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Railway Construction in German Colonies

Sends leaf from Berlin resp. projects recommended by the Technical Commission of the Economic Council for further railway construction in German E. W. Africa

Mr. G. Fiedler.

The accompanying note & maps which I have rec'd from Capt. von explain the position. The Germans are pushing ahead, but it appears from other papers that they will have competition in Lake Tanganyika as the Belgians are pushing construction a railway to the lake from the Cong side.

Copy to the file of the E.A.P. & Uganda. You giving the add'l info contained in Capt. Knowl's note) - + return map. + G. Coast Dept. as to the Topland railway?

(The S-R are sending back the map.) } above P. 19
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Dear Mr. Read,

In reply to your telephone message of this morning I am sending you the latest map of German East Africa.

The railway information, which is rather complicated for marking on the map is as follows:—



The "Midland" railway from Dar es Salaam ^{whole line} from Dar es Salaam to Kigoma is open for traffic as far as Tabora will be open for traffic early in 1914.

An additional 169 kilometres was finished on Nov. 30th 1912 (shown by a dotted line on the tracing). The Usambara railway from Tanga is open for traffic as far as Moschi.

Preliminary construction work has been finished up to within 65 kilometres of Kigoma (shown by a chain dotted line). The continuation to Arusha has been taken up in next year's estimates, but has not yet been approved.

It is expected that preliminary

There is a proposal to press
for a branch line from Tabora
N.W. to Urundi and Ruam
districts.

Yours sincerely

Edgar Cox

The enclosed map is our only copy

Will you please return it when

you have finished with it. E.C.

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

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and address—

The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for *de*
Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary of
State, transmits herewith *copy* of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,
December 14, 1912.

Reference to previous letter :

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<i>Sir E. Goschen,</i> <i>Berlin</i> <i>no. 58 Africa</i> <i>Nov. 28.</i>	<i>New railways in Germany</i> <i>Colonies</i>

(Similar letter sent to Board of Trade & Director
of the Colonies, Mauritius)

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B E R L I N,

November 28th, 1912.

Sir:-

At a recent meeting of the Technical Commission of the Colonial Economic Committee the question of the necessity of constructing new railways in the German Colonies was discussed. The following projects were recommended by the Commission:-

1. The construction of a branch line from the East African "Mittelland" Railway to the populous districts of Urundi and Ruanda;
2. The continuation of the East African Northern Railway to Aruscha;
3. The construction of a railway to the oil palm district in Anecho in Togoland.

These projects have been taken up by the Imperial Colonial Office and plans are already being prepared.

With regard to the first project, it is reported

that

the Right Honourable

Sir Edward Grey, Bart., K.G.,

&c., &c., &c.

that the districts of Urundi and Ruanda have a population of about four millions and possess about 500,000 cattle and two million sheep and goats; the soil is also suitable for agriculture and the district is particularly fitted by its cool climate for settlement by Europeans. The exports of Ruanda amounted in 1910 to 1½ million Marks, the greater part of which was carried by the Uganda Railway.

The Northern Railway of German East Africa which at present goes as far as Moschi, would, if continued to Aruscha, open up the populous and fertile country in the neighbourhood of the Meru Mountain.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. E. Goschen.

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