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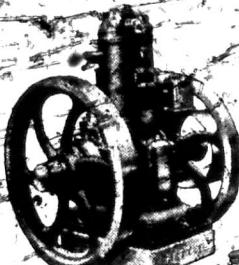
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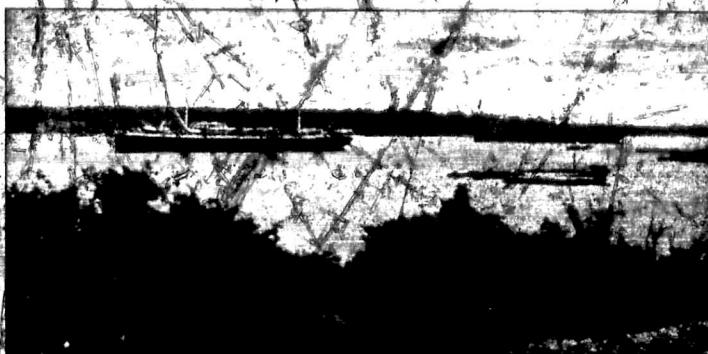
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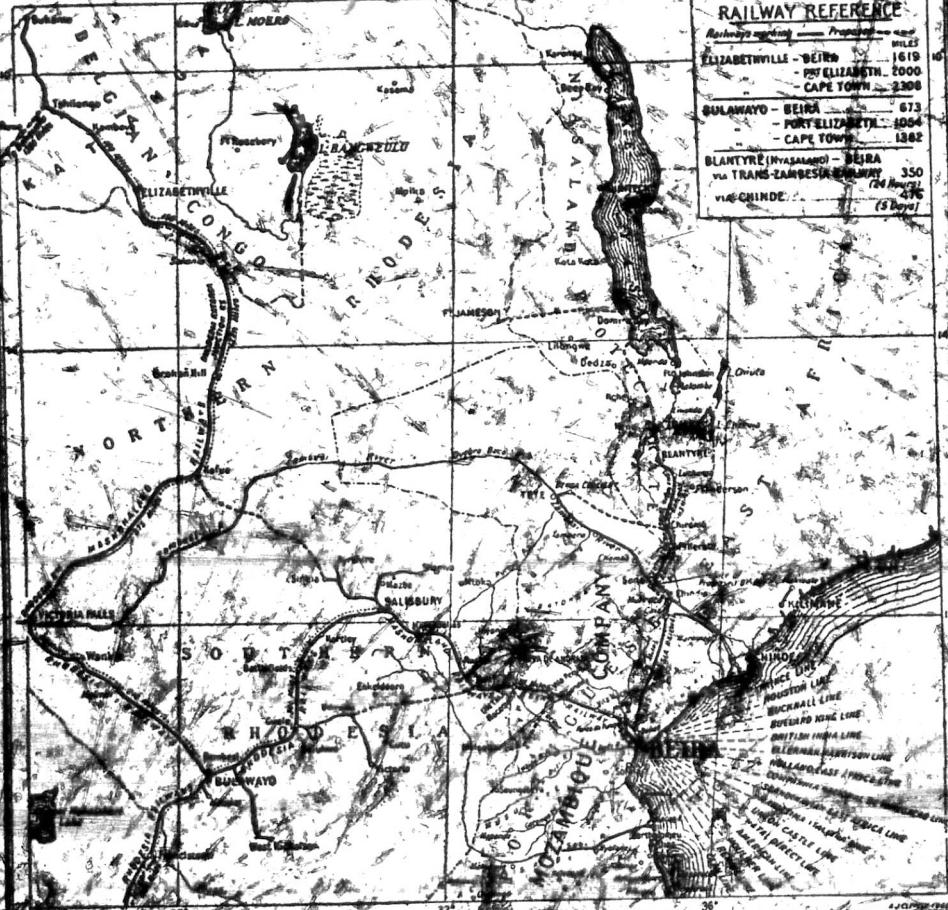
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ELEEMOSYNARY GRANTS IN TANGANYIKA.

In a letter which we publish in this issue Captain Arthur Evans, M.P. for Cardiff South, avers that German Settlement in Tanganyika Territory has not been subsidised by eleemosynary grants from British pockets, to which statement he adds the qualification that no payments have been made to Germans out of the funds of Tanganyika or of Great Britain. That is, of course, merely a repetition of the argument, the puerility of which was exposed eighteen months ago. It is now shown, and as our correspondent now from euphemistically termed eleemosynary grants are derived from the proceeds of the sale of ex-enemy properties, and it is officially admitted that in Tanganyika alone over £65,000 have thus been distributed in largesse to German nationals and about another £10,000 to former owners who are no longer ex-enemy nationals. To deny that British

pockets are mulcted to that extent is mere equivocation, for if such eleemosynary deductions had not been made, Germany would have paid £25,000 more of her debt to this country.

The arrangement that German nationals should be eligible to receive from British officials grants up to £500 each merely on production of evidence that they were in necessitous circumstances is, incidentally, in striking contrast to the lot of those British subjects who lost their all through German action in Tanganyika, who have had to run the gauntlet of the British Clearing House and of the Anglo-German Mixed Arbitral Tribunal, and many of whom are still without fair recompense. Now, ten years after the Armistice, they know they will never receive restitution for British officialdom, which has been so solicitous for German interests in this matter, has been apathetic and even hostile when the well-founded demands of Britons were in issue. Captain Evans's excuse that the policy of making these releases is not peculiar to Tanganyika or to the territories under the Colonial Office serves only to emphasise that this foolish sentimentalism in favour of ex-enemy aliens, far from being restricted, has been lavishly and impartially practised throughout the British Empire—a sorry thought indeed, considering that the just rights of our own fellow-countrymen have not been protected.

No specific instance of help given to German settlers by any German colonial association has, says our correspondent, been brought to the knowledge of the Colonial Office. Though no "specific instance" may be recorded on the official files in Downing Street, Captain Evans can surely not intend to affirm that what is now common knowledge in East Africa is in fact, openly discussed by Germans, even in the presence of other nations—does not exist simply because the German organisations and individuals concerned take elementary precautions to avoid providing Britain with detailed evidence in black and white. Various Germans in Tanganyika have, however, in moments of indiscretion, given correspondents of *East Africa* chapter and verse for the statements we have published, and a moment conceive that the Colonial Office or the Tanganyika Government would question the accuracy of our allegations. There is, therefore, a moment to prevent German organisations from doing everything in their power to assist German settlement in Tanganyika Territory, and we have emphasised the existence and activity of such bodies solely in the hope that it might induce Great Britain to adopt a similar course. We repeat that the payment of eleemosynary grants has in practice subsidised German settlement in Tanganyika.

ON THE LUPA GOLDFIELDS.

SurveYING CHIEFTAIN. Report.

From a Special Correspondent.

East Africa of November 13 last quoted an extract from a cable dispatched by the Dar es Salaam office of one of the world's best known news papers. I and others wish he would in future keep more closely to the facts. On November 1 thirty (not eighty) diggers assembled for the "pegging" of the area of one square mile (not ten). They have not met the three diggers stated by him to have each made £3,000 in one month. but I have met one digger who is said to have found the most gold last season—about 1,000 ounces in approximately two months. Incidentally, the Kasanga River is not between Lakes Rukwa and Tanganyika, but is a tributary of the Lupa River, which lies approximately seventy miles east of Lake Rukwa. Excitement did not reach "fever pitch" on the Kasanga River though it apparently reached that dangerous point in Dar es Salaam! Indeed less than half the diggers attended the opening of the "concession" area, and even some of those made no attempt to peg after two special claims had been pegged by the men who drew the numbers which gave them priority in pegging.

Owing to various exaggerated reports quite a number of new people have arrived on the gold-fields. Their first objective is Tawe Howe hills—the "concession" area—and after a few days of dejected wandering they begin to realise that there is no gold to be obtained in that neighbourhood, and so gradually disperse, following others who are eking out a precarious living on one or two small streams. Out of 120 diggers, perhaps a dozen men are doing fairly well. I believe I am correct in stating that the two most fortunate diggers have between them produced 700 ounces with approximately fifty Native in the two months of December and January.

But there is the other side of the picture: one man assures me that he has produced only three ounces in a similar period, though employing twenty Natives. The European population is now comprised of 100 British, 4 Belgian, 1 Italian, 1 Dane, 2 Swedes, and 20 Germans—five of the latter arriving in one day, and all of them in the last six weeks.

Diggers' Criticism of the Government.

One is forcibly struck by the extraordinary lack of consideration for the diggers manifested by the Administration. The white mail van used to the diggers from Ubuyi, boma crosses some 100 miles (the first camping ground), thence across the upper Sira River, and on to the Kasanya. No track has been hoed so that it is impossible to travel even on a push-bike. A good road to Mayu would be of great assistance but none has been built. The other route to Nyerere, from which place one can travel comfortably to the lower Lupa in four hours was once sufficiently good for a motor, as far as Nyerere, but the road has been allowed to fall into disrepair and is now impossible. The only work necessary to make the road passable is the rebuilding of three small bridges and the hoeing of some grass.

The memories of the sudden preparations immediately preceding the Governor's visit in 1925! Why, then there was no time lost in building a rest house and a garage—at Nyerere, in hoeing a graded macadam track from there to the Lupa, and in the installation of a cub room of small wonder!

Another point of interest is another from His Excellency. We have arrangements for him to be accompanied by his assistant to pay a brief official visit to the goldfields and hear what claims that may have arisen, especially as there is now an Inspector of Mines on the spot to deal with all mining matters and thereby relieve them of that work. But so far nothing has been done in this direction. True, the police officer has up to date given the powers of a third-class magistrate but very rarely cases come within his jurisdiction.

Lack of Consideration at Mbeya.

An extraordinary incident which has occasioned much discussion happened recently. An English trader was summoned for alleged illicit gold-buying. The police officer was unable to try the case himself and it was remanded to Mbeya. Instead of the A.D.O. or his assistant proceeding to the goldfields for the trial, the police officer was ordered to prepare the case and travel into Mbeya with the accused and witnesses, including one digger and the Inspector of Mines. This, of course, necessitated the procuring of porters, who were not to be obtained, and the Inspector of Mines was obliged to return to Mbeya and took with the only available porters two station wagons, relying on the neutrality of the other European witness, whose caravan consisted of seven of his own porters. Apart from the inconvenience and discomfort caused to both the digger and the Inspector, the latter was absent from his duties for four days, during which time no claims could be registered or any business concerned with mining be attended to. The police officer was also absent for five days.

By travelling through the night the Inspector of Mines was able to sleep at Mbeya on the return journey, but to make this possible the other European witness lent his own *safari* to the digger. It had been informed that he was almost certain to be recalled as a witness the following day, restraining behind. He tells me that he informed the A.D.O. and his assistant that he had no equipment with him, but that no attempt was made by either to arrange for his accommodation. The police officer did his best, but, as he was on duty, was only able to supply a tent and a mat. Thus this white man, called in to the Mbeya by the Administration, was obliged to spend the night on the ground with one blanket. Surely such happenings need only a little publicised to right kind to be an effective spur to better repetition.

Short Points from the Columns.

The diggers generally approve strongly of the formation of the European Constitutional Association of Tanganyika, for they feel that it should do a good deal to help them.

Regret is expressed at the transfer of Mr. Wright, Inspector of Mines, and his wife to Mwanza. May they have a pleasant stay!

That the little knowledge is a dangerous thing has again been proved to a local European by his *cavalo*, who had spent some twenty years in mission and speaks English fairly fluently. The European came along on a Native on the recommendation of his *cavalo*, and after one day's work the Native registered his disapproval of a European's job by deserting. The European therefore remarked *casual* for his recommendation. After a short pause I heard the *cavalo* retell this story. Please listen. It is not the fault of the boy that he has some little education, and I think that is enabling him

IMPRESSIONS OF NYASALAND.

An interview with Mr. N. R. Dickson.

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Mr. NORMAN BONNINGTON DICKSON, Chairman of the Share Highlands Railways and Central Africa Railway, and a Director of the Trans-Zambesia Railway, has just returned to London from a visit to Nyasaland, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, and the Union of South Africa, and we have had the pleasure of learning his impressions of conditions in the countries visited.

Nothing struck him more forcibly than the immense progress made in Nyasaland since his last visit five years ago. Planters seem to him to be working on modern lines, and, if possible, with intensified faith in the future of the Protectorate; and the enterprise of the commercial community also impressed him. He was surprised at the great amount of building which had been undertaken since his previous visit, and by the increased prices which were now readily paid for agricultural land and for township property. In the Country Club at Limbe, Nyasaland has, he thinks, an institution of which any Colony in the Empire might be justifiably proud.

British Need of the Zambezi Bridge.

The most urgent requirement of the country is, in his opinion, a prompt decision concerning the building of the bridge across the Zambezi, without which Nyasaland's progress must be checked, since the annual capacity of its transport system is already strained practically to its limits. The Colonial Office experts who recently investigated the position on the spot estimated that the ferry at the river could not handle more than 42,000 tons per annum, and as the amount actually handled last year was 39,000 tons, it will be seen that there is no margin for development. Nyasaland as an essentially agricultural country needs crop rotation, but maize and beans and such bulk products cannot be grown on a proper rotation plan because they cannot be marketed, the sole reason being the absence of through transport to the sea. By the construction of the bridge such bulk products could be economically produced and sold in the world's markets, and by permitting planters to follow a policy which would not so rapidly exhaust the soil, would do more than anything else to counteract the disease, especially in cotton, which in recent years have been responsible for reduced yields.

One of the advantages of tobacco growers in Nyasaland and North-Eastern Rhodesia, said Mr. Dickson, the fact that their leaf is harvested before that of Southern Rhodesia, and it is of great importance to them that it should be brought on to the London market at the earliest possible moment, for with tobacco, as used to be the case with tea, the earliest arrival can count on finding buyers prepared to pay good prices. When once the Zambezi bridge were built, growers served by the Nyasaland Railways could expect quicker dispatches, with the result that their crops would reach Great Britain more rapidly than is at present possible. Growers in the North Chilanga district would also save to gain from reduced transport charges, for the present cost of motor haulage from Fort Jameson to Limbe—between £1 and £1 10s. per-ton—would be appreciably reduced if the southern extension of the railway towards the south-west of Lake Nyasa were undertaken simultaneously with the construction of the bridge.

Possibility of Increased Railway Rates.

A point of immediate importance to the whole of Nyasaland is that unless a decision to build the bridge is arrived at within a very short time the rail-

ways will have to be advanced. Timber supplies have been growing steadily, and the planters have recently been using coal and wood in equal proportions. The coal has come chiefly from the Benga coalfields, but the London office of the Nyasaland Railways has just been advised that Beira cannot this season supply their coal requirements on account of the low state of the Zambezi. As a consequence, the Board has been forced to purchase coal from the Wankie Colliery in Southern Rhodesia at a much higher price, which must inevitably increase the costs of working. Mr. Dickson said that the railways were anxious to avoid increasing charges to Nyasaland if it was at all possible, but that unless the bridge were to be built they would have no alternative but to pass on such charges. On the other hand, to assist famine relief in the Protectorate they had just offered to carry imported maize for the Nyasaland Government at a rate which would only just cover their actual out-of-pocket expenses on the traffic.

The White Man's Burden and Federation.

There was no doubt that the failure of the rains would necessitate the purchase of considerable quantities of maize, perhaps from the Cape, since Mozambique and Southern Rhodesia appeared to have little, if any, supplies available for sale—and those who were all too apt to criticise the white man's work in Africa would do well to remind themselves that tens of thousands of Natives would probably die this year in Nyasaland but for British administration. British planters, and British railways.

Asked for his opinion regarding federation, Mr. Dickson said that he was a railway man and preferred to keep out of politics, but his personal view was in agreement with the words of Dr. Aetherell, who had advised Nyasaland to amalgamate, if possible, with North-Eastern Rhodesia, but who had nothing to do either with Kenya or with Southern Rhodesia. Amalgamation with Southern Rhodesia must, he emphasised, inevitably increase railway rates, for the Rhodesian railway employed white station masters, drivers, etc., whereas the Nyasaland railways were very efficiently run with Indian and Native staff performing such duties. Nyasaland could not afford to pay white salaries to such people, but if amalgamation did take place, Rhodesian practice would inevitably be introduced into Nyasaland; in fact, the Trans-Zambesia Railway was already partially affected in that sense because it ran into the port of Beira.

Good Tea Prospects.

Our informant did not think that Nyasaland planters would have nearly as much difficulty in marketing as their Longleatening tobacco crop, as growers in Southern Rhodesia, for Nyasaland had already established their quality of her leaf. He thought, however, that it would be a good thing for planters who were favourably situated to increase their acreages under tea, for he expected that, a few years hence, there would be a serious shortage in world production. There was practically no tea available for tea-growing in Ceylon; Assam and other Indian districts were experiencing considerable labour difficulties; China might be almost disregarded as a producer; and Java and Sumatra, even if they did increase their output considerably, need not occasion concern to Nyasaland if she continued to concentrate attention upon quality and not quantity.

It had been very glad to see the good condition of the estates, the great attention paid to better factory work, and the general improvement in management methods. His visit to Messrs. Johnson & Co. at Arusha had been particularly

done when ample capital and good management were harnessed to vision, and he thought it a certainty that Nyasaland would within the next few years demand closer attention from the tea market, incidentally Mr. Dickson anticipated that tea-growing on a considerable scale might be established near the north-eastern shores of Lake Nyasa in districts which would be served by the port of Manda once rail connection was made with the lake.

In conclusion, he expressed considerable satisfaction that planters and traders in Nyasaland and North-Eastern Rhodesia appeared to realise the difficulties with which the railways were faced, and the steps which they had taken at very heavy capital cost to overcome them. It was also a great satisfaction to him to note the confidence placed by the public in the energy of Mr. Duncan, the new General Manager of the railways. In Beira he had found remarkable improvements already effected in the working of the port, and had found the Portuguese most courteous and most anxious to assist in every way.

"The bridge," said Mr. Dickson finally, "is the greatest need of Nyasaland, and the Protectorate should remember that unless this is built not merely will her progress be held up, but insufficient traffic will come to the Trans-Zambezia Railway to make it an economically sound concern, with the result that it would become an encumbrance instead of an asset to the British territories which it was built to serve."

NATIVE TENANTS ON PRIVATE ESTATES.

Nyasaland Planters and the Proposed Ordinance.

From a Nyasaland Correspondent.

East Africa of February 6, reporting a meeting of the Executive Council of the Joint East African Territories:

"Further consideration has been given to the question of Natives on private estates in Nyasaland. The Council understood that agreement had been reached many months ago between the estate owners and the local Government, and surprise was expressed at the very protracted delay in promulgating the agreed Ordinance, the draft of which was known to have been草ed long ago. It was decided to ask the Colonial Office to send a copy of the draft.

The Board seems to have been misinformed in this matter, which is certain to be taken up by the Nyasaland Planters' Association, for that body has for months past been negotiating with the local Government, of whom it has urged the objections of its members to two particular provisions of the Draft Bill.

Two clauses still require Amendment.

Planters contend that they may be seriously affected by sections 16 and 25, the first of which enables a Native tenant to choose during which months he will perform work for his European landlord in return for living-rent free. Thus, the planter might offer the offer to work in the dry season, when the planter had little or no work to offer, and by this arrangement live rent-free without performing any labour as a *tenant à la sharpe*. But, if it will be seen, is an impossible situation, and planters contend that the period when the work shall be performed in lieu of rent ought to be mutually arranged between landlord and tenant—not a difficult matter in view of the happy relations existing between estate owners and their Native tenants. Now that mechanical devices are becoming widely adopted by planters, their labour requirements are much reduced during the dry season, and, too, during the wet season, that labour is principally

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Holders of between 3,000 and 10,000 acres.

As landowners with holdings of less than 3,000 acres are exempt and as the big companies have shown their ability to make advantageous exchanges of land, the settler community considers that this section will chiefly affect Europeans holding from 3,000 to 10,000 acres. It is, by the way, a further anomaly that a man with three or four separate holdings each under 3,000 acres but making an aggregate of, say, 6,000 acres cannot have any part of his land compulsorily acquired by Government, while, any owner with four separate estates forming one complete 6,000 acre block is under the serious liability that Government might demand 600 acres of his best land for Native settlement. Even if Government had no intention of exercising its rights, their very existence must immediately depreciate the value of the property.

The Nyasaland Planters' Association is therefore understood to have urged that the power to acquire shall be limited to undeveloped areas of estates, i.e., land not in use or required for growing crops, following rotation, nurseries, re-forestation, grazing, building, other permanent improvements, or in the occupation of Natives. It is further urged that when an owner has voluntarily allowed 10% or more of his estate to be occupied by resident Natives, no further acquisition shall be made from his property without his own consent.

It is freely stated that not less than one of the owners of between 3,000 and 10,000 acres has agreed to the Bill, and at a meeting of such settlers held recently at Blantyre it was unanimously resolved to press for amendments to sections 16 and 25 of the above lines. There is general agreement with the principle of giving security and tenure to Native tenants, but safeguards are obviously necessary for the planter. Other minor amendments to the ordinance are also desired.

In a recent lecture in Sheffield Mr. V. Granville Squiers stated that when he returned to England from Tanganyika he approached a large number of manufacturers with a view to capturing some in the Territory, but they showed themselves uninterested, for they did not let native labour have the wages he asked for. They told him he could have 100 men on hand. But replies he pointed out, were not having what they wanted, not what *the* settlers wanted them to have. The reason of the British manufacturers' lack of enterprise was that Germany was rapidly taking the trade of what had once been German East Africa.

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EAST AFRICA BOOKSHELF.

A GAME RANGER ON SAFARI.

By BISHOP PERCIVAL.

Mr. W. H. BLAYNEY PERRIN'S previous book entitled us to expect much from his new volume "A Game Ranger on Safari" (Messrs. C. & T., £1), which, having described life on safari and its care, deals in turn with baboons, chimpanzees, monkeys, various antelopes and gazelles, jackals, snakes and crocodiles, and concludes with most interesting chapters on settlement and game, disease and drought, and the effects of the War on game. The author, who prefers fishing to any other sport, is primarily a naturalist to whom the animals are far more interesting than deer. The pursuit of game in a motor-car he rightly stigmatises as worse than unportsmanlike, since it deprives the animal of the chance of life which any fainthearted man would give.

Writing of his encounters with lions, Mr. Percival says:

"Shooting absolutely alone or with only a gunbearer, I have shot one way and another just short of fifty lions. In company with other men I have seen probably another hundred and fifty killed, but don't reckon them in my score. For quite a number of years I never had a lioness, and my half hundred includes at least two-thirds of beasts with good manes. Had I been intent on making a heavy bag I don't doubt that I would have run up the figures to fifty lions a year; indeed I often used to tell fellows one should be able to bag forty a month if one went the right way about it—supposing there is a right way to set about slaying; but that never really appealed for me; five animals of prey and are far more interesting than deer."

I told in the "Game Ranger's Note Book" how Mr. Woosnam and I killed thirteen lions in as many days' caravanning, and therefore extrapolated as vermin. The actual killing was done in either four or five days. I shot seven in one day. Another time I could have killed eleven; but had one whole trap set, beat and stretched out; but missed only one, which had a magnificent mane. I put my sights in each of the other ten in turn, and pulled trigger on an empty rifle, saying, 'You're mine!' which crushed me, and didn't hurt them. Continual opportunity, I think, would cure most men of their blood lust; if they suffer from it, and I suppose I must have done this two hundred times, riding lions down."

The waterbuck he considers the finest looking of all the East African buck; the oxpeckers he regards as less dependent on water than any other antelope; impala he has found to arrive at the same time every day and has a rule to feed in the same place; and his account of the hartebeest is as follows:

"An ugly, ungainly object with his long imbecile face, high withers and back sloping away to quarters, as lean as though Nature had not had enough raw material to finish him properly, the *kongoni* standing still is no adornment to the landscape. He must be seen on the move to show at his best; he walks with easy grace, trots with the action of a bucking horse, and canter, bounds, trots, with a bounding motion like a ball. In striking contrast to his career in the saddle, put to speed by race, chase, or fight, he is as greyhound, but, despite of any efforts you could catch him. To prove their speed at the start, try to go off a few and mark how they leave the dust as though he were standing. I have heard it said that no animal can beat a male *kongoni*, but my own idea is that a *kongoni* at three years can travel even faster than one on four; the least you suppose. Hesitately, however, to hold him to keep up with the herd, he seems always twice in the van."

The *kongoni* has no fire, and in the wilds he is always the first to give the alarm, and frightened away any game one road or waste. For the *kongoni* is a nervous animal, or rather look-out station is the commonest of sights. It is interesting to observe the sentinel's discrimination between the safe and the doubtful. If the *safari* goes too close of course and if the time is unbroken he takes no notice. But with a sudden stop and let there be any sign of a disturbance heavenly or otherwise, a loud, screeching snort, and off he goes, and will they stop

till they have placed a considerable distance between themselves and the *safari*.

Settling down again, precautions are increased, and several sentinels doing duty after such a scare.

"*Kongoni* are very silent animals; I have never heard from them any sound but that causing short of alarm. Dying, he is a bore; dead, you may become reconciled to him, if the meat be properly treated, but that is in condition on which stress must be laid; fresh, it is tough as leather; well hung, it is as good as that of any buck in the country—though that, after all, is not saying much. His hide is his best point."

Like every other East African, he hates the crocodile. He believes that man-eating becomes an established habit with individuals, though he admits inability to account for the fact that the many crocodiles in Lake Baringo never seem to attack man, and that though the crocodiles of the Tana River have a justifiably bad reputation the Wakaromo, the river people, have had the slightest fear of them. He tells of a true-life incident in the Swaziland district which the Germans flushed up. Sleeping sickness was rife about Lake Victoria, and to prevent the spread of infection by the tsetse-fly it was thought advisable to segregate the worst cases. A sanatorium was therefore established on an island, houses built, and the selected patients, all considered hopeless cases, taken over to their new quarters. Doctors paid regular visits to the unfortunate people who received every attention possible, though it was apparently not thought necessary to sleep outdoors on the island at night. Thus the appalling tragedy was consummated. When the medical staff went over one morning they found every bed empty. The tracks told the tale: every single one of the sick had been carried off by crocodiles.

We have watched an oryx kneel to drink; and while one drank its companion stood by, obviously keeping a lookout for the enemy. It was an interesting example of the intelligence of a wild animal; the one that drank kept it far from the brink that he could only just reach the water with his fellow, standing close by; when the first had quenched his thirst he stood up to keep guard, and the second followed to drink in the same judicious manner. The reason for this unusual stoic way of drinking was not far to seek. I saw it not a hundred yards away in the shape of two crocodiles on a sandbank. The oryx had seen them and were taking no risks.

There was one exception to the rule that animals dread the crocodile. That exception is the hippopotamus, who appears to live on amicable terms with him. It would be a bold crocodile that ventured attack upon an old bull hippo. With his terrible teeth, seemingly so unnecessary in the jaws of a beast so inoffensive, the hippo could crush a crocodile in moment, as he, when provoked, can crush a canon to splinters at a bite. I think I mentioned in my last book the case of a chukkey which had been killed by a hippo. The poor beast was almost bitten in two, and I do not doubt that the same fate would be the portion of any unprovoked crocodile. Nevertheless, I would not trust a young, and tender hippo calf within reach of a hungry crocodile; it has sometimes occurred to me that the mother's habit of carrying her little one on her back may be explained by her fear lest crocodiles seize it; but perhaps this is fanciful."

The black-necked spitting cobra once squirted poison into Mr. Percival's eyes, and on another occasion he had the narrowest of escapes from death from a *puff-adder* which had been sent to the Northern Frontier District to arrest five white men, and not without humiliating them before blacks, he put them on parole after arrest, and started back towards civilisation. Early one morning he had pulled one of his long rifles and taken the other in hand when it struck him as oddly heavy, and, thinking his bow had hit something inside it, he thrust it in his hand only to pull it out very quickly. Carrying the boot out of the tent into better light, he saw the head of a *puff-adder*. His shout for a

stick brought out his five prisoners, who were scarcely less relieved than he himself when the snake had been killed, for, as they said, "If it hadn't got you we should have been accused of murder."

A remarkable instance is noted of a White Father's dread of snakes. The sight of a snake would upset him for hours; it was as though he had a mysterious premonition of the fate that was to be his. One day while the priest was superintending the cutting of bush near the mission, a snake came strutting up to him. Paralysed, the European stood still and, extraordinary thing, the snake forced its way up the leg of his trousers and bit him in the thigh. The poor man died within a few hours.

In the Turkana country the author once came upon the remains of so many elephants that for a moment he thought he had discovered an elephant cemetery. But then he recollects that the elephant does not shed its tusks as a preliminary to death; every one of the twenty skulls around him was innocent of ivory. A number of heavy logs round one end of which deep grooves had been cut explained the mystery.

The Turkana are expert trappers; they are probably the only people who succeed in trapping elephant and rhino. A strong noose of twisted rawhide is made, the noose, laid out as a ring, is equipped with a large number of spiked rods lashed to the circumference and all directed to the centre, in such wise that they form a hubless wheel about three feet in diameter. They dig a hole a little smaller than this wheel in some path known to be used by elephant, place the wheel over it and spread earth carefully on the necessary covering of leaves; the slack end of the noose of which this wheel consists is made fast to a log of wood, grooved to give a secure hold; then the trap is ready. The passing elephant puts a foot on the concealed hole, and, without knowing it, the spiked rods catch his leg all round; at his next step the weight of the log tightens the noose. He may succeed in kicking off the encumbrance, but the trap is only too often successful, and the terrified beast starts out to drag the log about until he comes to a stand exhausted. The setter of the trap finds it gone, calls his friends, and they follow up the track of the log until they come up with the elephant, which may be a matter of days, for the beast is not soon worn out. They don't come to doom quarters with their prey; an elephant, both frightened and in pain, is a beast with which it is not wise to take liberties, and they follow him about, seeing their chance to shoot poisoned arrows into him. The elephant, always very fondent on water, and when the poison begins to take effect the craving for drink increases; hence, when wounded, he heads for the nearest water, and there after hours, or if need be days, he dies.

"A Game Ranger on Safari," written throughout in a modest and self-effacing manner, concludes with a typically humorous paragraph. While acting as an Intelligence Officer during the East African Campaign, Mr. Percival was approached by a Tommy who wanted to know how far the desolate bush country extended. "Beg pardon, sir, but you know this 'ere Africa. Can you tell us if this 'ere ridge 'umbley goes all the way to the German territory?" After which no one called it bush country!

All our readers interested in game will delight in this volume which we can cordially recommend.

MOVING ACROSS AFRICA.

Mrs. Frank Gray's Two African Journeys.

Having been beaten on petition, and defeated at the last general election, Mr. Frank Gray, sometime M.P. for Oxford City, decided to see and study some part of the British Empire. These remarks

in the preface to his new book, "Mrs. Frank Gray's Journeys" (Methuen, 15s.), seem to sum up what could not be better than occupy

vast Empire for which he had aspired to go. It is almost an original idea that legislators, like doctors and lawyers, should be educated for their task. Inspired by this idea, he made a seven months' tour of Nigeria, the Gold Coast, and Sierra Leone in 1925, travelling alone and visiting French Equatorial, Iorogoland, and Liberia as a side line. He moved about in all sorts of conveyances and put in as many queer places; and with the true politician as assurément he claims that he was able to take a broad and comprehensive view of men and matters in a way local officials and traders, with a circumscribed environment, could not do. He declares himself to say that his criticism is always fair, balanced, and by no means destructive, and his remarks and experiences are therefore worth reading.

On his return to England some of his comments provoked the manufacturers of motor cars; and in a most sporting spirit, he offered to buy two cars and drove them by driving them right across Africa from west to east, on condition that if he succeeded the cost of the cars should be refunded to him. One firm, losing with the other, the author's second expedition was undertaken. The account of it forms the second and certainly more thrilling part of this book. It was a terrific journey, which brought out every good quality in the author and his fine white companion, Mr. Jack Sawyer—and in the case. The route traversed was via Nigeria, French Equatorial Africa, the Sudan, and Eritrea, from Lagos to Massawa—and it says much for the courage and tact of the traveller that they got through without a serious hitch.

This author is a great believer in education, and the impression one gets from reading his book is that, from an educational standpoint, Mrs. Gray himself profited immensely by his travels.

"THE FEET OF YOUNG MEN," the new book by Janitor, contains the following reference to Kenya's present Governor:

"There was Sir Edward Grigg, who had the moral earnestness that befits a Knight of the Round Table under a rather keenly humourous than was altogether appropriate. Or was it the other way round? His fortnight in France, serving with distinction in the Brigade of Guards, where standards are high and criticism is candid. He escorted the Prince of Wales on one of his Imperial tours. He succeeded Philip Kerr as Secretary to Mr. Lloyd George. In 1922 he stood for Parliament. He contested and won Oldham, and in the elections of 1923 and 1924 he successfully retained both his Liberalism and this seat. May be the Carlton Club was his principal home, but in those days a man might follow strange avocations and be none the worse esteemed.

After the last election, he failed to follow Mr. Churchill in his swift and adventurous passage of the chasm that separates the desert places of Liberalism from the pleasant pastures of the Primrose League. Instead he accepted the Governorship of Kenya Colony, where rumour has it that he is doing well in difficult circumstances. He has recently appeared as the propagandist of a scheme for the ultimate federation of the East and Central African Dependencies, a sign, perhaps, that the old passion is still alive. But National as a long way from that little office in London where the dusty mantle of the prophet hangs upon the door.

JOINT EAST AFRICAN BOARD.

April Meeting of the Executive Council.

Official to "East Africa."

The April meeting of the Executive Council of the Joint East African Board was attended by Sir Sydney Hedges, Chairman; Mr. Sandeman Allen, Lord Grimthorpe, Viscount Chelmsford; Mr. W. J. H. Hawkesley, Mr. Campbell Haubusser, Sir Humphrey Leggett, Mr. D. V. Malcolm, Mr. C. P. Sonnaby, Mr. W. A. M. Sims, and Sir Brewster Wynne. Mr. W. M. Lappard and Mr. E. G. Murch were elected to membership of the Board.

Settlement in Tanganyika Territory.

A communication was read from the Associated Producers of East Africa whose executive agreed entirely with the Board on the need for facilitating and expediting the alienation of land in Tanganyika Territory. The Associated Producers described the present land laws as a definite deterrent to people investing capital in the country, and forwarded a letter received from the Chamber of Commerce, Dar es Salaam, which stated, in the course of its communication:

"It has been stated from time to time that the existing laws relating to the alienation of land in Tanganyika are not wholly satisfactory. This Chamber caused questions on the subject to be asked at the recent session of the Legislative Council. The matter was also taken up by the Tanganyika Trade and Local Information Advisory Committee. In both cases, definite replies to the effect that the existing laws could not be altered were given.

"The Chamber is not satisfied and is of the opinion that the system of alienation of land by purchase deal between the applicant and Government, as is now in force in most British Dominions and Colonies, could be adopted in this Territory with advantage."

"In most other Colonies Government sets a value to land available for settlement, varying in price under certain conditions. The intending settler then selects the site and applies for such land. If no previous application has been received, and the applicant is considered satisfactory, the land is leased or sold, subject to the rights of Natives and any other Native Government may wish to impose. This does away with the great delay experienced at present, and the possibility of hardship which exists under the present system."

"The Chamber is of opinion that the existing system of auctions is liable to lead to abuse, and cases have been reported where it is alleged intending settlers have been forced to sell them they pay a certain sum, pride will be made again against at the auctions of the properties they desire to acquire."

The Chamber would therefore be grateful if you would bring the matter to the notice of your members and would favour it with a full reply in due course. Any suggestions you may have for the improvement of the existing system will be cordially welcomed."

Pradial Larceny.

Communications on this subject were read from the Nyasaland Chamber of Agriculture and Commerce and the Nyasaland Planters Association. The former stated that there could be no doubt that the theft of tobacco by Natives was rapidly increasing, and that some legislation would soon become necessary. The Planters' Association, expressing appreciation of the Board's interest in the matter, summarised the practical difficulties as follows:

"Detection of the actual offender is very rare. The Police are non-effective in the matter. Watchmen are employed by all European planters, but, generally speaking, they are either asleep in their huts, present at a beer-drink, or actually in league with the offenders. In two cases last year the watchmen were murdered."

"It is extremely difficult to get a conviction even when an offender has been caught. Law is administered in this country so as to be of the greatest possible leniency to the Native, and the Magistrate constitutes himself counsel for the defence. The result can be imagined—ever, if a conviction be obtained the punishment is merely nominal."

The Association also forwarded an extract from

a circular sent early this year to Resident Magistrates in the Protectorate, in the course of which occur the following paragraphs:

"In view of the recent prevalence of thefts of produce, both growing and harvested, due in part to famine, and in part to the demoralisation caused by the example of those who have obtained much more money for little labour, it may be useful to call attention to the more important of the varying provisions of the law, under which these cases may be dealt with. These are:

	Maximum penalty
Common Law and Sections 4, 24 and 25 v.c. 96: read with Sections (5) 2 Punishments Ordinance 1908	5 years.
(a) Larceny	
Section 7, 24 and 25 v.c. 96	10 years.
(b) Stealing growing maize or tobacco after previous conviction for larceny	6 months
Section 30, 24 and 25 v.c. 96	
(c) Stealing growing maize or tobacco after previous conviction for same offence	5 years.
Section 67, 24 and 25 v.c. 96	
(d) Larceny by servant	

"As to (e) some doubt exists whether a Native garden or tobacco field falls under Section 30. There is no definite ruling, but in any such case a sentence of up to six months would probably be sustainable under Native customs."

The Planters' Association had made representations to the Nyasaland Government on several occasions, having written on the last occasion that in the opinion of their Executive there was no doubt that thefts of growing crops were very prevalent, that the detection was rare, and that convictions for them a punishment was rarer still. The Executive expressed the view that this particular offence was steadily on the increase, both by Natives from Europe and by Native servants."

Cable Facilities at Mombasa.

The Associated Producers of East Africa had initiated their support of the Board in its demand that the Eastern Telegraph Company should be granted authority for direct lighting with the public at Mombasa, and Mr. W. A. M. Sims, who for the first time attended the Council as representative of the Associated East African Chambers of Commerce, said that the matter remained exactly where it was six months previously, and was being held up by the Postmaster General of Kenya and Uganda because to grant this great facility might possibly cost £10,000 per annum. Mr. Sandeman Allen urged the Board to take steps to concentrate attention upon this matter, but it seemed to him an absurdity that the commercial community, whose voice was so strong, should be obstructed in this matter. The chairman added that there was reason to believe that the settler community in Kenya was alive to the desirability of the measure, and that their support might now be anticipated.

Nyasaland Game Ordinance.

A communication was read from the Colonial Office, stating that the suggestion of the Joint Committee of the Board and of the Society for the Preservation of the Fauna of the Empire that an experienced Game Warden should be sent to Nyasaland to investigate and report on the state of game generally was the subject of correspondence with the Government of Nyasaland, and that on receipt of His Excellency's reply Mr. Amery proposed to re-examine the whole question. The opinion was expressed by members of the Executive Council

more closer co-operation between the territories in the matter of game was highly desirable, and it was suggested that Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda might establish a joint Game Preservation Law, and where necessary take joint measures for the control of lions, elephants, and other game which found themselves to be a menace and property.

LAND REGISTRATION IN TANGANYIKA TERRITORY.

It was intimated that the Government of Tanganyika had informed the Colonial Office in connection with the representations made by the Board that they did not consider the present survey and land registration charges unreasonable.

DR. HETHERWICK LEAVES NYASALAND.

Tribute to his long services.

Dr. Alexander Hetherwick, C.B.E., head of the Church of Scotland Mission at Blantyre, has just left the Protectorate after forty-five years of missionary work. Prior to his departure he was made the recipient of an illuminated address and a presentation speech public meeting being presided over by Sir Charles Bowring, the Governor, who paid tribute to Dr. Hetherwick's great work as a linguist, as a translator of the principal Native languages of the country, and as an unofficial member of the Legislative Council. His works on the Yao and other Native languages had, said His Excellency, become standard works which were unlikely to be superseded.

Mr. David Schind, the Mayor of Blantyre, the Hon. T. M. Partridge, Major J. C. Anderson, and the Hon. John Scott paid tribute to the great services to Nyasaland of Dr. Hetherwick, who in the course of his reply said:

"We have a number of Native, and I may also from my many years experience, we have a fine type of European settler. They are doing magnificent service to the country. What would it be without them? The Native has many an anxious day and hour, he has many troubles to contend with, but he has put a 'stone heart to stey brac' and he will throughout his own way he is as much of a missionary as any we have, and much of the future prosperity of the country hangs on his efforts."

Opposition to Federation.

Allow me to give you this bit of advise. Have nothing to do with Southern Rhodesia. Have nothing to do with Kenya. The one will swallow you up, the other will domineer over you as the top dog. Let Nyasaland remain Nyasaland, but a little bigger by being joined to North-Eastern Rhodesia. Sir Harry Johnston was right when he called those British Central Africa. Readjust your boundaries if necessary, to suit tribal conditions, but keep clear of alliances either southern or north. If they say as one of the many commissioners that visited us recently said, "You must choose either Southern Rhodesia or Kenya, you cannot remain as you now say together." Nothing to do gentlemen in that way. You cannot force us, and we believe the time for a large union federation or amalgamation has not yet come. We are proud of what we have done. Let us to carry on."

ROADS BETWEEN CAPE AND CAIRO.

Mr. Galton Bentz, who has done much to improve road communications throughout East Africa, has very appropriately called attention to the very misleading ideas that have sprung from Sir Abe Bailey's much advertised scheme for a road from the Cape to Cairo. The only breaks in the 7,000-mile Cape-Cairo road are, he points out, between Mongalla and Khartoum and between Khartoum and Cairo, and over those sections river and rail transport are available.

His open letter to Sir Abe Bailey concludes:

"To my great joy, in September, 1926, the first tourists came through from Capetown to Nairobi in twenty-five days, and many tourists are now coming through from Cairo and going on to Capetown, and vice versa. A friend of mine went through the other day from Nairobi to Capetown, a distance of 4,000 miles, in a 7 h.p. car in twenty-two days, so this shows you that there is nothing arduous about the trip. Another of my members, aged seventy-five, drove down to Johannesburg in sixteen days, returning in fifteen days, which was rather a feat at his age; he drove himself and was alone. There are at present hotels and rest houses, and supplies of petrol along the whole route, and it will not be long before some rich American tourist will get into a taxi-cab at Capetown and say 'Drive to Cairo with the certainty of getting there in about six or seven weeks. That we in East Africa appreciate the value of our Trans-African Great North Road is proved by the fact that the Tanganyika Government is spending \$60,000 this year in improving the Arusha-Udoma section, a stretch of 200 miles."

"So long, therefore, as it is during the dry season, which is from June to November, there is nothing to hinder any tourist in my pleasure car from coming through."

I am writing you this letter as I think it is only fair that the touring public in South Africa should realize that the Cape-Cairo road is not only in existence, but is actually being used by tourists and others, of course, during the dry season. Perhaps, however, your idea was visualising a broad highway stretching through Africa, which could be used at all seasons of the year. I do not know what the cost of all-weather roads is in South Africa, but the 2,000-mile stretch from Rhodesia to Mongala would cost to metal £6,000,000, and I doubt very much if it would be used in the event of weather. The semi-hundreds of feeder roads were also mentioned.

Capt. the Hon. F. Guest, who served on the Staff during part of the East African Campaign, says in the course of a letter to the Press on the subject of Lady Heath's flight from the Cape to Cairo:

"Those of us who have walked hundreds almost thousands, of miles through the bush country of Tanganyika and East Africa know full well that bush country is an endless area of scrubby desolation, divided only by oceans of grass, well over a man's head. The chances of rescue if a forced landing occurred are little less hopeless than if it took place in the Atlantic. This lady has shown an intrepidity of spirit comparable in every way with either Sir Alan Cobham or Mr. Hinkler, and without all their well-prepared ground organisation. Public notice should be taken and recognition given to Lady Heath's performance, and aviation is richer for the demonstration of what courage and a well-piloted light aeroplane can do."

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THE HILTON YOUNG COMMISSION.

Comments from Various Sources.

The Arab Association of Zanzibar, which is entirely opposed to any idea of the federation of Zanzibar with adjoining territories, wrote in the course of its memorandum to the Hilton Young Commission:

"The Association is opposed to the acceptance of any Customs Union. Zanzibar's position is peculiar and unique. The sultane industry is clover, and she cannot yet produce any forest stuff. The import tariff is at present only 15%, and wrong into any Customs Union would mean the imposition of very high tariffs, raising the cost of living abnormally without proportionate advantages. Rice, the principal item of foodstuff, is imported from Burma, and there is therefore no necessity of a change of currency. The existing sterling currency is popular with the Natives and many of us and no distinct advantages can be present seen to change it. We wholeheartedly agree with the resolution of the Government Conference stating that the time has not yet come to consider its change."

The supplement to the Official Gazette of Zanzibar quotes the following word picture of Sir Hilton Young, the Chairman of the Closer Union Commission. It is taken from Captain A. F. B. Carpenter's book, "The Blocking of Zanzibar":

"Being somewhat anxious as to the state of things beyond decks, I took the opportunity of a hurried visit below. On my way down from the bridge I met Lieutenant E. Hilton Young, R.M.V.R., our Parliamentary representative. He was attired in his shirt sleeves and minus any headgear. His right arm was bandaged. I remember that he had been following the accepted rules of the drill-book by smoking a large cigar as he performed his pre-arranged duties of supervising the foremost deck guns and his self-appointed duty of cheering everybody up. On inquiry he informed me that he had 'got one' in the arm. I heard afterwards that even when he collapsed he refused to have his wound attended to, and had to be taken below by force. Eventually his right arm had to be amputated, but with his usual resource he didn't let many hours pass by before commencing to educate himself in the art of left-handed writing."

If news which has reached us from Tanganyika is correct, the visit toabora of the Hilton Young Commission appears to have been singularly badly stage-managed. The only members of the European community of importance who were asked whether they would like to meet the Commissioners are alleged to have been the Germans, who did not accept the invitation.

Tanganyika Governor has avowed himself an opponent of federation, and as that must be expected to influence the attitude of his subordinate officials, it was the more important that the unofficial statement which appears to be overwhelmingly opposed to the Excellency's views should have ready access to the Commission.

The Dar es Salaam Chamber of Commerce advised at a recent special meeting that Tanganyika required greater security against any possibility of the Mandate being given to any other nation than Great Britain, and a more equitable policy between Natives and Europeans, instead of the present policy of the paramount interest of the Natives. A Member of the Chamber said the difficulty of getting outside of Tanganyika

capital invested in Tanganyika owing to the uncertainty of the political future. Those who were willing to invest capital were faced with the increasing difficulty of finding land owing to the present policy of withholding land alienations. The policy of the Government was described as discouraging native Native production, and the system of land auctions was characterised as "unsatisfactory."

The meeting, which strongly supported the proposal of federation, agreed that "If federation does not come into effect, then this Chamber is of the opinion that what is possible in regard to Customs is equally possible in regard to other services, and ventures to recommend that endeavours be made to co-ordinate the whole of the public services throughout Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika." The services mentioned were Customs, Law and civil procedure, Transport and communications, posts, telegraphs and telephone, mining, veterinary, agriculture and forests, meteorological, health, and medical, agricultural and veterinary research.

Messrs. A. A. Melville, H. H. Robinson, H. D. Ichmann, J. B. Massie, and J. Shandland were deputed to lay before the Hilton Young Commission the views of the Chamber.

While in Tanganyika Territory the Hilton Young Commission visited Arusha, Moshi, Mwanza, Tanga, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, andabora.

The latest issue of the monthly Journal of the British Empire Chamber of Commerce in the United States of America contains the following brief but categorical declarations:

"Union between Northern and Southern Rhodesia unlikely, even if the idea of a Greater Rhodesia with safeguards against labour recruiting, roads and railways has adherents. Any union in Nyasaland too highly improbable."

And then we read:

"Much concern felt at penetration by Germans in Tanganyika where, having gotten majority of voters, they may appeal to League of Nations to sever British Mandate. Union with Kenya and Uganda seems remedy."

EAST AFRICAN SERVICE APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments to the East African Public Services were made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies during the month of March:

KENYA COLONY.—Assistant Agricultural Officer, Mr. S. Gillett, C.I.A.; Medical Officer, Mr. T. E. Anderson, B.A., M.B.; Nursing Sister, Miss K. E. Nicholas; Assistant Auditor, Mr. H. L. V. Barnes; Assistant Officer, Education Dept., Mr. A. A. Biss;

Navy—Recruiters and Lieutenant, Poole, Mr. W. J. M. D. Phillips;

TANGANYIKA PROTECTORATE.—Administrator, Veterinary Dept., Mr. W. H. W. Bowles, R.C.V.S.

D.V.S.M.; Chemist, Animal Institute, Mr. G. R. LeGeyt Worsley, B.Sc.; Cadet Administration, Mr. A. K. Bate; Soil Control, Animal Institute, Mr. G. Milne, M.Sc.

UGANDA.—Malaria Officer, Mr. R. V. Bowles, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

A recent transfer and promotion made by the Secretary of State is:

Mr. J. F. Temple, Administrative Cadet, Tanganyika, to Assistant Conservator of Forests,

GERMANS IN TANGANYIKA TERRITORY.

A Reply from Capt. A. Evans, M.C.
To the Editor of "East Africa."

With reference to your observations which appeared in the issue of *East Africa* dated March 15 regarding my letter of November 16 addressed to Mr. A. J. Siggins, of Dar es Salaam:

From inquiries I have made I am satisfied that it is not correct to state that German settlements in Tanganyika Territory has been subsidised by ecclesiastical grants from "British pockets." No payments have been made out of the funds of Tanganyika or of this country to German settlers.

In certain cases, however, where Germans who owned property in Tanganyika before the War have produced evidence that they were in necessitous circumstances, they have been allowed a release, up to a maximum, except in very special cases, of £500, of the proceeds of the liquidation of their own property (compulsorily liquidated under the Treaty of Versailles). The policy of making these releases is not a peculiar one invented by the Tanganyika Government or the Colonial Office, but has been adopted by His Majesty's Government in the case of the proceeds of the liquidation of German property in the Colonies and Protectorates generally, as well as in this country.

These payments are no doubt those for which you refer, but may well be that some of the recipients of these releases are now in Tanganyika.

The last date fixed for applications for such releases was April 30, 1925, and payments are now only made in cases in which an application has been made before that date, but has taken some time to establish his statements.

There is one other point to which I should like to refer. You mention "the glaring instance" of the payment of £5,000 to an ex-German who has been unable to identify the case referred to, but it might be that one certain individual in a Dominion who became a naturalised British subject. It was clearly impossible not to return the sequestered property to him in full. Apart from the releases mentioned above, all property sequestered was returned to individuals who ceased to be German nationals. As the Treaty of Versailles came into operation, becoming, for example, Polish, Czechoslovakian, or Dantzigers, your allusion may be a case of that sort.

As regards the alleged financial assistance given to German settlers by German Colonies Societies, I can gather up to the present precise instances of help given to settlers by a German Society, has been brought to the knowledge of the Colonial Office. If you have any definite information on the subject there does not seem any reason why you should not place it at the disposal of His Majesty's Government.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR EVANS
House of Commons.

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KARO GRIMSBY AND THE NATIVE.

To the Editor of "East Africa."

I much appreciate your courtesy in drawing my attention to the remarkable, by a contributor to your "Camp Fire" Column, in regard to my assertion that K.A.R. officers get to know the Native as few people do. I submit that this is not generally true. K.A.R. officers are generally well-educated men and have to study the language and are, as you will admit, frequently alone with natives, not necessarily their own *otheris*. Moreover, they cannot "make anything" out of the associations and are more often than not in the position of the protector of the tribesmen to cooperate with them in guarding the frontier. Mr. John Boyes would, I feel sure, be one of the first to admit my claim; indeed, in private conversation he has admitted as much.

I hope that you will publish this letter, in view of the fact that I do not assert that K.A.R. officers know the Native best, but "as few people do," to which statement I must respectfully adhere. I think anyone who reads "Hayashi" will agree with me, and I am prepared to send your contributor a copy of that book if he will promise to read it and comment on his impressions in his notes.

Yours faithfully,

LLOYD JONES,
Late K.A.R., Captain of Guards,
Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

We have submitted Major Lloyd-Jones's letter to our correspondents who writes in reply. In insisting on the phrase "as few people do," Major Lloyd-Jones disarms critics. Obviously, in their own line, K.A.R. officers' knowledge of the Native tends to become unique. That is freely admitted; my contention was that that knowledge cannot be equal in variety, breadth and profundity to the intimacy of the people I mentioned. The care of discipline and command which clings to a military man is impossible to dispel, and the Native never fails to observe it. As "Hayashi" has already been reviewed by *East Africa*, we regret that we cannot ask our contributor to deal with it again under "Camp Fire Comments." — *Ed.*

EMIN PASHA'S SUDANESE SOLDIERS.

And the Nandi Beasts.

To the Editor of "East Africa."

I have just read your article on Emin Pasha in your issue of April 12. It may interest some of your readers to know that several of the Sudanese soldiers who were with Emin Pasha during his sojourn at Dungu are still living at Bombo, and some are, I believe, still serving in the 4th King's African Rifles.

As regards the Nandi beast mentioned in the letter of Mr. Hauser, I saw the skin of one of these animals in Nairobi in 1920 which had been trapped there some few months previously. The skin and the description of the animal given me exactly coincide with that given by Mr. Hauser. The skin and skull were sent to the Natural History Museum during 1921 and the animal was diagnosed as a species of hyena.

Yours faithfully,
CARA BUXTON.

A SNAG, says a Northern Rhodesian correspondent of *East Africa*, was killed on the running board of the motor car of Princess Marie Louise while she was recently touring the Lusaka district of that rapidly developing Dependency.

CANADIAN CRITICISMS OF KENYA COFFEE.

Where Advertising Was not Sufficient.

To the Editor of "East Africa".

SIR,

In your issue of February 23 you report the President of the Coffee Planters' Union of Kenya and East Africa, at the annual general meeting of the Union, as having urged the new Council to initiate another financial member of the Union for funds for advertising purposes.

Perhaps the Union will permit through your medium or outsider who has taken some interest in marketing Kenya coffee in Canada to make a few remarks in that connection.

We do not pretend to have any knowledge of what benefits might reasonably be expected from publicity advertising in other countries, nor have we any knowledge of what methods of advertising the Union may have in mind, but we are convinced that the result of publicity advertising in Canada would be practically nil.

We believe that there is imported into Canada a much smaller quantity of Kenya coffee than the merits and relative value of the article warrants, and that coffee blenders in Canada could benefit by a greater use of Kenya coffee.

The reasons, as we believe, for the relatively small use of Kenya coffee in Canada are such that advertising would fail, we think, to bring about the desired results.

Consumers have no knowledge of what countries produce the coffee they drink; hence there is nothing to be gained by advertising to the consumer.

The blenders of Canada know Kenya coffee and know, or believe they know, the merits and defects of these coffees, so it would appear that advertising to the trade would be little more effective.

Kenya coffees, in common with other British-grown coffees, enjoy the advantages of free entry into Canada, while coffees of foreign growth are subject to duty of 3 cents per pound (or about 145 percent.), yet the greater bulk of coffee imported into Canada is of foreign production. Why is this so? The reasons appear to us to be:

(1) It is the opinion of the trade that coffees of other countries are more uniform in character—we are not speaking of grades—and therefore safer as a basis for blends which it is desired to maintain uniformity to character and quality.

(2) Kenya coffees, particularly in the lower-priced grades, are offered in quite small lots, each of varying character and quality, and parcels selected by buyers are very frequently reported "sold" when orders are put forward in London.

(3) Owing to alleged or real wide variation in the character of the coffee, only a limited number of parcels offered are considered suitable. The larger number of parcels, owing to greater acidity or other objection, are considered unsuitable.

(4) For the above reasons no blender of coffee in Canada would place a buying order for Kenya coffee in type or standard sample; hence all purchases are made on actual samples of specific lots.

May we venture to suggest an idea, but a definite plan, as to how the Union may increase the importation of greater quantities of Kenya coffee into Canada without the expenditure of any important amount of funds for advertising?

Assume the creation in East Africa of a fund for exploitation of markets. Use a part of this fund to buy a quantity of Kenya coffee, bulk the

separate grades of coffee purchased, to form one composite parcel of each grade and commit to a responsible agent in Canada to sell to the Union. The result might be a profit in the increase of the amount of the advertising fund, and if, on the other hand, the transaction showed a loss, the charge on the advertising fund would be limited to the amount of the net loss on the shipment, with the advantage of having increased the importation of Kenya coffee into Canada to the extent of the shipment made on consignment.

The most important advantage, if the experiment succeeded, would be that grades of uniform character and quality could be established on which buyers could rely, and thus establish a basis for placing orders in Nairobi on type. The Union, undertaking the execution of such orders, or arranging with exporters, who have the necessary facilities for buying and bulking, to do so.

The same result might quite possibly be attained by similar methods with regard to Tanganyika, Uganda, etc. This is the basis on which the business is done with Brazil, Colombia, and other countries. We are

Yours faithfully,
J. M. Watt
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A CROWING, CRESTED SNAKE.

Believed to have been seen in Nyasaland.

To the Editor of "East Africa".

SIR,

I have read with great interest Mr. A. Sakell's letter in your issue of March 8, relative to the existence, I presume in East Africa, of a crowing, crested snake, and I cannot but regard the assertion of Mr. Boulenger, which follows, Mr. Sakell's letter, that such a snake is a zoological impossibility as premature.

When, in 1895, I was serving under the British Central Africa (now the Nyasaland) Administration, I heard of such a snake, of which I knew the Native name, but this I have forgotten. There was indeed, on the Zomba-Manje plain a small granite hill which nothing would induce my carriers or hunters to approach, as they assured me, it was frequented by these creatures. Once or twice, regardless of their fervent attempts to dissuade me, I searched the hill, but saw nothing on it.

In the year I have mentioned, however, I was told by the Reverend Dr. David Clement Scott, at that time Priest-in-Charge of the Church of Scotland Mission at Blantyre, but since deceased, that he had actually caught sight of one of these snakes on his way from the mission station to Fort Lister, and the description which he gave me coincided largely as to length and colour with that given by Mr. Sakell, but attributed to the creature a much greater thickness. It seems significant that where Dr. Scott saw the snake was to great distance from the granite hill to which I have referred.

I have much pleasure in furnishing these details of information for what they may be considered to be worth, for although I cannot be said either to have seen or heard the reptile, I see no reason whatsoever, in the light of Dr. Scott's experience and what I have gleaned elsewhere, to cast doubt on the possibility of its existence.

Yours faithfully,

R. C. F. MAUGHAM,
H.M. Consul-GeneralBritish Consulate-General
Dakar, Senegal.

APRIL 10, 1926.

PERSONALIA.

Lady Helen Brocklehurst has returned from the Sudan.

J. A. Ross, Medical Officer, Kenya, is present on leave.

Mr. R. S. Fraser has returned to London from his visit to Abyssinia.

Vice-Admiral Broome is expected to arrive back in London from Kenya in June.

Dr. Brunel has left Zanzibar to take up an appointment in the Belgian Congo.

Mr. F. Halligan-Jolly and Major Sir George Noble have returned from Kenya.

Lady (Hilton) Young has been elected an associate of the Royal Society of British Sculptors.

Major R. B. and Lady Margaret Eoder have returned from their visit to East and South Africa.

Mr. E. G. Bale, Deputy Commissioner of Customs in Mombasa, arrived home on leave last week with Mr. Bale.

Mr. Mrs. A. Callaghan, D.S.O., has been posted to Iringa as Assistant District Officer on his return from leave.

Captain C. G. Bentley has left the 6th Battalion of the King's African Rifles at termination of his appointment.

Major H. Blake Taylor is expected back in London during the first week in May from his tour of India and East Africa.

Captain W. J. Graham has arrived in Kenya on his appointment as Company Commander of the 3rd King's African Rifles.

Lieutenant P. J. Sparkes, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, has joined the 6th King's African Rifles as a subaltern.

Messrs. Macmillan are shortly to publish another book by Lieutenant-Colonel H. Marshall Hole on early days in Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. H. Kettles-Roy, the well-known East African manufacturers' agent, has just arrived home, accompanied by Mrs. Kettles-Roy.

Mr. H. D. John, Senior Provincial Commissioner of Nyasaland, has been appointed a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

Mr. V. A. Hindley recently arrived in Kondoa Irangi on first appointment as District Reclamation Officer under the Game Department.

The Prime Minister is to be the guest of honour of the British Cotton Growing Association at a luncheon in Manchester on May 16.

Mr. E. E. Mitchell, Provincial Commissioner of the Northeast Province, has arrived.

Sir John Malby, Governor-General of the Sudan, recently visited Massawa and Asmara as the guest of Dr. Gasperini, Governor of the Italian Colony of Eritrea.

The Gaita District Road Board is composed of Major D. Drury, M.C., Major S. C. Lazell, M.C., J.P., The Rev. Archdeacon K. A. Maynard, and Mr. J. E. Smith.

Mr. F. R. Woodward, who has just returned to London from Nyasaland, was until a year or so ago a member of the staff of the Kilwete-Sisal Estate, Lindi, Tanganyika.

Mr. W. B. Sotheron-Escourt, who for the past few years has served as an Administrative Officer in Uganda, leaves Marseilles on Saturday on his return to the Protectorate.

Mr. L. Martone-Miller has been nominated by the Usambara Planters' Association as its representative on the Tanganyika Trade and Information Local Advisory Committee.

Mr. C. H. A. Grierson, Deputy Provincial Commissioner, Moshi, and Mr. J. E. G. Ransome, Assistant District Officer, Mbeya, are among officials on leave from Tanganyika.

A marriage is to take place in Mombasa on June 20 between Mr. John Norman Tweedie, of Big Tree Farm and Suam Saw Mills, Kisite, and Miss Elsie Falconer of Braunton, North Devon.

Amongst recent arrivals from Kenya and Uganda are Mr. R. McCrae and family, Mr. R. McGeorge, Mr. and Mrs. W. Howe, Mr. J. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. R. Mumford, Mr. and Mrs. K. Richardson, Mr. G. Sandford, and Mr. M. Seamer.

Bishop E. N. Powell, D.D., Vicar of Columbia, Stratford, London, E., who was Bishop of Mashonaland between 1908 and 1920, died suddenly last week at the age of sixty-eight.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Guillebaud are returning this week to the Ruanda Medical Mission, with which they have served for the past three years. Before proceeding to East Africa Mr. Guillebaud was a curate in Bath.

Congratulations to Mr. Alfred Paul Nason, of the Audit Department, Tanganyika Territory, who was married on April 12 at Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, to Miss Heather Hilliard, eldest daughter of Mr. Edward Hilliard, sometime Fellow, Tutor, and Senior Bursar of Balliol College, Oxford. Before Mr. Nason joined the Department in 1920 he had seen much war service, which included volunteering for the campaign against the Bolsheviks. He is one of the select band who have accomplished the ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro, which feat he achieved in 1921 as one of Mr. Gillman's party.

The many East Africans who knew him will learn with regret of the death of Captain Wilford, of the Union Castle Company, who during the War was twice torpedoed without wounding him the Master and while in command of hospital ships.

Sir Anson Russell has been elected Chairman of the Tanganyika branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, with Mr. P. J. Browne and Colonel R. J. McCrae as Vice-Chairman, and Mr. H. Noel Davis as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Colonel H. A. Buchanan Wollaston, C.M.G., who has been placed on the retired list, commanded the light cruiser "Fox," so well known to East Africans during part of the War, and was also for a time in command of the armed merchant ship "Suva," as S.N.O. of the Red Sea Patrol.

Mr. R. C. F. Maughan, C.B.E., a letter from whom appears on another page of this issue, and who has been British Consul-General at Dakar for a number of years, is on the point of retiring after spending nearly five years in tropical Africa. Mr. Maughan will, we understand, settle in Suffolk.

The foundation stone of the new Masonic Temple at Entebbe was recently laid with due ceremony by Sir Jacob Barth, District Grand Master of East Africa. The Temple is to be the meeting place of the new Mount Elgon Lodge, which is already reported to have more than thirty founder members.

Mr. A. E. White, who left England for Dar es Salaam last week, joined the Zanzibar Adminis-trative Service in 1911. In 1919 he was transferred to Tanganyika, where he served as the British Commissioner on the Anglo-Belgian Boundary Commission from 1922 to 1925. He received the O.B.E. in 1924.

Sir Rennell Rodd, who was in charge of the British Agency in Zanzibar in 1893, has been adopted as the Conservative candidate in the by-election at St. Marylebone, the vacancy caused by the appointment of Sir Douglas Haig (now Lord Haig) to be Lord Chancellor, in succession to the late Lord Cave. Sir Rennell Rodd is in his seventieth year.

Mr. W. A. B. Panthorpe, who recently retired from the Kenya Government Service, has been appointed Acting Secretary of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of East Africa, the Nairobi Chamber of Commerce and the Fire and Motor Insurance Associations of East Africa during the absence on a well-deserved holiday in the Old Country of Mr. R. W. Plasfor, the secretary of those bodies.

The following gentlemen have been appointed to the North Nyeri District Road Board for the year 1928:—Mr. P. A. Mackenzie, Mr. G. T. Mr. S. S. Bastard, Mr. O. J. Pottelle, Mr. G. D. Price, Mr. A. Bosman, Captain C. W. Collier, Mr. E. A. Evans, Captain K. E. Groom, Captain G. G. Gilmour, Captain J. E. Miller, Mr. W. G. Gostick, Mr. O'Hagan, Captain J. C. Gossage, and Captain T. B. Soames.

We learn with great regret of the death following an operation of Mr. B. G. Lewis, a director of the Bremer Commercial Bank, who, after leaving Mr. H. H. M. Potter, recently from a visit to Tanganyika Territory, had died. Mr. Lewis in the rapid decline from which he did not recover.

Mr. H. C. Potter has been re-elected President of the Kipkarren Farmers' Association, with Colonel G. L. Easton as Vice-President, Mr. T. Layton as Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. Morton as Honorary Secretary. The committee consists of Mr. R. J. Bainbridge, Commander; Dunnett, Colonel G. Griffiths, Mr. L. A. Polking, Mr. J. W. Newton, the Hon. P. J. O'Brien, Major D. O. Russell, Major Starnes, and Colonel A. S. Will. Tribute was paid to the services of Colonel G. C. Griffiths as the Association's representative to the Convention of Associations, and the President was appointed District Correspondent to the Convention in the matter of white settlement.

Mr. Mulling, the leader of the Cape to Cairo motor expedition which reached Rejaf at the end of last week, has telegraphed to Johannesburg that their recent rapid progress has been due to the fact that the Sudan roads have been metallised in bad places, partly as a means of famine relief, while one tribe had been punished for burning to death a large number of elephants. To obtain food the natives had made a ring of fire round the elephants, and the cow which had escaped used to be killed by Government hunters. The tribesmen are now on compulsory road work, and the result is a splendid metallised highway, which the Sudan Government intends to maintain to the Uganda border—at least in the dry season.

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LADY BAILEY'S CRASH AT TABORA.

The Dar es Salaam correspondent of *The Times* cables:

"Lady Bailey says, in explanation of her crashed Tabora, that when she was flying from Kisutu to Tabora she had no map of this stage. She flew to Nzega, but found that it was impossible to land. She turned back to Shinyanga, landed there to inquire as to the route, and then proceeded to Tabora. This delay caused her to reach Tabora at the hottest part of the day, when the air was bumpy, and the landing had to be made at an aerodrome 4,000 ft. above sea-level. Lady Bailey considers that she took insufficient notice of the conditions, and struck an air pocket near the ground. Her machine made a heavy landing, and its undercarriage collapsed. The machine turned over, and came to rest upside-down. The fuselage and main wing spars were broken in places. It has now been dismantled, and the engine and tanks have been saved."

"Although Lady Bailey thinks that the crash was due to her omission to remember the conditions prevailing at 2.30 p.m. at this altitude, she considers that this aerodrome could be made easier if a gap were cut in the line of trees bordering the west side, in order to facilitate approach from this direction, as it is at present somewhat difficult to get into the aerodrome during the heat of the day. Lady Bailey's impression of the country traversed is that it is not as alarming an area to cross as she was led to suppose. She was impressed by the wonderful scenic contrasts from Nimule to Tabora, and considers them to be worth trips to view them when once a passenger air line has been established."

THE CREDIT OF ZANZIBAR.

"HERE we observe a young English medical officer enthusiastically expounding to a dignified and courteous Arab judge the latest developments in the science of bacteriology; there we see a gold-turbaned Khoja in deep converse with an Arab from the southern shores of Arabia; on the one side a courtly Parsee discussing the week's events with an English business man, on the other an influential Hindu and a Punjabi professional man of high attainments making common cause in the pursuit oficed sherbet. On all sides races, colours and creeds, officials and non-officials, are intermingling in friendly discourse, with that free intimacy of men who value a friend as a friend and who are fortunately unhampered in their natural instincts by any artificially created distinctions and barriers, any vain and foolish slogans which in other parts of the world survive as relics of the days when the world's highest civilisations flourished in the East and Englishmen, modestly clothed in blue pantaloons, devoured the still-smoking raw joints of their newly-killed prey."

"Long may the spirit of Zanzibar continue to pervade our minds, and may nothing be lightly done to imperil its continuance in the pursuit of any plausible scheme of greater material advantage."—*From the News Supplement of the "Zanzibar Official Gazette."*

Huberto the chief market for Northern Rhodesia's cattle and maize has been the copper-belt of Katanga, but production has almost reached the absorbing capacity of that market, and there are well-founded fears that the approaching linking up of the Benguela Railway with the Katanga market will enable the farmers of Angola to compete on favourable terms with those of Northern Rhodesia. The need for the shortest possible railway route to the coast to facilitate shipments to oversea markets is therefore becoming urgent. Construction of the Simia-Kafue cut-off would mean the carriage of produce along one side of a square with a perimeter of 1,000 miles instead of around three sides, as is necessary by the existing route via Livingstone and Bulawayo—a saving of 500 miles. The Batoka plateau would then be no more distant by rail from the port of Beira than are the Uganda cotton-fields from Mombasa.

"Apart from the necessity for a direct route to the sea for agricultural produce, the growing mining activity in Northern Rhodesia will probably force the desirability of building the Simia-Kafue cut-off to the front in the very near future. If Southern Rhodesia is really convinced of the advantages of amalgamation with the Northern Protectorate, it may have to recognise that the establishment of a direct railway from Salisbury to Kafue will be made an essential condition of acceptance of amalgamation by the Northerners. The Canadian Pacific and the Australian Trans-Continental Railways were the chief items in the price paid by the Dominion of Canada and the Commonwealth of Australia to secure the adhesion of British Columbia and Western Australia to these federations, and history may repeat itself in Central Africa. Economics entirely divorced from political considerations, as applied by General Hammond in his analysis of the prospects of the cut-off, are not appropriate to the discussion of questions of this kind. A much broader vision is required. To overcome the hostility to amalgamation of the officials and the commercial community at Livingstone, Southern Rhodesia will have to hold out an inducement that will unite the unofficial Europeans along the railway from Kalomo to the Congo frontier in opposition to the vested interests of the capital. The loss that might be incurred for a few years by the Simia-Kafue cut-off would be a small price to pay."

"Salisbury has the ball at its feet, and if the opportunity is allowed to pass, the consequences to Southern Rhodesia may extend far beyond the limits between contention with the present boundaries of the Colony and expansion into a Greater Rhodesia stretching from the Limpopo to Lakes Tanganyika and Nyasa. For an existence as a small buffer State between the Union and a federated East Africa is not an attractive outlook, even if it could be indefinitely maintained. Absorption either by South or East on the best terms that could be obtained would be the almost certain end of a career. The contrast between that fate and leadership of a strong Central African State, which would be the equal of a united East Africa and able to resist the pull from the South, is glaring, and Southern Rhodesians are hardly likely to hesitate in their choice, even if it may cost them one or two hundred thousand pounds a year for half a decade in order to ensure that the grander destiny may be theirs and the vision of the founder fulfilled."

A CHURCH SERVICE IN UGANDA.

"The drums near the priests' house are being beaten vigorously by four small boys," writes Miss Le Neve Foster in *The Times*. "For sometime people from a distance have been arriving here, a group of men in long white *kangas*, then some boys in khaki shorts and coats, each with a school badge on his red *yéz*; now some stately women dressed in rich silks, then a poor old crone wrapped in rags of the old-fashioned bark-cloth. Some have with them food for the journey, for they come from afar. A few of the women—the younger and smarter among them—have coloured cotton sun-shades. As the drums boom out, the people living near the church begin to troop up the hill. Some enter the church; some stay to gossip outside until the drums are silent."

"Inside, the church floor is strewn with hay, much as English houses were rush-strewn in the middle ages. The pillars and walls are of rough sun-baked brick whitewashed. The corrugated iron roof is the abode of bats innumerable, which fly out in clouds at dusk, but which now are hidden among the roof beams and only announce their presence by their sickly sweet odour which, in spite of open doors and glazed windows, pervades the whole building."

The women range themselves on one side of the church, the men on the other. Most of the men have seats, rough stools or folding chairs made out of bits of old packing-cases and with the owner's name painted in straggling letters across the back—Alubete (Albert), Matyansi (Matthew). None of the women has a chair, though most have a plaited mat or a goat skin which they spread on the floor.

"The babies lie among the hay. Many of the little brown bodies are naked. Some achieve the dignity of a single cotton garment, since this is Sunday. The older children toddle about the church, the bells—which they wear around their ankles so that their mothers may hear them playing near the house and know that they have not strayed far—jingling pleasantly as they stumble here and there."

The drums cease. The service begins.

GROSSING CATTLE WITH BUFFALO.

Writing in *The Daily Express* on foods of the future, a correspondent says:

An American hunter-farmer is experimenting with the Buffalo in Rhodesia. He aims to cross the wild African buffalo with the Hereford cow and bull, evolving a hybrid animal immune from tick-disease, East Coast fever, and other cattle scourges. Haunting the swamps and scrub of Africa's wastes, the wild buffalo also resists the attacks of the deadly tsetse-flie, whose bite is fatal to cattle, while it can also resist the rigours of drought and the big rains. It grazes on scrub and rank vegetation unsuitable for domestic beasts.

If the new-hybrid buffalox can be induced to inherit these valuable traits of its wild parent, immense tracts of Africa, unsuitable for crop farming and cattle-ranching, would become valuable grazing for future herds. A process has attended similar experiments in Alberta, crossing the American buffalo with domestic cattle, to a new beef and dairy beast, the cattalo, has been evolved. It yields a fine quality beef and a valuable hide, with thick curly lustrous hair in great demand by certain sections of the clothing trade. The cattalo can forage on the scrub of the snowbound north where no cow or bullock could survive.

THE ATTACK ON REATA-LATEMA.

The night of March 11, the anniversary of the capture of Reata-Latema by combined South African and Rhodesian troops during the East African Campaign, and so on March 12, *The Daily Witness* published a long account of the engagement by one who took part in the assault. The contributor wrote:

"Darkness was now falling, and it became apparent that the gallant 5th S.A.I. were in difficulties. General Tugbe then ordered the 2nd Rhodesians to the attack. This attack by the Rhodesian troops was perhaps the most memorable of the East African Campaign, and their heroism and determination won for them the admiration of the whole of the East African troops. This handful of men fought with such determination and effect that they reached the summit of the hill, still held by the enemy. Only ten Rhodesians mounted the crest, but these brave men, with rifle and bayonet, attacked the defenders with the utmost bravery, and in the end won through. Only four unwounded men of the 2nd Rhodesians remained on the hill; two of their comrades had been killed, and the rest all severely wounded. The first thing done by the four unwounded men was to turn an enemy machine gun (which had been abandoned and which had a belt of ammunition in position) on the retreating *askaris*. This determined band held the position until relieved by the 1st S.A.I. at two o'clock on the morning of March 12."

"After Colonel Freeth had got more than half-way up the side of Lekema hill, he discovered that he only had six men with him. He waited for some minutes, when twelve more arrived. It was clear that the remainder of the 7th had lost touch with Colonel Freeth, and he decided to push on to the summit with his little band. A messenger had been sent back to try and get in touch with the remainder of the company. But the effort failed. When a few yards from the summit a voice called in English, 'Halt! Who goes there?' and a bayonet flashed whilst a figure blocked the way. Freeth called back, 'I am S.A.I.' Thank God,' came the reply, as four men rushed forward and clasped the hands of their deliverers. It was the four unwounded Rhodesians. Immediately every drop of water carried by the few men of the 7th was at the disposal of the wounded men. Scores of dead men lay all over the hill, for our big guns had played havoc with the defenders on the hill top."

"During the whole period of the attack Major Thompson pressed himself a born soldier. On not one occasion did he lose touch with his men, as with supreme contempt for the enemy fire he led his men forward with a word of encouragement for one and all."

"One of his officers, Lieutenant Lowden, with eight men, was led into ambush during the advance. Lowden was on the extreme left, and a voice had definitely challenged, 'Who goes there?' Lowden replied, 'Lieutenant Lowden of the 7th.' 'Oh,' rejoined the voice, 'that you, Lowden. Come along! Close up, boys! This way.' Suddenly at a distance of twenty paces a machine gun opened fire on Lowden, killing him and seven of his men. Only one man was wounded, and he seriously, losing his right arm. He was taken prisoner by the enemy and escaped in the following October after being a prisoner of war for over seven months. It was the irony of fate that he should walk into the lines of the 7th when escaping from the Germans, over 200 miles from Taveta, where he was captured. He reported the account of Lowden's ambush. It was then made known that the voice that had challenged Lowden was that of a German."

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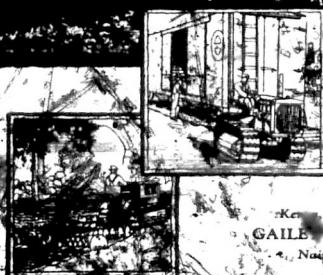
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Rhinos in Zanzibar.

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A Word in Season.

In commenting on a lecture by Professor Schwarz on "The Africans" of the Kalahari Desert, *Tropical Life* wisely remarks that "such lectures deserve the most careful attention, for at times one feels that the present mania to prove that the black races are as good as the white ones, given equal opportunities of educating themselves, is reaching a dangerous point. What the African needs is a century or two to bring himself up to date with the European, and such lectures as those of Professor Schwarz correctly show that, in many cases, the Natives are a thousand years behind."

Native Occupations.

"The list of occupations, as detailed by your Nairobi correspondent, in which the Native is nowadays earning a well-deserved livelihood, proves that great progress is being made," comments a correspondent who expresses pleasure that as office boys and messengers, as clerks, shop and store boys, motor drivers, billiard markers, tailors, laundry operators, rat-catchers, butlers, and nurses, Kenyan Natives are daily proving their value and adaptability. He is a little surprised to read of the dental mechanic, but suggests that carpenters, blacksmiths and bookbinders, though not mentioned, could certainly be added to the list. "The one line of life in which, in my experience, the Native does not shine," he adds, "is that of independent shopkeeper. He has too many relatives and friends to whom his good-nature refuses to disallow credit, with the result that, in that expressive phrase, his business too often goes 'phut'."

Keeping Fit on "Native Food".

"The argument that a European can keep fit and avoid fever by living on 'Native food' is surely an excellent example of the fallacy of not defining the terms used," says an old tropical contributor, who asks: "What exactly is 'Native food'? The Zulus, a martial race of fine physique, thrive on mealie pap, which seems one of the most extraordinary paradoxes on record. The Masai are notorious for their milk and fresh blood diet taken alternatively and exclusively. Many tribes will not touch fish, others refuse to eat chicken. A whole lot will gorge themselves on elephant and other game meat whenever they get the chance, regardless of its condition. A few of their hippo hunts are very high. There are still some cannibal tribes; pygmies are alleged to have a passion for gorilla flesh; monkeys are eaten by Natives here and there, though rarely. Will those who advocate *Native food* as a panacea specify just what sort of this wild choice they mean? A slab of cold mutton, perhaps, is the least popular among many Natives, second only a porridge for the day."

"Work" in Abyssinia.

An American expedition recently soon discovered that the real Abyssinian does not work whatever. All farm labour is done by slaves; water is carried by the women. One of the travellers asked the interpreter just what the village-dwelling Abyssinian man did to pass the time away. The answer was: "Oh, they just walk about, and they have no place to walk to." That, the inquirer remarked, seemed a complete answer to the question.

The Native as a Musician.

"While it may seem to the average person that the time is not by a long way ripe for the Native to derive refinement or aid to ideas from, far less acquire any of the art of, English literature, even to the adaptation of such to indigenous circumstances, one is impressed by the musical propensities and inclinations of the Native generally," writes "Ewan-lyde," who is of the opinion that "considerable advances in individual and general culture could be made on musical lines where other branches of art would evince no satisfactory progress. The East African Native makes a keen interpretation of the melodic side of English music, and quite recently the writer heard in the recitation of a simple English song a Native voice which, untrained as it was, would have been received with enthusiasm by any critical audience. If the Native is to be taught European art, then music, which is inherent, and therefore stands the best chance of emerging successfully from any projected experiment, should be the first of his accomplishments."

Native Juju in Charme.

"The case quoted by the Rev. Edwin Smith in his sixth lecture, published in *East Africa* of April 1927, of a Native messenger in Northern Rhodesia accepting from Mr. Granite Worthington a paper-weight as a charm against a witch-doctor is unusual and argues either a remarkable belief by the boy in his master or a reputation for the occult the European a reputation which, by the bye, may be acquired quite 'unknownst,' writes "Brown Mac," who continues: "Innumerable stories could be told of the faith Natives have in charms, but the essential point is that the *juju* or *obeah* must have been given by a professional magician."

The whole composing staff of a certain newspaper was once held up by a broken egg and some ashes placed on the doorstep; not a boy would cross the threshold until the European editor had removed the stuff and with it the spell. A Native laboratory boy was scared almost silly by some horsehair sewn surreptitiously into the collar of his coat as if it was hanging on a peg. "Says he said, through chattering teeth, 'Says the man who do that could poison me, sir,' and he believed it. Most probably it was true. Poison as the basis of witchcraft. In many quite civilised districts no Native goes into the police court either as prosecutor or defendant without *obeah*—a scrap of dried animal, a white cock's feather, or some such trifles—handed him hand, for which he has paid, and which he has been assured by the *obeah* man will influence the case in his favour. The witch-doctors form a very close corporation and discourage outside competition, especially from Europeans."



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WAR GRAVES IN EAST AFRICA.

Cemeteries and Memorials.

The eighth annual report of the Imperial War Graves Commission contains the following reference to the East African territories:

"The constitutional work of permanent War Cemeteries has been completed at Dar es Salaam, Iringa, Mwanza, Kilwa, Kivukoni, Lindi, Mkingo, and Mtama in Tanganyika Territory, and at Porto Amelia, Lumbo, and Beira in Portuguese East Africa."

"War Crosses have been erected during the year in Tanganyika Territory at Kilwa, Kivukoni, Lindi, Mkingo, Mtama and Iringa. All of the sixteen War Crosses in East Africa have now been erected, four in Kenya Colony, and twelve in Tanganyika Territory. At Songea in Tanganyika Territory and at Lumbo and Porto Amelia in Portuguese East Africa the construction of the central masonry monuments that were substituted for the usual type of War Cross has been completed. Memorials bearing inscribed tablets commemorating the Indian casualties in East Africa have been erected during the year at Dar es Salaam, Morogoro, Dodoma, and Tabora."

"Monuments supporting bronze figures commemorating the African Native troops and carriers have been erected at Mombasa and Dar es Salaam, in addition to the monument erected at Nairobi, Kenya Colony. Screen walls in masonry with inscribed stone panels to commemorate the missing and special groups of European, Indian, and Native casualties have been built at Nairobi, Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Porto Amelia, and Lumbo. In 1931 headstones have been erected. The permanent commemoration of the Belgian graves in Kenya and Tanganyika Territory has been practically completed."

"The negotiations with the administrations of Kenya Colony, Uganda, Tanganyika Territory, and Zanzibar for the maintenance of the graves and cemeteries have in each instance been concluded, and the transference of these duties has gradually taken place during the year. Horticultural work at the cemeteries has been steadily developed during the year, and local arrangements have been made for the maintenance of the War cemeteries in Portuguese East Africa. Permanent titles for the sites of the cemeteries and monuments have been secured and registered."

The appended table of death casualties and registered graves gives the following figures regarding the East African Campaign: Total deaths 56,585; Identified and registered graves in Kenya, 171; Nyasaland, 169; Portuguese East Africa, 188; Somaliland, 120; Sudan, 73; Tanganyika, 262; Uganda, 10; Mauritius, 30; and Seychelles, 49. In addition, 3,406 are recorded as missing in Tanganyika; 41 in Portuguese East Africa, 16 in Somaliland, and, strangely enough, 289 in the Seychelles. What is the explanation of this last item?

Ship of His Majesty's Forces *Endymion* is to visit the ports of Tanganyika on the following dates: H.M.S. "Eflingham" will arrive at the Ruvu River (Mafia Island) on June 11 and leave June 14, calling at Dar es Salaam on June 13 and leaving on June 16. H.M.S. "Enterprise" will arrive at Dar es Salaam on May 14 and leave five days later; on May 20 she will arrive at Tanga, leaving on June 1. H.M.S. "Emerald" will arrive at Tanga on May 17 and remain until

COLONIAL GOVERNORS' PENSIONS.

The Buxton Committee.

A WHITE PAPER (Cd. 3030, price 2d.) has been issued giving the report of a Committee, of which Lord Buxton was chairman, to consider the question of Colonies' governors, with special reference to pensions.

The Committee review the present position and recommend various increases; for example, that the unit of pension for Class I should be £72 a year for each year of service (instead of £60 as at present), with the proviso that the total pension from all sources should not exceed £2,000 a year (as against £1,300 at present).

Reference is made to Governors who before their appointment had not been employed in the permanent Civil Service of the State, and because of their not having completed ten years' service as Governor cannot qualify for the award of a pension, the Committee says:

"We have come to the conclusion that any alteration in the pension law which would entitle such persons to receive a pension at the end of their service would be open to grave objection. It involves an entirely new departure in pension practice, and would open the door to claims of the part of other persons similarly qualified under the Crown, which do not qualify for pension from public funds. It must be remembered that in such cases the Governor is aware of the position as regards salary and pension when he accepts office. In these circumstances, the majority of the Committee consider that a provision of this kind would not be suitable. One member of the Committee, however, wished to record his dissent from the view and his opinion that the present system involves in practice the extinction of such Governorships to men with moderate resources, whereas such offices should be equally open to all subjects of the Crown."

TEA GROWING IN ABYSSINIA.

Special to "East Africa."

A MUCH-TRAVELED Abyssinian, Raoul Gebra, first introduced tea plant into his native land some years ago, but no trace of them is to be found to-day. *East Africa* is informed that another attempt to introduce tea into Ethiopia is about to be made, and, as already reported in these columns, Mr. George Howland, one of those to take an early interest in tea growing in the highlands of Kenya, has been in Addis Ababa for some months past for the purpose of promoting tea growing.

His Highness Ras Tafari, the Regent, is interested in the effort, and arrangements have now been made for various people to plant the tea seeds which Mr. Howland will import later in the year. Experimental plantings are to be undertaken in three different parts of the country, and the promoter of the project expresses his strong confidence of its success. If his hopes are realized, and if the active assistance of the Abyssinian Government is forthcoming, it is intended to build other experimental stations in several districts.

Careful investigations suggest that tea should prosper in many parts of Abyssinia, and if its cultivation and manufacture are taken up by Abyssinians under supervision and instruction, the introduction of the plant may within a few years result in a very considerable source of revenue to the country.

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WHAT KENYA THINKS

Scheme of Native Welfare

From Our Nairobi Correspondent

The Child Welfare Scheme has made rapid strides since its inception nearly two years ago, and three very creditable institutions have been established and are doing admirable work. The first is a Nurses Institute, which provides the advantages of a fixed mode and other facilities for Kenya nurses. The Institute is at present housed in temporary premises, but it is hoped in the near future to erect a permanent building specially adapted to the purpose, for which it is required, and an excellent site in the vicinity of the polo ground has been earmarked for the purpose.

Another valuable addition to township amenities is a well-built Indian Maternity Hospital, which has been established in Ngara Road, the centre of the Indian residential area. The competent and pains-taking nursing staff invariably invoke expressions of the deepest gratitude from their patients, and the Indian communities begin to appreciate the advantages of making use of modern scientific facilities during the critical period of childbirth. During recent visit your correspondent was greatly impressed with the wholesome atmosphere of quiet efficiency.

Then the Native Maternity Hospital at Pumwani appeals to the class for which it is designed to such an extent that its accommodation is frequently turned to its utmost. Small wonder, indeed, black ladies may be seen occupying every available corner and the mothers are given every facility for acquiring an elementary knowledge of mothercraft and hygiene principles, while an effort is being made to train Native girls in nursing work. Pumwani, with its neat little cots and spotless wards, forms a striking contrast to the insanitary conditions so dear to the soul of the average Native in his own home in the Reserve though there is a marked advance in this respect in the case of Natives who have resided on European farms for a number of years. There is every indication that the popularity of the Pumwani Native Maternity Hospital will demand a considerable extension of its existing accommodation in the near future, and should these notes catch the eye of any reasonably-minded individual, subscriptions may be sent to the Secretary to the Board of Governors, P.O. Box 380, Nairobi. This Hospital also provides a centre at which Natives can obtain medical attention daily. The enthusiasm with which conservative Natives welcome these efforts to help them is really remarkable, especially if we bear in mind that not so long ago they scorned such rudimentary innovations as shirts and trousers, which the earliest recipients were unashamedly without heads!

Should the Indian Penal Code be Scrapped?

Illustrations are frequent of the unsuitability of an Indian code of laws to the conditions of eastern civilization prevailing in Kenya, and the question arises whether it would not be advisable to scrap altogether the decadent formula known as the Indian Penal Code. For instance, under it monsters of indecent assault of female children of immature years have frequently been acquitted on the defence that the children lied. Now an attempt has been made to rectify the appalling law by introducing an amendment to the criminal law to fix the age of consent at twelve. The law, drawn from English law, which fixes the age at sixteen, is explained by the argument that the new law should apply to all races without discrimination, though, even in India the twelve years limit which

prevailed until two years ago, was amended to thirteen years in the case of men, and fifteen years in the case of indecent assault. At this until six years of age it had been held that no offence had been committed, since the extreme youth of the victim precluded development of a sense of modesty. The very necessary amending clause now reads: "Provided that where a woman is under the age of twelve years her modesty shall be deemed to have been outraged notwithstanding that she is unable to understand the nature or consequence of, or consents to the assault or the use of criminal force, and such consent shall not be a defence to a charge brought under this sub-section."

Delayed Introduction of Local Government

Surprise and disappointment are expressed at Government apathy and dilatoriness in carrying into effect the system of Local Government (or a modification thereof) recommended by the Eastman Commission which reported early last year. Although the report has never been discussed by the Legislature, it is understood that the Attorney-General has been busily occupied for some months in drafting a Bill to make provision for the establishment of both rural and urban councils. Perhaps it is better to postpone discussion of details, the principles having been generally accepted, until the Bill is introduced, when it will be easier to concentrate discussion on definite items. We were told months ago that the Colonial Office agreed in principle to the Report and were given to understand that negotiations would be introduced early this year. Meantime offices have been built and a Local Government staff has been appointed - which procedure appears to be putting the cart before the horse with a vengeance.

Moreover, a large number of urgent questions which should have been settled years ago are suspended until the advent of Local Government. As an illustration, the boundaries of electoral areas may be mentioned. Great changes have taken place since they were first arranged ten years ago, when it was impossible to foresee the trend of economic and political development, and many large settlements are virtually disfranchised at the present time. The matter has been raised repeatedly in Legislative Council, the latest Government excuse for inaction being that decision must await the demarcation of Local Government areas. It is now rumoured that the Hilton Young Commission has infected Government with a fresh attack of scepticism in this connection, though the relationship of the latter body to Local Government is somewhat obscure.

Restaurant Cars on the Railway

With the introduction of a new railway time-table on March 3 restaurant cars have been attached to all mail trains between Juba, Thika, Nakuru, Nairobi and Mombasa, an innovation that appeals to the travelling public and makes for economy in time. Dinner at 45/- and luncheon at 3/- represent good value, the only item in the bill being that drinks are nearly always tepid even in the highlands, though a few conservative travellers assert that they prefer the more roomy compartments designed on the Indian model. The great majority welcome the introduction of the more up-to-date corridor coaches, minor alterations in the design of which will render them admirably adapted to the climatic conditions of Kenya.

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objectives. It has been hoped that this time will be different, by creating at the start a "Kenyatta's Sisal Council" consisting of those selected from the closer Native State units, and that by the detailed survey work and the re-organisation plans to follow, competition it is expected that with the dealers of the whole scheme will be available shortly. It will be found to be an attractive proposition deserving the closest attention of those who desire to embark on a farming career in Kenya under favourable auspices.

EAST AFRICAN SISAL APPEALS.

A Review of the Position.

Special to *The Standard*.

In his recent interview with Major Watson, we discussed considerably the best method in the country associated with the production, marketing and shipping of East African sisal. Most of us appear to attach importance to the establishment of a panel committee on some other scale of authority to carry various matters connected with the sisal trade in London, particularly regulating arbitration on claims, and the governing of awards from the decision of arbitrators. From an authoritative source we have had placed at our disposal a mass of first-hand information bearing on this question, which is very much importanter to East African sisal planters, shipper, and we are thus able to give the following account of negotiations which have taken place within the last year.

The demand for an independent appeal committee on which there should be equal representation of producers and dealers was first made in 1930 by the Kenya Sisal Growers' Association, who were represented by Major 'Anderson' and Mr. Hunter. In the following year Mr. Hunter came on leave and renewed the discussions which initiated several meetings between him and attended by most of the people in London interested in the production, shipping, and distribution of East African sisal. The members of the Kenya Sisal Association continued in the discussions. The original idea of such a committee was abandoned because it was felt that a more generally accepted and authoritative body was necessary, and this led to consideration of the formation of a separate East African Hemp Association, which course would inevitably involve considerable organisation and expense and the formation of an East African Sisal Council or an East African Hemp Association.

4. The Sisal Growers' Association.
There was general agreement that the second proposal was divisible, and by common consent representatives were sent to London for "Kenya Hemp Association" and "Kenya Sisal Association" to discuss the only method of forming an independent committee. Condition stipulated was that it must be a representative of the African hemp industry and the organisation of at least 50% of the estates engaged in producing hemp, and that the said committee must have since been brought into existence. This condition has been met in the case of a good deal of understanding, especially in Kenya, where it was agreed that the association must be formed if the greater part of the fibrofibre in that country had been an impossible article for

Milling. Kenyan Association to adopt their Langata resolutions which is much later than that Kenya would have remained outside the arrangement, which it could reasonably have undertaken. It is understood that there might be difficulty in getting certain areas of Indian owned estates in Tanganyika Territory included, and at this time the committee decided to hope that the Tanganyika Estates Committee, or Tanganyika controlling firm in London, would throw their weight on the side of Kenya. Certain of them, including the largest producing group, have been and still are strong supporters of the demand for a better organisation of the trade in London, but there are other interests which appear to prefer a continuation of the present situation, which certainly seems to penalise the producer. Thus the position is one of stalemate.

It must not be thought that each producing country must show a three-quarter majority in favour of the scheme. To the contrary, the condition is that 75% of the value of the East African sisal producers shall signify their adherence irrespective of whether the estates bear Kenya, Portuguese, Nyasaland, or Portuguese East Africa.

As your readers are already aware, the Kenya Sisal Growers' Association has now solicited the assistance of a Sisal Producers' and Importers' sub-committee of the Uganda Chamber of Commerce, which has appointed a sub-committee to consider what steps might be taken to establish an African Sisal Association in London. There are many reasons for the present

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ZANZIBAR'S TRADE IN 1927.

THAT an increase in taxation does not necessarily mean an increase in revenue is well shown in the Annual Trade Report of the Zanzibar Protectorate for the year 1927 (Government Printer, Zanzibar), which states that the alteration in the lighter tariff rates introduced in November, 1926, by the Customs Tariff Decree had the effect of restricting consumption to such an extent that the revenue failed to benefit from the higher duties imposed.

The total value of the foreign trade during the year under review was Rs.4,799,176/-, the value of imports (including specie) amounting to Rs.2,36,14,086/- and that of exports (including specie) to Rs.2,43,76,773/- The net Customs revenue collected was Rs.42,43,110/- an increase of Rs.11,37/- over the previous year. Receipts from above duty accounted for Rs.9,80,074/- of the increase, and receipts from import duty for Rs.1,56,255/- The increase in the general tariff rate from 10% ad valorem to 15%, which came into force on October 28, 1927, was a contributing factor in the larger revenue yield.

There was little change in the value of the cotton goods consumed during the successive years 1926 and 1927, and demand adjusted itself with facility to the considerably lower price level which prevailed during the latter year. The reduction in price of rice, grain and sugar led to increased consumption.

The figures given of the imports and exports of bullion and specie are, interesting as an indication of the success which has attended the steps taken by the Currency Commissioners to arrange for the financing of Zanzibar's foreign trade without frequent recourse to the movement of silver rupies between Zanzibar and India. Bullions and specie

Rs.68,717/- in 1926, Rs.1,000/- in 1927, and Rs.3,650/- in 1928, indicate the movement of silver coin during the last quinquennial period.

	Imports of silver coin from India	Exports of silver coin to India
1923	14,14,141	13,65,700
1924	14,14,141	13,39,612
1925	14,14,141	13,65,700
1926	14,14,141	13,65,700
1927	14,14,141	13,65,700
1928	14,14,141	13,65,700

The export of cloves amounted to 5,045 cwt. or 10,090 bales valued at Rs.1,60,28,91/- a record in the history of the clove industry. This was due, however, to the lateness of the crop harvested in the seasonal year 1926-27, but apart from this circumstance the figures indicate that the level of average output is being well maintained, and it appears that lower prices have induced considerable expansion in the world's consumption of the spice. Most of the cloves exported to Holland, France and Germany find their way eventually to the United States. The most remarkable feature of the 1927 export was the fact that East Africa, Dutch East Indies and Straits Settlements absorbed 12,000 cwt. or 75% of an average year's output.

Total trade with the United Kingdom increased slightly the percentage falling from 14.0% to 12.42. Germany remained practically stationary with 26.7 against 24.6 in 1926, and Japan increased from 17.6 to 18.4%. India and Burma had the largest share with 24.3% of the total trade of the Protectorate.

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The Month production of tin concentrates from the Mwambasasa mine of Kagera (Uganda) Tinfield Ltd. totalled 14 tons.

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The Premier Cotton Estates, Portuguese East Africa, are reported to have 7,000 acres under cultivation, 5,400 acres being under cotton.

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Mr. Roberts, of the Electricity Department, Zanzibar, recently picked up Melbourne and Chelmsford on his three-valve short-wave wireless receiver.

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Four Italian aeroplanes are flying to Italian Somaliland, this being the first occasion on which machines have been down direct for service in the Protectorate.

B E D B

The "Cottonland" motor expedition organised by the Johannesburg Sunday Times and the London Daily Mail has already reached the southern frontier of the Sudan.

B E D B

The Katanga has now another newspaper, *L'Espresso Congo*, which, edited by M. Boucicaut, is published daily in Elisabethville. We wish our compatriots a useful and successful career.

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Exports from Kenya and Uganda during the two weeks ended March 10 included: Coffee, 3,600 bags; copper, 1,227 bags; cotton, 8,358 bales; hides and skins, 1,245 bags; maize, 1,25,028 bags; and steel, 3,893 bags.

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British East Africa is stated by the American Department of Commerce to be the fourth leading foreign market for American track-laying tractors. During 1927 nearly nine such tractors, valued at \$15,000, were shipped from America to the territories, which in 1926 had taken only eight such tractors, valued at \$143,400.

The London Consulate states that the customs clearance of Beira during February amounted to £17,000, in comparison with £14,000 for the corresponding period of 1927.

Presiding at the recent annual general meeting of the Sudan Chamber of Commerce Mr. W. T. Boston said that the introduction of zone flat rates for the carriage of turf and durra by the Sudan Government Railways and Steamers was calculated to open up outlying districts, and he hoped that similar zone rates would be introduced for such imports as tea, sugar and cotton goods to pay for the durra sent from the various zones and so provide return freight. He thought there was need for co-operation amongst sellers of motor cars and lorries on the hire purchase system, since unreasonable credit was at present sometimes given.

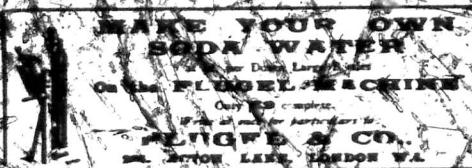
The heavy rains began on April 2 in the coastal areas of Nyanganyika Territory, where the general crop position is reported to be satisfactory. A cable received by H.M. Eastern African Dependencies Office states that good rains have fallen in the Usambara hills, but that dry weather continues in the plains, which badly need water, and that Kilimajaro coffee requires rain, but that Arusha trees are resisting the drought. In the Iringa Province good rains have been experienced, but Dodoma crop prospects are reduced by a continuance of dry weather. Drought continues in the Moranza District, and Buloba reports only intermittent rains.

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During the year the company acquired further extensive blocks of tea-growing land in the Manje district of Nyasaland, and developments on these properties are to be pushed forward with all possible speed, for which purpose an increase of capital is proposed. The Landdale Estate, tea crop 1926-27, was considerably below that of the previous year, due to bad weather during January, February and March. The Glendorey and Yala Estates are reported to be making good progress, and a new estate has been opened up at Limboli, about fifteen miles from Landdale. The company's tobacco crop was very successful, as was the new packing factory opened during the season, over 1,000,000 lbs. of tobacco being packed.

Mr. J. W. H. Steelman, who represents a large number of shareholders and who is personally acquainted with the staff and working conditions in Nyasaland, has been appointed to the Board, which announcement the shareholders will be invited to consider at the general meeting to be held in Edinburgh on April 22.



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In their monthly tobacco report Messrs. Edwards & Goodwin and Co., of Liverpool, state that the market for Nyasaland and Rhodesia growths remains quiet. Stocks of Nyasaland tobacco held in Liverpool on March 31 totalled 28,200 bales, as against 15,575 bales on the same date in 1927 and 9,508 bales in 1926. Deliveries from January 1 to March 31, 1928 amounted to 2,300 bales, as against 1,600 bales over the corresponding period of 1927. Prices during the past month have been as follows:

Date	Last week			Last week
	1927	1928	1926	
1st to 13th	13d. to 24d.	13d. to 18d.	18d. to 21d.	16d. to 24d.
Semi-dark ...	12d. to 15d.	12d. to 16d.	16d. to 20d.	10d. to 18d.
Medium bright ...	19d. to 23d.	19d. to 21d.	21d. to 24d.	21d. to 24d.
Gum to fine ...	24d. to 30d.	22d. to 30d.		

OTHER PRODUCTS

Cotton Seed.—The market is unchanged at about £17. No offers are reported.

Cotton.—Imports of East African and Sudan cotton into the U.K. during the thirty-seven weeks since August 1 last total 33,164 and 44,742 bales respectively.

Cottonseed Oil.—The market is slightly firmer, with buyers at £8 15s. per cwt. for May-August shipment and sellers at £8 18s. For afloat and/or April-May parcels are worth about £8 15s.

Groundnuts.—For afloat supplies £20 55s. is being quoted, while the value of 1927/28 old crop is unchanged at £20 75s. Newcrop May-June or July to optional ports is being bid for at £20 5s. Although no business is reported.

Sugar.—The market is quiet, the value being about £15 15s.

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"Sudan Oryx" en route for East Africa April 1.

HOLLAND AFRICA

"Rietveld" arrived Dunkirk homewards April 6.
"Noorderkruis" left Loirence Marques for Cape port April 7.

"Friesland" left Mombasa for South Africa April 6.
"Randfontein" left Hamburg for East Africa via Suez April 12.

"Aalsum" arrived Hamburg April 9.
"Heemskerk" left Port Sudan homewards April 12.

"Sumatra" arrived Beira for East Africa April 7.
"Alkmaar" arrived Antwerp for South and East Africa April 8.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

"Chambord" left Zanzibar homewards April 14.
"Barnard de St. Pierre" left Port Said homewards April 15.

"Leconte" left Le Havre April 15. Marseilles for Mauritius April 16.

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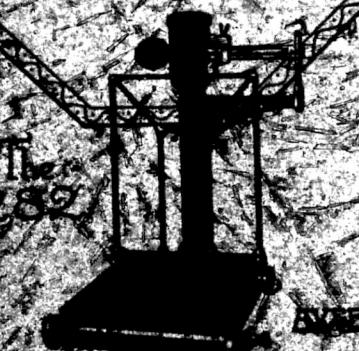
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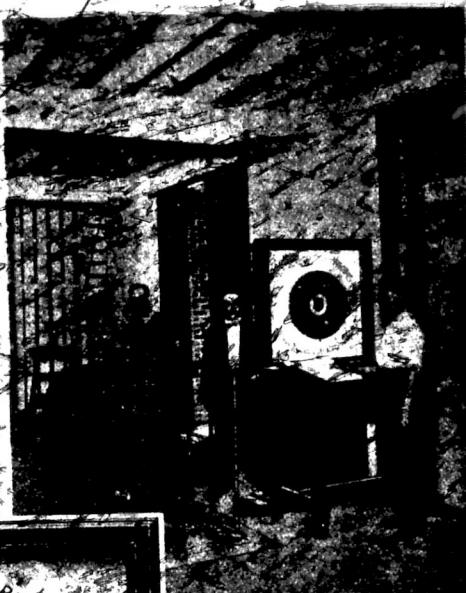
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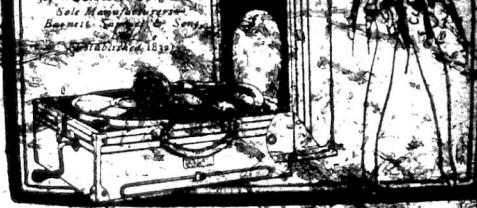
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UNDESIRABLE ADVERTISING MATTER.

East Africa, which has already endorsed the protest of Sir Humphrey Leggett against the distribution in tropical African territories of undesirable advertising matter, is glad to learn that at the last general meeting of the Nairobi Chamber of Commerce, a resolution was passed by Mr. W. G. Mitchell and unanimously adopted, the following terms:

That this meeting in the Nairobi Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the views recently advanced by Sir Humphrey Leggett regarding the circulation of undesirable advertising matter among Native peoples; considers that considerable harm can be done in this direction; and deeply

regrets the attitude of the *Liverpool Journal of Commerce* towards this subject, which it feels can only be due to a failure to realise the true position rather than any desire to lower respect for the white woman in the mind of the unsophisticated Native.

At a meeting in January of the East African Section of the London Chamber of Commerce Sir Humphrey Leggett asked the Press to assist in preventing the export of undesirable advertisement illustrations, which he said, were stuck up in Native huts and gloated over by their occupiers. That entirely justifiable appeal drew from the newspaper above mentioned the taunt that "Mrs. Grandy is not a business woman." The job indicated must surely be one for missionaries and social workers rather than the commercial men of London, whose main interest ought to be the extension of East African trade with Great Britain.

With that opinion we expressed strong disagreement, asserting that it was an unfair reflection upon the business community of this country, and that every decent European in tropical Africa would oppose the views of our contemporary, which appeared strangely blind to the duty devolving upon Britain and her citizens to give the African something more than our manufactured products. Fortunately the business men which this country sends out to East and Central Africa are usually mindful of their moral obligations to the Natives—to which fact we are to be attributed the undeniable circumstance that the Native trusts the British trader far more than the trader of any other nationality. That trust, we insisted, deserves preservation, and it is a pleasure to be able to record that the Nairobi Chamber of Commerce has seized the first opportunity to take its stand on the side of decency in business.

Advertising is one of the greatest forces of the day, and it behoves the commercial world to use it wisely; nor if public confidence in its general integrity is seriously undermined, its efficacy as a business-bulletin will have been seriously affected. We can think of no fault which would more swiftly and definitely antagonise Europeans in Africa than the systematic dissemination to Natives of undesirable advertisement matter, and if our readers care to send us specimens of such publicity, we will gladly make private representations to those responsible for its production, who, in many cases, are probably unaware of its evil effect in Africa.

SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN TANGANYIKA

SMALL MEN AND GOOD SETTLERS.

A Protest Against the Government's Policy.

From a Special Correspondent of "East Africa."

Lago River.
The full report of the Legislative Council's last session has now reached the Tukuyu area, where it has been read with very mixed feelings. Most attention has, of course, been focused on the burning question of the alienation of land, for there are few men here not already in possession of *shambas*, who are not most anxious to obtain them. But the new scheme, whereby the minimum area has been set at 2,000 acres, is regarded as practically the knuckle-bone for all the would-be settlers in the area.

Everywhere one hears the opinion voiced that it is the intention of the Government to make it impossible for the many Europeans in this area to obtain land, and this opinion certainly seems to be well founded. When one reads the speeches of His Excellency the Governor and of the Chief Secretary at the January session of the Legislative Council,

Government Policy.

Sir Donald Cameron said it would not be advisable to attract people into areas from which they could not evacuate their produce. He regarded with apprehension the future of the people with small farms already settled in the district . . . it was not wise to multiply that kind of settlement, etc. Consideration of the whole question appears to have reverted in the mind of our Governor to that bogey, the much-discussed Tanga-Fife railway.

The opinions expressed in the South-Western Highlands are many, but mainly agree on the one principal point—that there are ample transport facilities for the products by road to Dodoma or on the promised road to Mpulungu, the new port on the southern end of Lake Tanganyika. Even if the railway were actually sanctioned, would not a good many years elapse before it was completed? And is settlement—and therefore progress—to be held up for that reason only? No doubt the Teuton will welcome the present situation, but I have met Britons who do.

The Chief Secretary going a good deal further than his chief, said: "In regard to the 2,000 acre limit that refers to such areas in the Iringa Province as may be said to be suitable for European settlement—meaning settlement areas in which the climate is suitable to the European settler, where he might settle down with his family and become a permanent resident of this country." The object is to encourage the man with a steady income or capital—the man who will prove to be a solid permanent settler—not a small man with small capital who might succumb to the difficulties of the situation, who might eventually deteriorate into a class which is known elsewhere as poor whites. That is a possibility the Government is always trying to avoid. At the same time, smaller areas are available in other parts of the country."

The Settler Newspaper.

Why so many pessimistic suggestions and on what basis, if any, are they based? There are the many "small" men with small capital

whom I have met, and who are desirous of obtaining "small" farms of about 500 acres, are already in the district—mainly on the goldfields—and I consider their main argument very sound. They say that they are already here, and now, owing to the new prohibitive land scheme, are absolutely debarred from making a settled home. They may have only a small capital, but, backed by their years of experience in the country, they could develop small farms without it. With the land closed to them, they are unable to put their capital to a useful purpose, and will end by gradually losing it.

If the Government is anxious to avoid the deterioration of such men into poor whites, they should surely be allowed to have farms of, say, 500 acres on which they could usefully employ their time and money. By closing this door to solid settlement is not the Government itself taking the first step towards forcing those same men into the very class which the Chief Secretary says the Government wishes to avoid?

That 2,000 acres should be the minimum is a patent absurdity; for even the man with a "steady income or capital" could not desire anything approaching that area for coffee—which is the staple crop of this area. Incidentally, what is meant by that ambiguous phrase "steady income or capital"? People I have met from Kenya are astounded at the very idea of a minimum acreage of 2,000 acres for coffee-planting, which is at present the only type of farming likely to be undertaken at Tukuyu, Mbizi, and Mbeya.

Small Farms and Poor Whites.

There do not appear to be any poor whites in Kenya, which has many farms of 500 acres and even a good deal less. Nyassaland can also claim a complete absence of this much-feared class of people—and yet it is a country where the great majority of planters are "small" men. If capital is to be attracted, what better way than to encourage the "small" men, who are, as Major Lead stated in the Legislature, the real settlers, for they genuinely desire to permanently settle in the country. Capital will follow as a natural course of events, to quote one example, the Imperial Tobacco Company in Nyassaland.

Many people here are puzzled by the remarks of the Chief Secretary, who, after saying that no farm of less than 2,000 acres would be allowed in such areas in the Iringa Province as may be said to be suitable for European settlement, added that "at some time smaller areas are available in other parts of the country." Does this mean that these "small" areas, to form the "small" men have further been closed—may exist in other parts of the country which, apparently, are not suitable for European settlement? Whether the "difficulties" which they might encounter would be increased. One local wag suggests that the Government might allot a reserve for these "small" men of the future when they are so apprehensive, preferably in an unhabited district, where they might be carefree.

studied by experts and disposed of as humanely as possible.

Considering the fact that for the past five or six years a community of Europeans—comprised of "small" men—has existed on the Lupa goldfields, which would presumably not come under the category of land suitable for Europeans, and that this same community has given absolutely no trouble to the Government, it is difficult to understand the latter's attitude towards such people, who are indeed, *bona fide* settlers.

~~Is Settlement to be Encouraged?~~

"European settlement is to be encouraged," and yet near Tukuyu, a veritable health resort, only about ten farms had been alienated on Government land when the area was closed. There is still a great deal of vacant land suitable for ~~settlement~~ in that district, which though makes many officials doubt the sincerity of the Government's statement.

Fifty thousand acres are to be alienated at Iringa and Mbozi, quite a nice area, but it is to be divided between twenty-five people. Why not a larger number of settlers on 500 and 1,000 acre farms, according to the district? Is the Government scheme not almost a criminal waste of land, when so little is considered to be available without interfering with Native rights?

Is the heritage of the British individual freedom to be denied? Men are settled in this area, yet they are denied the right to invest their money in farms, though the risk of financial loss is all on their side. If they spend their capital unsuccessfully they alone suffer, for the Government would obtain re-possession of the land. Surely the men who are prepared to spend their little all are better judges than the Government as to whether the risk is a good or bad one!

These, and many more questions, are being asked in the South-Western Highlands. There are apparently two reasons for remaining in Tanganyika: ~~there is~~ no hope of progress, or to leave the Territory for more attractive lands.

Meanwhile the Germans—well subsidised—are pouring in.

GERMANY'S AMBITIONS IN EAST AFRICA.

~~The Urgent Need for British Action.~~

The East African Campaign brought under British administration Tanganyika Territory, then known as German East Africa, which was wrested from German influence at a cost exceeding that of the Boer War. Were that fact, unknown to the vast mass of our fellow-countrymen, and even to most of the combatants in the East African theatre of operations during the Great War, sufficiently impressed upon the British public, they would be more concerned about the future of this great and promising portion of our East African Empire.

Tanganyika Territory, which lies between the British possessions of Kenya, the East African Empire to the south, Uganda to the north, and Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland to the south, is the Heart State of the British East African Dominion of the future, and its security and healthy development are obviously essential to the progress, indeed, of the very existence of its vital neighbours, for in the last eventuality the body can be strong.

To establish the predominance of British ideals and British civilisation in that vast territory can

large as Germany and Spain combined—is one of the most pressing needs of the present. Furthermore, it is the unfortunate fact that Germans assisted in every conceivable fashion by their societies for the encouragement of migration are entering Tanganyika much more rapidly than British settlers—so rapidly, indeed, that at the present rate of progress the unofficial British population will very shortly be outnumbered by the returned ex-soldiers. The local Administration appears to regard that consummation with undisturbed complacency, but British ex-Servicemen are not likely to view the matter with such tranquillity. Will they make known their dissatisfaction with the present position?

~~The German Attitude to Federation.~~

By the terms of the Mandate under which the administration of Tanganyika was entrusted to Great Britain under the Treaty of Versailles, that Territory may be incorporated in an administrative federation with the neighbouring British Dependencies, and a Commission, under the chairmanship of Lieutenant-Commander Sir Edward Milton-Young, is now visiting East Africa to inquire into the whole problem of federation or closer union of the territories. The mere suggestion that Britain may utilise her clear powers to incorporate Tanganyika in such a federation has been promptly met by carefully staged outbreaks of public indignation in Germany—which incidentally persists in talking of "German East Africa" not "Tanganyika Territory," and of "annexation," not "federation." Even the German Foreign Minister, Dr. Stresemann, has stated publicly that Germany will object to the step, though, as we have seen, Britain is expressly authorised by the League to take it.

For weeks past German Colonial publicists have been hysterically denouncing a development which, they argue, will make it impossible for Germany ever to regain possession of the Territory, in which, it is well to remind the world, she was deprived because she had demonstrated her inability to retain it. The expression of that fear is an acknowledgment that Germany does not accept the treaty to which she set her signature at Versailles, and by which she surrendered all rights to all her possessions overseas; and it is precisely the urgent need to rid ourselves of German designs by binding Tanganyika indissolubly to the British territories to the north and south of it which constitutes the best argument for some form of prompt federation. The opposition to the proposal is one of the strongest British arguments in favour of it.

~~Plans for the Future.~~

For some inexplicable reason the English Press persistently ignores the extent and imminence of Colonial migration in Germany and Austria, though without a single square mile of oversea possessions, having more Colonial associations and societies, aggregating more than 100,000 members, than those of the British Empire! That statement may astound most readers, but it is literally true. Could there be a more significant index of the strength of Germany's Colonial ambitions, or more emphatic evidence that they deserve more attention than they have received in this country?

The first territory which German hands are reaching is Tanganyika, then plan being obviously to send out to maintain equitably a constant flow of Teuton settlers, so that at an appropriate moment the world can argue before the League that there are more than 100,000 British settlers and business men in the country, and that it is manifestly unfair that the majority should continue to be excluded as national

administration representing the majority. An appeal for a referendum would follow, and it would demand that election to the local legislative council should be by poll, and that voters and candidates should be resolved from the present necessity to take the oath of allegiance.

One unofficial member of the Tanganyika Legislative Council, an officer of general staff who served with distinction in the War, wrote a few months ago that during the early part of 1927 probably ten German settlers entered Tanganyika for every British settler, and though the proportion is not at present so greatly to our disadvantage, the immigration statistics published month by month by the Tanganyika Government prove that the balance is steadily altering in favour of Germany. In some districts Britons are already in a heavy minority. The most recent news from the Mufindi area, for instance, reports forty-five German farmers and fifteen British while in the Dabaga district the proportion is eighteen Germans to five Britons.

Though the Tanganyika Government cannot discriminate in favour of British settlers, since the Mandate provides that all citizens of States members of the League shall be on an equal footing, the Imperial Government could and should take steps to facilitate the immigration from this country of a steady supply of selected British settlers. There are men enough, men who would make fine settlers, if only they were encouraged. Perhaps the Imperial Government, though it does nothing in the matter today, would help those prepared to help themselves. Will any Service organisations intercede in their behalf in the question?

A PARLIAMENT OF MISSIONS ON MOUNT OLIVET.

Social Questions Bulk Large.

From "East Africa's" Special Correspondent.

Jerusalem.

QUESTIONS of great importance to East Africa were considered at the special session of the International Missionary Council which began last Saturday at meetings in the old Government House, formerly the German Sanatorium, on the Mount of Olives, on March 24. The Council represents the Protestant missionary societies of the world, and these have met with their local members from Great Britain, the Continent of Europe, and missionaries from every part of the world, and about twenty-four members of the young indigenous Christian churches of India, China, Japan, Korea, and elsewhere, and many leading Africans.

One of the most striking moments in the first few days was the appearance on the platform of Srujan Kothiyal Kitunzi of Uganda in his dash green and gold robes. He had been sent to tell the gathering how in Uganda the Christian Church has been a member self-government. Fluent as he is in English, he asked to be allowed to speak in his own language, and was translated by Bishop Willis of Uganda. At the opening session Bishop Willis of Nigeria prayed in his own Yoruba tongue, while other speakers have been collected more than Proverbs bavu of Fiji. Here, a South African Native, Dr. J. C. Yerger, the American Negro who is doing social and social work through the Native section of the N. M. I. C. in South Africa, and Dr. John Hope, the Negro President of Morehouse College at Atlanta, Georgia. They have ably maintained their seats as representatives of the two black races.

In one of the sessions at the afternoons

the chairman, Mr. John R. Scott, recalled the International Conference at Edinburgh in 1919, only twenty out of over 500 delegates were other than white men and women. The fact that nearly half of these at the Olivet meeting came into the latter category as a striking indication of the changes in emphasis and in the growth of co-operation which have arisen in the last thirteen years.

The Role of the Missionary.

As the Bishop of Salisbury pointed out the missionary is increasingly realising that his mission is not to rule but to serve. It will perhaps even more to help in solving some of the African questions than any others—unless it be in respect to the industrialisation of parts of India and China—that a number of experts were invited to help in the discussions. These included Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, late chairman of the two African Education Commissions; Mr. Harold Gilmshaw, the forced labour authority of the International Labour Office; and Mr. R. H. Tawney, of the London School of Economics. They have rendered extraordinary service to the deliberations, not only because of their practical knowledge, but also because they have been able to put before the delegates something of what the man in the street thinks, does not think or thinks wrongly about missions.

It has been a fortnight of three sessions and plenary group meetings, so it is impossible to give a detailed report of the proceedings, but the reports which have been presented are of very substantial value.

The motive of missions is definitely set out as being that of "sharing," and religious imperialism in any form is repudiated. Equal opportunity with regard to occupation where the traces of different colour live side by side is insisted on, together with absence of discrimination solely on the basis of race or colour in regard to immigration. Development of backward countries for world needs must not be at the expense of the indigenous peoples, whose social systems must not be ruthlessly destroyed without setting up something in their stead. Care must be taken that people should be applied to services for their benefit, and fully adequate land must be allotted to them. Unjustified disapproval is meted out to forced labour and to unfair labour contracts. The Reports on "Social Problems" and "Religious Education" are noteworthy documents, in either of which the influence of the Phelps Stokes Commissions to East and West Africa is strikingly evident. In the former Dr. Jesse Jones's four samples of education in health, environment, the home, and recreation are stressed, and the latter emphasises that there can be no education without religion or religion without education. The presence of Mr. J. H. Lubham, now in East Africa with the Hilton St. John's Commission, was particularly noticed when the object of education was discussed. After final editorial revision, all these findings will be discovered to be documents demanding the study of missionaries, settlers, or officials in East Africa.

"I am thoroughly satisfied with the meeting," said one, a layman, to me after the close of the gathering, "especially perhaps with the 'Rural and Educational' reports. We Africans feel that these could not have been written entirely by white men, but that they express the sympathies of the Chinese, Indians and Africans, of the people most interested concerned, who have hitherto been little consulted on these matters." The former satisfaction was expressed by Bishop Willis, who is returning and returning back to London with him, so that he may attend some of the forthcoming May meetings.

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MR. AMERY ON EMPIRE DEVELOPMENT**Vigorous Needs of the Present.**

MR. AMERY gave a most important address on Imperial development before the Royal Colonial Institute last week. The world, he said, was passing on a new phase of organisation in the political and economic spheres, and the question which had to be asked was whether the British Empire as it now existed was in conformity with the whole trend of world development and could be so organised as to hold its own in that development.

The Imperial Conference of 1926 had marked the close of one era in Empire history; that of the gradual evolution of Colonial self-government to full nationhood—and the beginning of another era under which the centrally directed Bureaux of the past had been replaced by a partnership in which the partners stood on the same footing of freedom and equality.

The growth of national freedom in the Dominions had never been opposed in principle to Downing Street. From the earliest days onwards there had never been a snatching set on the growth of responsible Government and at each stage powers and new rights were claimed not on unreasonable but on practical grounds. They were gladly and willingly conceded, and so we had had that steady growth by which small communities were entrusted first of all with purely local self-government and gradually acquired fresh powers and grouped themselves into Great Dominions and, as they grew, felt their strength and developed wider interests, in each case assuming new responsibilities. So we had a development which the Great War did not change but certainly accelerated, and at the close of the War the Dominions received their recognition as the equal in national status, the right of representation, the right of separate signature at the Peace Conference, the right of separate representation on the League of Nations, and, as far as was necessary and desirable, the right of separate representation in foreign capitals.

What the Empire Could Achieve.

What is our position going to be in the face of that development? Take Great Britain, which had long ago got over the optimism which ascribed the difficulties to post-War troubles in Europe, and which assured us that we would be right in a few years. On the contrary, it was not right, and was likely to be less right as years go on. We should encounter increasing competition from European production organised on a much larger scale, with all the advantages for many years to come in the lower way. Our wages in London are on an average 60% above German wages, 50% above French, 100% above Italian, and 15% above Belgian. Given equal efficiency, given even a larger scale of production, how could we hope to stand up against that overwhelming dominance of America in mass production?

On the other hand, look at the Dominions. What chance had they against the mass production of the United States? In those days there were only two alternatives—the first was to drift on with the system resulting in that case of ever-increasing relative weakness, so Great Britain would have to be absorbed inside the European Economic Union, while the Dominions would integrate into subordinate parts of a great American Union. It would mean the break-up of the Empire. The other alternative was that the nations of the Empire should get together effectively in order to make use of their resources. It was within our power if we are truly willing to develop the home markets of the Empire to solve the industrial problems of Great Britain

and the economic problems of the Dominions without interfering with the free trade system. We could so combine our purchasing powers as to build up a scale of production which would enable us far more than to hold our own with either the United States or with Europe.

Other Speakers who know East Africa.

Sir Edward Evelyn, who has recently returned from East Africa, described the Empire as a moving, not static force. We must endeavour to grasp the new problems rather than let them remain fixed as in the past. The Crown would continue because we had a common loyalty to the Crown, but we did want the practical economic development of the Empire carried forward in the way Mr. Amery had indicated. We needed to find some common economic policy which all could adopt.

Sir Montagu Palgrave, who has also just returned from a second visit to East Africa, spoke of the cotton-growing partnership experiment in Egypt and urged that we should look upon Empire development as the development of partnership and not as the development of domination. If we treated the subject as partners' development was possible without political troubles.

Mr. J. Sandeman Allen, Vice-President of the Institute and Vice-Chairman of the Joint African Board, said all would agree that Mr. Amery had delivered a historic speech. The Royal Colonial Institute was proud to be the platform for these great occasions.

TANGANYIKA GOLDFIELDS PROGRESS**Details of Important Developments.**

The directors of Tanganyika Goldfields Ltd. consider that for the exploitation of their concession of 1100 square miles in Ruanda-Urundi they have secured the co-operation of an important Brussels group already largely interested in mining in Africa. A new company has accordingly been formed under the name of "Société Industrielle du Congo Oriental" to acquire the balance of the unissued authorised capital of Tanganyika Goldfields Ltd. Two of the directors of the Société Industrielle are to join the Board of Tanganyika Goldfields, which is now placed in a very strong financial position.

While the company's main interests consist of its properties, exclusive prospecting licenses and options covering large areas in Tanganyika and Uganda, its holdings in the three subsidiary companies—Kagera, Ankole and Bukoba—and the Ruanda-Urundi concession, it is the directors' policy to invest limited amounts in other approved mining ventures without incurring responsibility for their financing or administration, when such investments can be secured on advantageous terms. As a result of this policy the company's assets now include mining interests in Rhodesia, Malaya, Nigeria, the Gold Coast, Rhodesia, Portofino and Panama. The additional interests have all been taken by investment of the directors, and participation in them has been secured on "ground-floor" terms. Satisfactory results are anticipated from all of them, and particulars of their development will be communicated to shareholders from time to time.

The company has secured the services of Mr. H. Gwyn Williams, M.I.M. Eng., engineer, with a wide experience of prospecting in the Congo and Tanganyika territories, to carry out intensive prospecting in certain areas in Tanganyika, which again are to be controlled by his own personal experience, he having to be highly mineralised. Mr. Gwyn Williams sailed from England on April 4.

PEN-PICTURES OF EAST AFRICA

A DAY IN THE DURE WITH THE DURUMI

"Sol"

Special Writer for "East Africa"

Boom! Boom!

Awakened from the land of dreams to the roar of the big drum beating on its post at the other end of the camp, proclaiming to the world at large that a new day had arrived.

My boy appeared in the doorway of the hut with the cup of tea and my freshly-toasted khanda drill over his arms. From my bed I watched the dawn break in promise, splendour over the distant hills and, discarding of the tea, I swung out from under my net to shave and wash while the boys from the villages round came into camp for the "fall-in."

As I look across the valley I can see the swarthy men their way down the little tracks with their ever-present spear and a bunch of plantains or bananas. At the bridge down the way they gather in groups to discuss the news of the night or the grievances to be aired before work begins. Silence and then comes one hobbling towards camp with a stick of improved crutch, casualties of former days, arriving for treatment of the hunches.

Having dressed, I walk outside my hut to be greeted with salaams from the *askari* whose duty it is to guard the property of the *Seriki* (Government) during the hours of darkness, and from my day staff—my clerk in fez and clean white shirt, the two watchmen, the water carrier and the storeman.

In front of my hut and on the *chumbe* I have cleared a little space where the *askarimani* are gathered in a group. A wave of my hand signals to those waiting *oskoro* and the deep boom of the drum again rolls out to "who in the hills and vales. It is the 'fall-in' at 6 a.m. By the sun, with military precision, the overseers walk to their respective pegs and stand steady while their gangs burst up the hill and fall in row after row.

THE DAY BEGINS

The buzz of talk and cackling laugh with the usual chaff of the late arrival subsides into silence as I leave my door and walk down. I am joined by my clerk, notebook in hand. My overseers, polite in his greeting, listens attentively while I detail his special work for the day and the task he is to draw from the store for his men. Having satisfied myself that he understands, I collect his labour card from each man who goes to the store, draw his special tools and turn him to the line to lay the tools ready for the count. These checked by me the gang departs to its appointed task for the day.

This procedure is repeated with each gang, and, when the last has departed from camp, I go over to the shed where the sick are gathered for treatment. A quick run over them, perhaps a few dressings and pills, and my boy is at hand to tell me breakfast is ready. Finish that from the veldts, a creamy omelette. I brew coffee fit me for the morning.

It is now nearly 6 o'clock and in the bright sun of the morning I walk down to the saddle just at the foot of the hill and, putting my rifle in the clips—for one never knows what the day may bring forth—I hop on my motor cycle and start the tour. From this camp I am covering twenty miles of road construction, ten miles either side of the hut.

I arrive at the first job in hand. Four *tundis* are

building the alignment of a new bridge, adjusting their building lines and explaining the detail of that corner, the bonding of the stones, that of that mason, the bonding of the stones, the mortar. Down the road comes a string of boys, a big stone balanced on the head of each, while the *segster* sits along the side with his little stick of authority, driving them along more especially if he knows I am present! Along another path opening out of the grass jungle comes another string, bearing pans of lime on their heads for the mortar, their naked bodies glistening in the sun as they walk unhesitatingly along.

With a final exhortation for speed to them all I go on down to the river, where a big retaining wall is in progress. Here is more setting out to do, an hour is spent watching the wall creep slowly up from the river bed. Now away down to the lime pits, where trees are being felled for fuel and where the men are digging out coral-like limestone for the burning or watering down for the quenching. Being a couple of hundred miles from the nearest civilisation, everything must be shown the workers and carefully watched to get results at all.

Cheerful Workers.

Off again down to a big bridge, where the waters swirl in madness between the steep banks. The sun high and the sweat rolls from the brown bodies as they haul that heavy girder into position for launching or struggle along with the heavy stones for the abutment. Here are a few of the best totemos I have, and with them I go over all the work, each to his particular job. A couple of the boys string my machine on a pole, and balancing carefully on a girder, carry it over to the other bank, so that I can visit the gangs who are putting in the road metal for the new macadam all the way into the wilds. Here all is cheerfulness. The pick men chant as they strike, the boys with stones breaking hammer sing roundelay as in olden times, the strike, the men on the tambo there are no rollers here, chant and dance in rhythm. Hammering and fall.

I retrace my steps and arrive back in camp for a quick lunch about noon. Then off I go again in the other direction where work of a similar nature is in hand, or where perhaps a timber cutting may be in progress or a bit of grading to be done. About 3 p.m. I leave the last gang to return to camp, and, as I draw near, I catch the sound of the drum beating out the "cess-work." On arrival I await the return of the boys to check in tools and issue their numbered labour cards.

Tea about 4 o'clock followed by a stroll with a ride of a shot gun for the *chumbe* completes four hours of daylight, and in the light of my petrol "Quick-light" I eat my evening meal. Then, after a quiet time outside to the wonder of a tropic night, I retire under the roof of my camp-bed, content with a full of energy and the health of an outdoor life.

A Belgian Opinion of our Settlement Number.

The December bulletin of the Societe Belge d'Etudes et d'Expansion says of East Africa's Settlement Number:

"This volume is of great interest to Colonials, who will there find abundant and varied documentation regarding the African Dependencies, and most valuable information concerning their crops, which are peculiar to their climate, conditions, etc., resembling those of the Belgian Congo."

EAST AFRICA IN THE PRESS

SECRETS IN CENTRAL AFRICA

MRS. J. E. H. CAMPBELL recently wrote the following interesting letter to *The Times*:

"In South Central Africa, at all events, the egret breeds among swamps in the flood area round the shores of Lake Bangweulu and other lakes—that is, land that is under water during the rainy season—and the feathers that are shed by the parent bird during the nesting time are collected afterwards by Natives in their dug-out canoes and sold to traders for a very small price. No Native in Northern Rhodesia is allowed to carry firearms, and they have only the spears with which they slaughter buck and other game and which would be of little use for killing egrets, even if they could approach them near enough."

"The Native has all too few sources of income, and it is to his own advantage to preserve egrets and that as many of these birds should grow to maturity as possible; therefore he is not likely to do any unnecessary killing. Even the White Fathers, who do such an estimable amount of good among the savage tribes of Central Africa, collect these feathers, and they are the last men in the world either to inflict cruelty themselves or to countenance it in any way."

"Last year on the Luapula River the lesser egrets were present in such numbers that when disturbed they rose in dense white flocks, and when they were roosting among the branches the trees had the appearance of great snow-covered mounds, so closely together were the birds packed that scarcely a leaf showed."

HOUSEHOLD BUDGET FROM KENYA

A CORRESPONDENT sends to *The Field* from Kenya the following household budget for two people for one month:

	£	d.
Wages and food for four servants for one month... .	6	16
Clothing, etc., for the two of us... .	2	16
Vegetables	0	0
Ten dozen eggs	17	0
8lb. of butter... .	14	0
90 quarts of milk	0	0
Lamp oil	2	0

This amount, he says, does not include any of the initial expenses of setting up home—but only the running expenses. They would have been less had we possessed our own cows, pigs, hens, garden and fruit trees. We did not once have to trouble the butcher, poultier or fishmonger; for one thing they were many miles away, and for another there is much food to be found in the country and from the hunting of it. For breakfast there are mushrooms picked on the hill behind the house; for lunch, trout caught with a net in the near-by stream, where they run up to 7lb.; while for dinner there is venison, here, pigeon, guinea-fowl, according to my luck with the gun.

Most Africans, always interested in comparing notes, will not all find the above figures satisfactory—some will think them high, and others too low, with considerable reason.

AN ORDEAL

EAST AFRICANS are familiar with the Native method of trying cases by ordeal, the poisonous properties of certain indigenous plants being used by the witch doctors to fasten conviction on the guilty party. A contributor to the *Empire Review* describes a less toxic but probably more efficient procedure—the ordeal by rice flour.

A murder among labourers on an estate was being investigated, and the planter asked that he might be allowed to try his hand. He announced that a very famous wizard would arrive, and that all the Natives would be examined as to their responsibility for the crime. A gallows was erected on the day of the trial, and in presence of the assembled labour force was tested with a bag of sand. The third of the drop and the sudden straightening of the rope sent a thrill through all. The witch doctor was then announced, and proceeded to give each man a hand full of rice flour and a piece of banana leaf. Each was instructed to fill his mouth with the rice flour and chew it, and then to place the chewed mass on the leaf before him.

Meanwhile, the wizard walked along the lines and cast a fateful eye on all and sundry. Of the sixty boys and nine masticated calmly and placed a moistened bolus on their banana leaf; the sixtieth, with the sweat rolling down his face, strove vainly to achieve the impossible. On being taxed with the crime, he confessed.

The experiment was founded on the well-known physiological fact that fear dries up the saliva and makes the tongue cleave to the roof of the mouth. But it was a neat and effective idea, well staged.

SNAKES IN MOMBASA

"THESE days, with the drying up and burning off of so much of the dry grass on the island," notes *The Mombasa Times*, "snakes may frequently be seen gliding around looking for cover. On the sea front especially the rattles are particularly prevalent, their nesting places being conveniently (for them) situated in the many holes and tunnels in the coral. As the tide rises one may frequently see the creatures wriggling their tails to higher planes out of the way of the oncoming water."

"While on the subject, this reminds us of the unique catch made in a trap about a year ago during the plague scare. Traps were set all over the island, and the Native trappers made their daily rounds removing the traps with the rats thus caught. One unfortunate boy received the shock of his life when, on lifting a trap out of a grotto, something coiled round his wrist. This proved to be the tail of a reasonably sized snake. Fortunately for the said Native, the business end of the reptile was also trapped in the cage, so there was no receiving considerable care, no damage was done."

A pocket-handful of air between an eagle and a large green snake is described by a correspondent accompanying the *Chevrolet-Cape to Cairo* expedition, says a *Daily Express* cable.

When the passengers, bearing Pemba, Northern Rhodesia, they were surprised to see an eagle a hundred feet above the ground with a snake coiled round its foot. The bird had pounced on the snake, which had shown fight, and fastened itself on the bird's leg. The bird carried its enemy to a tree, the snake made many attempts to strike up again. The eagle performed remarkable contortions, and eventually devoured the snake, then by itself.

IN REPLY TO MAJOR CHURCH.

A Letter from Mr. F. C. Pinfield.

To the Editor of "East Africa".

THE CRESTED OR RED-COMBED SNAKE.

To the Editor of "East Africa".

My attention has just been drawn to the report in your issue of March 20 last of a debate which took place at the Fabian Society's rooms between Major A. G. Church and Dr. Norman Ley.

Major Church is reported to have made certain statements regarding my Supplemental Memorandum to the Report of the East Africa Parliamentary Commission which may give rise to misunderstanding and I feel it necessary to make the position clear. Let me then state it quite briefly.

It is quite correct that Mr. Ormsby Gore asked me to write the chapters on Zanzibar and Trade and Commerce and stated that he and Major Church would deal with the remainder. It was because of this that in a letter to Mr. Ormsby Gore I claimed the right to make my views known in a Supplemental Memorandum.

Major Church stated that a number of opinions which he had expressed extraordinarily strongly on the subject of Native welfare were cut out of his drafts because the other two members of the Commission were against him. And he went on to say that "he found some of those very statements in the addendum, of which minority report he had no knowledge whatever until he saw it in the printed document." I saw no recommendations submitted by Major Church on the lines of those contained in my memorandum, and I am at a loss to understand his statement that the other two members of the Commission were against him, especially as he now states that some of the opinions to which he referred are embodied in my Memorandum.

As for the statement that Major Church did not see my Memorandum until it was in the printed document, it is as well that I should make myself clear that each chapter of it was sent to the Chairman, Mr. Ormsby Gore, and I cannot imagine that he would remain from informing Major Church of my attitude, especially seeing that Major Church at that time had a small room set aside for him at the Colonial Office in proximity to Mr. Ormsby Gore. Moreover, the whole Report, including my Memorandum, was set up and other Valley proofs sent to each member of the Commission. Major Church had ample time not only to express approval of my Memorandum, but also to raise objections if any parts of his draft had been cut out, but this he never attempted to do. When the formal signing of the Report took place it was quite open for him to append my Supplemental Memorandum and to sign it.

In conclusion let me say quite frankly that Major Church and the Chairman, Mr. Ormsby Gore, were in close collaboration in drafting the Report, and I should like to say that Mr. Ormsby Gore did not place any obstacle in the way of my desire to have my position made perfectly clear. I cannot think that he would have denied this right to Major Church.

Yours faithfully,
F. C. PINFIELD,
Victoria Street, S.W. 1.

East Africa — that a few enterprising settlers in Tanganyika — they have formed a syndicate to care for the needs not only of the visiting traveller but also the prospector, naturalist, botanist, ethnologist, in fact, for him who wants to see the inner side of things. Only real experts at their particular work are engaged, to be employed. Further details cannot be disclosed at the moment.

SIR,

I am glad to see Mr. R. C. Maughan's letter on the above subject in your issue of April 10, because it corroborates my remarks on the songo which you published on March 3.

Like Mr. Maughan, I believe it is highly probable that such a snake exists among the Natives, constantly refer to it, and I believe I once saw one. In my last letter I wrote: "I could say more about the latter than I have done," and now, appreciating that such an authority as Mr. Maughan also credits its existence, I shall proceed to relate the incident.

In 1905 I was hunting Elephants and was camped on the outskirts of Chiminda village, North-Eastern Rhodesia. One morning we got away on the spur of a bull elephant and had worked along slowly for some miles the tracker being just ahead.

When he got under a big tree I saw him look up and start back; in fact, so smartly that he almost collided with me. I said, "What is it?" and he pointed up to a large branch and said: "songo." At first I did not recollect what songo meant, so peered upwards, the tracker pointing to the place.

I saw a snake's head, and am perfectly certain that I noticed a red mark on the skull. I put up my rifle to have a shot, but the snake drew back its head and began to move upwards. It would be seven to eight feet long, and looked darkish in colour; but I could see little of it as it naturally kept on the top of the branches.

Being after an elephant, I knew that a shot would likely scare the animal so I went on. Ever since I have regretted that I did not stop under the tree until I had tried to bring down the reptile, particularly as I did not manage to get the elephant, which got shore wind and bolted clean away.

Scientists, as I said before, are dubious when discrediting stories of strange creatures which have not been brought before them, but there is nothing remarkable in a snake possessing a red crest or comb — though there would be an absurd idea that it crowed. It is pretty certain that such a snake will yet be protracted in either Namaaland or North-Eastern Rhodesia, as all the natives in the wilder parts of those countries talk of the songo.

Yours faithfully,
Ravenshing, Probles. D. L.

THE EAST AFRICAN DEPENDENCIES AND SELF-GOVERNMENT.

A Southern Rhodesian Correspondent
To the Editor of "East Africa".

SIR,

You recently quoted from a letter of mine to the *New Statesman* on the above subject. I tried to show that there were good reasons why responsible government should not be ceded until certain questions affecting the Native people had been satisfactorily dealt with. I urged this on behalf of the Natives who would be without adequate representation in any Legislative Assembly that might be set up. It seems to me, too, that it would be better for the Europeans in those questions that always cause friction and heartburning were out of the way before any political changes took place. The Imperial Government's responsibilities towards these people that it could better deal with under the present régime than when the whites had assumed control.

Your comment on my argument self-government would be denied the Union of South Africa.

LAND PRICES IN USAMBARA

to me irrelevant. Before the Union was formed each State had already got some form of self-government. But if you go a little further back you will discover that representative government was withheld from Cape Colony for the very reason that I have adduced. In his recently published book, "The Cape Colour Question," Professor Macmillan lays special emphasis on this. On page 240 he says:—In 1836, therefore, when a Cape petition, asking for Parliamentary Government, was presented in the House of Commons, Sir George Murray definitely took a stand against the request on the ground that while His Majesty's Government was responsible for both white and black, the potential white voters were a handful of the population, and the coloured people were as yet unfit to share their privileges; consequently the demand of Parliamentary institutions in the Cape was for the present impossible. In my suggestion there is nothing novel. This very able treatise on this question makes it clear, too, that the friendly relations that have obtained between the different races in Cape Colony is largely owing to their having coaxed to them a share in the political affairs of their country.

To shut out from the electorate a considerable section of the community merely on the ground of colour is an expedient that can bring with it nothing but discontent and disloyalty. Political action that is based upon the great principles of fair play, justice, and righteousness to all sections of the State is the only way to permanent and real prosperity.

Yours faithfully,

Marandellas,
Southern Rhodesia.

JOHN WHITE

SIR, The Rev. John White, who is the Principal of the Waddilove Training Institution of Marandellas, Southern Rhodesia, in which Colony he has been resident for some thirty-four years, argued in his original letter that until the slaves have had ceded to them some effective method of representing themselves in political matters, until they are adequately represented in the legislative assembly by persons who have gained their confidence and can state their case, with the Minister of Native Affairs, or made independent of any white constituency, until these elementary rights are conceded to the black majority, then there should be no extension of responsible government. — Ed. "EA."

COAST NATIVES IN TANGANYIKA.

Shared with increasing impatience.

To the Editor of "East Africa."

Old hands cannot tolerate the increasing arrogance and insolence of the Tanganyika Natives induced by giving them. I understand that they are equal to, if not inferior to, the European in the eyes of the higher officials. In molliecoddling Sadi and Juma we are certainly making a severe rod with which to beat our own backs.

The coast Native has lost all respect for authority. Why? The Agent cannot collect the hut tax from Natives here. They catch them and lecture them about the heinousness of omitting to pay, but have not the power to put them in jail or compel them to work to obtain the necessary £10. There is no "Vagrants" Act—except in the case of whites who are gathered in and deported. I feel sure that pretty nearly 30% of the natives in the Coast are vagrants with no home, means of existence, who must consequently live on theft, yet nothing is done, in fact, nothing can be done to compel them to work except moral persuasion—and you know how forcible this is to the unscrupulous coast Native!

Yours faithfully,

James Jackson.

SETTLER

To the Editor of "East Africa."

SIR,

The letter from "Waddington" which appeared in your issue of February 16 particularly interested me, and in the course of six years I received some hundreds of inquiries for land from prospective settlers, perhaps I can give some advice. The majority of my applicants were British, without tropical experience. If the price of an estate or undeveloped land is above £10, an acre, many inquire that they are being "had." Every estate and part of the land has, of course, to be valued on its own individual merits. Can anything be more absurd than for a man of no experience of land values in East Africa to criticise the prices asked, without ever having seen the properties? Many would-be settlers unfortunately seem to think that land is to be had for next to nothing, and that when it has been given them they will only have to sit down and watch the crops grow and return easy money.

In this country the Government have certain districts in which they are allowing settlers to get land, not for sale, but on long leases, the rent being determined by an auction—an arrangement rather similar to that by which a local Town Council or seaside resort lets sites for a concert party or ice cream stalls. The highest bidder gets the land. "Would-be Settler" apparently pays no attention to quality, seeming to want quantity. I have recently sold two estates, one of 3,000 acres for £500, and another of 75 acres for £800. They are fairly close to each other. Are they to be valued at the same rate per acre?

The price required in the Usambara Mountains for good coffee land is £4 per acre, and if a person has sufficient capital to plant up 50 acres, in four or five years he should have paid all expenses, including the original price of the land.

Yours faithfully,
H. MALCOLM ROSE

COTTON TERMINOLOGY IN UGANDA.

A Peculiarity of the Provinces.

To the Editor of "East Africa."

SIR,

In his letter printed on page 704 of your issue dated February 23, Mr. William A. Ball makes a passing allusion to the Uganda peculiarity of describing "seed cotton," i.e. virgin cotton, as "raw cotton," which is the correct name for ginned cotton.

It seems a pity that this unnecessary confusion of terms should be tolerated, and it would be interesting to know whom whose lack of knowledge of cotton terminology this curious custom arose.

Yours faithfully,

B. H. GOSSEYPTUM.

The Government of India delegation recently visited East Africa to assist Indians in the preparation of their case before the Hilton Young Commission, is reported to have said on its return to Simla that "federation would inevitably involve the spread of territories where the relations between the Indians and other immigrant communities are of the happiest character, the wretched spirit of hostility which exists between the Indian and British settlers in Kenya."

AMERICANS IN SAVAGE ABYSSINIA.

British naturalists will read with some justification the case with which a museum in the United States are able to finance, organize, and conduct expeditions to secure rare and exotic specimens. Within an hour or two of the proposal that the Field Natural History Museum of Chicago should secure groups of typical Abyssinian fauna, the money was forthcoming from a great Chicago newspaper, and the scheme was well under way. In

"Savage Abyssinia" (Cassell, 12s. 6d.) Mr. M. E. Baum gives a full account of the expedition, its doings, trials and final success, and incidentally adds to our knowledge of a country which tends more and more to become unique.

The outfit was on a lavish scale. The five Americans who undertook the trip required fifty mules carrying 150 lb. apiece. Their chow-boxes by the way, weighed 75 lb. each. A huge battery of rifles, a dozen saddle animals, a force of forty men and six sevens, or camp soldiers, were included.

Two of the main objects of the expedition were to secure, if possible, habitat groups of mountain nyala, *tragelaphus buxtoni* (sometimes called the Burton kudu), which is exceedingly rare, and is found nowhere in the world but upon three mountains in Abyssinia, and the walrus ibex, *capra walie*, an inhabitant of the stony cliffs of the high Simien. Like the nyala, the walrus exists nowhere but in one restricted locality in Abyssinia.

In seven months the expedition travelled 2,000 miles, from Jibouti to Khartoum, and secured 3,800 specimens in all, including the nyala hoped for and thirteen walrus ibex. Evidently they did not spare ammunition.

The actual hunting occupies a comparatively small portion of the text, which is concerned mainly with the incidents of the *safari*, and gives quite full accounts of the notabilities encountered. The photographs, too, are rather disappointing from travellers so well equipped, though the picture opposite page 230 gives a good idea of the hex country and its tremendous escarpments. The map was improved by giving to prominent landmarks the names of Americans connected with the expedition.

"Strong's Peak" and "Davies River" were two of them; which are reminiscent of the late President Roosevelt's trip to Brazil—and the sowing of political seed was not forgotten.

Ras Hailu said that he admired America for her part in the Great War.

"I hear that America only went in to stop it—and that she refused all territory, all the spoils, at the end is that right?"

"It is," we said.
"I like that. It has not been done very often, fighting for a principle instead of what comes out of it. Tell me, does England owe America money?"

"We told him that also was true. He wanted to hear the exact amount, which of course we did not know."

A little thing like that might slip anyone's memory. However, it is pleasant to record that they pay a tribute to one Englishman:

"Mr. Charles F. Rey, of London . . . it was back upon a visit when we arrived. His friend ship with Ras Tafari and his deep study of Native customs and withal his frank and open comradeship in offering advice and information, was most fortunate and proved of the greatest benefit to the expedition . . . We are much indebted to him."

The world grows more and more interested in Abyssinia, and Mr. Baum's book is a useful contribution to the rapidly increasing literature on a fascinating country.

It is the best description of Mrs. Rosita Forbes's novel book "Adventure" (Cassell, 15s. 6d.) that we have seen. A Nipsey salad, one of the best, is the creation of twelve years' seasoned years. In so short a time it is difficult to pick out the various flavours of the many ingredients.

The authoress, who has plenty of enterprise, courage and imagination, contending that a woman is a better explorer than a man, writes that women bear not only pain but discomfort better than men, and this agrees with a certain traveller who, when asked if her husband accompanied her to the wilderness, replied: "Oh, no! It's not the sort of country you can take a man to!"

She has a flair for the uncanny and supernatural. In Abyssinia, when camped beside a Muhammadan cemetery, she was disturbed by an incessant hammering noise. All the men had fled to the village, but she discovered her goblin, "in an earth-stamped chair, with every amulet possessed by the caravan hung round his neck."

"What is the meaning of this noise?" I asked. The knocking sounded as if it came from the other side of the wall.

The Abyssinian (a Christian), explained, in the voice of a parent speaking to a foolish child: "It is the spirit of the unbaptized indeed. They are beating at the lids of their coffins, but they can never get out!"

I shivered. I fastened myself into the tent. At every lantern I could find, and sat up listening. The knocking faltered. Sometimes it died away altogether. With the falser dawn came a despairing burst and I could imagine the wood breaking. Then it stopped.

One's enjoyment of that weird experience is modified by a haunting suspicion that Muhammadans do not bury their dead in coffins, and surely not in Abyssinia, where wood is scarce. But it would be a mistake to read this book in a camping and hypercritical spirit. The proper atmosphere is given in Mrs. Forbes's "Adventure" in beautiful coloured plates, which are lavishly original and exquisitely decorative.

From the whirl of breathless adventure emerges, in fact, one does not remember to have seen mentioned by previous travellers—that in Abyssinia a woman's word is inviolate, and is accepted without proof or question. Should, however, a woman be detected in perjury, the executioner is sent for.

The executionary arrives at a run, with a jagged pair of shears. He is followed by all the old boys in the town and host of slaves. Some jump down from the false witness, who is reduced to a girl, and as a steep cliff lies across the executioner, he plunges in a simultaneous blow of scissile and abase during the operation, its course is marked by cuts. More shrieks—but a friend supplies fresh butter. A little running, and the fair is set free, bald as an egg.

The chapters on "Raising the Dead," "Black Magic," and "Concerning Witchcraft" are perhaps the best, but all contain a thrill.

PROFESSOR GREGORY ON MIGRATION.

It is a grimly humorous fact that in the same harbour the very world breathes welcome, reading and safety stand Bartolomé's celebrated statue of Liberty, without scruples, invitation. See us your huddled masses yearning to be free, and Pale Island? The fortress, in these days, is startling and in the summum, exceedingly disconcerting. Professor E. W. Gregory, F.R.S., in "Human Migration and the Future of Society,"

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Service, as did he, does not fail to bring out this contrast, and to comment on the very difficult and intricate problems involved.

Professor Gregory, who is so well known to East Africans through his books "The Great Rift Valley" and "The Menace of Colour," has an individual mind and a passion for statistics. He classifies migration into three classes: inter-racial, intercontinental and between adjacent allied nations. He gives some figures of the density of population in different lands. The more crowded European countries have population densities of 664 per square mile in Belgium (the densest), 3905 in Great Britain, 352 in Italy, and 343 in Germany. In contrast stand the United States with 38 per square mile, Africa with 12, and Canada with 5. On the last of it, there is room for adjustment. How this adjustment can best be carried out, the author discusses fully and adequately in his 200 pages. In this volume he deals chiefly with the migration of European nationals; and he expresses the opinion that though the settlement of Europeans in the tropics appears physically possible, it is not likely to be carried out on a large scale until the temperate lands are more fully occupied.

Altogether a thoughtful and scholarly work.

A. J.

EGYPTIAN CIVILISATION

SINCE the September 14, 1822, Louis François Champollion, a young teacher of history at the Faculty of Letters at Grenoble, deciphered the name of Rameses II, and solved the riddle of Egyptian hieroglyphics, an enormous amount of work has been done on ancient Egyptian history. It is now a simple matter for experts to read papyri and translate inscriptions on tombs and monuments, but it is a far harder task to make these records comprehensible to moderns. To profit the mind back through the centuries, and comprehend the inner meaning of a strange and complicated civilisation is indeed a problem fit to test to the limit the genius of any real historian, and it is the outstanding merit of Professor Alexandre Moret, of the Collège des Anciens, that in this fine work, "The Nile and Egyptian Civilisation" (Kegan Paul, £5s.) he not only gives a mass of facts, but so arranges his facts and conveys their meaning as to give his readers a clear picture of the times with which he deals.

The volume is one of a series on "The History of Civilisation" which has been devised and seems to have been formed from the results of modern research and modern scholarship throughout the whole range of the social sciences—so to summarise in one comprehensive synthesis the most recent findings and theories of historians, anthropologists, archaeologists, sociologists, and all other scientific students of civilisation. Professor Moret's contribution is an excellent example of the high standard set and attained, and may be confidently recommended to all, but especially to the general reader. A word of warning due to the translator, Mr. J. M. Dobbins, who has incompletely and with conspicuous carelessness

A BOOK OF ABSORBING INTEREST

REVIEWED.—"The Company of Adventurers." The first book written by John Boyes, the author of "Gentlemen Adventurers."

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At least one indescribable change since John Boyes first set foot in Africa years ago! The extent of these and the changes incidental to the fact that when in his early wanderings Mr. Boyes travelled over the ground on which Nairobi now stands the site of Kenya's capital was bare of any human habitation. He was the first white man whom many of the Native chiefs had ever seen. Such was the force of his personality that instead of their becoming his enemies these savages became his friends—their blood brothers. Today those same chiefs are riding about in costly motor cars! As British administration followed in the footsteps he was arrested and tried for his life.

"In 'The Company of Adventurers' Mr. Boyes relates his adventures as an elephant poacher in the Lado enclave, and in travels in various parts of the country. Needless to say the narrative is well worth the trouble and will worth the reading. As Lord Cranworth observes in his foreword, it is a book that 'many will peruse with the greatest interest, and which all who read should keep for the benefit of the next generation.' For it should be remembered that though new avenues for courage and initiative will yet be opened, there will never again in Africa be scope for the exploits of men like John Boyes and others of his kidney. His day is past; no longer, her treasures have been disclosed for those who can avail themselves."

It would perhaps be inviolous to single out any particular chapter for special praise, for all are pleasant or interesting and contain more than a mere thrill, but we may point out that no finer open picture of the men who blazed the trail has appeared than that contained in the chapter under the title of "Gentlemen Adventurers."

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THE SIGI-TENGENI RAILWAY

A SUGGESTION FOR DEVELOPMENT

THE Uganda Planters' Association has requested the Tanganyika Government to reopen the Sigi-Tengen (Amani) railway. The time, it is understood, was recently past for this, but withdrawn as a sufficiently high bid was not received.

Local settlers think it almost retrograde step to allow this useful line otherwise to be sold or to lie dormant, and they claim that the operation of the line by the Government would be most beneficial (a) for the transportation of Native and their different products; (b) for the purposes of the Amani Institute; (c) for the carrying of coffee and other European crops; and (d) for the development of extensive areas in the Amani district.

Before the development of motor transport in East Africa, the Sigi Railway was certainly indispensable for the Amani district. It was originally owned by the Deutsche Herzegossenschaft, which was formed to exploit the mineral resources of the Sigi area, and was worked in connection with the saw-mill erected on the Sigi River below Amani. It was opened for public traffic in June, 1910, over a distance of 237 kilometres (14.3 miles) with a staff of eight Europeans and thirty-two Natives, and a rolling stock of two small engines and sixteen trucks, one of which was called a "first class coach." In 1911-12 the line carried 514 tons of timber, 160 tons of coffee and 42 tons of sundries, the revenue amounting to 25,362 rupees and the expenditure to 24,628 rupees. In 1913 it was leased to, and run by, the Uganda Railway Company.

POSITIONS OF THE LINE.

In German times it was possible to go down from Sigi to Tengen, on the main Tanga-Moshi line, and return to Amani in the day—a most convenient arrangement. When the British conquest of East Africa approached the savannahs, the Sigi line was very thoroughly destroyed by the Germans, the rails were broken over and ruined bridges and wrecked. The British authorities however restored the line and served the railway well. From 1914 the railway did very good work in transporting timber, chiefly native wood for the building of Government House at Dar es Salaam, and coffee from the Bulwer, Maramba and Mwemba estates to the Amani district. The coffee from Kwayikoro was sent by Native carriers to the main line at Mwinyi. The saw-mills too, was most busily engaged supplying timber for the repairing of the dilapidated houses at the Amani Institute which was carried out by the then Director.

When the introduction of motor cars, the suggestion was made that the Sigi line should be turned into a motor road but apparently nothing came of this. Now that the Amani Institute is being developed on a proper scale, the value of the Sigi line will possibly be appreciated more fully, and the coffee-stamps of the district should also be interested. There is a very definite limit to the possibilities of motor transport for heavy work in the steep, hilly country of the Amani and Mwemba Mountains.

MR. ORMSBY GORE'S EAST AFRICAN VISIT

IS READY TO CRITISE

THERE can be no justification for Mr. Ormsby Gore's visit to East Africa, except to see what the rubber plantations look like and to see what is tapped. The taxpayers have already footed the bill for this restless young gentleman's meanderings in East Africa. What good has resulted to Kenya or Tanganyika? It is very folly when one is young to run about the world; and if Mr. Ormsby Gore pays his own expenses, I have not a word to say. But if his expense on the Colonial Office vote we ought to be told what it will cost, and what is the object of this visit to Malaya? Has the Under Secretary no work to do in the Colonial Office or in Parliament? Of course it may be, no doubt, it is an advantage to see the different ports and provinces of the Empire. But then Lords Birkhead and Winterbotham ought to visit India and Burma, and Mr. Bridgeman ought to inspect our naval stations on the other side of the globe. Where is this folly to end? Thus the Tailor.

"What good has resulted to Kenya or Tanganyika from Mr. Ormsby Gore's visit?" asks our contemporary. We have not the slightest hesitation in replying that an immense amount of good has resulted. The Under-Secretary of State, having seen things with his own eyes, returned to tell Parliament and the nation at large that Britain had come and was doing great things in East Africa; that we had sent out settlers the great majority of whom were a credit to themselves and their race; that the Native races were receiving a square deal; that the riches and resources of the Dependencies were boundless; that closer contact between the neighbouring States was urgently necessary; and that in no part of the Empire had he greater faith than in that of East Africa.

So far, these are fine results. From his personal experience on the spot Mr. Ormsby Gore has been able to correct the absurdly biased statements sometimes advanced as Parliamentary arguments; has done all in his power to raise questions concerning Kenya in particular and East Africa in general out of the rancour of party politics; has preached that Native and European development can proceed side by side to the advantage of both; has played a great part in the breaking down of local parochialisms; and has successfully sponsored the loan of £10,000,000 for the development of East Africa and especially the construction of urgently-needed railways, harbours and ports.

But for his visit the former Marketing Board would, it is to be supposed, have shown much less interest than it has in East African affairs. Almost certainly the Amani Institute would have remained derelict instead of being given new life, and probably the new closer-settlement scheme of the Kenya Government, details of which will be shortly published, would never have been framed. Indeed if we were asked which event of the last five years had been most important from the East African standpoint, we should reply "The visit of Mr. Ormsby Gore and the report of his Commission."

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Camp Fire Comments

Making Initiatives at Home

A facetious correspondent sends the following comment: "Living organisms have an extraordinary capacity for adaptation. Some algae live in water quite near the boiling point; some people—such as Governors—habitually pass out; yet one medical officer in East Africa will never pass out. To each his environment, location or house." Now Mr. O. Cooper has discovered in Abyssinia a fish which lives in a lake so charged with salts that greasy clothing wears a lather when washed in it.

Snuffing Out Chameleons

A correspondent writes: "You are most doubt correct in saying that Natives will not touch chameleons. I believe they consider them even more poisonous than snakes, but they will occasionally kill them by putting snuff in their (the chameleons') mouths. The process is not easy. The Native operates with sticks, fixing the septile so that it cannot move. He then prises open his victim's mouth, fills it with the villainous Native snuff, and the chameleon turns black, swells up and dies. The Native is as a rule not actively cruel, though to English ideas he is often callous; his hatred of the harmless chameleon seems to have spurred him on to an unusual course."

Mammal Name

The letter you have published from Mr. R. Hauser of Uganda, on the subject of the Nandi bear reminds me, writes an East African reader now in this country, "that I recently read some most interesting notes concerning this mystery animal by Mr. C. Cardale Luck, whose contribution to the elucidation of the problem tends to confirm the general opinion that that elusive beast is some sort of hyena. Mr. Luck's analysis of the Native names is instructive. The *getit* (as it is called by the Nandi) or *getet* (as the Lumbwa name it) is large, dull reddish yellow in colour, and striped, and rises on its hind legs to attack. The ordinary hyena is called *ng'imeget*, i.e., the spirit of *getit*, the striped hyena. Mr. Luck quoted the case of a European who had been attacked at night by a supposed hyena which rose on its hind legs."

A Best Optimist

A doctor in Brazil has been attacked by a bovine beetle which is causing great damage and is keeping the entomological department extremely busy. But Dr. M. E. de Oliveira Filho, Head Entomologist of the *Caminho de Estrada Destrilacado da Braga e Caffeira*, who is in charge of the campaign, is an optimist. In a recent article in the *Times and Sunday Tribune* of New York, he states that the trouble will lead to much more careful cultivation on the infected estates, better drainage, rational grazing, improved picking, cleaner produce, and reclamation of waste ground. "In the same way," he says, "that epidemics have brought progress in hygiene, parasites and the sickness of plants have improved agriculture." The installation of fumigation chambers for the cattle has been the means for the doctor to use them in other ways, especially alluvial, with the best of results. In other words, as in the case of the old woman whose two and last remaining teeth happened to be opposite each other there is "always something to be glad about."

Superstition Difficult to Eradicate

No such insect been and is being written on the African and his mentality that it is only vain to point out that superstitions are not confined to modern States-educated and progressive peoples. Only the other day a loaf of bread containing mercury was floated on the river Welland, Northamptonshire; in an endeavour to locate the body of a drowned girl, the ancient tradition being that such a charm will stop at the place where a drowned corpse is lying. Mark Twain gives a precisely parallel case in "Huckleberry Finn," though that occurred among the primitive inhabitants of the Mississippi River back in the 'sixties. In the Northampton attempt the charm naturally failed, but it is instructive to note how such beliefs persist and how impossible it seems to eradicate superstition from the human mind. Those superior folk who never tire of scoffing at African beliefs—they are nearly always people who cannot speak a single correct word in a single Native language—need to be reminded that strange things still happen in twentieth-century Britain.

Swimming after a Black Mamba

The various items you have published about the crow-interested *lobia* have vividly recalled my first encounter with a black mamba, writes an African traveller. "I was a boy of sixteen at the time and was bathing with my uncle in the Fersching Gold Mine property near Marabastadt. As I was swimming about my uncle shouted that a black mamba was swimming the stream and that I was to keep clear of it. Looking down, I saw the mamba about halfway across, and in spite of my anxious uncle's frantic calls to me to swim away in pursuit, the snake did not appear to be in any great hurry, and I was therefore enabled to land almost immediately behind it. I had made up the opposite sandy bank, and there I killed it with a stick. It was not very big one-six feet, but so gorged with a recent meal that I was not surprised at its lack of energy. All it must have wanted was to be left alone in peace to digest its food. My uncle was not so pleased and considered he ought to have been and could find every sort of excuse."

Complicated Interpretation

Prince Arthur of Connaught's experience of Native interpreting, quoted in a recent *Comment*, can be capped by the experience of Mr. John Hoyer, recorded in "The Company of Adventurers." He had reached the Republic of Malagasy from Addis Ababa to attend a conference and arranged a conference with the Republique.

"We had considerable difficulty," he writes, "carrying on a conversation. I first made my remarks in my interpreter's Shambala who translated them in Abissinian, who rendered it to an old female woman who happened to understand Amharic and she again turned it into the Republique tongue for the benefit of the chief. Lengthy conversations were impossible, and after the slight sentence had been understood some transformations before reaching the final destination."

It is typical of John Hoyer to record such difficulties. So many books of travel make the reader who has had experience of interpreters wonder how the writer manages to carry on discussions of abstruse subjects—such as politics—with native chiefs. It sounds easy and the results are exceedingly doubtful, but the wise man knows from his own experience amounts about a kilogramme of salt.

Editorial Note: This column is intended for matters of interest to our readers abroad, and we welcome contributions from our friends in other countries. Send us your comments.

PERSONALIA.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson are now back in Kenya.

Sir William and Lady Mitchell-Cox are on the Riviera.

Mr. D. H. Parr, of Tanganyika, reached England last week.

Mrs. J. H. S. Tod arrived in England from Nairobi last week.

Sir Geoffrey Archer has returned to London from his visit to India.

Mr. F. Turton, of Songhor, arrived in this country a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Raffles Cox are among recent arrivals from Kenya.

Dr. Orr, of the Royal Institute, Aberdeen, is paying another visit to Kenya.

Mr. A. R. Morgan, Senior Agricultural Officer, has returned to Uganda from leave.

Mr. K. F. Warner, Assistant District Officer, Kibato, is on leave from Tanganyika.

Captain G. K. Stobart has been appointed Adjutant of the 4th King's African Rifles.

Mr. Eugene Miller is, we hear, expected to arrive from Tanga within the next few weeks.

Lady Bailey is continuing her flight to the Cape in a machine built to "abora" by a South African hot.

Mr. C. C. Monckton, the well-known Kenya business man, arrived last week from Kenya Colony.

Mr. Muchmore, of the Tanganyika Treasury, accompanied by Mrs. Muchmore, has arrived home on leave.

Mr. G. P. Webster, Provincial Commissioner, Tanganyika, has assumed charge of the Northern Province.

Mr. Bradbury, a Director of Punch, and Mr. G. E. Stamp, the well-known artist, recently visited Mombasa.

Mr. J. C. Macnab, chief agent of Barclays Bank (D.C. and O.) for Rhodesia, has been visiting Nyasaland.

The death at a ripe old age of sixty-four is announced of Sir Edward G. Johnson, K.C.M.G., Director of Colonial Audit since 1903.

Major-General H. P. Browne, who arrived in England from East Africa last week, has served in the Indian Army since 1894.

Dr. A. L. Schonfeld, accompanied by Mrs. Schonfeld, arrived home last week from Uganda, where they had been engaged in medical work.

Mr. J. W. Taylor, of the Industrial Instruction section in the Tanganyika Education Department, has left England on his return from leave.

Lady Denham, who recently underwent a serious operation in the European Hospital, Nairobi, is reported to be making excellent progress.

Mr. S. H. C. Hawtrey has left the Seychelles for Mombasa to enable Mr. H. G. Patterson, editor of *The Mombasa Times*, to come home on well-merited leave.

Lieutenants L. H. B. Letheridge and P. G. D. Horsford have arrived in Tanganyika on appointments subalterns of the 4th Battalion of the K.A.R.

Mr. V. C. Bridle, Honorary Secretary of the Aero Club of Kenya, who recently visited Mombasa, is understood to have examined the proposal to establish a branch of the Club at the coast.

Mr. A. W. Hodson, until recently British Consul for Southern Ethiopia, and now Governor of the Falkland Islands, has unveiled a memorial at Grytviken, South Georgia, to Sir Ernest Shackleton.

Capt. J. M. Murray, who has "served" with the K.A.R. in Tanganyika during the past few years, and who arrived in England a few days ago, was regarded the M.C., D.C.M., and M.M. during the War.

Colonel G. F. Phillips, who arrived in East Africa last week, served with the I.C.A.R. from 1906 until 1924, in which year he retired. He was Commandant of the King's African Rifles from 1910 to 1922.

Mr. J. de G. Delmege, of the Uganda Service whose retirement is announced, first went to the Protectorate in 1908 as an Assistant Collector. He was educated at Haileybury and Worcester College, Oxford.

Dr. Charles B. B. Reid, of Tanganyika, was married a few days ago at St. John's Church, Perth, to Miss B. Lee, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Lee, Girl guides and members of the V.A.D. formed a guard of honour.

Mr. F. B. Ballenden of the Survey Department of Kenya, who has just come on leave, will be remembered by many of our readers as having drawn a substantial prize in last year's Calcutta Sweepstake.

The appointment of the Rev. Duncan Ross Mackenzie, M.C., Cefn Burberry Seal, and Mr. John Hunter, two unofficial members of the Legislative Council of the Nyasaland Protectorate was gazetted on Friday last.

The Rt. Hon. W. G. A. Ormsby Gore, M.P., has been appointed a trustee of the Buti Memorial Fellowships for Medical Research in place of the late Sir Arthur B. Shipton, Master of Christ's College, Cambridge.

Mr. W. W. Campbell, whose book "East Africa by Motor-Lorry," was published a few days ago, served with the Motor Transport Corps during the East African Campaign. The volume will shortly be reviewed in these pages.

Captain Vere Henry Bentzonson, C.B.E. (late the Cameroun), District Commissioner in the Bah-el-Gazel, who was killed by Natives in the Sudan on December 14, left estate of the gross value of £3,820, with net personality £3,800.

Among last week's arrivals from East Africa were Lady Muriel Alsopp, Sir Ernest and Lady Montagu, Sir John Wood, Lady Atkins, Mr. S. W. D. Crowley, Mr. R. C. Gowthorpe, Mr. F. Harries, Mr. T. S. McEwen and Mr. A. A. Tulloch.

Miss Mabel Shaw, who addressed a missionar meeting in Wolverhampton the other day, was the first educational missioner to be sent out by the London Missionary Society. Sent to Northern Rhodesia in 1915, she was first stationed at Kawambwa.

Colonel John James Congdon, who died at Holkstone last week in his eighty-fifth year, served with distinction in the campaign of 1884-86, being mentioned in dispatches and receiving the Egyptian medal with clasp for Sudan and Suakin and the bronze star.

Passengers leaving Marseilles today for East Africa by the s.s. "General Voron" include Lieutenant-Colonel G. L. R. Gray, Mr. Orr, Mr. Ottaway, Miss A. M. Perkins, Mr. J. Ramsay, Mr. M. Savy, Mr. C. A. Smith, Mr. Usher, Mr. D. M. White, and Miss E. M. White.

The following appointments have been made to the District Road Board of Naivasha: Messrs. R. Anderson, H. Attenborough, F. J. Clarke, Dr. T. St. Dunn, Lieutenant-Colonel H. J. Henderson, Captain Mervyn Jones, and Messrs. A. McCrae, W. Nightingale, W. Pickford, E. B. Taylor, and R. J. Allen-Turner.

Addressing the Overseas League last week, Professor E. H. L. Schwarz said that during a journey which he made in Northern Rhodesia in 1925 he had with him an Alsatian dog, which was regarded as a wild animal by all the other animals they came across. Baboons played with him and jackals took him to be a wild animal.

As Colonel Phillips is shortly coming home an leave Major Charles Gaitskell is, as usual, to understand taking over the Secretariate of the Kenya Electors' Members' Organisation, while Mr. Merwyn Hill Secretary of the Agricultural and Horticultural Society of Kenya is to act as Secretary of the Jockey Club during Colonel Phillips's absence.

Mr. C. W. Guy Edye Provincial Commissioner of the Eastern Province, Uganda, who is about to retire, first went to the Province as Assistant Treasurer in 1890, after having spent five years in the Colonial Audit Department. In 1901 he was transferred to the administration as Assistant Collector, was promoted to Collector three years later and Provincial Commissioner in 1912.

Amongst Fellows and Associates elected for the Royal Colonial Institute at the last meeting are Mr. H. C. Baskerville, Kenya, Mr. J. A. B. Buchanan, M.B., B.S., President, and Mrs. S. Dawson Ward, and Captain T. Langford Chudlidge, Mr. E. M. Paul, Mr. K. G. Mance, and Mr. John G. Brickland, of Uganda.

Sir Donald Cameron recently opened the new club house of the Dar es Salaam Lympathia Club. Tribute was paid to Mr. H. Hopps and to Mr. I. S. Thomas, the former and present honorary secretaries, and to Mr. P. W. Morgan, all of whom had devoted practically the whole of their spare time to work in connection with the Club, which now claims to have the finest club house in East Africa.

Major-General Sir Henry Ewart, Bt., Colonel of the 2nd Dragoon Guards, and formerly Crown Equerry, who died last week in his ninetieth year, commanded a cavalry brigade in the Suakin Field Force under General Sir Gerald Graham. In the action at Elashin in 1885 Colonel Ewart had his horse shot under him. For his services he was mentioned in despatches and promoted to K.C.B.

The death at the age of sixty-five years of Mrs. M. E. Mitford-Barberton, widow of the late Mr. Henry Mitford-Barberton, removes one of the best known figures in the Trans-Nzoeia. Her husband was one of the founders of Barberton, and her father, for many years a member of the Cape Parliament, was one of the leading public men of South Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Mitford-Barberton migrated to East Africa in 1912, and their homestead became a favourite rendezvous for Trans-Nzoeia settlers.

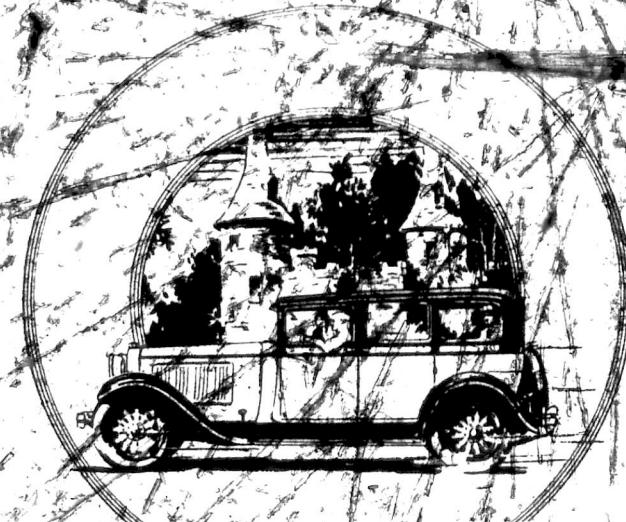
The Rev. G. N. Rutherford, who has returned to Scotland after spending a year at Mlanje during the absence from Nyasaland on leave of those resident missionaries, has told a Dundee reporter that many Scotsmen in Africa do not support British industry as they ought. At Port Elizabeth, he said, though the town proudly points to a practically unbroken line of Scottish mayors, they buy foreign goods in preference to home goods, and he found it difficult to get British-made goods in Nyasaland, where the goods available were principally from Japan and the U.S.A.

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A. in whose building lines I was interested, sent me at the beginning of November last a letter and also four catalogues in reply to my inquiry. The catalogues, however, were entirely useless to any potential buyer, for three of them had stamped across the face the words "Prices cancelled," while the fourth mentioned no prices whatever! Four months have since passed, but I have heard nothing further.

B. are large outfitters who should be able to do very good East African business. On November 1 they sent me a letter, price list and samples, but regretted that the "Overseas" catalogue, which I particularly wanted, and which was specially mentioned in their advertisement in your columns, was out of print. Consequently, the more useful materials for tropical wear, which naturally interested me most, were not included. I have had no further communication from them.

Specific Instances.

C. manufacturers of an article of household utility and especially useful to the man on *safari*, wrote me on October 2, sending a catalogue with their discount terms, and since that date I have had no further communication. This house is well-known throughout the Empire, makes an excellent article, but as it is very subject to German competition, one would have imagined that they would have followed up very keenly any likely inquiries.

D. are a fine bold company making agricultural implements of excellent quality. On November 1 they sent me a letter, a catalogue, and a booklet, and by a later mail I received an almanack as a reminder, but they have not troubled to follow up the inquiry further!

E. though an apparently enterprising company of cycle manufacturers, have not troubled to write me, having sent me a letter and a catalogue on November 2.

F. who market an article of food, wrote a letter in November and sent catalogues and samples of their paper wrappings, but they quoted for only one packing of their commodity.

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The animal is a magnificent antelope, the largest of the bushbuck group, more like an eland in size than its relatives of the plains. The fine open spiral of its horns at once attracts attention, but in this and other features it resembles the smaller nyala of South-Eastern Africa. Differences in length of coat, coloration, and size, however, distinguish these handsome species. Little is known of its habits.

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WHAT KENYA THINKS.

The Attitude of the Indians.

Our Nairobi Correspondent

The East African Indian Congress resolved a few months ago that so long as the communal register exists on the Statute Book, the Indian community should refuse to vote upon that Register. Consequently, when nominations were recently invited by Government for four Indian seats on the Legislative Council, none was forthcoming.

It is a great pity that constitutional weapons should be jettisoned in such summary fashion, especially as it is understood that one of the dominant grievances of the Indian community is their alleged non-representation on public bodies.

It will be recalled that when the 1923 White Paper granted numerous privileges to Indians in other directions, they expressed violent aversion for the principle of communal representation and declined to register their names on the Voters' Roll. The names of a few Indians at Fort Hall and elsewhere did, however, appear on the Roll, and these do not exceed one Indian Mr. Malik, who has been a member of the Legislative Council ever since. Wiser counsels ultimately prevailed, and in 1926 the Indian Congress at Mombasa somewhat reluctantly accepted the principle of communal representation, and a very large number of Kenya Indians had their names added to the Roll.

Four Indians, in addition to Mr. Malik who was elected, were then duly nominated to seats on the Council. And they took an active part in debates, which prompted by setting the Indian point of view expressed with energy and force. The Indian members were invariably treated with the greatest courtesy and consideration by other members of the Council who deprecate the decision of the 1927 Congress to reverse the situation approved in 1926. Although we must all regret the non-co-operative spirit indicated by the latter *votum*, it is unreasonable to expect that Royal Instructions will be soon, if ever, able to effect that change. And they stand at the whim of a capricious Congress, which changes its mind from year to year. It may be taken for granted that the European section of the community is extremely unlikely to agree to a Common Roll, especially as the principle of non-segregation in township areas was agreed to only with great hesitation and provided that other stipulations of the 1923 White Paper, including the communal roll, were accepted by all parties. It is believed that an overwhelming majority of Kenya Indians are perfectly satisfied with the 1923 settlement and only wish to be left undisturbed by political agitators.

A prominent India leader has stated that "During the two years that the Indian members have been on the Council, they have consistently found themselves in a minority, and evinced the ease of the Education Cess they were unable to carry their point." A perusal of Legislative Council proceedings during 1926 and 1927 does not confirm this implication, as more often than not the Indian voice is drowned with that of the majority, and various measures of concern to their fellow countrymen were accepted unanimously by all members of Council. The Asiatic Orphans and Orphanages Bill, which received their cordial support, may serve as an illustration of the co-operative attitude of European elected members. No one liked the Education Cess, which was at first most grudgingly and then with the greatest frankness, in order that each of the three sections of the population might be able to finance its own recurrent education costs. The increased non-tax as a disqualification of Europeans as an Indians' and Govern-

ment would welcome alternative proposals of a practicable character. It is well, however, to bear in mind that provision exists for exemption from the Education Cess, and that the Council, if involved in hardships, could easily be petitioned if the nomination resigned whenever it found itself in a minority.

Comments about Kilindini.

Mombasa merchants have again complained about conditions at Kilindini harbour, urging that something is seriously wrong when shippers leave without a full load while cargo is on the stocks awaiting shipment, and that steps should be taken to hand over to importers without delay goods which have arrived for them and which they are anxious to clear. It is also suggested that insufficient use is made of the subsidiary harbour at Mbaraki, especially in connection with the storage of produce awaiting shipment. At a meeting of the Mombasa Chamber of Commerce held last week, Mr. J. G. Walsh presented a report of the sub-committee which had been appointed for the purpose of interviewing the Port Manager and the Traffic Superintendent, who were both present at the meeting.

The Port Manager mentioned that Mombasa merchants had in the past enjoyed free storage in excess of that available at other ports, that those facilities constituted a tax on storage accommodation, and that the trade of the territories concerned had outstripped the capacity of the port. Owing to the woodwork having perished at that wharf, Mbaraki was not available when the traffic was at its peak. He admitted responsibility of the Port Administration for handing over goods to the consignees, but the latter frequently sent representatives to clear goods at the last moment before expiry of the free storage period, which caused congestion. He agreed that the old system by which importers' clerks searched the sheds for their own goods was wrong.

Many suggestions were made for amelioration of the present state of affairs, and it was decided that these should be discussed by the sub-committee with the Port Manager and form the subject of a further debate to be held in a fortnight. The public recognises the difficulties of the Railway and Harbour Administration owing to the very rapid growth of trade, but demands reasonable efficiency from a service the maintenance of which constitutes a by no means negligible financial burden. The railway and harbour management quite laudably advertises the facilities which it can provide for trampers and tourists, and made a magnificent gesture at the time of the arrival of a large ship-load of American tourists a week or two ago, but every effort should be made to meet the requirements of the ex-patriate producers and merchants of Kenya and Uganda.

FLYING FROM THE CAPE TO CAIRO.

Lady Heath, flying her Avro Avian machine, and Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, in the machine with which the former made a long flight from England to Cape Town last year, arrived at the Ngomo (Nairobi) aerodrome during the week after an interesting flight from Pretoria. Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, who were married in South Africa, have started a new chapter by enjoying their honeymoon in the air. The journey from Livingstone, where the parties joined up, has been made in a series of six fortnightly flights. The first, 304 miles to Broken Hill, occupied 4 hours 5 minutes. The next stop was made at the Bwana Mbawwa camp, the third hop of 312 miles over Lake Bangweulu brought the fliers to Sibicorn, the fourth took them 286 miles to Tambo, and the fifth to Mwanza. The final flight to Nairobi is described as being the longest stage of the whole journey.

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A Sleeping-Sickness Survey.

Dr. A. J. Enzer gives in the current issue of the *Kenya Medical Journal* an interesting account of a recent sleeping-sickness survey which he undertook in the middle of 1926 in that portion of Kavirondo along the eastern shore of Lake Victoria stretching from the Uganda to the Tanganyika boundary. The formidable nature of the task with a staff of two Native dressers only will be realised when it is stated that nearly a quarter of a million Natives required examination. After surmounting initial difficulties owing to objections on the part of the Natives to appear for inspection, and the heavy work involved in making sure that the total population of the respective villages duly appeared, the work, which was eventually completed in November, 1927, constitutes a distinct triumph for the medical officer concerned, whose investigations established several important facts. It showed that examination of Natives on a wholesale scale was possible, a point of vital importance in connection with any measures designed to improve health conditions generally in the Reserves. Secondly, it demonstrated the comparative freedom which the Kenya Natives enjoy from the ravages of this devastating disease, the exact locality of infection, and simple measures by which the disease may be controlled in future.

It is amusing to record that the Natives themselves attribute the existence of the disease to a punitive expedition by a District Officer about twenty years ago from which the survivors escaped owing to their having taken refuge by hiding up to their necks in water among the reeds on the Lake shore, where they were bitten by noxious insects. In spite of this, however, the Doctor speedily won their confidence to such an extent that many villages paraded eagerly for examination, and a letter was received from one sub-chief requesting treatment for two cases of sleeping sickness in his village on the Uganda border. A useful side-line in connection with the survey was the running of a dispensary for general diseases, which encouraged people to visit the doctor's camp and did much to establish confidence in his sincerity.

Native Housing and Resistance to Disease.

Dr. H. L. Gordon has very pertinently drawn attention to the importance of improving housing conditions in the Native Reserves and sounds a note of caution in regard to the somewhat palatial quarters provided by employers, the tendency among the latter being to provide lodgings of an "accepted sanitary type." It has previously been pointed out by medical authorities that the Kenya Native has a high power of resistance to tuberculosis, and we should proceed warily in our efforts to house him in such luxury during his period of employment, lest he become more susceptible on his return to primitive conditions. Much has been said about well-balanced rations and the calorific value of certain foods, but reliable data are sadly lacking that results achieved in European countries under totally different social, climatic, and industrial conditions will be repeated in Africa. A careful survey of the whole position should be regarded as an essential preliminary to any drastic interference with the mode of life to which the conservative Native is accustomed. Dr. Gordon points out that tuberculosis was unknown among Scottish crofters so long as they lived in miserable down cabins, but so soon as they began to live in sanitary dwellings the tubercle bacilli got at work on them for the first time. It is not for one moment suggested that native housing should be done to improve the welfare of the Native, but that we should proceed cautiously and trust ourselves that we are on the right lines.

Kenya's Two Air Victims.

Kenya mourns her only lady aviator, Mrs. Carrberry, who but a few brief weeks ago established a new aviation record by flying her Moth from Mombasa to Nairobi. She had been a resident duly circled in these columns since her arrival in Bristol twenty-four years ago. Mata Anderson came to Kenya as a very small baby and was extremely well known to a large circle of friends of all races and classes. She had the knack of making friends wherever she went, and keeping them. Endowed with all the attributes of a charming personality, her untimely death has created a vacuum in the lives of many of us. Mrs. Carrberry had with characteristic kindness been entertaining a number of friends to experimental flights, and at the time of the accident she was carrying Mr. Dudley Cowie, whose father, Captain Cowie, has been a prominent resident in Nairobi for many years. The most impressive funeral of Kenya's two first air victims was attended by numerous representatives of all sections of the community on March 13, the last sad rites being performed by the Very Rev. Canon Wright.

FIGHTING AN ANT PLAGUE.

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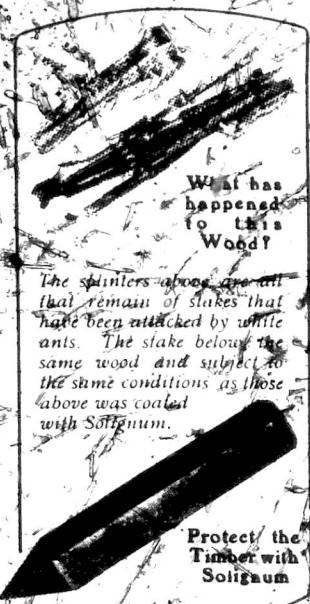
A golf course near Southend having been invaded by what were described as "giant horse ants," the assistance of the College of Pestology was invoked, and by courtesy of the Chairman East Africa is able to give the details of the remedy advised. These may be of use to settlers in East Africa who find ants too active to be pleasant.

The insect in the case was a British species, *Formica rufa*, the "horse" or "hill" ant, found usually in pine woods, where it constructs large nests among the fallen needles. The "major workers" are reddish black about a quarter of an inch long; the "minor workers," nearly all, black and about one-sixth of an inch in length. The males and females are winged, and larger than the workers; and swarming takes place in July or August. The ant is of an aggressive nature, attacking human beings viciously, but its bite is neither poisonous nor dangerous. The ant had apparently been introduced to the neighbourhood of the golf course, as food for pheasants—"ant eggs."

The advice given was as follows: Locate all sites of nests, and mark by stakes bearing small red flags; make a shallow channel, a spade in width, round each nest, spread powdered quicklime in this channel to depth of one inch; water lime till pasty and semi-fluid; stir up nests with fork and loosen it, making fork ant-proof by tying a tuft of cotton wool around base of handle (a useful tip); pour carbon bisulphide over top of nests— one quart to each large nest, and cover with sand. Avoid breathing fumes of chemical, which are very unpleasant but not dangerous, but mind with fire are very inflammable.

"The carbon bisulphide method," adds Mr. Ernest Crabbe, the advisor, "is absolutely effectual if properly done, and on visiting the nests the second or third day it should be found that the ants are all dead. Then the nests can be cleared away or burnt." The present time of year (April) is undoubtedly the best for carrying out this work, the effect being to cut off the next broods of fertile queens which otherwise would appear in the early summer.

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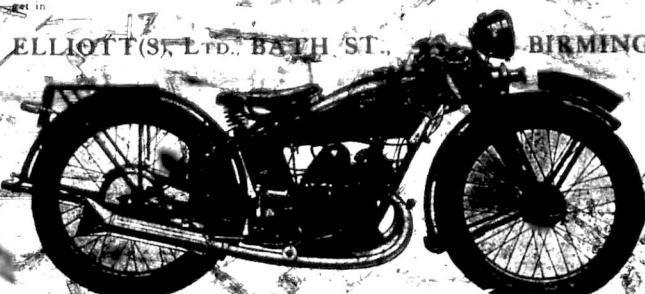
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THE LIFE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

From the "Daily Telegraph."

Recently a small car was sent up from Cape Town to the highlands of the Orange Free State to see what could be done to make the country accessible to the people and to mechanise agriculture. The result is that a car can get through in the high Koonas area which will be beaten down in the small hours of the morning by the drovers, who in the tradition of an ancient right may even be allowed to sleep in the same mist. Travelling with the mail, it is at the last moment stopped in the dark because

the same road of the development has been cut and burnt, well over £1,000 worth of agricultural buildings has been set fire to. At present there are but three motors among the 2,000,000 cattle, and the same numberless huts which could be driven over acres away across the steppes. The failure of the steam train to pass from Cape Town to the interior has stopped the way to development, and while much attention is given to the roads the last efforts had to be concentrated on the railways regarding progress. In general, however, crops from the forthcoming long rains are hoped for a good season.

As an aid to the mechanised farmers, a local garage has inaugurated a new and novel service, namely, free service every month on each vehicle term, and minor repairs done on the spot. This saves a tremendous amount of time and has certainly acted as a great fillip to would-be buying owners.

Locusta.

This district was recently visited by large swarms of locusts, which flew round and round the sky devouring everything in their wake. It was noted very early that these flying pests came during the sowing season, instead of the harvesting period, otherwise the damage might have been disastrous. The peasants of the district, including some of the older Natives, declare this to be the worst swarm within their memory. It is presumed that this swarm flew down from the Northern Frontier district on account of the long drought prevailing there. Great effort was shown by the local farmers, who apparently had knowledge of the nocturnal habits of the locust. Waiting until dusk, when all the locusts were squatting on the ground, he immediately sent the verds in all directions, and as the locust will not fly at night millions were crushed alive. Next morning these were all collected (one four-wagon load), and bags of locust meat were for sale. A prominent South African farmer stated that these locusts were not so numerous, big, or hungry as they are in South Africa; it is a peculiar thing that those locusts will not touch coffee leaves.

Wild Dogs and Lions.

An interesting episode was witnessed a short while ago by the occupants of a car stuck all night in the sand of the main Nandu road about ten miles from Nandu. They saw a pack of wild dogs pull a balloon out of the bush, and after pulling it along the road while it was still attached to a tree, a little further along the same road two wild dogs attacked a Native, who had come to investigate. It is believed that this district is the home of two other lions, but they are the sheepmen's enemies, and they are exterminated as quickly as possible.

While into the subject, we may mention a recently started English newspaper, the "Cape Times," of which James H. Dyer is the editor. At the time when the paper was founded especially named

as one of the best in the country, it is now the best in the world. The editor is a man of great ability, and the paper is well worth reading. The example of the Cape Times is followed by many others.

WATER VEHICLE.

Water vehicles are the latest creation of engineering, consisting of motor boats with screw propellers.

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NYASALAND PLANTERS' OPINION.

The Native Affairs Current Report.

The current quarterly report of the Nyasaland Planters' Association, which gives the present maintenance of the colony, says: "It is from the day on or before which planters can at any time suffer the Association to become moribund, they will have to relate to the goodwill of the other and the producer elements of the general public and will have only themselves to blame if their interests are not properly represented."

Nyasaland's Black Policy.

The Executive makes the following statement on policy:

It appears that a determined effort is being made to turn Nyasaland into a black country, a country such as the West African territories where the European planter is absent, and that a certain amount of propaganda is being indulged in. Such a policy is, in the opinion of your Executive, disastrous, and it urges all members to support the Executive in fighting it tooth and nail.

Never has a statement been made at the present moment by the Executive that all members should stand stoutly shoulder to shoulder by your Executive. In support of this conclusion we have gathered from the Press that, in solemn conflux assembled, seven members of the Chamber of Agriculture and Commerce recently passed a resolution that:

"It is impossible for the Colonial Office to divest itself in any manner in favour of a local European population of its declared trust on behalf of the Natives of these territories, and that any suggestion of an elected local European majority on any local or federal legislature is inconsistent with such trust."

As our Transatlantic cousins might say, "that was some mouthful." Whilst considering it preferable to remain from expressing opinions on such abstruse matters as those relating to the question of elected majorities on legislatures in tropical African territories, your Executive is constrained to remark that this resolution strikes it as being entirely unnecessary at the present juncture (*i.e.*, when the arrival of the Harrow Commission is imminent) and likely, if it were general opinion, to which may God forbid prejudicially affect the interest of the country in any negotiations that it may enter into in regard to federation.

Presumably it is the result of cogitation on the part of the thinking members of the Colony, of whom one has read in the Press, "who are not afraid to express their opinions." Your Executive begs you to be so kind as to suggest that it also occasionally indulges in bouts of thinking; most certainly it is not afraid to express its opinions. It conveys to the candid notice of the Blantyre Town Council, therefore, a suggestion that several duplicates of Monsieur Rodin's celebrated sculpture entitled "The Thinker" be procured from Paris and placed at some suitable spot in Victoria Avenue, or elsewhere in the town, and that a inscription from Mr. Rudyard Kipling's "Road Song of the Bazaar King" be supercribed thereon in the letters, as follows:

"There are some who are braver than I,
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Short Points.

An interesting little note is that Nyasaland has some 900 motor cycles, compared with 200 in Northern Rhodesia, 300 in Greece, and 500 in Turkey. It should be remembered that in Nyasaland motor cycles are made entirely by British manufacturers. The comparative value of the Nyasaland planter to Empire trade will be realized when it is in danger of being overlooked.

Members are reminded that the Rev. H. G. Smith, *wick*, head of the Blantyre Mission, is about to retire, and are invited to contribute to a fund started for the purpose after his departure, in honour to one who has spent a lifetime in the country to which he has given love and devoted service.

The quarterly reports will be gathered in a lively document, this having some of the characteristics of the *Red Book*.

THE NATIVE IN EAST AFRICA.

Mr. L. E. de Villiers, Mr. J. C. L. Coetzee, and other members of the Commission on Native Labour arrived in Cape Town last week from the completion of their investigations. Mr. W. R. T. Jones, Correspondent of the *Charrman* and *Standard*, was present.

The most striking impression received in every British territory from Kenya to the Cape is the unanimous effort being made to establish Native policy on a pro basis. The older communities are seeking to remedy past mistakes, the younger communities to avoid future mistakes. Methods differ with conditions, but the intention everywhere is the same, to recognize the Native as a partner in society and train him to exercise his partnership. Everywhere too, we find it held that the basis of native welfare is a guarantee of sufficiency of land.

At the end of last week Sir G. S. Hilton Young and the other members of the Commission left Cape Town for England in the "Armadale Castle."

POWER FROM THE VICTORIA FALLS.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Northern Rhodesia announced in the Legislative Council last week that the Government was very willing to consider any offer for the development of the power of the Victoria Falls, and that the Governor proposed to consult with Colonel Franklin during his visit as to the best means of making widely known the fact that the water resources were available for use. The concession previously granted to the Victoria Falls Power Company had not been registered, and the Administration considered it useful liberty to consider any proposal made.



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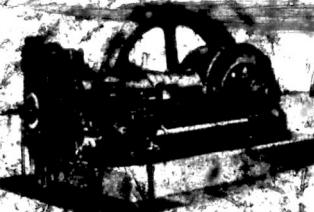
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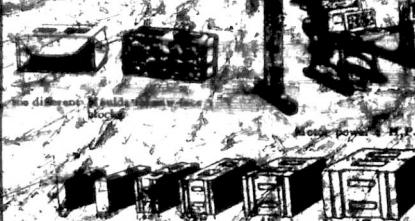
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TWO EAST AFRICAN COTTON REPORTS

From the Commercial Secretary, British East Africa

Africa. — The cotton weather has been generally favorable, particularly during the month of December, when the rainfall was above normal. The cotton crop will be more than sufficient to meet requirements. The maize crop is said to be good.

Uganda. — The maize crop estimate remains unchanged, as appears from the latest figures, and the quality is above average for year's crop.

Tanganica. — Fertilizer conditions continue quite favorable and maize yields suffered from the lack of available labour. The maize situation during the season can be reported unsatisfactory and usual plantings being difficult in satisfying requirements.

Rwanda. — Business conditions have been quite normal and the country is not now hopeful of any inadequacies. Similarly for this same reason, maize of the land prepared for cultivation has not been planted, and the yield would therefore expect to be much smaller than that last year.

Southern and Northern Rhodesia. — During December and January trading conditions generally were satisfactory and in February they were also not below normal. While most car sales generally have fallen off slightly, one or two dealers in the Bulawayo area report favorable business in the last few weeks. Considerable activity is taking place in the shipping trades, both rail and road, during December and January, but with the rains in February were dry and crop operations are apparently affected in certain areas.

Zambia. — Crop arrivals and sales activity and the price of maize, cassava, beans, however, are considerably below normality at present time, but not due to actual shortage caused in view of the poor acreage. The cotton forecast crop is expected to yield about 100,000 to 150,000 bales. The cotton market has been fairly active as a steady demand for tea seeds over the Medium term.

The African Society of British East Africa and Uganda.

Kenya. — Business conditions are fairly steady, but hardly throughout all the country, the steady long rains are due and at these do not help. Long rains are due and at these do not help. Some soon the year's crops will be harvested, and if they realize market full prices may be obtained. The harvesting of last season's maize is progressing satisfactorily and probably a good yield can be expected. The maize crop is

estimated to be about 1,000,000 bushels, and the

maize flour output is estimated to be approximately 100,000 bushels per month. The estimated total maize production for the year is expected to be 1,500,000 bushels and the estimated total maize flour output for the year is expected to be 150,000 bushels. The maize crop will be more than sufficient to meet requirements. The maize crop will be more than sufficient to meet requirements.

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Rwanda. — Business conditions remain normal, even though small during April, a significant harvest crop from the maize. The quantity of maize and cassava harvested is estimated to be 100,000 bushels. The conditions are favorable and indications point to an increased output. The value of imports into Rwanda during January and February 1938 was £1,000,000 for the corresponding period last year.

Zambia. — The business are still not as active as before, but are moving slowly. The lack of rain is delaying planting in most districts.

Uganda. — The general cotton crop will probably be reduced largely. This has been a considerable reduction in output by means of late and

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Considerable building activity will continue in Kampala.

Mauritius has now more than 2,000 acres under tobacco cultivation.

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Five rights of occupancy in the Luperland area of Tanganyika were recently sold by public auction.

2,562 tons of cement were cleared for home consumption in Kenya and Uganda during November last.

Four South African Air Force officers accompanied the R.A.F. flight on its return from the Cape to Khartoum.

The Government of Uganda has, we hear, appointed a Coffee Board, as recently forecasted in these pages.

The next session of the Convention of Association of Kenya will meet in Nairobi on Monday, May 23, and subsequent days.

The Government of Kenya advertises for an Assistant Architect, between thirty and thirty-five years of age, at a salary of £150 per annum.

Uganda recently experienced 157 inches of rain within three days, and practically all the fall was concentrated within a period of fifty-four hours.

1,547 immigrants have entered Southern Rhodesia during the first three months of this year, this record being 200 more than for the corresponding quarter of 1925.

The London offices of the Kenya Agency said yesterday that, due to the difficulties in finding suitable staff, the office is now situated in Paddington, London.

Imports into Nyasaland during the first quarter included iron and steel, manufactured iron and machinery, £3,000, cotton manufactures, £1,000, and railway rolling stock, £1,000.

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Imports into Kenya and Uganda during the first quarter of 1926, £1,200,000, included Matched, £1,000,000; Agricultural implements, £100,000; packages, cotton piece goods, £100,000; and steel, £100,000.

A White paper, dated Feb. 19, 1926, has been issued on the subjects of the Southern Rhodesian Native Juveniles Employment Act, 1926, and the Southern Rhodesian Native Affairs Act, 1927.

Special study courses in malaria, arranged by the Health Section of the League of Nations for the benefit of medical men who have specialised, or desire to specialise, in malariology, are being held during the spring and summer in London, Hamburg, Paris and Rome.

A newly established firm in Nairobi is anxious to secure the representation for Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika of an insurance company. Any company interested can secure further particulars on application to the Department of Overseas Trade, 3, Old Queen Street, London, S.W.1, on quoting reference No. 323.

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The Report of the East African Currency Board for the year ended June 30, 1925, states that the total cost of redeeming the German heller coinage was £57,200, and that the 10-shilling note remains so popular in East Africa that notes of this denomination to the value of £402,500 were in circulation at the end of the period under review. The total of all currency in circulation was £5,162,500.

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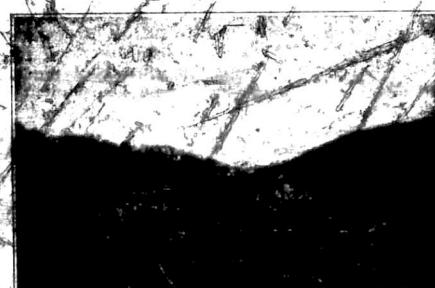
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Maize.—For No. 1 white flax East African 38s. 6d. has been quoted, but no business is reported.

Sisal.—The market continues quiet, the value of East African remaining unchanged at about £2 15s.

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