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MATTERS OF MOMENT

WHEREAS the vast majority of Britons are [illegible] by Hitler's brutal seizure of Austria, the independence of which he was pledged to respect, those readers of *East Africa* [illegible] who have had faith [illegible] point of view [illegible] Hitler Rung [illegible] forward in our editorial columns True [illegible] be among the small minority [illegible] of the unsurprised, for the German [illegible] far from acting unexpectedly to those who have taken the trouble to study his long-range plans, has run true to form. Successive British Governments, almost the whole of the British Press, and consequently the vast body of the general public, have steadfastly refused to face the unpleasant but inescapable facts, preferring to cherish the illusion of a gentleman's agreement with the Reich, perhaps with the retrocession of some of the former [illegible] Colonies as a pledge of good will. We, who have always described that attitude of mind as dangerous self-deception, can at least [illegible] from Austria's unhappy and undeceived fate [illegible] that British eyes are at long last opened to the true nature and extent of Nazi barbarism, and that the public has clearly made up its mind that, in face of this cynical violation of the integrity of a sovereign [illegible], there can be no further discussion of German claims [illegible] pre-War Colonies.

When following [illegible] Halifax [illegible] British and French Governments announced that they were examining what was for the first time officially called "the colonial question" [illegible] Germany's [illegible] stand [illegible] Claims to [illegible] German claims [illegible] Colonies [illegible] part and parcel of the general settlement [illegible] outstanding [illegible] opinion in this country might well have been prepared to agree to the reappearance of the German flag in West Africa, though certainly not in Tanganyika Territory, now, as a consequence of Germany's contumacious infringing of her undertakings, any British Government which dared to propose the cession of any territory in Africa would court defeat. When Herr Hitler declared in his book, *Mein Kampf*, that he would bring Austria within the German Reich, he was contemptuous of the idea of building a new German [illegible] and he has latterly [illegible] Colonial claims [illegible] for political purposes, and especially in order to [illegible] a cause of grievance with Great Britain, though of course also realizing that it would be extremely useful to have strategic points [illegible] Great Britain were in a position to surrender them. Possession of Austria, [illegible] is worth a hundred times more to Germany than all her pre-[illegible]

[illegible] the British and French Governments, [illegible] Austria, has made absolutely impossible [illegible] Colonies [illegible] now to Are the future. Any Cession [illegible] of Colonies [illegible] Third Reich, it would be [illegible] Out of [illegible] lunacy to present [illegible] with the [illegible] and airbases in [illegible] British and French Empires [illegible] been shown during the past week beyond the possibility of misunderstanding that they must build up their [illegible] economic strength [illegible] are to survive the [illegible] regime [illegible] to resort to stark aggression [illegible] hitherto by [illegible] in its own interests [illegible] breaking [illegible]

the [illegible] which might [illegible] bargaining. Those people who were prepared, or tolerant even to welcome, Colonial surrender by Great Britain and France have, in the past week, seen what, in fact, there was of European appeasement ruthlessly swept from the map. It was the everything which they held, would justify Colonial disinterestedness. That one thing no longer exists, and there is therefore nothing left about which to bargain. It is paradoxical that the British Empire which would have saved Austria if it could, should be saved by the disappearance of Austria from those who planned to begin its own dismemberment.

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Materialism and the African.

THE AFRICAN can never be made into a materialist: there will be a reaction from the clamour for possessions bought by wage-earning industry. That recent statement of Miss Mabel Shaw, the well-known Northern Rhodesian missionary, has been suggested as a subject worthy of editorial comment. Miss Shaw, of course, speaks with an authority derived from more than twenty years of residence on an outstandingly successful mission station, and intimate knowledge of and the most sincere sympathy with the African, but it is nevertheless permissible to ask on what grounds so arresting an asseveration was made. That materialism is one of the root causes of the world's present discontents will be readily conceded by the great majority of people, and most East Africans and Rhodesians would therefore welcome the conviction, if they could honestly reach it, that the emerging African will escape the toils which Europe and America, and now Asia, have been unable to evade.

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Idealism and realism are inseparably concerned in this matter. That Africans have, in their own way, a strong religious sense, though it is often in the gross, conflict with [illegible]

Leaders of Native Thought.

understood by the European—is not to be gainsaid; but it must likewise be admitted that many tribes are most acquisitive, and that that passion appears to develop strongly in contact with the white man's economy. Sure, it is those tribesmen who come most in contact with the European who provide the material for such an argument, but it is those individuals, representing the most restless and enterprising members of their community, who are most likely to lead their fellows. For every one who lifts himself out of tribalism there may be twenty or fifty or more who cling to traditional village life, but it seems contrary to human experience to conclude that the twenty or fifty will succeed in attracting their more adventurous brothers back to the age-old system. Is it not much more likely that the new outlook brought back from his adventurous search will be the leaven which will gradually leaven the lump.

Reverting to Tribalism.

[illegible] fact to bear against that theory. [illegible] the astonishing reaction of the African who has lived for years in close touch with Europeans, returns to the home of his fathers and settles down quite contentedly beside those who have never left it. Even the Native who has served in the King's African Rifles or the Rhodesia Regiment, who has been a messenger in an office, or a personal boy of one or more Europeans, will, after many years in such an environment, frequently surrender to a nostalgia which calls him back to those from whom he broke adrift in earlier years. And in most cases, far from adhering to the new sense of values learnt from the representatives of higher civilisation, he will revert to the state from which he sprang even to the extent of discarding his clothing or dressing with a negligence which he would have scorned while in the white man's service. Everywhere of much experience in East Africa or the Rhodesias has known such cases of reaction from material advancement, and it may be that that strong African tendency is responsible for Miss Shaw's strong conviction.

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Controlling Production.

A RECENT REFERENCE to a crop restriction scheme has brought from a valued correspondent the inquiry: "Why should a man not be permitted to grow what he likes on his own land?" Such a challenge is more easily issued than convincingly answered, and since most of our readers certainly object, on principle, as we do, to interference with the legitimate freedom of the individual, it may not be unprofitable to consider the subject. The point at issue, it must first be made clear, is not whether absolute freedom can be assured or expected, but what measure of freedom or control is reasonable in a world controlled to a degree which would have been inconceivable to our freedom-loving forebears. When international trade was not obstructed by the [illegible] "rearmament" and "national self-sufficiency," by prohibition in vast areas of the purchase of many foreign commodities, by onerous exchange restrictions and clearing-house arrangements, by debasement of the general standard of living, by wars and the fears of wars, there was, except from an occasional seasonal glut, no surplus of commodities and no dearth of buyers. Nowadays, the folly of mankind, as briefly expressed in the previous sentence, has made it impossible for tens of millions, if not hundreds of millions, of people to buy what they desire, with the corollary that, if producers are not to be ruined, some regulation of production must be achieved to balance the regulation of consumption. But not until large numbers of producers of such commodities of tea, rubber, tin, and copper had been [illegible] to the verge of ruin were they prepared to accept the restrictions necessary for the [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] era of [illegible]

To [illegible] the Eastern [illegible] tea industry [illegible] example those who till the [illegible] are where they be [illegible] each of the [illegible] would [illegible] remember [illegible] The Coast of East Africa [illegible] on the [illegible] of tea [illegible] market [illegible] period of [illegible] has been [illegible] that which [illegible] prior to the introduction of [illegible] producers [illegible] supplies [illegible] Had restriction [illegible] when it did [illegible] to [illegible] many [illegible] African [illegible] surprise would have [illegible] out [illegible] industry which [illegible] only in [illegible] as a whole might have [illegible] [illegible] no doubt, [illegible] to [illegible] restriction has therefore benefited the territories [illegible] and [illegible] the measure of control which [illegible] accepted [illegible] on a [illegible] justified.

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The Good Neighbour.

[illegible] the individual [illegible] and deny the right of the individual [illegible] in a course of action [illegible] harmful to his fellows. The deliberate refusal, [illegible] from purely selfish motives [illegible] to co-operate with his country is not a [illegible] which the [illegible] can fairly claim [illegible] name [illegible] but in that event it would be [illegible] That fact, indeed, is widely recognised in British Africa, which prohibits the export of maize [illegible] premium and under conditions [illegible] reach a certain minimum standard, satisfactory both to the Government and to the organised producers [illegible] intimately concerned. There is every indication that so sound a policy will be developed, for it is nor more than the practical application of the realisation that quality, not quantity, is the sole safeguard, particularly in times of depression. At present, for instance, [illegible] the floodgates of Brazil's great coffee surplus [illegible] been opened, good quality East African [illegible] still continue to command favourable prices, whereas poor quality [illegible] promptly dropped [illegible] pounds per ton [illegible] It is [illegible] only [illegible] individual producer, the industry as a whole, and of the Governments dependent to a large extent upon industry and responsible to it, to seek to maintain and improve quality and to prevent harmful practices, the individualism which has been so potent [illegible] Colonial [illegible] is changed and still changing [illegible] be sublimated into something greater and more fruitful.

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General Post in Northern Rhodesia.

A WEAKNESS of the British Colonial system of administration to which we have repeatedly drawn attention is the [illegible] movement of Governors and other senior officials from territory to territory, sometimes before they have had time to learn thoroughly the problems of the Dependency in which they are stationed, and often before that Dependency has had an opportunity of benefiting fully from their experience. A more flagrant case of the harmful effects of the system upon a Dependency could scarcely be imagined than that of Northern Rhodesia at present. Its Governor, after less than four years in the Protectorate, is on the point of [illegible] [illegible] Her Chief Secretary was promoted [illegible] months ago to the Governorship of Mauritius and Indian Island, and his successor has so recently arrived from Kenya that he cannot possibly have the reins firmly in his hands—which important fact is not to be allowed to prevent the transfer of his able and experienced Deputy to yet a third West Indian island. And, as if that were not enough, the Treasurer and Attorney-General, the two other important officials, have also been recently sent to other countries! How can such wholesale changes of the senior *personnel* within a few months be rather than prejudicial to the country, to its new Governor, and to the Royal Commission which will shortly arrive? Small wonder that non-officials are bitter, and that they incline increasingly to demand annexation to Southern Rhodesia, whose Civil service normally gives to that State the service of their lives.

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Encouraging Non-Officials.

DIFFERENTIATION between official and non-official Europeans in Eastern Africa has far too frequently been made, and it is therefore gratifying to note that a Select Committee of the Legislative Council of Tanganyika, which recently examined proposals for the reorganisation of the Public Works Department of that Territory, disagreed with the proposal that the local administrative officer should be *ex officio* Chairman of the Area Road Boards which are to be established, and reported merely that he should normally be one of the four or five members of such a Board. Considering that the Chief Secretary was Chairman of the Select Committee, and that two of the other members were senior Government officials, indeed, it is true, by six non-official members of the Legislature, this unanimous recommendation is noteworthy. It would leave to each Board the responsibility of electing its own Chairman, who might or might not be a Civil Servant. That is surely far the best course, for where suitable non-officials are available, everything is to be gained by encouraging their participation in responsible public duties, particularly as they will usually be permanent residents in the area, whereas an official may at any time be transferred elsewhere, thus disrupting that continuity of knowledge and [illegible] which is so necessary to success. The Committee also gave over the principle of encouraging the contract system for public building and public transport, and looks forward to the time when the Public Works Department will cease to be an executive service and become merely an organ for the inspection and supervision of works. That is a policy which has often been advocated by non-officials in other Dependencies.

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The White Settler and the African

Major L. M. Hastings, M.P., Refutes Misrepresentations

DISCLAIMER [illegible] expedition of [illegible] white students [illegible] settled areas [illegible] but a justifiable [illegible] attention [illegible] the popularity of this [illegible] do official scientists, political theorists. We who [illegible] these countries have a look upon the Native from somewhat different angle. [illegible] tend to idealise [illegible] him to us. He is not the raw material [illegible] ethnological study, and still less the *corpus* [illegible] political experiments.

Our contacts are personal and intimate. We know our black partners in the job of civilising Africa by their individual names and characters: some of them are unforgettable friends, who write to us when we are away from Africa in terms simple and touching. But we know them also in the mass [illegible] who sometimes drive us to despair by their sheer inconsequence of thought or action, and their inability to respond to any sort of stimulus when a hair's breadth divides the whole [illegible] of the year from disaster.

The Best Thing About Africa is the African

We know the other side as well. We know the ready laughter of the African. In the deep [illegible] of Africa we find something stealthy, murderous, hostile [illegible]. The solution of this evil is the inextinguishable laughter of the African. We know [illegible] trait of his, his humanity, the ever-open [illegible] that he is ready to share. Perhaps most [illegible] we have followed tracks in the [illegible] Africa's courage, his extraordinary [illegible] his amazing trust in his white "boss" [illegible] perils in the bush. In short, the best [illegible] about Africa is the African.

[illegible] speaking about the intimacy of the settler's contact with the Native. I do not mean to imply that we have the right to dogmatise on problems concerning the juxtaposition of black and white. But our knowledge does give us a yardstick by which to test pure theory, to check jumbling and false sentiment, to track down misrepresentations.

Take a recently published book entitled "Night Over Africa." A more natural title would be "Light Over Africa," for nothing is more certain than that modern transport has so opened up Africa that there are hardly any dark places left. [illegible] that have made it difficult to-day for [illegible] injustices to be inflicted on the African do not emanate from committees sitting in Europe, but from air transport; nothing can be done in Africa without the knowledge quickly reaching the centres of civilisation.

The New British Colonial Empire

[illegible] attention to this book [illegible] of Imperial African? Not because of its merits, but because it has received many reviews in this country, particularly in newspapers associated with the Left Wing, which consider it to throw light on Rhodesian conditions. The book contains [illegible] about Empire-building. It talks of "the inset of the British Empire." These phrase-makers do not realise that the modern British Empire is [illegible] political structure; there is newer than [illegible] and Communism.

[illegible] in two conceptions, the one [illegible] Westminster and the other [illegible] ideas set out by Lord Lugard in his [illegible] It is mainly upon these two conceptions that the British Empire is being built. [illegible] rising over the horizon and nobody knows what the glory of the full day will be.

What can one say about the attitude of these half-baked exquisites who look upon any mention of Empire as a projection from the mind of Colonel Blimp? I wonder if they realise that Great Britain has to-day the highest standard of living in Europe, and that that standard is due to nine-tenths to the enormous stream of production and the immense market provided by this Empire, built up by these men, better men than they are.

The immediate reaction of Rhodesians to many of the statements in this book would be the characteristically African one of laughter, the picture being too ludicrous to raise resentment. But remember that this fodder is swallowed avidly by the trusting disciples of the Left Wing Book Club, who number many thousands.

[illegible] Hastings [illegible] read [illegible] paragraphs [illegible] question, [illegible] on each in detail.]

[illegible] the author's use of the word "nigger" — a term never used by decent people in Rhodesia. The person who does use it puts himself in a certain class; it is a social [illegible], like a dropped "H" and it is the literal truth that no people of any standing in all Southern Rhodesia speak in that way.

Criticism of a Recent Book

The author constantly writes of the "average Rhodesian," "average" colonist, the "average colonial." Every country has a [illegible] stratum of people whose attitude to life [illegible] that of the majority. Southern Rhodesia [illegible] is an exceedingly small one, and [illegible] the dog [illegible] means, I think, [illegible] of the low [illegible] society, and with [illegible] neither you nor [illegible] have [illegible] much contact.

As to the statement [illegible] ago, in the twenty years [illegible] remember only one man [illegible] way. He was [illegible] who had had experiences in the Matabele [illegible] forget. All [illegible] he was looked upon [illegible] this book he is treated as [illegible]

There are even more [illegible] about our alleged fear of the so-called "black peril," an exceedingly rare phrase in Rhodesia. [illegible] the whole time [illegible] single newspaper [illegible] to the existence [illegible] black peril. [illegible] Rhodesia [illegible] farms, many of [illegible] white women [illegible] the world.

Sir John Chancellor [illegible] at any time [illegible] their [illegible] perfectly [illegible] But [illegible] among [illegible] assistance [illegible] Southern Rhodesia [illegible] recognised [illegible]

[illegible] Expenditure Upon Native Services.

[illegible] the annual [illegible] £2,000,000, of which only £[illegible] is [illegible] Native development. This [illegible] of account [illegible] expenditure [illegible] by which the Native benefits [illegible] Roads, for example, are beneficial to both Natives and Europeans, and expenditure on [illegible] and agriculture [illegible] There are specific votes [illegible] with the failure of Native crops; with soil erosion, particularly in the Native Reserves; with compulsory residence in Native areas; and in the last year there has been the establishment of Native Councils and Native Courts. There are grants to missions, other grants for the Native education, and special expenditure on the Law Department and [illegible]

[illegible] here is the important hospital work undertaken in recent years, culminating in the establishment all over Rhodesia of native clinics which serve a great need and do work of great importance. To-day in the Native areas these have become the most popular institutions, which will yield most fruitful results.

[illegible] the wages and food of Native workers on farms and plantations it has to be borne in mind that the Native of Southern Rhodesia, and of East and Central Africa generally, has a very different economic [illegible] from that of the European industrial worker. On the whole, he does not work from necessity but for luxuries; he comes from his kraal because he wants a bicycle or to save *lobola* for a wife, [illegible] I am not certain whether [illegible] is a luxury or a necessity. Such real economic strength as this [illegible] his background of native Reserves [illegible] the Native does not exist in [illegible]

Native [illegible] in Southern Rhodesian farms are drawn to a large [illegible] Nyasaland, Portuguese East Africa and [illegible] Rhodesia. Tens of thousands make the journey [illegible] year. The [illegible] look [illegible] the beginning can do very little work, but within [illegible] months an extraordinary physical change has [illegible] place; they become strong, capable [illegible] workers and obviously enjoy life. This is due [illegible] regeneration [illegible] good, plus [illegible] the open air and [illegible]

[illegible] Character and Native Opinion.

[illegible] relations between Europeans and Natives [illegible] such is sought to be [illegible] on some political [illegible] or something [illegible] Native [illegible] of course [illegible] the Native [illegible] his own [illegible] [illegible] speak of [illegible] Rhodesia [illegible] Nyasaland [illegible] from one district [illegible] the Europeans [illegible] Native opinion [illegible] the Natives were informed that they [illegible] in mines [illegible] shilling [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] Government [illegible] Tanganyika [illegible] opinion [illegible] said that Native opinion [illegible] transfer of Tanganyika to Germany, and of the Bechuanaland to the Government of the Union of South Africa. It [illegible] a very difficult discovery, at the best, is that the opinion of the chief, for the ordinary village Native does not grasp the full political and economic implications sufficiently to give an opinion.

I have seen it suggested that he should be given a sort of verbal questionnaire. Very dangerous! How easily this sort of thing can develop into propaganda! Here in this enlightened country a questionnaire was sent round the other day asking: "Are you in favour of Eden's gallant effort to restore good faith in international relations?" Of course you are; the answer must be "Yes." If such obvious humbug can succeed in an intelligent white community, what can you expect to get from totally uninformed Natives?

If you could discover what the Native really wants from us, who are *in loco parentis* to him, I believe the focus and centre of his interest would be found in a room at the corner of Tower Street, Bloomsbury. That is the headquarters—the War Office—of a comprehensive campaign waged against the diseases and pests that are ravaging Africa and the Africans. Duncan, of course, the Ross Institute. I believe the Native doesn't much mind what form of government exists in his country so long as the people who have the power and the competence and knowledge are doing something real to help him—for example, to prevent the top three inches of Africa going down the drain.

And the Native would ask us to concentrate on stamping out trypanosomiasis, bilharzia, hookworm and other diseases, through which thousands lose their lives and millions their happiness in life. Forms of government, important as they are, are of secondary account compared with these primary matters.

Permanence of White Settlement.

Some people have extraordinary views about trusteeship. One is that the White man is in Africa only as a visitor and an organiser until such time as the Native has learned his lesson and that then the European will gracefully retire. That view [illegible] in people who have been [illegible] to go to [illegible] parts of Africa by Government [illegible] because [illegible] policy to open these [illegible] to white settlement. We have made our gardens in the wilderness; we have fought all the plagues of Egypt and all the beasts of Ephesus, often with no financial gain, and the towns we have made are ours and our children's.

The idea is based on unproven assumptions. One is that the African can stand by himself; another is that all the other European nations can be expected to conform to the notion that a large part of Africa's surface is to be looked upon as an [illegible] logical White [illegible] for the cultivation of [illegible]

[illegible] carried to its extreme, would have [illegible] that the enormous [illegible] of production from Africa of [illegible] which has flowed over [illegible] the past fifty years [illegible] would have occurred [illegible] due [illegible] called on [illegible] of Europe [illegible]

(Continued on page [illegible])

report had, it brought out more [illegible] recommendation [illegible]

The Commission [illegible] in fact, impose [illegible] the limitations which had been built up during [illegible] as a body, [illegible] by the Government and its administration [illegible] The position was [illegible] able. Moreover, the Government [illegible] been inert in the matter, but the report stated [illegible] had been necessary for the [illegible] Association [illegible] cision and other employers formally to [illegible] the improper pressures put by [illegible] natives officers upon [illegible] wherever they were [illegible] deliberately diverted from estate production, pressure which constituted one of the main causes of the labour shortage. By the policy [illegible] the Government [illegible] had a direct [illegible] Mr. Gillman's Report on Population showed that, owing to lack of water supplies and [illegible] result of the [illegible] Native agricultural system, the [illegible] were not even capable of feeding themselves properly, that areas of land under Native production were actually deteriorating, and that, as a result, the maintenance of even the present [illegible] was a precarious probability. Food prices had gone up by [illegible] as a result. The recommendations of the Commission [illegible] that labour supply was labour [illegible] with [illegible] The suggestions for improving [illegible] labour [illegible] better housing, latrines and better [illegible] but they [illegible] entirely [illegible] the main issue and [illegible] that with better [illegible] in terms of clothing, better [illegible] nutrition, and medical services, the problem of labour supply and of the elimination of malaria could [illegible]

Specious and Unconvincing Assumptions

These assumptions were most specious and, in the [illegible] experience, entirely unconvincing. Labour that was [illegible] employed under better conditions, and that as a result the habits of those who hitherto only do no work, would be changed was, to say the least, debatable. [illegible] true of the elimination of malaria. The [illegible] on which all other tropical diseases rest, showed good and expensive [illegible] the presence of malaria would [illegible] and attacking [illegible] Prevention, not curing, was the modern method and the only method as experience in Malaya, Ceylon, Java, and certain some parts of Africa had shown.

Under the direction of Sir Malcolm [illegible] Ross Institute had conclusively shown [illegible] of long and wide experience that malaria prevention could be economically carried out, and it was only when such control was first established that [illegible] became an economic possibility. Without it [illegible] the results were ineffective and uneconomic. [illegible] add to cost in the ineffective manner suggested was wrong policy and should be resisted.

[illegible] Compared with the competitive [illegible] of other labour, it has [illegible] while the price of [illegible] in Tanganyika [illegible] owing to the artificially created labour shortage [illegible] even higher, [illegible] already [illegible] exceeded the present price of the product [illegible] world markets. Regard must be [illegible] to all these factors in the consideration [illegible] He considered the [illegible] of the report from this point of view [illegible] disturbing and in fact [illegible] danger [illegible] the whole industry [illegible] considered [illegible] accepted. At the [illegible] he recommended [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] the report [illegible] Mr. Brown [illegible] tions on [illegible] The [illegible] that the [illegible] changes be [illegible] the [illegible] tion of [illegible] in [illegible] the whole [illegible] its starting point [illegible] reports on labour [illegible] Nyasaland, and [illegible] Nyika and Nyasaland, and [illegible] of [illegible] Order, the presence of a special meeting of [illegible] Browne, the newly appointed Labour Adviser to the Secretary of State, with whom [illegible] desire to make [illegible] contact, and who [illegible] to the permanent staff of the Colonial Office, to be [illegible] applauded. He would [illegible] able, now [illegible] his wider experience [illegible] of Colonial Government [illegible] but what [illegible] necessary, [illegible] the Colonial Office [illegible] Sir Humphrey Gilchrist hoped [illegible] information would be forthcoming from Kenya and Uganda, [illegible] especially from the Kenya Settlers Association, which recently devoted special attention to the question of labour shortage.

Lancashire Not Alarmed by Her Manufactures

The Chairman drew attention to the increase of Japanese trade with East Africa, [illegible] in Chinese. The export of all Japanese goods to Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika had, for instance, increased from 25 million yen in 1933 to over 50 million in 1936 and 70 million in 1937, her exports of cotton to East Africa in those three years being 20,100, 1,021,000 and [illegible] yards. On the other hand, the exports of [illegible] to Uganda and Japan had been [illegible] 450,000 yards in 1934, [illegible] 1936. [illegible] Uganda [illegible] of [illegible] eleven months of 1937 had [illegible] thousand bales, which [illegible] to India from which [illegible] to Japan [illegible] negligible.

[illegible] Cameron deplored the fact that Lancashire [illegible] to compete with Japan, the United States, Germany [illegible] the supply of cotton piece goods, in particular. British manufacturers showed not the slightest [illegible] to the requirements of these [illegible] which have grown [illegible] assisted by the American packing of American [illegible] which has become the common medium of exchange in the bazaars. Japan and the Continent had [illegible] followed the American practice of supplying what [illegible] wanted, but Lancashire manufacturers, despite repeated representations, remained apparently [illegible] and indifferent.

Mr. Chandler entirely confirmed Mr. Cameron's complaint, adding that in the case of printed goods [illegible] always based at 30 yards, but that for some [illegible] public reasons Lancashire insisted upon putting [illegible] taking any regular quantity below [illegible] 35 yards, which happened to suit the factories. [illegible] was resolved to discuss the question [illegible] when the [illegible] 1937 figures were available, especially as they would include [illegible] of Japanese [illegible] Lancashire [illegible] and, when the [illegible] had been particularly [illegible]

Development of the Dependencies

[illegible] the general question of development [illegible] was rather considered [illegible] the Colonial Government was formulating a sound policy and continuity [illegible] that the greatest obstacle was [illegible] changes. Governor's [illegible] frequently [illegible] contrary. Could he authoritatively [illegible] special development would [illegible]

[illegible] Uganda and [illegible] was discussed.

Rhodesia: Teacher of the Empire

White Settlement [illegible] the Empire [illegible] Education

[illegible] Education

[illegible] Mr. Taunton said [illegible] Rhodesia [illegible] Rome [illegible] Rhine [illegible] Mr. Taunton [illegible] Rhodesia [illegible] Rome [illegible] Rhodesia [illegible] Rhodesia [illegible] Rhodesia

Rhodesian Royal Commission

To Hear Evidence in London

The Royal Commission which is to report upon closer co-operation between Southern and Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland will hold a number of meetings in London for the purpose of taking evidence before leaving for the territories at the end of [illegible]

No Colonies for Germany

Following Invasion of Austria

[illegible] Africa

[illegible] Sir Robert Buxton's Southport Address

[illegible] Germany Should Have Spheres of Africa

The New Standard

MINISTRY OF HEALTH ADVICE CENTRE

Statements Worth Noting

394. Mr. Henry Ralph Prat

Background

Authoritative Views on Imperial and International Affairs

The German invasion of Austria being a matter of the first importance in the world, we devote the whole of our "Background" feature this week to a summary of leading and personal opinions of representative of all shades of political opinion.

Hitler the Bully. — The proposed plebiscite was found intolerable by Herr Hitler and his advisers who are not practising apostles of self-determination except where concerned [illegible] Perhaps they were probably right in thinking with the Austrian Chancellor that it would have overwhelming majority for his Government. A regime which has an almost Oriental reverence for face must have taken such a verdict as a rebuff; and it may also be that the omens were regarded as unusually favourable for a coup stroke on a day when there was no overseas [illegible] in France. In any case a preliminary order by the Austrian Nazis to abstain from voting was followed on Friday by one ultimatum after another and, finally, though all the humiliating demands had been conceded, by the invasion of German troops. The whole performance was an undisguised exhibition of arbitrary force. There is at least a moral to be derived from the very significant date of the story. No country least of all our own, can afford to be lulled into false security while these methods prevail on the Continent.

What is so deeply resented here is that it was thought necessary, for the sake of a military prestige, to provide the whole proceeding by applying to it the physical strength of the bully. — *The Times.*

Germany's Ideas of Diplomacy. — "Why did Hitler adopt a method to force issues which, presumably, he had calculated more confidently be left to the decision of Austrian domestic politics? The real explanation, one suspects, is to be found not in Austria but in the [illegible] methods of German diplomacy. Sir Edward Grey once complained that his great fault was that it believed that the best way of getting [illegible] to mend its point of view was to begin by treading on their toes. Herr Hitler has been surprised at the strength of Austrian [illegible] to his blandishments. By [illegible] he has [illegible] relations with Italy. He [illegible] French [illegible] German [illegible] calculated to show the Italians [illegible] he could [illegible] Austria without asking for Italy's approval. — *The Manchester Guardian.*

Force. — [illegible] force. [illegible] it, however, may, this is [illegible] a heavy blow to Mussolini's [illegible] Italian ambitions [illegible] the Dictator's [illegible] overwhelming force [illegible] independence he had promised to preserve. His promise is not a matter to be [illegible] but much to the [illegible] The value of his account of his case may be measured by his [illegible] for the future. With this stroke against Austria Herr Hitler openly asserts that he will settle [illegible] question in Europe and eventually maybe elsewhere by naked force. We shall be told from Germany that it is only the Germans who [illegible] comes. We are [illegible] that Hitler will not [illegible] elsewhere. But a fortnight [illegible] Hitler himself said Germany [illegible] not permit Bolshevism in Spain. Violence, like the honest virtues, is not limited in space and time [illegible] words are merely counters. — *Manchester Guardian.*

Germany and the Little Entente. — This master of Vienna gives to Nazi Germany military and economic control of the communications of South-Eastern Europe by road, river, and rail. What is the effect on the structure of Europe, on the balance of power, and on the Little Entente? Taken separately the countries of the Little Entente are of the second rank, but [illegible] powerful and vigorous [illegible] Poland, still closely united by the military agreement. Together [illegible] complement of [illegible] of the [illegible] Poland [illegible] the all-Yugo-Slavia [illegible] the mineral and raw materials [illegible] both [illegible] Czechoslovakia. No [illegible] Czechoslovakia is [illegible] democratic [illegible] no doubt [illegible] no doubt [illegible] the people [illegible] they have [illegible] have a [illegible] — *The Manchester Guardian.*

One of the Blackest Crimes. — No more [illegible] than the condemnation of Herr Hitler's seizure of Austria [illegible] be thought of [illegible] method making one of the blackest crimes of modern history. Only men [illegible] deliberately deaf and blind [illegible] longer trust Nazi promises [illegible] tools. [illegible] longer believe [illegible] Hitler [illegible] nicely [illegible] that kind of wish-thinking [illegible] finally departed. The weekly [illegible] have washed the last [illegible] of illusion down the sink of contemptuous history. [illegible] imperative. We must rely [illegible] the most energetic efforts possible to reconstruct the defensive system while there is still time. Only one thing will make Hitler [illegible] weapon, the threat. — *The Sydney Morning Herald.*

Hitler Defeated Disorganised. — The Communist [illegible] showed that the compromise of July, 1936, between Herr Hitler and Dr. Schuschnigg had broken down.

Later in January the Vienna police raided Nazi quarters and threw [illegible] documents revealing complete arrangements for a coup under the [illegible] of the Czech [illegible] In face of [illegible] crisis Herr Hitler's troops [illegible] cross the frontier just as has happened [illegible] they were to shed blood shed between Germans and Germans. Instead of a plebiscite [illegible] the question of [illegible] was to be [illegible] the discovery of [illegible] the other [illegible] were arrested. [illegible] was to be a rush of high troops which everything would be brought off [illegible] the *fait accompli* [illegible] in the political arena of Europe. The Austrian Chancellor sent copies of the dossier to Signor Mussolini. Dr. Schuschnigg thought he held all the cards in his hands [illegible] that publicity would be his triumph [illegible] he underestimated [illegible] reality [illegible] he failed [illegible] Hitler [illegible] think of political [illegible] in his hands [illegible] he [illegible] to [illegible] open the [illegible] Austrian Chancellor [illegible] — *The Sydney Morning Herald.*

d to the News

Financial Barometer of the Week

Market Movements and Trends

In a sentence. [illegible] act of Germany against [illegible] *Daily Telegraph.*

Hitler [illegible] of the neighbouring [illegible] of half a million. *The Evening Standard.*

[illegible] Hitler's measure is a common [illegible] to [illegible] and that no Power dare resist Germany. *The Times.*

[illegible] Germany has decided further to [illegible] strengthen the military forces as a contribution to world peace. *Field-Marshal Goering speaking in Berlin.*

[illegible] Germany remains the whole [illegible] *The Times.* The [illegible] brutal force and of great illusions, and she will not change. *Paris [illegible]*

[illegible] Germany's actions in Austria should arouse our people like [illegible] to the awful [illegible] of European peace. *Ethel [illegible] M.P.*

"We must be placed in a position where we shall not be liable to be blackmailed out of our duties, interests and rights." *The Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, M.P.*

"Surely there has been nothing quite so crassly brutal since the other ultimatum sent from Vienna and not to it in July, 1914." *The New York [illegible]*

"Under [illegible] has been on [illegible] sion; the [illegible] *bloc* of [illegible] *Deutsche [illegible]*

"[illegible] all the [illegible] that Austria [illegible] bodies with the rest [illegible] *Herr Hitler, [illegible]*

When Chamberlain made his [illegible] points and even [illegible] has the will of a nation been expressed more clearly than in Austria? *Berliner Tageblatt.*

[illegible] to Chamberlain's [illegible] gratuitous assertions that European [illegible] have increased by [illegible] Austrian event, it must be stated [illegible] the nucleus of unrest [illegible] British Government [illegible] no longer have [illegible] *Vienna [illegible]*

Germany is military strengthened to the extent of about ten divisions. The union with Austria thus overcoming problems of the shortage of man-power for the German Army has been solved. *The Manchester Guardian.*

[illegible] are to be treated in Austria as Jews have been in Germany if Catholics in the most Catholic country in Europe are to be persecuted as being the Reich. Herr Hitler will be accepting [illegible] by this country the world over. *The Sunday Times.*

[illegible] Mr. Chamberlain has [illegible] desperate gamble and has lost. [illegible] the dice is thrown. His idea of a [illegible] Power Pact has been blown to [illegible] by the action of Germany, and this country has been landed into a state of greater jeopardy than ever before in its history. *Mr. George Ridley, M.P.*

The German reply to the British protest over the invasion of Austria is a masterpiece of [illegible] It is doubtful whether any British Government has for generations [illegible] such a piece of insolence [illegible] foreign Power in peace [illegible] *Diplomatic [illegible] Manchester Guardian.*

Freedom of the [illegible] Sea, of a Government [illegible] hostile to British trade [illegible] the freedom of the [illegible] political discussion [illegible] shall be on [illegible] lead to the nightmare [illegible] *Lord [illegible]*

[illegible] widely challenged [illegible] and never was [illegible] our continued [illegible] personal freedom more [illegible] At the [illegible] and [illegible] interference [illegible] freedom in our [illegible] *Lord [illegible] Luncheon.*

[illegible] *[illegible] ensures it.*

[illegible] Stock Exchange [illegible] prices of representative stocks and shares on the London Stock Exchange [illegible] changes in the [illegible] of the market.

[illegible]	14	12	6
[illegible]	15	0	0
[illegible]	33	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	7	6
[illegible]	94	5	0
Nyasaland [illegible]	[illegible]	0	0
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] debs.	91	15	0
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sudan 5½%	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tanganyika 4½%	11	[illegible]	[illegible]
Industrials			
Brit. Amer. Tob. (£1)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brit. Oxygen (£1)	[illegible]	10½	[illegible]
Brit. Ropes (2s. 6d.)	[illegible]	10½	[illegible]
Courtaulds (£1)	[illegible]	19	0
Dunlop Rubber (£1)	1	9	0
General Electric (£1)	3	11	3
Imp. Chem. Ind. (£1)	1	3	0
Imp. Tobacco (£1)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int. Nickel Canada	[illegible]	9	[illegible]
Prov. Cinematograph	1	0	0
Turner and Newall (£1)	3	18	0
U.S. Steel	[illegible]	52½	[illegible]
Utd. Steel (£1)	4	5	10½
Unilever (£1)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
United Tobacco of S.A.	5	7	6
Vickers (10s.)	1	1	0
Woolworth (1s.)	[illegible]	3	0
Mines and Oils			
Anaconda ($50)	6	5	0
Anglo-Amer. Corp. (10s.)	2	10	0
Anglo-Amer. Tdv.	1	0	[illegible]
Anglo-Iranian	3	[illegible]	6
Burma Oil	5	7	9
Consolidated Fields	3	10	0
Crown Mines (10s.)	[illegible]	12	6
De Beers (£1)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
E. Rand Cons. (5s.)	[illegible]	7	0
E. Rand Prop. (10s.)	2	16	0
Gold Coast (5s.)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Johannesburg Cons.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mexican Eagle	[illegible]	[illegible]	9
Rand Mines (5s.)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Randfontein	2	1	10
Shell	9	3	6
Sth. Dutch (10s.)	[illegible]	8	[illegible]
Sth. Nigeld (10s.)	1	[illegible]	6
Sth. Wits. (10s.)	5	7	0
Banks, Shipping, [illegible] Rails			
Barclays Bank (D.L.)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brit. India 6½% pref.	[illegible]	5	0
Cable [illegible]	2	8	6
E.D. Railways	[illegible]	8	[illegible]
G.W. Railway	[illegible]	[illegible]	0
Hongkong & Sh. Bk.	[illegible]	0	0
P. & O.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat. Bank of India	[illegible]	[illegible]	0
Southern Rly. Ref. ord.	[illegible]	[illegible]	9
Stan. Bank of S.A.	[illegible]	[illegible]	0
Union Steamships	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Plantations			
Anglo-Dutch (£1)	[illegible]	15	[illegible]
[illegible] (£1)	[illegible]	46	0
[illegible] Asiatic (£1)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	3	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	6	[illegible]

PERSONALIA

Mr. [illegible] Senior Agricultural Officer, Zanzibar, is on leave.

Mr. Howard de Walden is shortly returning to England from Kenya.

Mr. W. Allen is now acting as Director of Agriculture in Northern Rhodesia.

Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Michael Mason have returned to England from the Sudan.

Major C. S. Scarth expects to leave Chunya at the end of the month for leave in England.

Fr. Francis Mazzieri, a Franciscan Conventual, has been made Prefect Apostolic of Ndola, Northern Rhodesia.

Brigadier-General Sir Samuel Wilson and Lady Wilson expect to arrive home from South Africa next week.

Lord Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, proposes to return to England about April 23. He is still resting in Nyeri.

Dr. A. C. Freeth has been appointed Medical Officer of Health of the town of Zanzibar, and Port Health Officer.

Lord and Lady Trenchard recently stayed in Lusaka with the Governor of Northern Rhodesia and Lady Young.

Mr. J. C. McNab has been elected President of the Bulawayo Light Plane Club in succession to Sir James McDonald.

Vice-Admiral Sir Francis Totenham, the retiring Commander-in-Chief of the Africa Station, is visiting Kenya on his way home.

Major Clotte, Director of Civil Aviation, Southern Rhodesia, has been touring Northern Rhodesia and inspecting the aerodromes.

Mr. Marius Fortier's book, Black and Beautiful, which was reported to have been published in the United States, is also to appear in London in the near future.

Mr. E. P. Darby has been appointed assistant master, and Mr. J. Ryan official whipper-in of the Malo Hunt, Kenya, of which Mr. B. A. Alexander is Master.

Miss Joan Keigwin, daughter of Mr. H. Keigwin, formerly of Southern Rhodesia, and of Kumbiro, Kalabo, Barotseland, has left for Cameroons.

Lord Stonehaven, who has [illegible] interests, is to be the principal [illegible] during the [illegible] constituted [illegible]

[illegible] Watson, Captain L. M. McLean and Lieutenant W. E. Smith have been appointed select to collect the Southern Rhodesian rifle team to compete at Bisley this year.

After a visit to the Lupa goldfield, the Bishop of Nyasaland has secured church sites at Chunya and Mbeya on behalf of the U.M.C.A. and mission work will start as soon as possible.

Mr. H. L. Sikes, for 13 years Director of the P.W.D., Kenya, recently gave an illustrated lecture to the Reading Natural History Society on "The Rift Valleys of Eastern Africa."

Lieutenant-General Sir Aylmer Hunter-Weston, who visited East Africa a few years ago, and Lady Hunter-Weston are expected to arrive back on March 25 from a cruise to the West Indies.

The engagement is announced between Mr. C. T. Davenport, the Kenya District Officer, and Miss M. S. Pearson, younger daughter of the late Mr. T. S. Pearson and Mrs. Pearson, of Otterburn, Kelso.

A water-colour by the Duchess of Gloucester, "Evening on the Plains near Nairobi," painted during a visit to East Africa before her marriage, was among the exhibits at the Royal Amateur Art Society's exhibition held in London early this week.

Earl Winterton, M.P., who was last week appointed an additional Under-Secretary of State for Air to deal with civil aviation, has interests in Northern Rhodesia, and has frequently shown a keen interest in East African affairs in the House of Commons.

The Charlick Salamon Scholarship Fund provides bursaries of £100 a year up to three years to facilitate graduate or post-graduate work. Awards have this year been made to six Rhodesians: R. G. Thomas, B.Sc., aged 22; C. A. Komins, 21; S. W. Hinds, 23; L. Jacobson, 19; J. Meltzer, and D. Milne, B.Sc. Thomas is British-born, Komins, Jacobson and Meltzer were born in Bulawayo, Milne in Salisbury, S.R., and Hinds in Luangwa, N.R.

KENYA
BRITAIN'S MOST ATTRACTIVE COLONY
Healthy climate
Reasonable living costs
Excellent social amenities, schools
Wonderful sport of all kinds

[illegible] Director of Research, Colonial [illegible] has been appointed by the Secretary of State for African affairs a member of the Commission appointed to inquire into the marketing [illegible] Sierra Leone and Nigeria.

[illegible] Horne, formerly of the [illegible] Rhodesia Horticultural Society, in succession to the late Mr. [illegible] Jones, entered the country with the [illegible]

General Sir Hubert Gough, who has recently returned from another visit to East Africa and Rhodesia, who is Chairman of the Society for the Provision of Free Medical Treatment for Diseases of the Genito-Urinary Organs, has opened the fourth free clinic at Worthing on March [illegible]

Mr. [illegible] O'Donnell, of London, who was born at Allahabad and educated in England, is one of the recruits who are leaving on March [illegible] to join the mounted branch of the B.S.A.P. His father, at present in the Indian Army, hopes to settle in Southern Rhodesia when he retires.

Mr. [illegible] Collins has been elected President of the Mombasa Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture with Mr. [illegible] Robinson as Vice-President. The Committee consists of Messrs. W. G. Nicol, C. [illegible] White, Nazareth, E. M. Kealon and [illegible] with Mr. [illegible] as Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. H. H. Cowie has been elected President of the Kenya Association for 1938, [illegible] Hamilton, C. H. Northey, C. [illegible] Kapner and A. C. [illegible] are [illegible] Messrs. [illegible] and [illegible] Anderson and [illegible] Quitten.

[illegible] Municipal [illegible] has undergone several changes. Mr. Shaw has been [illegible] Councillor in place of Young. W. Adamson, W. C. [illegible] has been nominated to represent [illegible] Ratepayers, [illegible] resigned to represent [illegible] Lands and Coleman are [illegible]

A short service is to be conducted by [illegible] Dr. Livingstone in Westminster Abbey at 1.45 p.m. on Saturday to commemorate the 125th anniversary of his birth. At this same time a wreath will be laid by the Glasgow Auxiliary of the London Missionary Society at the foot of the Livingstone statue in [illegible] Square, Glasgow.

African Progress in Kenya

[illegible] Director of Medical Services, [illegible] address [illegible] "The [illegible] Seas, Home of Bantu [illegible] African Progress in Kenya." [illegible] some excellent [illegible] Western [illegible] Kenya, Eastern Africa [illegible] and all [illegible] Kenya [illegible] 6 [illegible] will be [illegible]

Obituary

[illegible] to learn of the death at Mombasa [illegible] Lefevre, the well-known [illegible] business head, clearing and forwarding [illegible]

[illegible] Hickey, who reached the Copperbelt in [illegible] with Mr. W. Thomson, [illegible] and [illegible] in Kasama, where he [illegible] Town Board, has died in Kasama [illegible]

[illegible] is reported from [illegible] Africa [illegible] 18 [illegible] Colonel [illegible] Mackay, [illegible] who died [illegible] years ago in Salisbury.

Major [illegible] Brunden, O.B.E., who has died in [illegible] was a member of the Legislative Council of Southern Rhodesia, and [illegible] with the [illegible] force for [illegible] years. [illegible] Colony, where he [illegible] settled in [illegible] in 1890. [illegible] George [illegible] who, died on [illegible] anchored in the Thames off [illegible] Bruce, who had [illegible] to Central [illegible] of Lake Victoria [illegible] and ascending [illegible] the Congo [illegible] sea. The Sudan [illegible] lost an outstanding [illegible] by the [illegible] of Sir Alfred [illegible] K.C.V.O., [illegible] boy, under the [illegible] nucleus were executed, [illegible] and he [illegible] kept in virtual prisoner [illegible] during [illegible] as [illegible] the personal bodyguard of [illegible] After [illegible] the occupation of the Sudan [illegible] Lord Kitchener to the chieftainship [illegible] tribe, a position which had remained [illegible] family [illegible] for nine successive generations. [illegible] by his [illegible] and leadership, he [illegible] his tribe [illegible] its former prosperity. In 1919 he [illegible] to the late King George V on his [illegible] the Sudan [illegible] he was [illegible] of the Sudan [illegible] England [illegible] 1919, and in [illegible] received [illegible] signal honour for an Arab chief [illegible] He was unswerving [illegible] Government, and became the most [illegible] in the Sudan [illegible]

Forthcoming Engagements

March [illegible] Dr. [illegible] to address East [illegible] Group, [illegible] League, on "Some Aspects [illegible] Progress in Kenya," 4.45 p.m.

[illegible] Nyasaland Legislative Council meets [illegible]

[illegible] Nyasaland Council of Women. [illegible]

[illegible] Country Club, Lusaka, 2.30 p.m. [illegible]

[illegible] Opening of Eldoret tobacco auctions, [illegible]

[illegible] Institution of [illegible] Allahabad [illegible] 4.30 [illegible] Opening by [illegible] Empire [illegible] Glasgow.

[illegible] Opening of Lilongwe tobacco auctions, Nyasaland.

[illegible] Annual general meeting of Royal Empire Society [illegible] Empire Day Dinner [illegible] the Empire [illegible] Telephone [illegible] Africa [illegible]

March 17, 1938

Swahili in European Schools

Teaching the Children Native Languages

To the Editor of East Africa and Rhodesia

Sir,—The recent editorial comment in East Africa and Rhodesia on the absence of facilities for the teaching of Native languages to children attending European schools in the Eastern African Dependencies raise a very large question. The advantages of a colloquial knowledge of the vernaculars are obvious, but it will be well to examine the possibilities of doing something to raise the present standard. Certain difficulties, however, cannot be ignored.

As the Kavirondo and Kikuyu tribes furnish the larger proportion of men for labour and domestic service in Kenya, a plea for time put forward in that Colony that one of those languages might be taught with advantage, but though both have fairly large vocabulary their grammars have been carefully worked out by the missionaries, they are by no means universally understood. The same objection holds in regard to such vernaculars as those of the Masai and Kamba, who are largely employed as herdsmen.

In truth, only one language can be considered at present, and that is Swahili, which in one form or another, is more or less comprehended over a large part of Africa. Unfortunately, there are two difficulties in regard to this lingua franca. First, though a very full and flexible language with complicated grammar, it is spoken fairly only along the coast. Up-country the so-called Swahili is little better than a "pidgin," and any farmer who spoke to his "boys" in good Zanzibari would not be understood. Nor is the dialect as spoken by the natives identical with that used by the average European.

A young farmer who as a boy had been accustomed to associate with the labourers on the estate on returning from his public school to help his father, took more than the usual interest in the Native and his ways, and soon acquired considerable fluency. On one occasion a "boy," who had been given leave to go into Kitale, was run in for the offence of being without his *kipandes*. A companion brought the news to his master, who promptly drove to the court. The culprit was fined a few shillings, which the student and his master paid—and then [illegible] Now recently been transferred to Mombasa, he read him a little homily on the need for obeying the law. When they got out of court the "boy" asked

[illegible] Swahili as to be [illegible] mistake from an educational point of view to teach anything but the recognised language, and where are the teachers to present it?

The writer was for many years a master at the great Anglo-Indian school for boys, La Martiniere, Calcutta. There, who have read Kipling will recognise it as St. Xavier's, where that immortal was educated. Hindustani (Urdu) was taught throughout the school. Except the four senior masters, the staff consisted of Anglo-Indians, who spoke the language well and fluently, but, in addition, there was a highly qualified *munshi*, who spent his time going to the classes and tutoring. It would have been impossible for this man to have kept discipline, so two persons had always to be present during a lesson.

A child coast Swahili, in spite of any great name of the child of the large Lunger. If well taught, the case of its introduction would be very much strengthened, but, as things stand, where are the teachers? All members of the Education Department have to pass an examination in coast Swahili, but the standard is not high, and with possibly one or two exceptions, none talk anything except the ungrammatical dialect in general use. Nor is there a *munshi* school in India. With these deficiencies can be made good, but it will take time. Again, where are the text-books? Swahili has literature worth the name, where most of the main languages of India have now, and have modern literature. Perhaps fairly as the series of the last century, and for quite a long time after, the only text for European schools in the Government examinations was the extraordinary translation into Urdu of Sandford and Merton, together with little anna booklets of stories such as *Black Billy*, *The Greedy Cat*, and other infantile [illegible]. For Departmental higher and lower standards in Hindustani the one text was the *Bagh o Bahar*. Swahili even as much as that?

But, granted that the teaching of Swahili is desirable, that the present dearth of suitable teachers, both European and African, can be remedied, that the necessary text-books can be written, that a child-manual can be prepared, how to find a place for a Native language in the time-table? Perhaps, however, the most difficult of the problems is the curriculum of the Government schools in East Africa. [illegible]

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[illegible] Africa [illegible] Ministers [illegible] Although [illegible] until recently [illegible] British Empire [illegible] be possible between [illegible] regions [illegible] important. I refer particularly to [illegible] in outlook to the [illegible] than they have been for a [illegible] or more.

[illegible] serious [illegible] made much of [illegible] "indemnification" (to use [illegible] debt [illegible] that the time [illegible] opportune to take some [illegible] measure that would appeal to the [illegible] citizens of the U.S.A.

Experts in both countries agree that payments in gold result in clogging the exchequer [illegible] that only payments in kind are feasible. Incidentally, this [illegible] how the debt was created, which important point is generally overlooked. It therefore seems [illegible] that we could meet our obligations, and at the same time benefit our own Colonies, by paying with shipments of Colonial produce, such as coffee, tea [illegible] and so on, which produce could be obtained from producers' organisations in the [illegible] agreed margin over cost of production, and [illegible] tonnage could be employed in transporting it.

The foodstuffs might be utilised for employment relief in the U.S.A., which would [illegible] the inevitable reaction following large movement of goods, and the additional use of British [illegible] might permit of a reduction in the "tramp" subsidy.

Finally, the Colonial Development Fund, could be utilised to make the purchases possible. What a boon would this be conferred on our Colonial possessions!

Yours faithfully,
[illegible] SAYER.

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Administrative Officers

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To the Editor of East Africa and Rhodesia

SIR,—In your issue of January 15 you quote Mr. J. P. D. Balfour stating in Empire Affairs that "an administrative officer's life in Tanganyika is such an office from 8 to 11.30 and a total of 6 o'clock doing sums and writing minutes and reports, and preparing for examinations at Sectional."

Having been intimate with administrative officers and their duties in Kenya and [illegible] I protest against the generalisation as unjust [illegible] because, indeed, administrative officers are [illegible] patient, broad-minded [illegible] and energetic [illegible] and so are their wives.

[illegible] only [illegible] production [illegible] administrative [illegible] pay [illegible] expe[illegible] [illegible] intrusive [illegible]

Man-Eating Leopards

Cases in Kenya and Nyasaland

To the Editor of East Africa and Rhodesia

[illegible] the writer of a paragraph on page [illegible] mentions that a resident [illegible] Mr. R. W. [illegible] relates an example [illegible] leopard and considers it unique [illegible] 1903-1904. I hear of two such cases [illegible] Nyasaland in 1903. I heard of a leopard in the Mlanje district which killed many humans, mostly women and children. This animal used to come into a village at night and take people passing between huts; I think it was eventually caught in a pit gun trap.

Mr. A. Blayney Percival in his interesting volume "A Game Ranger's Note Book" relates on page 160 how a white trader named Bagnell was taken out of his tent at night and killed by a leopard, which had also already killed a number of Natives in the country bordering the Chania River.

I have read of several other instances of man-eating leopards in Africa and India, so that there is nothing to justify the term "unique" although it may fairly be considered an uncommon habit in leopards to prey on man.

Belmont,
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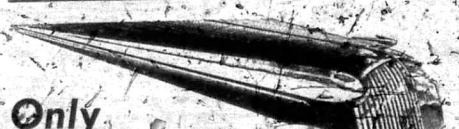
Yours faithfully,
DENIS W. LYELL.

[Mr. Percival, when the news was brought to him, travelled for three days to the scene of the incident and he and a companion tried for well over a week by night as well as by day, to find and kill the leopard, but without success. So great was the fear of the beast in the locality that Bagnell's boys had all spent the night of the tragedy in a neighbouring village, but the white man had disdained to leave his camp.—*Ed.*]



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Questions in Parliament

Mr. Bigger, of Co[illegible] lag[illegible] the Prime Minister, how many countries [illegible] the German claim for Colonies, and [illegible] mileage of the German Colonies before [illegible]

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that [illegible] ministering Mandates over former German [illegible] British, Australian, New Zealand, [illegible] Belgian, and Japanese. Many of the [illegible] accurately surveyed, and available statistics [illegible] cases conflicting, but as far as can be [illegible] of the German Colonies in 1918 [illegible] 1,135,000 square miles.

Mr. Mander asked whether the Colonial Secretary would amend the terms of reference of the Royal Commission on Closer Association of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland so that it would be possible for them to make an alternative proposal that Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland might be more closely with East African dependencies rather than with territories south of the Zambezi.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore replied that the terms of reference of the Commission were settled after the most careful consideration, and it was not practicable to alter or amend them.

Mr. McEntee asked whether, in view of the financial prosperity of Uganda, it was proposed to reduce the taxation on the Native population.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore replied that the comparative prosperity which Uganda enjoyed had permitted the grant of some relief to the Native taxpayer. Certain taxes had been abolished, and others reduced; and the people of Uganda had also benefited from recent reductions in freight rates on the Kenya and Uganda Railway to the extent of about £250,000. The Uganda Government had announced its intention of carrying out further investigations into the incidence of certain other taxes during the year, but the new and extensive programme of development in social services, educational facilities and public works now in hand excluded the possibility of any substantial further reduction of taxation at present.

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[illegible] Quota Preference for Raw Sugar [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Butler [illegible] the present quota [illegible] would be [illegible] the Minister for Colonies [illegible] the financial year 1937-38, Sir John [illegible] proposed on that assumption [illegible] Agreement would come [illegible] for continuance, for the [illegible] the additional Colonial Preference of [illegible] quota of 360,000 [illegible]

(a) The price of sugar [illegible] will be liable to alteration will be 6s. 9d. per cwt., c.i.f. instead of 7s. 3d. [illegible] regarded as an appropriate compromise between the [illegible] position and the Colonial sugar producers generally [illegible] first introduced in 1932 on the one hand [illegible] hand the increase during that period [illegible] freights, over which the Colonial producer has [illegible]

(b) If in consequence of a rise in sugar price the [illegible] preference has to be reduced, [illegible] not to the special preference rate but to the amount [illegible] be eligible [illegible] reduction of 90,000 tons on [illegible] in the quota for each rise of 6d. per cwt. over the price of 6s. 6d.

The price upon which the special preference is to be determined during a particular financial year will be the average for the first six months of the International Sugar year, instead of the six months of the calendar year as at present. The special preference for the financial year 1938-39 will be determined by the average of prices from September, 1937, to February, 1938.

Mr. Sorensen asked the Dominions Secretary for information respecting the number of times corporal punishment was administered to Native prisoners in Northern Rhodesia during 1937, and in the last quarter [illegible]

Captain Waterhouse [illegible] on behalf of Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, replied that corporal punishment was inflicted on 87 Native prisoners in Northern Rhodesia during 1937, in all cases for prison offences. The punishment consisted in all cases of caning, and not whipping. Specific figures were not yet available for the last quarter of the year.

Mr. Hopkin asked how far the compensation for damage to agricultural land in the White Nile Valley, as a result of the Gebel Aulia dam, was met by the sum of £2,000 paid by the Egyptian Government, in view of the fact that compensation at the rate of £50 or more per acre was paid for damage to land caused by the Aswan dam.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that since the process of assessing compensation for damage resulting from the construction of the Gebel Aulia dam was still in progress, he was unable to state what the total liability would be. Rates of compensation paid by the Egyptian Government in respect of the flooding of the land by the Aswan dam could not provide a criterion applicable to this case, since land values in the two districts were in no way comparable.

The Problem of Ethiopia

Mr. Benn asked [illegible] publication of the Maley Report on Ethiopia, and for an assurance that the British Government was not contemplating any part of an Anglo-Italian [illegible] any cession of British possessions or Ethiopian territory.

The Prime Minister replied in the negative to the last part of the question, and with regard to the second part said he could not pledge himself in advance with regard to any discussion which the British Government might have with the Italian Government on the subject of Ethiopia.

Mr. Benn: "Is not the Prime Minister aware that his failure to give an assurance that he will not participate in the dismemberment of Ethiopia will be [illegible] many people."

Sir Archibald Sinclair: "Is not the Prime Minister [illegible] Government already pledged not to [illegible] transfer of territory by means contrary to the Covenant of the League."

The Prime Minister: "We are [illegible] the terms of the Covenant, like the others who signed [illegible] Mr. Noel-Baker, would not [illegible] be a plain violation [illegible] integrity [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Macmillan [illegible]

Ethiopian Refugees in Kenya

When the Colonial Secretary spoke in the House of Commons last week [illegible] the Ethiopian refugees [illegible] the [illegible] in Kenya. Many have been [illegible] into the neighbouring territories under British control as refugees. Most different Ethiopian tribes, and obviously, owing to the complicated unsettlement in that country, it is quite impossible to say what will be the ultimate destiny. Though we [illegible] more careless it is quite impossible to forecast what the [illegible] will be.

"Into Somaliland last April there was a further influx of thousands of refugees, who had to be accommodated in camps and provided with food, medical attention and [illegible] In different parts of the long Kenya [illegible] from Abyssinia have been infiltrations which could not be foreseen. More particularly because the old [illegible] between the Ethiopians and the Kenya tribes on our frontier have not been too happy in the past, due to mutual raiding, it has been necessary to segregate the refugees and to make camps for them.

"We are now maintaining at our expense in different parts of Kenya something like 6,000 men, women and children, who have come over the Ethiopian frontier into the Northern Territories of Kenya. We have to bear the charge of this humanitarian work."

E. A. Service Appointments

The following appointments, transfers and promotions to the East African Services were made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies for March:—

Mr. B. W. H. Harding, to be Inspector of Mines, Kenya.

Miss E. H. Catlin, to be Nursing Sister, Kenya.

Miss E. M. R. Milton, to be Nursing Sister, Uganda.

Miss F. M. Ray, to be Nursing Sister, Uganda.

Mr. J. L. Boyd Wilson, Adjutant, Northern Rhodesia Regiment, to be District Officer, Provincial Administration, Northern Rhodesia.

Mr. W. O. H. Collins, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Tanganyika, to be Assistant District Commissioner, Basutoland.

Mr. A. J. Wakefield, acting Deputy Director of Agriculture, to be Director of Agriculture, Tanganyika.

Mr. A. H. Armitage, Assistant Auditor, Uganda, to be Assistant Auditor, Leeward Islands.

Mr. G. M. Paterson, Magistrate, Nigeria, to be Crown Counsel, Tanganyika.

Mr. G. G. Robinson, Resident Magistrate, Kenya, to be Puisne Judge, Northern Rhodesia.

Mr. A. H. Moody, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., Medical Officer, Somaliland, to be Medical Officer, Tanganyika.

Miss B. Rosques, Nursing Sister, Uganda, to be Nursing Sister, Malaya.

Strong, disappointed [illegible] Kelly [illegible] United facing at the suggested [illegible] club.

News Items in Brief

Southern Rhodesia [illegible] bags of maize from [illegible]

Northern Rhodesia [illegible] 10,000 bags of maize from [illegible]

The Beira Port Authority has [illegible] its club building [illegible] Beira [illegible]

A leopard was seen standing in the main street of Abercorn, Northern Rhodesia, early one morning lately.

£7,230 had been subscribed to the King George V Memorial Fund in Kenya at the close of its twenty-second week.

About 150 square miles of the Mazabuka district have been declared a game reserve by the Northern Rhodesian Government.

The Catholic Times of East Africa is now being published in Kenya. It incorporates its predecessor, the *Catholic Laity*.

The export of tobacco from Southern Rhodesia for the season 1937 amounted to 10,020 tons, against 9,587 tons for the previous year.

Traffic on the Rhodesia Railways in January was appreciably greater than in January, 1937. Mineral traffic totalled 121,000 tons, 17,000 tons (16.7%) more than a year previous.

Pinchin Johnson & Company, who are associated with the Torbay Paint Company, report a profit of £385,504 for 1937, £9,431 higher than in the previous year. Dividend at the rate of 17% on the increased capital is to be paid.

An unusual photograph from Southern Rhodesia, published by *The Outdoor*, shows a reedbuck which, with two others, attempted to leap across the bonnet of a car; while the others succeeded, this was killed by colliding with the windscreen.

A fast twice-weekly air service is to begin on March 17 between Paris and West Africa. The aeroplane will leave Paris at 5.30 a.m. and arrive at Dakar at 1.40 a.m. the following day, making the journey of 2,365 miles in just over 20 hours.

Mr. Merne Wilkinson, Chairman and Managing director, and Mr. A. W. Lowe, director of Messrs. Whitaway Laidlaw & Company, who have branches in Kenya, have retired from the Board of the company. Mr. L. F. Percival has been elected chairman.

The Empire flying-boats "Caledonia" and "Australia," [illegible] their experimental flights to America last year, are being fitted with mail and passenger carrying equipment in order that they may take their places in the African and Far East services of Imperial Airways.

Gwelo's new hospital, which has been [illegible] by the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, has cost £40,000, provides for both European and native patients, has maternity wards and laboratory facilities, and thanks to the generosity of Mr. Hampson, M.P., for the maternity and [illegible] service.

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[illegible] Colonies sued two British banks [illegible] claimed that £3,600 had been wrongly paid and that the banks impliedly warranted that Mr. Gibson was alive until 1935. The Master of the Rolls held that if the arguments for the Crown Agents were accepted a collecting bank, which need not be the pensioner's own bank, would be compelled at its peril to ascertain the very matters with which Crown Agency certificates dealt. The case came under the rule that money paid in mistake of fact could not be recovered from an agent who had paid money over to his principal.

Twenty-nine Italian officers, six N.C.O.s, and three other ranks were killed in Ethiopia during the three months ended February 28, says an official message from Rome.

When Marshal Graziani, Viceroy of Ethiopia, on his return to Italy, met Signor Mussolini in Rome, he handed to the Duce the Imperial crown and sceptre of the ex-Emperor, Haile Selassie.

The release, in Addis Ababa, last week, of 6,000 Native political prisoners, who had been confined at Dasam, in Italian Somaliland, was made the occasion of a solemn public [illegible] at which the Abuna Abraham expressed his conviction that the men would return to their [illegible] the intention of working quietly under the [illegible] of the Italian Government.

The Settler and the African

[illegible] Central Europe of [illegible] superiority [illegible] some other quarters that all races [illegible] and that, given the opportunity, [illegible] capable of benefiting by our kind [illegible] government and our sort of education. [illegible] believe it. Would anybody who has been [illegible] Congo country suggest that you could make a Bushman into a civilised being? There are races [illegible] incapable of absorbing civilisation. The Bantu is far superior to the Bushman, but whether the Bantu can really achieve a culture equal to that of the West is still in dispute. Professor Huxley, speaking of the ultimate possibility of the Bantu attaining a higher status, recalls that the Romans invaded a savage Britain, and that in a comparatively short time the British were the equal of their conquerors. I do not agree that this is an apt comparison.

A missionary once said to me: "You must give the Bantu a chance. [illegible] only been in touch with civilisation for a hundred years." This is cheer-inspiring. The Native of Africa has been in touch with every civilisation since prehistoric times. He has been closely concerned with the civilisation of Egypt, Assyria, Crossos, and Rome. In contact with these he has been capable of a certain achievement, but this achievement was ancillary and parallel. While the mounting tide of civilisation was withdrawn, back went the African to the kraal pot. And it must be remembered that of all the great races of the Old World, the African is the only one which did not discover the art of writing, the use of the plough, or building in stone.

The Combination of Theoretic Possibilities

I do not claim that the Bantu is necessarily inferior, but I do insist on the necessity of going slowly with him. I do not mean that the contact of the races should result in the subjection of the African. Far from it. I do not believe that white supremacy is important to us. I firmly believe that progress and prosperity in Southern Rhodesia, and in Africa, are bound up with the prosperity of the Native races. But we must not proceed on an unproven assumption. We should temper the wind to the shorn lamb. Let the Native knowledge and every opportunity develop, the process of developing being based on his own credit character and capacity for assimilation. His initiative should be encouraged in every way. But do not let us assume that by putting twenty million Natives into [illegible] we change them to [illegible] the [illegible] of human happiness. [illegible] of the unhappy prisoners in the Russian trial [illegible] that we had acted from the compulsion of the [illegible] possibilities, pushed to their logical conclusion. A perfect example of a process of thought that would be fatal to Africa. We do not want pedantic [illegible] fully accumulated knowledge and the progressive tests of experience.

Lord Lugard's "Dual Mandate." In spite of criticisms to detail [illegible] these doctrines, which [illegible] first enunciated [illegible] Native [illegible] sacred trust, [illegible] potential [illegible] is not a talent [illegible] wrapped up in a napkin and buried in the earth.

The new bridge across the Ruaha River has been opened by Mr. R. S. [illegible] Mahoney, Acting [illegible] of the [illegible] The bridge, built by the [illegible] and contractors [illegible] the longest span of [illegible]

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[illegible] the chief [illegible] to the formation of a [illegible] ecclesiastical province for East Africa. [illegible] Preebendary W. [illegible] Cash, who [illegible] the conference of [illegible] Africans, [illegible] the proposals, primarily because of the [illegible] the Government [illegible] closer union between [illegible] Africa and the [illegible] of the colonies [illegible] South Africa [illegible] the [illegible] divided into three [illegible] They argue that [illegible] the church and the [illegible] established a province [illegible] hereby [illegible] of churches over a [illegible] at would [illegible] encouragement to the Government to follow suit. This fear was described by [illegible] as a sheer bogy, without any justification [illegible] but from my own [illegible] it was anything but a bogy. The opinion was certainly expressed in responsible quarters that the church could [illegible] might be a buffer [illegible] to the Government [illegible] warning their place [illegible] closer [illegible]

Mamba and Eagle Fight

A fight between a mamba and a harrier [illegible] which the [illegible] crippled behind the [illegible]

Is Figure of Spotted Lion

[illegible] Exhibition in London of Mr. [illegible] Gander Lower's [illegible] spotted lion, Captain [illegible] collinge wrote to *The Times* [illegible] the specimen should not be accepted as evidence [illegible] of the existence of a distinct spotted race or species of lion inhabiting the Aberdare Mountains in Kenya. The specimen is not fully adult, and although [illegible] regards the markings as [illegible] probably be regarded as [illegible] that [illegible] the juvenile pattern [illegible] young lion being spotted [illegible]

The total length of Mr. Gander Lower's spotted lion is but 8 ft. [illegible] in., which is small for an adult [illegible] Kenya lion, skins of which [illegible] dressed in the [illegible] specimen [illegible] Aberdare specimen may not [illegible] as much as [illegible] of this specimen has been estimated at about [illegible] year or so, so of the age of [illegible] lion [illegible] region of the juvenile coat or pattern as [illegible] more straightforward explanation [illegible] case of this [illegible] the [illegible] that [illegible]

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MATTERS OF MOMENT

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[illegible] incorporation of Austria [illegible] Germany [illegible] Government [illegible] Austria [illegible] Germany [illegible] Government [illegible] Austria [illegible] Germany [illegible] Government [illegible]

[illegible] hierarchy [illegible] contempt [illegible] the conditions laid [illegible] the two [illegible] democracy [illegible] terms [illegible] by Colonists when the terms [illegible] State [illegible] being the [illegible] fact, it is regrettable that the Prime [illegible] House [illegible] crystal clear, and that the House was satisfied [illegible] doubt. We therefore hope [illegible] some other Member of Parliament will put the question [illegible] questions, if necessary [illegible] assevceation that [illegible] Government is not determined that [illegible] discussion [illegible] any kind [illegible] Nothing [illegible] that can be held to be satisfactory.

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THE POLICY OF MR. HUGGINS, Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, of making the English language supreme in the Colony's modern schools, even to the exclusion of Latin, gains support from the trend that is visible in the choice of subjects made by candidates for the Classics. Four ancient universities sitting for the English examinations in Great Britain, for instance, those for admission to the Foreign Office and the Diplomatic, Civil and Consular Services. A [illegible] saga hath the candidates offered both Latin and Greek, or even applicants recently made in the Foreign Office, only one candidate chose Latin and not one offered Greek. Of eighteen selected for the Consular Service, two chose Latin, nothing Greek; and similar proportions obtained in the Civil examinations. Hence, then, obtained in the Civil examinations. Hence, then, definite [illegible] from the Classics, and if Mr. Huggins has [illegible] opinion by any [illegible] time, and [illegible] Colony, who [illegible]

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When [illegible] Greek [illegible] Oxford University [illegible] clerical dignitary, who supposed [illegible] argument. Classical [illegible] Greek [illegible] of our Lord and His Disciples [illegible] was quite a mistake, for the language of [illegible] Palestine at that period was [illegible] Greek [illegible] Latin and [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Huggins [illegible] Scandalously little attention was paid in those days to the study of English, which Mr. Huggins puts in the very forefront of his school curriculum. This neglect seems strange nowadays, and for its remedy we have to thank, in the first place, the example and influence of the University of London, and, secondly, the general advance in the theory and practice of education. English is now a compulsory subject in examinations; mathematics, apart from their cold delights as an exercise in pure reason, are recognised as the very backbone of research work; there is as much moral uplift in the successful manipulation of a chemical experiment involving co-ordination of brain and hand as in the making of Latin verses. And who shall say that those who devote themselves to the study of living things are a less return than those who spend their time unravelling the dead secrets of a dead language? And if Mr. Huggins is faced with the argument that Latin, at least, is necessary to a proper and adequate knowledge of English, he can instance Shakespeare, the crowning glory of the English language, who owed nothing to a classical education, and Rudyard Kipling, who, on his own confession, gained little from the odious hours he spent under the sarcasms of Mr. [illegible]

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WONDERFUL ACCELERATION of the Empire air services will become operative in about a fortnight, and thereafter the normal time of mail and passenger transit from Southampton to Kisumu will be just under three days, to Mombasa only a couple of hours over three days, and to Beira little more than four days. This main points on the new Empire flying boat route will be separated from the Mother Country by only three or four days in the case of East Africa, and four or five days in the case of the Rhodesias. A service of such performance, which, contrary to general expectation, will be provided for night flying. In other words, further accelerations may be safely anticipated for the future. This enormous improvement in facilities must, of course, result in a increase in passenger, letter and parcel traffic. Many long business messages which are now sent as wireless and cable messages will reach their destination almost as quickly by plane, and at a fraction of the cost, samples will travel still faster than at present, and business between the Mother Country and the Dependencies will [illegible] a most valuable stimulant.

East Africa [illegible] newspaper [illegible] weekly [illegible] of enhanced value [illegible] Mail [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible] and the [illegible] communities and from [illegible] though [illegible] of those positions [illegible] informed [illegible] edition [illegible] is otherwise [illegible] Wednesday [illegible] Thursday, will travel [illegible] Southampton early on Friday, and [illegible] Sunday night [illegible] for those distant destinations the [illegible] must be used. Even then what London reader [illegible] Thursday morning will be available in Marseilles [illegible] the following Wednesday in Dar es Salaam [illegible] the afternoon and [illegible] Southern and Northern Rhodesia [illegible] during Thursday [illegible] Friday. Many readers will thus receive the [illegible] weeks earlier than is possible [illegible] other routes—and [illegible] price of the [illegible] mail postage of sixpence [illegible] week!

[illegible] Days or [illegible] Weeks [illegible] one more [illegible] transit from the [illegible] air mail [illegible] mighty [illegible] our disadvantage. [illegible] that knowledge [illegible] territories and the Mother Country. With the [illegible] speed, thus [illegible] the decrease of mutual misunderstanding, and the [illegible] of wise action. It has become an anachronism [illegible] readers, who now receive the paper regularly [illegible] three days or [illegible] to be willing to wait three weeks [illegible] days, therefore, is an invitation to every subscriber [illegible] British Africa [illegible] Empire air mail [illegible] the air mail edition [illegible] every respect, but printed on the [illegible] in order to reduce weight and postage.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Four Vice-Chairmanships

FOUR VICE-CHAIRMEN! That is the number which the East African Section of the London Chamber of Commerce can now claim. There can scarcely be any other body of similar character which elects so many of its members to fill the office of vice-chairmanships, which are indeed a sinecure. There must have been very few meetings in the eighteen years of the chairmanship of Sir William Leggett, which presided, and at which votes of thanks have been satisfactorily delivered to officers responsible for the Chamber's other connexions. While all will agree that a change of chairmanship is desirable every year or at least every two years, [illegible] Sir Humphrey will be an extremely efficient man for whom to find a successor, and it would be surprising if this time next year, a procedure is brought in him to continue in office.

Cracs. in the News

A CROCODILE [illegible] Southern Rhodesia [illegible] people of [illegible] that the Native children are extraordinarily [illegible] and tenacious of life. On January [illegible] appeared in this column on the case of a boy who was seized by a crocodile by the head, [illegible] through the brave and [illegible] well. A [illegible] comes [illegible] of a [illegible] White washing clothes [illegible] the bank of the [illegible] saw her and [illegible] carried off her [illegible] which she succeeded [illegible] great upset [illegible] and then springing on its [illegible] dropped the child. The [illegible] terrible injured the victim is said to be on the [illegible] consider [illegible] which is [illegible] Korsten [illegible] the [illegible] Southern [illegible] the [illegible] to the [illegible]

A Government Gazette Mystery

A CERTAIN TIME-LAG is always [illegible] the news contained in [illegible] Gazette from East Africa and the [illegible] no doubt partly to ensure official accuracy [illegible] partly because officialdom must [illegible] seem [illegible] still less capitulate to any [illegible] while it is [illegible] hot. A recent issue of the [illegible] Rhodesia Gazette seems to have been [illegible] with Pinocchio's [illegible] would puzzle Mr. [illegible] himself. In the first place, it is good [illegible] that the only suitable [illegible] with appointments [illegible] Education, [illegible] such appointments, [illegible] but five [illegible] a round dozen of them [illegible] temporary mistresses [illegible] under. Arrivals of First Appointment, all dated in January, twenty of these [illegible] are listed and posted to different stations. [illegible] straightforward and bears the stamp of the Government accuracy. But under the [illegible] Appointments appear the names of seven temporary mistresses [illegible] services were finally closed on December 19 [illegible] gazetted as arrivals [illegible] January, 1938! For [illegible] January 1938. [illegible] in December [illegible] appointments; yet [illegible] January 1938. [illegible]

Prime Minister's Busy

A PRIME MINISTER [illegible] of Southern Rhodesia [illegible] Salisbury [illegible] Gwelo [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Board [illegible] Salisbury [illegible]

How the African is Progressing

Many Striking Examples from Kenya Colony

[illegible]

Progress in Agriculture and Education

[illegible]

Transformation since 1900

[illegible]

Astonishing Response to Medical Proposal

[illegible]

East African Air Services

To be Greatly Accelerated

[illegible]

[illegible] of Knowledge of African Science

[illegible]

German Claims for Colonies

The Point of a British Surrender

Tanganyika and Mittelafrika

Face Both Ways in Germany

Successor Cliff of Jebaland by Marconi

[illegible] last [illegible] Conference [illegible] Church [illegible] at the [illegible] Conference [illegible] Kindell [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Conference by English [illegible] Kenya, and the Italian [illegible] Abyssinia. These German workmen were part of the [illegible] exchange between Germany and Italy by the recent agreement. These German workmen are technicians, nearly all of whom come from the Rhine [illegible] and the [illegible] to Italian lands and [illegible] in Italaland.

[illegible] the taking of German [illegible] Africans that Mussolini is preparing to [illegible] Italaland to Germany in the same manner as he received it from [illegible] but in the act of cession it was specified that Italy should not hand Italaland over to the profit of any other Power without his [illegible] Mussolini's [illegible]

Anti-Slavery Society's Views

[illegible] Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society and the Principal Ministers [illegible] Transfer of Colonial [illegible] has been published by the Society, the [illegible] which stated in a letter to the [illegible] Chancellor:

[illegible] We have maintained the trade [illegible] occupied mainly by Native [illegible] carried through after taking into [illegible] wishes of the inhabitants and [illegible] of the change upon their future [illegible] with experience of Native [illegible] ascertaining the [illegible] would be by an impartial [illegible] whose duty it would be to [illegible] consult local legislative bodies and such other [illegible] opinion considered representative of Native [illegible]

[illegible] emphasise three main features:

[illegible] Every Dependency concerned was transferred [illegible] by written [illegible] after consultation with the indigenous [illegible]

[illegible] years education, means of [illegible] and distribution of news have advanced [illegible] widely in [illegible] formed and [illegible] their [illegible] so the [illegible] their [illegible] are more than [illegible] consideration.

[illegible] in most territories [illegible] discussed [illegible] one [illegible] [illegible] would not be [illegible] possible to devise a form [illegible] control [illegible] handling some of the problems contemplated in existing [illegible] such as the Mandates System of the Covenant [illegible] St. Germain. For the [illegible] conference being [illegible] for the working [illegible] we [illegible] conference should [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] conferred.

[illegible] view that the prime motive [illegible] shifting the exploitation [illegible] in the interest of the metropolitan [illegible] and the establishment of a [illegible] in tropical [illegible]

[illegible] of the United [illegible] for Christian Literature, Mr. E. [illegible] recently [illegible] the [illegible] School, Livingstonia, [illegible] Africa, and another [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]

The Church's Task in Africa

Missionary Appeals for Teaching

[illegible] Church's task in African [illegible] was made by the Rev. [illegible] Parker, speaking [illegible] the Africa Education [illegible] at Edinburgh House, London, recently. [illegible] the recent report on higher education in East Africa, he said:

Because of the report's allegations, declared [illegible] implied that the missions have [illegible] off more than they can chew in education, it is time [illegible] stock taking, and, if we can [illegible] in order for if the report puts [illegible] by contemplating [illegible] extensive [illegible] government education, we [illegible] have some [illegible] for our defence better than [illegible] in the manner.

[illegible] first task of the Church is to staff its schools with Christian personnel. But we cannot be [illegible] regarding education as a mere device for [illegible] African [illegible] To educate, even to [illegible] is a Christian duty, for [illegible] without education [illegible] cannot [illegible] more adequate [illegible] spoke. And in [illegible] education [illegible] simple as [illegible] it means the development [illegible] whole communities, the vision of a [illegible] new world.

Missions Need Public Relations Officer

[illegible] attempting to carry out these supreme [illegible] the Church is [illegible] with certain problems [illegible] men, women, and [illegible] and the lack of [illegible] women [illegible] the [illegible] first, [illegible] most urgent problem is that of recruiting at home. We [illegible] reached the stage when we must [illegible] get [illegible] But we cannot get on without personnel. This home task [illegible] more [illegible] missionaries, or a few [illegible] Booklets.

Africa in general [illegible] mission education in particular, must [illegible] in the limelight in the radio [illegible] screen [illegible] in the Press. Missions need to appoint [illegible] Relations Officer [illegible] competent for the task.

Another thing to be done [illegible] the notions of missionary work which still [illegible] particularly [illegible] flavour of piety and sentimentality [illegible] still associated with the [illegible] mission [illegible] If [illegible] would present the strong [illegible] rather than the usual milk-and-water [illegible] we would not lack [illegible] of missions, but [illegible]

A Biblical Prophecy

As Bible prophecies [illegible] of the [illegible] conquest of Ethiopia [illegible] Hearth [illegible] the Victory [illegible] Westminster, last [illegible] said:

Lake Tana has become [illegible] and irrigation dams in that land [illegible] power [illegible] would [illegible] life and death [illegible] in those [illegible] the fulfilment of the prophecy [illegible] Isaiah [illegible] significant:

And [illegible] shall [illegible] into [illegible] of the Lord [illegible] and the [illegible] shall [illegible] they shall turn [illegible] and [illegible] by the [illegible]

The Bargain Basement

Mining Shares Which Look Cheap

To the Editor of "West Africa and Rhodesia."

[illegible] goods in a bargain basement are cheap [illegible] which does not mean to say that [illegible] things will not be marked down [illegible] do not sell quickly enough. But [illegible] further price reduction occurs, or not [illegible] ing purchasers on that particular [illegible] usually reckon on getting value for [illegible] not be much concerned if someone [illegible] a little later and buys the same article [illegible] less money.

May I suggest that the Rhodesian and East African section of the London Stock Exchange [illegible] the appearance of a bargain basement [illegible] present? By the way, the section in the official list [illegible] ally is headed "Rhodesian and East African" [illegible] "East African and Rhodesian" for [illegible] proper reason, of course, that the Rhodesian [illegible] and best capital companies are [illegible] and are more usually capitalised than [illegible] African mining concerns.

But to return to my topic, the official list [illegible] that Bangrondo Gold Fields (10s.) were sold yesterday [illegible] that Bantan (400) were done at [illegible] d. [illegible] Rhodesian Corporations (5s.) and Tanganyika Central (3s. 6d.) [illegible] that Gold Fields Rhodesian (10s.) [illegible] the passing of the interim dividend [illegible] charged [illegible] at 7s. 6d. and Rua Buzi [illegible] are obtainable at about half their par value. [illegible] hundred pounds spread over such shares [illegible] are not the only ones [illegible] handsome profits when [illegible] thing like normal.

But even in bargain basements there are articles which deserve to be avoided though they may be ostensibly even more cheap. In the same way there are shares in the market which [illegible] would still [illegible] for instance, Andula (5s.) [illegible] for Tanganyika (5s.) at [illegible] Goldfields have at most [illegible] property appears undeniable, and some [illegible] look like making a market of money [illegible] but at present too much of an risk that the present [illegible] Ordinary shareholders will be left with nothing [illegible] probably not without a reconstruction [illegible] capital, unless there is sufficient [illegible] to induce me from buying [illegible] taking the medium [illegible] later [illegible] heavy [illegible] opportunity [illegible] recovery [illegible] show [illegible] capital and [illegible] mining [illegible]

We must be pleased [illegible] receive and publish [illegible] other readers [illegible] may wish that [illegible] on Rhodesian and allied [illegible] only [illegible] of the shares [illegible] attractive from his point of view [illegible] to indicate which shares [illegible] capital [illegible] and which [illegible] dividends. It is [illegible] that refer [illegible] to particular companies [illegible] consistent [illegible] partiality.—*Ed.*

Propagating the Truth

About East and Central Africa

[illegible] Parliament selected [illegible] particular, to the [illegible] territories [illegible] particular [illegible] usually [illegible] know [illegible] and that [illegible] your report [illegible] suitable address [illegible] the Southern [illegible] and the [illegible] of an organisation [illegible] such printed [illegible] which [illegible] the [illegible] specially [illegible] sent to people [illegible] good [illegible] report after [illegible] what [illegible] world [illegible] and [illegible] manufacture [illegible] supplying [illegible] all other British [illegible] territories [illegible] there is any [illegible] Dr. [illegible]

Useless School Subjects

Taught in Colonial Schools

[illegible] a recent Rhodesian school [illegible] never [illegible] or handicraft [illegible] but [illegible] taught [illegible] stocks and shares. [illegible] excellent example of useless school subjects [illegible]

B. Blunton in his address to the Rhodesian [illegible] [illegible] quoted by you [illegible]

[illegible] give another [illegible] from my own experience [illegible] Probably [illegible] and other [illegible] hand [illegible] the cheap [illegible] matter [illegible] waters [illegible] definite [illegible] with [illegible] subject [illegible] but [illegible] are [illegible] Great Britain [illegible] syllabus for [illegible] chemistry [illegible] to candidates [illegible] same syllabus [illegible] happened to be [illegible] hard water [illegible] nothing [illegible] soft water [illegible] Every [illegible] water [illegible] in order to [illegible] demand [illegible]

Hunter [illegible]

Baby Picked Up by Elephant

MISING SHARE ADVICE LOCKER

Fall in the British Birth Rate

A Serious Problem for the Colonies

[illegible]

[illegible] Colonies [illegible] Colonies without colonists

[illegible] Colony without colonists [illegible]

[illegible] African Colonies should [illegible] Imperial Council.

[illegible] Rhodesian Royal Commission

[illegible] Rhodesian Royal Commission [illegible] London [illegible] Africa [illegible] Cape [illegible] August [illegible] Africa [illegible] Rhodesia [illegible] Prime [illegible] Southern [illegible] Colonies [illegible] Air Force [illegible] Colonies [illegible] Colonies [illegible] Colonies

Statements Worth Noting

395.—Mr. Malcolm Fraser, M.B.E.

[illegible] Me shall [illegible] shall be quiet [illegible] fear of all [illegible] *Proverbs*

The [illegible] Power [illegible] our [illegible] with [illegible] creation [illegible] economic [illegible] *Mr. W. S. Bugg, writing in "United [illegible]*

[illegible] the Union of South Africa [illegible] fear [illegible] frankly preferred to the [illegible] *Johannesburg Herald.*

[illegible] Special Colonies the District [illegible] *Mr. Malcolm, lecturing [illegible]*

[illegible] purchase of horses may be taken [illegible] barometer of active wealth. [illegible] *Report on the Direct Taxation [illegible] Nyasaland.*

Yours is the [illegible] which is affiliated to the Admiralty. [illegible] *President of the [illegible] addressing [illegible] Cadets in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.*

Teaching is a very responsible vocation, and nowhere is it taken more seriously than in the average village school in Africa. [illegible] *Miss E. Pelletier, African [illegible] Centers.*

Coffee prepared [illegible] fermentation (this does not mean *mbuni*) [illegible] of just as good quality as that prepared by fermentation. *M. R. Jeffries, "Belgian Congo" quoted by the Bulletin of the Coffee Board of Kenya.*

The more I visit Rhodesia the more satisfied I am that the country should [illegible] the last [illegible] development [illegible] *Sir [illegible] in [illegible] Bulletin.*

[illegible] picture [illegible] showing [illegible] Rhodesia [illegible] not [illegible] from [illegible] during the showing of a picture [illegible] *Mr. [illegible] Rhodesia.*

[illegible] four years time price of [illegible] which is the largest [illegible] American [illegible] varied between [illegible] American [illegible] cents [illegible] *Weekly [illegible]*

Clean weeding without very efficient [illegible] erosion [illegible] *Mr. G. [illegible] East African Agriculturist.*

[illegible] *[illegible]*

[illegible] *[illegible]*

[illegible] *[illegible]*

The only way for [illegible] *[illegible]*

[illegible] *[illegible]*

[illegible] *[illegible]*

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Background to [illegible]

Authoritative Views on Imperial [illegible] and International Affairs

British Aims. — We think it [illegible] so reasonable for foreign [illegible] to misunderstand the support [illegible] Britain's [illegible] Dominions [illegible] Secondly, it must be our purpose to resist the claim [illegible] law as opposed to the exercise of force in the settlement of international disputes. [illegible] us to [illegible] then [illegible] international disagreements by negotiation rather than [illegible] any other manner [illegible] we must devise means of directing the minds of nations [illegible] the removal of injustices as much as to the maintenance of peace. For the fulfilment of these purposes this country must show itself prepared not only by way of material and equipment, but in the spirit, discipline and determination of our people. — *Lord Halifax, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.*

Germany's Economic Power. — In the economic sense Germany now has it under power to dominate South-Eastern Europe, and if this cheap technique is further developed she can compass the economic dislocation of Czechoslovakia. The dependence of the Danubian States upon the Austro-German market, the close bonds of agricultural produce from South-Eastern Europe is so obvious that they can be forced to accept almost any clearing arrangement that Dr. Schacht cares to submit. It is upon this aspect of the problem that the attention of the British Government should now be directed in view of their policy of economic appeasement. — *The Times.*

The Czech Problem. — If we declare that we will stand with France by Czechoslovakia, we are not defending a nation, but a principle that of freedom, the principle of democracy. If the Czech [illegible] cannot defend the last rampart of political freedom in Central Europe will disappear, and Nazi Germany will [illegible] cannibalizing liberty as it goes, as far as the Bosphorus. France understands this, and will help the Czechs if they are attacked. The situation is fraught with danger to this country. Unaided, France might exhaust herself in what would look like a vain attempt to succour Czechoslovakia which can only hold out for a limited time against the overwhelming strength of Germany. Germany would then turn against France, and we, in fulfilment of our pledge, and because we cannot afford to allow France to be beaten, would be compelled to step in—too late. The alternative is to take our stand now with France in defence of Czechoslovakia's independence. — *General E. H. Spears, M.P., in the Daily Telegraph and Morning Post.*

To Deter Hitler. — Drastic action must be taken to prevent a large-scale European war. What form should it take? The best answer is to put ourselves in Hitler's place. What would be the decisive loss of the singleness of our purpose. Two steps we could take immediately: extend the National Government to include members of all parties on the Right, Left and Mr. Churchill on the Right; and bring Mr. Eden back into the Cabinet. Secondly, register every able-bodied citizen, male and female, in the country with a warning that a period of military service may be asked. Should this course be adopted, we could have the support not only of the Dominions, but of the Dominions. And to obtain this it must be based on something more definite than rearmament. — *Lord Rosebery.*

New Ministers. — [illegible] Hailes and Lord Cranborne have been succeeded by whom [illegible] Halifax [illegible] the inner circle of the pro-Hitler group. [illegible] a week before his appointment [illegible] appealing in a circular letter for [illegible] for the forces of rebellion against the [illegible] Government. [illegible] friendly country recognized [illegible] Government he has just joined [illegible] a lessening by every means [illegible] addition in Mr. [illegible] Socialist [illegible] marriage of Lord Halifax and [illegible] personal friend of [illegible] Ribbentrop. Mr. Chanson [illegible] by birth, no doubt means well by [illegible] his adoption [illegible] the future. [illegible] Ribbentrop will know how [illegible] it is to have [illegible] close friend [illegible] Parliamentary Private Secretary [illegible] the Foreign Office. — *Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., in Time and Tide.*

[illegible] Bring the Church. — The Church in Germany has been [illegible] oppression [illegible] for the proclamation [illegible] of God in the Christian church meetings of [illegible] in the [illegible] Christian [illegible] in [illegible] pressed and persecuted [illegible] destroyed. Christ [illegible] again the [illegible] race. — *[illegible]*

Is General Franco a victim [illegible] Teutonic domination of [illegible] weapons? [illegible] increasingly [illegible] been [illegible] December [illegible] January [illegible] delay [illegible] were dropped [illegible] lines. [illegible] bombs in clusters, single [illegible] have been dropped. [illegible] incendiary bombs have been used. Experts alone are competent [illegible] which, for obvious reasons, remain secret, but [illegible] the street can see for himself, and [illegible] felt, the effect of the [illegible] modern explosives [illegible] Sometimes the results are [illegible] and [illegible] much [illegible] is [illegible] distance [illegible] special [illegible] from a bomb explosion [illegible] up narrow streets [illegible] out of the way. Some buildings have had their sides scooped out as by gigantic shovels; others have collapsed without being touched by even a splinter. — *The Barcelona Correspondent of The Times.*

Austria's Value. — Together with the [illegible] Austrian area [illegible] the German Reich [illegible] more than [illegible] square miles greater than in pre-War years, and [illegible] thousands of acres of the most fertile and valuable land in Europe. Herr Hitler [illegible] has [illegible] to his people a [illegible] house [illegible] wealth, including [illegible] of the kind which provide the [illegible] by the production of those synthetic [illegible] which the Germans are so [illegible] in supplies [illegible] agricultural [illegible] forms [illegible] the country with [illegible] approximately 5,000,000 acres under [illegible] there are no fewer than [illegible] industrial establishments in Austria, the principal manufactures being woollens, cottons, [illegible] woodwork and machinery. The most important mineral productions are iron ore, magnesite, [illegible] salt; but there are produced [illegible] — *Mr. [illegible] Montgomery [illegible]*

d to the News

Financial Barometer of the Week
Market Movements and Trends

It is a [illegible]. After Austria [illegible] not one of us can feel that a policy [illegible] continued discussion with [illegible] is practical politics for the time being. — *Earl [illegible]*

[illegible] like Napoleon [illegible] go on until he is stopped. — *[illegible]*

"Ethiopia is a corpse [illegible] Italy." — *[illegible]*

[illegible] — *[illegible]*

[illegible] — *[illegible]*

[illegible]

PERSONALIA

[illegible] outward-bound for [illegible]

Sir Samuel Wilson has arrived home from South Africa.

Mrs. A. F. Barron and her daughter are outward-bound for Nyasaland.

Mr. J. J. Hughes, the Kenya business man, is with us home on [illegible]

[illegible] Lady Chamberlain [illegible] their [illegible] from their visit to East Africa.

Mr. A. R. Mackenzie, Director of Education in Southern Rhodesia, is on leave pending retirement.

Mr. Robert [illegible] has concluded his inquiries in the [illegible] of Nyasaland and is now on the way home.

Mr. [illegible] Smith, of [illegible], has set up a [illegible] using bogeys for [illegible] Acorn's [illegible] hole.

Mr. [illegible] Thacker, [illegible] Court of Appeal, has been appointed [illegible] Kenya.

The Rt. Rev. Cyril [illegible], Bishop of Uganda, [illegible] in England very shortly.

Mr. [illegible] Stubbs, [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] have been well [illegible] in Nairobi by many friends.

Colonel [illegible] Tanganyika [illegible] Kenya and Uganda Railway.

Mr. J. A. [illegible], Director of Mines, Northern Rhodesia, is on leave [illegible] Rhodesia, is on [illegible] war [illegible].

Mr. E. [illegible], recently appointed [illegible] Labour in Nyasaland, has been visiting [illegible] Territory travelling by air.

Lady Sidney Farrar is contesting the [illegible] constituency against Mr. Conway Harvey [illegible] general election in Kenya.

Lord Lytton, [illegible] Secretary of State for the Colonies, resided [illegible] last week [illegible] Imperial Conference in London.

[illegible] Wavell, Lord [illegible] Commander-in-Chief [illegible] Forces, has returned from his visit to Australia.

Mr. A. [illegible] Director of [illegible] of the Standard Bank of South Africa, [illegible] Cape Town.

Mr. Robert [illegible] Company, [illegible] travel [illegible] Company's [illegible] Cape, which [illegible] Apollo [illegible]

[illegible] from the effects [illegible] left hospital [illegible] the country [illegible] Africa. Lord Lovat, now in Baghdad in [illegible] Africa, Lord Lovat, now in Baghdad in [illegible] of Chairman of the British Colonial [illegible] Committee.

[illegible] Mathers, younger son of Archdeacon Mathers, formerly of Uganda, [illegible] last week [illegible] Miss [illegible] Brown.

Mr. R. R. Bullock-Hunter, Government Statistician, Southern Rhodesia, has [illegible] from the post [illegible] he had held [illegible] is succeeded by Mr. H. H. Shaul.

[illegible] on [illegible] Rhodesia [illegible] Lake Road.

[illegible] having Sir Eustace [illegible] the Lord [illegible] team [illegible] Lord [illegible] scored [illegible] and the first on the [illegible] shirts [illegible].

Before [illegible] Edmund [illegible] who had been great [illegible] Lightfoot [illegible] £6000 for [illegible] the [illegible] another [illegible] aerodrome [illegible].

Mr. H. [illegible] W. [illegible] (Chairman), Mr. [illegible] O. [illegible] (Chairman), Mr. [illegible] W. [illegible] (Governor and [illegible] Southern Rhodesia) have been appointed a [illegible] Southern Rhodesia.

[illegible] daughter of Sir Cecil Rhodes [illegible] of Southern Rhodesia [illegible] to Mr. R. D. Blackwood, [illegible] Hampton Woman swimmer of Rhodesia [illegible] 50 [illegible] and 220 yards.

Mr. [illegible] Phillips, managing director of Messrs. [illegible] Bulawayo, has returned after 30 years in Southern Rhodesia. He is succeeded by Mr. C. G. Wamond, who has [illegible] years with the firm.

[illegible] R. [illegible], one of the general managers designate of the Rhodesia Railways, will [illegible] Lord [illegible], who is Jan. Rhodes [illegible] of the Railway [illegible]. At the [illegible] meeting of the Mission in [illegible] were [illegible] to Sir Henry and Lady Chapman [illegible].

Farfan [illegible] Blanckley, who formerly [illegible] in [illegible] narrowly escaped [illegible] Parsons [illegible] flying last week [illegible] Parsons [illegible] low cloud [illegible] a mile down [illegible] Badlegh Salterton [illegible] succeeded in landing [illegible] in a field close [illegible] the coast.

[illegible] Castle [illegible] Gate Cattle [illegible] in mid-Atlantic, some [illegible] hundred [illegible] of heavy shells [illegible] bound [illegible] Captain [illegible] to by [illegible] in [illegible] Dominion [illegible].

Obituary

Mr. E. A. Marston

[illegible] Mr. E. A. Marston, of Mazabuka, who died recently through [illegible] Boer War. With the Rhodesian Mounted [illegible] South Africa and Bechuanaland [illegible] Broken Hill, Kafue and Lusaka, where he built the first [illegible] up to the Zambezi. He was [illegible] service throughout [illegible] Campaign. Soon after [illegible] to Mazabuka [illegible] Mr. Marston [illegible] Rhodesia [illegible] Mazabuka Farmers' Company. If any public [illegible] social work required to be done [illegible] ready [illegible] was never wanting. He [illegible] years [illegible] Mr. Marston [illegible] Rhodesia [illegible] member of the [illegible] Advisory Board and a director [illegible] Farmers' Co-operative Society. He [illegible] his fellows, and [illegible] sympathy with [illegible] sorrow.

Mr. David Scott

[illegible] death in Glasgow of Mr. David Scott [illegible] was one of the [illegible] development of Rhodesia [illegible] He joined the staff of the African [illegible] Corporation in 1896 and remained with [illegible] retirement in 1929 from the position of [illegible] manager on an allowance granted by the directors [illegible] recognition of his valuable and conscientious [illegible] to the company. During his residence in [illegible] he was highly respected for his integrity [illegible] willingness to serve [illegible] any of [illegible] welfare of the European [illegible] He was [illegible] member of the Town Council of Mayo [illegible] occasions he played a prominent part in the [illegible] and social life of the Protectorate, and was [illegible] established [illegible] being one of the [illegible] tennis players in the country. [illegible] son and two daughters, to whom [illegible] will extend their [illegible]

Mr. Sam MacIver

[illegible] writes:—

[illegible] the troublesome times [illegible] nor fewer than 3,000 [illegible] birth and infant nurture [illegible] the Grand Lodge of the Kandas—about [illegible] the twentieth century—the [illegible] and doing, doing so much [illegible] unusually mutilated the name [illegible] couple of letters and [illegible] Mr. [illegible] But Sam MacIver [illegible] Africa [illegible] ill-health Sam left [illegible] form that has [illegible] a generation [illegible] the local history has [illegible] in Alaska [illegible] way one of [illegible] folk who [illegible] their energies for [illegible] own business. [illegible] letters [illegible] friends [illegible] advantage [illegible] making [illegible] Richard to the Rhodesia stock [illegible] time [illegible] He has gone [illegible] time [illegible] His cheery [illegible] will be missed, and to his wife, sister of [illegible] Thomas Ndoda [illegible] Mayor, condolences [illegible] for [illegible] many hearts [illegible] The [illegible] when [illegible] friend Godspeed.

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[illegible] Africa [illegible] Philip Mitchell [illegible] Secretary for Native Affairs in Tanganyika Territory, summed up the principle of indirect rule to Professor W. [illegible] Johannesburg, who visited the extensive Opuraa last week in the course of his lecture on Africa in the Modern Age to the Royal Empire Society.

Indirect rule, [illegible] of Africa by Natives, [illegible] phase begun by Lord Lugard in Nigeria [illegible] was an exceptional [illegible] Colonies in which to make the experiment. It was a big country with a dense population, better ordered than any other in Africa, having emirates, [illegible] established, with courts of record, written laws and an old tradition of taxes, not paid [illegible] in accordance with the capacity of the individual. In 1925 the system was introduced into Tanganyika by Sir Donald Cameron himself trained in the Nigerian Service, and there took the form of local government by the advice of British officers, but through the authority of the Native themselves.

Detribalised by German Rule

In Tanganyika the chiefs had in some cases to be discovered [illegible] German rule had detribalised the people, [illegible] beginning had been made, and all over Tanganyika Native courts were arising, thatched buildings unencumbering formal buildings of Nigeria but housing differentiated courts [illegible] on the model of the courts which were the beginning of the now elaborate legal system of modern England. So historically the system was sound. One of Sir Donald Cameron's maxims was that no one can administer in a strait waistcoat, definite responsibility must be thrown on definite people, and the Native treasuries were the tool of indirect rule. Northern Rhodesia appears to be too cautious in allowing natives to handle money. There was, of course, the danger of defalcations, as [illegible] certain instances in Tabora, but of [illegible] 000,000 of [illegible] revenue in Tanganyika, the leakage had amounted to only [illegible] 000, which was [illegible] for training the Native authorities in financial responsibility. Kenya and Southern Rhodesia made the Native [illegible] themselves [illegible] taxes, in Nigeria [illegible] 10% to 20% of Native [illegible] return to the Native treasuries for disbursement by the Native authorities.

[illegible] Without Rule

Under [illegible] many villages in outlying [illegible] are practically under no rule at all. The District Officer visits them [illegible] the aim of indirect rule was to [illegible] authority on the spot. In Southern Rhodesia resident magistrates [illegible] the [illegible] missionaries [illegible] free [illegible] undue interference [illegible] laws from the [illegible] make [illegible]

[illegible] introduction [illegible] Tanganyika had been made by a predecessor, Sir Bruce Bate, but it was [illegible] from which [illegible] appeal [illegible]

[illegible] of possibilities [illegible] buildings for [illegible] Uganda [illegible] which makes own taxes, seed distribution [illegible] agricultural officer, and had organised [illegible] but [illegible] fly. The federated [illegible] carried out 3,000 miles to cut [illegible] miles long and [illegible] small and clean by burning [illegible] to compel [illegible] good [illegible] are [illegible] passage to [illegible]

[illegible] the lecture [illegible] the [illegible] educated. Natives do [illegible] always [illegible] strictly legal system, and that in many cases [illegible] African is content to remain at a low level, not wishing to be gathered into uplift. What was our duty [illegible] towards people who [illegible] help themselves [illegible] continued to do things that could destroy them. The [illegible] was [illegible] District Officer [illegible] and the [illegible] was not where the District Officer did, but what he left behind [illegible] and the machine, as it was called, [illegible] in the absence of the further as official.

[illegible] Ea. Warr, who a few months ago left the Education Commission to East Africa, has been re-elected [illegible] the National Labour Organisation [illegible] his re-election, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald [illegible] of State for the Dominions said [illegible] Warr has done more than anyone [illegible] up the strength of the National Labour [illegible] in the country, and [illegible] at a comparatively early age, and entirely by his own merits, to Cabinet office. Major A. [illegible] Church, who is a member of the East Africa Commission of [illegible] was re-elected Treasurer of the Organisation.

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[illegible] Italian casualties in Ethiopia during December, January and February, numbering [illegible] in all, [illegible] Blackshirts were killed in reconnaissance or police operations, [illegible] officers died of wounds, and [illegible] Blackshirts died of illness and other causes. The preponderance of casualties among the officers is probably due to the fact that the casualties of native troop formations are not published.

A battalion of the [illegible] constituted Colonial Police Force is about to leave Italy for Ethiopia. One of the objects of the new force is stated to be the civil, moral and physical elevation of the native population. The equipment included armoured cars specially built for work over [illegible] ground.

Foreign critics of the campaign in Ethiopia are attacked by Signor Mussolini in a preface to a book by General Bollati which has been published in Rome. "The Race Lives Now and that they printed has been denied in the most devastating manner," he adds, "and I pause for a moment to help asking how the so-called military critics could have [illegible] so much nonsense, giving themselves up to ridiculous forecasts, and mistaken calculations.

"Both have decided for instance the Italian forces of Ethiopia [illegible] made the fatal mistake of imagining the Italian nation by the criterion of 25 or 50 years ago and supposed that Italy has stood still since her defeat in 1896. Now, we the Italians have grown to be one of the finest nations in the world."

Belgium has decided to compensate the Italian forces of Ethiopia [illegible]

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Kenya Memorial to King George V.

Brigadier-General Sir Godfrey Rhodes, chairman of the King George V Memorial Committee in Kenya, announces that the appeal will be officially closed on March 31, the Hon. Treasurer will of course, gladly receive any further sums which may be forthcoming after that date, but no further public appeal will be made. Recommendations will be made later by the Committee as to the form the memorial should take.

A Livingstone Play

A stage version of the life of David Livingstone is to be produced at the Garrison Theatre, Tidworth, in the end of this month. It will deal with the explorer's life, not primarily as a missionary, but as a knight-errant who ventured and lengthily in the opening up of Africa. Mr. David Clark is the author. The cast will be drawn from the Garrison Theatre. The author, Mr. David Clark, has been assisted in the work of the play by Mr. Cullen Young, formerly of Nyasaland. The cast will include a number of Africans.

Commissioners Take to the Air

The Native Tax Commission which has been sitting in Northern Rhodesia ought to produce the most interesting and helpful report, even if, as is [illegible] Lockhart and [illegible] Colonel Gore-Browne, the three members, have taken evidence from some hundreds of chiefs, non-officials and natives. It is clear that they have more than 8,000 miles on the roads of Rhodesia in their search for information.

German Trade with Tanganyika

The East African Office [illegible] has issued [illegible] of German trade with Tanganyika for each year from 1925 to 1935. The total imports from Germany [illegible] £4,935, and exports from Tanganyika to Germany £2,604,407, displacing trade that was favoured in the accounts of [illegible]. The German imports into Tanganyika are [illegible] of the total imports, [illegible] exports to Germany [illegible] last year [illegible] total [illegible].

A Marapo Lake?

[illegible] Marapo Hills [illegible] Colonel [illegible] barrage [illegible] Tanganyika [illegible] Marapo [illegible] Lake [illegible] Tanganyika [illegible] would [illegible] be [illegible] for [illegible] spot [illegible] and [illegible] Tanganyika [illegible]

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Butter.—Exports to Kenya and Nairobi during [illegible] 1938, 118 [illegible] per cwt. (1937: Kenya [illegible]

Castor Seed.—[illegible] £12 (1936: £12 10s.)

Copra.—Steady. Zanzibar spot 8/2d. [illegible] 1/8d. Madagascar spot [illegible] (1936: [illegible]d.)

Cotton.—[illegible] steady. [illegible] prices [illegible] Price:

Kenya [illegible]

[illegible]	0d. to 420s. 0d.
[illegible]	0d. to 60s. 0d.
[illegible]	0d. to 250s. 0d.
[illegible]	6d. to 1[illegible]1s. 0d.

Ginger.—[illegible]

Kilimanjaro:

[illegible]	
[illegible]	
[illegible]	

[illegible] London stock of East African [illegible] (1937: [illegible]).

Copper.—Steady and firm, with standard [illegible] and [illegible] (1936: [illegible]).

Copra.—Dull and lower, [illegible] being valued at £11 [illegible] (1937: [illegible] £13 10s.).

[illegible] good fair [illegible] 62s. (1937: [illegible]).

A correspondent unofficially [illegible] to express [illegible] satisfaction from reports that a [illegible] for weather just at the right time encourages the confident hope that the latest official estimates of this season's crop will be considerably exceeded, and that it may reach 375,000 tons.

Cotton.—Steady [illegible] 5s. (1937: 4s. 5s.).

Gold.—Stocks for first time since December and has [illegible] to a price of 147 per oz. (1937: [illegible] 14d.).

Groundnuts.—Mozambique easier at £[illegible] per ton (1937: £13 5s.; 1936: £13 [illegible]).

Hides.—Dull and inactive. Mombasa [illegible] 7d. [illegible] 12 [illegible]d., 7/8 lb. [illegible]

Lead.—Under continuous demand [illegible] goods [illegible] current month and third [illegible] and [illegible] £[illegible] 2s. 6d. to £[illegible] 3s. 9d.

Maize.—Some improvement with East African values [illegible] 27s. 3d. per qtr. (1937: 26s. 4d.).

Rubber.—Business [illegible] at £1[illegible] per [illegible] (1937: [illegible]).

Sisal.—[illegible] nominally £13 10s. [illegible] (1936: £13 10s.).

[illegible] with [illegible] for March, May and [illegible] 6d. [illegible] October, November and March and June and March [illegible] £28 17s. 6d. [illegible] £27 10s. [illegible] £28 10s.).

[illegible] tons of sisal during February [illegible] 2,050 tons were sent to the U.K., 1,160 [illegible] and [illegible] to the U.S.A. During January [illegible] exported [illegible] tons of sisal.

Tea.—Manufacture [illegible] early [illegible] (1937: [illegible]).

[illegible] record output [illegible] East African has had a ready sale [illegible] a [illegible] market, bearing as [illegible] tendency. Nyasaland [illegible] Kenya [illegible] 10d. per lb. (1937: [illegible]).

Slight improvement [illegible] cash £484 12s. 6d.; [illegible] months, £18 18s. 6d. (1937: £28 7s.; 1936: £2[illegible]).

Tobacco.—Nyasaland and Rhodesia [illegible] dark, 8d. to 10d.; [illegible] dark to semi-bright, 11d. to 15d.; medium bright and good [illegible] 16d. to 20d.; [illegible] dark, [illegible] dark to semi-bright, medium bright and good [illegible] 16d. to 40d. per lb.

Business during February has been rather dull. Weather conditions in Southern Rhodesia have been rather unfavourable throughout the growing season, but [illegible] the market [illegible] [illegible] which the tobacco [illegible] rather [illegible]. There have been rather adverse [illegible] in Nyasaland on dark cured in the southern [illegible] but good quality cured in northern districts [illegible].

[illegible] consumption of Empire tobaccos [illegible] to all others has risen from 1·01 in [illegible] to [illegible] (51,250,000 lb.) in 1937. Consumption showed a continuous increase until 1933, when there was a decrease of 1·7% in 1934, and in 1935 there was a slight drop of [illegible] in 1936, however, consumption improved by [illegible] and 1937 shows the [illegible] Rhodesia [illegible] 1937 some of [illegible] January.

Wattle.—Weaker, with Kenya Government [illegible] per ton [illegible] 1s. higher (1937: 43s. 6d.).

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STANDARD BANK MONTHLY REVIEW ...

The colossal locust invasions [illegible] of three years ago covered ten million [illegible] miles of Africa, will be still vividly in the minds of our East African and Rhodesian readers, who must have been impressed with the apparent impossibility of locating in the vast area of Africa the exact source and origin of the insect hordes. Yet, as will be seen from an article in this issue, it is precisely this phase of the problem which has been definitely solved in the case of the African migratory locust. One small area of Africa is now known to be the sole breeding ground from which that invasion came, and then only as the result of a very unusual and remarkable concatenation of circumstances. This discovery is the outstanding achievement so far of the International Locust Control, and there is every indication that similar dramatic results may soon be recorded in the case of the red and the desert locusts, which have also contributed, though less seriously, to recent African invasions.

Discovery of the Migratory Locust's Sole Breeding Ground.

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All this is wonderfully reassuring. Instead of the whole of the continent being a possible source of locust outbreaks, as many on the uninitiated have feared, it can now be said that only a few very limited areas are biologically possible, and those areas have been or can be definitely located. The problem, then resolves itself into that of crushing the pest in its known breeding centres—an immense simplification. Much, of course, remains to be done; but it will assuredly be done if only the control remains truly international and is adequately supported. Internationalism is a term that to many has a sinister sound, but it is and must be the watchword of the Locust Control organisation. Yet, incredible as it may seem, not so long ago parochialism was so rampant in at least one of our East African Dependencies that the most violent objections were expressed by public men to its making any contribution to the fight against locusts outside its own borders. Now every territory in Africa, with the possible exception of Ethiopia (and that, no doubt, only temporarily), is assisting in the work of locust control. What has already been achieved is a striking example of what can be done by international effort wisely directed to one end. Peace has its victories no less epoch-making than war, and peace over Africa is another major factor in this scientific campaign against the locust.

Control must be International.

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DIRECT TAXATION [illegible] for some time [illegible] for investigation and possible revision [illegible] 1933 [illegible] on Tanganyika [illegible] itself of the [illegible] that, in order to pay [illegible] and [illegible] Taxation (poll tax). Natives [illegible] to leave the [illegible] to find [illegible] Nyasaland [illegible] was [illegible] in 1932 [illegible] to [illegible] re-examination. It is not that the [illegible] levy, six shillings per head or per hut [illegible] is widely considered to be excessive by the Native [illegible] who [illegible] that comparatively [illegible] Dependencies [illegible] the high rate of tax. [illegible] the objections [illegible] in the flexible, being [illegible] mainly [illegible] whether prosperous or not, than it is especially hard on divorcees and adult unmarried men, who have no legitimate means of earning a living, and that, in the case of a man who has only married (say) three wives, it may develop into a crushing burden.

Radical Changes Proposed in the Present System.

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Last year Mr. Eric Smith, an Administrative Officer, was delegated to investigate the whole problem, and in his Report, which is summarised in this issue, he proposes radical alterations in the hut and poll tax, with its corollary, the plural tax, the substitution of a poll tax of eight shillings on able-bodied adult males of eighteen years of age and upwards, and the introduction of flexibility of incidence. Thus at one stroke he would relieve Native women of all liability to taxation, bringing the system more into harmony with Native custom and making it more equitable. Natives of course, can have no legitimate grievance at a poll tax as such, for non-Natives in Nyasaland pay an annual poll tax of two pounds per head, in addition to income tax.

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Mr. Smith, it will be seen, has not hesitated to refute absolutely the findings of the Committee as to the cause of the exodus from the Northern Province, and he has listed what he considers the real factors leading to emigration; but it is quite possible that his suggested increase of two shillings a head in the poll tax may be seized upon by those critics who are ever searching for notes with which to castigate British administration in Africa. It is so simple to pick on the minimum wages paid to unskilled labour and argue that taxation is mere "exploitation" of the unfortunate Native. Mr. Smith's report destroys that contention, not only is the Native in most districts well able to pay, but the investigator proposes that in prosperous areas the additional rate shall be [illegible] the Native authority for communal purposes. Moreover, introduction of the principle of a flexible tax will provide for the modification of its incidence in hard times or in hard cases. That system has worked excellently in Tanganyika Territory, and should be no less successful in Nyasaland.

Proposals Just and Practical.

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A RESTRICTION SCHEME for [illegible] which [illegible] suggested [illegible] with the growth of Portuguese East Africa [illegible] to a [illegible] scheme of production [illegible] Proposed [illegible] Prices of the [illegible] £25 [illegible] restriction to [illegible] price, and to [illegible] one-half [illegible] world market [illegible] under [illegible] 20 [illegible] The [illegible]

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Mr. R. Langford James's Address

[illegible] National Bank of India, Limited, held on Monday, Mr. R. Langford James, the Bank, presided. [illegible] General Manager, Mr. [illegible] read the notice convening the [illegible] and the Auditor's report. The chairman said: [illegible] speech [illegible] to December 31, 1937, [illegible] pressure [illegible] usual to take [illegible] deposit [illegible] other [illegible] amounting to [illegible] an increase [illegible] during the [illegible] £30,200 over the previous [illegible] accepts [illegible] up by [illegible] on the [illegible] cash, balances [illegible] transit appear [illegible] £5,410,[illegible] against £5,[illegible] Indian government securities, [illegible] which is [illegible] three [illegible] of a [illegible] balance sheet [illegible] a reduction of £[illegible] exchange at £4,[illegible] and discounts [illegible] receivable [illegible] £[illegible] a small increase of £[illegible] [illegible] we have met [illegible] the large part [illegible] our deposits represented cash, [illegible] which, although [illegible] a very strong [illegible] with [illegible] to see a great pro[illegible] employed in the financ[illegible] trade [illegible] the improvement [illegible] not been substantial [illegible] to furnish [illegible] the [illegible] looked for [illegible] rather [illegible] the total advances [illegible] high figure of 67% [illegible] together amounted to £14,[illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] represents [illegible] [illegible] of £485,861

[illegible] our net profit for the year amounted to £485,861, [illegible] the previous year, and [illegible] with the [illegible] available [illegible] an interim dividend [illegible] rate of 18% [illegible] declared in [illegible] and the dividend [illegible] recommend payment [illegible] together [illegible] £50,000 [illegible] and [illegible] place £[illegible] 000 towards [illegible] carried forward to [illegible] usual [illegible] provided for [illegible]

The slight [illegible] for by reduction [illegible] are [illegible] low [illegible] than in the [illegible] which [illegible] allocated [illegible] to make [illegible] to [illegible] from [illegible] which [illegible] rate of interest [illegible] almost [illegible] that [illegible] will [illegible] issued to replace them will [illegible] not be a [illegible] change in money [illegible] condition [illegible] rate in that country [illegible] throughout the year [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] India's favourable trade balance [illegible] trade [illegible] under the [illegible] with [illegible] trade [illegible] success, which shows a fall of [illegible] Rs. [illegible] 67 crore when compared with the previous year. The value of gold exported during the year amounted to [illegible] 98,000 [illegible] 1936. Trade generally speaking in that country has not been satisfactory [illegible] some of the leading [illegible] of a very happy nature [illegible] the multiplicity of [illegible] new operating [illegible] among [illegible] for an adequate return [illegible] trading trades not always obtainable [illegible] mention that the bank is approaching [illegible] this quarter century in which we have been established [illegible] business [illegible] our constant effort to maintain and to [illegible] sound [illegible] reason [illegible] to [illegible] engaged. [illegible] spheres [illegible] year to the [illegible] that nation is a [illegible] India [illegible] other [illegible] countries, and it is only to be expected that a [illegible] proportion [illegible] of India will be [illegible] which will an[illegible] and [illegible] will [illegible] deal with [illegible] our by [illegible] James Taylor, the [illegible] of the [illegible] Bank of [illegible] that institution [illegible] meeting [illegible] mouth: he [illegible] India was esti[illegible] that [illegible] have [illegible] 67 millions in 1935 [illegible] compared with 320 millions in 1921 and that by 19[illegible] figure [illegible] in the region of 100 millions [illegible] to 80 millions in 20 years. As pro[illegible] Sir James, the area under cultivation is not keeping pace with the growth of population, so that, as he puts it, "the [illegible] population on cultivated lands between [illegible] 1931 has increased by [illegible] 11%." [illegible] the case, it is [illegible] include that useless and untilla[illegible] and land and conservation [illegible] foodstuffs and [illegible] necessities of life as cotton, after satisfying the internal needs of the country, must tend to decrease. [illegible] our last meeting [illegible] mentioned that on the [illegible] following the prorogation [illegible] would begin their [illegible] and, in spite of one or two isolated instances [illegible] which [illegible] regarded [illegible] as [illegible] [illegible] congratulating [illegible] financial [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] appointed to [illegible]

Conditions in East Africa

[illegible] review [illegible] progress [illegible] section of the [illegible] to which the [illegible] East Africa continue to enjoy [illegible] prosperity, though [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of cloves by Indian [illegible] [illegible] abnormal [illegible] stocks [illegible] Langford James [illegible] referring to the [illegible] Lenton, sub-manager and [illegible] service.

The resolution [illegible] was adopted [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Shakes[illegible] the meeting [illegible] the [illegible] staff [illegible]

Progress in Sisal Research

[illegible] the reports of the Board of Trustees of Sisal Research on the work done at Dabida during the year ended June 30, 1937, should [illegible] withheld from the public until the end of March, 1938. No [illegible] any such necessity is [illegible] in this second report of Dr. W. [illegible] Gibson, who is in charge, and certainly appears to be a valuable and [illegible] report.

Much of the record is naturally of [illegible] technical character for quotation in such a [illegible] as *East Africa and Rhodesia*, which, while commending close study of the doings [illegible] connected with the sisal industry, will [illegible] with extracts only a few points of general interest.

[illegible] insistence on the need for [illegible] uniformity [illegible] the grading of East African sisal, and, in particular, the efficient and careful [illegible] of the fibre in the [illegible] deficiencies in this respect have been stated to have had a serious effect on [illegible] of East African sisal in new fields of utilisation.

[illegible] chiefly used for spring [illegible] properties [illegible] received first consideration, and [illegible] question of more thorough investigation of the commercial utilisation of the new "blue sisal" [illegible] *sisalana* has been established that preliminary [illegible] the structure of the fibre and further research may influence baling [illegible] there have been experiments in the [illegible] of sisal treated with alkali in order to determine whether alkali treatment [illegible] a yarn suitable for uses other than those to which sisal is at present confined.

A consideration of various reports on sisal tape trials undertaken by different authorities [illegible] we read [illegible] considerable [illegible] into the [illegible] contradictory [illegible] report [illegible] under working conditions [illegible] far these [illegible] can produce a [illegible] period of [illegible] days and [illegible] of water [illegible] they report under working conditions [illegible] far these [illegible] can produce a [illegible] period of [illegible] days and [illegible] of water [illegible]

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Price of African Tobacco

[illegible] growers in the Rhodesias and Nyasaland [illegible] interested to read the following [illegible] Arthur L. Phillips at the recent annual meeting [illegible] of shareholders of Godfrey Phillips, Ltd.:

"[illegible] though we regret that much of the recent depreciation of the pounds is due in the main to a lack [illegible] commodity prices, that [illegible] Nevertheless [illegible] figures and profits have been better than ever before [illegible] tobacco industry during recent years to attain [illegible] higher and higher prices. This has not only applied [illegible] the United States of America [illegible] where the best part of our company's requirements are purchased, but in Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Canada and elsewhere. It is now [illegible] that Empire farmers are now [illegible] difficulties, difficulties [illegible] setback which [illegible] generally meet, but, from the point of view of shareholders in tobacco [illegible] unfortunately that they alone have to bear this extra cost."

Rainfall in East Africa

The East African and Southern Rhodesian offices in London have received the following [illegible] rainfall in the territories [illegible] the periods indicated:

Kenya (Week ended March 16).—Cherangani, 0·3; [illegible] Eldama, 1·13; Eldoret, 0·62; Fort Ternan, 2·01; Gilgil, 0·03; [illegible] Bridge, 0·88; Kaimosi, 0·21; Kericho, 1·05; Kericho, 4·28; [illegible] Kambu, 0·05; Kipkabo, 0·44; Kitingop, 0·23; Kisharen, 0·[illegible]; Naumu, 0·03; Kitale, 0·14; Kora, 1·[illegible]; Tamburi, 0·08; Tanaviri, 1·14; Machakos, 0·02; Menengai, 0·33; [illegible] 2·14; Muhuroni, 1·90; Naivasha, 1·00; [illegible] 0·05; [illegible] Nyeri, 0·03; Ol [illegible] 0·47; [illegible] 0·26; Rumuruti, 0·[illegible]; Sotik, 0·[illegible]; Soy, 0·[illegible]; Thika, 0·[illegible]; Turbo, 0·30; [illegible] Valley, 0·49 inch.

Uganda (Week ended March [illegible]).—Bugiri, 0·[illegible] inch; Entebbe, 0·59; Fort Portal, 0·70; Gulu, [illegible]; Jinja, 0·08; Kabale, 0·76; Kabale, [illegible]; Kampala, 0·[illegible]; Masaka, 0·40; Masindi, 0·44; Mbale, 0·41; Mbarara, 0·36; Mubende, 0·40; Namasagali, 1·03; Soroti, 0·67; and Tororo, 1·[illegible] inch.

Tanganyika (Week ended March [illegible]).—[illegible] 1·19 inch; Bagamoyo, 0·[illegible]; Baharamdia, [illegible]; Bukoba, 2·[illegible]; Dar es Salaam, 0·[illegible]; Dodoma, [illegible]; Kigoma, 0·25; Kilosa, 0·[illegible]; Kilwa, 0·[illegible]; Kondoa, 0·18; Lushoto, 0·[illegible]; Lyamungo, 0·75; [illegible] Mbeya, 0·[illegible]; Morogoro, 0·[illegible]; Mpwapwa, 1·07; Musoma, 1·38; Mwanza, 0·52; Ngomeni, 0·37; Pangani, 0·98; Old Shinyanga, 0·[illegible]; Songea, 0·04; Tabora, 0·[illegible]; Tanga, 0·21; Tukuyu, [illegible]; Usambara, 0·[illegible] inch.

Nyasaland (Week ended March [illegible]).—Bandawe, 3·52; Blantyre, 3·[illegible]; Chikwawa, 3·46; Dedza, [illegible]; Fort Johnston, 1·86; Lichenya, 3·84; Likangala, 2·00; Limbuli, [illegible]; Malawasa, 2·76; Mianga, 4·19; Mimi, Mimi, 3·57; Nyamatete, 1·97; Ruo, 2·00; and Zoa, 2·32 inches.

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Market Prices and News

Sisal.—Weak, with Kenya and New Zealand [illegible] lower at 112s. to 113s. per cwt.

Castor Seed.—Bombay to Hull for March/April [illegible] £14 17s. 6d. per ton. (1937, £14 [illegible] £15 [illegible]).

Cloves.—Easier. Zanzibar spot, [illegible] 8½d. [illegible] (in bond, [illegible] 6½ per lb. [illegible] 10½d., 1937, 7½d.)

Coffee.—Demand for Kenyas and Ugandas [illegible] slow, with prices steady to slightly easier.

Kenya.—

"AA" grade	46s. 6d. to 110s. 6d.
"AB" grade	43s. 6d. to 54s. 0d.
"C" grade	42s. 6d. to 51s. 0d.
Peaberry	43s. 6d. to 110s. 0d.

Tanganyika.—

Kilimanjaro.—

London cleaned:—

First sizes (greenish)	[illegible] 0d.
Third sizes	[illegible]
Peaberry	5[illegible] 0d.

Usambara.—

London cleaned:—

First sizes	52s. 0d.
Second sizes	[illegible] 0d.
Third sizes	[illegible] 6d.
Peaberry	[illegible] 0d.

Uganda.—

Bugishu.—

Wash grade (English green) 45s. 0d.

London stock of East African, 97,504 cwt. (1937: [illegible] cwt.)

Copra.—Depressed. American advices have caused heavy selling. Standard for c.i.f. now £38 12s. 6d., and three months, £38 17s. 6d. (1937, £68 12s. 6d.; 1936: [illegible] 10s.)

Cotton.—East African [illegible] easier and [illegible] moderate demand. [illegible] 5s. per lb. (1937, £21 [illegible] £13 10s.)

Groundnuts.—[illegible] 35s. [illegible] dull, with little indication of revival [illegible] 8.97d.; 1936 [illegible] 8.5d.

Uganda exported 91,916 bales of cotton during the first two months of this year. Tax collected amounted to £[illegible].

Castor Seed.—White woolly sort (greenish) quiet at £14 [illegible] 6d. per ton c.i.f. Bombay to Hull, March/June, £14 15s. per ton. (1937, [illegible] 1936: [illegible] 10s. 4d. per [illegible] 1937, 14s. 11d.; 1936, [illegible] 10s. 7½d.)

Groundnuts.—Inactive. Export shipments quoted £10 3s. 9d. May, £10 5s. and June £10 [illegible] 2d. (1937, £15; 1936, £14.)

Hides.—Market very depressed, with [illegible] 12 lb. at 6½d. [illegible] 12 lb. at 6½d. [illegible] 12 lb. at [illegible]

Maize.—Primers, East African [illegible] 10s. to £[illegible] per ton, following [illegible] best quality £[illegible] £78 per ton.

Sunflower.—East African [illegible] £13 10s. per [illegible]

Wattle Bark.—[illegible] £14 10s.)

Wattle Extract.—[illegible] £17 10s. per ton.

Wattle Wood.—[illegible] April/June at £17 10s. per ton.

Wheat.—[illegible] No. 2 at [illegible] optional [illegible] 1937, [illegible] £23 [illegible]

[illegible] meeting of the East African Sisal Producers' [illegible] London Chamber [illegible] Sub-[illegible] London Chamber [illegible] trade to [illegible] bleaching, and [illegible] Manchester, although [illegible] Continental [illegible] London, March [illegible] 1937, £[illegible] 18s. 9d.; 1936, £[illegible] 10s.)

[illegible] ton, equal Continental [illegible] London, March [illegible] 1937, £[illegible] 18s. 9d.; 1936, £[illegible] 10s.)

[illegible] Nyasaland, 12s. [illegible] will meet the tea duty. Nyasaland, [illegible] 1937, [illegible] 1936, 11½d.)

[illegible] Uganda, [illegible] per lb. (1937, [illegible] 1936, 11½d.)

[illegible] Kenyan tea imports [illegible] during [illegible] Nyasaland, [illegible] Uganda.

[illegible] Dec[illegible] 12 [illegible] 1937 [illegible] 1936 [illegible] 12 [illegible] 1937 [illegible] 1936 [illegible] 12 [illegible] 1937 [illegible] 1936 [

Passengers from East Africa

The s.s. "Mataroa" which arrived in London from East Africa on March 6th brought the following passengers:

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Gordon, Mr. D.
Gosling, Mr. B.
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Kelly, Mr. J.
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