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IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

THERE is growing uneasiness in East African circles lest the development loans which the Imperial Government is to guarantee up to a maximum of £10,000,000 may be deprived of part of their usefulness by a decision to ignore the recommendation of the Ormsby Gore Commission that interest on such loans should during the first five years be paid by the Imperial Exchequer. Speaking at Bristol a few months ago Mr. Amery, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, stated that the former had decided in principle to approve the recommendations of the East Africa Commission and that any subsequent alterations to the House of Commons have until the last few weeks been taken to mean that the Dependencies would in the first few years not be burdened with interest on the loans. But now a doubt exists in many quarters.

That there is very real danger is suggested by the fact that the East African Governors, who recently assembled in conference at Nairobi, felt it necessary to telegraph to the Colonial Office an urgent expression of opinion that the recommendations of the East Africa Commission in this sense should be implemented as a whole; moreover, on his return from the Conference to Nyasaland Mr. Charles Bowring, Governor of that Protectorate, although it desirable to state publicly that the value of the loans would be seriously diminished unless the interest charges were in the initial period to be borne by the Imperial Exchequer.

That is not to say that the territories will be extending their transport system at the expense of the taxpayer in this country. For the Ormsby Gore and his colleagues clearly saw that from the date of the issue of the East African transport systems and territories would have to bear interest and sinking fund charges, and that ten years from the date of issue they could begin to repay the money advanced by way of interest from the Imperial Exchequer. But the first step in the issue of the new lines had to be constructed and the loans repaid in some other way.

Within a few years, while some may possibly do so almost from the time they are thrown open for traffic. In young territories it is, however, particularly desirable to take the long view. For instance, the proposal to construct a railway from Dodoma on the Tanganyika Central Railway through the South-Western Highlands of the Territory into Northern Rhodesia in the

influenced by considerations of Imperial policy and strategy, as well as by those of local administration and the desire to open up wide areas of splendid country to white settlement. This project is one of the most important proposals for railway construction in Eastern Africa, although it is admitted that it cannot become self-supporting for some years after its construction. This railway and also the projected line northwards from Dodoma via Kondoa to Arusha will be of far more than local importance. It is in a sense better termed a "strategic" railway than is to say the arguments in favour of its construction are by no means solely economic. In one case the prime consideration will be the establishment of physical connection between the Tanganyika and Uganda railway systems; in the other it will be the development of the South-Western Highlands of Tanganyika, and the eventual joining of the line at, say, Broken Hill, with the railway system of Northern Rhodesia.

There is every reason to desire the closer linking of all the territories within the Eastern African group, and that linking to a considerable extent has been agreed or agreed by the decision of the Home Government in this question. It is also responsible for recommending new construction or from the date of the loan to be saddled with interest charges, their judgment will tend to be unduly influenced by mere considerations of early productivity. Now every business man knows that there are times when it is wise to ignore the attractions of a quick return on capital, and to choose to lock it up in some investment, which, if for the moment unproductive, nevertheless promises both future security and the added benefit of enlarging the whole scope of his operations. That seems to be the policy to be followed in the broad question of East African transport development. Unless the £10,000,000 proposed it will be impossible to build the new East African lines, which are highly desirable, but it would be a poor policy to restrict Imperial vision to the columns of next year's profit and loss account.

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PERSONALIA

General R. Wainwright has left England for Kenya.

Mr. H. R. Ruggles Bruce will be arriving home on business at the end of April.

Mr. A. J. Storey, the well known Masaland merchant, has been elected to the Masaiya Town Council.

His Highness the Aga Khan has abandoned his intention of returning to England from Kenya by the Nile route.

Mr. J. Hannon, M.P., in a recent address to the Birmingham Publicity Club alluded to the immense possibilities of East Africa.

We learn that the address of Mr. A. C. Billing, British Vice Consul in Gibraltar until December last year, will henceforth be Apartado de Comercio, Malaga, Spain.

Major and Mrs. G. Court-Treaty have had the honour of being received by the Sultan of Oman on their return from their successful expedition to the interior.

Lord Lugard addressed the Royal Colonial Institution Tuesday evening on the subject of Africa. In our next issue we shall report the address in considerable length.

We are informed by a Kenya correspondent that Major G. Court-Treaty, whose death we recently announced, left £1,000 each to his two sons and a personal boy, both of whom had been in his service for many years.

The current number of the British Review has an interesting article on East African development by Mr. Lepper, who points out a number of points that appear to bear much the same relation to East Africa as Hongkong bears to China.

The European unofficial members appointed by the Government of Tanganyika to the Advisory Committee on Native Education are the following: The Rev. D. Hetherington, the Rev. J. H. Bruce, the Rev. R. D. Blair, the Rev. J. Bishop, the Rev. M. C. Theobald, the Rev. J. F. Ziegler, the Rev. J. A. H. O'Riordan, Mr. R. Ruggles Bruce, M.C., and Lieut. Colonel the Hon. M. L. Ker, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

The Commissioner has been appointed to the Government of Tanganyika. The members of the Council are: Mr. J. H. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Storey, and Mr. J. H. Storey, and to the Council of the Government of Tanganyika. His Highness the Aga Khan, the Rev. J. H. Storey, and Mr. J. H. Storey.

from Northern Rhodesia. It is reported that a new Masonic Lodge is about to be opened at Broken Hill.

The Staff of the British Board of the year 1935 has been constituted as follows: Colonel D. C. Pender, D.S.O., Lieut. Commander G. Kerr, E.N.C. (Res.), Major D. B. Crampton, B.A., D.S.O., M.V.O., Captain G. H. Davidson, Captain A. A. Elmer, Lieut. Commander W. J. Carter, R.N., Major H. H. Leighton, J. M. Thackeray, R.A., Major L. Knapman, Messrs. H. J. Kirubo, W. A. Ochei, F. T. Gounsin, and D. M. Meyson.

We deeply regret to learn of the death of Mr. Walter Russell, an active member of the Universities Mission to Central Africa, for some thirty years.

Mr. Russell was taken prisoner by the Germans at the outbreak of the war in East Africa, and it was in the prison camp at Kilimatinde that the writer first made his acquaintance. There, and at the camps at Taboriani and Taboriani, were the difficulties and harsh treatment which were the portion of British prisoners, and the kindly disposition which made him a universal favorite.

Whatever the task in which prisoners were engaged, he never failed to do his full share of the work, though, on account of his age, others would willingly have relieved him of the more arduous tasks. He was never heard to say an unkind word about anyone, and it would probably be safe to say that the majority of his fellow-prisoners would have reckoned him amongst the happiest and most popular of men. His gentle character, and his close contact with them, made him a man who could be the better for the work to which he was attached, and to the work to which he dedicated his life.

In the present generation of Tanganyika residents in Zanzibar, says the Zanzibar Daily, he had been stationed in the districts of Mungu and Mungu in the country of Tanganyika. Formerly he lived in Zanzibar and Mungu and conducted all the business affairs of the Mission, and during this period he was much beloved by the people of Zanzibar, both African and European. He had for a long time been ill, and after an attack of dysentery lasting for some weeks, he was sent to the Mission Hospital at Mungu for further advice and treatment, and he apparently recovered when heart failure set in. He breathed his last on Sunday morning, February 14.

LADIES' OUTFITS FOR EAST AFRICA. A large stock of ladies' clothing, hats, shoes, and accessories, suitable for East Africa. Also a large stock of ladies' luggage, including trunks, suitcases, and handbags. All goods copied from the latest material made up of the latest styles. Mrs. MARY THURSDAY, MRS. STONE, Grand Old Victoria Hotel.

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COTTON-GROWING IN EAST AFRICA

The Advisory Committee reported at the last meeting of the Administrative Council of the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation that the development of cotton-growing within the Empire had progressed satisfactorily within recent months.

From the many reports with in detail we take the following of some of the African interests. Mr. M. A. Bentley, appointed by the Corporation to head the section of the Sudan Government, has been working at the experimental farm at Shambat since the beginning of September last, while Dr. F. J. Brown is engaged upon a tour of five months duration in the Sudan, where he is collaborating with the Government chemist in work upon the soil problems of the Gezira.

The Secretary of the Corporation also left for the Sudan on January 15, in order to familiarise himself with local conditions and problems, and to confer generally with the Department of Agriculture and the Corporation's staff in the territory.

Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland

A report has been received from the Governor of Northern Rhodesia giving details of the organisation set up to administer the fund provided in equal proportions by the Government and by the Corporation to assist planters who suffered through the loss of last year's cotton crop, owing to the abnormal rainfall. A Committee has been appointed to investigate the applications for assistance. Up to the present, advances, amounting to a total of £20,000, have been made, and the Corporation have already refunded to the local Government the sum of £4,700. Security has been taken, in addition to the pledging of this season's crop, either by mortgages on the farms or by bills of sale upon live stock and implements. In addition, the Assistance Committee have distributed freely 250 tons of cotton seed, the cost of which will be repaid by the recipients when this year's crop has brought in a return.

Mr. Saiter, the Corporation's Veterinary Officer in the Colony, arrived in Livingstone in September last, and hopes shortly to forward a report upon his first six months' work. Mr. Milligan hopes to be able to visit Northern Rhodesia in the spring to confer with the local Government and with Mr. Saiter regarding the work that should be carried out in the Colony.

Mr. Sampson has completed his tour of service in the Corporation in Nyasaland, and feels that his work will not allow for further prolonged periods of residence in the tropics. Mr. H. C. Tucker, who was Mr. Sampson's senior assistant, has accordingly been promoted to the post of cotton specialist.

Considerable strides have been taken towards the production of strains of cotton suitable for the areas in which this crop is planted in the Highlands. It is now proposed to set up small stations in areas of higher elevation and to test the results.

AGRICULTURAL BULLETINS

The Department of Agriculture of Kenya has recently published a Bulletin on the subject of Improved Disease-Resistant Kenya Cotton. It is a valuable bulletin which reveals the best system for nursery and on-farm production of improved cotton strains for the use of planters.

It is also a valuable Bulletin on the subject of Diseases of Maize and Sorghum. It is a valuable Bulletin on the subject of Diseases of Maize and Sorghum. It is a valuable Bulletin on the subject of Diseases of Maize and Sorghum.

QUALITY OF EAST AFRICAN SISAL

We have recently heard complaints from a number of sources that the quality of much of the sisal supplied from East Africa had seriously deteriorated, and we are told that purchasers in the United States have felt some time recently that certain marks have been made.

The following letter, headed "Sisal" and signed "Sisal" has now reached the Corporation. Messrs. Hindley and Co., of 25, Colindale Avenue, N. W., London, W. 1, are well known to all our readers interested in that commodity.

The Quality of East African Sisal

DEAR SIR:—Considerable controversy and dispute have arisen in the East African sisal market out of the inferiority of the qualities which have recently come into the market, and the prestige of the commodity is imperilled in consequence.

It has been well understood that the Java qualities and the East African form the basis on which other qualities have rested, but, probably owing to the remunerative values which producers have been receiving, they have been too eager to pour into the market more of their product than they could produce in standard qualities.

The inevitable result of such a policy is to bring African sisal into competition with the Mexican product, and even that produced in the Philippines, the revision of which is going on in the Manila trade show available at 1.38 to 1.30 for 12 1/2 inch, and is not only bringing down the relative value of sisal, but is becoming more and more at the rate.

Quality is the essential condition of the value of African sisal. It has maintained this position in its history, and can only be maintained by upholding the standard.

The standard is given by the market, and the industry, from a desire to explore the tendency which has been so manifest to market inferior grades, which will do but one thing—reduce the remunerative result.

In view of Messrs. Hindley's long and intimate knowledge of sisal production and marketing, the above warning calls for the urgent attention of producers in Kenya, Tanganyika, Nyasaland, and Portuguese East Africa. Unfortunately, even those estates which have consistently produced only the best qualities are furnished by the Commission that many East African shipments are of inferior standards, and it is to the advantage of the Commission that more careful preparation should become the general rule.

SOCIAL HYGIENE IN EAST AFRICA

The British Social Hygiene Council has issued a pamphlet urging Members of Parliament to keep before Government the importance of making local national organizations from the East African Development Loan the allocation of a percentage sufficient to enable adequate medical measures to be taken in the areas in which development work is to be undertaken.

In Nyasaland, says the pamphlet, the total European medical staff amounts to less than 200, and of whom 20 are not permanent, and many absent, either sick or on leave during the working year. In Kenya, the number of the European medical staff is 100, and of whom 100 are not permanent, and many absent, either sick or on leave during the working year. In Tanganyika, the number of the European medical staff is 100, and of whom 100 are not permanent, and many absent, either sick or on leave during the working year.

It is recognized that all concerned that it is impossible to combat the disease which afflicts the populations with an adequate medical staff. It is recognized that all concerned that it is impossible to combat the disease which afflicts the populations with an adequate medical staff. It is recognized that all concerned that it is impossible to combat the disease which afflicts the populations with an adequate medical staff.

OUR WOMAN'S PAGE

NEWS, NOTES AND NOTIONS.

An Artificial Silk Week.

Next week is to be Artificial Silk Week in London, for the first exhibition of British artificial silk goods is to be held at Holland Park, and all the big leading stores in London and the provinces have arranged to mark the occasion by special displays of garments in this material.

Within the last few months the use of this material has developed enormously, and already trade experts have promised that in the near future it will become the cheapest of dress fabrics. Some of the prophets predict that soon cotton fabrics will be largely displaced in the tropics, and it is already said that India is buying great quantities of artificial silk.

Doctors are recommending it strongly for both winter and summer wear, emphasising that the wearer obtains the full benefit from the rays of the sun, much more so than when wearing pure silk or any other fabric.

Evening Frocks.

At the dress parades today evening frocks retain their simple outline but show much adornment.

In a Regent Street salon I saw a lovely gown of powder-blue chiffon richly embroidered in blue pearls, and a dainty gown of cyclamen georgette, accented with a little sleeveless coat of chiffon edged with shaded frills of cyclamen in the same material. A frock of this description is useful on so many occasions.

Spots in Favour.

Spotted designs are noticeable in all the leading shops, and bordered fabrics are in great demand. These designs are in all the latest shades—pink, beige, taupe, lime green, apricot, raspberry, periwinkle, and the lovely dots are rose shade—the colour of the moment.

Spots made from circles of satin are to be seen on the latest frocks. For instance, a gown of *hois d'or* georgette, shown at a recent parade, was decorated with satin spots in a deeper shade. The uneven appearance was pretty and effective. Spots of half-crown size are the favourite.

Fadeless Materials.

Stain materials are indeed a boon, especially when shopping for the tropics. Now it is possible to procure fadeless dress materials, curtains, bedspreads

and all kinds of furnishing fabrics of linen, cotton, or silk, from daily necessities and laces to heavy crummees. It is possible to buy goods that are guaranteed sunproof. Last season it was to be noticed that the majority of punts on the river were equipped with cushions of brilliant hues in these materials.

For the Little Folks.

It was never so easy as to-day to equip the nursery with things that a child appreciates.

Little Miss Muller and various other nursery rhymes are a joy in themselves to the little ones, who also are delighted with transfer designs for the nursery furniture. Most of the occupants of the Noah's Ark appear in the embroidery designs on overalls and creeper suits. A grey elephant stood on a half-coloured tunic, and the ever popular Teddy bear on a feeder are some of the novelties. Even pinon boxes are nowadays fashioned in animal and bird form. The penguin perhaps is as quaint and attractive as any. These pinon boxes can be obtained in the brightest of colours.

Some of the nursery rugs are not only artistic but quite amusing, being decorated with illustrations chosen from age-old fairy-stories. Another prettily coloured rug showed the letters of the alphabet, and with it was a companion with designs to teach the child how to write. Many rugs of this type are obtainable in washable materials, which are decidedly preferable from every standpoint.

Pineapple Pudding.

Ingredients.

- 1 cup pineapple or half tin of pineapple
- 2 oz. butter
- 2 egg yolks
- 3 gills of milk
- 1 or 2 tablespoons sugar

Cut the pineapple into small pieces, melt butter and add flour and milk to it gradually. Stir well, boil for three minutes, add yolks of eggs, well beaten, and lastly the pineapple and half the amount of sugar. Pour into a greased tin and bake for half an hour. Whip up the whites of eggs, stir sugar in when whipped, place this on the pudding, and brown slightly in oven.

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OUR KENYA LETTER

White Settlement.

From Our Own Correspondent.

There have been two interesting interchanges during the last few days indicating the more human and considerate trend of policy on the part of those in authority towards members of their own race who are desirous of settling on the land in East Africa. One was made by Sir Donald Cameron at Dar-es-Salaam in an interview with the local paper, while the other was given to the public of Kenya during the final stages of the recent Convention by Mr. Martin, the Land Officer. The former stated his intention of permitting farms in certain suitable areas to be taken up to the extent of 3,000 acres per applicant. The latter expressed his willingness to consider applications from men not owning property in Kenya at present to take a small farm somewhere as a home and *head-quarters* in order to enable them to get a start in the Colony.

Thus, after many years of disappointment and heart-burning for numbers of decent people who never could get land for themselves and families, and many of whom in despair left the Colony poorer than they came, we are at length in effect copying the homestead laws that made our great Self-Governing Dominions, but under one man control instead of that of the customary boards. The success of this development will revolve around the residential and improvement conditions and how they are enforced; for abuses will begin at once if men are not compelled to live on their properties for a few years and develop them personally instead of by proxy.

Sir Donald Cameron's proposed scheme appears to me to begin where Kenya started twenty years ago, and if he would only learn by our experience—or, better still, absorb the expert knowledge of our most successful Dominions in this matter—he could, in the case of ordinary settlers, cut down the acreage to one-tenth of the proposed 3,000 in the rich arable highland country at his disposal and put ten men where he now proposes to place one richly endowed individual. This is, of course, a matter of districts and crops, but for coffee and tea growing, which promise so well in the south-western highlands of the Mandates, vast areas are not needed by the individual settler.

Murder for Misdeeds.

The news that comes from the Northern Frontier Force of the murder of a white man by *asahi* in their toges, their discharge from their regiment, and quickly on the advice of friends who assured them that this was the certain way of accomplishing their object—gives one of those curious insights which occur from time to time into the child-like mentality of the African. One of the murderers was shot while trying to escape, another is being court-martialled for the deed, and yet a third will probably be connected with the incident, are on their way to a remote island.

A few less than a month ago a British *kuumbi* was first murdered in Nairobi, also with *akari*. The local Native jail seems to have a warder, two men, and a charging from the K. A. R. applied and promised their names, which show that they had been regarded as satisfactory allies. They were then sent away, but the *kuumbi* again they shot on the grounds of a *kuumbi* and, after they had been shot, they were sent away. They were then sent away, but the *kuumbi* again they shot on the grounds of a *kuumbi* and, after they had been shot, they were sent away. They were then sent away, but the *kuumbi* again they shot on the grounds of a *kuumbi* and, after they had been shot, they were sent away.

We are just a bit disappointed that Squadron Leader Alan Cobham, who had flown back from Cape Town to Kisumu in four days—which will take some time up to by subsequent aircraft—did not carry out his promise to visit Nairobi next time he came along. Perhaps, however, he means to do so quite in his next African trip. On this occasion he was distinctly in a hurry for he only left Kisumu with the intention of dining at Charoum the same day. So are the great distances shrinking.

The Ag. Man.

This remarkable personage, who has not been in Nairobi for twenty years, has at last arrived after various abortive attempts on previous occasions to get here. The last time he got as far as Zanzibar, but the political atmosphere and an epidemic of influenza combined to render it unwise for him to proceed further. The town wherever Indians live or do business is daily teeming with huffing and has been so for a week past. The centre of excitement is, naturally enough, the great Khoja Mosque built by his grandfather, the finest edifice in Nairobi. It is difficult to make Government Road, our principal street, look either dignified or beautiful at the moment, for the scars of the recent disaster are too prominent and the gaps of shanty huts, seared buildings which mark the spots of last week's fire opposite the mosque cannot be hidden. The Ag. Man replied briefly and tactfully to the address of welcome, and can evidently be counted upon not to complicate the existing situation in any way.

Coffee Polling.

Quite a storm in a coffee cup seems to have arisen over this policy in London, much to every one's surprise here, and it really looks like a case of cracking without one's host, for the problem has never been regarded as within the realm of practical politics by local settlers. Those Associations profess to represent Kenyan interests in London, evidently quickly left the embarrassment of a situation in which they had neither the support nor sympathy of the producer here, since a later day that they were thinking of Native goods. That puts a different complexion on the matter—some say a darker one. Certainly, as it is now even in London realised that this was the original meaning for the Coffee Trade Association in their reply to the resolutions of the Joint East African Board, specifically with the case of European-grown coffee.

There was something in the contention if it had not persisted in that way; for, as a local writer here points out, there are plenty of districts of considerable size where excellent quality coffee is properly prepared from the best of soil, but it has also had no chance of reaching the market. The real reason for the fluctuations in quality from the same district, he goes on to say, is indifferent treatment of the bean at polling time before coming to the factories, and if any system of polling to make the higher standards of our best estates throughout the Colony is ever introduced, it is certain to make polling depots as well as central factories, but the spirit of individualism which makes the Briton a particularly difficult subject when it comes to co-operation is very highly developed here, and naturally enough, all the best beans are connected with the same agents, dealers or middlemen, are a good many disturbances of the present method, no matter how essential the promise to be made.



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The annual general meeting of the Sudan Chamber of Commerce is to be held in Khartoum tomorrow April 10.

A recent issue of the *Tanganyika Gazette* gives notification of the registration in the Territory of ten different African Trade marks.

We have an unconfirmed report of the sale of a coffee estate in the Usambara district of Tanganyika for a sum in the neighbourhood of £80,000.

The new Public Health Ordinance of Mauritius prohibits, except under special permit from the Collector of Customs, the importation for the purposes of trade of any cast-off clothing.

We learn that Mr. East Luanywa, Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Society, Limited, was recently registered in Northern Rhodesia. The managing secretary is Mr. T. J. Pace, Port Jameson.

A sole prospecting licence for coal and oil over 6,400 square miles has been granted for one year from January 1 last to the Coastal Mining and Exploration Company in the region of Kenya. Certain private lands are excluded from the concession area.

Imports of cotton piece goods into Zanzibar during the month of January were:

Checked	135,028 yards
Over the counter	15,425 "
Printed	439,626 "
Clothed	194,361 "
Coloured	2,250 "

The Equatorial of the National Motor Fuel Company (N.M.F.C.) Ltd. invites tenders for the purchase of the company's factory at Jijira. Kenya tenders must be delivered at the office of Mr. Arthur Bromfield, Public Buildings, Nairobi by 12 noon on Monday, April 15, marked "Tenders for Equatorial".

The importation into the territory of East Africa of any motor vehicle of a type prohibited by and of a make and model not included in the permit issued by the Government is prohibited.

The transfer of motor cars will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Dar es Salaam, on Wednesday, April 10, at 10 o'clock. The Commission of Public Transport will receive a permit for the purchase of automobiles.

We have received several inquiries regarding the status of a trading company with a fractional Central African title which appears to have sought credit in several East African quarters. The company's activities making it to us, and we cannot find evidence of its activities except those in this country.

The new Nyasaland Income Tax Ordinance has met with prompt opposition. Take this pointed comment of the sub-committee of the Nyasaland Farmers Association: "It is the unanimous opinion of the sub-committee that the pernicious practice of Government imposing fresh taxation to meet their ever-increasing expenditure must cease."

The annual report of the Sudan Building and Agricultural Co., Ltd. for the year ended December 31 last shows net profits of £12,013. There is to be paid a fixed dividend of 7% on the preference, and a dividend of 7% on the ordinary shares, £3,782 being carried forward.

Sir Edward H. Goschen, Sir Sayed Ali Mirghani, Colonel E. A. Stanton and Mr. E. Denny have been appointed additional directors of the company, and the board now consists of these gentlemen and Messrs. Basile Stamatoopolou and George Stamatoopolou, Dr. R. Lampkin, and the managing seat. Sir Edward Goschen, Colonel Stanton, and Mr. Denny form the London Advisory Board.

During the last three weeks for which statistics are available imports into Kenya and Uganda included: Agricultural implements, 718 packages; blankets, 681 bales; cement, 1,374 packages; condensed milk, 622 cases; cotton piece goods, 2,084 packages; cycles, 405 cases; 2,022 packages; enamel ware, 439 packages; iron sheets, 67 packages; machinery, 281 packages; iron and steel manufactures, 4,019 packages; iron wire, 228 packages; kerosene oil, 1,020 tins and 1,305 cases; lamps and lanterns, 1,260 cases; lubricating oils and greases, 1,872 packages; motor spirit, 8,800 cases; motor vehicles and parts, 341 cases; painters' colours, 452 packages; railway material, rails and sleepers, 2,817 packages; railway material, other sorts, 6,541 packages; tobacco and cigarettes, 1,045 cases; wines and spirits, 2,562 packages.

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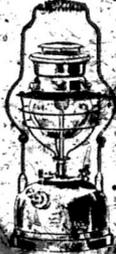
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SET COURTS AT REST

Now the dust of a previous campaign has been conducted a campaign of enlightenment on the subject of German ambitions in East Africa. At first it was sought to in several quarters to generate and disclose the truth by presenting them as mere agitation, but as evidence accumulated and as our African officials and critics took to the pen, it was within the past few weeks there has come abundant justification for our attitude, which was dictated by our personal equality with German mentality in times of equality. Our defeat, and the loss by our people of the African continent, is a stark and undeniable fact.

Locals are excited and a pointed pace and hour for desert provinces and to some extent, and so we have had to state as a matter of fact, and writing from the President of the Reich bank the last Government of German East Africa, General von Helldorf, Beck, and an endless array of lesser colonial officials, all of whom are in a state of apparent conviction and with varying arrogance that Germany must be given over as mandated, and all of whom add that, "I am not a Jew," and finally the magnificent territory from every point of view.

The only way in the way that these demands are being responsible German public men and broad East Africa, the German Press, the Colonial Court of the British Colonial Secretary, the Colonial Secretary, and the East African Chamber of Commerce, and will remain an integral and indivisible part of the British Empire. Though the German demand was unequivocal, and though it has also been reinforced by publication in the Official Gazette of the different East African territories, it is evident that a clear and absolutely direct declaration is needed. We are in a position to state that the City has today held confidence in the future of Tanganyika that leading insurance brokers have just asked a premium of no less than 1 per cent on a risk that the territory will not revert to Germany within the next twenty-five years. Stronger proof of the need for a made authoritative Parliamentary statement could scarcely be fitted. If first-class insurance brokers have so little faith in Government measures that they quote such a rate for so short a time, it is a fair inference that the development of Tanganyika is a most important point of view, and that the investor and to East Africa that all doubts should be cleared away before the forthcoming East African loan is offered for public subscription.

OLD CRANWORTH ON KENYA

ADDRESS TO ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE

Lord Cranworth delivered his address before a large gathering of Fellows of the Royal Colonial Institute, a most interesting lecture on Kenya Colony. The address was given in the presence of the Hon. Mr. Balfour, Secretary of State for the Colonies, and was illustrated by lantern slides. We quote the following extracts from the address which were inserted in the proceedings of the Institute.

Up to almost the end of the last century, what is now called Kenya Colony was indeed a land of savagery and cruelty, occupied largely by huge herds of game, themselves dominated by carnivora, and inhabited by Natives of the most primitive type, dominated in their turn by those human beasts of prey, the Masai. How long the tyranny of this tribe had endured we do not know. It may have been for centuries, or it may have been a thing of much more recent growth. All that we actually know is that this tribe of magnificent warriors, certainly numbering less than 100,000, kept ten times the number of other indigenous tribes, more intelligent and infinitely more useful, skulking in the edge of forest and covering in the bush. The whole history of the Kenya Highlands, such as emerges in the nineteenth century, is summed up in the one word Masai. For this tribe raided in search of fighting and cattle from the great Lake to the north, to the north beyond Adoua, Kenya, to the north, to the north into the centre of what is now known as Tanganyika, to the south.

Masai Raids

At any time in the life of some little peaceful village, while the men were tending their flocks and the women working at their primitive cultivation, there might arrive a band of fierce irresistible warriors, hideous in their hair, feathered head-dresses, with the four-foot blades of their spears flashing in the sun. Then came a square of men into the depths of the forest, followed by a mass of any who resisted or were overtaken in their flight, and the disappearance of those flocks and herds, which are the life and end alike of the primitive Natives. It was a result of their activities that the great wide fertile plains, richly inhabited and given over to the huge herds of zebra, wildebeest and antelope which were such a noble spectacle, perhaps alas, never to be seen again, outside a game reserve. The Masai peppered meat and fat with the exception of honey, did they destroy game and none of the other tribes have a chance in the neighbourhood. They have an impression on the mind of the white man, even to this day, which is not to be forgotten.

It was not until the late of the nineteenth century that the Masai were driven from their vast domain to the south of the Lake, and with it, and with it, and with it, the Masai tribe faded away. The railway started in 1896, and in 1897 the last big scale Masai raid.

administrators of a land of an extraordinarily diverse character. Some portions are high, some low, some fertile, some unhealthy, much of it is of a surprising barrenness, much again of an almost incredible fertility. We had diverse claimants to develop or at all events to possess, this land. There were the fierce Masai, there were all those other tribes who, under our protection, emerged, increased and multiplied, and very soon forgot the condition in which they lived before our coming. There were the Indians, not only those who were imported and employed in building the railways, but others who, as traders and artisans, followed under our protection, and played a useful part in developing the country. Not least, there were the white settlers, who, as is the wont of our race, saw a new land rich and empty, and found therein opportunities and prizes to be won from another earth. Here it is perhaps permissible to say that Kenya was, as a whole, most fortunate of the type of settler attracted to the country at the start, and as she was fortunate in the fortunate to-day. And by settler, I do not mean those people who go out for two or three years to a spring and whose headquarters is at Mombasa or Muthaiga, useful though such visitors are, but to those people who have gone out to make Kenya their home.

Britain's Achievements

I venture to say that the achievement that stands to-day is one of which our country has every reason to be proud. To the Masai has been allotted a territory vast in proportion to their numbers, extending along the main line and reaching the old German border. It contains much of the best grazing in the Colony, and considerable sums have been spent in increasing the water supply, which in parts was somewhat lacking. It was obviously impossible to satisfy such a people who had been the possessors of 200,000 square miles, with any set bounds, however generous. But this can be said that we have placed a people to whom we owe nothing, either in times of peace or of war, in a position of such affluence that they are no longer in a position of such poverty, man, woman and child was estimated seven years ago at not less than £500 a head, and it is more to-day. As a result of the most previously subservient tribes are to-day in possession of bounds far wider than ever they dared to touch or set their feet on. No longer living under the shadow of apprehension, they have, and not with their old primitive tools, vast stretches of the best land in the Colony. It is not only well to bear in mind when we read fantastic and exaggerated tales of how our lands, coming from the hands of the Masai, were given to the Indians, but to bear in mind that the Masai have now a Reserve of over 100,000 square miles, there are less than 12,000 barabaras, into farms.

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JOINT BOARD ON EAST AFRICAN PROBLEMS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FAVOURS SHINYANGA-MWANZA RAILWAY

Views on Native Coffee Growing, General Manager's Colonial Interests, and Customs Dislocation

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At the April meeting of the Executive Council of the Joint East African Board further consideration was given to the whole subject of East African transport development, and in particular to the proposal to extend the Tabora Shinyanga Railway to Mwanza, the matter having been placed on the agenda in consequence of the views expressed by Sir Edward Grigg and Sir Donald Cameron at the recent Governors' Conference at Nairobi.

Colonel Maxwell's Views on Mwanza Line.

Colonel H. Maxwell, General Manager of the Tanganyika Railways who was present by invitation, asked by Sir Sydney Hume, the chairman of the Board, to express his views on the projected extension to Mwanza, said that in the memorandum issued by the Governor of Kenya and in the reply made by the Governor of Tanganyika in their reference had been made to the report of General Hammond with whom the Colonel Maxwell had recently discussed the question and that General Hammond quite admitted that conditions were entirely different to those in many respects of those obtaining in 1922 when he reported on the Tabora and Shinyanga areas. Col. Maxwell pointed out that the administrative officers and the Department of Agriculture of the Mandated Territory had since found that the Natives in those districts were keenly interested in growing cotton in large quantities and that the ground was eminently suitable for that crop and for groundnuts. It was a realisation of these facts that led to the original proposal to carry the railway to Kahama, crossing the fertile plain of Karundi and providing a railhead near Sita. Then had come the sanction for the extension from Kahama to Shinyanga.

From Shinyanga practically the whole of the country to the north and slightly to the east towards Mwanza is an individual, rich and well populated, the distance from the original proposed railhead at Shinyanga to Lake Victoria at Mwanza being only 100 or 110 miles. To leave a gap of that distance between the railhead and the Lake port would mean that produce would have to be carried distances up to say 60 or 70 miles, which would preclude the production of either cotton or groundnuts in bulk. To leave the whole of a hundred miles short of the Lake would stop production in the Mwanza area, leave undeveloped 100 miles of land with excellent possibilities, keep the Bukoba province quite isolated from the rest of the Territory, and deprive Kenya, Uganda and the Province of a link of transport service to all the important ports and inland points. It is upon the fact that the Mwanza area is a rich and well populated area that the proposal to extend the railway to Mwanza is based. It is a question of the economic development of the whole of the East African region.

The fact that the railway was extended through the Mwanza area to Mwanza is a question of the economic development of the whole of the East African region.

in the north and the Tanganyika system further south. It was difficult to see why that competition should arise. Certain commercial firms with headquarters in Dar-es-Salaam might for purposes of facilities offer to deal only with their direct line of communication in Tanganyika, it was possible that Government stores for Bukoba might be diverted through Dar-es-Salaam instead of through Kilindini as at present, and in case of any temporary dislocation the one system could greatly assist the other, but these considerations could hardly be regarded as competition in the proper sense of the term. Moreover, it was difficult to say how the Mwanza-Tabora-Dar-es-Salaam line, 750 miles in length, could in any way interfere with the more direct line from Kisumu to Kilindini's deepwater harbour only 567 miles away.

Why need there be competitive rates between two railways in East Africa, both British-owned and British-managed? The General Managers of the two systems should be able to agree without difficulty.

There should be no agreement on the subject. Maxwell could not help thinking that the line, which certainly offered a good commercial proposition, need not necessarily touch the Tanganyika Railway more than the Uganda system. The extension of the railway to the port would mean an increase in the new production from the area, which might very likely find its way to the sea via Lake Victoria and Kilindini.

Board Favours Shinyanga Extension.

Major Bruce Taylor, General Manager of the Uganda Railway said that Colonel Maxwell had put the matter in a manner which made it difficult for one to do otherwise but he agreed with his views. He believed that the controversy was in a large measure due to the early use of the terms "altercation" and "competitive" which was a disturbing question. If it had never been suggested that the Tabora-Mwanza line would form an alternative to the Uganda Railway, there might not have been this public discussion.

Sir Edmund Selous regarded the line as a *fait accompli*. This was a statement of facts was now the way in which the extension had been provided, and the Colonial Office had definitely made up its mind on the subject. The fact that there was a highly populated area there was a population of 500,000 living between Shinyanga and Mwanza and that was some 100,000 acres of cotton and 100,000 acres of groundnuts had been exported from the district from the commercial standpoint he certainly felt the line was a *fait accompli*.

After Mr. Taylor had been recalled to find the strong feeling in favour of the construction of the line. It was a railway urgently needed and one which should have been built long before the war. That was the only reason for the delay.

Germany and the Mandates

Major Walsh raised the question of the possibility of the Empire regarding which there seemed to be a widespread opinion in Germany. There was, no doubt, a considerable amount of feeling in business circles with large interests in the Mandatories and it seemed to him that something should be done to make the position of the British clear to the whole world.

Several members of the Executive referred to the mass campaign now being conducted in Germany, one stating that it was a series of cuttings of such articles almost every day. While Sir Sydney Hearn added that members of the British House of Parliament had recently received a publication written and printed in Germany in the English language which had set out to prove that the only colonial possession which it was worth the while of Germany to obtain was Tanganyika.

Sir Sydney Hearn did not consider the agitation to be a serious menace and Mr. Westwood pointed out that one of the most interesting developments in international politics in recent months was the fact that Italy now asked for a definite check on Germany's colonial ambitions from another quarter. It was suggested that Germany's arguments in favour of a mandate were advanced, not so much in the belief that they might be realised, but in the hope of obtaining colonial territory from Portugal.

EAST AFRICA'S GREAT PROMISE

Views of Lancashire Cotton Experts

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Derby, who presided at the April meeting of the Council of the British Cotton Growing Association, extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Humbery (General Manager) and Mr. M'Gonagall on their return from their journey to India, Kenya, Uganda, the Sudan and Egypt, and said that it was sure that their visit would be of great benefit to those localities in the future, and also to Lancashire.

Mr. Humbery, in thanking the President, said that the five months had consisted of really hard labour. Having given details of their Indian tour, he said that they sailed from Bombay for Mombasa on December 23. Whilst Kenya was not going to be a great cotton-growing country, there are possibilities on the coast, where the Association had carried out experiments during the last year. The natives were now taking to cotton-growing, there on their own account, and there were good prospects of a few thousand bales of superior cotton being produced in that part. They had looked into the question of storage accommodation at Mombasa, and found it to be present quite inadequate, a letter had been sent to the Government asking what additional sheds should be provided with.

High Praise of Kenya

From the remarks made by Edward Grey, who had promised to do everything he could to improve transport. Mr. M'Gonagall, however, had been kindly pressed to carry out a large quantity of cotton which had been produced, but under the very difficult circumstances. Mr. Humbery thought the trade in Kenya was very bright. He added that Kenya was a great source of supply for the cotton industry in Lancashire.

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They then went to Tanganyika headquarters of the Association in a general sense from that place. Mr. Humbery said he had now covered several thousand miles in order to see the cotton-growing districts and the possibilities. Uganda has made enormous strides in cotton-growing and from the standpoint of output is really the best place to which the Association can point, with the exception of India. Mr. Humbery was of opinion that they had done a little too fast in the matter of erecting small ginneries all over the place. There were also other difficulties which ought to be taken into account before the industry could really be said to be on satisfactory foundations. The Agricultural Department had been strengthened of late by experts supplied by the Empire Cotton Growing Association, but the conditions consisted mainly of research men and Mr. Humbery thought that in addition to research men, more men who understood the practical side of farming were required.

Progress in the Sudan

At M'Gonagall they met the Governor-General of the Sudan, who had gone south to study rain-grown cotton in that region. The seed cotton is at present being transported down the Nile in 100 miles for transport. Whilst there are enormous possibilities there, Mr. Humbery did not think the proposition was a commercial one, as the charges were so high, and in order to make the industry it is essential to pay the grower the highest possible price. Therefore it was necessary for the Government to continue the work it was doing, but possibly with the help of the two cotton-growing organisations.

Afterwards they sailed down the Nile to Gezira. When Mr. Humbery was there three years ago, he had been rather disappointed because the yield had fallen from 4 kantars to two or three kantars. This year they had a yield of 32 kantars at the time of his visit, and the output would amount to 41 kantars. In the cotton was of very high quality.

Another cheering feature was the opportunity of going over the barrage and to see the water running underneath. Most of the credit for that dam was due to the Association for the action they had taken in obtaining the first loan, and in getting the authorities to provide further funds during times of great financial stringency. Altogether, the Gezira, Kordofan, Kasaïka, and the rain-grown areas were going to produce enormous quantities of cotton.

Mr. Humbery concluded by restating his opinion that the future cotton-growing areas outside of India, were going to be Uganda, the Sudan, and Nigeria, and he was sure it was possible to produce within the Empire, and a quantity as if could be produced in America, all the cotton required by Lancashire.

Mr. M'Gonagall said that we did not look for any large growth of cotton in Kenya, but in Uganda he believed there were possibilities of immense extension. The Sudan had done one's eyes good, and territory which has been so barren a few years ago is now filled with cotton and other crops. These are the crops which are going to be worth a large amount of money, the product of the British and it made one proud to come home.

The total cotton crop produced in Nyaland during 1933 was reported to be worth to 2500 bales. This was a big advance on the previous year. More than half of this was the product of the British. The Association, under the joint working agreement with the Government, had guaranteed that the cotton would be fully marketed.

EAST AFRICA BY BOOKSHELF

PAINING PART OF THE PICTURE

Some Problems of East Africa by Mrs. Hilda Gerde Hinde Williams and Norgate, London. This new little volume the ostensible object of which is to present the situation to those who do not know the country and who never reside in East Africa.

As a self-styled book for the stay-at-home public which knows nothing of East Africa we cannot feel that it will have any beneficial effect. On the contrary, it is, unfortunately, as the author writes, the short-comings of previous administrations and to brand the settler movement as actuated solely by material considerations of service neither to the homeland nor to East Africa.

Mrs. Hinde—who will be known to a number of our readers as having spent many years in Kenya as the wife of an administrative officer—and undoubtedly means an efficient one. The pity is that she seems to find good only in the ranks of officialdom, though the better ranks of that order are perhaps not so highly regarded by her with exceeding suspicion. They have, she says, brought to Britain's Protectorates a "scrapped and interested in the Native peoples, believing that they cannot be a paying concern for many years, except as labourers, and have emigrated on the settlers, whom they fear and from whom they hope to attain to social popularity and consequent success at home." To take two recent cases of widely differing character, did Sir Robert Coryndon not stand firmly for his policy of "the two roads," and would anyone claim that Sir Florence By's policy was dictated by a desire to placate the European settlers? Mrs. Hinde's generalisations are obviously unfounded.

She writes throughout as though Britain's prestige in Tropical Africa had been built up solely by our pioneer officials, missionaries, she writes, roundly writing them down as a failure, though admitting that the individuals may be, and often are, of the finest calibre. From the criticisms passed upon them in his book, one might be forgiven for wondering whether the settlers in question, from whose merits she would wish to detract, were really of British flesh and blood. They are accused of being without ideals, selfish, and seeking as much out of the country as is possible in order to return to Europe to enjoy the fruits of their efforts. The non-official element she accuses of exploiting the natives and their country for personal benefit, the only reason for preserving them being to make them a helot race without freedom of life or action.

The painting of so gloomy a picture destroys any value that the little volume might otherwise have had. For more enlightening portrait of the East African settler it is to be found in the Report of the East African Commission, whose members certainly had no bias in 1906, or whose settlement when they first reached the continent, the settlers, and have ever done justice to the words of Britain's pioneer planters and farmers. The Report of the American Relief Staff Commission is another document that might well be set against the bias of Mrs. Hinde.

With some additions, the book is a very good one. The main body of it is written in 1917, with some additions in 1921. The main body of it is written in 1917, with some additions in 1921. The main body of it is written in 1917, with some additions in 1921.

months later. This story, which purports to give the world an account of East Africa to-day, makes not the slightest mention of the growing co-operation and confidence between administrators, settlers and missionaries. There is no recognition of the work being done by devoted doctors, nurses, carpenters, educationists, agriculturists, and other experts for the uplift, moral and material, of the native races. This emancipation from the tyrannies and abuses of the ages passes almost without comment.

Let us add that the books claiming to deal with the problems of East Africa are almost solely to Kenya. If the author, seeking a new East Africa, cannot see beyond the frontiers of Kenya, it is perhaps not surprising that the views of Kenya are similarly restricted by highly artificial boundaries.

S. J.

FROM AN ABYSSINIAN FARM

In his new book "Masterston," M. Gilbert Frankland transplants his hero, Masterston, from the "Crestlessness of modern English society," a class which astonishes Masterston beyond words, and induces his marriage with a heartless bitter, disillusionment, divorce, and the determination to return to Africa. The book is biased and daring, depicting the trivialities of the idle rich and describing with a certain detail lunch and dinner menus, table talk, dance, gossip, horse races, prize fights, night clubs and all the other trivialities which, in the circles with which the novel deals, pass for life.

COLLOQUIAL ARABIC

The Dictionary of Egyptian's manual on "Colloquial Arabic" (Kegan Paul, London), which is published at a surprisingly low price of 2s.6d., aims at providing an easy guide to the colloquial Arabic of Egypt, Syria and Mesopotamia, but will certainly be of great use to Arabic students generally. Roman script is used throughout. The book can be confidently recommended.

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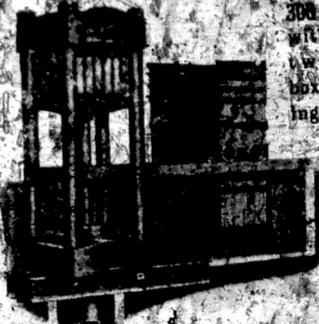
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PAYING THE GERMAN ASKARI

Dear Sir, Apart from the possibility of permitting a large number of British Askaris to pay off their debts with their own funds in person, when an opportunity has been lost, the British Government has no option but to make these payments must be made from British Government offices or under the direct and sole supervision of a British official.

It must be recalled that the German military authorities threatened the Tanganyika Government should the East African campaign that they would return as a result of their victory in Europe's campaign. They feared could never prevent their return. And we've actually allowed them to stay in Tanganyika on an obviously propagandist mission. Is there any wonder that the Askaris believe the old German mercenaries have been streaming back for months, and now comes a letter offering an amount?

If Germany insisted on sending out a delegate of his only part should have been to take the money out of the bank at the behest of a British official. To gesture to take it just as I am sure this many of many rufpennig pay him!

There is propaganda in that too. If it is propaganda for as anyone with any of the scantiest knowledge of the African mind will see, the moral of such a scene would be that the British are not paying such a thing.

Yours faithfully,
I. Mel...

EAST AFRICAN COFFEE POLICY

Dear Sir, The letter from the East African Coffee Association dated 1st April, 1926, which was published in your issue of April 15th, is considered by the East African Council of the Board at its meeting on 26th April. The next meeting of the Board has been held in London on 10th May, and the policy raised in the letter will be considered by the Board at the next meeting of the Colonial Office of the Board on 12th December. I would like to take this opportunity of stating that I think it will be found that there is no case for apprehension.

Yours faithfully,
F. G. Melrose, Secretary,
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Dear Sir, I have been very interested in the articles which have appeared recently in East Africa on the subject of Tanganyika and the return of Germans to that country.

The sum of £2,000,000 loan which will be shortly raised for improving transport and harbour facilities in Eastern Africa, a part of which will no doubt be allocated to Tanganyika Territory, is entirely in line with the view that a perfectly definite statement of the Government's intention with regard to the retention of Tanganyika, or otherwise within the British Empire, should be made at an early date, and before the public are asked to invest their money in the proposed loan.

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NATIVE COFFEE GROWING IN TANGANYIKA

To the Editor of EAST AFRICA

DEAR SIR: Our readers may be interested to learn the latest developments in Native coffee growing in the Moshi area. A Native Association has been formed under the aegis of the Kilimanjaro Native Planters' Association, and with the Native Chairman and secretary, the latter especially reported from Kenya. The subscription membership is said to run into thousands. A godown for the Association is being erected, and coffee materials and stores are to be imported under Government supervision.

The Association has a banking account and all cheques are countersigned by a Government official. Native planters are to be encouraged to grow blocks of forty to fifty trees in their shambas. In other words, a large Government organised scheme of Native coffee growing is to be launched. How else can it be regarded?

It is interesting to remember that only four months ago when His Excellency the Governor of Tanganyika met the Arusha Coffee Planters' Association at Moshi, an assurance was given that Native coffee growing was not going to be encouraged, although not hindered. The Senior Commissioners of both Moshi and Arusha were present at this meeting, and His Excellency actually asked them the question, "Are you encouraging directly Native coffee growing?" The reply in both cases was an emphatic "No."

For the last four years coffee planters have been urging the creation of native coffee growing, at any rate, on such time as the coffee industry was suitably organised and in a safe position.

For this purpose they have urged the appointment of coffee officers—that is, experts whose duties would be mainly experimental, in such matters as pruning, shade, manuring, irrigation, &c.—all matters at present in need of urgent study. They have also urged the appointment of entomologists as the district is notoriously infested with diseases which may at any time become serious. If not fatal, in spite of promises, what is the answer to these requests?

The Agricultural Department does indeed appoint coffee officers, but not experts, nor for experimental work and the study of coffee has merely for the organisation of Native coffee growing. A more cynical reply could hardly be given to our requests. It is interesting to remember what help the European estate growing industry has received in the past four years. One flying visit by an entomologist and almost complete ignoring of the district by the Director of Agriculture.

The Arusha district is at present practically free of Native grown coffee, except for some ex-Germans, probably of their acres of coffee, which plants are now presenting to the Native. Even in the Moshi belt, one is it possible to base any claim to the future, and are we also to expect a coffee officer, with duties to organise native coffee growing.

The recent change of Government has brought new ideas, and indeed this hope, but it is hard to see how, as shown in the letter we can only believe that the departments of the Administration are loyal to the Governor's policy.

ARUSHA COFFEE PLANTERS

The above letter from a well-known planter in the Arusha district, appears in its general trends with a number of similar communications received from other districts. It is not surprising that European

planters and investors should remain in doubt as to the policy of the Tanganyika Administration in this matter of native coffee growing, and perhaps the Governor may on a convenient occasion and it is possible to make a statement which will allay the uneasiness that undoubtedly prevails. Ed. (E.A.)

AN OVERSEER'S EXHORTATION

An Incentive to Care

By A Kenya Coffee Planter

RECENTLY I overheard the following homily delivered by my *nyambara* to a picker who was not doing his work in a suitable manner. He did not know that I was within earshot. The exhortation was most impressive.

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"The master has watched it very carefully and I have watched it very carefully and you are all supposed to clean it up very carefully."

"When you have finished it, will be weighed by the *Bwana* and go on a special waggon to Thika, and have a special machine put over it. And it will go in the train and be watched by another *Bwana*, and it will get to England and go in another train. And then it will be carried in a motor car, and all the time *Bwanas* will watch it carefully."

"And the motor car will be *nyumba ya Sultan, Mhikwa Kingi* (George V) and the great Sultan, King George, and he will look at it and say 'This coffee has not been handicapped properly.' It's *mbaya kabisa*."

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PERSONALIA

Mr. G. A. Proctor of Nairobi was married in London last week.

Mr. and Lady Margaret Lower have returned to Northampton from the Sudan.

Messrs. A. L. Kirby and C. A. A. have arrived home on leave from Nyaland.

Capt. J. E. Coney, Member of the Legislative Council of Kenya, is at present in London.

Sir John and Lady Ramden and Miss Joyce Ramden have returned to England from Kenya Colony.

Mr. Neville Pearson has returned to England from a hurried visit to Kenya, where he spent only some three weeks.

The Hon. Hugh Bamfylde has been elected to the Council of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies of Kenya.

At the request of the Prince of Wales the dinner of the African Society has been postponed from May 5 to June 9.

Mr. W. Adamson, Editor of the *British News*, has arrived in this country. He is accompanied by Mrs. Adamson and family.

Mr. C. J. Bagnall, O.B.E., Provincial Commissioner, Tanganyika, has been posted to Kigoma on his return from leave.

Mr. Philip Richardson, M.P., has recently given two lectures, illustrated by lantern slides, on his last year's visit to East Africa.

Mr. Harry McGowan, who is interested in East Africa, is well known to have been in London last week on a trip to South Africa.

The death is announced of Capt. W. S. Ambrose, who won the M.C. in the East Africa campaign while serving with the A.M.S.

The Order of the Bath has been conferred upon His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Archer, Governor-General of the Sudan, in recognition of his services as Commander-in-Chief of the Sudan.

Mr. J. H. L. has returned to this country on his appointment as Assistant Quarter Master-General of the Sudan Government.

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General Sir Alexander Cook, who won his V.C. in Somaliland, has left London to take up his appointment as G.O.C. Northern Command, Indian Army.

Admiral Sir John Franklin Parry, K.C.B., who died last week at the age of 62, served during the naval and military operations in the Eastern Sudan in 1884.

Colonel W. K. Tucker, C.B.E., Managing Director of East African Estates Ltd. and their several associated companies, has just arrived in London from Kenya.

Mr. Cherry Kearton had the honour on Friday last of giving a presentation of his film "With Cherry Kearton in the Jungle" before the King and Queen at Windsor Castle.

Colonel C. A. Johnston, C.B., D.S.O., M.B., formerly of the I.M.S., who served in East Africa during the war and there gained the C.B. and D.S.O., passed away last week.

The Prince of Wales has very kindly promised to attend the Annual Reception of the Royal Colonial Institute to be held at the Natural History Museum on Wednesday evening, June 30.

It is announced that Sir Rowland Biffen, Professor of Agricultural Botany at Cambridge, has been invited by the Government of Kenya to investigate the position of the wheat industry in the Colony.

Lord Curzon's only temporary chairman of the Elected Members of the Kenya Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of Mr. Williams, for whom Mr. Williams is a Member of the K.L.V.

Captain A. B. Parsons, who will be remembered by many of our readers, particularly in Tanganyika, contributes to the current issue of the *World Magazine* an interesting story of the disappearance of a European in East Africa.

Major H. Blake Taylor, formerly General Manager of the Uganda Railway, has accepted the invitation to join the Kenya Committee of the British Committee for A.M. Eastern African Trade and Information Office in London.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. C. Kenneth Wrechet, President of the Coffee Planters' Union of Kenya and East Africa, who has recently arrived home, is far from well. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery and an enjoyable and healthy living.

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East Africa in the Press.

THE KATIKIRO'S VISIT.

The announcement that Sir Apolo Kagwa, the Katikiro of Uganda, will visit England this summer has been followed by a number of interesting references in the columns of the daily Press. Best of the contributions is one by Mr. J. H. Harris to the *Manchester Guardian*, which had on previous days referred to the "Katikoro" and Sir Apolo Bagwa.

Another well-known provincial newspaper has had a good deal to say about the "Katirko" and the gossip writer of a leading Fleet Street organ has chattered pleasantly if not accurately about Sir Apollo Kagwa, the "Katikiro." The *Birmingham Post* suggests that this dusky Prime Minister must be the senior of all the Prime Ministers within the Empire, for he was a rising young man in the Uganda court before Stanley went to Africa, which means that he is approaching eighty years of age.

ITALY AND ABYSSINIA.

As a result of the recent reports of an understanding between Italy and Britain concerning water rights over Lake Tsana and regarding Italy's claims to railway construction in Abyssinia, the daily Press of Great Britain, Germany, France and Italy—particularly the three last-named countries—continues to give considerable prominence to the question of the colonial ambitions of Germany and Italy.

Dealing with these matters in a long despatch, the Paris correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* telegraphs the categorical assertions: (1) that Italy is taking a very lively interest in Abyssinia and also in the Eastern Mediterranean; and (2) that the Italian Powers have promised Germany a mandate in Africa if and when the chance arises. He adds that the absence of effective government in Abyssinia and the Portuguese colonies in Africa suggests inability to bear the burdens of administration, and hints that the League of Nations may be desired to devise a new form of mandate applicable to such cases. This follows the statement:

There is no hint to be seen in the case of the Italian League, which would fit in with Italian ambitions. There has been much talk of re-asserting Italian mandates over Togoland and the amplexure back to Germany in fulfillment of the Locarno pledges. Such a transfer Italy would be sure to acquiesce in, and desires were simultaneously satisfied. Her title of veto is based upon Article 10 of the Treaty of Versailles, whereby the former German colonies are handed over, not to the League nor to their present mandataries, but to the Allied and Associated Powers collectively, that is to say, including Germany.

The *Daily Herald* asserts that the negotiations between London and Rome over the Great Britain has now definitely agreed that—subject to the safeguarding of certain interests—Italy shall be allowed to penetrate and in due course to annex Abyssinia, a claim which is said to be secured in all but informed circles. The *Manchester Guardian*, however, concedes that the Abyssinian is to be the first object of Italian expansionist and imperialistic ambitions.

The *Manchester Evening Press* made a new point of view in the last issue, who would had had the impression that the newspaper telegrams, which in the ordinary course of events, are a distinct impression. One of the main points is that the *Manchester Evening* should have been excluded from the list of newspapers published in

EAST AFRICAN SISAL PROSPECTS.

Writing to the *Times Trade Supplement* on the subject of Empire fibres, Mr. Alfred Wigless points out that the United Kingdom is spending over £7,000,000 annually on foreign fibres, though the Empire could grow all she needs. He writes:

Without flax and hemp Britain could not have attained victory in the war. Even in these days of steel ships, mechanically propelled, these the oldest textile fibres, are essential to all vessels, great or small. They cannot be launched without rope, and must use rope to leave port, while without rope not a bale of cargo could be shifted; flax, although little used nowadays for sail canvas, finds its niche in every sea-going craft.

The production of sisal has made great strides in Africa since the beginning of the century, and bids fair to become one of the most valuable Empire products. When war broke out, German East Africa (now Tanganyika Territory) produced 20,000 tons annually, while the area that is now Kenya Colony exported 3,000 to 4,000 tons. Military campaigns during the Great War adversely affected the industry in Tanganyika, and only now is the output again approaching the German figure, but the prospects are that the latter total will be surpassed each succeeding year. In Kenya also, considerable progress has been made in the production of sisal.

Occasionally one hears murmurs that this increase in production is too rapid, but in fact it is *de facto* one of the most suitable climates for sisal, with its double monsoon, well distributed rainfall, and its Native population (unfortunately none too abundant) the note of caution may scarcely be justified. At any rate, in Empire economic conditions have changed vastly for the worse, as far as sisal production is concerned; output has declined, and although it is recovering slowly, it remains to be seen whether the increase will not, as in the case of jute and rubber, be rapidly absorbed into commerce.

Sisal is mainly used for the manufacture of binder twines for use in automatic reapers, the use of which is rapidly extending wherever wheat is grown, and more and more wheat is required to feed the world. It is necessary, therefore, that the increased demand in sisal, and it must be urged in view that this fibre cannot be harvested before the fourth year of the plant's life, should continue to produce for a further period of three or more years, according to soil and climatic conditions. As in the case of tobacco, the vetch lands East Africa if moving a standard, the industry has a competitor in the sisal industry. There is a standard of sisal and preparation essentially different from that in use in Africa, has been adopted and guarded. Doubtless a few words are advisable about the preparation of sisal for the market. In the tropics the leaves during its life of six or seven years when fully grown, are cut and passed through powerful id compressor rollers. The rollers are then pressed, packed and shipped in bundles of 200 or 250 lb. to London, Antwerp, or American ports, where about two-thirds of the crop is marketed.

The following table shows the progress made in the production of African sisal.

Sisal Exports	1913				1924			
	Tons	Value	Tons	Value	Tons	Value	Tons	Value
Tanganyika Territory	20,000	1,000,000	18,000	1,000,000	18,000	1,000,000	18,000	1,000,000
Kenya Colony	3,000	150,000	3,500	175,000	3,500	175,000	3,500	175,000
British East Africa	1,000	50,000	1,000	50,000	1,000	50,000	1,000	50,000
Total	24,000	1,200,000	22,500	1,225,000	22,500	1,225,000	22,500	1,225,000

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EAST AFRICA'S BOOKSHELF

AN INDICTMENT OF ABYSSINIA.

Major Henry Darley's Accusations.

IN "Slaves and Ivory" (Wiley, 42s. 00 net) Major Henry Darley, whose name is well known to most East Africans, is frankly a propagandist, for the volume is written principally to tell the unadmitted truth concerning conditions in Abyssinia as the author sees them, and secondly to expose the evils of the system of "closed areas" in Africa. But these aims are not allowed to obscure or impede a narrative of travel and adventure which will appeal to every reader. The book can be thoroughly recommended to the experienced East African, and to the uninitiated.

In his brief introduction Mr. G. W. Hobley describes the author as a gallant Yorkshireman of the blonde, Nordic, blond type, to whom adventure is the salt of life. "Well men, he says, are often impelled by authority, and love to roam in unknown lands, and Britain owes much to men of this breed," even though at times they fall foul of colonial governments through disregard of local regulations and possibly the inability to assess fully the difficulties of the situation when international questions are involved. Even as this is written Major Darley, impelled by wanderlust, is roaming about somewhere in the heart of his beloved continent. "We are able to add that he is at present in South-Western Tanganyika, where he has been washing for gold on the Tupa River.

The volume is an indictment of the Abyssinians, a race with strength but without knowledge of mercy—a description more than amply justified by the record. "The King of Abyssinia wades in blood to his throne," says a proverb of the country. When the ruling Emperor wishes to give a territory to one of his supporters, his favour is expressed in the words, "Go to such and such a country and

kill the only arbiter of conduct, so much so that Mr. Hobley, who, in the capacity of Senior Provincial Commissioner of Kenya, acquired intimate knowledge of these Abyssinian raids, adds the note that the Abyssinians now look upon themselves as unconquerable, many of believing that they are entitled to establish dominion over the parts of Africa to which Menelik referred when he arrogantly notified the Powers that "I shall endeavour, if God grants me due and strength, to re-establish the ancient frontiers of Ethiopia as far as Khartoum and to the Nyanza Lake and the country of the Gallas"—a ludicrous claim, entirely devoid of historical sanction.

The underlying factor of the whole situation is that the Abyssinian regards work as beneath his dignity. It is recalled that even Menelik when he wished to leave a road made in Addis Abeba, had to leave his palace, put a stone on his own shoulder, and carry it to its place, nothing less than the Imperial example could induce his subjects to do such work. It was the same with ploughing and the harvesting of crops. Not until Menelik and his sub-chiefs had started the work themselves would any Abyssinian put his hand to it. Most of the work of the country was done by slaves, and so arose the raiding and slaying which still continue.

The largest slave caravan I have ever seen," says the writer, "arrived at Jimma where it was camped there. It seems that the chief of a district some hundred miles from Jimma had been ordered by the new Government to be walled up in his own house, and to be under his own

numbers of his former subjects. I had no notice of the approach of this caravan, but hearing a sound of many people going along the road I went out to see what was happening. To my amazement I saw an unbroken string of slaves, the men roped together, the women and children walking alongside, while the little babies, unable to walk, and whose mothers were exhausted, were strapped on the backs of mules, three or four at a time. I gazed in astonishment at this throng, and tried to count them, but the number seemed endless, so I took my arm-chair out of my compound and sat there counting them as they filed past. I marked the hundreds by throwing bits of stick on the ground. At nightfall the procession of misery halted and camped on the spot, marching on again at break of day. For nearly four days they streamed along. I counted 6,000 in the first two days. I was then called away on other business, so I am unable to state exact figures, but it must have been at least twice that number. I have never seen a more heart-rending sight. It was worse than war.

Maji, when Major Darley first knew it, was a lovely place, 3,000 feet above the sea, with an abundance of wheat, barley, potatoes and maize. In 1908 some four thousand families lived in the immediate neighbourhood of the town, by 1910 not more than forty remained; to-day hardly a soul is left in the district. At the time of the first visit Menelik was still alive and his iron hand was over all. Power, the slave and slave-dealer rule in this splendid country, geographically and administratively an outpost of the Abyssinian Empire, and thousands of acres, once under cultivation, lie abandoned. Such is the tale of Abyssinian administration.

One of Major Darley's visits to Maji occurred shortly after the arrival of a new governor, who made a proclamation in the following terms:—

"Oh, you people of Turkana, Karamojo and Suk, I left Addis Abeba in the night by orders of the Governor to tell you to pay me my taxes. If you do not bring me one month, I will come and take them, and you, my soldiers, get your food ready. In one month you will go down to these countries and occupy them."

Now all the districts mentioned are in British territory, most of them over a hundred miles beyond the frontier, and so it was meant that the Dajjas match-Bern had left the capital under orders to occupy them, the author set out to circumvent his plans. By promises and flattery Bern sought to persuade the Englishman to guide the Abyssinian forces against his own country, a suggestion which caused him to lose his self-control and announce to the governor in the presence of his sub-chiefs and in his best Amharic that if he went into British territory and stole one cow he should mend the road in chains, and if he killed one man he should hang, adding that if he led his Abyssinians on a war like expedition, the British Government would break him as he (Major Darley) then broke his riding switch across his knee. For hours it looked as though he would pay for his temerity with his life, but at first streak of the next dawn he and some of his men slipped out of the town on their best horses and galloped on the road towards Addis Abeba. The Abyssinians who set out in pursuit were luckily ambushed outside the town by the Gallas, whose chief was an old friend of the author.

On the way to the capital the party halted at Jimma, and there I saw news that a notorious

disorder for the troops at Mait had arrived. Now, according to Abyssinian law, if a public appeal is made properly before reputable witnesses, reference must be made to the Emperor himself, and so Major Darley, using this knowledge, proclaimed that the ammunition was assigned to robbers, and demanded in the King's name that the whole question should be referred to Abdis Abeba. The invocation made in the name of Menelik and God, in the name of the King and in the name of the Throne, effectively prevented the removal of a single cartridge pending word from the Emperor. It was a bold and skilful stroke, which, it was shown after arrival at Addis Abeba, had the result of holding up an expedition which had set out with the knowledge of the Regent. There is many an accusation in this book which the Abyssinian Government should answer. A Government which rules by fear alone and countenances slave raiding and slave trading is, says the writer, an anomaly which cannot exist indefinitely in these enlightened days. That they have existed so long is attributed to a wonderful ability in diplomatic intrigue. The practical extermination of all the subject races with whom they are in contact has depopulated the country and, like a dreadful cancer, is slowly eating the heart out of the nation. The evidence of murder, slavery and robbery which Major Darley advances surely calls not only for investigation, but for action, for despite Abyssinia's recent formal decrees on the subject of slavery and Ras Tafari's personal influence, the author declares that even as late as last year the position was practically as bad as in pre-war days.

Many a reader will feel with our author that Britain's duty is to drive a good motor road from Mongalla on the Nile to that part of the Boma Plateau within the frontiers of the Sudan, and there to establish a fort and a strong force able to stop the raiding, which is a constant source of danger to the unfortunate inhabitants living, supposedly under British protection, within a hundred miles of the Abyssinian frontier. Major Darley, who has such great prestige in and such wide experience of that district, would seem to be the ideal man to tackle the task. Probably the idea has never entered his head, and certainly it is that in these pages there is nothing in the nature of self glorification or even of self-satisfaction. It is just the direct story of a man who has seen the pitiable results of Abyssinian rule and who has himself taken great risks in his single-handed efforts to frustrate Abyssinian raids against British territory.

OUR MISSION NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Robinson are on their way back to Mengo Hospital, where Mr. Robinson is in charge of the electrical supply department, and where Mrs. Robinson, before her marriage last year, was dispensary.

The Rev. H. McGee told a Taunton gathering recently that in Northern Rhodesia, the least known of its Dioceses in Africa, the Universities Mission to Central Africa had a staff of fourteen workers, of whom they expect to lose three at the end of this year.

Canon and Mrs. Leakey are outward-bound by the "Mulbera" on their way back to the C.M.S. Mission at Kabete, Kikuyu. Canon Leakey has lived in Kenya Colony for twenty-five years, while Mrs. Leakey first went out to Kenya as a missionary thirty-four years ago.

At the annual meeting of the Ulster branch of the Sudan-United Mission, the Rev. W. J. W. Roome said that the Forces of Islam are making big efforts to capture the pagan areas of the Sudan. The Government of that country had recently invited the Mission to enter two new districts.

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. S. Smith left Mombasa on April 16, on their way back to Uganda after furlough. Dr. Smith shares with Dr. L. E. S. Sharr, in charge of the C.M.S. Medical Mission at Kapatte, in Kigezi. The first patient admitted to this hospital as recently as 1923 had 100 patients numbered more than 1,100, and 100 patients were nearly six times as many.

A resident Mr. Lloyd told a good lion story to a Hull audience the other day. A friend of his was, he said, attacked by a lion in his bed. With the lion standing over him the man caught hold of its beard and fired several revolver shots in its throat. The lion then tore about the room, upset the bed, and finally leaped through the window. The man was found the next day in a room beneath the one where the lion had had to be taken to a mission station. On the first day of his friend's return another lion rushed into his garden, seized hold of his dog, which was playing near his feet, and ran away!

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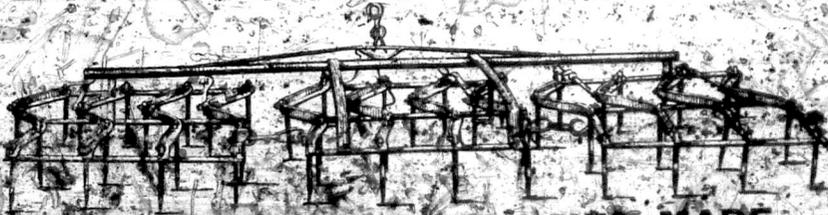
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SHOCKS FOR NYASALAND GOVERNMENT.

Strong Public Opposition on Several Questions.

From A Correspondent.

The end of February and the month of March were marked in Nyasaland by surprisingly strong expressions of opposition to Government on a number of points. Dissatisfaction with the new Tobacco Bill developed during the absence of the Governor from the Protectorate, but it is nevertheless the fact that on his return from the Nairobi Governors' Conference, members of the planting and commercial communities were not at the station to meet him, as they invariably are; their absence was a decidedly emphatic way of expressing the feeling of the country. Since then the dissatisfaction has grown considerably.

In a recent leading article, for instance, the *Blantyre Times* wrote that though it was to be presumed that the Government wished the Protectorate to be developed and civilised, yet their acts justified the conclusion that their desire is to retard the progress of the country, since every suggestion for betterment, for the relief of taxation, for the lessening of natural handicaps, seems to be met with opposition.

The paper had previously expressed its objections to the Tobacco Bill; the above remarks were made *ad hoc* to the new Game Ordinance Bill, against which the community was urged to protest by public meetings and resolutions condemning the measure as opposed to both Native and European interests and contrary to the recommendations of the East Africa Commission; furthermore, it was suggested that the Governor be requested not only to withdraw the Bill, but to communicate the feeling of the country to the Secretary of State. From every quarter there has been widespread opposition to the measure, two of the public bodies which have condemned it wholeheartedly being the Nyasaland and the Cholo Planters' Associations.

The administration has been equally unfortunate in its income tax proposals, suggestions for the amendment of which have been legion. The Nyasaland Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, the Nyasaland Merchants' Association, the Nyasaland Planters' Association, and the Cholo Planters' Association have all put it on record that serious amendments are necessary, and in some cases the adverse criticisms have been most outspoken.

Another Bill which has come in for public condemnation is the Forestry Ordinance, the study of which induced one correspondent to write to the local Press of "this kind of comic opera government, which has thrown the normal security of Nyasaland and has been and is being disturbed."

Will the experience lead to the formation of that association of the lines of enquiry Convention of resolutions, the absence of which His Excellency deplored so recently? It would be an ironical cause, but the constitution of a body able to speak for non-official opinion as a whole has much to recommend it.

NYASALAND ESTATE COMPANY'S PROGRESS.

The report of the directors of Blantyre and East Africa Ltd. for the year ended September 30, 1925, states that the total tea manufactured from the company's Lauderdale Estate amounted to 52,000 lbs. as against 220,232 lbs. in the previous season. Some 90,000 lbs. of tea were manufactured in the factory on behalf of the neighbouring planters. Labour supplies were adequate and reports from the estate continue good.

The cotton crop was short owing to heavy rains and attacks of boll worm, and the company has adopted the policy of restricting the area under cotton, and increasing that under tobacco, the latter having given a good average crop which sold at satisfactory prices.

Profit on the year's working amounted to £10,630, to which has been added the balance brought in of £22,806. In November last a 5% interim dividend was paid, and the directors now recommend a 6% dividend on the 16s. preference shares of the company (now consolidated into £1 preference shares), and the payment of a final dividend of 10% on the 50,000 16s. ordinary shares consolidated into 40,000 £1 shares. They also propose a bonus of 25% on the ordinary shares. There then remains a carry forward of £26,667, subject to income tax, directors' and auditors' fees.

CHAUNCY MAPLE'S DEATH.

THE *Observer*, which had offered a prize in a telepathy competition, has published the following account from a reader whose identity is hidden under the happy pseudonym "Nigger." The story, worthy to note, is nowadays much less frequent in the columns of the Press, and we trust that it will soon be barred by all journals. The communication is as follows:—

Chauncy Maples, having been consecrated Bishop of Lukoma Africa in 1895, was on his way to his diocese, Freetown and Oxford, and at the time very ill. Suffering from mental pain was before me.

The room vanished, and before me was Lake Nyasa with a vessel on it, upon the deck of which stood the Bishop, dressed in his cassock. As I gazed, a storm arose, the vessel was blown off and sank and the Bishop went down. I spoke of this to some one, but knew my friend was dead.

A cablegram arrived from Miss Maples, she exactly what had seen. "Feeling the shock of this, I was so hurt, the day tried to break it to me gently by saying, 'There it had been for you, but don't let it upset you,' and at once I stopped them with 'I know it.' Chauncy Maples is drowned."

CONTROVERTING GERMAN PROPAGANDA.

To the Editor, East Africa.

DEAR SIR,—I like your recent leaders and other articles on Germany's ambitions in East Africa. In my humble opinion our Ministers should make it definitely known by note that Germany's propaganda for colonial mandates is causing deep concern on this side of Europe generally. Such propaganda may incidentally have the effect of influencing nations other than Great Britain and Great Germany, the seat on the League Council.

I know that East Africa's general are burning to know what the Government are allowing the Germans to do on the ground to make payments to the Natives they employed during the campaign against us. I can just picture in my mind

the Natives. As soon as they depart, our administration should take some action to controvert their propaganda, so that it may not take root.

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 April 23. *Modena* arrived Marseilles for East Africa
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 Tiberfontein left Port Sudan for further East
 African ports April 11
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 April 24. *Galley* left Dar-es-Salaam April 23
 April 25. *Melstark* arrived Durban for East Africa
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 April 23

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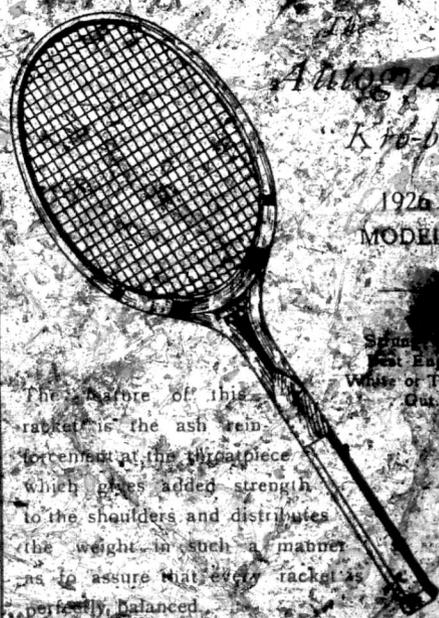
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