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# Alleged Flogging of Native at Ndura

Letter from King's P.S. calling attention to S.M.H. Johnston  
"Observe of it they"

Minutes without

Copy article 17 Gw. Sent + Signed 23 Aug 1920

Subsequent Paper.

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Sir H. Read

I spoke to you about the attached letter from Lord Stamfordham. Lord Milner thinks that we should telegraph privately to the Governor, informing him that the King is interested in this matter, mentioning Sir H. Johnstone's article in the "Observer", and asking him for any information he may be able to give.

17.8.20

Perhaps you would not mind suggesting and ad interim reply to Lord Stamfordham?

In the Read Br. f. Fieldes

Mr. & Mrs. Bennett  
a manu. of "the  
"Observer" article

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17.8.20

Johnstone

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L. H. Read

1. Mr. Thornton has called my attention  
to the vindictive & vicious article  
by Sir Harry Munro in yesterday's  
Observer - see pp 9-10. 215

2. The article is not worth naming in detail.  
It makes the grossest false  
generalisations & it is obviously  
so prejudiced as to be futile.  
Thus, for example, all those reason  
to condemn the law.

The figures in Parliament at bottom  
of page 9 are not. They are  
biased, inaccurate & underestimate  
the Freeholders & overestimate  
the natives, see to figures given by  
Sir S. M. Stretton when discussing Munro  
policy. But the census returns  
in 1901 are quite not of date & we  
cannot have reliable returns till  
approximately census in 1922.

- I do not believe that there is any foundation  
at all for the suggestion in some press  
that the Boer settlers from Germany  
are an evil element in Kenya -  
they are, I believe, for the most  
part rather an ignorant lot, but  
I have heard of no cases of ill  
treatment of natives by them.  
I also find no justification for the  
statement in some press that

the (alleged) 600000 natives were  
become anxious about their land  
titles. In the instant a the  
natives were moved with their own  
written consent - i.e. from the old  
N. Masai Reserve \* were  
concentrated on the S. Masai Reserve.

6. On p. 60, first para., X suggests that  
that light-hearted meanderings of writers  
of newspaper occurring. This  
suggestion is commendable in so far  
as it would do only 3 cases do  
return, & the best of light-read  
recitation - the celebrated  
case. The works. At least  
case with the Masai case.

as a Y. It is quite true that  
in my report to commandant Col.  
it was then reported under Govt.  
by order of the then S.G. - during  
the war was unmerited &  
allow back. He had much  
provocation & he is, we understand,  
a very decent type of soldier.

Probable is return to E.A. is  
what Dr. Stevenson has in mind  
at 2: It is true that in

the Dots. But what case, the  
jury who found the accused  
guilty of simpler here, but  
(if they were wrong), the judge  
by any the case was probably  
essentially wrong.

The Hawker's case is that now  
being tried - the H.C. 38207/20  
(Ruiru, not Nyeri, is the  
place). In H.C. Justice does not  
have time to verify facts so  
but said as far as the  
E.A. newspaper showed, the  
treatment of the native by 215  
governor was shocking - but  
the Govt. of the cannot express  
opinions when a case is not  
over - so they ought not  
to say / shall you answer the full  
report of the trial. From  
what I heard privately, unless  
not the sympathies of the  
white population generally.

The reply given by Col. Murray is the  
only possible reply. no one capable  
of forming a fair judgment on  
anything would expect any  
expansion of facts at this stage.

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The article had best be suppressed  
I think. Nothing will stop  
man like Dr. Stevenson from

writing newspaper articles or  
books & making himself  
generally offensive - & will such  
a person it seems much the  
best to try as hard to his  
~~statements~~

But if it is thought worth  
while, we can send a copy of the  
article to the ~~in~~ House of Commons  
at this time and ask the  
members there to see & should  
not want a reply this  
rely when it comes.

\* And

10/7/20

The article goes according to go in  
depth to Govt. Dr. 17.8

BUICKINHAM PALACE

16th. August, 1920.

My dear Milner,

The King wishes to call your attention  
to the statements by Sir H.H. Johnston contained  
in the enclosed cutting from yesterday's "Observer".

His Majesty is sure that you will recognise  
the importance of enquiring into these accusations  
against British and Boer settlers in East Africa.  
The King can hardly believe that they are true.

Sir H. Johnston appears to be dissatisfied  
with Colonel Amery's answers to questions asked  
upon the subject in the House of Commons.

Yours very truly,

*Stanfordham*

The Rt. Honble.  
The Viscount Milner,  
G.C.B., G.C.M.G.,  
Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

19th August, 1920

Dear Lord Stamfordham,

Lord Milner has received your letter of August 16th, with reference to the article in the "Observer" by Sir H. H. Johnston. He immediately instructed enquiries to be made into the matter, but he has now left London, and is, therefore, unable to answer your letter personally. Before leaving however, he asked me to send you the enclosed copy of a telegram, which he has directed to be sent to the Governor on the subject. Directly we get a reply, I will communicate with you again.

Yours very truly,

H. C. T.

The Right Honourable

Lord Stamfordham, G.C.F., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O.

PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM FROM the SECRETARY of STATE fOR tHE COLONIES tO tHE GOVERNOR of KENYA.  
(Sent 5.20 p.m 19th August, 1920)

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19th August. Private and Personal. A violent article by Sir Harry Johnston has appeared in "Observer" 15th August provoked apparently by recent alleged flogging and torture of native at Nd... see Leader 12th June etc. Sir H. Johnston makes great point of fact that in past cases crimes against natives have gone unpunished owing to refusal of white juries to convict. Is there any danger in this instance of similar miscarriage of justice. Subject exciting great interest at home and the King is himself concerned about it. Please cable reply and inform me when result of trial likely to be known.

MILNER

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Secret & Confidential  
Nothing

MINUTE.

Mr. Jowett 21.8.20.  
Mr. Paston-Walter 21.8.20

Mr.

No. Canada

Sir H. Lumsden.

Sir H. Read.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Col. Amery.

Lord Milner.

None

None

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I have the honor to enclose

private copy of my cipher telegram of the 19th of

August, regarding the recent case of a  
native ~~murderer~~ of a native ~~murderer~~.

I enclose a copy of the  
article by Sir H.H. Johnston  
referred to in my telegram.

I shall send a full report of  
~~the proceedings at the trial~~







gently and disaffected, and less and less able to entice the European immigrant to come to Africa for cheap labour. How rich can one be? It is often referred to the fact that the land sales in the East African Provinces which were perhaps purchased and let for an expenditure of about 25,000 ten thousand pounds, were for forty-seven years, in the opinion of the white man, a slowly growing, but still viable Negro. Moreover, with Christine and Pagans Somas and Gogos with their cattle and cattle, it is a common fact of the country, while men, in the exceptional circumstances, have married. Right-hander numbers of marriages take place all the time, evidently, naturally have resulting effect on the population. The white man is brought in for his wife, and when he marries them or when he has sold his cattle or his horses, public opinion turns him over to review a situation. I don't know if our number has ever been unknown in a whole lot in East Africa.

## IMPERILLED ENTENTE.

### PURSUIT OF MISCHIEVOUS RIVALRIES.

### THE NEED OF THE CRISIS.

### A "CHANGE OF HEART" IN DIPLOMACY.

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

PARIS.

AS we approach the final stage of the present negotiations between the Entente and the Central Powers, it is evident that the two great powers have been unable to make any important concessions, and that the Entente has not yet been able to impose its will upon the Central Powers. The German Foreign Minister has suffered some reverses, but even so, he has not given up his desire to impose his will upon the Entente.

It is now clear that the Entente has made a "change of heart" in its foreign policy, and that it is no longer willing to impose its will upon the Central Powers.

Now the Entente has imposed its will upon the Central Powers, and the Central Powers have committed themselves to a European alliance. The European war is what it is, and the Entente has now agreed to a European alliance, and to allow the Central Powers to impose their will upon the Central Powers.

There was a great and very unfortunate war given us a week ago (Aug. 5), the result of which was that the Central Powers had been defeated by the Entente.

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the State interests, and the conduct of men when

they are constrained. Our unilateral restoration of the full world peace by democratic constructive steps. The Russian peace is only the first. We mean to emerge at any price from the hopeless muddle and wretchedness of the last eight months. In this aim we go straight on without friction or violence, dispassionately.

A good purpose could be served by a general recourse to Bolsheviks. We hope and believe that a sound entente with France will speedily be restored on new bases. The condition of improvement is to recognise that the former entente is dead. It has been killed by goose quills dipped in gall.

In this case Britain and Italy would make the full peace with Russia, and the speediest possible restoration of trade. If Lenin and Trotsky were determined to postpone our independence of Poland even British labour would not support them, and the whole world would be soon behind us. The question of a restoration of trade is however extreme. We hold steadily to our view that the full political and commercial peace will take place. When it does all civilisation will breathe more freely and even the Quai d'Orsay will be glad to be delivered from the nightmare which its policy would have prolonged.

At all these points the methods of old political ideas as proclaimed by the condition of Europe to-day may have this good effect: that if we give the League its long-sought opportunity, the Assembly meets on November 10. Nothing could better arrest the world's gaze than an opportunity on that day than the ruins we see around us. We wait a new thing.

In the Balkans very good means must be devised to correspond to bad times. The sympathetic action of the League must be used to bring Balkan anti-monarchical forces together. The International Bureau of Slavonia must be used to spread the spirit of brotherhood against war with Russia. But if it is movement enough to bring Balkan anti-monarchical forces together, then the Balkans must be brought against war with Russia. They know perfectly well that the Foreign Minister and the vast majority of the other areas are thoroughly against war with Russia as they are. It is the nation's will that they will do what is going to settle this matter. They are also a body of Balkan passengers according to the man at the head of the state. They stoned them out between two dangers where they use only one.

We recognise and respect the determined antagonism of European democracy to war. We share that determination the surest hope for peace of the League of Nations. But one strength of Mr. Lloyd George, whom it was intended to hurt now, was the overwhelming majority of British opinion behind him. All over the Paris camp has given the Bolsheviks the best chance they ever had. It is almost thrown to the wind. Last European time into Lenin's hands.

French action has not only made it absolutely impossible for this country to go to actual war on any issue connected with Poland. It prevents us from doing for that unhappy country some things which we could otherwise attempt. France has knocked out weapons of our own hands. She cannot employ her own. Wrangel is not to have military assistance. Even the anti-Bolsheviks will not love France for this. On these terms Wrangel will not long survive. Britain now will not even be able to interfere for him when it comes to the inevitable punch. He will have to be left to his fate. This is the hanging of friends, not the bucking of them.

It is the same thing with the Poles. They have been urged step by step to their ruin. If they had listened to sober British advice, including that of the Prime Minister, they never would have embarked on their disastrous invasion of Russia. They would have been to-day a proud and intact nation, strong in the support of a world. Now, within Poland, there is a glorious recovery of Polish life, nearly broken and dead. Poland's most recent conquest is a more ominous factor than almost anything known even in Polish history. Was it well done? As a result of the military machine, each country thinks its own way to go, and to them it seems to do more. The Poles are given no chance. Of the trade unions, like us, we hope, cleared the last obstacle to an early settlement with the men on the ex-Servicemen's behalf. Neither the employer nor the trade unions can be content to mind his conduct in relation to the other. Each is asked to join in a bold and triumphant exertion to set this grave business in order.

At least we have a clear idea of what men think of other countries. What we may very well see in Warsaw is not a Soviet regime on the Muscovite model, but nevertheless advanced form of popular Government maintaining friendly relations with Russia.

On the question of the plebiscite there can be no two opinions. Hitler as plebiscite in Rhodes means that the inhabitants of Rhodes are themselves to decide what they are. And it means nothing. And the inhabitants of Rhodes are by any principle of common sense the present inhabitants, not those who may be transported but to ride somewhere. They are apt to imagine that when you had struck off all the shackles of privilege, the rest could take care of itself. We always had always the vision of a free democracy, but of what democracy might do with its freedom. His genius, like Disraeli's, only takes on a more positive, formative, and inspiring aspect with the progress of time.

Among those unwillingly engaged in the adventure of Balkanism must be mentioned the anti-slavish of our European countries. The Westminister, independent, reformist, liberal, and anti-slavish passenger movement, two travelling and marching and punctuated to a varying and a large measure first. The public is a cheerful bunch, irreverent, but task them to support the League and indecent, of course, and they will do it. If two hundred and fifty Balkans are substituted for the Balkans, how much the better are they. The elusive goal of the States of the Balkans seems always to be as far away or as near in the carpet dangling before the donkey's nose. If ever the League is strong enough to bring the Balkans to a stand and to enable the struggling nations to take a long view, we may have broken the back of Balkan superiority. What unusual trouble in the Balkans may be seen for the rest of the world needs no arguing nowadays. The story of an Austrian archduke by Serbian students bound for France to kill Germans.

Mr. Lloyd George's home on party principles to the Coalition Liberals will bear the attention of those who still put the tabernacle above everything else. That Liberalism and Unionism are distinct and real entities nobody disputes. But it would be grotesque to re-erect the distinction of the State. The Russians retain their power of revolution to get freedom. We have it. We shall know how to keep it again, any Communist minority as we formerly kept it again.

As for the future relations of Britain and France, this issue is entirely plain. The old *Entente Cordiale*, we repeat, is dead. There must be a new entente or nothing. That issue is too serious to be run. Men must have time to think over it. Precipitate meetings at Boulogne and Hyères can do no good whatever. Let us not floss about the matter nor let it go solemnly and tamely, but leave it alone for a few weeks. Above all, let Mr. Lloyd George have his hold on Lucifer and his conversations with Signor Gentilli and others. Then there must necessarily be a Franco-British Conference. The two nations must recognise frankly what they differ about. They must also remember what they agree about. Let them recall all that has bound them together in the past, all that should attach them to each other in the future. When the gap is narrowed and measured every effort must be made to bridge it. As a result of the conference each country thinks its own way to certain matters, while holding together on others. In the end there might be a temporary truce, but then, for example, the hundred pounds a day given to the Bolsheviks without the organisation they represent to do themselves justice. One of the chief promoters upon this side shows the impression he experiences made by pronouncing that we should give notice six months after the dissolution of the League of Nations.

We must make our voices more than usually simultaneous in the discussion of our treatment of the German colonies. We must insist on giving rest to the German colonies on the basis with every possible economy of operation, and then, for the sake of the hundred pounds a day given to the Bolsheviks without the organisation they represent to do themselves justice. One of the chief promoters upon this side shows the impression he experiences made by pronouncing that we should give notice six months after the dissolution of the League of Nations.

We can hardly be unmindful of the interpretation of the League of Nations who seem to care about nothing. But as for the use of force, the League of Nations' Home Rule" only seems to care how the way of those who can.

The recent relationship between the League of Nations and the Central Powers is not to be explained by the fact that the Central Powers are not yet ready to submit to the reductions that do not harm their national dignity. If we cannot join in the discussion which has presented a field to realise how the way of those who can.