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UNREST IN TURKCHANA

Last previous Paper.

The summary of events to August 21st.

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4/1/188~~Mr. B. B. B.~~
Mr. B. B. B.
Mr. G. F. F.

Also 49935 and 49942.

[I took advantage of a recent visit from Major Rigby (who is something of a Turkchana expert) to get his views as to the position there. He fully confirmed the opinion of Captain Payne that there is no cause for alarm in the attitude of the Turkchana tribes towards us, but that the whole trouble is caused by the existence of Abyssinian bandits just inside the Abyssinian border and their raids into British territory.]

Next subsequent Paper.

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I re O.A.G.'s important despatch (49935)

of 10 August is less somewhat
not of date, since the J. O. B.
has since the dispatch was written,
and though the O. B. being given
a free hand to deal with the
situation in conjunction with the
Soudan and with Uganda. No O. B.'s
tel. of 12 September shows that
plans are being worked out, and, so
far as this aspect of the matter is
concerned, there is nothing to be
done for the moment.

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11 The Abyssinian aspect of the matter
is as follows. The Abyssinian Govt.
are notorious for their to keep
order in their Southern Provinces,
which they do not even administer.
They have been urged by the
Minister at Addis Ababa to take
action as regards the Dodoi
tribe. It is most unlikely that
any tangible result will be achieved
at the same time, as has been
frequently pointed out here and by

We are the activities of these bands
who shelter themselves in Abyssinian
territory and cannot be reached, also
a serious threat to the adjacent 217
British Protectorates, not only because
of the direct damage done, but because
they invade the British tribes and
make administration difficult. If the
Abyssinian Govt. plead inability to deal
with these subjects of theirs, it may
become necessary for us to obtain
permission to pursue them into
Abyssinian territory & deal with them
there. There is no immediate question
of this, but the point will have to
be borne in mind when other
measures in the Lake region are
undertaken.

III The Sudan comes into the matter
in two ways. (1) They have undertaken
to co-operate (very substantially) with
our B.M. troops when other measures
are taken. (2) It is suggested by the
Govt.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE.
No 148.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

CONFIDENTIAL.

September 1st, 1917.

Sir,

Gov
4/188

Summary


In continuation of my Confidential despatch No. 127 of the 27th of July, I have the honour to transmit herewith a summary of events relating to the unrest in Turkana for the period July 22nd to August 21st 1917.

2. A copy of this summary is being sent to His Britannic Majesty's Minister, Adis Ababa.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

WALTER LONG, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONERS WITH THE DISTRICT IN
TURKANA FOR THE PERIOD JULY 22ND TO AUGUST 21ST
1917

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1. The details (6th Precis)

reference to the sketch map of Turkana enclosed
with the 2nd Precis.

During the first half of June, Captain Mayne
patrolled the neighbourhood of PAMUNON (K.4) on
both the eastern and western sides. He returned to
LORIANAMA (I.5) on the 26th of June and prepared
his force and transport with a view to moving
permanently to a post north of that place. This
move will, he thinks, have a good moral effect
on the local natives, and possesses the advantage
of making easier the frustration of any future
attacks on the Tavash Turkana and Sedese.

2. Native reports state that Aparas party has
moved on to the KATHOE river and is reduced in
numbers. Swahilis numbering 60 strong are reported
to have fled in panic at the approach of our troops.
Mr. Compton arrived at LORIANAMA, as
political officer, on July 4th. He was accompanied
by 15 British and 100 Indian.

Mr. Compton says that
the Swahilis are
troops at LORIANAMA
that he will be

of the country.

9. Apara has been known to the Turkana for some years past, but it is only within the last two years or so that he has established a post at ~~WABUWA~~. This post is in British territory and the Abyssinians are stated to have levied taxes on the Turkana living in the neighbourhood at the rate of two dollars per annum.

10. Information received from various sources shows that Apara and his followers have had a large share of the cattle captured from the Suk and KAMAUJA in the recent raids, and the greater part of this stock has now been removed to Abyssinia.

11. The Officer-in-Charge KUMOTU (M.5) reports that on or about July 27th, the Bafese in the Sudan sixty miles north of LOTURE (M.7) were attacked by a force of Abyssinians and outlaws estimated 1200 rifles. The raid continued for three days and, on the fourth day, the raiders were collecting their loot preparatory to departing, while the BAFESA were gathering in thousands to attack. No further details have as yet come to hand.

12. On July 28th Mr. Crampton reports that information had been received to the effect that KAM had raided the Bumbura, and was on his way back to LABUK with the cattle having passed LUMAHAM (M.2) on his return some days previous to this report. He also reports that Lechakan, son of the witch doctor KOLEFIAMU, raided the Bumbura and took the cattle to the LUMAHAM (M.2). No details are available as to the amount of stock captured.

13. The Assistant Commissioner Kachalia

in the Sudan reports that the

fortifying a post at NEPASS (H.4) which he intends
garrison with some 30 rank and file.

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~~Information is available from the~~

Captain Mayne M.C. is in the neighbourhood of
LILIANA with A. Company 5th King's African Rifles less
munities. of Mr. D.H. Crompton is working with him as
tical officer, and is accompanied by 15 police
100 Suk levies. As Lieutenant Francis was due to
ive at ^{KI} LILIANA on August 1st with 20 rank and file.
machine gun is being sent to Captain Mayne.

Lieutenant M.S. Deherly fell sick on arrival at
MELIBA (H.4) and left for Nairobi on July 25th. The
men of the 1/4th King's African Rifles remain at
MELIBA and KALOSIA (H.3) as garrison troops.

Mr. Bruce is at MACHILIBA with 24 police and 15
of the 1/4th King's African Rifles.

Mr. Hodge has proceeded to KALOSIA to replace
Boulderson, and Mr. Dent is going to TURKANA to
see Mr. Trafford.

Lieutenant Turpin is at MUMOTO with some 30 rank
file of the Northern Garrison. These men are split
into detachments and posted at various places on the
plateau.

X Bruce killed
accident to day
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19 Oct 1917

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Long to ask the receipt of your letter, No W. 17078/W of the 6th of October enclosing a copy of a telegram from H.M. Minister at Adis Ababa, on the ~~s~~ relating to the situation in ~~Turkey~~ ^{Turkey} and to transmit ^{to you for} ~~for the~~ ^{your file} ~~information~~ of Mr Secretary Balfour, the acc. copies of despatches from the D.A.G. of the E.A.P. ~~as~~ on the subject of ~~the situation in~~ ^{Turkey} ~~Turkey~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ² ~~the~~ ^{the} despatch of the 10th of August has been superseded by later events, as Mr Long has, since this despatch was written ~~authorized~~ ~~the~~ giving

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U.S. of A.
To.

MINUTE.

- Mr. ~~Atk.~~ 16/10/17
- Mr. Bottomley, 16.10.17 f
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle.
- Mr. Lambert.
- Mr. Read.
- Mr. G. Fidler.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Long.

on D.A.G. Conf. 131 (49935)
on D.A.G. Conf. 142 (49942)
on D.A.G. Conf. 148 (49944)

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to deal with the situation in
conjunction with the
governments of the Sudan and
of the Uganda Protectorate
The telegram from the O.A.G.
of the 12th Sept of which a
copy was transmitted to you on Sept 14th,
shows that the necessary preparations
are being made.

3. As Mr Balfour is
aware the Abyssinian Govt ^{is}
powerless to keep order in ~~the~~ the
Southern Provinces, ^{my wish being to} where there
~~is no administration~~ ^{attempt to administer} ~~the~~ Mr
Thesiger has urged the Abyssinian
Government to take action as
regards the Dodosi raid, but
it is most uncertain that any
tangible results will or can
follow. At the same time
has been frequent
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some
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the reach of punitive ²⁵³ expeditions
are a serious menace to
the adjacent British protectorates
not only by reason of the
direct consequences of
their raids, but because
they disturb the ~~British~~
tribes ^{in British territory} which are friendly
to the British Government
and so increase the
difficulties of the ~~local~~
~~British~~ administration
If the Abyssinian Govt
pleads inability to control
these its subjects in these
districts, it may become
necessary to obtain
permission to pursue
marauding parties into
Abyssinian territory. There
is ^{no} immediate question
of ~~active~~ ^{active} measures

undertaken in the Labour
region.

4. The Gov^t of the Sudan
has undertaken to co-operate
with ~~the~~ S.A.P. troops when
active measures are taken
against the raiders. In the
meantime a suggestion has
been made by Maj. Darley,
an officer of the KAR, who is
well acquainted with the
district, that if the Boma
Plateau in the Sudan,
near the boundaries of
the S.A.P. and of Abyssinia,
were occupied, it would
do much to prevent future
raids. The O.A.G. of the S.A.P.
is consulting the Gov-Gen.
of the Sudan as to this
suggestion.

J. Amet

(Signed) H. J. READ

19 Oct, 1917

Sir

(4/186) With ref. to the letter from this Dept of the 27th of Sept, I am etc to transmit to you, for the information of the AC, the acc. copies of three despatches from the OAG of the E.A.I. relating to the situation in Turkhama, and of a letter from this Dept to the FO on ^{the same} ~~that~~ subject.

Yours etc
James C. G.

16/10/17 f

OAG cont 131 (499857)
OAG cont 132 (499422)
OAG cont 133 (499441)
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to you, for the information of~~

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