinea Gold NL, conceived the idea of using planes to solve the transport problem.

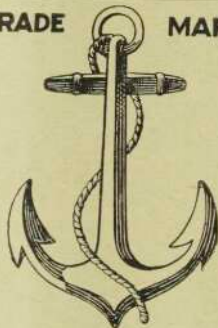
Crated and shipped on the old "Melusia", the DH37 left for Rabaul in March, 1927, under the tender care of Mustar and his wizard-mechanic friend, Mullins. It was a fearful trip from Townsville to New Britain—whipped by a cyclone, the BP vessel (on her last trip) did everything but stand on her nose! Every minute Mustar expected the aeroplane to break loose and plunge overboard or smash itself against the sides of the well-deck. But the lashings held and the "Melusia" made Rabaul 36 hours late.

On March 30, with the plane assembled and tested, Mustar circled over Rabaul, flew down the northern coast of New Britain, across Dampier Strait and landed at Lae, where Levien's "boys" had prepared a make-shift aerodrome. Then came the real test—to find Wau, in the unknown interior.

Three times, between April 16 and 18, Mustar crossed the mountain ranges that fringe the coast and searched for a tiny clearing that would be Wau; and three times he returned without success. Finally, with a miner named Lewers as passenger, spotting familiar landmarks,

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Mustar went to Europe and brought back from Germany a huge all-metal, diesel-engined Junkers W34 machine, capable of lifting a ton. This new monoplane soon enabled Guinea Airways to outstrip their competitors—within three months the company carried 500 tons of cargo and 1,000 passengers to the field.

A second W34 was flown from Melbourne to Lae by Mustar, in uneventful easy stages. Two more similar machines arrived in New Guinea in 1929 and GA soon were carrying more freight in one month than the combined commercial air fleets of the world were lifting in a year! Cargo ranged from rice to rifles, from picks to phonographs, from beer to bedsteads—in fact everything needed by a growing mining township that was on good gold.

IN March, 1929, Mustar, suffering from the effects of malaria, resigned from Guinea Airways and returned to Australia, where he joined the Vacuum Oil Co. as aviation representative. Then he married and prepared to settle down and live quietly for a time. But New Guinea had not seen the last of him.

Placer Development Co., an influential mining concern with interests all over the world, took up options over Bulolo Valley leases—and found itself faced with the

problem of transporting enormous dredging machinery to the field by air. Mustar was called in and he induced them to purchase two Junkers G31 three-engined planes, each costing £31,000. He himself went to New Guinea to establish a fuel depot for Vacuum and to give Allan Cross, his successor at Guinea Airways a helping hand.

Piece by piece, the mass of machinery to build Dredge No. 1 was flown in without difficulty—even the biggest part, a tumbler-shaft weighing 3½ tons.

Then, one warm, sun-lit day in March, 1932, the dredge was started up. Mustar was present at the ceremony, but the other pioneer, C. J. Leven, had not lived to see his life's ambition fulfilled. His ashes were scattered over the Bulolo Valley from an aeroplane the same day the dredge began to win gold from the rich flats.

Captain Mustar lived in New Guinea with his wife and child until September, 1934, when he came south to Melbourne for good. Now, in 1941, with the Empire again at war, he is in uniform once more—Squadron-Leader Mustar, DFC, of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Throughout "D'Air Devil", linked with the story of Mustar's career in New Guinea, are scattered the names of many who played their part in pioneering the Morobe Goldfield—Holdgate, Mackenzie, Wells, Laphorne, and McGilvery, of Guinea Gold NL and Guinea Airways Ltd.; Frank Griffin, Charles Banks, and Tom Harris, of Placer and Bulolo companies; Ray Parer, Major Berryman, Medical Assistant Lambert (of Wau); and a host of other men well known in the Territory.

"D'AIR DEVIL"—The Story of "Pard" Mustar, by Frank Clune. Published by Angus and Robertson Ltd., Sydney. Price, 6/-.

COST OF RE-BUILDING AT RABAU

QUESTIONS asked in the Australian Federal Parliament, Canberra, recently, elicited the following information concerning the amount of money spent by the NG Administration on reconditioning Rabaul after 1937's volcanic eruption:—

During 1937-1938 and 1938-1939, £22,071 was expended upon the rehabilitation of roads, etc., and £4,821 upon the rehabilitation of buildings in Rabaul area. From July 1, 1937, to June 30, 1941, £63,602 was spent in connection with the maintenance of buildings, the establishment of a volcanological observatory, harbour works, road developments, and maintenance of aerodromes, etc.

In addition, a considerable sum was incurred by private companies and individuals.

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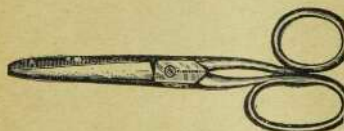
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The Pacific Islands Society's latest romance — Mr. and Mrs. Robin Band, who were married in Sydney in October. The bride (nee Miss Gabrielle Gosset) is the only daughter of the late Mr. R. W. G. Gosset, formerly of Rarotonga, Cook Is., and of Mrs. Gosset. An Oxford graduate, the bridegroom is a member of the Malayan Civil Service, and was until recently Administrative Officer at Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean. They met this year at one of the PI Society's functions in Sydney.

—Photo: May Moore.



Miss Hazel Savage recently joined the WRC staff at Salamaua, New Guinea.

NEW GUINEA GIVES £13,000 TO WAR FUNDS

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, Oct. 24.

IN the second annual report of the NG Division of the Red Cross Society, it is shown that £1,834 has been forwarded to Australia during 1940-41. At the commencement of the year, there were 10 separate Red Cross companies in the Territory but, owing to a number of the helpers departing for Australia for the duration of the war, four closed down.

In her report, Lady McNicoll, president of the NG Division, referred to the manner in which New Guinea residents have responded to appeals of the various funds, and she showed that the Territory has contributed £4,300 to the London Relief Fund; £1,500 to the NG Comforts Fund; £1,100 to the Commonwealth Government for war purposes (known locally as the Fighting Fund); £4,940 to the Spitfire Fund; together with £1,974 donated to the Red Cross. This makes a total of well over £13,000.

Officers of the Division are: President, Lady McNicoll; Chairman, Hon. E. T. Brennan; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. H. Higgins; Council: Messrs. H. H. Page, P. Coote, R. L. Clark, W. H. Carpenter, G. Thomas and Dr. Hosking, Mesdames P. Coote, W. H. Carpenter and R. L. Clark.

Mr. H. Hugo, of Buka, New Guinea, arrived in Australia in October to enlist for active service abroad.

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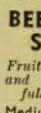


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By "Therese"

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Finafore frocks made of sail cloth are ideal for lazy days and they do not require ironing which is another virtue in their favour. One seen recently had the pinafore of off-white applique with falling leaves in autumn tones and was banded with a deep hem of manzanita (the new russet colour), the blouse being of the same shade.

White trimmed with navy is cool and nautical in appearance. A white jersey shirt-maker banded in blue at neck and bodice makes an ideal possession. Wear navy and white shoes and accentuate the cool effect of the dress.

Shoes for beach and sports wear are attractive and utilitarian. Wedgies are well to the fore, which is no cause for wonder since they are so comfortable to wear. Peep-toe sandals find equal favour for beach or spectator sports wear and the shoe of macrame with wooden heels is a safe bet for all sports occasions.

RECIPES TO PLEASE

SAVOURIES are the answer to the query, "What shall I give my guests for supper?" Try these next time friends are coming:-

ANCHOVY BISCUITS

Three oz. flour, 1½ oz. butter, ½ teaspoon anchovy paste, salt, yolk of egg and a little water to mix.

Sift the flour and rub the butter in well. Beat the anchovy paste, egg yolk and a little water together, and mix into a stiff paste. Roll out and cut with small round or fancy cutter. Bake in a fairly quick oven until golden brown.

CHEESE BISCUITS

Three oz. flour, 1½ oz. butter, salt and cayenne pepper, 3 oz. grated cheese and 1 egg. Sift together the flour and salt, and add the pepper and cayenne. Rub in the butter, add the grated cheese and sufficient egg yolk and a little water to make a stiff paste. Roll out the paste ¼ in. thick and cut with small fancy cutters. Prick each one to prevent rising and bake in a hot oven for 10 minutes.

CELERY BISCUITS

Same as cheese biscuits, but add 2 or 3 teaspoons of celery salt. Also cut some of the biscuits into small squares.

CHEESE "CARROTS"

About 1 cup grated Cheddar cheese, 1 dessert-spoon butter, lemon juice, salt, cayenne pepper and parsley.

Cream the butter, add the cheese and seasoning and moisten with lemon juice. The amount of cheese depends on the number of "carrots" to be made. Take a little in the palm of the hand (about 1 teaspoonful) and roll into a small ball, then into the shape of a carrot (with a little practice it is easily done). Keep in a refrigerator and when required put in a little sprig of parsley at the stem end to represent a carrot-top.

STUFFED EGGS

Three hard-boiled eggs, 2 oz. chopped ham (cooked), a little lettuce, a few drops of onion juice, a dessert-spoon of minced cucumber, lettuce leaves, salad dressing, parsley and seasoning.

Shell the eggs, cut in half cross-ways, and cut a little white off each, if necessary, to make the cups stand firm. Turn out the yolks carefully and mash with a fork. Add the finely-chopped ham, shredded lettuce, minced cucumber, onion juice, and seasoning to taste. Moisten with salad dressing, then fill the whites with the mixture, piling it high. Garnish each with a tiny sprig of parsley. Serve on a bed of lettuce.

CHEESE AND APRICOT SANDWICHES

Mix together equal parts of cheese and apricot pulp (made by pressing through a sieve stewed or tinned apricots, well-drained). Add enough mayonnaise to give a good spreading consistency. Spread between thin buttered slices of brown bread. Remove crusts and cut sandwiches diagonally.

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"Mekeo Madness"

Queer Religious Hysteria in Papua

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Oct. 3.

EVERY new and again an epidemic of "craziness" breaks out among natives in the Gulf Division of Papua. Some months ago, the ravings of a demented native school-girl precipitated a wave of religious hysteria in Mekeo District, which resulted in an attack being made upon Father Coltre, a Roman Catholic Missionary, at Inawaia village (see "PIM", March, 1941). Recently, there occurred another such outbreak.

The second disturbance started when a young girl named Philo told the Inawaia people of a dream she had. Heaven, Philo declared, was the friend of Inawaia, and presently from Heaven would come a shower of all those things the natives hold dear—money, calico, galvanised iron, tinned meats, motor lorries, etc.

The people of Inawaia were told they would have to co-operate, if the "down-pour" was to come soon. They must build houses for the Heavenly messengers who were to accompany the gifts from the clouds; they must give up work and pray incessantly; and they must ignore the teachings of the Missions and Government. If the villagers persisted in their old industrious ways, any man or woman who worked in the gardens would turn into a weed; fishermen would become fish; huntsmen would take the form of pigs; and boatmen would change to logs.

In spite of the disapproval of the local "sorcerers", the people of Inawaia took up Philo's idea with enthusiasm. "Wireless" masts were erected in the swamps and remote scrub, and young men were detailed to stand by them day and night awaiting fulfilment of the celestial promises.

Soon food became scarce and as hunger grew, the natives' frenzy increased. The Government, however, had been keeping a watchful eye on events and Mr. W. H. H. Thompson, ARM, who has had considerable experience in these matters, promptly arrested Philo for "spreading lying reports". She was taken to Kairuku, the Government station on Yule Island, tried, and sentenced to three months' gaol.

While Philo languished in gaol, the movement continued. One native enthusiast produced a shilling, which, he declared, had come down from Heaven. This story was exploded by an envious "sorcerer" who, after examining the coin, pointed out that it bore the King's head, not God's.

Undeterred, the natives decided to make Philo's return to Inawaia a triumphal procession. She was to ride a white horse, which would be supplied from the same source as the other expected gifts. By an odd coincidence, a white horse was missed from one of the neighbouring Mission stations and later was found inside the fence of a neglected garden.

The day of Philo's return arrived; and, escorted by a squad of the Royal Papuan Constabulary in charge of a patrol officer, the prophetess entered Inawaia. There was only a mild demonstration. No feast materialised, for the simple reason that all work had been declared "tabu"—and no food had appeared from Heaven.

There the matter rests for the present. But it is feared that there is a thin time coming for the indolent religious enthusiasts of Inawaia.

Sister M. Franklin, well known in Papua, has taken up a position on the staff of the European hospital at Wau, New Guinea.

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The Tahitian—a speech from which, through the centuries, all gutturals, nasals and sibilants have been cast out; its syntax moulded for euphony; its vocabulary rich with terms to express the poetic genius of the Polynesian mind—is obsolescent. In recent years, it has been heard only in some of the churches; in Fareputuputuraa, when some venerable elder expounded the Volume of the Sacred Law; or when that prince of orators, High Chief Teriteriooiteral, spoke at public occasions.

The average young person on Tahiti uses Franco-Tahitian to express the profundity of his thought. This form of speech is a compound of French and Tahitian in which the grammatical structure of both languages has been jettisoned, the inflection of the verb consigned to the realm of forgotten things and the vocabulary reduced to the celebrations of the Jazz Age.

It is a pity; for the French language, when spoken by educated Tahitians, has added beauty from the soft intonation of their voices. The classic Tahitian, formerly spoken with rhythmic cadence, was a delight to the ear.

Compared with its Tahitian equivalent, "pidgin" English is a medium worthy of the polished periods of an Addison. This jargon of Tahiti, which we believe to be the world's masterpiece of formless gibberish, has become the lingua franca of Central Polynesia.

After the passage of another generation or two, the beautiful soft Tahitian will have taken its place beside Sanskrit as a museum piece, having passed forever from the speech of man.

That this degeneration of language is no new thing in the Islands, the author of "Ra'iatea La Sacree" (who wrote in the latter years of the last century) bears witness: "Those who wrote in the middle of the 19th century complain that already the traditions and customs are effaced; that the use of the ancient language is departing. They declare that the old people can talk among themselves without any fear of being comprehended

by the young folk. What shall we say of the actual state of the language at this time? At Tahiti, the old Tahitian language—too difficult to master—has given place to the 'language of the beach', a species of 'petit n'egre'. One must fly to the Leeward Islands; he must go in the remote districts of Ra'iatea, or rather, to Forapora, to Maupiti, to recover some fine old words, some antique expressions."

During the subsequent 40-odd years since the above was written, the breaking up of old language and custom has steadily proceeded.

Few people in the world, and certainly no branch of the Polynesian race, have so thoroughly discarded the traditions, the customs and the language of their ancestors as have the Tahitians.—A.C.R.

Mr. G. W. L. Townsend, District Officer at Salamaua, New Guinea, arrived in Australia recently on leave.

Mr. J. S. Smith, who has been Conservator of Forests in Fiji since 1938, arrived in Australia recently en route to Malaya. He was accompanied by Mrs. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Wilson, and their two sons, of the Bainings District, arrived in Australia from New Guinea recently. During Mr. Wilson's absence, Mr. H. Scott will take over the management of Asalingi Plantation.

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HOW Sydney might have suffered bombardment by German cruisers during the last war, as actually happened in Tahiti, was recounted by Rear-Admiral H. J. Feakes in an address to the Pacific Islands Society in Sydney on October 29.

The fact that in HMAS "Australia", the Royal Australian Navy had a warship with more powerful guns, saved the city. If the Germans had not been aware of the cruiser's strength, declared the Admiral, when emphasising the importance of the part played by the RAN in the last war, they would have treated Sydney in a similar manner to the way they shelled Papeete.

The lecture was illustrated by a selection of slides that showed the ancient Tahitian pahu—the Polynesian "warship" of Cook's day—and a number of naval vessels familiar in many parts of the Pacific.

Other guests of honour included Prince Jione Gu, of Tonga, Admiral and Mrs. Crace, Lady Hunter, of New Zealand, Lieutenants Hassan and Buswani, of the Royal Indian Navy, Captain Samuel Mortimer (formerly well-known BP skipper in the Pacific), Major Edward Collins (once of Lautoka, Fiji), Mrs. Isabel Maskelyne (who had just arrived from Tahiti), and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Savage, long resident in Rabaul, who now are settled in Sydney.

A special welcome was accorded Prince Jione and the Indian officers by Noho Toki, the Society's "talking chief", who wore ceremonial attire. The Tongan prince was greeted with the traditional hongi, or nose pressing. Later, Noho and his daughter, Marama, sang a group of Maori songs, and the latter poised for the visitors.

Pte. W. A. Hallows, who is well known in the Morobe District, New Guinea, is now serving with a machine gun battalion in the Middle East. Prior to his enlistment he was a member of the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles and was an instructor with the Edie Creek platoon.

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Jan. 1, 1941, to Nov. 14	£10/14/-	£9/16/2

PORT MORESBY WATER BOARD

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Nov. 7. AS work on Port Moresby's new water scheme nears completion, the Administrator (Hon. Leonard Murray) has announced the appointment of a Water Board.

It will consist of the following members: Hon. A. P. Lyons (chairman), Director of Public Works; Mr. G. O. Heywood, Chief Commonwealth Auditor to Papua; Mr. H. G. Hannam, Commonwealth Works Director, Port Moresby; and Mr. E. A. James, public accountant and proprietor of the "Papuan Courier", who will represent ratepayers on the new Board.

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MINING NEWS

From Papua

OIL SEARCH LTD.

DIRECTORS of Oil Search Ltd. have decided to make a new issue of 80,000 ordinary shares of 5/- each. The company, through its subsidiary, Nominated Holdings Pty. Ltd., has a fifth interest in Australasian Petroleum Co. Pty. Ltd., which is increasing its subscribed capital from £1,000,000 to £1,080,000 by the issue of 80,000 shares of £1 each at par.

YODDA GOLDFIELDS LTD.

Yodda Goldfields Ltd. reports a net profit of £2,078 for the year ended April 30, compared with £2,064 for 1939-40. A dividend of 3d. a share, requiring £1,094, was paid during the year, leaving £2,261 to be carried forward, against £1,277 brought forward. A further dividend of 3d. a share was paid last June. Gold produced was 884 oz., returning a net income of £6,697, against 961 oz., worth £7,950, for the previous year. The average value a cubic yard was 2/11, against 3/2.

CUTHBERT'S MISIMA GOLD MINE LTD.

The latest return from Cuthbert's Misima Gold Mine Ltd. compares the figures for October with the two previous months as follows:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Mill, tons treated	3,328	3,402	3,587
Gold, fine oz.	883	855	894
Silver, fine oz.	2,804	3,437	3,383
Estimated value	£7,145	£6,966	£7,268
Value per ton of ore	40/6	40/11	40/6

From New Guinea

NEW GUINEA GOLDFIELDS LTD.

SEPTEMBER production from NGG Ltd.'s workings is compared with the previous two months in the following table:—

	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Golden Ridges mill			
Tons treated	2,291	2,071	2,529
Gold, fine oz.	771	705	761
Silver, fine oz.	1,342	858	970
Alluvial—			
Gold, fine oz.	1,686	2,231	1,653
Silver, fine oz.	1,216	1,526	1,106
Operating profit—			
Eddie Creek, £	*1,484	*1,003	*328
Golden Ridges, £	996	929	130
Alluvial, £	7,541	10,387	5,973
*Loss.			

Estimated operating profit at Koranga Alluvials for the quarter ended September 30 was £7,830.

UPPER WATUT AND IROWAT GOLD ALLUVIALS, NL

Upper Watut Gold Alluvials, NL (capital £200,000) and Irowat Gold Alluvials, NL (capital £100,000) will be struck off the register of mining companies in New Guinea in December unless cause is shown to the contrary, according to a recent notice in the official NG Gazette. Both formed in 1935, with the same directors (Messrs. D. J. McClelland, F. T. Leahy, and C. Mackay), these two companies acquired dredging claims on the Watut River from Mt. Lawson Prospecting and Options Syndicate, NL. Plant and equipment was sent to New Guinea and operations commenced in 1936. However, after only a little more than a year's work, during which time the management of both companies were frequently under severe fire of criticism from Australian shareholders, they went into liquidation.

SANDY CREEK GOLD SLUICING LTD.

Production from the Sandy Creek Co.'s areas for October is compared with the two previous months in the following table:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Treated, cub. yds.	23,419	38,376	37,832
Gold, oz.	402	600	593
Average value, per cub. yd.	2/8½	2/6	2/6
Average working cost, per cub. yd.	8¾d	1/1¾	8¾d

SUNSHINE GOLD DEVELOPMENT LTD.

The field manager of Sunshine Gold Development Ltd. reports that October clean-up yielded 357 oz. gold. This compares with 355 oz. in September, 411 oz. in August, and 329 oz. in July.

MINER'S DEATH AT WAU

From Our Own Correspondent

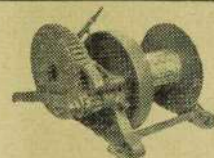
ALEXANDER Dickson, who had been mining in the Morobe District in many capacities for a number of years, was found dead in his bed at the Hotel Wau on October 31.

Dickson had recently obtained a holding near Bulwa, after having been associated with New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. off and on for some years. He had been in Wau on business for a few days, staying at the hotel.

He was a brother of Dr. Ian Dickson, who was Medical Officer for NGG Ltd. and general practitioner in Wau some eight years ago, prior to receiving an appointment in Malaya.

Mr. R. Pickwell, of the New Guinea Public Health Department, is relieving Mr. Jack Long at Wewak during the latter's absence on furlough.

Dr. S. Warren Carey, a geologist who has been doing field work for Australasian Petroleum Co. in Western Papua, for some months, is expected to arrive in Australia shortly.

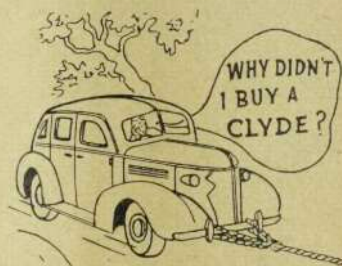


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Two Letters . . .

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.



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Tribute to Royal Papuan Constabulary

ONE of the finest feats of colonial administration in the British Empire has been the bloodless pacification of more than 250,000 primitive Papuan natives.

In this vast country, there still are many natives who have never seen a European and who still live under Stone Age conditions; but gradually they are being brought under control and prepared for the impact of modern civilisation. The Papuans themselves, as members of the Royal Armed Constabulary (formerly known as the Native Armed Constabulary) are playing no small part in this work of pacification.

This little force of native police has done splendid work in maintaining law and order among its own people during the past 50 years and, in that time, has built up a reputation and record equal to any other similar body in the world.

The Constabulary have been dubbed "savages in serge", but they are a hardy and vigorous body of men, muscular and well set up. On patrol, with their packs and rifles, they cut picturesque figures as they swing along, in their uniform of navy and red.

THE Native Armed Constabulary was instituted in 1889 by Sir William Macgregor. Through the Fiji Government, he recruited 12 Solomon Islanders and 2 Fijian NCO's, from the Fiji Police Force and, with them, formed the nucleus of the Service. Later, the force was expanded with Papuan natives, eight being recruited in the first year. These new recruits did very well and their number was rapidly increased.

When the Solomon Islanders and Fijians completed their three-year term of service, it was decided not to replace them. A few were re-engaged, but all other vacancies were filled by Papuans. Within a few years, the Service became wholly Papuan in character.

The record of the Constabulary has been consistently good, from the time of its inauguration until the present day. Without it, the pacification of Papua might never have been achieved. True, the force has been well led; but not the most perfect leadership could have succeeded in the difficult task without the unquestioning loyalty and the unflinching courage the men have always given their officers.

A good deal of the success of the Constabulary has been due to the careful manner in which recruits have been trained and to the system which inculcates a sense of duty and of loyalty from the outset. It reflects great credit, too, on the native character that so

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A Sergeant of the Royal Armed Constabulary—a Papuan from the Northern Division.

they never have failed to get their man. The arrest of native wrong-doers has often taken many months—in one case, 15 years; but always the wanted man has been brought in and handed over to the authorities for trial and sentence.

The great majority of arrests are bloodless, for the NAC's are trained to use their rifles only as a last resort. Many times they have employed their rifles to ward off flights of arrows or spears from mountain tribes, hoping

always that something would occur to avoid the necessity of firing.

During the 30-odd years of Australian Administration in Papua, only one European officer has been killed by natives, and his death occurred as far back as 1916. Among the Police, a number have been wounded by native weapons, but deaths have been rare.

Not long ago, the Constabulary celebrated its 50th year of service and, to mark the occasion, the King conferred upon the force the privilege of adding "Royal" to its name—to be known in future as the Royal Armed Constabulary of Papua. This distinction entitles the corps to fly a special flag bearing its own chosen colours, with the royal crown in the upper corner. —M.L.

VICHY RADIOS ABUSE NEW CALEDONIANS

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Oct. 26.

VICHY and Saigon radio stations continue to insult New Caledonia for aligning themselves with General de Gaulle and the Free French movement.

Caledonians, on their part, do not think much of the cowardly way Indo-China—which they now call "Indo-Japan"—has been handed over to the Japanese. The thousands of Indo-Chinese workers in this Colony are also distressed at the way their French overlords have handed their own country to the enemy of China, the country to which they once politically belonged, and the country which has most influenced their own far from negligible civilisation.

LATE FRANK PRYKE

From Our Own Correspondent

SAMARAI, Nov. 1.

A HEAD-STONE marking the place where the ashes of the late Frank Pryke were interred has been erected beneath the flag pole on the hill above the Residency. In the form of a tablet bearing his name and the dates "1896-1937", it provides a tangible link to the memory of one of Papua's finest pioneers, who died in August, 1937.

Mr. C. Price Conigrave, a former Government official in the Northern Territory, and also well-known in Papua, has been appointed general secretary of the Royal Australian Historical Society. Mr. Conigrave is the author of two successful books on Northern Australia, and has been a member of expeditions both there and in New Guinea.

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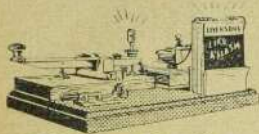
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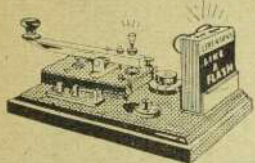
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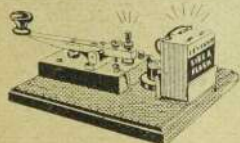


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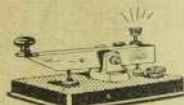
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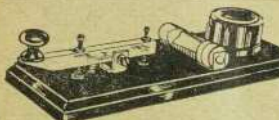
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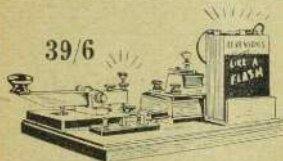
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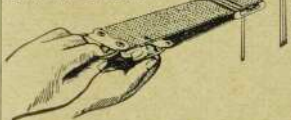
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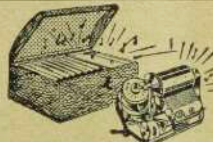
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SATURDAYS.—Same as daily programme, except between 1.15 p.m. and 5.15 p.m., when description of current sporting and athletic events is given, interspersed with music.

SUNDAYS.—a.m.: 6.45, News; 7.05, Music; 9, News; 9.15, AIF Recordings; 9.30, New Releases (Recorded); 10.15, Book Reviews; 10.30, Famous Singers; 11, Divine Service. p.m.: 12.15, Great Pianists; 12.50, News; 12.55, Music; 2.15, "Foundations of Music"; 3, Musical Quiz; 3.30, "Adventures in Art"; 4.15, News; 4.30, BBC Feature; 4.45, Music; 6, BBC News; 6.15, Close; 6.30, Music; 7, News and Commentary; 11, Close.

FROM DECEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 13

Dec. 1 (Mon.).—8 p.m., Serial—"As Ye Sow"; 8.30, "Out of the Bag"; 9.30, AIF Recordings; 9.45, Mastersingers Quartet; 10, Talk.

Dec. 2 (Tues.).—8 p.m., Ministerial Talk; 8.15, Melbourne Orchestra; 9, Raymond Hanson compositions; 9.45, Talk; 9.50, Wireless Chorus; 10.10, Tango Band.

Dec. 3 (Wed.).—8 p.m., Dance Band and Chorus; 9, Montague Brearley Ensemble; 9.35, Talk; 9.50, Songs of England (Sylvia McPherson);

Dec. 4 (Thurs.).—8 p.m., "Stabat Mater"; 9.30, Talk; 9.45, Chamber Music; 10.30, Australia on Record.

Dec. 5 (Fri.).—8 p.m., "Sons of the Sea"; 8.30, Play—"Old English"; 8.45, Heddie Nash, with orchestra; 10.30, Dance Music.

Dec. 6 (Sat.).—1.10 p.m., Mentone and Randwick races; 8, Musical Show; 8.40, Pianist; 8.50, Neville Cardus feature; 9, Modern Compositions; 9.30, Ian McMurtrie; 9.40, Ballad Concert.

Dec. 7 (Sun.).—3.35 p.m., Ballad Programme; 7.30, Play, "Juno and the Paycock"; 8.30, Famous Song Cycles—Dorothy Helmrich; 9.10, Orchestral Programme; 9.15, To-morrow's World; 9.35, Neville Cardus feature.

Dec. 8 (Mon.).—8 p.m., Serial—"As Ye Sow"; 8.30, "Out of the Bag"; 9.30, AIF Recordings; 9.45, Instrumental Trio; 10, Talk.

Dec. 9 (Tues.).—8 p.m., Ministerial Talk; 8.15, "Armageddon", with Chorus and Orchestra; 9.15, National Military Band; 9.45, Talk; 10, Light Ensemble; 10.30, Dance Band Music.

Dec. 10 (Wed.).—8 p.m., "The Starlit Hour"; 9, Montague Brearley Ensemble; 9.35, Talk; 9.50, Songs of England.

Dec. 11 (Thurs.).—8 p.m., Melbourne Orchestra, conducted by Montague Brearley, with Strauss Horn Concerto (Roy White); 9.15, "Ballads of Yesterday"; 9.45, Play—"Capek in Wonderland".

Dec. 12 (Fri.).—8 p.m., "Sons of the Sea"; 8.45, Musical Feature; 9, Hutchens and Evans; 9.30, Musical Show—"Only a Shop Girl".

Dec. 13 (Sat.).—1.15 p.m., Ascot (Vic.) and Rosehill (NSW) Race Descriptions; 8.30, "The Creation", William Cade Orchestral and Choral Concert; 10.45, Modern Compositions.

Broadcast to French Colonies

THE Australian Department of Information, in conjunction with the Australian Broadcasting Commission, makes a daily broadcast in French of news, talks, and music for listeners in New Caledonia, New Hebrides, and Tahiti. Transmission is made from Station VLQ, Sydney, on a wave-length of 31.2 metres (frequency, 9.615 mcs.) and consists of the following items:—

Aust. Eastern Standard Time.	Noumea Time.
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6.30 p.m.	7.30 p.m. News in French.
6.50 p.m.	7.50 p.m. Talk in French.
7.25 p.m.	8.25 p.m. Close.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickson arrived in Samarai, Papua, recently to take charge of the Cosmopolitan Hotel. Mr. Reg. Eginton, former manager, is at present on leave, at the end of which he will take over management of the new Hotel Imperial in Port Moresby.

Mr. Robert Morin, 24-years-old son of Captain Morin, the popular Noumea pilot, has joined the Free French Caledonian forces in Syria. Captain Morin last heard from his son when he was in Brest, Occupied France, and it appears that he must have escaped to England.

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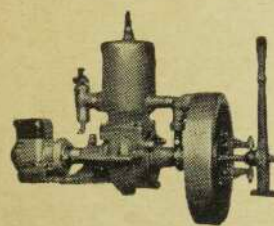
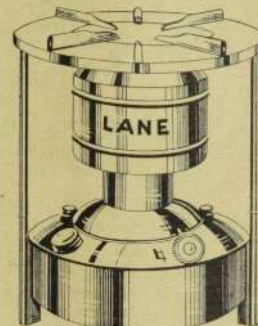
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SAMOAN ELECTIONS

Enemy Aliens to Vote

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Oct. 24.
FIVE candidates are putting up for the two Legislative Council seats at the November 5 elections. They are: O. F. Nelson, sitting member; A. G. Smyth, merchant; Arthur Williams, plumber; P. W. Glover, store manager; Amato Stowers, planter.

Before the war, Samoa's population was about 3,000 Europeans and Euronesians—of whom some 500 were German nationals, many with Nazi sympathies. When war broke out, some of the Germans were deported; war-time restrictions were imposed on those left, but otherwise they were allowed to carry on as before. They conduct plantations, lease and buy land, take part in business and trade and, generally speaking, enjoy all privileges under the protection of the British flag.

Judge the indignation, then, when the electoral roll was issued and local British residents found that of the 578 names, 100 were those of enemy aliens. Representations were made to the Administration and the matter was referred to the NZ Cabinet. Those gentlemen decided to allow the aliens to retain their votes.

As many British voters are at present absent, working on the American base at Pago Pago (Eastern Samoa), and a number of Britishers refuse to go to the poll alongside aliens, the enemy-alien vote may well be the deciding factor of the elections.

WEDDING IN PAPUA



MR. AND MRS. F. W. BURKE, who were married in Elia Protestant Church, Port Moresby, Papua, on October 4. Mr. Burke is very well known in the Territory, having been connected with the copra industry for 18 years. In addition to planting interests, he controls Orokelo Industries Ltd., the only crushing mill and soap factory in Papua. The bride was formerly Miss E. E. Cooper, of Tasmania, and before going to Papua was Sister-in-Charge of an Australian Army hospital. After the wedding ceremony, 40 guests attended a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Smith, Port Moresby.

CIRCUIT COURT AT WAU

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Nov. 7.
THE NG Circuit Court arrived from Rabaul on November 1—Acting Chief Judge D. G. Bathgate, Crown Prosecutor Ivan Shoobridge, and Clerk of Courts Alec Strathearn. Two cases were dealt with.

In the first—alleged assault on a native by a European—His Honour found the accused guilty and sentenced him to three months' imprisonment with hard labour. The sentence was commuted on the accused entering into a bond of £100 to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

The second case concerned a native "peeping-tom". Kasupa was found guilty and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour and two whippings.

TRAGIC DEATH OF HUSBAND AND WIFE

TWO well-known residents of Pondo, New Britain, TNG, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Cox, died in Sydney last month, within a few hours of each other.

They came to Sydney with their two children a couple of months ago to seek medical treatment for Mrs. Cox, who had been in ill-health for some time. Unfortunately, she passed away on October 21; and while her husband was preparing to go to the funeral, he collapsed and died. They were buried together.

Mr. Cox, who was 46 years old, had lived in New Guinea for a number of years and was employed as medical assistant with Coconut Products Ltd., at Pondo. Previously, he had been in the NG Public Health Department.

Lower Profit and Dividend For Steamships Trading Co.

STEAMSHIPS Trading Co. Ltd., Papua, made net profit of £17,056 for the year ended June 30, compared with £19,052 for 1939-40. Profit was struck after providing £7,093 for depreciation, against £11,158 last year. Preference and ordinary dividends have been reduced from 8 to 7 per cent., and require £3,496 and £6,555 respectively. Transfer of £7,000 to reserve has been made, and £3,740 is carried forward, against £3,735 brought forward.

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Market Quotations

COPRA

London	South Sea, Sun-dried, to London	Plantation, Hot-air Dried, to 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 6	£9 17 6	£10 17 6
December 6	£12 17 6	£14 0 0

London	South Sea, Smoked to Genoa and Marseilles	South Sea, Sun-dried, to London	Plantation, Hot-air Dried, to 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	£14 0 0
Mar. 6	£11 15 0	£12 15 0	£13 0 0
June 5	£11 10 0	£12 0 0	£12 17 6
Sept. 4	£13 2 6	£13 10 0	£14 12 6
Dec. 4	£19 7 6	£19 7 6	£20 7 6
Jan. 8, '37	£22 12 6	£22 12 6	£23 12 6
Mar. 5	£19 0 0	£19 5 0	£20 0 0
June 4	£15 15 0	£15 12 6	£16 12 6
Sept. 3	£13 5 0	£13 5 0	£14 0 0
Dec. 3	£12 10 0	£12 12 6	£13 7 6
Jan. 7, '38	£12 12 6	£12 15 0	£13 12 6
Feb. 4	£11 2 6	£11 10 0	£12 7 6
Mar. 4	£10 17 6	£11 0 0	£12 0 0
Apr. 1	£10 10 0	£10 12 6	£11 10 0
May 6	£10 17 6	£10 17 6	£11 17 6
June 3	£9 15 0	£9 15 0	£10 12 6
July 1	£9 17 6	£9 17 6	£10 17 6
Aug. 5	£9 15 0	£9 15 0	£10 15 0
Sept. 2	£9 10 0	£9 10 0	£10 10 0
Oct. 7	£9 2 6	£9 2 6	£10 2 6
Nov. 4	£8 12 6	£8 12 6	£9 10 0
Dec. 2	£9 5 0	£9 5 0	£10 2 6
Jan. 6, '39	£9 12 6	£9 15 0	£10 10 0
Feb. 3	£9 10 0	£9 12 6	£10 10 0
Feb. 24	£9 17 6	£10 2 6	£11 0 0
Mar. 3	£10 0 0	£10 2 6	£11 0 0
Mar. 24	£9 15 0	£9 17 6	£10 17 6
Apr. 6	£9 12 6	£9 15 0	£10 12 6
Apr. 28	£9 17 6	£10 0 0	£11 0 0
May 5	£10 0 0	£10 5 0	£11 0 0
May 12	£10 5 0	£10 10 0	£11 5 0
June 2	£10 7 6	£10 10 0	£11 7 6
June 9	£10 5 0	£10 10 0	£11 7 6
July 7	£9 2 6	£9 7 6	£10 5 0
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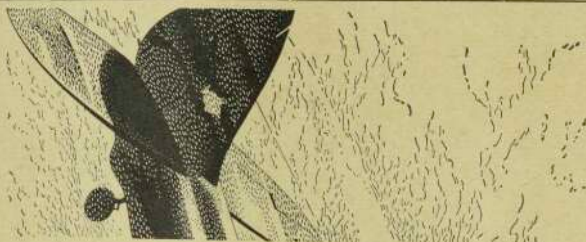
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January 5, 1934	4½d	4.28d
July 6	5½d	7.06d
December 28	5d	6½d
January 4, 1935	5d	6½d
July 5	5d	7½d
December 6	6½d	6½d
January 3, 1936	6½d	6½d
June 5	9d	7½d
December 4	1/-	9 1-16d

January 8, 1937	1/2	10½d
June 4	11d	9 3-8d
December 3	7½d	7½d
January 7, 1938	7½d	7d
July 1	6¾d	7¼d
December 2	7½d	8d
January 6, 1939	7d	8¼d
July 7	7½d	8¼d
December 1	12d	11½d
January 5, 1940	13d	11.6½d
July 5	15d	12¾d
December 6	13d	12d
January 3, 1941	13d	12.47½d
February 7	13d	12.5½d
March 7	15d	13¾d
April 4	15d	14½d
May 2	16½d	14.0½d
June 6	16½d	13.5½d
July 4	17d	13 7-16d
August 1	17d	13¾d
August 8	17d	13.6½d
August 15	17d	13.5½d
August 22	17d	13¾d
August 29	17d	13¾d
September 5	(No quote)	13¾d
September 12	—	13¾d
September 19	—	13¾d
October 6	—	13 11-16d
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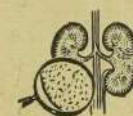


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Java: Robusta, f.a.q., imported on firm conversion of exchange, c.i.f., prompt shipment, Sydney (Sterling): Quote No. 1: 46/9. Quote No. 2: 49/-.

Boengie (a good quality Java coffee), c.i.f., Sydney, 64/3.

Kenya, f.a.q., immediate shipment, c.i.f., Sydney, per cwt. (Sig.): Quote No. 1: Grade "B", 74/-; "C", 68/-.

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

Ng and Papua: Quote No. 1: 9½d. per lb. (delivered store, Sydney), medium quality. Quote No. 2: 10½d.-11d. per lb. (delivered store, Sydney). Quote No. 3: Sales recently at 9½d.-9¾d. per lb. c.i.f., Sydney.

New Caledonia: It is expected that the New Caledonian Government's plan to grade the Colony's 1941-42 coffee crop will have the effect of increasing prices. At present New Caledonian coffee varies considerably, and each parcel must be treated on its merits. Quotations from several different sources in November were:—

Quote No. 1 (in store, Sydney): Arabica, Grade "A", 11½d.-1/-; "B", 10¾d.; Robusta, 9¾d.-10d. Quote No. 2 (c.i.f. and e., Sydney): Robusta, 4d. per lb.; Arabica, 6d. 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-£39 per ton.

New Hebrides (c.i.f., Sydney): Quote No. 1: £36 per ton. Quote No. 2: £37-£39 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 Papuan—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, 28/- a lb.; green label, 21/- a lb. Quote No. 2 (c.i.f., Sydney): White label and yellow label, 32/-32/6 per lb. Quote No. 3: This agent reports a firm market for first-grade beans.

KAPOK

Quote No. 1: Average Java 6-17/32d. per lb., c.i.f.; Prime Japara, 6-7/32d. per lb., c.i.f. Quote No. 2: Average Java, 7¾d., c.i.f.; Prime Japara, 7-15/16d., c.i.f. (Prices sterling and subject to exchange 25¼%, duty 2d. per lb., 10% primage, 10% war duty, wharfage.)

IVORY NUTS

Owing to war conditions, Sydney agents are 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: 10d.-11d. per lb. Quote No. 3 (delivered store, Sydney): 10d.-11d. (approximate market price) per lb.

COCOA

New Guinea cocoa: Quote No. 1: £49 per ton—market rising. Quote No. 2: £50-£52 per ton.

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TROCHUS SHELL

Sales have taken place recently at the following prices: Quote No. 1: Good average parcel of mixed grades, £48 per ton. Quote No. 2: Mixed parcels, £50. Quote No. 3: "A" Grade, £56; "B" Grade, £46/10/-; "C" Grade, £37/10/-. Quote No. 4: "A", £57; "B", £49; "C", £37. Quote No. 5 (Nominal): "A", £54; "B", £46; "C", £34. Quote No. 6: Mixed parcels, £50. Quote No. 7: £60 for mixed parcels.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL

Sales of green snail shell were made recently in Sydney at the following prices:—1st grade, £62 a ton; mixed parcel, £58/10/- a ton. Another agent reported sales of a good quality shell recently at: £66 a ton. Quote No. 3: £56/10/-. Quote No. 4: £50-£55. Quote No. 5 (N. Hebrides, Solomon Is., N. Caledonian shell): £66/10/- a ton, f.o.b. Sydney market firm. Quote No. 6: Good grade BSI shell, approximately £60-£65 a ton, f.o.b. Sydney. This agent states that markets and freights are changing periodically. Quote No. 7: £66-£67 a ton. Quote No. 8 (nominal): £64 a ton.

MOTHER OF PEARL SHELL

Thursday Is. MOP, c.i.f., Sydney. Grade "AA", £202 per ton; Grade "A", £202; Grade "B", £202; Grade "DD", £128; Grade "D", £117; Grade "E", £78.

PEANUTS

New Guinea peanuts: Unshelled, 2½d. per lb.; shelled, 4¾d. per lb.

Dr. G. H. Vernon, well-known Government Medical Officer at Misima Island, Papua, recently made an extended medical survey in the Northern Division of the Territory prior to his departure for Australia on leave.

Exchange Rates

THE following exchange quotations, gathered in Sydney, show the rate existing in mid-November:—

FIJI

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

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

NEW GUINEA AND PAPUA

Through Commonwealth Bank and Bank of NSW:—Australia on Port Moresby and Samarai, Papua, 10/- per cent.; on Rabaul, NG, 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.

WESTERN SAMOA

Through Bank of New Zealand:—Australia on Western Samoa, basis £100 Samoa—buying, £A90/12/6; selling, £A100/2/6. Samoa on London, basis £100 in London:—

	Buying.	Selling.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telegraphic transfer	122 18 9	125 10 0
On Demand	122 18 9	125 7 6
30 days	122 8 9	125 2 6
60 days	121 18 9	124 17 6
90 days	121 8 9	124 12 6
120 days	120 18 9	—

NEW CALEDONIA AND TAHITI

London banks nowadays are not quoting on Paris; therefore the rates furnished to the "PIM" by the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, Sydney, and the Bank of NSW are no longer available. Most of the business between the Free French Colonies in the Pacific and Australia is being done in Australian currency; but there is in existence an unofficial, fluctuating rate of between 140 and 143.5 francs to the Australian £.



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N.G. Miners' Union

Letter to the Editor

AN article in August "PIM" implies that executives of the ALP Wau branch do not favour trade unions in New Guinea. As one executive of this body, may I be allowed to enlighten readers to the contrary?

Civilised democratic countries recognise the necessity for trade labour unions and encourage them, so why make New Guinea an exception?

The mining history of the Morobe Goldfields has been blotted with disputes and grievances between employer and employee and always it has been a one-sided argument, with sole arbitrary powers held by the employer.

It was indicated in the September issue that a large majority of miners seemed hostile towards the formation of a union. How does this reconcile with the fact that in a ballot taken on September 17, the elected officers were those in favour of a trade union? Voting was open to all eligible members and nearly all centres voted 100 per cent.

Our Union, in its future policy, is desirous above all things for peace and harmony in the NG gold mining industry. We shall look after the general welfare of workers and endeavour to obtain the maximum in wages and conditions possible, in the best interests of the community in general. We shall conduct the Union in a constitutional and orderly manner.

The award made by Commissioner Arthur Blakeley was announced only after an intensive inquiry. He made an extensive survey lasting several weeks. Witnesses, both for and against, were summoned and the Commissioner's determinations were justly and fairly arrived at on the evidence tendered and conditions generally in the Morobe District.

I am, etc.,

KING LAURANCE,
Secretary, NG and Papuan Miners
and Workers' Union.

Wau, TNG.
16/10/1941.

DEATH OF FORMER BISHOP OF N. CALEDONIA

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Oct. 26.

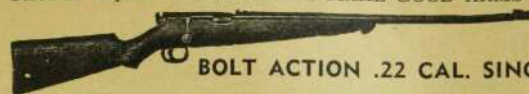
THE death occurred at Noumea on October 17 of Monseigneur C. Chanrion, SM, DD, former Catholic Bishop of New Caledonia. He was 76.

Arriving in the Colony in 1890, he filled the office of vicar at Noumea Cathedral, and afterwards was missionary at La Roche (Mare Island). In 1905, he was chosen as provicairé by Mgr. Frayssé, and on the death of the latter was consecrated Bishop of Noumea in March, 1906. He filled this office for over 30 years, but a stroke in 1938 obliged him to lead a less active life.

His funeral on October 21, was attended by Governor Sautot, Commandant Jardin, and leading officials and citizens. Pere Boileau, cure at the Cathedral, pronounced the funeral oration in the absence of Bishop Bresson, who was away, visiting the Catholic mission in the Belep Islands (north of New Caledonia).

Mrs. R. A. Derrick, who founded the Fijian Women's Guilds 17 years ago, recently was awarded the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire; and at the annual meeting of the Guilds in Suva last month, the Governor, Sir Harry Luke, KCMG, presented her with the insignia.

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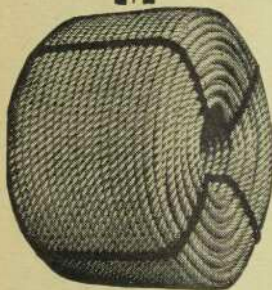
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SAVED LAUNCH; LOST LIFE

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Oct. 26.
A YOUNG New Hebridean named Ata, in the employ of M. Edward Spahr, of Timbia, New Caledonia, seeing his boss's launch in danger of destruction during a coastal storm, swam out in company with a Lifou boy and anchored it in safety. Unfortunately, diving into the sea for the return journey ashore, he disappeared completely.

It is presumed he was taken by a shark, for the bays in the locality are infested with them.

New Caledonian sharks have the reputation locally of being less hungry for human victims than those in Australian waters, the explanation given being that our lagoon is exceptionally rich in fish. During the trochus season, divers plunge hundreds of times daily and encounter scores of sharks, but are seldom worried by them, unless they attack the monsters with spears, which is simply asking for trouble.

Mr. W. H. Carpenter, who is head of W. R. Carpenter & Co. in New Guinea, arrived in Sydney last month by airliner. It is Mr. Carpenter's first holiday for four years.

Mr. T. C. Barclay arrived recently at Suva, Fiji, and proceeded to Vatukoula, where he has joined the staff of Loloma (Fiji) Gold Mines Ltd., in place of Mr. A. R. Reed, who has returned to the United States.

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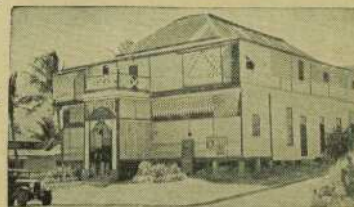
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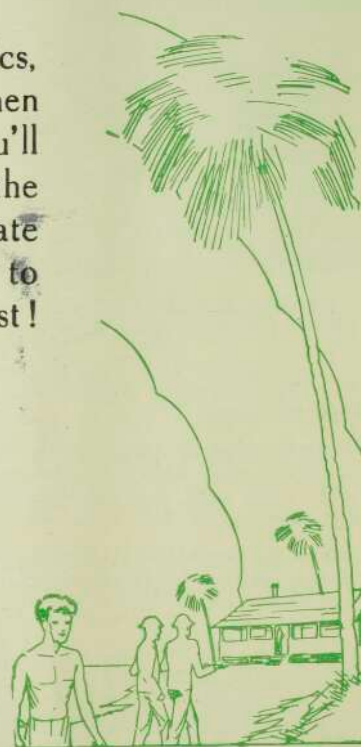
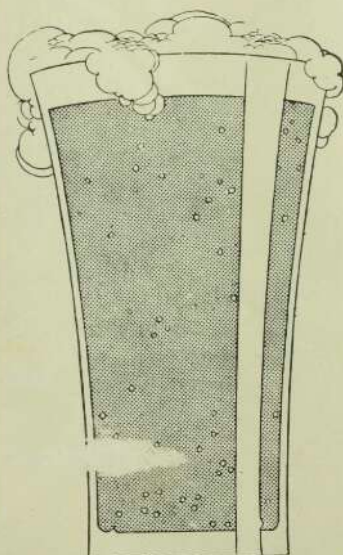
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