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Municipal Committee.

The following members attended this week's meeting of the Municipal Committee which was held on Tuesday at 2 p.m., at the Veterinary Dispensary, Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Beaton, Espie, Hunter, Newland, Notley, Ribeiro, Stordy, Tannahill, F. G. Hamilton (chairman) and Mr. J. Watson (town clerk).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been passed, the usual series of new building plans which had been submitted, were considered and disposed of, a number being passed subject to the carrying out of the committee's recommendations as to adequate latrine accommodation being provided. This section of the day's agenda occupied a rather shorter period than is usual and procedure was made with the subject of

THE BURIAL OF NATIVES.

The chairman first read a communication from the Secretariat on the subject intimating that the establishment of a crematorium was considered satisfactory, and inviting the opinion of the committee as to a suitable site, and further that the expenses in connection with the use of the building should be charged up to municipal funds.

A discussion arose as to the price of wood and the quantity required for a cremation. Mr Newland and others stated that wattle was a satisfactory wood for the purpose, and the cost of Rs. 10 or perhaps Rs. 10 to Rs. 12 (per head) was not considered an excessive estimate. Mr Wood stated that he understood from the evidence of the District Commissioner and other gentlemen obtained by him some years ago that the natives might have objections to such disposal of their dead and there was a possibility, as formerly, of something in the nature of a fracas arising over the matter. The probable view of the Mohammedans was commented upon, and Mr. Espie remarked that he supposed that it would be allowed that friends of the dead should be permitted to take the body and bury it if they wished. This would, as at present, be permitted. Mr. Wood moved that the consideration of the question be left until the Committee became a responsible body. The discussion, howevrr, continued and the same gentleman was of opinion that a few bones, etc. lying about the old burying ground looked somewhat objectionable possibly, but that the new area now being used was quite satisfactory. About this point Mr. Stordy interjected "Do we [illegible] the dead?" and a reply came from Mr. Barnes "Well we put the corpse away."

The chairman considered the present method of burying was satisfactory (in the new burying ground) and Mr. Allen also agreed a similar opinion and that it was inexpensive while the proposed method would mean an additional expense of about Rs. 10 a head. A letter to be sent to the Secretariat in line with this view was eventually decided upon.

SLAUGHTER HOUSE—GRUESOME DISCUSSION.

The next matter brought forward was the condition of the slaughter house, a letter from Nyama, Ltd., being read. This asserted that there had been no competition of the slaughter house, in which the Town Clerk had ascertained by correspondence they were intending in due course to kill pigs to an extent of about 100 a month. A roof was required, and tackle; Mr Stordy also spoke of other necessities. The Town Clerk said that Mr. Ridout (Town Engineer) had informed him that the erection of a new building for the purpose might be estimated at Rs. 200, it having been mooted as advisable that a site separate from the present one was preferable. Mr. Allen, in this connection, spoke of the unpleasantness of spectacles he had witnessed recently. On a Saturday morning at the hour of 6-55 a.m. and again at 9-30 he had witnessed the killing of sheep outside the slaughter house enclosure. Was it reasonable that this should go on? One sheep was in the hands of a native who was endeavouring to and at length succeeded in, cutting off its head with a panga! He did not know if it had been properly tackled in the usual way. He had also seen a native commencing to skin a sheep there when it was not evident that the animal was actually dead. Mr. Notley asked what was the meat inspector doing. Mr. Stordy said that the slaughter house was big enough, the Town Clerk mentioning however that there was congestion at times. On Mr. Allen's suggestion, the subject was adjourned for the afternoon, Mr. Tannahill and the Town Engineer being asked to report to the Committee on the matter.

THE EUROPEAN CEMETERY.

A letter from Mrs. Stevens of the League of Mercy was read stating that plants in the European cemetery suffer from a lack of water and that provision of water would improve the appearance of these. Mr. Hunter was asked to roughly estimate the cost of laying on water to the cemetery and replied about Rs. 100. Some humour was raised in discussing the details of the scheme members agreeing that it ought to be done. The chairman finally put forward a resolution (in the first place) that water be laid on to the cemetery. Carried unanimously.

LICENCES AND OTHER MATTERS.

Matters concerning the Jeevanjee market were next briefly considered, and the Committee passed on to the matter of licensing shops in the sanitary lane of the Indian Bazaar. The Town Clerk referring to the Township Rules said that in accordance with these a license was now granted for one year he asked that the rule in question be altered so that he might grant a license for six months, present licenses expiring on December 31st. Discussions as to the legal position and as to the fairness of short licenses to traders were fully gone into. Mr. Newland upheld the contention that three months was a sufficient period to grant in this case. Mr. Notley seconded by Mr. Stordy moved that the rule be amended to permit the Town Clerk to grant licenses for six months. Eight members supported the resolution and the amendment of three months licenses was lost.

FIRE RULES.

Letters from Johannesburg and Pretoria as to by-laws concerning breaking into buildings at a time of fire were next quoted by the Town Clerk. The Pretoria by-laws permitted the entering and use of premises adjoining a fire with "as little damage as possible" being done to the same, but the Johannesburg rule was more comprehensive allowing if considered necessary the pulling down and general demolishment of adjoining premises. The question was as to whether the Township Rules should be allowed to remain so that in the event of damage in neighbouring premises at a time of fire the Municipality should be responsible. Mr. Wood quoted an instance of a fire in Nairobi whereat adjoining premises "were pulled down which were—still—." The sentence was promptly finished for him by the words "still standing" (laughter). Mr. Notley amused the meeting also by taking a firm stand that if the Municipality were directly responsible in the event of fire for damage necessarily done orders would have to be given to do nothing. "Let it burn." Mr. Espie brought forward the suggestion that it would be as well for the Town Clerk to write Home to London and other large cities to find out what was done there. Mr. Wood having mentioned that the matter had constantly to be dealt with in London. Mr. Notley asked if it were the opinion of the Committee there should be no rules on the matter in the meantime. Mr Watson suggested that the Pretoria rule, "may enter . . . doing as little damage as possible" should be adopted and it was agreed to adopt this in the codification of the Township Rules while enquiries went forward (to Home).

ROADS AND SANITATION.

Mr. Barnes drew the Committee's attention to the condition of Sixth Avenue where it is joined by Hardinge Street and also at Eliot Street. There is a most inconvenient depression, or almost shallow ditch at each point.

Mr. Beaton spoke of a letter from a medical practitioner received by the Town Clerk concerning the insanitary condition of premises near those of Mr. Camowa, Victoria Street. It was agreed to deal with this at the next meeting.

MUNICIPAL CATTLE AND ANTHRAX.

Mr. Stordy briefly announced there were no further deaths among the municipal cattle from anthrax, a slight delay was occurring as to fencing in the area on which they were kept owing to non-arrival of posts, expected shortly; the cattle were being watered from troughs and not allowed to go to the river. Mr. Wood raised a point as to the connections with others of the M'sara Road (the "Switchback"). This was also deferred, and the meeting rose at 4-15 p.m.

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[illegible] British East Africa is becoming a refuge for all our legislative [illegible] felicity is less than the [illegible] [illegible] This question has been put to [illegible] London Newspaper Service. Judging [illegible] what we hear the [illegible] the apparently affirmative.

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[illegible] book on Divorce Mr. [illegible] Kitchin [illegible] scholar of Trinity, [illegible] problem in which [illegible] study of law and [illegible] those who admin[illegible] and all those who wish [illegible] knowledge of the sub[illegible] bearings as divorce [illegible] well advised [illegible] they [illegible] petition is filed [illegible] reasons [illegible] heard in London [illegible]

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[illegible] diversity of laws and [illegible] regarding divorce in [illegible] degree of [illegible] in the light of history [illegible] common elements [illegible] that substantially the same [illegible] at work in their evolution [illegible] Mr. Kitchin, and he proceeds to ex[illegible] from this diversity came about and deduces from the facts of history the tendencies of thought and legislation in order to ascertain the principles which, according to the teaching of history, ought to be [illegible] modern legislation on the sub[illegible] As this country will some day be [illegible] own laws on divorce it might be as well for me to extend my invitation to study this book to our would be legislators.

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Roman divorce is first dealt with upon which Justin, Novel 140, remarked "If marriages are made by mutual affection, it is only right that when that affection no longer exists they should be dissoluble by mutual consent." Leo, in Novel 111, says, however, that: "It is said that by marriage the two become one flesh, and that each member ought to suffer all the diseases of the other, and the divine precept is that those whom God has joined should not be separated. These are excellent and indeed divine words, seeing that they were pronounced by God himself. But they are not in point here, nor are they cited in accordance with the intention of their divine Author. For if marriage always remained in the same condition as it was when it began, whoever separated himself from it would indeed be wicked and would not escape censure."

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The sages of the ages have written a good deal about divorce and their conclusions are as interesting as they are diverse. Space forbids further quotations. The foregoing from the Romans are selected because Mr. Bryce said "the Romans built up the marriage laws of the civilised world." The subsequent history of divorce is important to-day in view of the unrest and dissatisfaction in conjugal matters among the nations, for as William Morris remarked: "It is mostly in periods of turmoil, strife and confusion that people are much about [illegible]"

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In [illegible] England before the Reformation [illegible] that of the rest of Western Europe. The Canon law introduced by William I. displacing the ancient customs. Before the Norman conquest divorce had been freely allowed to either party both by the English Kings and the English Church. By the Penitential of Theodore, who was Archbishop of Canterbury from 668 to 690 A.D., marriages were declared to be dissoluble either by mutual consent or on the grounds of desertion, adultery, impotence, relationship, long absence and captivity.

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To-day there are three entirely different divorce laws in force in the United Kingdom. In Ireland divorce is only obtainable by a private Act of the Imperial Parliament after a judicial separation has been obtained in the Supreme Court of Ireland. In Scotland either party may obtain a divorce on the ground of desertion or adultery. Lord Lyndhurst once asked "Why should Scotland be just and generous to women in this respect and England cold, unfeeling, barbarous?" In England divorce is only obtained on the ground of adultery, with the [illegible] is placed, of proving some additional offence, which is in itself in other countries a sufficient ground [illegible]

[illegible] Empire there [illegible] divorce laws. In [illegible] United Kingdom, [illegible] some of the [illegible] Roman-Dutch law [illegible] was at a certain [illegible] while in the [illegible] Empire divorce by [illegible] where the [illegible] beliefs. In [illegible] Empire there is no [illegible] tribunal with jurisdiction [illegible] reason for this [illegible]

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In the British dominions the colonists took with them [illegible] emigrating the English law as it happened to be at the time of the foundation of the various colonies, and that law has remained the law of England at some period of its history has been proclaimed to be in force. The early Governors and legislative bodies were not allowed to pass laws which were repugnant to the law of England.

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Early in the [illegible] century it became the rule to insert in the Governor's commission a clause saying that he was not to give his assent to any Bill that may be passed by the [illegible] and assembly for the divorce of persons joined together in holy matrimony. This clause was inserted in the commission of the Governor of Ceylon in 1831, of Newfoundland in 1832 and [illegible] about the same time. It was [illegible] inserted in the Commissions of the Governors-General of Canada until 1878 when it was discontinued owing to strong representations made by the then Minister of Justice that such power was in conflict with the constitutional privileges of the Dominion. In the other Colonies, however, divorce legislation continued to be reserved by the Governors in accordance with their commissions until quite recently, having been exercised in the case of New Zealand as late as 1907.

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Here in British East Africa, and in Uganda, Nyasaland and West Africa, a law based upon the English Act is in force, but the jurisdiction of the local courts is restricted to cases in which either the marriage or the matrimonial offence has taken place within these Protectorates. Britishers have by colonisation in effect lost their national right of divorce in the place of their origin, and, where the local laws do not admit of divorce, or only in circumstances which may not cover their particular case, it does not appear that they can obtain divorce at all except possibly by a special Act of the Imperial Parliament or by abandoning their domicile or nationality.

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The dominating spirit of all the divorce legislation which Britain has granted to the Crown Colonies, and we are virtually a Crown Colony, is that of the Canon law, with its fictions of the indissolubility of marriage and of the absolute identity of husband and wife, the husband being regarded as the "head."

This subject has carried me further than intended and I am told to leave it, because it is uninteresting. Should any of my Colonists here be in conjugal difficulties may as well close my discourse by referring them to Burge 2nd ed. 1 193 and Halsbury III 878-892. I hope however that none of our home rule settlers are contemplating divorce. If they are, my advice is the same as Mr. Punch's.

ARAMIS.

Letters to the Editor.

The Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by his correspondents.

Motorists and Pedestrians.

To the Editor, E. A. Standard, Nairobi.

Sir,—May I be allowed through the medium of your valuable paper to voice a few words on the disgraceful way in which some motor cars driven by novices are allowed to go about wildly among people without anything being done to stop it.

After leaving the Theatre Royal last night and walking along Government Road, I narrowly missed being knocked down by a car which passed me by inches only. It did not give any warning of its approach, and was on the wrong side, if I had not stepped back quickly, I don't suppose I should be writing this now. Surely something ought to be done to stop these road hogs taking complete command of the thoroughfares. The novelty of driving a car evidently surpasses their regard for human life.

Yours, etc.,
PEDESTRIAN.

Nairobi, Nov. 18th.

Answers to Correspondents.

Dora Rosetti.—We cannot publish your contribution. Although we recognise the exceptional interest of your jottings we do not [illegible] encourage tittle tattle in a town which has a tendency to become notorious for [illegible]

A. B. [illegible] S.—We are making enquiries.

Standard Notes.

Prince William of Sweden to whom reference was made in Tuesday's cables, has engaged [illegible] Messrs. Newland, Tarlton and Co. Ltd. [illegible] on safari in B.E.A. His Highness will arrive towards the middle of January. Naturally his hunter will be that famous [illegible] J. Cunninghame, F.Z.S.

A good many cases of native and Somali [illegible] have of late occupied the attention of the town Magistrate. These squabbles among the coloured population appear to be becoming increasingly common and as they are a direct menace to the peace of the whole community should be firmly taken in hand. We are glad to observe that the police are particularly active in arresting offenders and no doubt a few salutary sentences will have a beneficial effect upon the culprits and serve as a wholesome warning to potential offenders.

With reference to our correspondent's strictures upon the indiscriminate fashion in which motor cars are driven in and around the town a report reaches us of another incident in which an accident was narrowly avoided. Two cyclists were wheeling down Whitehouse Road and just before coming to the railway crossing observed the head lights of a motor car on the right side of the road. The cyclists thinking the driver would, according to the rules of the road, make for his left kept to their left with the result that the foremost of them just missed the bonnet of the oncoming car by a hair's breadth, the second man preferring to negotiate the ditch to charging the car. We think it is time some severe restrictions were imposed upon those foolhardy and careless drivers who render the safety of the public an insecure and doubtful quantity.

Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. Hayes Sadler, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Windward Islands, who has been in England on leave of absence, left with Lady Hayes Sadler by the R.M.S.P. *Oruba* in mail week to resume his official duties, which since he left Grenada have devolved upon Mr. Edward Drayton, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary. Sir James, after leaving the Army, entered the diplomatic service, and before he received his present appointment, which is worth £2,500 a year, he was for eleven years in British East Africa, first as Consul-General of the Somali Protectorate, next as Commissioner of Uganda, and finally as Governor of East African Protectorate. In 1902 he was rewarded with the C.B. and given the Coronation medal for his services, and was decorated with the K.C.M.G. in 1907.

Reuter's Cables.

Home Rule.

CABINET CONSIDERING PROPOSALS.

LONDON, Tuesday.

The "Daily News" says there is no foundation for the statement of "the Times" that the Government will exclude Ulster for a definite number of years without any option at the conclusion thereof and impose an additional burden on the English taxpayers. It declares that no such proposal will be made and denies the existence of any such proposal in the past. There will, indeed, be no surrender on the fundamentals of the Home Rule Bill, one of the essentials of which is the unity of Ireland. In referring to the matter the "Daily Chronicle" is equally emphatic.

The "Daily Telegraph" is officially informed, it states, that the Cabinet has not yet arrived at a decision on the subject of the proposals to be made. The Opposition leaders, moreover, have up to the present received no communication in the matter.

France.

THE GOLD ROBBERY.

LONDON, Tuesday.

The Parisian gold robbery was exaggerated; only two ingots of gold were stolen. Their value was £1,840 together.

South Africa.

The Indian Question.

A FATAL FLOGGING.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Telegrams from Durban to the British Indian Committee in London show that the situation is getting very serious. The main difficulty in the way is the feeding and keeping in order of increasing numbers of Indians [illegible] every house, and the active intervention of the Imperial and Indian Governments is said to be necessary lest greater hardships ensue. There has already been one death of an Indian as the result of flogging.

The evening papers on Tuesday all had editorials on the subject and dwelt on the extreme gravity of the position in Natal. There was a likelihood of serious unrest in India unless the trouble was quickly ended. All realised the fear of the white population of South Africa, who were determined to maintain the European standard of living, but they urged the imperativeness for the speediest remedy to the present position. The Westminster Gazette laid emphasis upon the grave concern the matter had for the Imperial Government and said India will never believe that the Imperial Government is unable to cope with the situation.

Mexico.

A BLOCKADE EXPECTED.

LONDON, Wednesday.

From Mexico it is reported that a blockade is expected on the part of the United States in a few days. The German Minister in Mexico City has requested German merchants there to submit their inventories in view of the possibility suggested. President Huerta is still conducting business in the Palace and the organisation of the Congress has been completed. Meanwhile the rebels at Juarez threaten to seize the country and the North-Western Railroad which is Canadian owned, unless the officials repair and operate the line. General Carranza intends to control the oilfields and collect the revenues accruing therefrom. The Constitutionalists have executed some twenty Federal officers and have captured the town of Juarez. This proceeding has rather disconcerted the United States officials and has raised doubts as to the expediency of assisting the rebels.

Boxing.

A CURIOUS DECISION.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Reuter's correspondent in Boston, U.S.A., states that Gunboat Smith was awarded the decision over Langford in a boxing contest there, after going twelve rounds. In the early rounds Smith took the aggressive, Langford making no serious defence, but Smith weakened as the match proceeded, and the negro belaboured Smith with both right and left. At the finish Smith looked absolutely done up, while his opponent was quite fresh. Many spectators were surprised at the decision, and the referee was the recipient of antagonistic expressions of opinion.

East to West.

Attorney-General Leaving.

APPOINTMENT IN NIGERIA.

We learn that the Hon. Mr. Ralph Molyneaux Combe, Attorney General for the East Africa Protectorate, has been appointed to a similar position in Nigeria. He joined the East African service in August 1905, and has therefore been here eight years, during which period he has gained the respect and esteem of his colleagues and the public generally. He will be greatly missed in this Protectorate, for he has undoubtedly worked hard in the effort to place our legal affairs on a sound basis, and by his aid many Ordinances have been placed on the Judicial Code of this Protectorate. The position of Attorney General in B. E. A. is undoubtedly a hard and difficult one, for where East meets West there must be an overlapping of ideas, as seen in the English Law and the Indian Code. Mr. Combe is a barrister-at-law of the Inner Temple, and was educated at Haileybury College, and Exeter College, Oxford.

Exciting Nairobi Incident.

MOTOR CAR OVERTURNS.

Early on Wednesday evening a motor-car belonging to Mr. J. Elkington and driven by the owner was turning the corner at Mackinnon's into 6th Avenue when, for some unknown reason it overturned and fell on its side. Fortunately none of the occupants were injured although the shock must have been very severe.

It is probable that the car took the corner too fast and overbalanced with the impetus.

A Notable Safari.

After his recent exploration trip to German East Africa, Mr. Stewart E. White, the American novelist, proceeded to Mount Kenia on the Embu side of the mountain, and shot his first elephant. Some thirty elephants were seen during the trip, but they were for the most part calves and young ones, only three bulls of any consequence being noticed. The fine bull which was killed in one shot, evidently very neatly, was despatched on the edge of the forest at a distance of only twelve yards, the monster being totally unaware of the presence of the two hunters, Mr. White being accompanied by the famous "R.J." who we hear will take out Prince William of Sweden on his arrival early in the new year.

Mr. White speaks very highly of his trip, arranged under the auspices of Messrs. Newland, Tarlton and Company, Ltd. and was seen on Wednesday afternoon surveying his trophies in that firm's stores. Alongside the two fine tusks of ivory, weighing 57½ lbs and 54 lbs., was a heap of heads and horns, comprising six lions, a buffalo, bushbuck (sing sing), etc. Mr. White has accounted for twenty lions in all, one included in the present bag being a fine black-maned lion. This gentleman is now preparing to return to his home in California, proceeding via England by the D.O.A.L. s.s. "General."

Local Cricket.

Playing at Parklands, on Saturday last, the home team secured an easy victory over a weak team put in the field by the Y.M.C.A. several of whose best men were engaged in a tennis match arranged for the same afternoon.

The Y.M.C.A. could only total 34 against Parklands, who thereafter proceeded to make merry with the bowling to the tune of 233 for 8 wickets. For the winners, Thornton (79) and Mason (100) put on 141 for the 7th wicket, when Mason retired, having reached the century. These two players hit very hard and often, Thornton hitting six fours in one over. For the losers, Jolley was the best bowler, taking four wickets for 39.

British East Africa Corporation.

An extraordinary general meeting of the British East Africa Corporation, Limited, was held in mail week, at Gresham House, Old Broad street, E.C., for the purpose of approving an extraordinary resolution, having for its object the alteration of the articles of association.—Mr. L. B. Philipps, who presided, said he did not think it necessary to add anything more to what he stated at their last meeting. The resolution proposed was simply to increase the number of directors and to fix their remuneration.—The resolution was agreed to.

The East African Agricultural Society.

A NEW NAIROBI BODY.

A public meeting, held at the Offices of the Agricultural Department yesterday afternoon resolved that a society should be formed to be known as The East African Agricultural Society.

About twenty-five well known Nairobi residents were present and, Mr. Macdonald was voted to the chair.

The name of the society, which is formed to control Agricultural Shows, Horse Shows, etc., in future, was decided upon, after a short discussion, the chairman remarking the title would cover all contingencies as to Horticultural Shows, etc., a general name being considered advisable.

Mr. Jameson was then elected as secretary (pro tem.) and it was next decided to appoint a small committee to submit proposed rules and regulations and other matters to a future public meeting. The following were then elected members of this committee the Hon. L. C. Hinde (Provincial Commissioner), Messrs. Beaton, Buckley, Capt. Cowie, Donnelly, Grant, Jameson (Sec.), Heyer, Mr. Hamilton (District Commissioner), and Notley. Power to add to their number was given.

Mr. Beaton then moved that the Honorary President and President be elected, proposing His Excellency as the former and the chairman in the latter capacity. Mr. Macdonald replied that he thought it much better that the position of President should be filled by a business man, inferring that in such a case a substantial yearly donation might be looked for, and the procuring of financial support better secured through such a medium.

Mr. Beaton held however that a business man would not be expected to know very much about agricultural matters, and that as the chairman was eminently suitable for the position on the grounds of his knowledge of the subject, he should therefore consent to be President for the first year.

It was considered, however, in the first place that patrons should be elected, and His Excellency the Governor and Lord Delamere were then proposed, the resolution being carried.

Mr. Macdonald accepted the position of chairman.

A number of other names including the Hon. Blake Taylor, Col. Owen Thomas, Mr. J. K. Hill and others were suggested to be asked to serve on the committee (general) besides the ten members already appointed and on the motion of Mr. Donnelly, the President or chairman of every other European association in the country.

The small elected committee was asked to report as to a suitable site for a show ground, on the question of subscription, and regulations, etc., their recommendations to be submitted at a public meeting to be held at a date to be announced later. The date of the first meeting of this committee was fixed for Thursday 27th inst., at 2-15 p.m. at the Agricultural Department's offices.

This closed the business of the meeting.

Funny Filming in B.E.A.

THE LATEST CINEMATOGRAPHIC ENTERPRISE.

Within recent years British East Africa has been the venue of much cinematographic activity, the big game which abounds in the country providing the camera man with subjects worthy of the expenditure of much time and trouble.

It has been left to Mr. Cherry Kearton, however, to deal with the humorous side of things within the Protectorate, and we learn that within the last few weeks, a series of funny films were secured; several well-known local artistes taking part in the proceedings.

The theme, so far as can be learned, in view of the secrecy with which the filming was conducted, deals with a party of amateur sportsmen whose efforts to "bag" certain of the big game for which our country is justly famed, are made the subjects of many ludicrous incidents, and the "sportsmen" are at last compelled to apply to a well-known local taxidermist for the heads and skins which they so much coveted and which their combined efforts failed to secure.

There is no doubt that the films will provide world-wide audiences with a good deal of healthy amusement, and whether or not they will be shown locally the future alone will tell. For the edification of local audiences we sincerely hope they will be.

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The Swahili Guest and its People.

BY MRS. ALICE WERNER OF NEWNHAM COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

(Delivered King's College, Oct. 23.)

"The Swahili Coast," as you are probably aware, is a tautological designation—"Swahili," being nothing more than the Bantutized pronunciation of the Arabic "Sawahil"—the broken plural of "Sahel," "Coast." The name is given to the strip of littoral extending from Warsheikh, in what is now Italian Somaliland to Cape Delgado southward.

The inhabitants of this coast-strip are called Wa-Swahili (sing. of M-Swahili) equal to "Men of the Coast." They are a mixed race, descended from Arabs and Persians who began to settle here in the eighth century and intermarried with various aboriginal tribes. As I have come across no mention of marriage on equal terms with any of these tribes—though possibly such may have taken place with the Somali—the mixture of blood was effected by means of slave-wives, brought in from the most diverse quarters. Abyssinians and Galla from the northern territories, Nubians from the Nile, and an overwhelming majority of Bantu from as far north as Nyasaland and as far west as the Upper Congo. To understand Swahili society one must remember that the children of slave-wives followed the status of the father and that no social distinctions are drawn between free men, though those whose descent is pure Arab on both sides are naturally disposed to value themselves upon it. I am bound to say, however, that I have never observed any trace of this in their attitude towards the negro neighbours, and I think a man who showed it to any marked extent would be looked upon with disfavour.

In the northern islands, where intercourse with the parent country was easier and immigration more frequent, the pure Arab type is much more prevalent than in the north. I have seen very good looking women at Lamu and on Siyu Island; but the good looks are not confined to the unmixed Arab families, as one sometimes sees very fine faces of a decided African type.

THE EARLIEST ARAB SETTLEMENT ON THIS COAST

seems to have been that at Pate, on the island of Siyu, founded in A.H. 69 (680 A.D.) during the reign of the Khalif Abd el-Malik bin Marwan, of Damascus. Little is known of its history during the next 500 years, except that its rulers came to be known by the title of Sultan. This was not invariably the case in these Arab colonies: Lamu, for instance, being an oligarchy, ruled by the "waazee" or "Mzee." In 1204 (A.H. 600), Sultan Ishak of Pate harboured a fugitive from Arabia—Suliman bin Sliman bin Mustafa, of the Nabhan family—gave him his daughter to wife, and named him as his successor. The Nabhans continued as rulers of Pate, and later of Witu, till within the last thirty years, and members of their home are still living at Lamu and elsewhere.

Sultan Ishak's son, a boy of six, was thus set aside from the succession, but he left descendants at Pate, one of whom—Twaim Omar—is now Sultan of Witu.

We have no time to follow the whole history of Pate, sufficient to say that this history is in great part made up of feuds with Lamu and that Sultan Muhammad bin Ahmad (1304-1344) subjugated the town of Faza, the neighbouring islands of Kiwayun and Manda and the coast of the mainland as far south as Mozambique, including the town of Malindi. The people of Manda were deported to Pate and compelled to build the town wall, wherefore they made a song, which is current to this day:

Tuli kweto Manda, twalitukitenda.
Yo tukitenziwa: twawatwa kwani?
Matupa tukuta watupatapata
Kutwa ni kuteta, hatuna usome.

"We were at home in Manda, we were doing
Now we are done to—how can we refuse?
They have given us the wall (to build),
which winds about and about (the city)
There is chiding all day long—we have no rest."

The Portuguese gained a footing at Pate during the reign of Mutammad bin Abubakar, in 1531.

It will be remembered that Vasco de Gama made the voyage round the Cape in 1498, touched at Mombasa—where he either had or fancied reason to suspect treachery—and sailed on to Malindi, where he erected a pillar which remains to this day. The Sultan of Malindi received him in very kindly fashion, as we may read in Camoens, who also relates—one hopes with considerable poetical licence—how he inflicted on him—in answer to the question who he was and whence he came—the whole history of Portugal from the time of Noah. The Portuguese expedition, on its India, (its real objective) but a year long before the chief points on the East African coast were visited, owing to the necessity of ports of call on the long voyage. By 1520 Kilwa, Zanzibar and Mombasa, Lamu, Malindi, Pate and Makdishu were all in the possession of the Portuguese. In 1505 they built a fort at Kilwa, the celebrated fort which is photographed by every tourist landing there. The inscription, cut on a stone over the gateway, states that it was erected in 1505 by the Capitao Mor Francisco Xeixas de Cabrera.

THE PORTUGUESE RETIRED TO THE COUNTRY

(handing over their dominions to the Sultan of Maskat) during the early part of the 18th century. Mombasa was abandoned (after several temporary occupations) in 1729. Besides the fort mentioned there is a ruined church, now time converted into a fort by the Emperor Rise Serano, and the remains of the Portuguese Jesuits' College. In Kilwa there is a railway bridge over the Mkuju River. No authentic Portuguese ruins can be seen at Pate, though at Siyu I saw the number of old tombs said to be those of the Portuguese, but there is no trace of inscriptions. There are extensive ruins in the coral rock due to probably enterprising treasure-seekers, the local elders show you the marks of their bars on the roof—all I can say is that I am not in a position to contradict them. I also say that the Portuguese made a causeway on which they brought cannon from the landing-place at the top of the creek to Pate town—which, in Chosin, Kilifi and many other places, is the head of a long winding fiord. There is a carved wooden pillar in the mosque, I did not see—not being invited to do so. I had been at Chosin and saw the pillar is one of a pair, the other being in private house at Lamu, where I unsuccessfully tried to photograph it. It was, as far as I can remember, a commonplace piece of Sheraton, which may or may not have been a Portuguese origin.

The Portuguese are usually called Swahili Wareno (literally Mzungu) and derived from "O reino" the kingdom. It is remarkable to note what an impression of arrogance and overbearing would have left in the minds of the people. "Proud as a Portuguese" (Mwenzi kama Portuguese) and "Vulgar as a jasmin as a Portuguese" are still proverbial sayings among them. So strong is the impression that the real meaning of the etymology of "wareno" is lost, and sometimes explained by educated Swahili as "an old Swahili word meaning people."

Pate is chiefly a mass of ruins. I fancy of any great age, the oldest of which the houses are built, later of weather rapidly. Parts of the Diwani are still standing, and the Kiza, or so called the Diwani—is in comparatively good preservation. Near it is a paved lane, between high walls, with seats on either side, which is called "ladies' barazas"; it is said that were forbidden to pass through it at certain hours of the day, when the women came here to take the air and gossip, the seclusion of women, except in some of the most exclusive Arab families, is a very seriously on the Swahili coast.

"The latest devastation seems to have been that caused by the wars between Mazrui and the Imams of Muscat, the afterwards Sultans of "Zanzibar." I have an important bearing on Pate affairs, especially those of Mombasa, may be well to give some account of it here.

DURING THE 17TH CENTURY

the chiefs of Maskat became very powerful—expelled the Portuguese from the Persian coast and began to make conquests on the coast of Africa. They occupied Lamu, say and Saif bin Sultan, of the Yerabi attacked and expelled the Portuguese Sultan of Mombasa, Zanzibar and Kilwa. In some temporary occupation, they had left the Portuguese, they had left the people of Mombasa without a governor and sent to send them a governor and a garrison. Maskat. The chief Governor was Mohammed bin Athman I Mazrui, who had his office in 1729. A few years later Imam Saif, having made himself very popular, was devoured by jealousy of his position by calling the Mazrui to assistance and hence the Mazrui Made Shah. After Saif's death, revolutions, the supreme power was

in Amed bin Said, who drove out the Persians and founded the dynasty of Said, to which the present Sultan of Muscat belongs. Mohammed bin Athman, said that he owed no allegiance to this Said, whom he considered a usurper, and declared himself independent. He was assassinated by order of Ahmad, but his brother Ali became Sultan of Mombasa, Said, and the family remained in power till 1837. In 1823, the Mazrui wished to place Mombasa under the protection and actually hoisted the British flag—but the Government of the day, having decided on the policy of supporting Maskat, disavowed the action of Captain Owen who had established a provisional Protectorate. Captain Owen is still remembered in tradition as "Awen"—and I have been told there are poems and songs of him, though I have been unable to find them. One of his officers, who died at Mombasa is commemorated in the name of Fort Reitz, one of the creeks which wind round behind the island. Seyyid Said of Zanzibar, who in 1832 had transferred the seat of his government to Zanzibar took possession in 1837 and having by false promises enticed the principal Mazrui chiefs on to a vessel, sent them to the Persian Gulf, where they died in prison. The rest of the family fled—some to Gosi in the Kisiwani to Takaungu in the Shimba Hills—they settled down quietly till the year of 1895 again brought them into prominence. (This I will not stipulate the number of old tombs said to be those of the Portuguese, but there is no trace of inscriptions. There are extensive ruins in the coral rock due to probably enterprising treasure-seekers, local elders show you the marks of their bars on the roof—all I can say is that I am not in a position to contradict them. I also say that the Portuguese made a causeway on which they brought cannon from the landing-place at the top of the creek to Pate town—which, in Chosin, Kilifi and many other places, is the head of a long winding fiord. There is a carved wooden pillar in the mosque. I did not see—not being invited to do so. I had been at Chosin and saw the pillar is one of a pair, the other being in private house at Lamu, where I unsuccessfully tried to photograph it. It was, as far as I can remember, a commonplace piece of Sheraton, which may or may not have been a Portuguese origin.

The Portuguese are usually called Swahili Wareno (literally Mzungu) and derived from "O reino" the kingdom. It is remarkable to note what an impression of arrogance and overbearing would have left in the minds of the people. "Proud as a Portuguese" (Mwenzi kama Portuguese) and "Vulgar as a jasmin as a Portuguese" are still proverbial sayings among them. So strong is the impression that the real meaning of the etymology of "wareno" is lost, and sometimes explained by educated Swahili as "an old Swahili word meaning people."

Pate is chiefly a mass of ruins. I fancy of any great age, the oldest of which the houses are built, later of weather rapidly. Parts of the Diwani are still standing, and the Kiza, or so called the Diwani—is in comparatively good preservation. Near it is a paved lane, between high walls, with seats on either side, which is called "ladies' barazas"; it is said that were forbidden to pass through it at certain hours of the day, when the women came here to take the air and gossip, the seclusion of women, except in some of the most exclusive Arab families, is a very seriously on the Swahili coast.

"The latest devastation seems to have been that caused by the wars between Mazrui and the Imams of Muscat, the afterwards Sultans of "Zanzibar." I have an important bearing on Pate affairs, especially those of Mombasa, may be well to give some account of it here.

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during chiefly constants, which were owned by the wealthy Arabs. The abolition of slavery ruined many of the people, who having little or no idea of looking for themselves—or of saving their hard-earned money, then gradually sold their lands and then lived off the proceeds as long as they could, "just eat" to use the expressive Swahili idiom. Everywhere one hears the lament of those who have seen better days. Royal descent, trying to eke out their diminished incomes by making the beautiful mats for which the town is famous and embroidery, skill-esque—an employment this last not disdained by gentlemen.

YOUNG MEN WHO CAN SCRAPE TOGETHER A FEW RUPEES

and buy a sewing-machine on the instalment system, make shirts and other garments posts, which, of course, are limited in number—nor is the pay high. But this state of things bids fair to right itself in time, and though I fear it is true that the Swahili as distinguished from most of the island tribes) are in some respect a decadent race, yet one finds sufficient intelligence, appreciation of enterprise and energy to give rise to the hope that they are profiting by the lessons of adversity.

Mambrui a few miles north of Malindi is another town formerly prosperous, but now, as the Swahili idiom has it "broken." It contains about 7 or 800 inhabitants, five mosques (counting one built and supported by a little handful of Indians) and one of four elementary schools, where little boys learn to read (and sometimes to write) the Arabic character and get the Koran by rote. There used also to be a girls' school, kept by the wife of a schoolmaster, but it seems to have come to an end when she died. There seem to be certain facilities for secondary education so to speak—that is, when a boy has finished the ordinary school course, he can, if he disposed and if his parents can afford the fees, "Kusoma Kitua," as it is called get the Koran explained, and read one or more of the compilations on it and other Arabic religious and legal works. There is quite a spirited flicking of scholars, both men and women, who have the 700 or 800 Arabic to read and write their own language in the Arabic character and having a fair acquaintance both with the Koran and the Moslem traditions and with Swahili literature

In spite of its decayed state, Mambrui is not without industries. Apart from agriculture, there is fishing and making, a certain amount of boat-building, net-making and weaving of nets and baskets. There are one or two oil-mills turned by camels, which seemed to me to lead a less miserable existence than East African camels generally. There is a considerable trade in cattle which are driven down from Kinowa to the Galla and bought. There are the Shehri butchers, for local consumption or sale to Mombasa, or by the Indians who supply Malindi with milk. There is also a good deal of retail trading, on a larger scale by the Indians, on a smaller by the Shehris, who sell tobacco, dates and so on to be poor women who hawk about mangoes and other fruit when in season and even supply fried fish to those without means or inclination to cook it for themselves.

Women come and offer fruit when supply fried fish to those without means or inclination to cook it for themselves.

I had wanted to say a few words about Swahili literature which, though derived in the first instance from Arab sources seems to me to have a vigorous life of its own, nourished by the old folk-traditions of the Bantu. All Bantu sing instinctively, their songs are rhythmic without being in our sense metrical.

The Swahili have so far assimilated a certain amount of Arabic metre as to give form and permanence to their improvisations (and they improve as readily and especially as Italians). With a slight sense of the songs, many of which (contrary to our accepted ideas) are perfectly unobjectionable. Longer poems, of a more literary character, are handed about in MS. and copied, or written down from oral recitation. Such are the Utendi wa Ayubu, the Utendi wa Mikidadi, the short poems attributed to Liongo Fumo, and many others.

Although the time of Tuesday's Municipal Committee meeting was largely occupied in discussing subjects of a distinctly gruesome nature, the members appear to be hardened to it. More than a suggestion of joviality at times characterized the remarks passed, and the tap of the chairman's hammer was heard resulting the meeting from an occasional tendency to relax into unproductive geniality to realize that serious business was to ward.

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The Usain Gishu.

QUESTION OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

WHY HE RESIGNED.

There is a great need for more medical assistance in our outlying districts, and the natives have suffered by when the settlers should look to the Government to lead the way in such a matter of vital importance. Up to the restricted limits of the Protectorate administration the officials are unable to tackle the question in its broad aspect and they claim to perform their duty if they merely meet the demands of their own circle of Government officers. Out of humanity they go further, but when necessary and their medical officers are tacitly discouraged, where no civil medical practitioner is available, to treat civil cases of illness. But the limit is reached, as we saw such as the Usain Gishu Plateau, where there is only the Government doctor in one thousand square miles of territory. The situation there is serious and there is evidently great need for the settlers to join together in drawing up a scheme whereby they shall contribute a private practitioner and assist Government not in assisting them to build a hospital in one of the centres of settlement, such as Eldoret or Sergoit. The farmers claim that an injustice has been done to the present district surgeon and their views are embodied below.

The history of medical affairs on the Usain Gishu is as follows. When Sir Percy Girouard was up on the Plateau in December, 1911, he authorized the formation of a District surgeon's post, suggesting that Dr. W. H. Heard be appointed to the position. The duties at that time were limited to visit Eldoret once a fortnight and merely to visit Eldoret one a fortnight, and attend the permanent officials, such as the District Commissioner, and one clerk, and one white policeman at Sergoit, and of course any police cases. He, however, found that the job is an absolute impossibility for any man unassisted, and seeing that the country is not developed there is no paying proposition there for a private practitioner to take up even to develop at the present time. It seems that Dr. Heard was encouraged to proceed to the Plateau and take up his duties there on the understanding that the district surgeon system would be instituted. This would enable a private practitioner to do the work of the Government in the whole district in addition to answering his private calls. By this system, the Government saves the expense of keeping up a medical office with an official doctor on the spot.

In making his application for the dual position, Dr. Heard, we understand, proposed to take up the Government work at £150 a year, in view of the apparently small amount of Government medical work in there, it being understood that the Government would put up a dispensary, property fitted with drugs, etc., and provide a dispenser at Eldoret. Nothing was done, despite the gradual progress of the Plateau, and Dr. Heard, receiving no reply from the Government, was compelled to accept an offer down South for six months. In his absence, the population increased steadily and the Plateau was over-run with Government officials, surveyors, men engaged on the road from Londiani and various buildings, and the demand for a medical officer became urgent. Dr. Heard was away from April to October last year, and on his return to the country he immediately took up the position for which he had applied, only to find there was no dispensary in view. He seems to have carried on with some drugs in the School House, naturally expecting the Government to carry out their last promise. Dr. Heard became established prior to his contract with the Medical Department being drawn up, and after he had been at work some time the draft agreement arrived, and situated as he was he found himself in a tight corner. The original Medical Officer submitted terms roughly as follows, which Dr. Heard felt himself bound to accept:

1. Rating as first-class official.
2. Pay one hundred pounds (£100) per annum, with £50 per annum in lieu of all other allowances.
3. Three years agreement with three months' notice either way.
4. A stipulation to visit Eldoret once a week, to attend Government work.
5. To be liable for extra visits on emergencies.
6. To be practically liable to go anywhere on the Plateau at the request of the police.
7. To visit the goal once a week, to act as sanitary officer to the township and adviser to the District Commissioner on all health matters affecting the district.
8. To be liable for evidence in all court cases when instructed.
9. To be liable for all monthly returns and reports to the Principal Medical Officer, quarterly reports to the District Commissioner, annual reports and half-yearly returns taking at the dispensary, and submitting for the next half-year's requirements, etc.

It will be observed that the agreement practically placed the Medical Officer at a week's work for the Government, and left him free to carry on means of emoluments. The Government was advised not to sign the agreement, but was overruled by the Medical Officer, who was allowed a free hand, and was found trouble for a spot to follow the doctor's work. Dr. Heard was allowed to carry on the work, but was supposed to supply his mount or pay out the spot. Very little practical assistance of the work was forthcoming, but certain several points, such as:

1. That being the district surgeon, he merely a change in name as all the work of a colonial medical officer was done from the start.

2. That the doctor had been dealing with such a settled district but a district in the initial stage of its existence; he had to cross and not carry on work already begun.

3. That instead of one day a week he had to devote on an average three or four days a week to Government work and he could not at all have, owing to the increasing volume of work. Indeed, he had to be at the disposal of Government employees any day and every day.

4. That a very much greater outlay and establishment is necessary, as the people of the Government if the work is to be done.

5. That the doctor was *ex officio* entitled to their right that, failing any private practitioner, they have a prescriptive right to call on the services of the Government doctor.

6. That the attitude of the District Medical Officer towards this is non-committal, whilst tacitly making it clear that he must such claims is entirely a matter for the doctor himself and his personal official experience, whilst at the same time the doctor is bound under a clause in his agreement not to refuse to go to all cases of accident or assaults whenever called upon to do so by the District Commissioner or any member of the police force.

7. That as matters stand today on the Plateau, it is quite impossible for any official and private practitioner to carry on the one it is practically necessary to do both.

8. That the task is an absolute impossibility for any one man to carry on without assistance.

9. That apart from the private practice, there is no proper facilities for dealing with Government cases.

10. That the community is not sufficiently advanced, nor the country sufficiently opened up, to make this district a question a paying proposition for any private practitioner depending on private practice alone, except by doing a very hard life fees and travelling through dang country over long distances daily.

11. That neither is the Government position a living proposition to any man.

Here are a few facts for further consideration:

Lord Delamere, at a recent Convention of Associations, placed the white population of British East Africa at six thousand. The Plateau holds, roughly, one thousand of those. There is thus one medical man to cope with one-sixth of the white population of the country. Then again, the area of the Usain Gishu according to the Land Office, is 692,780 acres, or seven thousand square miles. There is one medical man to operate over 1,000 square miles of country. In addition, the area allotted across the Nzoia River is contiguous to the Usain Gishu and depends upon the Medical Officer at Eldoret for assistance in cases of sickness. This new area measures 670,900 acres, being practically another thousand square miles. And all for one man! Of course there is the question: When either man or beast is known to be unwell, the doctor is healing himself in case fever or other likely ailment, the rest of the community, spread over two areas of seven thousand square miles each, must suffer from sickness!

We learn that Dr. Heard has resigned his position. Little wonder. We learn that Dr. Heard has been asked to carry on his work till April next, when it is hoped to find funds to meet the situation from the Government point of view. He, however, should look to their own interests and show that they are ready to help themselves by making it worth while for a private practitioner to settle in the district.

Are people in B.E.A. the sportsmen they claim to be? One-eight well be excused for doubting it, in view of a certain notice posted at the gates of the enclosure at Wednesday night's Yes Ara exhibition. In spite of the numbers flags of all nations some time past, and the Union Jack, as our country received a great ovation. Other flags with more or less show were shown, but when an American banner appeared—it was greeted with hisses! As the performance was dragged from every other country, the Yes Ara, if seen it was hissed to be, was indeed cursed and refleted unfortunately upon the sportsmanship of the audience who were responsible for it.

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THE EAST
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MOMBASA TIMES - UGANDA ARGUS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1913.

THE BURIAL OF NATIVES.

The opinion of the Municipal Committee that the present method of burying is satisfactory is very regrettable inasmuch as it again illustrates their inability to grasp the essential points of important problems. Their decision (if carried into effect) will mean a continuance of the serious menace to the public health which we have alluded to recently under the heading of "Nairobi's Golgotha." The new burying ground is certainly better than the revolting Golgotha that has now been abandoned, but there are no guarantees that a proper drainage system will be applied to the new ground, which, be it remembered, is not sufficiently dry, close and porous to warrant its selection; that there will be a rigid enforcement of the regulations prescribing a depth of 8 to 10 feet; that the graves shall not be less than four feet apart; and that quicklime be used in cases where the native has died from a contagious disease. The discussion at the committee meeting, on Tuesday last, clearly shows that the members are only tinkering with the question in the meanest possible manner. They evidently want to sacrifice the health of the town in order to prevent the spending of a few thousand of rupees for the establishment of a crematorium, simply because the expenses in connection with the proposed crematorium would be charged up to municipal funds. We think it is absolutely essential to employ cremation for the bodies of those who have died of contagious diseases, and we think it necessary to apply this practice generally. We would again emphasise that the International Congress of Hygiene were unanimous in approving of cremation, and that the authorities on burial also strongly approve of the practice. The Nairobi Municipal Committee, however, apparently ignore the opinion of the International Congress and of the authorities. By their decision that the present method of burial is satisfactory they have sent the Government an opinion which was arrived at in a flippant manner and which is decidedly unsound. It should be borne in mind that the Government have considered that the establishment of a crematorium is satisfactory, and in this decision have shown a commendable foresight, but those who would have us believe that they are progressives have, by their action in this matter, taken what is certainly a retrogressive step. Some of these people are the loudest in denouncing the Government, but are the very first to throw obstructions in their way when they attempt reforms.

Customs Prosecution.

Making False Declarations.

MOMBASA AGENT FINED.

MOMBASA, Thursday.

(Standard Press Telegram.)

Joseph Tosti, agent Mombasa, who was prosecuted at the instance of the customs officials for making false declarations of goods and using incorrect invoices under the heading of perfumery, pleaded guilty in the Mombasa Magistrate's Court to two charges and was fined Rs. 15,00 on each count, in default, six months imprisonment—the sentences not to run concurrently. The accused pleaded the extreme poverty of himself and his wife and children as the reason of his action.

Standard Notes.

The Nairobi Building Rules are issued in the Government Gazette for November [illegible]

A full committee of the Nairobi Chamber of Commerce met on Thursday afternoon at the National Bank of India. A report of the proceeding will appear in Friday's issue of this paper.

Further licensing applications have been received in Nairobi from [illegible] hotel and restaurant licenses, [illegible] Gabriel, manager Victoria Hotel, [illegible] retail and hotel licenses. The Licensing Court will meet on December [illegible]

There is an excellent attachment to the new motor car belonging to Mr. J. Elkington whereby electricity is generated as the car proceeds along the road. This power is utilised not only for the headlights at night, but mainly for an electric starting engine. The car is a 35 h.p. Studebaker, and [illegible] one of the finest now running in East Africa.

Mr. J. Elkington wishes us to publish his disclaimer regarding the motor-car accident which occurred in Sixth Avenue on Wednesday. He, it appears, was only concerned in the matter after the mishap and he drove the car away to the garage for repairs, the fact evidently misleading the bulk of the onlookers. The car was not Mr. Elkington's and we are glad to rectify the error.

There are continual improvements going on in the Railway Subordinates Quarters in Nairobi, the latest being the whitewashing of the outhouses and a general clearance of gardens overgrown with weeds. Also, in the offices bordering First Avenue (Whitehouse Road) the comfort of the clerks and officers generally is evidently being studied in other ways, despite the scarcity of money.

Now that one half of Government Road is at the point where the sewage operations are in full blast, has been re-opened [illegible] Hardinge Street has lost its busy aspect. The new stretch of road from the Stanley Hotel to the taxidermist's corner, for a time presented a very bustling appearance but with the withdrawal of the barricading on our main thoroughfare has reverted to its normal condition.

Mr. F. J. Firmin, formerly [illegible] of the "Standard" Press, Nairobi, and now employed in the London office of the "East African Standard", has recently undergone a serious operation in a London hospital. His many friends in Nairobi will regret to learn that his condition is considered somewhat serious.

A friend writing from home, says a correspondent, tells me that the B.E.A. [illegible] is by no mean on the wane. One hears of wonderful rumours flying around and wonderful tales are still told of lions feeding upon the scraps thrown from Nairobi scullery windows, of snakes finding a harbour in one's bed. All this, is, of course, quite apart from the marvellous stories which tell of the wealth to be literally scraped from the ground of the unsurpassable scenery and the glorious climate! And so on. Well! [illegible] "on all come," as the song has it. [illegible] find out all about it for themselves!

Reuter's Cables.

Panama Canal.

LINKING TWO OCEANS.

A STEAMER'S ACHIEVEMENT.

LONDON, Wednesday.

A New York telegram received from Panama states that a small steamer, the "[illegible]," with the leading canal officials on board, on Tuesday, traversed the whole canal. This is possible by the progress made in cutting the channel through the Cucaracha slide, which was the last obstruction.

HISTORY OF THE CANAL.

The story of the construction of the canal is one of indomitable perseverance against difficulties which at times seemed almost overwhelming. For nearly forty of its fifty miles of length the canal runs through hilly country, and the task of boring through this necessitated the various operations of drilling, blasting with dynamite, digging up the loose material, ten tons at a time, with huge steam shovels, and transporting it to places many miles away.

The workers have been beset by fever, their shelters destroyed by fire, the work put back time after time by floods and earthquakes, but operations have continued ceaselessly. How serious has been the delay caused by landslides is shown by the fact that in the Culebra section of nine miles it is impossible to find a length of 200 yards where the bank has not been shifted. Six great locks separate the canal, these are 1,000 feet long and 110 feet wide. The canal itself is 41 feet deep at its lowest point and its least width 300 feet. The last effort in the removing of the last great barrier dividing the waters of the two oceans was made on August 31, when most of the Gamboa Dyke was blown up with 200 tons of dynamite. Since then the work of excavating the masses of mud and stone has been taking place, and to-day the final obstacle was removed.

The history of the undertaking is shown in the following dates:—

Canal projected by M. Ferdinand de Lesseps, 1879.
Work begun, 1881.
Collapse of scheme, 1891.
New company formed, 1894.
Undertaking purchased by the United States Government for £8,000,000, 1904.
Last barrier blown up, October 10, 1913.
Work was begun on the new scheme in May, 1904. The magnitude of the undertaking is shown by the fact that since then [illegible],000,000 has been expended; [illegible],000,000 million cubic yards of material shifted by 101 steam shovels; and [illegible],000,000 cubic yards of concrete used in construction work.

The reduction in distances resulting from the construction of the canal is enormous. For instance, vessels sailing from New York to Pacific ports north of Panama will save 8,415 miles, and to most of the leading ports south of it an average of 5,000 miles. From Liverpool the corresponding reductions are 6,046 and 2,600 miles. Asiatic ports, too, are brought considerably nearer New York, and the Australasian ports Sydney and Wellington become 2,500 miles nearer to New York than to Liverpool. The steamship journey to Japan and New Zealand will probably be shortened by ten or twelve days. The East will benefit greatly by the canal opening, but the Central American countries are likely to gain both in respect of trade and of tourist traffic.

It is of course, the United States which will reap the greatest advantage from the canal, and in the race with her European rivals for the trade of the "Canal Countries" of the East, her position is enormously strengthened. Australasia, Japan, and China are among the most valuable of the world's markets, and a large increase of American export trade will inevitably result to the probable detriment of England and Germany.

January 1st next has for a long time been regarded as the date of the opening of the canal for the passage of vessels, but if this date is adhered to it will find much of the construction work unfinished.

Recently there was an interesting controversy in the United States as to which vessel should have the honour of being the first to pass through the canal, and among the suggestions put forward was one that the Spanish Government should be asked to send over a replica of the ship used by Balboa when he discovered the Pacific.

AVIATION.

LOOPING THE LOOP.

LONDON, Wednesday.

The French aviator Chevillard, who has been copying Pegoud's recent aerial achievements, thrice looped the loop at Bue with a passenger.

South Africa.

THE INDIAN QUESTION.

LONDON, Wednesday.

The "Westminster Gazette" urges the withdrawal of the £3 tax immigration restriction within the Union, but on the other hand it says the Indian leaders must keep the strikers within bounds. It appeals to Boer and Briton, especially the latter, and all who claim to be good Imperialists, to help in this emergency, which is a real and serious test case of Empire. It declares that India will never believe that the Imperial authorities are unable to persuade the Union to accept the view of the Imperial Government.

Reuter's Pietermaritzburg correspondent says it is officially stated that the report as to an Indian being flogged to death is absolutely false. An Indian, however, died recently on the Ballengeich mine and it was reported that he had been flogged to death, but a post-mortem examination by the district surgeon and two other doctors showed that death was due to natural causes.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Reuter's correspondent at Bombay states that in view of the grave news reaching India from Indian sources in South Africa, the Viceroy has been requested by the non-official members to convene an emergency meeting of the Viceroy's Council on his arrival in Delhi on or about December 5th. This meeting, it is proposed will discuss the grievances of the Indians in South Africa. The vernacular press ridicules the idea of the Imperial Government being unable to secure redress.

LONDON, Thursday.

The newspapers agree as to the necessity of urging the imperative necessity for action on the part of the South African Government to remedy well-founded grievances of the Indian immigrants.

Telegrams from various parts of India show that there is very strong indignation regarding recent events in South Africa, which form a general topic. At Bombay meetings have been held and subscriptions are being arranged. The European newspapers comment upon the question in a cautious degree in view of the conflicting statements that are being made. The "Pioneer" says though the stories regarding atrocities may be largely exaggerated, it is impossible not to recognise the seriousness of the position. There is also a strong feeling expressed at Lahore, where Mr. Ghokale has been interviewed. He does not attach much weight to the official denial re Cape Town of the flogging affair and says any inquiry is bound to result in more or less white-washing, but the fact that the Union officials see the need for an enquiry into the matter is a hopeful sign.

The London evening papers on Wednesday again urged that the Union should endeavour to find an immediate reasonable solution for the Indian problem. They hope that statesmanship will be displayed in the face of the vast Imperial interests involved. They also declare that in view of the increasing restiveness in India conciliatory methods are essential.

Lord Ampthill writes to the Press stating that he has received a telegram from Mr. Ritch in Johannesburg as follows:—"I have conclusive evidence as to the brutal flogging by employers of men captured." Lord Ampthill at present refrains from making any comment in the matter, but says it is high time the British public expressed itself regarding the deplorable results of mismanagement in South Africa of the Indian immigrants during the past seven years.

Steamer on Fire.

All Lives Saved.

BATTLESHIP TO THE RESCUE.

LONDON, Wednesday.

A steamer, which is believed to be the "Bembine," built at Glasgow, was found on fire off Ventnor, Isle of Wight, on Wednesday morning at an early hour. Several warships from Portsmouth and various steamers rushed to the rescue and saved 27 passengers, who were taken off by the "Iron Duke." There was no loss of life.

LONDON, Thursday.

The steamer, it transpires, was the "Santa Dyke," bound from the Mediterranean for Sunderland. The vessel was burned to the water's edge.

Home Politics.

OFFER FROM OPPOSITION.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Lord Lansdowne, speaking at Brighton, insisted that the proper solution of the Home Rule question was the reference of the matter to the electors. Failing that, the Opposition were prepared to consider the special treatment of Ulster, accompanied by such changes in the Bill as were thereby necessitated. He added: "If both of these are refused, we shall give Ulster all the encouragement we can in her resistance, and will hold the Government responsible for any disasters resulting from their conduct."

The *Daily Telegraph* reports that Tuesday's Cabinet meeting mainly considered the Estimates, which are expected to total nearly £200,000,000 for 1914-15, involving fresh taxation. Nothing was done regarding Ulster. In confirming this, the *Daily Chronicle* says the Government has no intention at present of making overtures to the Opposition in respect to a Home Rule compromise.

LONDON, Thursday.

The *Daily Chronicle* says a movement is in progress to form an Irish National Volunteer force, having the object of upholding the authority of the Crown Government in Ireland. The paper says that Sir Roger Casement is co-operating with Captain White to invite the Irish Nationalists to join forces with the strikers in Dublin, whom the latter intends to organise, and this will be merely a nucleus.

Mr. Redmond, speaking at Birmingham, said the Home Rule Bill, the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, and the Plural Voting Bill would pass into law during the present Parliament.

Mexico.

SANGUINARY BATTLE.

LONDON, Wednesday.

President Wilson met the United States Cabinet members on Tuesday and afterwards a denial was issued respecting the expected blockade of Mexico, which has not been decided upon. The advisers of the Mexican Administration favour a policy of patience while the Constitutionalists are desired to pursue the campaign.

The Constitutionalists are threatening the town of Orizaba, the capture of which has cut off all communication between Vera Cruz and the capital. The foreigners are crowding the trains proceeding to the coast in their efforts to escape being drawn into the maelstrom.

A telegram from Mexico City states that through a United States source, says the Constitutionalists have captured Victoria in the state of Tamaulipas. The victorious commander reports that every member of the Federal garrison was killed in the battle, which was one of the bloodiest during the whole revolution.

LONDON, Thursday.

A telegram from Mexico City states that President Huerta is preparing a message to Congress which will open on Thursday. Conscription work is going on vigorously, but the men exceed the number of rifles available. There is a relaxation of the former tension in the belief that the United States does not intend to take immediate action.

A Barbados telegram reports that a British cruiser there has been ordered to Vera Cruz and the vessel sailed at midnight on Wednesday. A later telegram states that two cruisers have been ordered to proceed to Mexican waters to protect British interests in the case of need.

Labour Unrest.

NO STRIKE FOR ENGLAND.

LONDON, Thursday.

The English Trades Unionists have decided against a sympathetic strike on behalf of the Dublin strikers, but to assist them in every other way.

The labour leader, Mr. Connolly, in an address which he delivered in Dublin on Tuesday to the strikers, said anyone intending to join the Transport Workers Union must be prepared to enrol in the citizen army which is being organised. He said that Captain White, son of the defender of Ladysmith, is prepared to lead the drill and train the army. Other officers have acted in a similar manner.

Australia.

IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

LONDON, Wednesday.

The Commonwealth Government has now received a reply from the Imperial authorities to the suggestion to hold a joint Conference on Defence. It is understood that it states such a conference is at present impossible.

France.

MORE LABOUR TROUBLES.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Six thousand miners throughout the Pas de Calais are now on strike. The National Council of Miners on Wednesday passed a resolution agreeing to a general strike with a view to securing an eight hours' day and the abolition of long shifts.

Belgium.

DIAMOND ROBBERS.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Two robbers broke into Kleppner's diamond-cutting works in Brussels and having bound the watchman stole diamonds to the value of £12,[illegible]. The watchman, who has been arrested, says he was asleep when the robbers made their entry.

Zanzibar.

AN OFFICIAL LEAVING.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Mr. E. W. Paget Thurstan, Secretary to the Zanzibar First Minister (Capt. F. E. Barton, C.M.G.), has been appointed British Consul at Calais.

German.

KRUPP'S DIVIDEND.

LONDON, Thursday.

The famous gunmakers, Krupp's have declared a dividend of 14 per cent. on a capital of £1,000,000. This is the highest dividend on record.

Cricket.

M.C.C. TOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Thursday.

The Marylebone Cricket team now touring South Africa defeated a fifteen representing the South Western districts in a match played at Oudtshoorn. The local team was beaten by an innings and sixty runs.

Postal Labour

IMPROVEMENTS PROMISED.

LONDON, Thursday.

Mr. Samuel received a deputation of postal clerks and others on Wednesday and in reply to their complaints promised increases of wages to some employees. The increases amount to £1,250,000. The hours of working in many cases are increased by half-an-hour a day.

Mr. Samuel warned the postal clerks that if they went on strike measures would be taken to render a recurrence impossible.

OBITUARY.

MADAME MATHILDE MARCHESI.

LONDON, Wednesday.

The death has occurred of Madame Mathilde Marchesi, the famous singer and teacher of singing. Among her pupils were Emma Calve, Madame Melba, Blanche Marchesi, and Ada Crossley. Madame Mathilde Marchesi, who was born at Frankfort in 1826, made her debut as a singer in 1844.

The Von Arx Entertainment.

CLEVER ILLUSIONS AND BAFFLING MYSTERIES.

The well-known entertainer Von Arx and his American Company, on Wednesday evening, at the Gaiety Theatre presented to a full and appreciative audience a fine programme of illusions novelties, and mysteries.

With a host of smaller items deploying round the principal numbers there was no lack of variety in the entertainment, and no time to weary.

Although many rather old stage tricks were served up to the audience they were presented in such an original fashion and accompanied with such a cheery fire of comment, that they were, to all intents and purposes, new. Moreover, the entertainer nicely "had" his audience on one or two occasions, as, for example, when he produced a small double-compartment box, placed a dice therein, and, with a good deal of ostentation, caused the dice to disappear. "Ah" said the audience. They had apparently seen through the shallowness of the trick, and cries arose from various parts of the hall that the dice was in the other compartment. To the accompaniment of another obvious clatter, Von Arx, apparently, moved the dice back to the first compartment, and it was only when the entertainer in response to indignant cries smilingly, opened both compartments to the full view of the audience, that they realized they had been "done!"

Perhaps the item of the evening was the mysterious disappearance of the lady whom Von Arx sends into a hypnotic trance. She is than placed on a table which is withdrawn from under her. Little by little she is raised and again lowered in mid-air no supports being visible. The knowing ones in the audience are sarcastic. They think they see the wires which are attached to the rigid figure under the long, white sheet. They accordingly laugh—then assume the same expression of astonishment as the remainder of the audience when the entertainer whisks the sheet away and Lo! there is no-one, nothing, there.

The usual box-trick also appeared on the programme but so cleverly was it accomplished that the audience were simply astounded. One of the assistants was put into the box and securely roped. The box was placed in a curtained receptacle which Von Arx also entered, his face appearing through the curtain. Suddenly he withdraws his head. The curtain closes; then is whisked aside. There stands the assistant. The box is opened, and Von Arx is inside.

A decided feature of the programme is The Woman in White who delves into the past. This is one of the best examples of stage thought-reading we ever have seen. The lady, while under hypnotic influence, correctly gives initials and questions written on paper—before they leave the hands of those who write them. This item alone is worth seeing and hearing.

The members of the company supporting Von Arx are extremely clever and do their parts well. Louis Slicker the Droll Yankee Comedian is an expert in his line, and his songs and patter resulted in enthusiastic recalls while Jack Owen the Whistling Dandy, with a style of his own and a magnificent capacity for whistling loudly and tunefully was also very heartily received.

Altogether, the programme, which will undergo several changes night by night, is an excellent example of high class variety art, and is well worth seeing.

In view of the fact that the B.I. boat with which the company was booked to sail does not leave until Tuesday an entertainment will be given on Saturday evening.

Official Appointments

To be a Magistrate of the second class at Dagoretti, Charles Eaton Ward.

To be Medical Officers:—William Tudhope, M.B., Harvey Henry Vincent Welch, M.B., Frank Collar, M.R.C.S., Edmund Neptune Russell, M.B.

To be a Nursing Sister, Isabel Louise Majendie;

To be Senior Medical Officer, Seyidie Province, and Plague Officer, Mombasa, Lionel Dewe Lowsley;

To be Medical Officer, Native Civil Hospital, Nairobi, Harvey Henry Vincent Welch;

To be Medical Officer, Naivasha Province, Arthur Donald John Bedward Williams;

To be Medical Officer, European Hospital, Mombasa, Frederic Louis Henderson.

Provisional recognition, pending the receipt of instructions from His Majesty's Government, is accorded officially to Senhor Rosendo Ayres Ribeiro as Portuguese Vice Consul at Nairobi.

Church Concert.

Nairobi has a good amount of musical talent which is always available for philanthropic purposes, and this was well borne out on Wednesday evening, at the Railway Institute Hall, when an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental items was presented, the proceeds being in aid of the St. Mark's Church Extension Fund. This little church in Parklands is to be extended and practically rebuilt in stone, in style of the late Norman period having a long nave of 111 feet, south and north transepts, and chancel, with tower at their junction, and a small clerestory. The new church will provide seating accommodation for 500 persons, while, in the event of overcrowding, arrangements are made for extension. The far-sighted project, which is an object lesson to those concerned in many other public concerns, may appear rather heroic at the present moment, but there is nothing like anticipating future demands, and the section of the community mainly interested is rising to the occasion to provide funds for the optimistic work. St. Mark's, indeed, bids fair to advance a head of the mother Church of St. Stephens. As the result of the success which attended Wednesday's concert, a good sum should be placed towards the Extension Fund.

A feature of the performance was the first public appearance on a Nairobi platform of Mrs. Winifred Groves, L.R.A.M., a lady of great musical ability, who has quite recently taken up her abode in the town. Her pianoforte renderings of several classical selections and in addition the whole evening's accompaniments showed her to be highly gifted and well-trained. The overture was Weber's "Jubilee," played by Mrs. Groves and Mr. W. F. Misquith, of organ fame, the accuracy of rendition and timing being superb. Mrs. Groves subsequently played Goddard's Fourth Mazurka, and Weber's "L' Invitation," the latter being again accompanied by Mr. Misquith who also delighted the large audience with his pianoforte renderings, comprising Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata." His wonderful memorising of the pieces played either in solo or duet selections was admirably exemplified.

Other instrumental music was provided by Messrs. Hawley, Wolffe, and Fairweather, with violins and 'cello of scores by Mendellson and Carl Reinecke.

As for the vocal items, these were furnished by Mrs Doyle, Mrs. J Irwin, Mr. C. Bristow, Mr. Figgis and Mr. Kendall, all of whom gained rounds of applause, whether in their quartettes or in solos. Mrs Doyle sang Goring Thomas's "A Summer Night," in exquisite fashion, while later on Mrs. Irwin obliged with Lohr's "Where My Caravan Has Rested", and Messrs. Bristow and Kendall sang the solos Elliott's "Hybrias the Cretan" and Somerville's "The Little Red Fox," respectively, to good effect. In the combined vocal pieces, loud applause was evoked by "Ye Banks and Braes," and "Night Lovely Night." In conclusion, Mr. Estes gave two of his musical sketches, which received encores, indeed, recalls were the order of the evening. The concert was a great success, and others we believe are to be promised in the near future.

The Union Castle liner "Dunvegan Castle," which left Aden on November 8th Tuesday, is expected to arrive at Kilindini from England on Monday next, the 24th instant, at 8 a.m. The vessel has 102 first and second class passengers on board for Nairobi, and 29 for Uganda.

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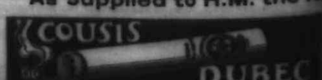

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The Labour Problem in B.E.A.

MR. A. R. BARLOW, IN "KIKUYU NEWS."

One of the most difficult of the many problems which have to be faced by those who are guiding the development of this country of British East Africa is that of securing an adequate and even supply of native labour for the now numerous plantations of the settlers, and for the various Government and private engineering works which are being undertaken.

During the latter half of last year this problem became acute, a shortage of labour being felt all over the country. A Labour Commission was appointed by H.E. the Governor to investigate into the causes and suggest remedies for the shortage. Dr. ... was appointed as one of the members of the commission.

What follows is adapted from a statement made before the commission in March of this year. The popular cry has been that the natives ought to be forced to leave their homes in greater numbers in order to seek work, and should be made to remain in employment for longer periods than at present, for one of the chief difficulties of the employer has been the unwillingness of the natives to do more than two or three months' work at a time. An increased taxation is what is advocated by perhaps a majority of people in order to bring about these results. The statement above referred to attempted to point out that most people disregard entirely the fact that the native has a life of his own to live and responsibilities connected with his village, his gardens, and flocks which would be seriously interfered with were he forced to spend most of his time away from home.

The shortage of labour may be due not so much to a falling-off in the number of natives seeking labour as to the rapid increase in the demand for labour owing to the continual influx of Europeans into the country and the commencement of several big engineering undertakings. As regards this district, one doubts whether the number of natives leaving it to go to work could very well be increased. The ... supply of labour has been ... for some time back by means of a ... system put into force by the ... This was nominally stopped by the Government recently, but the elders of the ... who were made responsible for ... young men going out to work are inclined to revert to a similar system.

The usual argument one meets with when ... that the native needs time to attend to his own affairs is that the male native at home does no work, but lolls about watching his women slaving for him. This is an erroneous idea. Although the women ... married are also constantly at work, there are many kinds of work looked upon as only men's work. Of these the following may be instanced:—

To make the new gardens by cutting down the scrub and breaking up the land with long poles used as levers. They are ... frequently seen in Kenia cultivating themselves or helping their wives in the gardens when planted. Some things, such as sugar-cane, yams, sweet-potatoes, and bananas, are planted almost exclusively by the men. When the banana trees bear, the heavy bunches of fruit have to be prevented from breaking them down by being propped up with long poles, and this, again, is men's work. Women do not take part in the cultivation of yams at all. Men spend the night in the gardens all the time that the ... and other crops are ripening, in order to keep off porcupines, pigs, and ... buck. The trapping of moles, which are such a pest in the gardens in every part of Kikuyuland, is done by men; also the pruning of trees grown for building purposes, and the fencing-in of gardens and villages. When new huts are required or a village is moved, it is the men's part to cut the poles and ... required, and to build the framework of the huts, the women doing the thatching and plastering. The herding of the goats and cattle, of course, falls to the men and boys, and is a very binding duty; also the daily plucking of sweet-potato leaves for the fattening of ... Sometimes, too, journeys have to be made to the salt-licks and the salt ... carried home to the village for the ... Again, there are the special ... followed by men, for instance ... smithing, chain-making, wire-pulling, ... stool and beehive making, wicker-work for grain-stores and doors, and in some parts the dressing of grindstones.

During the season of the "small" rains every available native is needed in the gardens to keep the birds from devouring the "mwere" crop. This is a most arduous task, lasting from sunrise to sunset every day for a matter of two months or more.

It is essential for the native to spend a large proportion of his time in keeping up his gardens, looking after his stock, and minding his business. Otherwise he will find his gardens grown over, the crops lost upon which he depends for his food, his stock neglected, and his wife probably dissatisfied at having all the work to do and ready to desert and return to her father's village.

We believe that the home-life of the native should be preserved and allowed to develop its best characteristics, which is impossible when the father and sons of the family are at home only at odd times, separated by months of absence. We believe, again, that the moral and spiritual development of the children of the soil is of as much importance as the financial prosperity of their conquerors.

There are sufficient motives to cause the natives to seek employment without high taxation. They inherit an insatiable love of wealth. Very few natives work for Europeans just to earn their hut-tax. Before any idea of earning money for the Government comes the idea of earning money for themselves. The natural evolution of an increased capacity and desire for work is a thing to be encouraged: but to try and force it must result in harm. Although we sympathise with the employer who is losing money from shortage of labour, we do not agree that the native races were created simply for the benefit of the white man.

Wild Silkworm Cultivation.

The African Silk Corporation, Ltd. Arundel Street, Strand, London W.C., has forwarded to us a copy of a neat booklet entitled "West African Silks," showing the importance of African silk for the textile industry and for the economic development of the "Dark Continent." Africa has passed through her first phase of development, says the author (Mr. Paul Kuller) in the foreword, which was the era of ruthless exploitation of her natural resources. She has in the majority of her colonies now entered upon the second phase, which is characterised by the European plantation system now obtaining. This second phase is held to be coming to an end, but the usefulness of each phase of occupation is recognised, for the natives have become more or less educated and are realising slowly that to work is to progress and prosper. We are, in fact, approaching the third phase, namely native cultivation of the soil. The conclusion is a broad one and is an unfair one for portion of Africa such as British East Africa, but generally speaking the conclusion is a pretty fair one. The moral of the story, however, is that amongst the natural products that are being cultivated is that of silk spinning. It is maintained that natural silk has always been, within human memory, the most valuable animal fibre, and will always remain so for the future. No fibre which can be spun, we are informed, can excel silk in durability, elasticity, and beauty; and no fibre is by virtue of all these qualities better fitted for clothing purposes. As the industry of silkworm breeding appeals to the indolent native, the writer maintains that the "indigene" should be encouraged to promote this cultivation. He shows in an interesting fashion how the industry has progressed and how widespread is the wild silk-worm propagation across Africa. A number of tinted illustrations accompany the letterpress, while a map of the end of the book shows the distribution of the wild African silk spinners.

The mode of procedure for planters who desire to take up the interesting culture is suggested in the following paragraph:—

In small plantations of about 100 acres the caterpillars can easily be protected from birds, and for this reason the small plantation system would seem the best for the cultivation of silk-worms. The plantation is laid out by planting Bridelia Micrantha (or another shrub which supplies the silkworms with food), in close, but unapproachable hedges. Living silk-worm nests are then placed in them, and are gathered again after the moths have left. Suitable steps must be taken to protect the caterpillars against their enemies when feeding. The principle can be laid down that the smaller the plantation the greater the propagation.

The propagation of the silk-worms in small plantations is, according to present experience if the simplest rules of protection are adopted, at least fivefold per year. It is recommended that the buying and selling of nests should be only permitted to persons specially authorised to do so. The firmness of African silk is considerably greater, we are informed, than that of ordinary silk, but it has a disadvantage in a loss of gloss. Doubtless, however, the correct way of treating African silk will be found which will preserve the gloss. It is clear and seen and beyond this has further advantages in the manufacture of silk velvet. Finally the writer sees in African wild silk a future industry comparable with the silk of Asia, the wool of Australia, or the cotton of America. He asks for the assistance of all who believe with him in the future of Africa.

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	2	Kt—Q4	2	KxKt
	3	Q—Q5 mate.		

Solved by:—"Checkmate," 3 points. "Holborp," Lynn Cludes, J. W. Young, J. D. Melhuish, C. P. Hutchins, G. M. Schramm, S. C. Charleries, W. McDonald.

To Correspondents:—J. W. Young. In reply to your query "Why the *Octopus?*" the probable reason is that White has eight arms which suck Black in.
"Checkmate." Thanks for your kind appreciation of No. 99, "go and do likewise."

NOTES.
The following game of Capablanca's was played in Birmingham during his last visit to England.

Queen's Pawn Game.

	White—J R Capablanca.	Black—H E Price.
1	P—Q4	P—Q4
2	P—K3	P—K3
3	B—Q3	B—Q3
4	Kt—Q3	Kt—Q2
5	K Kt—B3	P—KB4
6	P—QKt3	Kt—B3 *a*
7	B—Kt2	Q—B3
8	P—B4	P—B3
9	Q—B2	Castles
10	P—KR3	P—KKt3
11	Castles	QRP—K4
12	QPxP *c*	KtxP
13	PxP	PxP
14	Kt—B4	PxKt
15	BxP ch	KKt—B2
16	RxB	QxB
17	KtxKt	B—K3
18	R—Q1	Q—K2
19	KtxKt	B—Kt *d*
20	Q—B3	BxB
21	PxB	K—B2 *e*
22	Q—Kt7 ch	K—K1
23	QxQ ch	KxQ
24	B—R3 ch *f*	K—K1
25	BxR	KxB
26	R—Q7	R—B1
27	RxKtP	RxP ch
28	K—Kt2	Resigns

a With the object of playing this Kt to B 2 and advancing P—K 4.
b Unnecessarily weakening the king's side pawn formation. It will be seen that White's combination later depends on the unobstructed diagonal for the QB.
c The beginning of a brilliant combination, remarkable for simultaneous play as it extends over twelve moves.
d If Q takes Kt; Q to B 3 wins at once.
e If instead Black does not give back the exchange Q to R 6 wins the king's side pawns.
f After this there is no fight left in Black's game.

Agriculture
CATTLE BREEDING.
(Continued.)

We see in any case that we have actually got our pure bred new type which is both early maturing and hardy and this

WE COULD NEVER HAVE OBTAINED BY CONTINUAL CROSSING

with pure bred bulls of imported stock however long we continued the process.

We are, in conclusion, only repeat the expression of a hope that Government will not hesitate to at once initiate the investigation above suggested and to follow this up with work on their Stock Farm that will lead to the establishment of our new breed. The cost of both the investigation and the breeding work—this does not come under the title of "experiment"—would be limited to the pay of the official in charge; or rather it would be less than this since the stock breed would, even if disposed of at the price of ordinary grade stock, more than pay for itself.

In the above we have taken only two characters in which imported differs from native stock. The method indicated applies however equally to other characteristics such as yield of milk; as however [illegible] an "intermediate" on crossing, a discussion as to the method in which it would be inherited would be somewhat involved and perhaps not simple to follow—on paper. It may, however, be stated that on crossing half breds, we get animals that will be pure bred as far as milk-production is concerned, and as far as any experiments have yet been conducted on this question, a certain proportion of the offspring of two half breds will have the milking qualities of the imported stock.

Answer to Correspondents.

QUESTION:—
What is the best method of severing the umbilical cord of bovines on parturition?
ANSWER:—

If the cord does not part of itself as it generally does, it may be severed with a sharp pair of scissors about 5 inches from the point when it leaves the calf's body. To effect this the cord may be grasped firmly by means of a cloth previously dipped in antiseptic e.g. 1 in 40 lysol, in which solution the scissors should also be steeped.

The cord should then be tied with a cord previously soaked in the same solution, the hands of the operator having previously been disinfected in it as well.

The cord may then be painted with a solution of iodine in methylated spirits (85 grains of iodine to 2 pints of spirit). After a few minutes the cord may be painted with Stockholm tar.

Instead of the iodine and tar paints, pure carbolic acid may be used care being taken that none of the acid touches the skin of the calf especially near the point where the cord leaves the body.

Local Rugby.

A game of considerable interest will take place to-morrow on the Gymkhana ground, when the home club will meet the Rest of Nairobi under Rugby rules. Both sides are fielding strong teams in fact the strongest that have even been out here. The Kick off has been fixed at 4-30 p.m.

THE REST: Back, Danziger, Three quarter, Thornton, Eltringham, H. C. Smith Ballenden; Halves, Campbell and Gallagher; Forwards, McMillan, Hill, Blachlaws, Webber, Cotton, Benme, Curnon and Benme.

GYMKHANA Back, Stedman, Three-quarters, Faweus, Nicholson, Edwards, Stritchbury; Halves, Dr. Arthur and Pelham Burn; Forwards, Tannahill, Wright-Nooth, Mann, Kendall, Blencowe, Crawford, Thomas and Hardingham.

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THE EAST
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MOMBASA TIMES – UGANDA ARGUS.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1913.

EUROPEAN REPRESENTATION. The most remarkable feature of the British Government's policy of colonisation is the absence of calculation or contrivance. The Colonial Office apparently never troubles itself to think about the future of the territories under its control and never attempts to divine the destiny of its latest acquisitions. Our greatest acquisitions have been secured blindly. When the British turned its eyes towards India they did so with one object—trade. When we began our conquest of the Native States it was by way of an afterthought because it might further trade. A study of Indian history will show that we set out in one particular direction and as we moved along we found ourselves traversing quite different roads than we intended. History has a knack of repeating itself. Thus British East Africa has proved no exception to this blind rule of "muddle through" which has characterised the colonising story of our empire. In one respect only does the history of this country differ from that of all the sister colonies. The building of the Uganda Railway was a fait accompli when the protectorate was yet in its infancy. It was built not as a commercial proposition but as a political move. That is a statement of stale history. It brings us to the point of the present argument, however, that, since the Government, through the instrumentality of the Railway, was the indirect means of bringing British East Africa as a European centre of settlement into being, the Government must see that the European settlement is treated with the justice which is expected from a British administration. We must recognise that the present state of the development of the Protectorate is almost entirely due to the judgment foresight and patriotism of the pioneering white settler. The motive power for making the Government move in another direction than that to which their eyes were turned has been the unofficial white settler. Since 1903 this country has made remarkably rapid strides, in developing its resources and the settler has been incessantly urging a stubborn and short-sighted Government to adopt an expansive policy. Some two years ago an important change in administration was made by the abolition of the Imperial Grant-in-Aid. From that time onward we stood, and still stand upon our own feet as a self supporting community. Not only so but a year ago, apparently in pursuance of the policy of constituting British East Africa as a colony in its own right, with power to have a voice in its own affairs the Government imposed a tax—the somewhat famous poll-tax—of Rs. 15 per annum. The sum was not large. Nevertheless the principle involved was one of great importance. The imposition of this tax meant that a system of taxation without representation had been introduced. It meant that the European community was compelled to contribute directly to the Government exchequer without having one word to say as to how the money they contributed would be expended. Some weeks ago a popular petition was sent to the Colonial Office. The European section of this community made a somewhat humble and well-considered request. They asked that they be allowed to have a voice in their own affairs—in the governing of this country. A studied rebuff has been the reply. "The Secretary of State . . . does not pledge himself to the acceptance of the principle of elective representation in the present circumstances of the Protectorate." Possibly the Secretary of State had in mind the present circumstances of the Protectorate as legally defined recently. He, like the rest of us would, no doubt like to be quite sure as to what our status really is. 'Are we a Protectorate, a Foreign Country, or a Crown Colony?' If the petition of the settlers does nothing else it will probably compel His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies to come to some conclusion on this somewhat important point.—On the other hand does the Secretary of State wish us to infer that he and his muddling advisers are the best judges as to how the Protectorate should expand. If so, the time has come for determined and uncompromising opposition, because we cannot allow the past and present policy of obstruction and inactivity to continue.

The Secretary of State evidently [illegible] he had stumbled upon a crushing [illegible] when he discovered that there were [illegible] charges to no less than £319,[illegible] per annum, a heavy item to which no contribution is made by the Protectorate. If it had not been for the white settler this heavy item would have been a painfully heavy one. The Imperial Government built the Uganda Railway purely for political purposes. The European settler stepped in and transformed what was fast becoming a white elephant into a sound paying commercial proposition. The white settler is the sole source from which the trade of the country has sprung. He has inspired if not originated and organised the trade of the country. Abolish him and you practically abolish likewise your railway receipts, customs and other sources of revenue. The Imperial Government, therefore, instead of whining about paying the piper for the tune he played at their own request should thank heaven and the white settler that the sum was not heavier. To turn to another point, the fact that non-official European members were selected to sit upon the Legislative Council and elected settlers were not considered is ample evidence that the European was regarded by the Government in the past as carrying the controlling power. These are points which have often been commented upon, but which lose nothing of their truth in the process of repetition. So far as the question of qualifications to vote are concerned we fancy this would prove one of the least of the difficulties in the way once the principle of colour were settled. We deal with coloured representation in a separate article. As far as European representation is concerned every settler of European extraction above 21 years of age who has resided in this country for not less than one year should be entitled to the vote. [illegible] as to mental and physical fitness, [illegible] mittal of crime, confirmed [illegible] should of course be enforced. There is the question as to the inclusion of the Eurasians under this heading to be considered. Item No. 5 in the reply to the petition seems to be quite unnecessary. The qualifications of prospective candidates for election to the Legislative Council would be decided by the electorate. They would be certain to select the most able representative and one who would be able to clearly interpret their wishes and voice their views. It would be interesting to know, however, what qualifications the Colonial Secretary considers as necessary for a prospective candidate for Legislative honours. We do not at all feel uneasy regarding the strictures of the Secretary of State with reference to the alleged unconstitutional action of the non-official members of the Legislative Council in resigning their seats. Precedents have first to be created ere they can be broken, and the fact that those non-official members created a precedent rather enhances the value of that action in our eyes. Not because a precedent has been created, but simply because they interpreted the bulk of public opinion when, as a protest against the invidious principle of nomination they resigned their seats. Finally we would remind the Colonial Secretary that the Government majority is assured because the official members of the Legislative Council would, if they voted solid, carry any proposal. The settlers merely ask that their interests will be interpreted and their views made known on the Legislative Council by their own directly elected representatives. Surely this is a most reasonable and very moderate request. Furthermore it is only bare justice.

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COLOURED REPRESENTATION. The third item in the Colonial Secretary's reply is the most important to the consideration of the white settlers. In the foregoing article we have indicated where the Eurasian ought to be placed. He is an unfortunate result of white settlement; he adopts European names and customs; and he has stood loyally beside the white man in times of stress. The community have never shown any capacity to combine, neither have they shown any capacity to deal with the problem of their own emancipation. The representation of the natives of East Africa should not prove a difficult matter. The report of the Labour Commission contains an excellent suggestion that a department should be created for the administration of native affairs. The head of this department should have a seat on the Legislative Council. The Arabs interests in this country is to a large extent identical with those of the European. There is a good deal of feeling that he has not been treated so well as he ought to have been. He has displayed a willingness to fall in with European ideas and in considering his claims the Convention of Associations in their reply should not adopt a niggardly attitude towards him. Now comes the Indian and crux of the question. It has been repeatedly said by writers on Indian political development that if the natives of India become able to [illegible] Englishmen in India will have to [illegible] their traps and depart, after holding [illegible] to the land. It does not [illegible]

[illegible] extraordinary prescience to predict such [illegible]. Two races could scarcely be more [illegible] from each other than the English and [illegible] Hindu. Comparative philology says [illegible] Seeley has discovered one link [illegible] had never been suspected before. The [illegible] of the prevalent race in India is [illegible] of the same family as our own language. But in every other respect there is [illegible] alienation. Their traditions do [illegible] ours at any point. Their religion [illegible] removed from our own even than [illegible]danism. Several writers have [illegible] out that in considering the Indian [illegible] British colonist we have to take cognizance of the possibility that some day they [illegible] become in their own country a group [illegible] governing states with trading and [illegible] interests in direct competition with [illegible]. Many British colonies have consistently [illegible] this and are decidedly antagonistic to [illegible] settlement in their midst. It is unnecessary to labour this point here it is sufficient to indicate it and to ask if a department [illegible] Asiatic affairs would be acceptable. We fear not. The Indian has [illegible] a prominent part in the opening up [illegible] country, but at the direction and [illegible] the control of Europeans. His presence here after the country was opened up [illegible] tended to keep the native of this country [illegible] industrial pursuits, and in the learning of trades. It has also tended to lower [illegible] moral and physical tone of the native [illegible] their unclean habits and their vices. [illegible] have not done any real pioneering [illegible] and they have not contributed to the [illegible] of the country to any appreciable [illegible]. The Postmaster-General could, no [illegible] show that instead of adding to the [illegible] of the country the Indians have considerably decreased it, inasmuch as they [illegible] the surplus portion of their earnings [illegible] India. They are a frugal race, and they [illegible] little on food and clothing and consequently only about one-third of the money [illegible] earn is circulated again in the Protectorate. It is universally recognised that [illegible] are not desirable colonists, but they [illegible] here and in the aggregate they represent [illegible] interest of very considerable dimensions. [illegible] well-worn facts and phases will [illegible] to be taken into consideration in [illegible] the reply. This article is merely [illegible] to suggest certain lines of thought [illegible] action. The most reasonable and perhaps the most acceptable solution of the [illegible] of Indian representation would be [illegible]ggest that they be allowed one seat on [illegible] Legislative Council for a representative [illegible]ted by the approval of the majority of [illegible] Indian community.

[illegible]fortunately, we have the lower order [illegible] Indian here. The polished, cultured [illegible] thinker and scholar is absent from [illegible] councils and they will have considerable difficulty in selecting a suitable candidate. It would perhaps be helpful if we [illegible] the line of political development [illegible] the Indian leaders of thought [illegible]. They admit, that nothing really [illegible] be a more disastrous calamity to [illegible] than that the English should abandon [illegible] before she has become able to take [illegible] of herself. They have constantly expressed the hope that the Indian masses [illegible] not acquire the capacity to combine [illegible] than they acquire the capacity to [illegible]. When they mention the possibility of governing themselves they speak of [illegible]litical phenomena which they admit [illegible] the very distant future. Sir J. R. [illegible]'s lectures, delivered in 1906, on the [illegible] of England, are very helpful in [illegible] consideration of this matter and he [illegible] possibilities which it is the [illegible] of statesmanship to take cognizance of, even though they may be very [illegible], and to control or influence those [illegible] betimes. It is easier for the [illegible] to learn to combine than to learn [illegible] govern themselves. Many Indian [illegible] deprecate the one lesson being [illegible] before the other. What they desire [illegible] that the two lessons should be learnt [illegible]aneously and equably. What policy [illegible] the British Government pursue in [illegible] to secure the imperatively desirable [illegible] we have just indicated? This is important. Thoughtful Indian opinion suggests [illegible] the British Government should, as far [illegible] in their power, retard the learning [illegible] the easier lesson and accelerate the [illegible] of the more difficult one. In other [illegible] give less scope for learning the art [illegible] combining and give more scope for [illegible] the art of self control or self [illegible]. In this connection, it should [illegible] be remembered that nothing teaches [illegible] to combine more effectively than [illegible] grievances—grievances felt alike [illegible] subject thousands or millions. This [illegible] received abundant illustrations. [illegible] Government should scrupulously avoid [illegible] what may be felt as common [illegible] or grievances which may be felt [illegible] by the mass of the subject population. Everything should be avoided which [illegible] stir the masses to discontent. As [illegible] the Indian community are concerned [illegible] with general social customs [illegible] the religious usages or even prejudices should be carefully avoided. The [illegible] are generally satisfied by means of [illegible] tolerant and benevolent rule. The [illegible] of education is creating among [illegible] Indian, and will create here among the native of Africa, new and legitimate aspirations. It should be our policy to meet these in a fair and liberal spirit. To obstinately resist them would be to create or to increase general discontent such as would furnish a common stimulus to combine. In conclusion we think, that instead of putting item three before the Convention of Associations in the way the Colonial Secretary has done he would have been better advised had he intimated a willingness to arrange a round table conference between the settlers' representatives and the Government to consider the whole question of safeguarding the native and Asiatic interests and in deciding the question of coloured representation.

Letters to the Editor.

The Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by his correspondents.

A Labour Appeal from the Kedong

To the Editor, *E. A. Standard*, Nairobi.

Dear Sir,—The labour question down here has been very serious for many months owing to the men in the Kikuyu reserves being able to make money much more easily through their wives working their shambas and, then trading the produce among the Masai, than working for Europeans, therefore there is a continual stream of these men passing to and fro through this Valley. For the last few months I have been fortunate enough to have a gang of mtoto working for me.

On the 7th of this month I sent a mtoto with a note to Mr. Russell Bowker and he did not return. This morning I found his murdered body. (Not a very pleasant sight) which had been robbed, in the river by the crossing where all the Kikuyu's going out to the Masai reserve camp. Result—all the rest of my mtotos have bolted as they say if they are sent with messages they will meet with the same fate, which I do not doubt, consequently I am left absolutely without a boy, so once again I will have to milk and herd my cattle and carry wood and cart water with an infant practically in arms.

Can nothing be done.

Yours faithfully,
PATRIE RAINBOW.

Nov. 24th, 1913.

Standard Notes.

We hear that Captain Rostron, who commanded the Carpathia when it went to the help of the Titanic, has been appointed to the temporary command of the Cunard Liner Lusitania (31,550 tons.)

Branches of the Bargemen's Brotherhood, whose members are pledged never to swear, have been formed at Rainham, and Halstow, Kent, and the "Bargeman's Bishop," the Revd. A. B. Parry-Evans has received enquiries about the socie y from Ramsgate, Torquay, and Bournemouth.

"As far as regulating heavy labour or helping the navvy are concerned the Insurance Act is a failure," says a report presented at the annual meeting of Birmingham Diocesan branch of the Navvy Mission.

We are glad to be able to state that Mrs. Cowie, who underwent an operation for appendicitis on Thursday, is progressing as well as can be expected. Mrs. Cowie passed a rather restless night after the operation, but every hope is entertained for a speedy recovery.

Advent Sunday.

NOV. 30TH.

St. Stephen's.

Holy Communion ... 7-30 a.m.
Morning Prayer and Holy Communion ... 10-30 a.m.
Children's Service ... 5 p.m.
Evening " ... 6-30 p.m

St. Marks.

Evening Service ... 5 p.m.
Note.—11 a.m. service cancelled.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The address tomorrow (Sunday) evening will be given by Mr. W. MacLellan Wilson at 8-30; special interest attaches to this address in view of the fact that Mr. Wilson was the representative of the local Association at the World's Conference a few months ago.

The Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. Headquarters in England is undertaking to send out an experienced man to manage the Y.M.C.A. Mess; meanwhile the Y.M.C.A. is fortunate in having the help of Mr. C. J. Mastin in this connection.

Mrs. Shalton and Mr. M. McDonnell and Miss Stevenson and Mr. Russell were the successful players at the bridge drive held on Wednesday last; the next whist drive will be held on December 10th.

Reuter's Cables.

Bonds of Empire.

Interchange of Visits Advocated

VISCOUNT HALDANE'S VIEW.

LONDON, Thursday.

Viscount Haldane presided at a dinner at the Savoy Hotel recently. When speaking on Parliamentary matters of the Empire he said he hoped that the overseas colleagues would visit the Motherland more often in future. "We should learn much of what is going on in the Dominions of the Empire and unite in the common purpose animating the Motherland and Dominions in developing rather more rapidly than is perhaps realised."

A LINK OF EMPIRE.

The Rt. Hon. Sydney Buxton, President of the Board of Trade speaking at an inaugural banquet of an Imperial Council of Commerce welcomed the creation of the council "as a real link of Empire and a clearing-house of commercial information." He attributed to trade commissioners a belief that they would be of great assistance towards meeting foreign competition in the trade of the Colonies.

Home Politics.

Home Rule.

GOVERNMENT NOT GOING TO BE FRIGHTENED.

LONDON, Friday

Mr. Asquith, at Leeds, dealing with the Home Rule question said there was no ground for a general election. They were not going to be frightened or arrested by any menaces of civil war. "Such threats coupled with Lord Lansdowne's hints have an effect on the Army which constitutes a most formidable obstacle on the point of agreed settlement and make for the employment of the whole gospel of Anarchy."

I repeat it is of the highest importance that the new system in Ireland should not start on a basis of civil strife and the apparent victory of one section to the abasement of the other. Any settlement should be subject to amendment in the light of experience, but should in substance be looked upon as beyond any risks of electoral or Parliamentary vicissitudes.

Considerations of a suggestive order as to a solution of difficulties had come from many quarters and though he saw at present no prospect of agreement he did not concur with the opinion that time was being wasted in the matter.

It was quite useless for Party leaders to shout alternative suggestions from rival platforms but the door was not closed to an honourable and reasonable way of peace.

Mr. Asquith emphatically denied the existence of any divisions in the Cabinet and they were not going to make any surrender.

The principle meant through this attitude was that they were determined not to betray the trust that the Irish members reposed in them.

NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION AND INCREASED NAVAL ESTIMATES.

LONDON, Thursday.

A conference of the National Liberal Federation at Leeds was chiefly remarkable for the feeling expressed against the proposed increase in the Navy estimates. Mr. P. H. Illingworth M. P. a Government Whip announced the next general election would not be held before 1915.

The Territorial Tangle.

GOVERNMENT "DOING EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER."

LONDON, Thursday.

Mr. Asquith replying to a Territorial deputation regretted that his obligation to the community to keep the Territorial Force efficient had been so irregularly recognised in different parts of the country. The Government is most anxious, however, to meet every legitimate demand and to do everything in its power to render the smooth and efficient working of the force easier than it has been in the past.

The Navy.

LAUNCH OF OIL-DREADNOUGHT.

LONDON, Thursday.

The battleship "Warspite" was successfully launched at Devonport. The vessel was christened by Mrs. Austen Chamberlain. Mr. Winston Churchill was present at the ceremony.

Launch of Battleship.

LONDON, Friday.

Lady Islington successfully launched the new battleship "Emperor of India" at Barrow.

Fleets Feted.

MEDITERRANEAN SQUADRONS EN FETE.

LONDON, Thursday

The British fleets have left Alexandria and Port Said for Piraeus. Lord Kitchener and many prominent residents of Cairo attended a Ball given by the fleet yesterday to British [illegible]ers at Alexandria.

Echo of Rand Riots.

TEN CONVICTIONS.

LONDON, Thursday.

Ten persons have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from nine months to four years at Johannesburg for the parts they played in the Rand rioting of July last.

New Zealand

SECOND BALLOT ABOLISHED.

LONDON, Thursday

At Wellington, New Zealand, a bill repealing the second ballot at elections has been passed in the House of Representatives.

New Zealand Labour Troubles.

DONDON, Friday.

A Wellington message states that twenty-eight firemen aboard the steamer "Corinthian" have been arrested for refusing to work, their reason being that the ship was loaded by non-Unionists.

Germany.

NEW ESPIONAGE BILL.

LONDON, Thursday.

A new Espionage Bill introduced into the Reichstag yesterday penalises the publication of military secrets in the Press. Falkenhayn and Tirpitz in their speeches dwelt upon the spread of espionage during recent years and the need of a more stringent law.

Tragedy of the Air.

A Melancholy Find.

UNKNOWN AIRMEN'S LONELY END.

LONDON, Thursday

At Moulmelous on the borders of the Provinces of Aube and Marne in France the remains of a biplane and two charred corpses have been found in a desolate spot. Some buttons and a pair of shoes are the only indications that the victims were officers.

The Volturno Enquiry.

MORE SAVED IF SHIP HAD HAD NO BOATS.

LONDON, Thursday

At the Board of Trade enquiry into the "Volturno" disaster the counsel for the Board stated that she carried nineteen boats, accommodating space for 150 more than were aboard. It was a remarkable fact in view of the experience of the "Titanic" that the loss of life would have been less if the "Volturno" had carried no boats at all. All the boats used came to grief involving the drowning of many.

"GALLANT TRADITIONS OF SEA FOLLOWED."

The "Volturno" cargo was barrels of tar, oil, peatmoss, rags, and straw covered bottles. The Captain and those who knew believed the ship might sink at any moment. The Captain, Chief Engineer, and two sailors laboured throughout the night making rafts which happily might save some of the 500 to 400 sou's aboard. When the rescuing boats arrived the Captain told the emigrants to jump into the sea but they refused and thereupon engineers and several seamen jumped over to show the way.

Lord Desart, presiding at the enquiry, said the gallant traditions of the sea were followed.

America.

ARMY ESTIMATES LARGEST ON RECORD.

LONDON, Thursday.

American Army estimates for 1914 amount to 186,000,000 dollars, the highest figure on record.

OIL CONCESSIONS TROUBLES.

LONDON, Thursday.

The American Press has been criticising the oil concessions obtained by England in British Columbia in September as likely to lead to Anglo-American friction. Messrs. Pearson Ltd. in a letter to the papers to-day announce they have received a cablegram to the effect that the contract to develop the oil [illegible] in Columbia has been withdrawn owing to [illegible] feeling being endangered.

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An Epoch Sale!

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Mexico.

Great Battle.

Rebels Rout Federals.

CAPTURED FEDERALS EXECUTED.

LONDON, Thursday.

It is stated from New York that an insurgent general reports a great battle which occurred to the southward of Juarez in Mexico, wherein the rebels faced an overwhelming superiority in Federal artillery but ended in capturing all the guns and routing the Federals.

A Federal officer reports the rebels executed thirty captured Federal volunteers.

Seven hundred Federal prisoners have arrived at Juarez and the hospitals are crowded with wounded.

Cricket.

LONDON, Friday

The Marylebone XI defeated a side of fifteen of Grahamstown and colleges by an innings and 33 runs.

Magistrate's Court.

BEFORE MR. E. R. LOGAN.

FRIDAY

NATIVE DIVORCE CASE.

A rather unusual case came up for hearing on Thursday when a native petitioned for restitution of conjugal rights.

Petitioner stated that prior to his wedding he had given his wife Rs. 20 and on his wedding day Rs. 200. They had lived happily together for seven years, after which without giving any reason, she left him and went to live with one Yuma. Petitioner took her back, and a few days ago, when further further troubles, monetary and otherwise arose, she said petitioner must divorce her.

The case was adjourned.

INDIAN CYCLIST CHARGED—A NAIVE REQUEST.

An Indian was then charge with riding on the wrong side of the road at Ainsworth Bridge and running into a European child causing the same to become unconscious, on the 25th instant.

The accused said: "I am very sorry but it is so. I could not keep control over my cycle. I did not do it on purpose."

The Magistrate—"Had you no brakes?"

Accused—"I had them but was on urgent business and had to go fast."

A European boy, the child who had been injured, then gave evidence to the effect that he had been cycling from school and was just at the bottom of Ainsworth Hill near the bridge, when the accused who was coming down the hill ran into him.

The cycle of the Indian was brought into Court, in very damaged condition.

The accused stated—"It is my own fault and I beg to your Honour to be as merciful as you can, as I am a poor man."

The Magistrate—"You might have hurt this child very much. It is a very dangerous place, and you should come slowly. What is your pay?

Accused—"Rs. 25 per month."

Magistrate—"I fine you Rs. 30, or one month's imprisonment."

Accused—"Your Honour, I am a very poor man, I have not got Rs. 30, I will pay Rs. 15 now, will your Honour give me time to pay the remainder?"

Magistrate—"I give you till the 1st of the month.

Accused—"Cannot you make it a smaller amount"

Magistrate—"No, certainly not."

FRIDAY.

NATIVE ASSAULT CASE.

The following case was brought up for hearing, before the Magistrate; two natives were charged with assaulting another native and causing him the loss of one eye.

Dr. H. H. Welsh first gave evidence. He said:—"I am the medical officer in charge of the Civil Hospital Nairobi. I took it over on Nov. 15th. Plaintiff was a patient in the hospital at the time suffering from one eye. It was badly damaged by being hit with some stick or something of that sort. I examined him again yesterday and I found that the eye was completely disorganised.

He can see nothing at all with it. It is a permanent injury and he will never be able to see with it. It would be better for him to have it out, but he refuses.

The case was adjourned.

Theate Royal.

A UNIQUE FILM

Thursday evening's change of programme at the Theatre Royal was marked by the appearance out of London of a film of exceptional interest.

The picture-story which is entitled "Father" is, we can safely assert the most wonderful example of the cinematographer's art ever we have been privileged to witness. The powerful story is as wonderfully conceived as it is executed and the dramatic situations are sensationally thrilling.

The story deals with a wronged man—a man whose enemy burned his factory and ruined his life. Escaping from prison "Father" the man who suffered the injury ultimately comes into his own after many months of heartbreaking existence

The "fire" scene is most frightfully realistic. Father saves his enemy at imminent peril to his own life. He is seen rescuing him while flames spurt around him and [illegible] beneath his feet. One awful scene shows him hanging over a terrible gulf of flame with the insensible man in his arms, while pillars and stonework crash around them. They are at length rescued from their dangerous predicament by firemen who hold sheets for them to fall into. The whole scene is intensely thrilling and certainly must have been full of risk for the actors and actresses in the drama.

The somewhat sad story concludes with the re-union of Father and his beautiful daughter and all ends happily.

Other items of interest in the programme are "The Warwick Chronicle" a budget of the world's events, "The Piccaninnies and the Watermelons" a genuinely funny film, "The Trader's Greed" a drama of the Wild West and "The Ginger-bread Man" a rollicking comic.

The same programme will be shown to-night.

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At St. Paul's Kiambu—
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10-30 a.m., Holy Communion
11- 0 a.m., Matins.
At Ruiru—
3 p.m. Evensong.

W. P. LOW, Chaplain.

A REMARKABLE OPERATION.

The account is given in a medical paper of a successful operation in which a shawl-pin was removed from a young woman's lung. The patient was holding a shawl-pin 3in. long in her mouth, when something made her laugh, and the pin vanished down her throat. An X-rays examination showed that the pin lay just below the right breast. The patient was placed under chloroform, and cocaine was applied to the internal parts of the throat. Bruning's telescopic tube was then introduced, when the pin was found in the main bronchus. The pin was immediately seized with a pair of forceps and withdrawn through her mouth, together with the bronchoscope. The patient returned home two days later, and has remained perfectly well since the operation.

A FLYING FISH AEROPLANE.

A flying machine which is moulded on the lines of a flying fish has been invented by Mr. Alfred Grohmann, who is employed as a joiner at the Star Paper Mills, [illegible]. The "flying fish" possesses planes [illegible] diameter, and on the frame [illegible] square feet of fabric. By an ingenious contrivance the wings close in the same manner as a bird's, and the whole machine can be wheeled through an aperture 3ft. [illegible] Mr. Grohmann argues that the flight of the flying fish is due to the impetus of the leap from the water, the wings being [illegible] Therefore, if the rigid wings of a fish can catch the air currents so as to enable flight, so can similar wings assisted by power. The machine weighs only 180lb.

WHERE RAIN FALLS.

Increased activity of the sun—as shown by the spots on the surface—is found by Sir Oliver Lodge to have a probable [illegible] influence on rainfall. He points out, however, that the total rainfall all over the earth during a long period cannot exceed what the sun can evaporate in about the same period, and, therefore, depends more on the total activity than on any momentary burst of energy. Where rain shall fall depends chiefly on local conditions. A [illegible] of more than usual rain may result from brief special activity, but the [illegible] will be in the customary localities, [illegible] change in distribution.

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POLICE NOTICE.

Regulation of Traffic, St. Andrew's Dinner, 29th Nov., 1913

TRAFFIC.—Entrance to the Railway Institute will only be by the Billiard Room door in Second Avenue. All vehicles will come into Second Avenue from East to West.

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A.S. of Police's Office,
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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Nov. 29.—D. O. A. L. s.s. Rhenania, Noesel, from Europe.
Nov. 30.—D. O. A. L. s.s. Markgraf, 3,756, Schlapp, from Bombay.
Dec. 5—C.E.H. s.s. Merchant, on or about, from South.
Dec. 10—B. I. S. N. s.s. Pentakota, 3,418, Stewart, from Bombay.
Dec. 16—D. O. A. L. s.s. President, 3,335, Schutt, from Bombay.

DEPARTURES

Nov. 29.—D. O. A. L. s.s. Rhenania, Noesel, for South.
Nov. 29.—M. M. s.s Natal, 4,002, Henon, for Zanzibar and Mauritius.
Nov. 30.—U. C. L. s.s. Dunvegan Castle, for South.
Dec. 1.—D. O. A. L. s.s. Koenig, 4,825, Coltzau, for Bombay via Goa.
Dec. 1.—D. O. A. L. s.s. General, 8,063, Fiedler, for Europe via Aden.
Dec. 1.—U. C. L. s.s. Carisbrook Castle, for Europe via Suez.
Nov. 18.—M. I. s.s. Malaga, on or about, for Aden via Kismayu, Brawa, Merka Mogadiscio and Obba.
Nov. 20—B.I.S.N. s.s. Matiana, for South
Nov. 29.—M. I. s.s. Catania, on or about, for Genova.
Dec. 8—B. I. S. N. s.s. Palamcotta, 3,418, Elton for Bombay direct.

THE MAILS.

These dates are provisional and are subject to alteration.

European.

Nairobi		Mombasa		London	
November	29	December	1	December	18
December	13	December	16	January	3
December	17	December	19	January	5
December	27	December	29	January	16
December	29	December	31	January	15
1914		1914		1914	
January	10	January	10	January	31

London Leave.		Mombasa		Nairobi. Arrive.	
November	7	November	25	November	27
November	12	November	29	November	30
November	21	December	9	December	11
November	28	December	15	December	16
December	5	December	23	December	25
December	10	December	27	December	28
December	11	December	29	December	30

SOUTH AFRICAN.

ARRIVE.

Mombasa		Nairobi		Nakuru	
November	29	November	30	December	2
December	8	December	9	December	10
December	13	December	14	December	16
December	22	December	23	December	24
December	23	December	25	December	26

DESPATCHED.

Nakuru		Nairobi		Mombasa	
November	28	November	29	November	30
December	9	December	10	December	11
December	12	December	13	December	14
December	23	December	24	December	25
December	26	December	27	December	28

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Strange Beasts of East Africa.

QUEER CAVE-DWELLING ANIMAL.

The following letter by Geoffrey Harley in "The Field" supplements a recent article on the same subject which recently appeared in our columns:—

Sir,—Under this heading there appeared in a recent issue of the "Field" a most interesting reference to an article by Mr. C. W. Hobley, "Some Unidentified Beasts," which had appeared in the "Journal" of the East African and Uganda Natural History Society. I have not yet received a current number of the "Journal," and am therefore unaware if, among the "strange beasts" mentioned by Mr. Hobley, the mythical (?) monster of one of the caves of Mount Elgon finds a place. [It does not.—Ed.] In any case, the following short account may be of interest to some of the readers of the "Field."

Three years ago, when making a safari to the summit of Mount Elgon, we were much struck by the persistent rumours of the cave dwellers of Mount Elgon respecting a reputed amphibian which dwelt in one of their caves. We questioned many of the cave dwellers concerning this beast, and in every instance their accounts of the creature's habits and appearance coincided. The cave in which it was supposed to dwell was called by the cave dwellers "Ouros," and was by far the largest cave we saw; it was also some thousand feet higher up the mountain than the main tier of caves. Some way inside the cave was a deep pool of water and it was within this pool that the beast was supposed to live.

We penetrated this cave pool as far as we were able, but the lowness of the roof in places, and depth of water in others, prevented at that time any extensive investigation. We noticed no actual flow of water, but it was perfectly fresh indicating a very strong spring or subterranean river. I inclose a photograph, a time exposure, taken within the cave, where it will be noticed that the remains of old native cattle kraals still remain. The actual entrance to the cave is partly hidden by a waterfall, and it is quite possible that the stream which forms this waterfall is the overflow of a large body of water, which finds its way in subterranean channels.

From careful questioning of the natives it would seem that the nearest description of this cave-dwelling beast would be that of a gigantic otter, some 4ft 6in. in length. Strangely enough, the natives stand in no awe of this creature, but on the contrary regard it with feelings of friendship. They declared that in the times when they kept their cows in the cave, the beast would emerge from his watery lair at night and wander amongst their cows, to the great benefit of future calves! Whether they intended to convey the idea that the cave-dwelling beast was actually responsible for the exceptionally fine calves, or that its presence exerted a beneficial effect on cows already in calf, was not clear.

Such was the cave dweller's account of this strange beast, in which they had implicit belief, though we personally found no verification of the story in the shape of spoor, etc. It would seem somewhat strange that the natives of these districts, who live in constant fear of the depredations of lions and leopards among their flocks and herds, should even in a tale permit so large an animal to wander placidly at night among their cattle. Mount Elgon is honeycombed with clefts and caves of volcanic agency, and was not, I believe, at the time of our visit well known. Events move apace in British East Africa, and Elgon and its caves have now probably been thoroughly explored. It would be interesting to know if any of your readers have heard of this "benign" beast of Elgon, and, if so, have attempted to verify its existence.

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MOMBASA TIMES - UGANDA ARGUS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1913.

Standard Notes.

A European mail to be carried by the s.s. "Carisbrook-Castle" closes at the Nairobi Post Office at 1 p.m. to-day (Monday.)

Sixty grains of aspirin taken to relieve a headache, caused the death of Ernest Cecil Sladen, a company director, of South Kensington, London.

The Union-Castle liner "Carisbrook Castle" is expected to arrive at Kilindini on Monday morning (December 1st) from South Africa.

There is at the present moment every possible form of street collection in London since the police seem giving permission for an unusual number of people to appeal for public alms. A new feature, however, has appeared which is capable of indefinite extension. There is an energetic Cats' Home in London, and this week a lady collector appeared on behalf of the organisation accompanied by a very fine stuffed cat holding a collecting box. This idea might be humorously treated, if, to popularise the Zoo Dr. Chalmers Mitchell was to come into the field with, say, a collection of the stuffed animals which have departed this life even within one year. At that rate we might have an assortment of exhibits [illegible] Crossing Cross to [illegible]

From "The Glasgow Herald":—[illegible] attention is given in Colonial circles [illegible] the rumoured cession of Zanzibar to [illegible] and it is certain that any attempt to exchange it for some other portion of African [illegible] would be widely resented. Zanzibar is [illegible] all the historic commercial [illegible] Africa, of more importance in many ways than Mombasa, and it has developed very considerably since the British [illegible] antly took charge of it nearly [illegible] years ago after refusing the first offer of [illegible] by the Sultan in 1877. The place is [illegible] without strategic importance in the [illegible] policy of the Indian Ocean, and there are many who feel that this is emphatically [illegible] the time when Britain can relax her hold on the ocean road to India, particularly now that her Mediterranean policy has been weakened. Apart from its commercial and political importance, Zanzibar has a peculiar religious interest for Britain, since it was there that the Universities Mission that sprang from Livingstone's inspiration was first successfully founded—indeed, the Church of England edifice there is built on the site of the old slave market, which was the centre of East African trade with India, and it was from this island that many of the Scottish missionaries to Central Africa, of whom the greatest was Mackay, started for the interior. It is known of course that some revision of boundaries between Britain and Germany in Africa is in contemplation, and this will involve very considerable interests and the territory of a third Colonial Power. These matters will involve very careful handling and reshaping of much of Africa south of the equator, but the time is not yet ripe for the matter to be settled.

Reuter's Cables.

Austro-Bulgaian Entente.

KINGS CONFER AT VIENNA.

LONDON, Saturday.

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria is returning to Sofia after a cordial interview with the Emperor of Austria at Vienna. The Emperor reassured him concerning the ill-feeling produced in Austria by the recent publication of the Servo-Bulgarian secret treaty of 1912 whereby the two states undertook to support each other against Rumania and Austria.

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LONDON, Saturday.

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THE MA[ILS]

These dates are provisional and are subject to alteration.

European.

Nairobi	Mombasa	London
December 13	December 16	January [illegible]
December 17	December 19	January [illegible]
December 27	December 29	January [illegible]
December 29	December 31	January [illegible]
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London Leave.	Mombasa	Nairobi
November 7	November 25	[illegible]
November 13	November 29	[illegible]
November 21	December 9	[illegible]
November 26	December 15	[illegible]
December [illegible]	December 26	[illegible]
December [illegible]	December 27	[illegible]
December 11	December 30	[illegible]

St. Andrew's Day

Annual Dinner of the Caledonian Society.

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INTERESTING SPEECHES

[On] Saturday evening the Nairobi Caledonian Society celebrated with the usual social [accompaniments] their annual dinner. The [dinner] which was held in the Railway [Institute] was of the most brilliant and [successful] description and once again amply [justified] its proud title of being the most [important] social function of the year.

[Over] 200 members and guests assembled [and about] seven o'clock the vicinity of the [Institute] began to assume a busy and [animated] appearance as the diners drove [up in] motor cars rickshaws and cycles. [Unfortunately] the weather conditions were [not] the most propitious, heavy showers [were] falling at intervals and the roadways [were] coated with thick layers of mud. In [spite] of these drawbacks, however, the [spirits] of the people were in no wise damped [and the] utmost joviality and good-feeling [prevailed].

[Among] the early arrivals might have [been] seen various of the Society's guests, [who] included Sir Thomas Dewar, Sir [illegible] Williams, The O. C. Troops, The [Hon.] H. [A.] Smallwood (representing the [illegible]), The Revs. Youngson and Soutter [illegible] S. L. Hinde, Esq., Provincial Commissioner.

[Other] prominent people at the dinner were The Hon. Capt. Guest M.P., Arthur Hay, The Hon. H. B. Taylor, E. R. Logan, the Town Magistrate, [illegible] Esq., Postmaster-General and [Messrs.] Riddell, Ward, Cowie, Grogan, Murray.

[With]in the brilliantly lit hall the scene [was] brilliant in the extreme. The long [rows] of tables, with their snowy cloths [laden] with the good fare of Bonnie Scotland [decorated] with heather from "the Land [of Br]own Heath and Shaggy Wood" presented an inviting appearance. Bouquets [of flowers] tastefully arranged and hung in [illegible] festoons added a still lighter [touch] to the table decorations, while the [artistically] designed menu cards with their [photographed] stags and mountain scenery, [typical] of Scotland, and their gay knots [of t]artan ribbons lent still further notes [of colour] to the scene. We may also tell [in a] whisper of the bows of Royal Stuart [tartan] which fondly clung to the necks of [the] bottles of Scotland's famous brew.

[The] committee having wisely followed [the] precedent of last year, had the various [tables] numbered and named with the [names] of members and guests so that the [assembling] crowds were conducted to their [places] with the minimum of trouble and [confusion].

[The] proceedings having been opened with [the] pronouncement of Burn's famous [grace] the company set itself to enjoy the [fare] provided. If the names were somewhat weird, the various courses themselves [were] very palatable. One sassenach, whose [acquaintance] of Scotland was apparently confined to Caledonian dinners was heard to [remar]k that he "never knew they ate such [good] foods in Scotland"; while another [who] had partaken of a liberal supply of the [famous] Haggis was seen to smack his [lips] and remark appreciatively that "the [Hagg]is was by no means the worst thing [that] came out of Scotland."

[The] event of the evening was the [trium]phal entry of the Haggis borne aloft [in the] sturdy hands of that stalwart henchman of things Caledonian, Mr. T. M'Clure. [The] demi-god of the dinner preceded by a [piper] wended its way around the hall to [the] accompaniment of acclamations and [rounds] of cheers. At this stage of the [evening]'s proceedings one felt the electricity [of the] atmosphere and even the uttermost [stranger] could not fail to be impressed with [the] feeling of enthusiasm which thrilled the [gathering]. For, beneath the somewhat [illegible] ceremonial there burned the [patriotism] and the love of the Scot for his [native] land.

[The] somewhat weird menu duly disposed of, the speeches of the evening began. [These], as a whole, were interesting: the [out]standing ones being those of Sir Thomas [Dewar] and Mr. R. J. Stordy, Sir Ralph [illegible] Williams, The Hon. H. A. Smallwood, and [the] Rev. Youngson. Mr. Stordy, like [Sir] Thomas is heard at his best when in [humorous] vein, and both these gentlemen [contributed] largely to the gaiety of the [evening].

[The] president having proposed "The [King]" which toast was accorded the customary musical honours; he then followed [with] "The Duke of Rothesay and the Royal [Family]" and "His Excellency The [Governor]" the latter two also being [enthu]siastically received.

The "Pious Memory of Saint Andrew" was then, according to custom, honoured in silence.

The next toast, "Our Imperial Forces," was proposed by the Hon. A. C. MacDonald, who said:

It has fallen to my lot this year to propose that old and time-honoured toast "Our Imperial Forces."

In doing so it is not my wish or intention to dilate on the many past and great achievements of these forces, not only in guarding our Motherland against invasion, but in protecting her Dominions over the seas, and incidently—paradoxical as it may seem, in carrying civilisation to many parts of the globe.

These achievements have been related to you often times and there is no reason to reiterate them here, but what I do wish to say and to emphasise, is, that our naval, military and reserve forces inspire us with just as much confidence to do their duty to-day as they did in our forefathers in any previous periods of our nation's history.

During recent years, however, foreign nations have increased their armies and armaments to such an extent that is very questionable if our small protective forces could have held their own in the event of a sudden onslaught. I consider we have been lagging with the times and might have been caught napping during late years, but it is pleasing to note that now, while there is no intention of creating an atmosphere of militarism among our people, there is a great and solid movement in Great Britain, in Canada, in Australia, and in other of our possessions to rear and train up a body of men who not only can bear hardships but are likely to safeguard our interests against heavy odds.

In drinking to the health of our Imperial Forces, I should like it to be understood that the toast includes that body of men, viz., our Scouting or Aerial Forces.

Now with regard to our local forces we have in the K.A.R.'s a section of our army which has frequently been tried and has always been found equal to the demands asked of it, and to the difficulties which it has been called upon to face; but it must be remembered that the greater part of this force is now stationed on our distant Northern border, and that there is only a hand-ful of men available at Nairobi in case of emergency in any part of the Protectorate proper. Living as we are in the midst of some three to four million raw and uncivilised natives, I consider, with such small protective force as is at our disposal that we are running very grave risks of having here a repetition of the serious disasters which occurred in the South in the early colonising days there.

I do not wish to be considered an alarmist, but with a knowledge of these sad events in the South before us I do think it is the duty of every able-bodied white man in this Protectorate to fit himself and be prepared to give at a moment's notice his services if required in the protection of settlers, their wives and children in any part of the country.

Anyone who had been present at the Annual Meeting of this Society held about a month ago could not do otherwise than appreciate the fine material at our command for the establishment of a Scotch volunteer force which drilled and equipped would form a very effective "Black Watch" force.

I ask you to carefully weigh these remarks. I know that Colonel Graham who, I am glad to say is with us to-night, is very sympathetic on the subject, and would do all in his power to further the volunteer cause.

I ask you to drink to "Our Imperial Forces."

Col. Graham, in responding to "The Imperial Forces," said "Mr. McDonald has mentioned the majority of the K.A.R. are posted along the frontier. It seems a great pity we have our responsibility to the Northern frontier, as this seems to be a little premature." He then referred sympathetically to the untimely death of the late Mr. Aylmer and the still more recent wounding of Mr. Lloyd Jones in an encounter with Abyssinian poachers. He stated that the treatment meted out by the latter gentleman may be described as radical, the whole crowd of raiders being "mopped up." Trouble with the Somalis is being experienced on the near Eastern frontier, and the rapidly increasing number of these men in the Protectorate must be looked upon with concern. Col. Graham pointed out that the K.A.R.'s are an expensive luxury, but nevertheless essential, and it is very doubtful whether such a body of white men could be raised in the Protectorate [illegible] compared as a [illegible] mobility is the main thing if success is to be attained, more highly trained native troops are required, together with a well trained body of volunteers. [illegible] essential in East Africa. [illegible] who can shoot and [illegible] the finest material is here in East Africa. The present Volunteer body is not enough, and shooting on the rifle range [illegible] the making of good soldiering. Col. Graham concluded his remarks by stating that His Excellency proposes to inaugurate a properly constituted corps, and, judging by the number of Scotsmen in the Protectorate, he saw no reason why a Scotch Company should not be formed. (Cheers.)

Mr V. M. Newland, proposing "The Land we live in," said:

It is with no little diffidence that I have agreed to propose the toast of "The Land we live in."

It is now just nine years since I first heard that toast given in this country on St. Andrew's night, and weighing up the many speeches I have now heard on the same subject on the same occasion, I realise the difficulty I will have in doing my duty adequately. However, I know this—that no one is more keenly interested in the Protectorate than I am, and, badly as I may speak, it is a labour of love for me to dwell on what has been done in this country.

Has it ever struck you, gentlemen, how marvellous the progress of B.E.A. has been. Many of us are inclined to grumble; to think that things have not moved rapidly enough; to complain that fortunes are not being made. Well, despite the inconvenience it causes, such a spirit is a good thing for the country. No young country, and no young man, ever did much unless moved by the spirit of divine discontent. But now let me give you a little history to show that after all we have not done so badly.

To begin with; ten years [ago] infrequent steamers dropped casual passengers in Mombasa—not Kilindini Harbour—there was no question then of important harbour works. Two trains a week ran up to the Highlands, and for several years thereafter their arrival in Nairobi was an event of such importance that the ministers of the Church protested against one of the trains arriving on Sunday in that is drew away nearly their entire congregation. Nairobi consisted of the Government and railway offices and quarters, one or two white tradesmen, the bazaar, a few other Indian shops, the inevitable lawyers, and last but not least, our fine old pioneer "Tommy Wood," presiding at the Masonic Hotel in the Victoria Street, with its shop underneath where we bought goods, if in stock, and cashed Mombasa cheques if we appeared respectable, for there were no banks in Nairobi in those days. Metalled roads there were none outside the railway quarters; Government-road though laid out, was a quagmire bordered by a few beginnings of buildings, and of some twelve or fifteen plots fronting it offered by auction the majority had failed to sell at the upset price of Rs. 200, at which price Mr. Tarlton and I secured three plots where Cearn's Buildings now stand, and sold two of them subsequently at Rs. 300 each—needless to say much to my present regret. So little did some people believe in East Africa that a deputation of prospective settlers, myself amongst them, was informed by the P.C. that B.E.A. was not a country for white settlement, and that we were not wanted. This, gentlemen, was an honest conviction shared by many people, almost including myself when, shortly after my arrival, I was ordered into the street by a now prominent solicitor and a very good friend on my objecting to his fee of 45 rupees for a single power of attorney.

When I wanted a home Mr. Barton Wright told me he was almost ashamed to offer me the only plot available (the site of my present house) it being so far from the town, and when friends wanted plots behind me I had to guarantee half the plots being taken up before the road was surveyed. There was more game than population in the streets at night, askaris challenged us as we approached, and presented arms as we passed.

The Crown Land Ordinance of 1902 was of course in existence, and a certain number of homesteads had been taken up at Kyambu, but grazing leases were only issued for a term of 21 years. Most of the Rift Valley was Masai Reserve, and practically the only ground available for stock farms up country was the Satik and the district surrounding Lumbwa. All farming was more or less in the experimental stage every industry in its infancy. Figures are notoriously misleading, but the few I propose giving must be convincing proof of the progress of this most fertile country.

The value of our imports has grown from £448,092 in 1902/3 to £1,808,343 in the past year, and during the same period our exports have risen from £134,550 to £1,209,201 and the increase of both imports and exports is attributable largely to white settlement.

Comparision of our revenue and expenditure in 1902/3 with that of the year 1912/13 shows an almost startling result. Ten years ago our revenue was only £90,294, our expenditure £311,469, the grant in aid £313,600. In 1912-13 our revenue was £961,178, our expenditure £932,235, the grant in aid nil. If the special grant of £83,500 for rolling stock to cope with the Magadi Railway be excluded.

Turning to the land side of the question, an equally wonderful advance is shown. In 1904 the majority of our settlers had their holdings in the Kyambu District, and even in the fertile area many found it impossible to make both ends meet. Land was practically valueless, and quite a large number of farms changed hands for a mere song, or were surrendered to the Government. It is true a slight boom set in during the year, owing to the rapid influx of new settlers, but when the subsequent re-action came things were worse than ever, and the optimists of the country could easily have been counted on one's fingures. Up country the position was almost worse than round position was almost worse than round Nairobi, quarantine had brought the stock trade to a standstill, depression was everywhere. The position of ten, or even six years ago is almost inconceivable to-day; land, then to be had for the asking, has increased in value by leaps and bounds until improved Kyambu coffee farms have changed hands at over £25 per acre, and unimproved land at £12 and over an acre. Many of the big grazing areas throughout the country have proved valuable agricultural lands, and have been split up into small blocks at up to £2 and £3 an acre. Everywhere a steady increase in values has taken place.

One of the most remarkable developments of the last twelve months has been the growth of the stock trade. To my knowledge over 10,000 head of cattle have changed hands by auction alone, the vast majority being bought by settlers, whilst the sheep and wool industry is also advancing. Sisal has reached the productive stage and is responsible for several budding millionaires. Nearly every coffee planter nowadays owns a motor; rubber growers are beginning to rub their hands in anticipation of fat profits; coconuts at the coast are making fortunes for the lucky owners; maize, wheat flax and citrous fruits are all proved crops. Everywhere is development; the Magadi line completed; the Kilindini Harbour Works being pushed ahead; the Uganda Railway giving more frequent and better service.; the Thika Tramway open to traffic; a Uasin Gishu Railway mooted. A broader land policy has been initiated; the Native labour question has been dealt with by a commission, and their recommendations will, I believe, if carried out, give yet a further stimulus to the prosperity of this country. TTown planning and sanitation are receiving attention, and great results should accrue if long sittings are any indication of good work. The elective principle has been recognised as far as municipal control in Nairobi is concerned, and its much wider application is receiving consideration.

A start—a very small start it is true—has been made with the new Government Offices, and very badly needed they are; private enterprise has completed many fine buildings throughout the country. Progress—and wonderful progress—has been made in all directions and nowhere more than in political life of the country. This is not the place for me to talk politics, but I will say that a new spirit has entered into discussions of public matters, a spirit of toleration, wider sympathy and unselfish devotion. Unpleasantness cannot be avoided where there are wide divergencies of points of view, but our fights are fought not for mere love of fighting, but through deep and earnest conviction. A deeper sense of responsibility is felt—the growth of a National spirit has begun.

Gentlemen, I feel sure you will agree with me that the little history I have given and the figures I have quoted to-night show most gratifying progress of our country—no longer are we a burden of the Mother land; B. E. A. is now a country not only of potential but proved wealth, yet must I sound a note of warning; vast sums of money are now locked up in land, buildings, machinery and stock, and we have not yet reached the stage when the greater part of expenditure is reproductive. There is a tendency to discount the future, which is bad policy, and it should be remembered that extravagance and overstraining of credit can do us much more harm nowadays than in the past, owing to the vastly greater interest involved. However, I must not preach prudence to a gathering of Scotchmen. Let but every man give his best that is in him to his country, and it will repay him a hundredfold, for no portion of the Globe holds greater opportunities, nowhere has nature scattered wealth with a more lavish hand, wealth of soil, wealth of beauty, wealth of climate, wealth of sport, enterprise and healthy entertainment. Here is given to the full joy of a man's life; the pride of doing something that counts in a nation's growth. The privilege of building up a colony is ours, a colony great in its destiny.

And now, Gentlemen, I ask you to drink with me to this most glorious country, "The Land we live in."

The Hon. H. A. Smallwood replied as follows:

I must, in the first instance, apologise for rising to respond to the toast "The Land We Live In" so eloquently proposed by Mr. Newland.

Both tradition and custom have hitherto assigned this duty to those who are far more ably fitted than I am; but in the absence of H.E. the Governor and Mr. Bowring I am told it was my duty.

Gentlemen, if in the few remarks I make I fall short of the high standard you have hitherto been accustomed to, and if I carefully avoid any comments on current questions of a political nature, you will I am sure be generous, and "be to my faults a little blind."

We have listened to a most hopeful account of the progress of the "Land We Live In;" the figures quoted by Mr. Newland speak for themselves.

As to our finances a significant alteration is to be made. Hitherto our expenditure has been restricted by what is known as the half and half principle under which half the estimated increases of revenue in any year was devoted to the reduction of the Imperial Grant in Aid and half to new expenditure. With the disappearance of the Imperial Grant in Aid this will now be abrogated, and in future our expenditure will be regulated by the total amount of our revenue. To the half and half principle we undoubtedly owe, in a great measure, the present satisfactory state of the Protectorate's finances. The removal of the automatic restriction embodied in that principle is a very important point in the financial career of this Protectorate! It is the parting of the ways, and I believe everybody will agree that on our first steps in the new way we should proceed with caution, and if I may be permitted to suggest a motto for our land we live in it would be "festina lente:" that suggestion may not meet with the unqualified approval of everybody; but we cannot indulge in luxuries yet. We must go a low, and most alluring projects must be kept at hand till we can afford them.

Mr. Newland alluded to the prudence of Scotsmen. May I go a step further and ask what is it that has made Scotsmen in many instances such a power in the world? Is it not, as a famous man has said, "the glorious gift of poverty with which Scotland has endowed so many of her sons?"

Gentlemen, I do not wish it to be understood that I say the Protectorate is poor, we have incontrovertible evidence to the contrary, but what I do say is that we, both state and individual, should be careful in our expenditure and credit, not discredit, given to a cautious policy of expenditure.

We have only to look at what is happening at the present time in other parts of the world to acknowledge the wisdom of such action.

Turning now to more general questions: the past year—calculating it by St Andrew's dinner calendar—has had many features of interest. We have had visits from several distinguished persons—among them one whose untimely death was a matter of universal regret and sorrow. I speak of Mr. Lytfleton. Many of us perhaps read his articles having as their subject East Africa, and who knows what good may not come of his efforts to further the interests of this Protectorate.

In July the Commander in Chief of the Cape Squadron and several of his officers visited Nairobi, all carrying away, I am able to assure you, the happiest reflections of their stay.

Then we have Professor Simpson, who is going so thoroughly into that all important question of Sanitation.

There is one thing that I wish experts had, and that is the power of increasing our revenue by a stroke of a magic wand, so that financial considerations and limitations need not delay the immediate commencement of the beneficial schemes propounded.

We have also present with us to-night an eminent servant of the Crown, Sir Ralph Williams, retired it is true to that well earned "peace with dignify" he so thoroughly deserves.

To Sir Thomas Dewar who has been unable to withstand the "call of the wild" I think we can promise that he will find neither the number nor size of the game reduced since his last visit, for we hear of bags of 30 lions and of a leopard 8 yards 1 inch long—corrected it is true to 24 feet 1 inch; but in either case I think a record; and to the devotees of the gentle art of angling let me commend the trout in the Gura now being reported up to 8 pounds in weight.

In October the first Horse Show took place, an unqualified success I believe from every point of view, and for the initiation and carrying through of which thanks specially are due to Mr. MacDonald.

Among many other signs of social progress we must not forget the opening of the Scott Sanatorium—an institution that has already earned the grateful thanks of many who had "fallen by the way," but who through its healing influence have been restored to health.

Good progress has also been made towards stretching a helping hand to those of the other sex in making a "home away from home" for those to whom after all domesticity should specially appeal.

Nor are our energies only confined to the boundaries of the Protectorate, for we have in a measure been helping in some of the problems of Empire.

Our Veterinary Division are manufacturing, for the neighbouring Protectorates and German East Africa, serum for inoculation against the scourge of rinderpest, and now they are engaged in an extensive scheme of cattle dipping with the promised co-operation of those immediately interested.

When international boundaries have to be settled in the neighbourhood of far away Lake Albert our Surveying Department and the East Africa Government will require to institute bonuses for interpreters in such rare and little known languages as Gaelic a[illegible].

Travelling from Nakuru in a brakevan, the other day accompanied by my wife, I overheard the following conversation between an Indian Station Master and the Guard of our train a Scotchman, who spoke the vernacular "I request you to take this mail basket to Nairobi. It is for Mombasa."

"Noo, see here! I hae twa first-class passengers here in the van an' I hae instructions no tae pit onything else in the van."

"Official instructions state that mail baskets must go by first down train."

"Is there a mail in't."

"No, there is no mail in the basket, but the Postmaster-General will require it for the mail which is arriving from Bombay."

"Naething in't, then I'll no be takin' it."

"I shall then require your number or you will give me a memo."

"For what wid I gie ye ma number or a memo. Nae fears, and what's mair, I'll hae nae mair o' yer damned impidence."

"I shall then have to report the matter."

"Report awa'! but I'll daur ye tae report me tae either Goslin' or the manager."

The whistle blew and we steamed out of the station leaving the basket lying on the platform while the station-master hurled Punjabee invective at the retreating train.

We solved the labour question in Scotland by handing over the natives with the land, and although in after years the WaScottie were emancipated in great part through the influence of the Church, I do believe that the natives of Scotland were the richer for this period of serfdom, as it developed in them a sturdy and stoical temperament, it gave birth to that peculiar characteristic of the Scotch race—thrift, and it originated those habits of foreign adventure which have produced that world famous empire-builder—the Scotch emigrant.

Turning to the question of land we find that our land laws were not always so good as they are to-day. We read that the crofters lived a hard and miserable existence, ekeing out a precarious living by following the fisheries. In East Africa we have our grievances against the land laws, the principal official grievance being that we poor devils cannot hold any, but I have yet to learn of the settler who is living a hard and miserable existence. Same of them, it is true, eke out a precarious livelihood by conducting safaris of kid-gloved sportsmen in search of big and dangerous game.

In days gone by the Scotch postal service involved extraordinary delays, an interval of two months intervening between the despatch of a letter and receipt of a reply [illegible] postage in those days cost [illegible] gentlemen, I think we have [illegible] gratulate ourselves in that we have [illegible] comparatively new country a postal [illegible] ment using every endeavour to [illegible] maintain regular communication between [illegible] capital and outlying portions of the Protectorate.

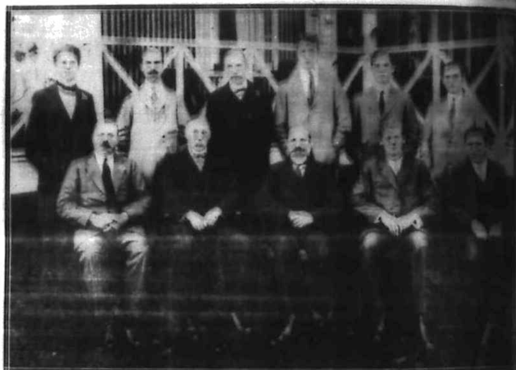
It was not until the middle of the [illegible] century that a police force was established in the Land o' Cakes and before [illegible] districts had to provide for their [illegible] best they could, every citizen being [illegible] to take his turn in patrolling the [illegible] protect person and property. Now that [illegible] estimates for the next financial year [illegible] course of preparation, I throw out the [illegible] that it might be well to ascertain if [illegible] zens of Nairobi are prepared to [illegible] this work. It would not only effect [illegible] able saving in the running of the [illegible] department, but would prevent [illegible] questions in Council when the estimates are laid upon the Council table. I believe [illegible] could produce a very fine body of [illegible] service under Mr Notley.

Sanitation and drainage questions [illegible] fronted our forefathers. That's the [illegible] probably why we get experts from [illegible] The Nor' Loch of Edinburgh, a [illegible] water which practically divided the old [illegible] the new town, had to be drained, and [illegible] excavations were made for buildings [illegible] vicinity the earth and debris from these excavations were dumped into the centre of the drained loch. This mighty mass [illegible] such an eye-sore that the authorities [illegible] ed the mound into a broad road upon [illegible] now stand some of Edinburgh's finest buildings.

Stock thefts and the burning of farms were of frequent occurrence in Scotland and [illegible] Border raiders moved their cattle where [illegible] when they pleased without permits or quar-antine restrictions. But then quarantine [illegible] a permit system were unnecessary in those days, for we have ample evidence to prove that ticks did not exist in Scotland, otherwise the kilt would never have been adopted as our national garb.

Gentlemen, long may our motto be "Ducit amor patriæ," zealously guarding the [illegible] traditions of our race, ever remembering [illegible] dear homeland from which we derive our birth and infant nurture "The Land o' Cakes."

The other speeches and our report of the later proceedings will appear tomorrow [illegible] will the full text of Colonel Graham's speech. Our weekly edition will contain full reports of the Scottish gatherings in the Protectorate.



THE COMMITTEE OF THE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

Above we reproduce a photograph of the Committee of the Caledonian Society taken at the final committee meeting who were responsible for the arrangements and successful carrying out of Saturday's dinner. To the President (Mr. A. J. Turner), the Secretary (Mr. H. B. Simpson), and Mr. R. J. Stordy special thanks are due for the indefatigable way in which they worked to render the event a success.

Reading from left to right, the names are: back row, H. G. Robertson, F. G. Hamilton (District Commissioner), T. McClure, H. B. Simson (Secretary), J. S. Hunter, J. McK. Smith; seated, R. J. Stordy (Chief Veterinary Officer), Hon. H. B. Taylor (Manager Uganda Railway), A. J. Turner (President), H. P. Espie and W. McHardy (Treasurer).

assists by sending one of their staff as British Commissioner, and when the new Nigeria requires a law officer of the Crown we supply him: and her I think I may assure Mr. Combe that he will carry away with him the best wishes of everybody for his future health and happiness.

And now let me remind you, gentlemen, of what I said when I asked you to be generous to my shortcomings; but at any rate I can assure you that it has been an honour to me to respond to the toast of the "Land we live and believe in."

Mr R. J. Stordy then proposed "The Land o' Cakes." He said:

"Ducit amor patriae." Love of our country leads us. Where has it led us? It has led us to this country of our adoption to assist in the colonization of one of the fairest portions of this great African continent and if it goes on leading many more of our countrymen there is every chance of the Land of Cakes becoming depopulated

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Look at the Wanted Column this Issue.

The Indian Problem in South Africa.

English and Indian Opinion.

"Nothing like present Indian Agitation since Mutiny."

A SERIOUS POSITION.

The following lengthy cabled accounts of [illegible] serious position of affairs in South Africa [illegible] regards the Indian question is of special [illegible] at this time when the question of [illegible] immigration is agitating our own community. What is to be done with the alien [illegible] is a big problem and requires careful [illegible]. Our leading article appearing elsewhere suggests a remedy so far as our local [illegible] community is concerned and the [illegible] question is under editorial review. [illegible] it not be made equally applicable to [illegible] Africa?

LONDON, Friday.

A serious affray between the police and [illegible] from the Hillhead and Blackburn [illegible] in the Mount Edgecumbe district is [illegible] from Durban.

[illegible] official report says four Indians were [illegible] and twenty-nine wounded, some dangerously.

[illegible] police were severely wounded of a [illegible] which consisted of an officer and twelve [illegible] African mounted riflemen and five [illegible] constables.

[illegible] Viscount Hardinge, says the "Daily News," [illegible] with remarkable severity on the matter [illegible] asserts that the problem of the Indians in [illegible] Africa has been seriously mishandled. [illegible] both necessary and satisfactory that the [illegible] of India should make itself heard per-[illegible]. It is now incumbent upon the [illegible] authorities to intervene without [illegible] delay.

The "Daily Chronicle" says the antagonism [illegible] the Government of India and South [illegible] is serious enough without the added [illegible] of personal recriminations be-[illegible] Gen Botha and the Viceroy. "Neither [illegible] careful in their language as is desir-[illegible]. We particularly regret the undiplomatic [illegible] of an experienced diplomat like [illegible] Hardinge; perhaps his was the [illegible] mistake of approaching the South [illegible] Government direct, Gen. Botha's [illegible] would do well to grant a full [illegible]."

INDIAN PRESS VIEWS.

The Viceroy of India in a speech at Madras [illegible] the position of the Indians in South [illegible]. In regard to their attitude of passive [illegible] he said:—"In all this they have [illegible] deep-burning sympathy in India of all [illegible] who, like myself, without being Indians [illegible] sympathise with the people of this country." [illegible] concluded although the allegations of ill-treatment of Indians are denied, even the de-[illegible] contained admissions rendering it imperat-[illegible] that the Union of South Africa should [illegible] an impartial committee of inquiry on [illegible] the Indians should be represented.

[illegible] Despatches from Viscount Gladstone, [illegible] Governor General of South Africa, received at [illegible] do not appear to have relieved any of [illegible] tension. The ministerial refutation of the [illegible] promise to repeal the Indian Tax gives [illegible] unpleasant impression of a view being held [illegible] to the statement. A Natal legislator, [illegible] Silburn, in an interview with the "Natal [illegible]" says funds are collecting at the [illegible] of ten thousands sterling per day. A [illegible] to Mr. Gokhale from Mr. Ritch con-[illegible] denials of assaults in the form of [illegible] untrue forwarding you affidavits." [illegible] Indians residing in the United Kingdom [illegible] approached Mr. Harcourt to receive a [illegible] deputation in reference to the South African [illegible]. Mr. Harcourt writes in reply regret-[illegible] he is unable to receive a deputation but [illegible] quite prepared to receive any statement in [illegible]. The Indians are much dissatisfied.

INDIAN EDITOR ARRESTED.

The arrest of the West Editor of "Indian [illegible]" at Durban is regarded in Delhi as a [illegible] blow to the Indian community of [illegible] Africa, placing them at a serious disad-[illegible]. In view of the imprisonment of [illegible] of the Indian leaders, and the consequent [illegible] on the matter caused in India, the [illegible] F. C. Andrews of St. Stephen's College [illegible] Delhi with an intimate friend at Port [illegible] is leaving immediately for South [illegible] to ascertain the facts and report on the [illegible].

It is reported from Delhi that Viscount [illegible] Hardinge's speech has eased the tension to [illegible] extent and the Native Press is adopting [illegible] more conciliatory tone. Meetings through-[illegible] the country are expressing gratitude for [illegible] outspoken pronouncement saying the [illegible] Viceroy has rendered great services not only [illegible] India but to the whole of the Empire.

The Rev. W. Pearson, formerly of the [illegible] Missionary Society leaves Delhi to-[illegible] for Durban.

The "Times of India" at Bombay says If there has been no ill treatment what has Gen. Botha to fear from enquiry? The newspaper laments the fact that the good faith of his government should be questioned, but he does not recognise the fact that it is only questioned because of his continued evasion of charges. No trust can be placed in his affirmations.

The "Bombay Chronicle" says that the whole of Gen. Botha's recent speech is inspired with a tone of lofty superiority which almost amounts to contempt for the claims of the Indians. It is evident he is quite unconscious that he and his colleagues are on their defence. The "Bombay Gazette" states that Viscount Hardinge's speech is not calculated to diminish the difficulties of the situation. Indeed it is becoming more and more apparent that unless circumspection is shown by public men here the grievances of the Indians in South Africa may become obscured in a controversy involving far greater issues.

LONDON PRESS OPINIONS.

The "Westminister Gazette" of to-day says that "Viscount Hardinge illustrates a maxim—when a diplomat does break loose he goes further than other people. We may judge from his speech that the treatment of Indians in South Africa has produced a position of real urgency. The Indian position is requiring the Viceroy to make clear his sympathies with the Indians. He will fight their battles and his speech from that point of view doubtless will have a striking and salutary effect. We hope that South Africans will endeavour to put themselves in the place of the Viceroy and realise the extreme difficulty of his position. Nothing can be done except of South Africa's own freewill but it is precisely an appeal for freewill assistance whereon we rely."

The "Pall Mall" reiterates a solemn warning concerning the growing indignation in India. "In the light of those circumstances Viscount Hardinge has made a somewhat unfortunate speech. It must be considered that he said far too much and was most unwise to express personal approval of the Indians violating the laws of South Africa. We appreciate his purpose but he need not have poured out ghee fire. An impartial committee is only possible to be appointed if South Africa freely consents." The "Globe" newspaper advocates that the Imperial authorities should now take a hand in the dispute and the English Cabinet should offer its good offices to the contending parties.

The Daily Telegraph" states that there cannot be any wrong done in assuming that Lord Hardinge's extraordinarily strong expressions were deliberately adopted on the ground of expediency. That such a declaration of sympathy was thought necessary bears out the statement of some observers that there has been nothing like the ferment in India over this affair since the Mutiny, and it is to be earnestly hoped that the political insight and imagination of General Botha will enable him to understand the difficulties of the Viceroy, and that an Imperial question of the gravest character is involved. The whole Empire looks to South Africa as the basis of action. An official enquiry into the allegations seems urgent.

The "Daily Telegraph" states that Lord Hardinge, knowing the uselessness of despatches, has taken the right course in showing, by a public speech, his sympathies with the people over whom he is appointed ruler.

The "Daily Mail" remarks that it was fit and proper for the Viceroy to express his dissatisfaction, but that one would have expected the representative of the King Emperor to weigh his words with care in a speech which was not likely to ease the situation in South Africa, nor help the Indians.

The "Times" states that it is impossible for the strongest English well-wishers in the Indian cause to have any sympathy for their fellow subjects in resisting one of His Majesty's Governments as been done in Natal, and in violent conflict with the forces of the Crown. It will only postpone a redress of grievances, perhaps indefinitely, and if the leaders who organised the resistance of the Indians, refuse to arrest it now they will forfeit a great deal of sympathy in their doubts; such sympathy must finally remove the speech of the Viceroy at Madras. If order is restored in Natal, the influence of the Indian Government will be exerted with energy and effect on their behalf, and this is what Lord Hardinge intended to convey to the Imperial Parliament. Immediately order is restored, pressure must be brought to bear for a full investigation of the grievances. It is not anticipated that this will be resisted by General Botha's Government or S. African opinion if proper steps be taken to show the necessity to be a real one.

THE OFFICIAL VIEW.

Reuter is informed that it is declared in authoritative quarters that the settlement of the Indian question is considered as one for South Africa herself in the hope that moderation and conciliation will achieve a satisfactory solution. Suggestions that Departmental conferences are being held with a view to action by the Imperial authorities are entirely erroneous. The fact is the India Office, whose task is much easier than that of the Colonial Office, is duly communicating its views and recommendations which will doubtless be forwarded to the proper quarters.

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THE EAST
African Standard
MOMBASA TIMES — UGANDA ARGUS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1913.

A RETROSPECT, come and gone. It was a representative and convivial gathering of Scots and Scotsmen. The annual celebration of the Nairobi Caledonian Society reminds one, however, that it is just about a year ago since His Excellency, C.M.G., took over the reins of our administration from Sir Percy Girouard. His year of office has not been very happy, and it has not been remarkable for any display of constructive and progressive statesmanship. His accession could scarcely be described as cordial, but that will now be forgotten and forgiven, regretable incident and perhaps a misunderstanding. We trust, however, His Excellency is not nursing any feeling of resentment against the settlers on that score. Highlands more particularly on that score standing. We trust, however, His Excellency is not nursing any feeling of resentment against the settlers on that score. Highlands more particularly on that score. At heart the settlers are sound and patriotic. British characteristics in the settlers are fair play. They also believe in the British fair play. They also believe in the British race, and are in fighting trim to uphold and maintain those rights and privileges. His Excellency has missed all along great opportunities by not frankly appealing to the settlers for their advice and their assistance in his difficult task of administrating a country with so many perplexing problems. Had he inspired their confidence; had he appealed to them for their confidence; and fair play, even while the feeling against his appointment was still simmering, there would have been a different story to tell to-day. We are confident that the response would have been generous, and loyal settlers, a body of carnes; and loyal settlers, willing and ready to help him with the burden of administration, and eager and generous in helping him to develop and expand this wonderfully rich land. Since his pronouncement at Nakuru some weeks after his arrival he has not chatted to the settlers. His attitude has not been conducive to his silence. Instead of being hospitable, his was irritated by his earlier reception. Instead of being hospitable, he has, if we interpret the feeling of the settlers correctly, shown a veiled hostility. The pity of it. Perhaps we have misunderstood His Excellency. It is a possible, even a likely, supposition. It is certainly misunderstanding should be the way misunderstanding contrary to precedent. On two occasions His Excellency has been at the Caledonian dinner in Nairobi. His effort is made to meet and mix with the people. The next meeting is at the Legislative Council is being held at the machine for the purpose of being dissolved. The work of important Government departments will be left behind. The absence of their chiefs, is a serious mishap that is the cause? It is why some His Excellency tell us the reason of His displeasure. We do not know the resentment why does he feel so resentful over may be the cause we could be glad if he would be straight out to tell us like straight talk we would be able to slide a spade. There is still room for soft pedal pushers, and a little candour and softness would clear the air and be a world of good. The official and non-official members of the same race should not be constantly at each other's throats. Such a temper and feeling among people serves no good purpose. It is mischief and results in progress. The country cannot afford it, and it is not. This country needs all its sons, and it is necessary. His Excellency is an able servant of the Crown. He is a strong administrator. He is a man who errs on the side of economy. He is one who does not spend money that he shall not spend. He is jealous of his territory. He is jealous of his sphere of influence. This tendency to economise is good. The country is right in checking waste. The Governor's right in checking waste, which has resulted in a deficit, which has resulted in a deficit, which has resulted in a deficit

Reuter's Cables.

German Military Scandal.

Troops Run Amok.

Wholesale Arrests of Inoffensive People.

HIGH DIGNITARIES IMPRISONED.

LONDON, Monday

A message from Berlin states that the Alsatian town of Zobern was recently the scene of a fierce outbreak of anti-German feeling, due to the resentment of the inhabitants against a German Lieutenant, who addressing his men, referred to "those Alsatian vagabonds." Although the Lieutenant was punished the hostility of the civilians towards the military was unallayed and culminated on Sunday evening in a sharp collision between the troops and the populace, after the arrest of a civilian who insulted an officer the troops turned on the crowd with fixed bayonets and threatened to fire upon the people who fled pursued by the soldiery. Forty arrests were made. Officers now appear in the streets only when accompanied by a guard with fixed bayonets.

LATER.—The Zobern affair is assuming the dimensions of a scandal of the first magnitude. Nothing else is discussed in the lobbies of the Reichstag where Alsatian Deputies notified the question to the German Chancellor. The communal Council of Zobern telegraphed the Chancellor, the Minister of War and the President of the Reichstag demanding protection for the citizens against the troops. It is reported that after the flight of the crowd the troops arrested indiscriminately. The prisoners included two Judges, the Public Prosecutor, and a solicitor, just leaving the Court house. Most of the arrested were confined overnight in the Barracks cells and in the morning were brought before the Magistrate who immediately ordered their release, apparently on the ground that it was illegal for the military to make the arrest without the co-operation of the civil authorities. The Chancellor has ordered a strict enquiry to be made. The two Judges referred to were arrested it appears for refusing to obey the orders of the soldiers. All the arrested have now been released.

Home Rule.

BONAR LAW LAYS DOWN THE LAW.

London, Saturday.

Mr Bonar Law in another speech this evening, said "If the Government thought they were entitled to dragoon Ulster why had they not stopped the organisation which is now proceeding and which is daily becoming stronger? Why had they not arrested Carson?" It might be said that he was endangering Carson's liberty without risking his own, but he repeated he was ready to give the Government the right to prosecute himself also.

At a luncheon held in Dublin, Mr. Bonar Law said, "Mr. Asquith's recent speech has evidently given satisfaction to the Premier's followers—it has also given satisfaction to me (loud cheers.) It seemed a complete acceptance of Mr. Redmond's orders of "Full steam ahead" and if so the difficulties with the Unionists were gone (cheers.) It was impossible for Mr. Asquith to have a mandate from the country on Home Rule when, at the time of the last general election, no one had any idea of its provisions. The American rebellion was fought over the application of an unjust principle, but to-day's injustice toward Ulster was tenfold greater. He emphasised that at the time of one of the Spanish wars of the 18th Century Walpole, when bonfires were being lit, said "They are ringing bells to-day but they will be wringing hands to-morrow." (cheers.) In a speech afterwards, Mr. Carson affirmed that his reply to Mr. Asquith was that he would never be intimidated by the Government (cheers.)

Wellington Rioters Imprisoned.

LONDON, Monday

Two rioters connected with the Wellington strikes have been sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

South Africa.

MORE ABOUT THE INDIAN TROUBLE.

LONDON, Saturday.

The All-India and South Africa League announces that the Hon. Mr Crewe member for East London in the Union House of Assembly has consented to receive on December 1st a deputation of Indians on the subject of the situation in South Africa.

Mr. Gokhale at Delhi, continues to receive telegrams from South Africa complaining that there are reports of assaults on several estates and of the Government's refusal of facilities to ascertain facts. In a speech to-day Mr. Gokhale said the position of his countrymen in South Africa is growing more desperate. They must not lose heart because it was the universal belief throughout India that the Imperial authorities are far more careful of the feelings of a few hundred Europeans in South Africa than of their rights and feelings. If in the minds of a hundred millions of His Majesty's Indian subjects such a belief was allowed to become a settled conviction the gravest results would follow to India and to the whole of the Empire. Fortunately that danger was greatly mitigated by the Viceroy's courageous utterance at Madras. Unless public men in England and South Africa realised the bitterness and the fierceness of resentment that is convulsing India they are unable to measure the magnitude of the service Viscount Hardinge has rendered to the Empire.

Connaught Jewellery Missing

SUPPOSED THEFT.

LONDON Monday.

The Daily Mail states that the police are searching for a quantity of Jewellery belonging to the Duke of Connaught, including a portion of the regalia of the Garter which is also missing.

Standard Notes.

During a gale a whale over 80 feet long has been driven ashore on the French coast near Brest.

M. Champel, a French airman has carried 1,772 passengers in three years flying without a single accident.

On Saturday last, at the Nakuru Hotel, an informal meeting was held to discuss preliminaries in connection with a meeting advertised to be held on Saturday next, the 6th December, at the same place, for the consideration of a branch railway from Nakuru to the Uasin Gishu, more particularly in the Eastern side of the Menengai Crater to Molo; and thence to the Ravine. Mr. F. Watkins, Senior, who convened the meeting, occupied the chair.

On Sunday afternoon in the neighbourhood of Duke St. a somewhat ludicrous incident was witnessed. Two young gentlemen were riding their cycles when a stick which one of them was carrying caught in the back wheel causing it to break a number of spokes and also to buckle the wheel so badly that it made it impossible to ride the machine. The other cyclist dismounted and, after an argument a very ingenous idea was arrived at. The invalid machine was picked up and put longways on top of the other cycle which they started to wheel home. On top of the machine they also put their coats and the stick which had caused all the trouble, thus giving the impression of the old familiar clothes cart from which the most of us as children secured our gaudy flags and balloons!

An interesting engagement—that of Mr. T. W. Radley, Nairobi, to Mrs. Winifred Groves, L.R.A.M., of Durban, South Africa—is announced. Mr. Radley is familiar to all in Nairobi as the lessee and manager of that popular place of entertainment, the Theatre Royal, and needs no introduction. His ability as a manager has been proved and by the manner in which he has surmounted the many difficulties which beset him since the opening of the theatre. These have entailed much arduous work, and have brought The Theatre Royal to its present high level, and popularity. Mrs Groves, although but recently come into our midst has not only proved herself a capable and talented musician, but has also secured for herself a place in the affections of a large circle of admirers, and friends. We wish the happy couple all the felicitations of the occasion.

ENTRE NOUS.

(Being the [illegible])

There are two subjects I wish to comment on. Both have been very much before the public eye this week. The reply to the Petition and Scotsman. My views on the former are not altogether in accord with the editorial views of this paper, but it is broad minded and tolerant enough to print them. My friends the Jews will support me here. My remarks on the latter are fast becoming hardy perennials, for which many Celts are to blame for they ply me with material through the medium of the post.

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This week end I have been enjoying Chambers's Journal. There is an interesting article on "Old Scottish Epithets" by James Ferguson, K.C. Many of them are rather uncomplimentary to the Men of the Isles. "There is no trust to be put in the islanders," says one, which may refer, as Mr. Nicolson, himself a Skyeman, suggests, to difficulties placed by the winds and waves in the way of their keeping engagements as much as to any moral delinquency. The general condemnation of the misty islands embodied in "So long as there are trees in the wood there there will be guile in a Skyeman admits of no qualification; and degrees of unpopularity are graphically stated in 'Worse is the Tireeman than the Mullman, worse is the Mullman than the Islayman, and worse is the Islayman than the devil, which, as Mr. Nicolson points out, has a curious resemblance to the Eastern saying: 'The Kurds are worse than the Arabs, the Arabs are worse than the Yezidees, and the Yezidees are worse than Eblis.' One may also recall another fragment of Oriental wisdom to which an Occidental supplement has been attached. "It takes two Turks to cheat one Jew, two Jews to cheat a Greek, two Greeks to cheat an Armenian, and two Armenians to cheat an Aberdonian.

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There are other forms of the depreciatory description of the Western Islanders, one being:—

> A Mullman, an Islayman, and a devil,
> The three worst in creation;
> The Mullman is worse than the Islayman,
> The Islayman worse than the devil.

Another:

> There is not in nook or corner
> What the Mullman's eye won't see,
> There is not in height or hollow
> What the Islayman won't handle;
> What the Islayman would leave,
> What the Mullman soon would grasp;
> The Collman soon would [illegible]
> But woe to [illegible] his goods or life,
> Who trusts to treacherous Barraman.

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Mr. Ferguson says, the old Scottish epithets and sayings lend much of their picturesque charm to the past of Scotland, they photograph for us the outstanding traits and qualities of our forefathers, and they record the perceptive observation, the reflecting mind, and the shrewd judgement of the Scottish people. Mr. Stordy will emphatically say hear, hear to this. This old Watsonian had his night out on Saturday and enjoyed himself to the full. Another Watsonion of my acquaintance too did himself proud, although he looked somewhat dogeared on Sunday.

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The speech of Mr. Newland was informative and interesting. His facts and figures will be read overseas with agreeable surprise. While I listened to his speech. I could not for the life of me get away from the feeling that I was listening to a prelude to a sale of the Protectorate and I was expecting to hear the finale of the Music of the Mart—Going going, gone. If our motto is to be *festina lente* and the interpretation of it, as expounded by the man who carries the bag, is to hasten very slowly then we may expect to hear the sounds of the hammer. Over caution and parsimony will be fatal in the face of "incontrovertable evidence" that this country contains great wealth which will only be garnered by a little daring expenditure; some speculation founded on faith and belief and spunk enough to take risks.

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Mr. Smallwood need not have apologised for rising to respond to the toast. "The Land we Live in." His speech was given to order. He was obviously instructed to throw a bone, which had been stripped of meat by the man with the knife wearing blue and white striped apron. The Treasurer has qualities which go to make up the orator; he has proved himself a capable official and he is a jolly good fellow. We should like to see and hear him more often.

I gather that the Hon. A. C. [illegible] remarks and the reply of [illegible] will be dealt with elsewhere. [illegible] of great importance. [illegible] ing to my mind was that [illegible] time special correspondent of the [illegible] not the E. A. S. Sir Ralph [illegible] Williams like a good many other [illegible] has crowded a good deal into his life. [illegible] forty years ago he was [illegible] Ten years later found him [illegible] Central Africa. He has done [illegible] in South Africa and is an [illegible] Bechuanaland. His book, "The [illegible] in Bechuanaland" is one that [illegible] attention of our readers. [illegible] ment to the Governorship of [illegible]

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be administered those islands which [illegible] knowledge a former Governor of [illegible] Africa as its head—Sir James [illegible] Now he is resting on his laurels. [illegible] those who listened to him will [illegible] will use the paternal guiding [illegible] promising son, the Chairman of the [illegible] vention of Associations. [illegible] in our wayside councils and we hope [illegible] make a lengthy stay in B.E.A. [illegible] best of health and have a real good time.

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There is no side about that [illegible] bachelor and knight. His [illegible] and jolly as becomes a [illegible] canny Scots were a wee bit [illegible] however, that he didn't tap a [illegible] the poet was a little sad when he [illegible] second line of the following:

> [illegible]

'Tis said he has never had a [illegible] horse, but far a' that He's a sport.

(The remainder of this article is [illegible] out are many other interesting [illegible])

Magistrate's Court.

MONDAY.

Before Mr. Logan.

A NATIVE VAGRANT.

The following cases were brought [illegible] hearing, the first being that of a [illegible] with vagrancy.

It appears that the accused had [illegible] been in gaol for the same charge [illegible] three times for theft.

When asked if this was so, he (accused), said "Yes."

The Magistrate addressing accused [illegible] cannot have you in Nairobi [illegible] some work, and behave yourself [illegible] fashion. You must find work or [illegible] of Nairobi. I give you seven days [illegible] employment."

INGENIOUS NATIVES [illegible]

A KIKUYU WITH THE LAW.

The next case was that of [illegible] charged with assaulting a Kikuyu.

The plaintiff gave evidence [illegible] "I have got six cattle, and I was [illegible] away when I met the three accused [illegible] on the road I had my boy with [illegible] Inspector Roberts "this is a [illegible] (laughter.)

Accused, resuming:—"They [illegible] and said, 'where did you get [illegible] from, 'where is your pass' [illegible] have no pass. The [illegible] said to me, 'you will not [illegible] turned my cattle round, and [illegible] struck my boy three times [illegible] accused then said—'give us [illegible] shall not go and tell the doctor [illegible] not we shall tell the askari [illegible] the quarantine with your [illegible] then be sent to prison. [illegible] them a cow so instead I [illegible] I gave the money to No. 1 [illegible] No. 2 had gone after the [illegible] took the money and went [illegible] cows."

Inspector Roberts "Why did [illegible] your cows before you gave [illegible] Because they would not [illegible] and would have taken me [illegible] I should have been sent to [illegible]

Magistrate:—"Is that [illegible] them?" Accused—"Yes."

Case Continued.

AGRICULTURE.

STOCK BREEDING.

To the Editor E. A. Standard, Nairobi.

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SAND BUSINESS AND RAILWAY INEFFICIENCIES.

To the Editor, E. A. Standard, Nairobi.

Sir,—The price of sand is still on the rise. It has been increased from Rs. 4-50 to Rs. 9/- a ton and even at this rate the sand contractors supply it as a matter of favour. In the meantime I have been compelled to dismiss my artisans and close the works until such time that sand is available. It appears that the rise in prices is to be attributed to the Railway Traffic inefficiency to run trains. It is said that not a single train load has arrived here for the last fifteen days or so. Somebody should be responsible for this as the public cannot be allowed to be penalised from time to time. There is something seriously wrong somewhere.

INQUIRY.

Nairobi, Dec. 1, 1913.

Coffee Report.

We have received the following report from Messrs. E. H. Allan & Company, 17, Gracechurch Street, London, E. C., 5th November 1913.

	1913	1912	1911
EAST INDIA.			
Landed to 31st Oct Tons	3,567	4,069	3,497
" "	3,745 [illegible]	3,745	3,439
" "	4,061	1,562	900
Delivered "	550	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stock			
COFFEE OF ALL KINDS Stock in U.K.	11,065	10,885	13,000
Total European Imports to 30th Oct.	545,060	457,410	487,765
Total European Deliveries to 30th Oct.	556,950	529,765	527,960
Total European Stock to 30th Oct.	363,765	226,100	373,650
World's Visible Supply to 30th Oct. X	748,060	744,645	771,650

X An increase of 32,765 tons compared with an increase of 29,290 tons last year.

BRAZIL RECEIPTS TO 4TH NOVEMBER 1913 7,591,000; 1912 6,462,000; 1911 7,613,000; 1910 7,011,000. Santos Stock 2,654,000. Market steady Superior C & f 59 December is quoted 50/7½ against 50/1½ a month ago in the interval it has been up to 52/6. C & f prices in Santos are about 2/6 below the best.

The market was kept by continued bad reports of the Brazil flowering, but although these have to a certain extent been confirmed they have not been sufficient to maintain prices against political troubles in America and fears of dearer money.

Allowing for the usual amount of exaggeration (one report put the 1914-15 Santos crop at only 4½ millions!) it seems certain that the blossoming season has not been favourable, and 8 millions may be a reasonable estimate with 9½ for the current season.

Deliveries seem to be improving under the influence of lower prices so that the outlook as a whole is satisfactory, but we have to remember that there will probably be heavy supplies of Mild Coffee here in the Spring, as much that would usually go direct to other markets is likely to come to London for financial reasons.

The spot market has been strong until within the last few days when money fears have affected it.

In the early part of October a considerable business was done in E.I. Crops at 75/ to 77/ for Mysores and Coorgs and 79/ to 80/ for Nilgiris and similar, but since about the 20th very little has been sold, and at the moment buyers are holding off entirely. In view of the Brazil position it seems possible that we may have some recovery before long, but much depends on politics and money.

East Africa and Uganda.

MONTHLY STATISTICS TO 31ST OCT (all Africa)

	1913	1912	1911
Imports since 1st Jany. Tons.	317	302	202
Deliveries do. "	281	349	167
Stock on 31st Oct. "	175	90	87

Since our last the following sales have been made:—

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Magistrate's Court.

MONDAY.

Before Mr. E. B. Logan.

On Monday the proceedings in the Masai assault case were resumed when the accused again appeared to answer the charge of assault.

Questioned by the Magistrate the accused stated that they had interfered with the plaintiff because they had been told to do so by an European.

They went up to the plaintiff and questioned him because some cows had recently been stolen and they wanted to see his.

Magistrate (to plaintiff) Did they ask you if you had stolen the cows?

They did not ask me. Nobody can steal in the day.

Did you put Rs. 10 on the ground and run away?

No. I handed the money to them.

A witness called, stated:—

About nine days I was bringing six cattle along the road near the K. A. R. lines with plaintiff when we met the three Masai on the road. They asked us where we got the cows from and we said "Masai." We also said we were taking them home. They then asked: "Why did you pass the quarantine?" They told us they were askaris from the quarantine and looked after every cow that passed. Accused No. three then struck me three times, and said: "you will give us one cow." We refused, and they said:—"give us rupees instead of a cow." Myself and plaintiff started to make a row. The Masai said "hurry up. We want rupees." We then gave them Rs. 20 and they ran away and left us. An askari was then called. He stated "I remember a few days ago the accused were arrested and two days ago I took the third accused to a house near the river to fetch some money. He gave me Rs. 10." Magistrate (to accused) "Why did you give the money to him." Because it might be stolen."

Magistrate—you frightened the plaintiff by telling him that you were askaris, and you dishonestly obtained Rs. 20 from him therefore making an offence. Why did you take Rs. 20?

It is Satan's way.

The third accused said I dont know about the Rs. 20 only I gave the cows back. Were you helping them to get money from plaintiff?

No. I was not.

The Magistrate "it true that the third accused went away before the money was paid but he took part in frightening the plaintiff. The evidence says that he struck the boy and that he also demanded a cow.

I find the other two guilty of getting the money from plaintiff.

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The first case brought up for hearing yesterday before the Magistrate (Mr. Logan), was that of a native boy charged with being in possession of a bottle of gin, and also for stealing same.

The Magistrate said "you have committed two offences, one for being in possession of the gin and the other for stealing same.

The accused was found guilty of each offence, and was sent to gaol for three months.

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Theatre Royal

AN EXCELLENT PROGRAMME.

To-night's programme at the above popular house of entertainment is of the well known "Royal" meritorious kind. The pictures which are the same as those shown on Monday and Tuesday are well varied and excellent quality.

A splendid nature study "The Viper at Home" opens the programme and the habits of this deadly reptile are most realistically filmed. These nature pictures are now an established and highly popular feature of the "Royal" entertainments.

Among the dramas "The Little Shut In" and "My Lady's Jewels" take pride of place. The former is a pathetic story of a little cripple, who, enclosed in his narrow room, unable to enjoy the delights of the outside world, yet with ears alert conjures up visions of the different passers-by, by means of their foot-steps. The pictures are pathetically realistic and enlist the sympathies of the audience from the start.

"My Lady's Jewels" deals with a robbery and an maid who is charged with the theft. How the mystery of the theft is ultimately unravelled and the guilty party brought to light while the girl is duly enabled to establish her innocence is a fascinating story which brings with it a strong human appeal. And that the story is wound up with the conventional, happy ending in no way detracts from its interest.

In the Ranch-Owner's Love-Making we have a story of a Western Romance, which is sure to please so piquant are the situations.

The comic films are excellent and good humour is spread throughout "Making A Mess of It," "Losing His Temper" and "Sense of Smell." These provide the audience with shrieks of laughter.

Altogether the programme is an excellent production and well worth seeing.

Standard Notes.

Angling at Southwold, a man hooked a seagull in flight and brought it to land.

We hear that an Unearned Increment Bill taxing land sales at 5 per cent. has been passed by the Alberta Canada Provincial Legislature.

By a nine-and-half-hours flight from Berlin to the Russian frontier and thence to Konigsberg, over 350 miles, Herr Felix Daitsch, German airman, has established what is claimed to be a world's record.

The "Mecca" tea rooms are no more. After a run of three months the Mecca has closed down. In about two weeks, however, we hope to see it reopened under another name. Miss Wilkinson as manageress of the Theatre Royal and another local lady are, after the necessary alterations have been completed, opening the tea rooms for light lunches and teas.

The "Daily Mail" of October 28, states that Mr. Percy Lambert driving Lord Shrewsbury's 25-h.p. Talbot motor car covered at Brooklands fifty miles in 27mins. 2 2-5secs. a speed of 110.96 miles per hour, thus beating the worlds record of 27mins. 40.87secs. a speed of 108 38 miles per hour, recently set up by M. Jean Chassagno in the twelve cylinder Sunbeam. Unfortunately, however, Mr. Lambert met his death in raising this new record through the bursting of a tyre.

The East African Farmer should welcome the Standard Cyclopedia of Agriculture as it is the essence of knowledge of the greatest and best agricultural experts in the world. It contains in a handy and compact form the fruits of years of scientific labour. In South Africa much money has been expended in trying to grow crops in districts for which they are not suited, and the farmer will readily see the advantage and necessity of following the advice of recognized authorities who explain the latest knowledge on growing and cultivation. By following the advice in the Standard Cyclopedia of Modern Agriculture the agriculturist will save pounds and pounds. An illustrated booklet will be sent post free to every bona fide farmer by the Publishing Department of the "East African Standard," Nairobi.

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Sir Ralph Williams on Unity.

AN IMPRESSIVE SPEECH.

The following speech by Sir Ralph Williams at the Caledonian Dinner on Saturday, is of such general and political interest that we have considered it of sufficient importance to publish it apart from other speeches delivered on that occasion. Sir Ralph as a colonial official of considerable experience and standing is in a position to speak with authority and knowledge and we are sure his utterence on this occasion to a representative gathering of Nairobi people will be read with interest.

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

You have given me a pleasant duty in associating me with Sir Thomas Dewar in replying to the toast of your guests this evening.

We all know the patriotic love which Scotsmen bear towards the country of their birth.

This love of the old home from which they come is shared by each of the nations and communities which form the great British Empire, and it is a happy thing that, while so loving the country from which they come, all alike are always ready and willing to bend their whole energies toward betterment of the land of their adoption, in whatsoever part of the world it may be.

Perhaps is may not be regarded as presumptious on my part if, as one who has had a wide experience of Colonial affairs in many parts of the world, both as a settler and an administrator, I give you something of my views in respect to this colony (or Protectorate as you are still directed to term it) which I have gathered during my short stay among you, and from what I have previously read of your history. I have some right to speak as forty-five years ago I set forth for the Colonies, landing in Australia with about £20 in my pocket, to do the best I could for myself in the struggle which was before me.

This country, which you gentlemen, are developing, is great to-day, but it will be far greater in the future.

The country has, so far, developed, I may say, adventitiously. In early days it was the happy hunting ground of many of our greatest travellers and of the missionaries. To combat the slave trade and to establish British authority in this part of Africa the railway was built; and so the foundation of a Colony was laid. But, it was not deemed possible by the authorities at home that the colony would be British. It was as an outlet for India that the country was regarded as suitable, and it was as a home for the eastern races that it was designed by our rulers.

But, gentlemen, you, the settlers of to-day came here and I may venture, without exceeding the facts, to say that you came not by the goodwill of successive Governments at home, but in spite of them. You are making a British Colony out of what was intended to be part of our Eastern Empire.

But you have shown your determination to make this country an outlet for Western and not for Eastern civilisation.

Now, by whom are you governed?

You are governed primarily by the authorities at home and directly by the officials on the spot.

May I, as an old official, and as one who has for so many years been associated with officials, venture to touch upon delicate ground and refer to the Government last established.

It is, I am confident, the will of all within your borders to mould the destinies of the country to its advantage until such time as it is ripe for a more or less responsible Government.

But, gentlemen, officials have not always a free hand and are sometimes not responsible for actions which may be attributed to them.

May I, as an old official, venture to plead that even we are not all bad and that there are mitigating circumstances even amongst the worst of us.

I know their difficulties here and I feel confident that, generally speaking, it is their personal desire to work with you for the benefit of the country to which you all belong.

But it may be that from time to time they are not in agreement with you and when that time comes, it is your part to make clear to them what you want and to see that you get it.

Administration here seems to me a very simple task, for here you all come from the same stock and you must all arrive at the same end. It is for the people to say what they want and to express their views tolerantly and reasonably. What you want, gentlemen, and what you must strive for is unity. The time will no doubt come when you may be sharply divided into two parties, but that time is not yet, and now is the time for unity. I venture to suggest to you the desirability of making your wants clear and seeing that those wants are gravely advanced and wisely put forward.

There is, as too many of us know, a singular inaptness reigning at home in respect to many colonial questions. We are controlled by gentlemen sometimes of brilliant attainments, but sometimes circumscribed by the horizon of the four walls of their own offices, and alas! we are controlled too by the diatribes in Parliament of those weeds of our legislative system who can think the worst of white men and whose efforts are ever spent to curb their aspirations.

I may venture to speak without hesitation on this subject as I am now out of harness. I owe nothing to anyone and I seek nothing from anyone. Passing to the problems of this country it seems to me that one of the most important is the native question. I have been told again and again since I have been here that the land belongs to the people who originally lived in it, and that practically you, the settlers, are little more than tenants at will. Brush away this theory, gentlemen, at once and for ever, as inconsistent with the whole story of our Empire and as contrary to the history of civilisation.

It is essential that justice should be meted out to all natives and it is the prerogative of your Government and the duty of yourselves to see that this justice is meted. But all history and all civilisation tells us that, sooner or later, in such countries as these every acre fit for occupation by the whites will be occupied by the whites and that, no matter what sentiment may say, barbarism must recede before civilisation. It is necessary and desirable that reasonable areas should be set apart for the natives, but it is desirable too that those areas should not be unreasonable. Whether you provide resources or not, and no matter what those boundaries may be, the day will come, as more and more settlers come into the country, that the barbarous [illegible] must give way to the western world.

Let me touch upon the labour question which is very vital to you. It is [illegible] suppose that the country can go ahead and prosper without an adequate amount of labour. I am told, though I find it hard to believe it, that there has been a tendency among the administration to minimise labour and to deter labourers from actual work among the settlers. Surely we all of us know to the full how the gospel of labour and the dignity of labour is preached to us at home until we would almost believe that upon labour alone depended the Empire, and yet here we learn that the very men who taught us this gospel are the most prominent exponents of the dignity of idleness among the natives.

It is a pretty picture which we see in missionary records of the native sitting under his own vine and his own fig tree with his wife (one wife only be it understood, gentlemen) and children around him, enjoying the products of his land, a perfect specimen of beautiful simplicity in an Arcadian land. But all this is but a picture. Such a life is a life of idleness and nothing is more certain than this, that the less a native works the more certainly is he contributing to his own ultimate elimination. The better way is that he should be taught to labour and that every encouragement to labour should be given to him, and this is the doctrine which every Government should preach and every well wisher of the country should advocate.

This is a strange and unusual colony recruited as it is largely from "the classes" at home yet, despite this, I doubt if it would be possible to find in any country a more thoroughly democratic spirit or a community in which a man is valued more completely for what he can do, or can produce, either by his hand, or by his brain.

I am confident that you settlers will bring this country in the future to that goal which Mr. Newland has pictured in his speech to you this evening. I was glad to learn to-night that a broader policy was being pursued as to the land, because I believe that the sooner the land of the colony is in some way acquired the more surely will the colony progress. It may be that land may not always fall into the best hands but, whether it may be or no, I feel strongly that an early acquisition of the land will lead to its earliest and best development.

It is impossible not to appreciate the value of the brain and effort which is being shewn by the settlers. I believe that the exercise of determination, consideration and goodwill on their part and a wise and statesmanlike attitude on the part of those who hold the legislative control will lead this colony, ere long, into a position which shall be equal to that of any colony of its size in the world. The day is not, perhaps, very far distant when curt instructions and blank refusals from home may give place to the academic suggestions which it is the practice of the authorities to tender to our self-governing colonies, not always with success. It will not be long, I think, before you will be free from the commands of the Colonial Office and the whims of Parliamentary cranks and will expand into a greater [illegible] bringing this colony into a condition which shall be a glory to yourselves and to those who come after you as well as an abiding credit to the Empire to which you belong. (Loud and prolonged cheers.)

Nakuru.

ST. ANDREW'S DINNER.

The Nakuru branch of the East African Caledonian Society held their St. Andrew's celebrations on Saturday last at the Nakuru Hotel, when some 40 persons assembled for dinner.

The toasts of "The King," "The Duke of [illegible]" and the "Royal Family," "His Excellency the Governor" and "The Pious Memory of St. Andrew" having been duly honoured, the secretary announced the receipt of telegrams from Nairobi and Mombasa, as follows:—

From Mombasa: "Mombasa Scots are thinking for ye. St. Andrew's abune them a'. A glorius nicht chiels."

From Nairobi: "The Scottish lads o' the Capital greet ye this nicht."

These messages were received with cheering.

Mr. Rutherford, in proposing the toast, "The land we live in," said he thought "the land we live in" was a land of possibilities. They had tropical growth at the coast, and wheat-growing land as far as [illegible]. He thought settlers should stick together and back each other up for the good of the country. He thought they should remember the words of Burns:—

"Then gently scan your brother man
Still gentler sister woman,
Tho' he may gang a kennin' wrong
To step aside is human."

If attention were paid to that, the country would be very hard to beat, and one of the best countries in the world. (Applause.)

In the regrettable absence of Lord Delamere, who had been unwell, Mr. F. S. [illegible] responded, and said that he could not say anything better for B.E.A. than that the pioneers were Scotsmen, and it was impossible to beat a Scotsman as a pioneer. If he went to a country one might be sure it was a good one. When he (the speaker) was in Dunedin, in New Zealand, the settlement was absolutely a Scotch one, and it is told that a man once went to live there, but found that he could not make a living until he found that his name began with "Mac." Then he did well. (Laughter.)

Continuing, the speaker remarked that B.E.A. had the most wonderful railway in the world. The trains were so swift, they generally arrived so much ahead of scheduled time that the guards could have a sleep before it was time to proceed. (More laughter.) He said he would not comment on the Government of the country. Sometimes they had too much and sometimes not enough. To describe what the country could produce, and what it was likely to produce in the future would take a week. He thought that under certain conditions, the Highlands of B.E.A. would become one of the finest countries in the world. There was an important little island on Lake Naivasha where sheep were allowed to roam at will and no herds were necessary. The speaker said he would like to see a dozen Paul Rainey's with dogs in the country, although some of the English sporting papers differed from this view. (Applause.) He was glad to say that during the last few years the native had been taught that it does not pay to steal, and consequently stock thefts were decreasing in number.

In conclusion, the speaker said that they must try not to have the same faulty laws in this country as those which drove New Zealanders out of that country. The speaker resumed his seat amid cheers.

Mr. McCall said he was asked the other day what sort of country Scotland was, and whether the inhabitants still dwelt in caves? The speaker thought Scotsmen were a little more civilised than that. The principle exports of Scotland were "Scotsmen." The number of Scottish children sent to higher schools was greater than any other part of the British Isles. Could it, therefore, be wondered at, that Scotsmen excelled in engineering and other branches? He would ask them to rise to "The Land o' Cakes."

"The Lasses" was then proposed by Mr. Wright, who said it gave him great pleasure to propose such a toast. He thought it was a sad reflection that until recently hardly any lasses were to be seen in the Protectorate.

He ventured to say that if the powers that be, would suddenly come to their senses and send out shiploads of lasses they would be doing lasting good to our worthy and lovelorn settlers. (Loud laughter.)

Lieut. Bell, V.C. in replying, said he considered it most unfair that he should have been "let in for this." When he heard of it, he went post haste to the house of the Secretary, and asked if it was true. The Secretary said all that he had to do was to imagine himself a lady, and respond accordingly. Well, for the last twenty-four hours he had been trying to imagine himself belonging to the opposite sex, but for reasons he need not go into, he still found himself only a man. (Laughter.) He said the men had to thank the ladies for many things, among others, for deluding them into the belief that they were better men than they were, and also for helping them over the big troubles of life, and many of the small ones also. (Applause.)

Mr. Morison, the popular Secretary, was received with loud cheering when he rose to propose, as he said, the last, but certainly not the least important, toast of the evening, "Our Guests." St. Andrew's night was one of the greatest events of a Scotsman's national life and wherever two or three Scotsmen were to be found, on that evening they would gather together and celebrate the occasion in the proper style, together with as many of their friends as possible. Scotsmen had been called the "Barbarians of the North," perhaps this was because those who gave them that name could make nothing of them—or out of them. (Laughter.) On behalf of the members, he welcomed old friends who were present last year, and said they were also pleased to see new friends, whom, he hoped, to see again next year. He therefore asked all Scots present to honour the toast in the customary manner.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the two great ambitions of life had been, firstly, to attend one of the annual dinners of the Caledonian Society, and secondly, not to make a speech on that glorious occasion. Both ambitions were to be gratified that evening—(laughter) as he was at last present at one of their banquets, and was not going to make a speech. Perhaps he had better qualify the latter statement however, as he could not very well get out of it, for he had to respond for the sons of Erin and those desperate Southerners. He thanked the members for their hearty welcome, for the manner in which they had honoured the toast, and for the excellent fare with which they had regaled their guests. The speaker said he came to that goodly banquet expecting to see at least something to remind him of the Scottish days. He thought he would see his old friend "Donald," at any rate, clad in a kilt, and he cherished a hope that perhaps "Old McCall" might dance a Highland Fling. He hoped, with Mr. Morison, that that occasion would not be the last. They had seen a little of Scotland, and he thanked them for their warm reception, and hoped he should partake once more of that toothsome dish, which Scotchmen called "Haggis" and which Englishmen called "Goodness knows what."

Mr. Doherty then returned thanks on behalf of the Irishmen present, and pathetically enquired if he was the only one there, that he should have been called upon to make a speech.

Upon the Chairman remarking that the company had heard from the English and Irish representatives, and calling upon Dr. Williams, as the only Welshman present, to say a few words on behalf of Wales, that gentleman said "I should like to say, gentlemen, that for this evening I am a Mohammedan."

Mr. Hill was then called upon, and said that as a Shropshire man he had a better acquaintance with Wales than most present. He said that people in B.E.A. were now beginning to farm the land instead of looking on. The country is now going ahead so fast that he was surprised that there were not more Welshmen or Shropshire men in the county than there actually were.

Mr. Chamberlain then proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, who in reply expressed his appreciation of the kind allusions to himself, and said that, although his duties were many and varied, he always had tried to do his best for the community. (Loud cheers.)

The company then proceeded to the musical portion of the evening's enjoyment, various members of the company rendering songs or recitations. The festivities were brought to a conclusion by all present joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne" followed by "God Save the King."

Latest Cables

The Indian Trouble.

SUGGESTED CONCESSION'S IN THE SUDAN.

LONDON, Monday

The "Morning Post" in an article critically examining the demands for an Imperial intervention on behalf of Indians in S. Africa voiced by the "Daily News," Lord Ampthill and in other quarters, says that it shows that the consequence will be that the Union Government will resign, like the Natal Government of 1906. General Smuts having made it clear that he will support General Botha, and no other Government being obtainable, the Imperial Parliament will be compelled to take over the Government of South Africa at the risk of a rebellion, or give way as was done in 1906. The talk of intervention is foolish, and it is also foolish to scold and abuse the Imperial and Indian Governments, who must make the best terms they can by friendly representations, but in view of the balance of parties in South Africa, racial feeling has been aroused by the Indian methods of agitation, and there is little hope of obtaining a really satisfactory settlement. The Imperial Government might however, provide a refuge for Indians refusing to submit to conditions regarded as intolerable, by framing a colonisation scheme say in the Sudan, where magnificent land is coming under irrigation, and urgently requires cultivators. A generous scheme on such lines would both benefit the Sudan and show the Indians that the Imperial Parliament is still deeply interested in their welfare.

Specie Bank of India.

Closes its Doors.

Provisional Liquidator Appointed.

DEATH OF MANAGER FROM HEART FAILURE.

LONDON, Tuesday

A Bombay message states that Chunilal Saraya, known as the "Silver King" and manager of the Specie Bank, about which ominous reports have been in circulation for the past week, died on Monday. At the inquest a verdict of heart failure was returned.

A provisional liquidator has been appointed, and the Bank closed at noon on Monday. Great excitement prevails in financial circles.

It is now stated that the Specie Bank lost four hundred thousand sterling in silver speculations, and these losses have been concealed from the Directors.

The announcement is made that, in connection with the liquidation of the Specie Bank, a petition has been presented for the winding up of the Pioneer Bank of Bombay, while the Sind and Baluchistan Bank at Karachi has suspended payment.

Ulster.

MORE FOLLOWERS FOR SIR EDWARD CARSON.

LONDON, Monday

Colonel Hickman, M.P., speaking at [illegible] said he would be proud to rebel alongside Sir Edward Carson, and that he did not suppose whether Col. Seely took action against him or not. He stated he had interviewed twenty-six officers on London Sunday, who wanted to serve Ulster.

Mr. Bonar Law speaking at an overflow meeting said if the Government proposed a further system of devolution of putting Irishmen, Englishmen, Scotsmen and Welshmen on the same footing, the Unionists would gladly consider the proposal with an open mind.

A mob of thousands of people assembled outside the Theatre Royal, and there were scenes of much rowdyism, eggs and stones being thrown, and revolvers fired, a woman being shot so seriously as to necessitate her immediate removal to the hospital. A man who had been to the meeting was chased down Sackville Street, and [illegible] sticks. He managed to board a tram, but was pulled off cut and bleeding.

Home Rule.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Holloway, in reply to Mr. Bonar Law said that a section of the Tories were using Ulster to check social reform, and when they pretended they were willing to shed blood for religious freedom, it was a piece of nauseous hypocrisy. To those sincerely anxious to seek peace and ensure it in Ulster, they extend the hand of goodwill and fellowship, but to those who are using the fears of Ulster to fight their own selfish battle, he would say, "If fighting begins, I will guarantee it is not on one side."

The New French Navy.

MOST POWERFUL BATTLESHIPS IN THE WORLD.

LONDON, Tuesday.

Reuter's agent in Paris states the new battleships, included in the 1915 programme, will carry a new type of 13.5 inch gun, and will be more powerful than any afloat in the world.

New German Battle Cruiser.

LONDON, Tuesday

A message from Danzig states that the battle cruiser "Luetzow" has been launched. The new leviathan carries eight twelve inches guns and is driven by oil fuel.

English and French Fleets.

Naval Entente with Greece.

BRILLIANT SPECTACLE.

LONDON, Tuesday

The British and French squadron have arrived at Athens. Great crowd watched the ships entering the harbour. The Greek newspapers, welcoming the fleet, say they will never forget what Greece owes to the two Western Powers, from Navarino to the present day.

Russian Cruiser On The Rocks.

PRECARIOUS POSITION.

LONDON, December 1.

The cruiser "Uralets" has stranded on a reef midway between Yalata and Sevastopol. Her position is critical as there is a heavy swell on. The cutter gunboat "Kubanets," in attempting to assist, was capsized and five people were drowned.

The Chancellor and Oil Fuel.

THE AMERICAN NAVY TO USE ONE HUNDRED AN TWENTY FIVE MILLION GALLONS.

LONDON, Monday

Mr. Lloyd George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer has ordered a strict enquiry into the question of oil fuel for the navy, adding that the American fleet will soon use one hundred and twenty five million gallons of oil fuel yearly. He urges the acquisition of our own oil wells and refineries, quoting from the speech of Mr. Churchill in July this year.

The Masara Hounds.

Will meet on Wednesday December 3 at the Government Farm Kabete 7 a.m., and on Sunday December 7 at the K.A.R.'s Mess 7 a.m.

Our Sports Letter.

From Our Own Correspondent....

LONDON, October 31st 1913

ATHLETICS.

The latest situation in regard to Olympic athletics is that the poor response to the appeal for £100,000 has so discouraged the Special Committee, that it is now announced that unless £25,000 is subscribed by the end of the year, it will not proceed further in the matter.

As the writer has so often pointed out, it is not only money we require, but patriotism and enthusiasm. Many things could have been done to bring about an improvement, without spending much money, if only our officials were alive to the requirements. It must honestly be admitted that matters are not going well in England, for neither the Olympic authorities nor the Amateur Athletic Association officials seem to know what ought to be done. It is pleasing to note that matters are more satisfactory in other parts of the Empire. The manner the Australasian authorities are rising to the occasion indicates that we may expect fully 50 cracks from "down under" to take part in the Berlin festival. Canada will naturally be still more to the fore than in the past. A country which has produced Marathon runners such as Billy Sherring and J. Corkery, a sprinter like R. Kerr, and a swimmer like G. Hodgson is bound to figure prominently. And then there is South Africa. When one thinks of the limited field of selection, the doings of Reggie Walker, G. H. Patching, K. McArthur, G. W. Gitsham and R. Lewis seem wonderful. Enthusiasm is the key note of South Africa's success, and the athletes do not require to be tempted with big prizes. The scheme for the development of talent at the Cape, as suggested by Mr. Leslie Cox, appeals very strongly to the writer. The holding of club championships at Olympic distances and events will provide the necessary experience in level competition. The pleasing feature is that the prizes of gold-centre, silver and bronze medals will be of very nominal value. Thus only the genuine amateur enthusiast will be tempted. This is as it should be, for the Empire cannot afford to be represented at Berlin with undesirables.

THE LATE RALF ROSE.

The writer had a long and interesting chat with the late Ralf Rose on the training field at Stockholm last year, and little did he then imagine that the famous shot putter would not live to see another Olympiad. The news of his death was heard with much regret by English sportsmen, for Rose became a big favourite during the London Olympiad of 1908. The Californian was at some pains to point out the advantages of baseball over cricket as a medium for developing athletes during our chat at Stockholm. As the writer saw much baseball during his five years sojourn in America, he did not require much convincing that the "life and snap" of the American game must tend to "liven up" an athlete. There is much merit in cricket, the many hours the players spend in the open air and sun alone being beyond value, but it can hardly be claimed that the game "speeds up" the players. Lacrosse is a far better game for that purpose and the more it spreads in England the better. If it were played more during the summer evenings it would also be a means to an end. To return to Rose, he was the first man to put the 16 lb. shot over 50 ft., and his record of 51 ft. at San Francisco in 1909 constitutes the world's best.

GERMAN MARATHON CRACKS.

The International Marathon Race at Berlin last Saturday shows clearly that the home country will be strongly represented at the 1916 games. The field of 40 included H. Kolehmainen of Finland, J. Christensen of Denmark (who is studying in Berlin), and H. Green of London. The first named finished second to Alhgreen of Sweden in the English Marathon last May, and the Dane was also prominent. Green holds the track record for the Marathon distance of 26 miles 385 yards, so the home cracks were "up against it." How they rose to the occasion, is best told by the result, Ludette and Brackenburg finishing first and second, the former's time being 2 hours 34 mins. 12 secs. This is very fast for the road, but there is no reason to doubt it, as Green finished third in 2 hours 39 mins. 54 secs.

Canada, South Africa, the United States, Sweden, Italy, Finland, France, and now Germany have all produced great Marathon runners. England still lags behind, which must make some people wonder when they think of the records accomplished by G. Littlewood, W. C. Rowell (6 days), G. Cartwright (50 miles), G. Crossland and W. H. Morton (20 miles), F. Appleby (15 miles), and W. G. George, H. Watkins and A. Shrubb at 10 miles. It may interest my readers to know that only one English "class" runner has tackled the Marathon race so far, viz., A. Duncan, the 10 miles champion of 1908. He won the English Trial Marthon of that year when untrained for the event, but failed in the real race through starting too fast. England's Marathon runners are merely plodders and until our 4 and 10 miles champions take up the game our representatives will continue to be "down the course."

VARSITY CRACKS.

Rhodes scholars were very much to the fore at the Oxford Freshmens Sports this week N. S. Tabor (U.S.A.) and B. D. G. Rudd, St. Andrew's College, South Africa had a fine struggle in the half-mile the speed of the latter enabling him to catch the American on the post to dead heat in 2 mins. 3 secs. Rudd easily secured the 440 yards in 50 1/5 secs, and Tabor won the mile in slow time. Every other event also went to a Rhodes scholar, and to severely reprimand the rivals at times it is to be hoped the lesson will be taken to heart by the Public Schools athletic authorities. Until our scholars take athletics as keenly as they do cricket, football and rowing, we shall be well out of it in international fray. To return, V. B. Haven (U.S.A.) won the 100 yards, hurdles and shot put, E. A. Southee (Sydney) the high and long jumps, and W. C. Davison (U.S.A.) secured the hammer throw.

BOXING.

Digger Stanley regained the bantam-weight championship of England by out-pointing Bill Berryon of Wales at the National Sporting Club on Monday. There was far too much holding, the referee having to severely reprimand the rivals at times, which detracted from the interest. Stanley has now won the Lonsdale Belt three times, so that it becomes his own. He was expected to retire, but has consented to meet Williams of America for the world's title, and they will likely come together at the National Sporting Club. Williams is evidently a real champion, as he can claim a win over Ledoux of France. The latter's class was shown at Paris last Saturday, when he virtually knocked out Smith, the ex-fly-weight champion, in 6 rounds. Many English boxers are clever, and a fine list could be made (including Fitzsimons, Mitchell, Wells, Burgh, Baxter, F. Johnson, Billy Plimmer, Pedlar Palmer, Ben Jordon, Fred Welsh, O. Moran and Jim Driscoll), but one cannot help but recognise that scientific boxing, and not hard hitting is or was the forte of the majority. Bob Fitzsimons was a notable exception, for the Cornishman's punch when a middle-weight made him a terror to the best. Science is very necessary, but English cracks want a little more of that "devil and vim" which frequently enables American boxers to triumph over more scientific rivals, as shown by the result of the Pulzer v. Wells and Smith v. Wells bouts for instance.

BILLIARDS.

We are likely to have some very interesting international billiard matches in the near future. The meeting of M. Inman (English Champion) and W. Hoppe, the American Champion in a series of matches under both English and American conditions will recall the famous matches between Frank Ives, of Chicago, and John Roberts, when the former had the best of the deal. Hoppe is virtually certain to be at Inman at the 18.2 baulk line game on the American pocketless table. His wonderful ability at the canon game may also give him a chance at English billiards, for he may find a way of nursing the balls along the cushions and dodging the pockets.

Perhaps even greater interest will be created by the meeting of G. Gray, of Australia, and H. W. Stevenson, ex-champion of England, in a match with ivory balls. This now looks like coming off during the present season, Mr. R. Wootton (the trainer) having expressed willingness to back Gray for £500 a side. Tom Reece has also accepted, but Stevenson will probably be the selected champion. Gray's big breaks have been with composite balls, but there is no reason why he should not do equally as well with ivory, if he elects to play regularly with them.

Stevenson is playing well at present and looks like beating Reece (rec. 1,000) in their match of 18,000 up. Reece made a break of 553 on Monday, when he was more than his start in front. Stevenson responded with a 572 break on Tuesday and went to the fore the following day.

THE TURF.

Cantilever's victory in the Cambridgeshire demonstrates that Lord Harewood's colt is very nearly, if not quite, the best of the three year olds. It will be recalled that he beat Travery in the Jockey Club Stakes when receiving a lot of weight; but a bad failure when expected to win the Duke of York Stakes discounted the win referred to. Cantilever was reported as coughing and to be suffering from lameness, consequently he was not expected to start in the big handicap on Wednesday. He was ridden by Southey, a married man well over 30, who was landlord of a Newmarket public-house for a time. The jockey showed plenty of ability however, getting his mount home by a head from Cheerful, which like the winner, started at 33 to 1.

The mention of Tracery recalls that Mr. A. Belmont has decided to retire the son of Rock Sand to the stud at once. He is not going back to America just yet however, but will be quartered in Lord Rothschild's stud, serving at a fee of 400 guiness (2,000 dollars).

FOOTBALL.

The projected tour of an English Northern Union team in New Zealand will give a further fillip to this code. Its great popularity in the North is plain to all, but the great benefit is that it keeps the Rugby Union ranks purer, as those who cannot afford to play on real amateur lines, can find scope for their ability under N.U. rules.

The defeat of the Cambridge Rugby team when receiving Harlequins on Saturday was rather a set back. The Cantabs failed in the forward department and the skipper will have to introduce more weight. Mention of Cambridge is a reminder that D. I. de Villiers, a South African international has gone to the English 'Varsity named. The de Villiers family has had much to do with the making of South African Rugby history, and the player named will no doubt gain his Blue.

SOCCER PARS.

H. Halse an ex Aston Villa player, had much to do with the defeat of his old club by Chelsea on Saturday, his being the winning goal. Most critics think Blackburn Rovers were fortunate to draw (3—3) on visiting Tottenham, so retaining an unbeaten record. Manchester United, thanks to a win (1—0) at Newcastle, now presses the Rovers closely being but a point behind with a game in hand.

The defeat of Notts County (3—2) when at home to Bradford, coupled with the success of Bury on receiving Bristol City, enabled the Lancashire team to regain top place in the Second Division table.

Swindon continues to be the club of the moment in the Southern League, a two goals to nil victory over Norwich representing the ninth consecutive win.

The meeting of Celtic and Glasgow Rangers was the big attraction in Scotland on Saturday, over 60,000 spectators being present. Celtic scored twice early in the game and though the home side had the better of the second half, the luck was with Celtic. The defeat of Rangers led to an alteration in the League table, which Dundee now heads.

Moslem Agitation.

A LONDON VIEW.

It is clear that a regular set and [illegible] is in progress in the Moslem world [illegible] Times devotes to-day a column [illegible] explaining how it happened. [illegible] much more concisely.

For the last fortnight, as [illegible] India, a deputation of young Moslems [illegible] been in this country. Their [illegible] Mr. Mohamed Ali, who edits the [illegible] at Cawnpore. They came [illegible] original intention of conducting [illegible] campaign against the Government [illegible] respect of the Cawnpore riots, but the [illegible] ing authorities had the [illegible] the prosecution and start a policy of [illegible] tion, thereby taking the wind out of [illegible] sails. Accordingly, they arrived in [illegible] without any substantial grievance [illegible] or three important enough in [illegible] not of a nature to appeal to the British [illegible] In fact the only two on which [illegible] laid are the Press Act of 1910, which [illegible] is demanded, or at any rate whose [illegible] tion is recommended in the direction of [illegible] ing on the prosecution the onus of [illegible] seditious writings; and the separation of [illegible] judiciary from the executive. [illegible] Mohamed Ali had to do something [illegible] so he decided to organise a banquet [illegible] self, and he proceeded to [illegible] the Aga Khan and to Mr. Ameer Ali [illegible] of them seems to have felt himself [illegible] qualified for the role of Sancho Panza [illegible] modern Don Queixote, and there [illegible] acrimonious discussions and [illegible] from which it seems the two [illegible] not deem it advisable to hold such a [illegible] which might intensify Moslem [illegible] the Government, while they [illegible] reluctant to lend their authority [illegible] to booming this young agitator [illegible] ultimately reached the [illegible] both of them decided to [illegible] official connection with the All-India [illegible] League, and since then other [illegible] minor type have imitated their [illegible] only point now of interest [illegible] Mr. Mohamed Ali will manage [illegible] the banquet to himself, but it [illegible] safely be said that it will [illegible]

This then is the situation [illegible] the incident cannot be dismissed [illegible] internal squable among the [illegible] indicates an entire change of [illegible] even the Government of India [illegible] change not by the Government [illegible] the Government. It cannot be [illegible] India Office is altogether surprised [illegible] for some time been aware of the [illegible] older leaders of the Moslem [illegible] becoming less and less in touch with [illegible] in India. Mr. Ameer Ali is an old [illegible] probably geting tired not to say [illegible] and he has the disadvantage of [illegible] a little too seriously. As to the Aga [illegible] everyone knows that there are [illegible] critics of his European style of [illegible] tunately, while it may be natural and [illegible] drop the older leaders, it will be [illegible] to find their successors. The India [illegible] does not know where they are to be [illegible] Certainly none amongst the present [illegible] present much ballast, or have shown [illegible] sense of responsibility. Relatively [illegible] Hinduism is—according to the [illegible] opinion, moving ahead much more [illegible] and strikingly than Moslemism. Its [illegible] are well known and able; they are [illegible] aware of their plans, and they lose no [illegible] nity of pressing them. Notably is this [illegible] case—and it is quoted as a typical [illegible] in respect of the Benares—Allahabad [illegible] sity. A meeting was held this [illegible] the India Office to deal with the [illegible] progress of the Hindu section of the [illegible] There was nothing satisfactory [illegible] with regard to what the Moslems [illegible]

In short, the India Office is [illegible] aware of the complicated state of [illegible] existing among the Moslem [illegible] Matters will doubtless right [illegible] time to come, but the Cawnpore [illegible] probably prove to have had a [illegible] ing influence on the development of [illegible] nationality than most people [illegible] Perhaps these young men who are [illegible] as of rather more than mediocre [illegible] be able to show that they have [illegible] on to play a prominent role in [illegible] matters. At present, however, [illegible] sign of this. The methods of a [illegible] wrecks his army in organising a [illegible] himself, for a victory he did not [illegible] hardly calculated to inspire [illegible] For the last fortnight, this [illegible] demonstrators have done nothing [illegible] except try and fix up this [illegible] is the best that modern Indian [illegible] can do, it is pretty poor.

PIGS. PIGS. PIGS.

Look at the Wanted Column this Issue.

Down South.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

November 1.

The party of

BRITISH PARLIAMENTARIANS

finished up their Empire tour with a flourish of trumpets, so to speak, yesterday and sailed for England, home and beauty, by the Armadale Castle this afternoon. The tour, as far as South Africa is concerned, has been a pronounced success, and its effects are likely to be of a permanent and far reaching character. The final function arranged in honour of the visitors before they left these shores, was a banquet given by the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Assembly, as Presidents of the South African branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association, and appropriately enough it was held in what was once the debating chamber of the old Cape House of Assembly, but which is now used as the dining hall of the Union Parliament. Lord Emmott, Lord Sheffield, and Sir Donald Macmaster, M.P., were among the speakers, and the speeches generally were in happy vein, and altogether the function proved a fitting finale to the round of events the visitors have attended. They were afforded an opportunity during the last two days of seeing something of the beautiful surroundings of Cape Town and the Simonstown dockyards. Constantia wine farms, Stellenbosch, came in for their share of attention, while of course the famous motor-trip round the Mountain was made. The visitors are likely to carry away with them pleasant memories of Cape Town. The local Welshmen seized on Lord Sheffield and Mr Edgar Jones, M.P., whom they entertained at a luncheon, whilst a dinner was arranged by the Cape Town Labourites in honour of Mr. Will Crooks. The member for Woolwich has established himself a prime favourite by his cheery optimism and broad outlook on things.

SOUTH AFRICA COULD DO WITH A WILL CROOKS

who has enough of the Keir Hardie type. Prior to sailing each member of the Parliamentary party was presented with a set of photographs as a souvenir of the South African tour. These photographs were taken by a Government official who accompanied the party throughout the trip from Durban to Cape Town for the purpose. The Barberton Town Council is presenting the Public School there with a flag-staff, and this has afforded Mr. H. C. Hull, Nationalist Member of the House of Assembly for the Barberton Division, an opportunity of demonstrating his loyalty, which in some quarters has been looked upon as a somewhat unknown quantity of late. In the course of a letter to the Barberton School, Mr. Hull says, "I am very glad that you have given me the opportunity of helping your flag scheme, and I have given instructions to have a Union Jack made and sent to you. I hope it will long wave over Barberton." Good sentiments those. The obsequies connected with

THE BURIAL OF DINIZULU.

provided a most imposing spectacle for the few Europeans who were privileged to witness it, accompanied as it was by all the weird ceremonies peculiar to the Zulus. The Government had given permission for the Zulu chief to be buried at the Royal Kraal, with all Zulu rites, and this was appreciated to the full extent by the vast concourse of natives who gathered at Nobamba Kraal near Vryheid for the occasion. The funeral party, with the body of Dinizulu, arrived at Nobamba on Saturday but the proceedings did not terminate till Wednesday evening. Contrary to past procedure at the burial of Zulu Kings there was loud wailing by both men and women on arrival of the remains, and the coffin was placed in the hut of Cetewayo's chief wife. In the meantime a grave was dug and the ceremonies connected with the burial began on Monday afternoon. It seems that during the last months of his life Dinizulu had become a convert to Christianity, and had expressed a wish that he be accorded a Christian burial, consequently the Rev. Simeon Twala, Wesleyan Minister from Victoria, conducted the service.

FAVOURITE HYMNS OF DINIZULU WERE SUNG

in Zulu, one of the tunes being, "The Old Hundredth." Over 7,000 natives were present when the burial took place, the coffin being carried to the grave by chosen bearers—men whose fathers had performed similar offices for former Zulu Kings. The Magistrate, Mr. Kinsman, who expressed the condolences of the Government, addressed Mankulumana, Dinizulu's chief induna, saying, "We know that you regarded Dinizulu as your King and now that he is dead, we do not wish to deny you the feelings and sentiments which we had upon the death of our great King Edward. Therefore the Government has allowed you to bring Dinizulu here and to mourn for him in your own way." Mankulumana, in reply, made a remarkable oration. He said, "We appreciate the Government's concession to our natural feelings, but truly you white people are a nation of great inconsistencies. We fought with you in Cetewayo's day, and we were overcome, and gave our allegiance. We thought that there would be peace, but truly your service is hard. Dinizulu never fought with you, but you arrested him. His father Cetewayo is dead and buried. His son, whose death you have caused, lies here to-day.

LET THE FEUD CEASE.

What kind of bone is theirs which does not decay nor be forgotten?" The speech appealed powerfully to the Zulus and a wild demonstration might have ensued had not Mankulumana firmly declined to allow further discussion, while Mr. Kinsman, whose unvarying kindness to the natives was spoken of with gratitude, was certainly a big factor in obviating an ebullition of feeling. The final scene of all took place on Wednesday evening when the public proclamation of the accession of Dinizulu's heir, Solomon, was made by Mankulumana to 10,000 assembled Zulus. It was a striking scene. A huge semi-circle of dark figures formed up in front of the Kraal, whilst a heavy thunderstorm overhung the surrounding hills, frequent flashes of lightning throwing the scene into dazzling brilliance. The proceedings were delayed by Miss Colenso's reluctance to take part in them, but she eventually appeared, and a remarkable tribute to her unique position was given by the whole hearted salute with which she was received. The appointment of an heir, was the corollary of the deceased's burial with the honours of a king.

A large number of Indians in Natal have acted on Mr Gandhi's advice and have started on a march to Volksrust, over the Transvaal border, the object being to court arrest. These Indians are mostly from the Natal colliery districts and altogether some

850 INDIAN PASSIVE RESISTERS.

are expected in Volksrust. The bone of contention, at present it would seem, is the £3 tax, the repeal of which is demanded by Mr. Gandhi. Gen. Smuts, Minister of Finance, in a speech the other day declared that with Mr. Gandhi the £3 tax was only an afterthought, and did not form the basis of his original complaints. He further pointed out that from a revenue point of view the tax was unimportant, it was imposed as a matter of policy, but the Government would be willing to repeal the tax if the Natal Members of Parliament were in favour of this course. They however were not in favour. Sir Thomas Watt, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, speaking at Kimberley, declared that the Government was not going to be dictated to by the Indians. He pointed out that the tax had been imposed in order to induce Indians to return to India after serving their indentures, but these Indians were so well treated in Natal under existing conditions that nothing would induce them to return to their own country. Gen. Botha in a speech at Nylstroom to-day also emphasised that the tax was only imposed as a matter of policy. Much has been written and said as to the merits, or demerits, of Mr. Gandhi's case, but in the meantime it will be interesting to see what action the Government takes against the passive resisters at Volksrust.

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The minutes of the last meeting having been read and passed, Capt. Pears and Mr. F. S. Clarke were then elected to membership of the Association.

The Chairman, in explaining the object of the meeting, said: "Gentlemen, this meeting was called for the purpose of considering one aspect of the land bill, and was called on this day to take advantage of the fact that a number of gentlemen would be here for the social festivities associated with St. Andrew's day.

"Principally on this ground, that it is after waiting for 7 or 8 years for a definite treatment of the complaint of this community with regard to the land laws, we are now promised, at some reasonably near date, a new land bill, from which we are allowed to expect final treatment of our grievances in connection with our holding of land, and it seems to us that before this land bill appears it would be well, before we know on what tenure it might be based, that we should make a definite statement as to the principle of tenure, which is the only one we are likely to be satisfied with. The subject has been thrashed out many times before, and I shall put this resolution now:—'It is resolved that no land bill shall be regarded by us as final that is not founded on the perpetual quit rent principle of tenure, and I suggest that if we pass that resolution we shall pass a further resolution to be sent to the Secretary of the Convention of Associations for transmission to His Excellency the Governor. I shall now put that resolution in its bold form, and I trust that we shall not be delayed."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Baillie.

Mr. Clarke then spoke. He said that this was a big subject, and remarked that when he was a member of the Land Board in New Zealand, a resolution was passed by the original Land Board—on which he served for 3 years—was always in favour, with the exception of one member, that quit rent or freehold were the only forms of land tenure to give satisfaction in any country, and this especially applied to B.E.A. Not knowing what the new land law is going to be like it was very awkward to express any opinion, but he would like to go back to the early history of the land laws, between 20 and 30 years ago in New Zealand, when the same sort of legislation was brought in. The effect on the country when Mr Seddon came into power was that the land which belonged to the State was leased to the people. This pleased a certain section of the people, mainly men who knew nothing about farming, artisans, and those employed behind the counter. He brought into Parliament a law that any land could be seized by Government and cut up into small farms, and leased to the people. In order to hurry this up he passed a law to make it compulsory to give up holdings. The effect of this was that after this had gone on for ten years the voting power of the Crown tenant became very strong, in the land, and there was considerable feeling on the matter. Mr. Seddon then sent a commission round to enquire into the general feeling, and they found that 99 per cent. wanted freehold, although they already had leases extending over 999 years. The result was a law for the revision of rent. Mr. Clarke said he thought this a very good law—under certain circumstances—and he felt very grateful to it, as it was the means of bringing him and others to this country, by driving them out of New Zealand. He asked what would be the result of such a law in this country—where farmers were all struggling in experimental stages—if it drove farmers out of New Zealand "like sprats out of a dish." He said he was speaking, in much the same way as now, at a meeting when Mr. Montgomery—then Commissioner of Lands—was present, and was asked "if that law was introduced into B.E.A. would it drive you out of the country?" He replied: "No! I have such faith in the country, but it would have prevented me from coming to the country." The speaker said it was difficult to tell what the result of a similar land tenure in this country would be, but he was of the opinion that it would prevent people from coming here, when the country was in great need of more settlers and a larger population. (Applause.)

Mr. F. Watkins, senior, who was not present at the commencement of the meeting, asked whether there were any alternatives or was there a new law passed, and why were they proposing this resolution?

The Chairman, replying, said that no one could tell when the law was to be published, or when it would be brought forward but there was some talk of considering it at the next meeting of the Legislative Council, and upon whatever principle it may be founded it seemed to him that they had a right to, and it was their duty to say their say before they had any knowledge of the contents of the bill; that if the settled position of the settlers in this country is to be neglected in the drawing up of this bill that they should hold themselves free to re-open the whole discussion. He drew attention to the fact that in this reply of the Secretary of State to the petition for elective representation a point is made of the fact at any rate the statement, that the Secretary of State could not understand in what way the members of the Legislative Council were serving the interests of the Protectorate in resigning before he had had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with their apparent grievance, against which their resignations appear to have been made as a protest. Now if there is one thing he thought should have been clear to the Secretary of State, it was that the movement which led up to the resignations of the non-official members had been steadily growing for some time. In connection with the land bill they could, and did, say that for 9 years, as Mr. Clarke had testified, they had been asking for a land law that should be founded on that tenure—a "quit rent" tenure, and it seemed to him that at that moment, before the land law appeared, they should go on discussing this land law until they got one founded on the only principle of tenure that they understood or appreciated. Mr. Chamberlain, in putting the resolution to the meeting, said he hoped it would be passed unanimously. The motion was carried.

The Chairman then reported that the petition for elective representation, which had been sent forward some five weeks ago through the convention, had now been replied to by the Secretary of State, and had been received by the Secretary of the Convention the week previously. One of the members of the Pastoralists' Association—Mr. F. Watkins—had an opportunity of inspecting this reply, but owing to some misapprehension this reply was withheld from the public until Wednesday the 26th instant. An executive meeting of the Convention was called and those gentlemen who assisted in the drafting of the original petition were invited to draft a reply to the letter from the Secretary of State.

The reply from the Colonial Secretary was then read by Mr. Hill. (A copy of this reply appeared in our weekly issue of).

The Chairman then read the draft reply, —as drawn up by the Sub-Committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Convention, and asked for the approval of the meeting. He explained that this was done chiefly for the sake of information and also because any action they might take up would greatly strengthen the hands of the Convention Executive Committee, who werer not only entitled to deal with the matter, under the authority given them by the Convention, but, except for the very great importance of the issues raised, would have thought it their duty to do so without reference to the associations.

In this instance, seeing the important principles which have been raised by the Colonial Secretary it appeared to them that the greatest publicity should be given by the Association to the character and form of this reply. The speaker hoped that they, as an Association, would accept that reply, endorse it, and send it back to the Secretary of the Convention as an intimation of their wish that it should be forwarded to the proper authorities, as quickly as possible. He said the reply was put before them for discussion to the extent that any principles

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THE ABYSSINIAN FRONTIER.

Two gallant officers have lost their lives on our Northern frontier and in Somaliland. The death of Mr. Aylmer on the Abyssinian border and of Mr. R. Corfield at Dul Madoba, with the narrow escape of another British officer (Mr. Lloyd Jones), should draw the close attention of the Government to the serious problem facing our modest, but very capable, forces in both Protectorates. In his speech at the Caledonian Society's dinner, Colonel Graham called attention to the "very serious problem which must one day be faced, namely, the roving tendency of the Somalis. We believe this touches the fringe of a great problem of first class military importance and certainly of vital international importance. It will not be the nomad Somali that will cause us the greater concern, it will be the Abyssinian. It has been pointed out by politicians at home that our money is wasted on British Somaliland. It will be if we do not adopt a forward policy, the trend of which we desire to indicate. Before doing so we must point out the more immediate trouble. That somewhat mystical warrior, the "Mad Mullah," who, as the British Government have good reasons for knowing, is a particularly treacherous nomad, has a large following of wild and restless Somalis, who have to be kept employed. This employment takes the shape of raids on the trader, and the more peaceful Somali. Consequently, partly for fear of the Mullah and partly for trade purposes, the Somalis are migrating to British East Africa in rapidly increasing numbers. When one recalls the trouble we have had in Somaliland, it is not difficult to come to the conclusion that this undesirable migration is causing serious concern in military circles.

A study of the map of North-Eastern Africa, will reveal a hilly and obviously wealthy land-locked country which has been the arena of military conflict in which the British have been one of the combatants. Abyssinia is bordered on the Western and North-Western side by the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan; on the Northern border by Eritrea under Italian protection; on the North-Eastern and Eastern side by French Somaliland, British Somaliland and Italian Somaliland, while the Southern portion of Abyssinia has for its neighbours Uganda and our own Protectorate. The natural outlet is Jibuti, but this is in the hands of the French. At present this appears to be the main door of Abyssinia, but there are other possible doors—Zeila and Berbera. Through the main door, however, comes one of the causes for the unrest on our borders. The cause is similar to that which troubles the Indian Government and those defending the passes on the North-West Frontier. The Indian Marine has made and are making efforts to remove the cause by patrolling the Persian Gulf and apprehending gun runners. Our ships cannot very well patrol the African coast between Perim and Zeila without arousing the suspicions of the French Government, but we should negotiate with them with the object of avoiding a common danger, and in arresting gun runners, who are supplying arms and ammunition to dangerous frontier tribes who are a constant menace to our mutual well-being. The Italian Government should also be approached on the same matter. Reliable and accurate information regarding the internal affairs of Abyssinia is not forthcoming, but it is known in certain circles that many tribes are arming. Possibly this is to indulge in inter-tribal warfare owing to the insecure state of the Abyssinian throne, and its weak hold upon the country. On the other hand it does not require much [illegible] to come to the conclusion that the Abyssinian has not been unobservant of the gradual approach of the white man. The most recent marked advance has been by the British when they extended their responsibilities to the very border of Abyssinia. When we advanced beyond the Uaso Nyiro River limit the British Government embarked, consciously or unconsciously, upon what we think will prove a troublesome military eventure, which will some day require the presence of British troops in addition to a very considerable native force. We believe that this advance beyond the Uaso Nyiro River was inevitable, and we further believe it is inevitable that we shall some day find it imperative to further extend the limit of occupation. Having gone so far it would be suicidal to retire. The prestige of the British in Africa would receive a crushing blow if we retreated. We must now strengthen our present position. This, too, is imperative, and in this [illegible] we must not procrastinate. Neither [illegible] we underestimate the Abyssinian and the Somali. They are not fools and they are watching us closely. It has been a failing of the English to underestimate the enemy. We must not continue to swagger [illegible] the highways of the world believing in our conceit that we are the equal of any two or three foreigners.

Colonel Graham asked how many of us have accurate ideas of the length of our frontiers, and the enormous, almost insuperable, difficulties of transport in those parts? From Kismayu to Lugh it is over 300 miles, and our land communications run through a fly belt which is fatal for camels, and our water communications depend on the Juba River, which is only navigable for 4 or 5 months in the year. From Lugh to the Eastern shore of Lake Rudolph it is over 500 miles. This is the extent of the [illegible] that the civilian staff in Jubaland and the Northern Frontier District has to administer and the King's African Rifles to guard. We hope we have said enough to prove not only the importance of keeping up the strength of our present forces, but the necessity of reinforcements. With some experience of what frontier defence means in another part of the Empire, where British and native troops are seen as near to perfection as is possible in this imperfect world, we may be permitted to endorse the observations of the commandant of our native troops when he says that frontier patrolling is the severest test to which the most highly trained troops can be put, and that British trained native troops are best fitted to perform those severe duties, which Colonel Graham pointed out involve incessant safaris on half rations in waterless areas. He also pointed out that as regards mobility white troops, compared to native troops in these circumstances, would be as a goods train compared to an express, and that mobility is the main factor for success. We shall need, however, not only a volunteer force, but some companies of a British regiment for garrison duty in both the capital and at strategical points along the two Protectorates. We indicated some months ago how these regular troops could be employed, i.e., on lines of communication and in partially controlling the transmitters and receivers in the chief telegraph stations. The needs at our frontiers are urgent, and we should take steps to avoid within both Protectorates the possibility of a repetition here of the disasters which occurred in South Africa in the early stages of our colonising history. We desire to emphasise the following words of Colonel Graham, because we have good reasons for doing so: "The holding of the present frontier makes life and property secure within it, and, further (as Colonel Graham regretted), that it makes some of those enjoying this security a little sceptical as to what their more exposed neighbours undergo." The few in this Protectorate who are aware of the sacrifices which the guarding of our frontiers entails upon the responsible British officers view, with deep regret, the scepticism which those [illegible] [illegible]ge in without any idea of the [illegible] and the true position. It is only fair to point out, in conclusion, that His Excellency the Governor has other problems to consider than those which come before our immediate notice. This is one, and [illegible] will deny that it affects our very [illegible].

Writes a keen reader (with an eye to trouble) and possibly an underlying [illegible] love for the Scot, "what connection is there between the photograph you published on Monday of the Committee of the Caledonian Society and the advertisement which appeared immediately below, namely 'pigs for pigs'?" None so far as we are [illegible], although it is just possible that our [illegible] compositors gifted with a keener sense of humour than we gave him credit for arranged matters that Pict and [illegible] Sassenach alike were at liberty to draw their own conclusions. We however, [illegible] disclaim all connection, with [illegible] we genuinely admire "Mac."

Reuter's Cables.

The Indian Question.

Lord Crewe on the Subject.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Sir Mancherjee Merwanjee Bhownagree in introducing his deputation said that Lord [illegible]'s speech pacified to some extent the [illegible] indignation felt by the people of India. The deputation contended it was the duty of the Imperial Parliament to mediate at this [illegible] time. They asked for the release of passive resisters and strikers, the removal of the racial bar, the poll tax and the institution of a thorough enquiry into the responsibility resting with both parties. Furthermore they requested the adoption of such measures by the Crown as will secure British Indians throughout the Empire the rights of citizenship guaranteed them by solemn pledges of the Crown.

Lord Crewe replied that it would not be necessary for him to assure them that the [illegible] in South Africa were the subject of [illegible] concern to the Imperial Parliament. [illegible] had been deeply stirred by the reports, though every statement need not be adopted as proved facts. Yet it was evident grounds existed for serious disquietude, and also for a [illegible] enquiry into the occurrences themselves, and the causes which led thereto. Lord Crewe emphasised the fact that, as he had been Secretary of the Colonies and India, he was deeply concerned in this question, which he had discussed with General Botha, General Smuts, [illegible] also Messrs. Ghandi, Polak and [illegible]. He warmly encouraged Mr. Gokhale's [illegible] to South Africa, hoping it would lead to [illegible] settlement. He said he recognised in Mr. [illegible] a man of high ideals, but at the same [illegible] South African Ministers were honestly [illegible] to deal out fair treatment to the [illegible], and see their laws humanely administered. He stated he was bound to add, however, that the leaders had often been hampered by the existence in South Africa of a public [illegible] less enlightened than their own, and [illegible] of racial prejudice from which they [illegible] were largely free. The South [illegible] Government contended that although [illegible] laws were restrictive, owing to the demand of South African opinion, yet it had been so [illegible] operated that no practical grievance [illegible]. He was certain that Ministers desired [illegible] administration law not to be unduly [illegible]some to individuals. Yet he asked, [illegible] it be said that this wish was always [illegible] out if the laws were administered by a [illegible] of different officials, and, surely, [illegible] dangerous to depend, as it seemed had [illegible] done, on rational and sympathetic [illegible]istration of law to protect individuals [illegible] the operation of severe enactments under [illegible] circumstances as existed in the South [illegible] communities.

[illegible] investigations ought to be directed, [illegible] only into to the circumstances of the last [illegible] days, but into the substances of the [illegible] complaints which are causing restlessness [illegible] the Indians in South Africa. [illegible] Smuts concluded by saying that it [illegible] not only a matter for the India Office, [illegible] for the unremitting attention of the [illegible] Government. The Colonial Office was [illegible] anxious for complete justice to be done [illegible] the Indian subjects of the King in [illegible] Africa.

Lord Crewe in replying to the various [illegible], said, in stating that it was his conviction that some enquiry, not merely of an [illegible] character, was desirable, he was [illegible] his own view. It was not reason[able to] suppose that it was the view of his [illegible] colleagues.

LONDON Wednesday.

The "Daily News" emphasised the char[acter] of the question, and states that the [enqu]iry should be an Imperial one in the [illegible] sense. It is impossible to ignore or [illegible] condemn the strong prejudice of [South] African opinion. If it be a perfectly [illegible] opinion based on certain facts, which [woul]d be fatal, leastwise, to some of the very [illegible] demands made by the Indians. Com[promise], therefore, is the only course possible [illegible] the administration of such a compromise [shoul]d be definitely placed in the hands of the [illegible] Government, with the assurance that, [if it i]s not allowed, it will slip back into the [illegible] control of Natal, whose weakness has [been] the kernel of all the trouble.

The "Daily Mail" says that Lord Crewe [illegible] deprecates the tone of the menace, but [it is] to be hoped that South Africa has suffi[cient] regard for the British position in India [to ena]ble them to do something to allay the [feelin]g of injustice there.

The opinion of the "Daily Graphic" is that [Sir M.] Bhownagree's contention that the Crown [shoul]d secure for British Indians the rights of [illegible] citizenship throughout the Empire [whene]ver they are allowed to come in is un[illegible]able. There are limits to the theory [of] Colonial irresponsibility which is called [self-go]vernment. This is not a Colonial, but [an Im]perial matter, and the Union Govern[ment] must not allow racial prejudices [of a se]ction of the population to outweigh the [interest]s of the whole Empire.

The "Daily Telegraph" emphasises the im[illegible] of anything like pressure being [bro]ught to bear; such might be unable to [illegible] a foreign nation, but if members of a family are to remain a family, they must compose their differences. The means of mediation must be persuasion and not dictatorial methods implying menace as emphasised by Lord Crewe, who is confident that General Botha and his colleagues will fully recognise the importance of the suggested enquiry being not merely official.

Some minor officials might be stupid and imbued with the curse of red tapeism, whilst others might be so prejudiced that it might not be their wish to administer leniently. He referred to the question of polygamy, but said that it was not claimed that South Africa ought to legalise it, but that polygamous communities demanded reasonable consideration. The Indians recognised the fact that they could not enjoy unrestricted interprovincial movement, but he declared it was regrettable that such obscurity existed in connection with the great great difference of opinion on questions of the £3 tax and housing, when those were last before the Union Government.

Continuing, Lord Crewe said, that the tax does not bring a large revenue, and it does not seem that it serves any useful purpose. Many South Africans were opposed to it, yet it was the main source of trouble. The greatest indignation felt in India had been due to stories of flogging. These statements demanded an enquiry. He was glad to see that General Smuts and gone to Natal to make the enquiry in person, and he need not say that the Imperial Parliament would accept his explanation, and everyone ought to accept the statements made by a responsible Minister like Smuts. It was altogether wrong and purposeless for anyone to adopt a tone of menace to South Africa. He believed that if South Africa agreed for the solidarity of the Empire being maintained by a form of enquiry which was not solely official, no sentiment of national or personal "amour propre" ought to stand in the way of such an investigation.

A Durban message states that General Smuts, after close enquiries on the spot, returned to Pretoria. The authorities maintain it is his intention not to discuss the grievances of the Indians until order is restored, and the strike abandoned.

ECHOES OF THE TROUBLES.

The Indian question is now becoming a matter of grave concern in Canada, the judge who granted the habeas corpus act in the case of the Hindu priest who was being deported, has now been followed by the finding of the Chief Justice which states that Indians are only excludeable for idiocy, disease and crime similarly to other Britishers. These decisions are not relished in British Columbia, where the exclusion of the Indian is strongly favoured. Consequently it seems certain that new legislation will be demanded to regulate the Oriental influx. It is noteworthy that every constituency in British Columbia will support Mr. Borden's Government which will have a delicate task in adjusting the local feeling with Imperial considerations.

Mushroom Banks.

FURTHER FINANCIAL TROUBLES IN BOMBAY.

LONDON, Wednesday

A message received from Bombay states that further trouble in the share market is feared. Mill shares are again falling, the Specie Bank shares being unquoted.

Disappearance and Discovery

OF PRESIDENT HUERTA.

LONDON, Wednesday

The Railway officials at Mexico City report that President Huerta has secretly departed for Vera Cruz. Investigation in Mexico failed to trace his whereabouts. A later message, however states that the President has returned, and explained that his absence was due to his having been on a visit to a farm in the vicinity.

The New French Loan.

LONDON, Tuesday

Reuter's correspondent in Paris states that the Chamber has agreed upon fifty-two million as the amount of the new loan.

The Davis Cup.

LONDON, Tuesday

A Melbourne message states that Australia is preparing for a determined effort to recover the Davis Cup. Norman Brooks and Dunlop are going to Europe to compete tournaments, whilst Wilding is also willing to play for the Cup.

Militarism in Germany.

LONDON, Wednesday

Two youths were arrested by the military authorities at Zabern on Monday evening for laughing at the patrols, and another for singing. The conflict between the civil and military authorities is sharper than ever.

A Berlin message states that the Kaiser has had an audience with the Minister of War at Donaue Schingen. It is understood the question of the trouble at Zabern was discussed.

President Wilson and Mexico.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Dr. Woodrow Wilson, in a message to the Congress, declared there was only one cloud on the horizon that was overhanging Mexico, and there is no certain prospect of Peace with America until President Huerta surrenders. It has been affirmed that the United States was a friend and champion of Constitutional Government, because it was the only way that the neighbours of the United States could work out their own development in peace and liberty. President Wilson continued that Huerta was becoming completely isolated every day his power and prestige rapidly crumbling, and the collapse was not far away. He stated he did not believe that America would be obliged to alter her policy, but be watchful and waiting. When the end came they would see the Constitutional Government, and order restored.

Turning to domestic affairs, he urged the speedy reform of the Banking Currency system.

St. Andrews Day in New York.

FAMOUS BURNS' MANUSCRIPTS TO BE PRESENTED TO SCOTLAND.

LONDON, Wednesday.

A message from New York says that at the St. Andrews day dinner in the City, Mr. John Gribbel, a big manufacturer and a collector of manuscripts, suddenly rose and announced that he had bought from a Philidelphian dealer, the famous Burns "Glen Ridell" manuscripts, and that he would present them to Scotland. This announcement was received with defeaning enthusiasm and upon the gentleman producing two quarto volumes he was again cheered to the echo.

The Connaught Jewels.

LONDON, Tuesday

The stolen Jewels, which were supposed to belong to the Duke of Connaught, have turned out to belong to a former aide de camp, to whom they were a gift from the Duke. They include a Garter pin and sleeve links with the Connaught initials and crest.

Aviation.

AEROPLANE FATALITIES.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Captain Lushington, the Commander of the naval air wing, has been killed at Eastchurch in a bi-plane accident, whilst Captain Fawcett has been slightly injured while piloting an aeroplane.

Mr. Winston Churchill made several flights with Captain Lushington on Saturday, Mr. Churchill himself piloting the flight.

Obituary.

LONDON, Wednesday.

The death is announced of Mr. Stedall, the well know racehorse owner, who during his life time owned a considerable number of horses. He was a popular figure on the race course, and by his decease Mr. Sadler Junr. will lose one of his best patrons.

Delagoa Bay Development.

The eleventh ordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Delagoa Bay Development Corporation, Limited, was held yesterday at the offices, Egypt House, New Broad Street, E.C., Mr. H. K. Heyland presiding.

The Chairman in moving the adoption of the report for the year ended June 30 last (summarised in "South Africa," last week), observed that the debtor side of the balance-sheet did not appear to call for any special comment on his part, excepting the two items "reserve for depreciation and renewals" and "amortisation of property account." The former showed an increase of £4180, bringing it up to a total of £12,680, which was very satisfactory, and the latter, amounting to £1618, appeared for the first time in the accounts, and was the amount necessary to provide during the year under review for the amortisation of the capital of the Company at the termination of the concessions. Turning to the credit side, the capital expenditure incurred during the year amounted to £3870 mainly on the Central Electric Tramway Station to meet the increasing demands for power supply generally, and effecting more economical working. With regard to the profit and loss account, he need not call attention to any particular item, except the one and all important amount of profit made in Lourenco Marques of £28578, which showed the very satisfactory increase of £3871, or rather over 10 per cent. on the previous year. The remarkably steady increase of their business during the last few years was most encouraging, and very promising for the future. The gross receipts from all sources in Lourenco Marques for the year under review amounted to £58,260 as against £[illegible] for the previous year, an increase of £[illegible]. The working costs amounted to £[illegible], as against £[illegible] last year, giving an increase of £4115. The ratio of working costs to gross receipts was just over 53 per cent. The further development of the Polana Beach as a seaside resort for visitors from the Transvaal and Orange Free State, and also, he ventured to predict, from some parts of Rhodesia, continued to make some progress. The erection of a large hotel, negotiations for which were understood to be proceeding with the authorities, combined with the usual seaside attractions to which he had referred on former occasions, would undoubtedly confer a great boon to local traders, and be to the advantage financially of the Government authorities themselves. The site for such purpose was ideal, and, he believed, unequalled on the whole coast of East Africa. The population of Lourenco Marques had increased, according to census returns, 35 per cent. during the last eight years. The export of coal for 1912 amounted to nearly 300,000 tons, as against about 82,000 tons for 1911. The number of vessels entering the port, export trade generally, and local imports all showed satisfactory increases. They understood that the contract for the electric coal-handling plant on the Government quays had been placed. The Manager informed them that it was probable that this plant, which would have a total handling capacity of 400 tons per hour, would be ready for service by the end of the year. He also added that this installation would undoubtedly call for a considerably increased demand for electric energy from the Corporation. With regard to the prospects of the current year, shareholders would, as usual, expect him to prophesy something; as usual, he could promise nothing, but he could tell them that the returns for the first quarter of the present year exceeded anything they had ever had in the past, and if the revenue for the remaining nine months even approached that of the first three, then he had no hesitation in stating that the prospects of earning a much higher dividend for the current year would be assured. Shareholders must not forget that the Company's various undertakings were almost necessaries of life—water supply was absolutely so, and neither lighting nor tramways were luxuries in a place like Lourenco Marques. He had no fear whatever that with a reasonable increase in population the Company would ultimately earn a dividend consistent with the employment of capital in those parts. He therefore did not attempt to guard his optimism as to the not very distant future prospects of the Corporation.

Mr. Frank Gotto seconded the motion, which was adopted, and a resolution authorising the payment of a dividend of 3 per cent. for the year ended June 30 last was also carried.—From "South Africa."

Standard Notes.

The following is the list of passengers that left Mombasa per s.s. Catania on Saturday the 22th instant. Mr and Mrs Sergeant Miss Sergeant, Dr Wilson, Mr C W Haywood, and B A Langenberg.

The s.s. "Carisbrook Castle" sailed Kilindini on Wednesday at 4 a.m. Homewards.

A meeting of the members and adherents of St. Andrew's Church was held last (Wednesday) night to welcome the Rev. Mr Soutter to the ministry. The Rev. Mr. Youngson in introducing the new minister made a few felicitous remarks. A report of the meeting will appear in our issue of to-morrow.

On Sunday last a somewhat serious accident occurred on Ainsworth Bridge. Two European cyclists collied and were thrown badly. They were found by Mr. Sterling in an unconscious condition. They were taken to the European Hospital, where it was discovered that one of the unfortunate men had broken his collarbone while the other is suffering from concussion of the brain. We learn from the hospital that both are progressing as favourably as can be expected.

Incidents of a diverting nature to the European mind are of more or less frequent occurrence at the local Magistrate's Court. Askaris in attendance and natives, even prisoners, frequently evince irresistible glimpses of all unconscious humour, which might almost be called "side shows," while the serious business of the Court is going forward. On Saturday last an askari had a most busy time chasing a dog all round the Court while a case was being heard, and a little later observed an Indian sitting with his wet umbrella, listening to the proceeding. The askari approaches him and with a confidential manner and many ludicrous facial expressions a finger pressed to his lips at intervals to enjoin silence, endeavours to cajole the Indian into giving up the offending umbrella. The askari succeeded at length in gaining possession much to the evident disgust of the owner, who possibly considered it was lawful for one to remain in the hands of the law.

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Usual Price 14 50 Sale Price ... 8 50

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Usual Price 13 00 Sale Price ... 8 50

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Usual Price ... 17 50 Sale Price ... 12 00

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Usual Price ... 20 00 Sale Price ... 12 00

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Usual Price ... 18 00 Sale Price ... 12 50

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Usual Price ... Rs. 20, 17-50, 19-50, 15-50.
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raised—and some very important ones there were—for discussion, and that if there were any strong objections to these principles that was the time to debate them. If on the other hand there were no objections to the principles laid down for the future modification of the administration of this country, he thought it would not be fair to themselves nor to the Convention Committee to discuss any mere phrases or mere side issues in the reply as drafted. They would have probably observed that the main point in the letter sent to them conveying the views of the Secretary of State dealt with the question of the Hindu. There was a somewhat involved combination of races here; the white man was mentioned as part of the community in connection not only with the Indian but also the Eurasian, the Arab, and the native. But the strength of the position taken up by the Secretary of State undoubtedly lay in the attitude of the Home Government towards the question of the position of the Indian in this community. The speaker said he was satisfied in his own mind—the members present may or may not share that opinion—that this reference to the Indian constituted nothing less than a trap in which to catch the unwary thinker over the political situation in this country. If they were to say in their reply that neither now or in the future did they contemplate representation of the Indian on the Legislative Council, from the moment that reply was received in Downing Street for many years to come they would be met with a refusal to discuss the question of elective representation. Under the Crown Colony system if they, the settlers did not recognise the fact the Government would be in a position to place a member representing the Indian community on the Council. In the same way by some proof of political sagacity was demanded of them, and he turned with a certain amount of confidence to them for that endorsement of the views expressed in the letter, for which he had asked. If he could carry them with him he would ask them to endorse the reply as drafted by the Committee and to authorise their Secretary to telegraph to the Convention urging as the views of the Pastoralists' Association, the necessity of forwarding the reply at once to the proper authorities.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Baillie, but before the vote was taken Mr. Frank Watkins Senior addressed the meeting and uttered a strong protest against passing this resolution in such haste. He said he regretted that he was not present at the meeting, when the reply was drafted, and that whilst appreciating very much what had been done by the Committee, he realised that there was one very constitutional question which demanded most careful consideration. This was contained in the first paragraph of the letter. He said they were opening the door to a principle which, so far as he knew, had never been adopted in any of His Majesty's Colonies. Directly they opened the door as the Chairman said "it was a trap" they never knew how far that door, once ajar might be opened, or what consequences might follow a principle of introducing a coloured member into the Council of this Protectorate. He did not wish to say, for one moment, that the Arabs, Indians &c., were not entitled to some representation, but they were represented at the present time by the official members of the Legislative Council, who constituted the majority of that body, and this was sufficient representation for them. He asked if they as white settlers in a new colony were going to "cut their own throats" by asking His Majesty's Government to allow the appointment of an Indian or an Arab to come into this Council. It was a most serious question and he would not commit himself to it without further thought. He realised that unless they did so, the Government would probably refuse them the elective representation they asked for, but said he would rather forego that, than introduce a principle that might affect the welfare of the country and the white population in years to come. He urged them to think carefully. They had waited so long and had received two refusals, that he asked them to wait a little longer in order to consider a question which might have far reaching consequences and be so detrimental to the country. He did not wish to propose anything in opposition to what had been done by the Committee and appreciated the care and trouble they had taken in drawing up the reply, but he asked them to wait until they could hear the views of the majority of this Protectorate and therefore proposed that the reply be postponed until some future meeting of the Convention. He (the speaker) would rather they waited six weeks than commit themselves for years.

The amendment, seconded by Mr. Cundell was as follows:—

"That the consideration of the reply drafted by the Executive Committee be deferred to a meeting of the Convention either special or at the ordinary general meeting."

Mr. McCall asked whether it was not a question of whether funds permitted them to hold a special meeting of the Convention.

Mr. Chamberlain pointed out that the Convention had no funds, and ... that Mr. Davis (of the "Leader") ... himself had contributed a sum of ... each, on condition that 18 other members of the community would find a similar amount.

At the last meeting of the Association it was found that the money contributed by the various Associations for this year's expenses for the Convention, had been used—properly and necessarily—for debts incurred in the previous year, ... to make the financial position safe for the moment. The delegates present subscribed the sum of £130 in order to finance the Convention as it then stood. This money was already earmarked, even if not actually used, for the Convention this year. A special meeting called or other means taken, would cost money, and they could not expect the Secretary or the Committee of the Convention to be burdened ... the arrangements, with the question of pounds, shillings, and pence. He asked the names of gentlemen who were prepared to assist financially in this very serious discussion now only just beginning. If people would come forward and give ... each they would then be in for the campaign.

Mr. Watkins remarked that the Convention should meet in the ordinary way in the middle of January and he saw no necessity for a special meeting.

Mr. McCall pointed out that the Colonial Secretary had requested an immediate reply and objected to the matter being ...

Mr. Stanning, supporting the amendment, said he did not think the Secretary of State ought to expect an immediate reply as they could not send a representative reply without having an opportunity of full discussion of the matter. He thought a well considered reply even if sent later, would carry more weight than a hurried one would do.

Mr Hill enquired in what way it would embarrass the Committee if the amendment advocated by Mr. Watkins was adopted.

The Chairman explained that in placing the draft letter before them, the Committee were not performing any part of their duty. 40 or 50 delegates who were appointed by the different Associations to do the work in connection with this and other public affairs, and this was a matter of ordinary current work. The issues involved however were very important ... was because the issues were so grave that they felt they would like the Association to have an opportunity of discussion before the reply was despatched. The Committee were quite outside both their rights and their duty in so doing. Their reason was that they wished to have with them every bit of sentiment, courage and cash. He (the speaker) remarked that it appeared to him that there was much sentiment and courage behind their criticism, but very little cash.

Mr. Watkins reiterated his plea for careful consideration, and asked the meeting to confine themselves to the principle involved. He also said that when the amendment was put, no side issues should be introduced. The whole question was whether they were going to adopt a principle, which may have far reaching effects without our adequate consideration.

Mr. Stanning said he understood that the meeting was called for discussion and that he for one, was not prepared to commit himself with a reply to such a grave matter without time for careful thought. He was of the opinion that the moment the reply was sent, they "gave the show away."

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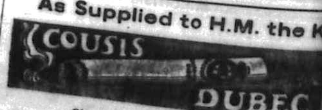

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SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING.

A meeting of the Show Committee of the Nakuru Agricultural Society was held on Saturday, the 29th November, at the Nakuru Hotel, the following members being present:—Mr. Robert Chamberlain (in the chair), Mr. Frank Watkins, Senior, Mr. F. S. Clarke, Mr. H. W. Davies, Mr. W. E. Rutherfurd, Mr. D. Fawcus, Mr. H. D. Stanning, Mr. J. K. Hill, Mr. F. C. Hobson, Mr. N. Macgregor, Mr. A. G. Doherty, Mr. S. McCall, Mr. A. Armstrong, Mr. G. L. Cundey, Mr. J. Mackay, and Mr. C. O. Chaplin, hon. secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Secretary then announced that Mr. Alan Tompson had accepted the position of joint trustee, but that he had not yet received a reply from Lord Delamere. He also reported that Captain Sandbach Baker was willing to serve on the committee, and that various donations had been received amounting in all to about 4,500 Rupees. The class lists had been sent to the printers and had not yet been returned.

The question of the desirability of having a seal made for use on the Show diplomas, etc., was enquired into, and it was eventually left to the Secretary to do his best to obtain a suitable one in time for the Show.

The Secretary reported an offer from Mr. Wood of a prize, value £5 for the best 30 cobs of maize exhibited, on condition that the exhibit winning this prize should become his property.

Mr. Stanning said he was dead against such a condition being attached to any prize. Besides, it was absolutely impossible to pick out 30 maize cobs as it would take too much time.

Another member pointed out that exhibits were the property of the respective exhibitors, and therefore the Committee had no right to dispose of the same.

Mr. Hill remarked that he would not mind giving a prize of similar value, under the same conditions, for the best horse. (Laughter).

Mr. Watkins, Senior, was of the opinion that the principle was wrong, and suggested that the gentleman be written to, thanking him for the offer, and asking him to reconsider the matter, as the offer could not be accepted with the existing conditions. This was agreed to.

Mr. Watkins then announced his desire to give £10 towards the show funds. This to be £5 towards the general fund, and £2 10s. for the best general exhibit and £2 10s. for the best exhibit of poultry. It was pointed out that there was already a £10 prize for the best poultry, and Mr. Watkins agreed to give the prizes for any two classes deemed advisable. This offer was accepted.

A motion that country-bred horses over 8 years old should be shown under saddle, was carried.

The meeting then proceeded to the business of electing judges, resulting as follows:—Stallions, foals, yearlings and countrybreds, Mr. Goldfinch or in the event of his being unable to accept, Mr. Elkinton or failing him Mr. Edmondson; jumping competition, trappers, riding mules, pair driving mules, Mr. Doherty; motor car driving competition, Mr. Hirtzel; cattle, Mr. Macdonald; pure bred sheep, Mr. Davis; class grade sheep, and native shearers, Mr. McCall; swine, it was decided to approach the Manager of the Uplands Bacon Factory, asking him to act. Dogs (hounds and crossbreds), Mr. Paul Rainey; airedales, Mr. Mortimer; all other dogs, Capt. Murray; poultry, Capt. Murray and Mr. R. Ulyate; flowers and vegetables, Mrs. Rutherford; cereals and potatoes, Mr. J. R. Wood and a representative of Messrs. Simpson and Whitelaw, with Mr. Dawson as referee; bees, it was decided to ask the Bee Keepers' Association to nominate someone for this post; lard, ham, bacon, coffee beans and butter, Mr. Duncan Beaton; tobacco, Mr. Monson; wattle bark, the Secretary was instructed to ask the Wattle Growers' Association to suggest names, fleeces of wool, Messrs. Clarke and Davis, with Mr. McCall as referee; ostriches, Mr. Hignell (who comes from South Africa with excellent credentials from Prof. Duerden), bread and scones, Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Rutherford; lucerne hay and flax, Mr. J. R. Wood and a representative of Messrs. Simpson and Whitelaw; copra, rubber, cotton and district exhibits, Mr. H. Powell; waggons and farmcarts made in B. E. A., Messrs. Armstrong and Heppes; merchants' display, Lord Delamere; agricultural implements, Mr. J. Mackay; ploughs, Messrs. Clarke, Grey and Rump.

Some considerable discussion took place as to the desirability or otherwise, of the Government Farms being asked to exhibit. The chairman was of opinion that by obtaining exhibits from the Government Farms not only would they increase the number of entries but also a large portion of these entries would be on a very high plane of excellence. The committee finally resolved to ask the Government to enter any for stock exhibit, or at least either for the championships. It was understood that in the event of the Government acquiescing, Mr. Edmondson should be asked to act instead of Mr. MacDonald, as it was felt that the latter gentleman could not be expected to act as judge in the event of entries being received from the Government Farms.

Mr. Macgregor announced his intention of presenting a prize for the best general purposes, mare, to be judged by two farmers, the prize to consist of a plate to the value of £5, which was accepted.

The meeting then terminated.

The British Cotton Growing Association.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter).

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Meeting of the Council of the British Cotton Growing Association was held at the Offices of the Association, 15 Cross Street, Manchester, on Tuesday, Nov. 4th. The President, The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, G.C.V.O., occupied the chair.

WEST AFRICA.

The purchases of cotton in Lagos to the end of September amount to 12,439 bales, as compared with 2,902 bales for the same period of last year, and 11,762 bales for 1909. The purchases in Northern Nigeria to the end of September are 1,532 bales, as compared with 2,326 bales for the corresponding period in 1912.

UGANDA.

It was reported that the British East Africa Corporation, who are the Association's representatives in Uganda, had recently raised £45,000 additional capital, and they are making arrangements to cope with the increased quantities of cotton which there is every reason to expect will be produced in Uganda during the next few years. The reports of the crop this year continue to be excellent, and it is estimated that the crop will amount to 50,000 bales, which is almost double that of any previous year.

FINANCE.

The following statement of sales of cotton during September and October was submitted:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Total.
West African ...	1,182	10,547	11,729
East African ...	2,644	2,326	4,970
West Indian ...	1,159	141	1,300
Sudan	319	316	635
Sundries ...	45	10	55
	5,349	13,340	18,689
Approximate value	£77,000	164,000	241,000

It was pointed out that the quantity of cotton passing through the Association's hands during the next few years will continue to increase, and it will be necessary to have further capital to deal with this cotton, in addition to what is required for the erection of ginning factories, etc. During the last two months various Members of the Federation in the Oldham District have subscribed £3,000 additional capital, and the North and North-East Lancashire a similar amount; the balance now required is about £20,000, and it is hoped that the different organisations in the cotton trade will arrange to raise this amount before the end of the year. As soon as the whole of the original capital has been raised it is proposed to take steps to raise a further amount of £250,000 on a commercial basis.

AUSTRALIA.

As a result of inquiries made by the Dominions Royal Commission as to the possibilities of cotton-growing in Australia, and subsequent correspondence and a Conference between members of the Commission and representatives of the British Cotton Growing Association, the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Government of Queensland and the Imperial Institute, a letter has been sent by the Association to the Dominions Royal Commission.

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POPULAR SCIENCE.

An aeroplane made of aluminium has been constructed by M. Moisant, a French designer. Practically the whole machine, with the exception of the engine, is made from this light metal.

Many Uses.

A moss extractor for lawns, recently introduced, consists of a wooden roller studded with spikes. The roller revolves in a similar manner to the blades of an ordinary lawn mower, and the appliance presents a like appearance. It is claimed that the spikes effectually remove the moss, "comb" the grass, and pick up any loose rubbish, such as corks, paper, matches, etc., and deposit them in a box in the front of the machine.

Protection from Fire.

Bridges in the backwoods of America are very prone to take fire. A wooden trestle bridge on the Klamath Lake railroad in Oregon is now protected from fire in the dry

A BRIDGE WITH SPRINKLERS.

season by a system of sprinklers which keep it continually wet. A pipe runs the entire length of the trestle between the tracks, and at short distances are holes through which the water is sprayed over the structure.

A New Airship Gun.

The Ehrhardt airship gun is mounted in an armoured automobile which is covered with 118in. of nickel steel. The rear part of the automobile forms an ammunition chest, and holds 100lb.; the motor is 60 horse-power, and it is claimed that a speed of 28 miles an hour can be attained. The gun can be used at an elevation of 70deg., and fires a shell weighing 3.3lb. When the gun is raised to 45deg. the effective range is said to be 8,800 yards, but this is scarcely believable.

The "Gnome" Engine.

The "Gnome" revolving aeroplane engine has a bore of 4.3in., a stroke of 4.75, and at 1,000 revolutions per minute it develops 50 brake-horse-power; the complete weight is about 170lb., this giving one-horse power for 3.4lb. Gas is admitted through the hollow crank shaft to the crank case, and passes into the cylinders through automatic valves in the top of the pistons. The cylinders are made of steel turned from the solid bar, and are only 1.2mm (less than 1-16in) thick. As a comparison in weight it may be mentioned that a six-cylinder 40 horse-power Napier engine complete weighs 681lb., and a four cylinder 35.45 horse-power Renault 706lb. It is said that a high percentage of the engine-power is taken up in the force required to revolve the "Gnome" engine. It does not appear that revolving motors will supersede at present the ordinary class of engines for motor-cars.

A Machine at the Helm.

By the automatic electric mechanism of Mr. Bailie J. C. Bogle, of Falkirk, the compass is placed in control of the steering gear, and keeps a vessel on a predetermined course without aid from the helmsman. A finely-adjusted insulated lever, called the contractor, has one end connected to the compass card, and is so constructed that the opposite end may make contact with either of two terminals, or contractor rods, connected with a reversing electric motor that moves the steering apparatus. As the ship swerves from its direction, the contractor makes contact that completes an electric circuit giving port or starboard helm as may be required. The ordinary steering mechanism is retained unchanged, and the controlling attachment can be promptly disconnected when necessary as when the vessel's course must be changed to avoid an obstruction or another vessel.

A New Wave Motor.

An inventor has been interesting himself in the production of a wave motor, and the result is the curious apparatus shown in the illustration below. His idea is to catch the power of a wave on its shoreward journey, and this is done by means of a small truck with a broad dashboard tail. The wave pushes against this tail and sends the car along its track up the incline of the beach. The car in turn pushes a piston, which has connection with compressed air tank on the

A TRUCK MOVED BY SEA POWER.

shore. The force of the inbound wave being spent, the force of gravity carries the car back down its track into the surf until it is caught by the next wave, and so on indefinitely. When too heavy a sea is rolling the car can be uncoupled from the piston rod and pulled up on the beach into safety.

The drought is causing much concern in the Kisumu Province amongst the Kavirondos, the crops being affected. The production of simsim is expected this season to be very small.

Governor Schnee, of German East Africa is on a visit to the northern district of his Protectorate, and in his absence his duties are being conducted by the Adviser to the Government, Herr Methner.

THE PASSING OF THE PIGTAIL.

One of the acts of the Republic in China has been to pass an edict allowing Chinamen to cut off their pigtails, and adopt European methods of dressing their hair.

If tradition speaks truly, the "queue" has been a feature of Chinese fashion for some two and a half centuries. Previous to this, the Chinese wore their hair in the same style as Western folk, but when, in the war with Tartary, the Chinese got the worst of it, and a Tartar emperor came to the throne, the conqueror resolved to humble the pride of the conquered by making them "dress their hair" in the same manner as he himself did—viz., shave it all off, except for a single tuft on the crown. As time went by, the unpleasant way in which the fashion had been set was no more remembered, and the aim of the Chinese dandy was to coax his single tuft to grow into as long, and thick, black and glossy a tail as might be.

The working-class Chinaman had to make it a practice to twist up his "tail" in a knot while following his occupation, to keep it from getting in the way, but the rules of respect demanded that he should always let it down when speaking to his superior. No Christian convert, we are told, would dream of entering a church with his pigtail twisted up.

PICTURES IN HAIR.

Portraits made out of single hairs, each hair being some thirty inches long, can be seen now in the establishment of L. F. Federmeyer in Germany. His work is considered as really the most remarkable of its kind in the world, and he is becoming known as a genius in his profession.

On the walls of his establishment may be seen hanging mottoes and designs, and higher up large bust portraits of world-famed men. You glance at them as you would glance at any picture on entering a home, but when you are told that these pictures were made up entirely of human hairs, without a single line of paint, crayon, or pencil, you are half inclined to doubt the veracity of the proprietor. When he produces a magnifying glass and you see hair, some of it chopped almost to powder, your doubts are satisfied.

There are pictures of Victor Hugo, Gambetta, the French statesman, and Napoleon I. There is one picture of a group of Cabinet Ministers. The remarkable thing about it is that each of the seven portraits comprising the Cabinet is made up of a single hair not longer than thirty inches.

LIVES FOR A FLOWER.

Not long ago a rumour reached this country that in the heart of Borneo existed a species of orchid totally different from any yet known to modern horticulture. A well-known wealthy amateur thereupon decided to secure it for himself, and simultaneously an American firm of growers resolved to do likewise. Both parties secured orchid hunters at enormous expense, for the section of the island to be searched is usually fatal to Europeans, not only as regards climate but also from the murderous treachery of the Dyaks and Malays.

The nature of the risk may be understood when it is stated that the companies charged a premium of 30 per cent. to insure the lives of the hunters. In all, three hunters with native assistants were dispatched by each party and the two expeditions each fitted with everything that would be useful for medical and other comforts.

Two years afterwards the sole survivor of the English trio, shattered in health and constitution, reached home with the prize that had cost him so dearly. It never flowered though, and shortly afterwards its owner contemplated a withered stem and a few leaves that had cost two men their lives and himself £20,000.

ORIGIN OF THE RED INDIANS.

An American savant has made an extensive visit to south-eastern Siberia and northern Mongolia, for the express purpose of seeking possible remains of the race that peopled America, i.e., the ancestors of the American Indians. He investigated both the contents of ancient burial mounds and the Asiatic tribes of the present day, and in both cases found much more evidence than he expected. He concludes that there exist to-day over large parts of eastern Siberia, and in Mongolia, Tibet, and other regions in that part of the world, numerous remains, which now form constituent parts of more modern tribes or nations, of a more ancient population, perhaps related in origin to the latest palæolithic Europeans, which was physically indentical with and in all probability gave rise to the American Indians.

PAPER GUNS.

To the amazingly long list of articles made of paper there may be added paper cannon, which have been manufactured at the Krupp works in Germany. These paper field pieces are for special use of the infantry.

Their calibre is a little less than two inches, and the pieces are so light that a soldier can easily carry one. But the resistance is greater than that of a field piece of steel of the same calibre. It is not to be understood that these paper guns are in any way to replace those made of steel. The paper arms are intended merely for uses in situations where the movement of field artillery would be impracticable.

Paper artillery on the field of battle seems an extraordinary thing; but it is hardly more so than paper wheels for freight cars on railways appeared when they were first introduced, or, for that matter, than paper water pails were.

Miss M. Belfield took the round trip to Zanzibar, Tanga, and Dar-es-Salaam by the German liner "General."

Lieut. W. L. Jones, of the K.A.R., who was shot in the leg by Abyssinian elephant poachers, at Kutol, Lake Rudolf, is proceeding to England for expert medical treatment, Dr Lumb accompanying him by the steamer "General," which left Mombasa on Monday afternoon.

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Letters to the Editor.

The Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by his correspondents.

To the Editor African Standard, Nairobi.

An Indian View of the Indian Question.

SIR,—I feel it my duty to express my views as an Indian in reply to an article appearing in the weekly issue of The Leader of the 22nd inst., under the heading "The Colonial Indian Question." I shall be highly obliged if I am allowed the use of your columns for the purpose.

The colonial point of view is, as The Leader says, that the Indian and European races are fundamentally different in every respect, and, therefore it is impossible that the two can socially or politically unite, and for this reason the colonies cannot grant \[illegible\] would they allow him even the entrance. In other words British citizenship so far as an Indian is concerned must confirm to India and India only; the moment he sets foot in any British colony that citizenship must cease.

When the colonial whites bring forward this plea and want the Indian to acquiesce in it they really do not know the mischief underlying it. If the white man does not want the Indian on the above ground in British self governing colonies the Indian will naturally ask the question why should he have whites in India? In fact, the white man in the colonies by his above argument in favour of his cherished ideal has already set the Indian mind thinking over it. If the Indian is asked to submit to this so called impossibility of social and political unification of the two races, this is the \[illegible\] to, and the danger of it is evident.

As for the Japanese meeting the same difficulty as stated by The Leader, I must point out that the Jap is not going to submit to it lying down. In South Africa he is not treated as an Asiatic, and a judgment has already been pronounced in the Transvaal Law Court to that effect. Japan is as strong as ever over the Californian question. Mr. Clements, a relative of "Mark Twain," was interviewed at San Fransisco over the question, and he concludes his interview saying that there is every reason to believe that, but for the financial difficulties Japan would not hesitate to declare war against America if the latter insists on treating her as an inferior nation.

As regards The Leader's statement as to India's case becoming harder with the outside world if she were by any chance to revert to her own people, allow me to say, it is as idle a speculation as if I were to put it the other way.

Your contemporary grants that the Indian has played a prominent part in the development of this country, both in trade and industry, but his unique sense of justice will not allow the Indian even to entertain an idea of getting a share in the government of the country. On the contrary, he warns us against the dangers of it and clearly gives us to understand that we are to be here only on sufferance and not as of right.

Our friend, The Leader, is, of course, at liberty to offer us any advice he pleases; but we have the faculty of discrimination, and we cannot accept what is not reasonable, nay, is wholly illogical. The Indian always looks up to the late Queen Victoria's Proclamation, of 1857, for our guidance in matters like these, and not to the "friendly" advice of The Leader or his followers. The pledges of our Emperor are the foundation stone that we firmly stand upon. Here the Indian has come first, done solid work and expects, as a matter of right, a share in the government of the country towards the maintenance of which he contributes more than the white man does. He has so far displayed a remarkable spirit of toleration, and will never bring in outside agitation nor any ambition higher than what is his legitimate due. If, however, local causes arise and the disabilities now being heaped upon him continue, and his claims are not recognised, he will never fail to agitate in his own way, and make his voice heard to the Imperial Government. He has submitted to the poll-tax with the perfect confidence in the local government that his claims will be duly recognised.

We pay least regard to the idle threat that we shall jeopardise even our present liberty if we were led by ambition to raise our heads. The cry against such ambition was and is raised by the people in possession of power who did not and do not want to lose even a part thereof; but it is too old a cry to serve in the present times.

The audacity with which The Leader intimidates the Imperial Government is most remarkable. This reminds me of children in India trying with all seriousness to chide their old grandmother with their toe coins.

Above all we rely with unbounded confidence in the justice and generosity of the British people, of their representatives in Parliament. The impurities generated by local causes cannot touch those, who removed from local influences, represent in a loftier sphere of responsibility—the majesty and greatness of the English nation.

I have the honour to remain,
Sir,
L. M. SAVALE.

Mombasa, Nov. 30th

A Warning to Colonists.

ALLEGED ARTFUL TRICK.

At Bow-street Police-court, on Oct. 31st, Edward Arneman Haworth, 38, no occupation, of Hanley, was charged, before Mr. Hopkins with attempting to obtain and obtaining money by false pretences.

Mr Louis Green defended.

Mr Lovell Reddie, a chartered patent agent, of Bank chambers, Holborn, said that on the 30th inst. someone rang him up on the telephone, and he subsequently received a visit from the prisoner, who introduced himself as Captain Curwen. He said he knew a Captain Reddie in Africa, and thought he might be a relative of the witness. He went on to say he had just arrived in London from Marseilles with his wife, but was unable to get his luggage from the station as he was temporarily short of funds, and wanted a loan of £2. Witness, who had previously telephoned to the police, offered to accompany the prisoner to the station where his luggage was. The prisoner, however, said he had an appointment in the City, and was about to go away when a police-officer called and arrested him.

Detective Tongue said he asked the prisoner if there was any truth in what he had told Mr. Reddie about his wife, and he replied "No, there is no truth in that, and I have not been to Marseilles."

In another case evidence was given by Mr. Wilfred Kettle, an advertising agent, of No-folk street, Strand, to the effect that on Sept 4 the prisoner called at his office, and representing himself as Captain Haworth, said he was a great friend of witness's brother in South Africa. He told a similar story to that told in the previous case, and witness at his request lent him £3 13s, which he promised to pay in a few days, but had not done so yet. Letters sent to an address he gave had been returned.

Cross-examined, the witness said he advanced the money to the prisoner because he believed what he told him about knowing his brother. He gave a lot of details which were correct.

The prisoner was committed for trial.

Among other persons victimised was Mr. A. Trim, of Wimbledon, whose son is the Supt. of Government Printing, B.E.A. On the 17th Oct. someone rang up Mr. Trim and said he was Captain E C Curwen, and an intimate friend of his son in Nairobi. He said he had just arrived in England from B.E.A. and tendered information as to the health of his son. He was invited to call upon Mr. Trim and did so and conversed freely on B.E.A. after chatting about personal affairs of his host's son he said his wife and himself had come overland from Marseilles and that they had spent rather more than they intend in Paris and had arrived in London with only a few shillings. He had looked up his brother in London in the hope of borrowing, but, unfortunately, his brother was away. Under the circumstances he asked Mr. Trim if he would lend him £3 or £4. Mr. Trim lent him £4 and also invited the "Captain" and his wife to his house, the invitation was accepted. The "Captain" did not turn up and Mr. Trim subsequently received a visit from a detective, who informed him of the true facts of the case.

Reuter's Cables.

Christmas Mails.

Postal Clerks to Strike.

A Doubtful Position.

LONDON, Thursday.

A strike during the Christmas season on the part of postal clerks and telegraphists is threatening. The men's Union announces that it is determined to force the issue and insist upon increases of fifteen per cent.

Home Rule.

Lord Haldane's Speech.

A PLEA FOR MODERATION

LONDON, Wednesday.

Lord Haldane, speaking in Birmingham, denied that Mr. Asquith's tone had hardened on the subject of Home Rule. The Prime Minister, on the contrary, was still ready to discuss amendments to the Bill. Lord Haldane appealed to the Opposition leaders to co-operate for the purpose of a settlement, but not to enter into negotiations with their mind made up not to make concessions.

LONDON, Thursday.

Lord Haldane, Sir John Simon and Mr. Herbert Samuel spoke at different meetings throughout the country on Wednesday evening upon the question of Home Rule. All adopted a conciliatory attitude and earnestly affirmed that Mr. Asquith did not withdraw at Leeds his offer made at Ladybank.

Lord Lansdowne at Glasgow uttered a grave warning as to the urgency of the Irish position, which he said it was impossible to obscure by the land campaign. The Unionists certainly did not desire to avoid discussion on land matters, but it was curious that although the question had been before Parliament for eight years the Government had neglected these very practical matters instead of which they had attacked the harmless Church, and had jerrymandered the constituencies in an attempt to break the Union and the Constitution. A settlement of the Home Rule question based on the exclusion of Ulster would be most unsatisfactory to the Unionists. Ireland had no reason to desist from her preparations and the Unionists in the United Kingdom should give every encouragement they could.

Army Canteen Scandal.

LONDON, Wednesday

It is expected that the army canteen court martial will last six weeks. Major General B. C. Maxwell is the President of the Court, which includes the Duke of Teck and Prince Alexander of Teck.

France.

LONDON, Wednesday

The French Government has been defeated by 290 votes to 265 on the question of immunity of the new "rente" taxation. The Government, which had advocated this immunity, thereupon resigned.

As all parties favoured the exemption of the new rente from taxation, the defeat of the Government, is due to obscure causes which are chiefly the desire of the Radical Party, which is headed by M. Caillaux, to take revenge upon M Barthou for the passage of the Three Years' Military Service Bill, combined with his support of the Electoral Reform Bill and the anxiety of the Radicals to secure power on the eve of the coming elections.

LONDON, Thursday

At the opening of the Bourse in Paris on Wednesday the rentes declined 1½ but subsequently recovered a fraction.

Germany.

Military Scandal.

THE SENSE OF HONOUR.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Another unpleasant affair has occurred in Alsatia between the military and civilians, this time at Detweiler, near Zabern, where the outbreak of anti-German feeling arose from resentment to the remark of a lieutenant referring to "those Alsatian vagabonds." The officer in question (Lieut. Foerstner) was leading a party of his men when he was recognised by the civilians, who jeered at him. Foerstner drew his sword and took up the attack, scattering the crowd in all directions. He tackled a shoemaker who was lame, and cut him down with his sabre, the villager being injured in the head somewhat badly.

At a conference of burgomasters of Alsace-Lorraine, held at Strassburg, a resolution was passed protesting against the prejudice done to the authority of the State by the irresponsible behaviour of the military authorities at Zabern and demanding protection.

The Berlin paper "National Zeitung," in describing the latest Zabern affair, says the children hooted the soldiers and the officer in question tried to seize them. The youngsters, however, bolted and the troops then turned upon a group of youths who were looking on. The latter ran off and the cripple was captured. He resisted and was sabred, after which he was dragged bleeding and half unconscious to the office of the Mayor, where the unfortunate fellow was examined at length for two hours.

It is further reported that a young married couple were arrested while passing through Metz because the lady laughed as the soldiers were passing.

LONDON, Thursday.

In the German Reichstag on Wednesday the Chancellor replied in a vigorous manner to the attacks made on the Zabern incidents. He declared that the officer in question had been reprimanded, but observed that the Alsatians should not be over sensitive. Even if the colonel had no right to clear the streets and confine the captives in a cellar it was the duty of the army to defend the honour of their king's uniform. The Chancellor announced that efforts had been made to reconcile the civilians and the military authorities.

The speech was made amid stormy interruptions.

Turkey.

NAVAL DOCKYARDS.

LONDON, Wednesday

A contract has been signed by the Armstrong-Vickers group for the reorganisation of the Turkish naval dockyards, including the construction of a naval base and floating dock in the Gulf of Ismid, which will mark a new era in Turkish naval development. It is stipulated that Turkish labour shall be employed as far as possible and that no foreigners except British may be engaged.

The Indian Question.

BLUEBOOK ISSUED.

LONDON, Wednesday

A Bluebook on the Indian question in South Africa dealing with the history of the movement from July fifth to November 29th has been issued. It does not include the correspondence with the Indian Government, but Mr Harcourt's despatches to South Africa contain frequent references to the representation of the Indian Government for the welfare of the Indian emigrants and that its anxiety regarding the situation has developed. On July third the Indian Government drew the attention of Lord Crewe to the probable effect of the proposed amendment of a clause in the Immigration Bill. This has reference to the admission of wives by the insertion of the word "monogamous" before "marriages" and the letter asks whether this is to be regarded as overriding the undertaking given by Mr. Fischer that, notwithstanding the judgment in the Esop case, the Government will admit one wife per man, even though married by custom recognising polygamous marriages. Mr Harcourt retransmitted the above message to Lord Gladstone on August fourteenth, adding that while he relies on Mr Fischer's assurance he will be glad to receive Lord Gladstone's assurance that the amendment does not affect the position. On Sept. 22nd Lord Gladstone says, the Union is fully prepared to carry out Mr. Fischer's promise, but this assurance is subject to the reservation that if the threats to again start passive resistance are carried out the Government will reconsider its policy of making any concessions whatever outside the provisions of existing laws. Mr Harcourt, in a despatch dated October ninth, earnestly hopes that the ill advised action of a small number of Indians will not induce the Union to abandon its liberal policy in reference to the entrance of wives of Indians. The Colonial Office, in reply to the South Africa British Indian Committee on October 22nd, says the exclusion of the woman Kulsumbibi was not a breach of the Fischer undertaking; she was excluded on the ground that the husband had previously married another woman in Natal. In another despatch Mr Harcourt assures the Indians that they can rely upon the Minister's pledge to the letter.

The despatches are mainly reports of progress of the passive resistance movement and the protest meetings of the Indians. A long correspondence is included between Mr. Ghandi and Mr. Georges, the Secretary for the Interior, in his final effort to secure a satisfactory settlement. On November 18th, Lord Crewe sent Mr. Harcourt copies of unofficial telegrams received by the India Office from India, which, however, are not printed. He added that he viewed with the gravest concern the impressions produced upon India by the allegations that Indians had been treated with great severity, and asked for an authoritative statement. Lord Gladstone replied by detailing arrests, sentences, etc. Replying to the enquiry of Mr. Harcourt in reference to some of the heavier sentences, Lord Gladstone on November 26th says it appears the Resident Magistrate of Newcastle, Natal, sentenced 127 unindentured Indians to fines of £5 or imprisonment for six months, for offences for which the maximum penalty was only three months hard labour. Steps were being taken to remit the excess sentences.

The London Moslem League wrote to Mr. Harcourt on November 24th drawing attention to the gravity of the situation and appealing to him to urge upon the Union the necessity for immediate remedial measures and to direct that an independent investigation be taken in regard to the grievances. Mr. Harcourt replied on November 22nd that the League did not appear to be fully or accurately informed as to the situation. He added that the open defiance of the law by Indians in South Africa seriously embarrassed him in continuance of his representations to the Government of the Union and his consultation with it.

Sir Richard Jebb has written to the "Morning Post" suggesting that British Guiana is more desirable than the Sudan as a new home for the South African Indians.

South Africa.

M. C. C. AGAIN VICTORIOUS.

LONDON, Thursday

Playing the Border at East London the Marylebone Cricket Eleven on tour throughout South Africa beat the home team by an innings and 132 runs.

Canada.

LONDON, Thursday

In consequence of recent judicial decisions, the Canadian Government intends to introduce during next session legislation restricting Oriental immigration into British Columbia.

United States.

FIRE IN BOSTON.

LONDON, Thursday.

A fire broke out at Arcadia, a working-class hotel in Boston, resulting in twenty five persons being killed and scores sent to hospital for medical treatment with injuries from burns and accidents sustained whilst jumping out of the windows.

Mexico.

THE REBELS ADVANCING.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Mexican rebel advices report that the Federal troops have evacuated the important town of Chihuahua, their supplies of food and water having been exhausted. The rebels are now marching thither with a view to advancing upon Mexico City.

LONDON, Thursday

A telegram from Juarez received in New York says that the backbone of Huerta's rule in the north of Mexico seems to be broken and seven Federal generals have been sent on commission to discuss the terms of peace with General Villa. The latter assured them that he would garrison Chihuahua and protect all classes of the population.

Uganda.

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS.

Lieut R E Critchley-Salmonson, subaltern, to be a company commander in the 4th battalion, King's African Rifles;

Lieut H A Lilley, subaltern, to be a company commander in the 4th batt, K A R;

Mr Allen Hogg, Magistrate, to be District Magistrate, Entebbe and to act as Administrator General, Principal Registrar of Companies, Registrar of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks and Official Receiver in Bankruptcy;

Mr Stanley Packer, District Magistrate, Entebbe, to be District Magistrate, Kampala;

Mr F A Knowles, Provincial Commissioner to be P C, Buganda;

Capt H de B O'Neill, Asst District Commissioner, to be A D C, Entebbe;

The following appointments to take effect from the date of assumption of duty:—

Mr S Browning, District Commissioner, to be Acting Provincial Commissioner, Western Province;

Mr P W Cooper, District Commissioner, to revert to duty as District Commissioner, Ankole;

Mr B Paske Smith, D C, to be D C, Teso;

Capt H M Tufnell, D C to be D C, Chua;

Mr J H G McDougall, A D C, to revert to duty as A D C, Ankole;

Mr R W G Murray-Jardine, A D C, to be A D C, Mbale;

Mr E D Tongue, A D C, to be A D C, Teso.

Magistrate's Court.

WEDNESDAY.

Before Mr. Logan.

INSOLVENCY PETITION.

The following case was brought up for hearing: A petition in Insolvency by Mr. W. S. Bent, for the creditors the following counsel appeared Mr. Hamilton, Mr. B. G. Allen, Mr. Ross, Mr. W. W. Creswell and Mr. McCrae. Mr. Bent in the box gave evidence as follows —"I started my labour agency in Feb. 1912, and at first I did very well. I began to find myself in difficulties about seven months ago, owing to the fact that I was unable to procure labour. I have been pressed lately by several of my creditors for payment, thus causing my arrest. Most of my papers have been stolen. On two separate occasions thieves have been in and have stolen books and burnt my files as they hung on the wall.

I do not think I am insolvent if I can get all the money that is owing to me."

Mr. Macrae: You cannot send in a petition if you are not insolvent.

Mr. Allen: What books did you keep before you were burgled?—A Cash Book, Journal and Ledger.

Were these books stolen?

They were missing.

Up to what date were the accounts kept in the old books?

Till Feb. this year.

Have you got a file of all your letters?

My files were burnt on the wall.

All fees due to you are for supplying labour and domestic servants?

Yes.

Mr. Ross to Mr. Bent—

Did you have a rickshaw?

Yes.

Did you sell it?

Yes.

How much for?

Rs. 150 to Mr. Vincent.

Am I right in stating that you gave it to Mr. Vincent?

I owed Mr. Vincent some money for board and lodging and the rickshaw was to wipe off part of the debt I got value for it.

Do any of the creditors oppose the petition?

No.

Mr. Creswell proposed Mr. Crawford the chartered accountant as receiver, and was supported by Mr. Ross and Mr. Macrae. Mr. Allen proposed Mr. Fichat, who after a long argument was chosen to take the position.

CYCLING ON THE FOOTPATH.

An Indian was charged with riding his cycle on the footpath. Accused pleaded guilty and was fined Rs. 2 or three days.

The Reply to the Petition

Special Convention Meeting To be Called.

We are informed by the Secretary of the Convention of Associations that the Executive Committee have decided owing to the importance of the above matter to call a special Convention to discuss the reply received from the Government and to frame an answer thereto. This meeting will be held on Monday the 22nd inst., at 9·30 a.m. in the office of the Secretary (Mr. Donnelly) Nairobi.

Notices of the meeting are being sent today to every Association connected with the Convention.

The Light that Failed and Why.

Possibly owing to the sceptical attitude the majority of the public take up in regard to reasons advanced for the stoppages of our electrical supply, the Electric Lighting officials seldom deign to take the public into their confidence.

However, last Sunday's stoppage was explained away in a tangible form in this office when, one day during this week, the manager of the company produced the incinerated remains of a frog which had somehow become entangled in the wires and so at one and the same time met with a sudden end, and permitted the current to discharge itself into the earth by serving as a direct connection and conductor.

The little creature must have been instantaneously killed, as something like 10,000 volts passed through its body. We are informed that these frogs (tree frogs) are a common source of leakages and stoppages, but it is rarely that anything material is left of them, after the electrical energy has passed through their bodies. On the present occasion, however, the remains, although calcined and disfigured, were sufficiently substantial to be produced and submitted for inspection, by the manager, who, needless to say, was not slow to take full advantage of the opportunities presented by the situation to deliver a caustic little homily on public impatience and ingratitude to those who shed light upon their darkness—and, sometimes may we add, darkness upon their light!

Home Politics.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, October 31

Prophecy in politics is a very dangerous thing, but it can be taken as certain that a settlement will be reached by agreement on the Home Rule question, and that when the Parliament meets in Dublin next year, as there is every reason to believe it will meet, there will be no vitriolic opposition such as at one time seemed likely, but rather even on the part of its opponents a more or less indifferent toleration of its first steps in the path of government.

This will only be achieved by

A DEAL WITH ULSTER,

and it is useless now to deny that the inevitableness of this step is recognised by practically all parties, although there are plenty who will not admit that it is tactical to take this step. If John Redmond, who after all is a good party leader, and a man who merits and obtains a good deal more public esteem than the majority of his followers, were wise he would acquiesce in the separate treatment of Ulster, only stipulating that a plebiscite would be taken every few years or oftener by consent to see whether Ulster would not "come in." If the Nationalists are wise, they will so play their cards that in a very short time the majority of the Ulstermen would appreciate that after all the Home Rule bogey is merely a bogey, and they would agree to co-operate as even now all Irish show they can co-operate, on industrial and agricultural matters, when their interests are similarly affected.

You cannot take up any paper of any political views without seeing at a glance that

COMPROMISE IS IN THE AIR

Every Cabinet Minister except Mr. McKenna, who does not count, preaches that those who take the sword must fall by the sword ... and then promptly proceeds to point out that if any way of compromise can be devised short of trafficking with the eternal principles of right and wrong they are open to consider it. This week, Mr. Bonar Law and Sir Edward Carson spoke at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and while they solidly championed the cause of Ulster, they made it clear in no ambiguous language that if the Government had any proposals to avert civil war, the Unionist Party, despite its firm belief that the matter should be referred to the country, would be prepared to consider them. Will the Government make such proposals? Of course it will refuse initially, just as the buyer runs down the price to the vendor, but the offer will form the basis of future bargaining, and in time we shall avert the spectre of civil war for the first time in this country since the battle of Sedgemoor.

Meantime, everybody seems to have a panacea. Sir Edward Grey brings up Home Rule within Home Rule, there is the Dunraven movement, there is Sir Edward Clarke this week suggesting not merely a separate local Parliament for Ulster, but three local Parliaments under the central authority at Dublin; there is Home Rule all round for every part of the British Islands, and there is the total exclusion of Ulster. And finally there is every day the repeated warning in the papers that "the scabbard had been flung aside and armed Ulster now stands face to face with a Government that refuses to consult people, and announces its determination to fasten this measure on Ireland by force of arms." The Irishman who uses these words is Sir Henry Blake, who used to be Governor of Hong-Kong and Newfoundland, many years ago, and has since occupied a large number of important positions. He is only one of many.

Some of the papers, including the *Pall Mall Gazette*, do not allow any of these considerations to vary their demand for a general election, but frankly there will be no general election before the Home Rule becomes law, and the fact may as well be realised. The worst of this whole Irish affair is that everybody approaches it from a party standpoint, and does not take into consideration the main issues of the question. Nowadays there are very few people who do not feel bound to admit that as the Nationalists want Home Rule they ought to have it consistent with the maintenance of the integrity and power of the Imperial Parliament. In the three Nationalist provinces of Ireland there are quite as many Unionists who do not want Home Rule as there are Nationalists who do, so the one class can be set off against the other. The bulk of

ULSTER OPINION IS BITTERLY ANTI-HOME RULE,

and no permanent Irish settlement is possible at the expense of either of the Nationalists or the Ulstermen. We are, therefore, rapidly approaching the separate treatment of Ulster. No one can quite say what form it will ultimately take, but it will be carried out on lines which will probably produce some sort of settlement of this great issue.

In any case, if the Government do not exclude Ulster, the House of Lords will do so by a direct vote, and then, although their action may have no effect in impeding the progress of the Bill, it is quite certain that no Government dare face the country and declare that it has rejected in cold blood the one solution which might have averted civil war.

There was quite an interesting speech in Birmingham this week on Tariff Reform. It was delivered by Sir John Simon, the new Attorney-General, who makes a speciality of

PROPAGATING FREE TRADE

and while there is nothing in the particular oration which needs detailed criticism, the anniversary was worth celebrating, for it was the tenth birthday of the Tariff Reform movement.

Mr Joseph Chamberlain propounded the Tariff Reform movement in the Birmingham Town Hall in 1903, and it is not unnatural that looking back over the period which has since elapsed many people should be asking themselves what is the future of Tariff Reform. Has it any future at all? On this point it is impossible to speak with absolute certainty, but if it has a future it is not an immediate one. It would not be fair to say that the movement is dead, but rather that it is hibernating. The Unionist Party will never win on a Tariff Reform issue, (1) if this is the main basis of any contest, and (2) if trade is good. No one ever fights a by-election nowadays on Tariff Reform, and few speakers even mention the subject. Elections are fought on domestic issues, such as the Insurance Act or the Shop Hours Act, or on the Land Question or the Home Rule issue, which nowadays is gaining in importance, or on the Church Defence Question, which greatly appeals to religious men. Perhaps here and there an enthusiast may drag in Tariff Reform, but he does so as a side issue, for he is aware that it is not a vote-catching policy, and the more so as trade at the present moment is extremely good. This may be changed in time, and perhaps in 1915 or 1916 there may come about such a slump in our national prosperity that people may be looking round for causes and may elect to make an experiment in Tariff Reform, but then the Liberal always preaches that however bad the country's economic condition may be Tariff Reform will only make it worse, and the elector is easily influenced by this point of view.

At the same time, there [illegible] doubt that if ever Unionists return to power they will take up the question of Tariff Reform. They will not wait for a direct and specific mandate from the country to do so, and they will be able to point with a good deal of justice to the precedent set them by the Liberals. If the last election proved anything, it established the undoubted fact that parties in future will go to the country with a carpet bag programme; they will allude to everything in their electioneering speeches and addresses, so that if they should wish at any moment to take up one subject they can always say that the electors knew all about it. At the last election, the Liberals were returned to power mainly on their general record as the providers of Old Age Pensions, and so forth, but they also sailed under Home Rule colours, hoisted the flag of Welsh Disestablishment, alluded casually to temperance, and spoke at intervals on secular education. Hence, they are claiming to be justified in dealing with any of these subjects.

The Unionists will do precisely the same, they will win some election on an issue to which the country is diametrically opposed, and they will then proceed to operate with their composite mandate, and Tariff Reform will be one of the things on the menu. For the moment, therefore, Tariff Reform will remain in the background, and everyone is content to leave it there.

Welcoming the New Minister

PLEASING Y.M.C.A. FUNCTION.

A meeting was held on Wednesday evening in the Y.M.C.A. for the purpose of the introducing the Rev. Mr. Soutter to parishioners of St. Andrew's Church.

The Rev. Mr. Youngson, in introducing the new minister, said that when he heard that Mr. Soutter had been appointed to take charge, he rejoiced and felt easier in his mind that a good selection had been made. Mr. Soutter was trained mentally and physically, and was one of the world's greatest runners. In this connection he felt it necessary to utter a note, a very grave note, of warning. (Laughter.) Should any of them whilst in church, suddenly remember an important engagement just before the discourse began or the collection is taken, and feel inclined to leave the church in order to keep the same, he would advise them to take Punch's advice to those about to marry—"don't" (laughter)—because the Mr. Soutter) would have to do would be to leave the pulpit, sprint down the aisle, and easily overtake them. It was quite useless to attempt to escape Mr. Soutter. The speaker reminded them that Mr. and Mrs. Soutter were strangers in a strange land but he felt that the spirit of friendship would soon grow, and in a very short time they would become part and parcel of the congregation. He was sure they would find the burden growing lighter as the days went by. Mr Youngson concluded his remarks by according the Rev. and Mrs. Soutter—in the name of the church and the congregation—a very hearty welcome. (Applause.)

Mr Soutter, in responding, thanked the Rev. Mr. Youngson, members of the church and friends for their most hearty reception. He congratulated them on the cordiality of this welcome, especially knowing as he did of their reluctance to part with Mr Youngson. He did not wish them to attempt to hide this fact from him. Knowing their late minister as he had done it gave him great pleasure to know this, and proved to him that the congregation were willing to support their minister. He had no knowledge of Nairobi and its people, until his attention was drawn to it, and he was asked to consider very seriously the offer that had been made to him.

He had felt it to be his duty to accept the invitation, and he trusted that this was not a mistaken idea. No doubt they were looking for many changes in the way the work of the church would be carried on. There would certainly be changes in the future, but none just at present. The hour of service might be changed, the Sunday School must be restarted, and the church worked on good practical lines. The people must give him a few weeks in which to learn to know them in their homes, and he hoped for an open door, as was given to every minister in Scotland. (Applause.) If this was done the work would become light and easy, for the minister would then understand them better and know their ways. He was delighted with the hearty singing at the Kirk on Sunday last, for which credit was due in [illegible] to the choir and Mrs. Ex[illegible]. It meant much to a minister [illegible] congregation joining heartily in the [illegible]—it was an inspiration—and helped [illegible] the best out of the preacher. He [illegible] they would do their best, and he would [illegible] his, to make the services interesting [illegible] helpful. He was very glad to see [illegible] seats in the church, for they all knew [illegible] awkward it was to go into church and [illegible] that they were sitting in someone else's seat, and that consequently people were looking at them. He extended a welcome to the poor, and hoped they would do [illegible] likewise. He was told there were [illegible] in his congregation at Nairobi, but [illegible] know if that were true or not—he hoped it was not true. The speaker mentioned [illegible] when he was a student engaged in [illegible] work, one of the greatest privileges [illegible] was to visit the humblest cottar [illegible] parish, and these visits were among [illegible] truest and most cherished memories.

In concluding his address, Mr. [illegible] thanked them again most heartily, [illegible] also mentioned that he and Mrs. [illegible] had been fortunate enough to find a [illegible] and also a little furniture—(laughter)—[illegible] in about three weeks time he hoped [illegible] come them in the house. (Loud applause.)

A very pleasant evening was [illegible] spent, a programme of music being [illegible]. Tea was also served.

It was intimated that a gold [illegible] watch would, at an early date, be presented by members and adherents of St. Andrew's Church to the departing minister, [illegible] Youngson.

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St. Andrew's Dinner.

(As seen through Rab's spectacles which, let us hope, were on quite straight!—Ed. "East African Standard.")

Hech! mon it wis a hefty nicht
As shair as a'm a sinner
Twa hunner' men and mair set doon
Tae oor St. Anners's dinner!
An' time gaed bye wi' fleein' wings
Till—losh! we fun' 'twas Sunday;
An' so we packit up oor things
Sair feart for Mither Grundy!
Fair fu' that nicht!

Wi muckle crack, an' joke an' a'
The time gaed ocht but dreary.
An' weel on tae the hoors were sma'
We clattered, blythe tho' weary!
Wi guid Scotch fare tae gled oor wames
We got fair hale and hearty;
An' diel' the ane thocht o'oor hames
In a oor jolly party!
Thro' a' that nicht!

We first had Kail—a bonny fare
Fish, sybos, runts—guid fairin.—
And then we took a drap or mair
Tae gie the "Scotch" an' airin!
Then sookin' grumphie we consumed
Wi' sauce, and rostit tatties;
Anither drap o' Scotch was doomed
Tae jine the grumphie, that is!
Bale bien that nicht!

Belyve, the feature o' the nicht
(Wi pipes an' a' a-hummin'
Until the ha' was brocht—a sicht
That set the fowk a-bummin'!
Guid sakes! it was a graun affair
The Haggis, chieftan pudden!
Ma certes each ane had a share
Its' daith was sweet an' sudden
On Haggis nicht!

Two sowps tae droon the Haggis then
We had; then beef an' dumplin.
Some o' the veesitors—pair men—
At this were sairly crumplin.
But sturdy Scots wired in and took
The beans, and neaps, weel mashit;
While English stomachs tried tae look
As if they werna' fashit!
Scotch fare that nicht!

The next course—sweeties—gar'd us blink
Stripped baas, cheugh jeans, an ithers!
We cowpd them in without a wink
Baith Sassenachs and "brithers!"
An' then a hauf ane fur the wame
Wis taen, wi' sma persuasion
For maist o' us sae faur frae hame
Were oot for the occasion'
Diel' tak the nicht!

Syne, pudden—no o' Haggis ilk—
Wi' grosset tairt weel soomin
Wis carrit in (a' steeped in milk)
U'til there wis sma' room in
The place whaur milks an' puddens go,
For e'en a pickle "stappin"
Altho' maist o' us let drams flow
An' got a weet bit drap in!
Mon, whit a nicht!

Then sneeshin'—lawks Kikuyu snuff!
Wis pit doon on the platter!
An' diel' the ane could get eneuch,
Ye ne'er heard sich a clatter!
Next, corks were oot—a willie waught
Gar'd maist o' us gang bleary;
An syne the wheen o' us were nocht
Ava' but tapsalteerie!
Bale fu' that nicht!

Belyve the speakers got their chance
Ance we a' had oor fairin.'
A' room the dictionair' tae prance
Their pet [illegible] airin'!
Sma' wunner that whin a' wis ower
An' morning fast wis dawnin'
It took the meetin' a' its power
Tae show it wisna yawnin!
Word-tired that nicht!

Some canty things were said in glims
(Frien' Stordy aye grows dafter)
Wi ruddy face an' wavin' limbs
He shook the ha' wi' laughter!
While him frae Perth, Sir Tammas Dewar,
Near choked us wi' his humour;
An' Jimmy Smith and Tam McClure
Were near ahint—says rumour!
Speech—fue that nicht!

Frien Newlan' telt us things aboot
The braw bit lan' we leeve in.
Of coorse, he's made some siller oot
O'it, an' isna' grievin.'
An' Sma' wood—diplomatic like—
Made ilka word a playthin'
So tho' he spoke (an' unco fike)
He really telt us naethin'!
Bale 'cute that nicht!

Wee Youngson, pawky Scottish chiel,
(He diona grow nae shorter)
In fettle fine presented weel
His Reverend frien' The Soutter;
Wha,' in his turn, wi' modest mien
Disclaimt a' Youngson's praises,
An' telt us nae tae gie a preen
For a' the wee chap's phrases!
Sae shy that nicht!

Then Graham (oor Colonel staunch and leal)
Telt a' aboot the sojers.
Hoo weel set up wis each black chiel'
Tae ding the frontier dodgers!
And bold Sir Ralph frae harness free
(The auld official stager!)
Said things that in offeecil 'gree
He'd not have said I'll wager!
Braw talk that nicht!

Blake-Taylor frae the Railway pays
"Oor guests" a herty greetin.
Macdonald (martial tae his taes)
Talks "duty" tae the meetin.'
An' Jeems McCrae in haflin style
Speaks shly o' the lasses;
An' raises, noo and then, a smile
As swift the evenin' passes.
A guid gaun nicht!

Oor president, sae quate and douce
Conducted the proceedins
Wi' due decorum; like a moose
He nibbled at the feedin'!
And, helped by Stordy wi' the mell,
Kep' a' in spankin' order
An' made the Scots "at hame" as well
As those frae ower the border;
Weel din that nicht!

Hech aye! It wis a canty nicht
O' wisdom, wit, and folly.
An' mair nor brither Scots got ticht
An' made the evenin' jolly!
But o' ae thing a'm shair's can be;
That wis he saunt or sinner
Naebuddy (faur as a' could see)
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